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This book is a look into the world of the small business owner through their eyes - how the five different "tribes" of business perceive the world around them, how they run their businesses, their motivations and goals. It's not another "how to" book or an academic treatise. Everyone's needs and hopes are different; however, by using cutting-edge social scientific research techniques, we break the business community into five

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groups (or tribes): The Seekers, Whatnows, Drifters, Satisficers and Digitals. Each tribe has its own set of issues. And there are also some things which cut across all the tribes - the consistent elements in small business owners' DNA.

Understanding which tribe you belong to could make the difference in growing your business - or help you better advise businesses to achieve their goals. Small Business Exposed will bridge the gap between the frontiers of small business research and the popular business book market. As such, it will become an essential text not only for

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the small businessperson, but also enter the libraries of advisors, accountants, bankers and anyone else with a vested interest in the business economy.

The GCBME Book Series aims to promote the quality and methodical reach of the Global Conference on Business Management & Entrepreneurship, which is intended as a high-quality scientific contribution to the science of business management and entrepreneurship. The Contributions are the main reference articles on the topic of each book and have been subject to a strict peer review process

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conducted by experts in the fields. The conference provided opportunities for the delegates to exchange new ideas and implementation of experiences, to establish business or research connections and to find Global Partners for future collaboration. The conference and resulting volume in the book series is expected to be held and appear annually. The year 2019 theme of book and conference is "Creating Innovative and Sustainable Value-added Businesses in the Disruption Era". The ultimate goal of GCBME is to provide a medium forum for educators, researchers,

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scholars, managers, graduate students and professional business persons from the diverse cultural backgrounds, to present and discuss their researches, knowledge and innovation within the fields of business, management and entrepreneurship. The GCBME conferences cover major thematic groups, yet opens to other relevant topics: Organizational Behavior, Innovation, Marketing Management, Financial Management and Accounting, Strategic Management, Entrepreneurship and Green Business.

Generation to Generation presents one of the first

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comprehensive overviews of family business as a specific organizational form. Focusing on the inevitable maturing of families and their firms over time, the authors reveal the dynamics and challenges family businesses face as they move through their life cycles. The book asks questions, such as: what is the difference between an entrepreneurial start-up and a family business, and how does one become the other? How does the meaning of the business to the family change as adults and children age? How do families move through generational changes in

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leadership, from anticipation to transfer, and then separation and retirement? This book is divided into three sections that present a multidimensional model of a family business. The authors use the model to explore the various stages in the family business life span and extract generalizable lessons about how family businesses should be organized.

This book is a printed edition of the Special Issue "Sustainable Business Models" that was published in Sustainability The SAGE Handbook of Family Business

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**The Power To Control Your
Future**

**The Small Business Lifecycle
Generation to Generation**

**A No-Fluff Guide to
Navigating the Five Stages
of Small Business Growth**

**Aligning Corporate
Lifecycles and Product
Lifecycles**

Small Business Exposed

The best practices in corporate sustainability performance are no longer the exclusive domain of companies like Ben & Jerry's or The Body Shop, as they were a decade ago; now, large, multinational companies like G.E. and Wal-Mart are leading the way with significant financial and organizational commitments to social and environmental issues. However, good

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intentions aren't enough. Whether motivated by concern for society and the environment, government regulation, stakeholder pressures, or economic profit, managers and strategists need to continue making significant changes to more effectively manage their social, economic, and environmental impacts – and to remain competitive. The guidance they need to do that is in this book. Marc Epstein has produced the ultimate "how-to-do-it" guide for corporate leaders, strategists, academics, sustainability consultants, and anyone else with an interest in actually making sustainability work for organizations. With a growing number of corporate leaders asking for urgent help in "getting this done," the timing of the book could not be better.

A one-stop shop for background and

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current thinking on the development and uses of rates of return on capital. Completely revised for this highly anticipated fifth edition, *Cost of Capital* contains expanded materials on estimating the basic building blocks of the cost of equity capital, the risk-free rate, and equity risk premium. There is also discussion of the volatility created by the financial crisis in 2008, the subsequent recession and uncertain recovery, and how those events have fundamentally changed how we need to interpret the inputs to the models we use to develop these estimates. The book includes new case studies providing comprehensive discussion of cost of capital estimates for valuing a business and damages calculations for small and medium-sized businesses, cross-referenced to the chapters covering the theory and data.

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Addresses equity risk premium and the risk-free rate, including the impact of Federal Reserve actions Explores how to use Morningstar's Ibbotson and Duff Phelps Risk Premium Report data Discusses the global cost of capital estimation, including a new size study of European countries Cost of Capital, Fifth Edition puts an emphasis on practical application. To that end, this updated edition provides readers with exclusive access to a companion website filled with supplementary materials, allowing you to continue to learn in a hands-on fashion long after closing the book.

This book is the proceeding of the International Conference on Sustainable Management and Innovation (ICoSMI 2020) that was successfully held on 14-16 September 2020 using an online platform. The

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conference was mainly organized by the Department of Management IPB University in collaboration with Leibniz University of Hannover, Universiti Putera Malaysia, Kasetsart University, Tun Hussein Onn University of Malaysia, Tamil Nadu Teachers Education University, Deakin University, University of Adelaide, Forum Manajemen Indonesia, FE Pakuan University, FE Gajah Mada University FEB University of North Sumatra and FEB Andalas University, SBM Bandung Institute of Technology, FEB Lampung University, Perbanas Institute Jakarta, FE Bina Nusantara University, and SBE Prasetya Mulya University. This conference has brought academic researchers, business practitioners as well as graduate students together to exchange their experiences and

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research results about most aspects of innovation and sustainability, and discuss the practical challenges encountered and the solutions adopted. About 402 delegates across the world including Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Spain, China, and India have attended and presented their research works in the conference. The proceeding consists of 80 high-quality papers that were selected from more than 250 submitted papers. The papers are classified into 12 themes, namely Finance for Sustainability, Industry 4.0 and Future Business Sustainability, Policy and Strategy for Sustainable Innovation and Supply Chain, Smart Agriculture Management for Environmental Sustainability, and Sustainable Human Resources. Finally, we would like to express the greatest thanks to all colleagues in the

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steering and organizing committee for their cooperation in administering and arranging the conference as well as reviewers for their academic works and commitment to reviewing papers. "The book concludes by examining the British people's relation to empire in recent times, engaging with many contemporary issues, such as the Falklands conflict, the repatriation of Hong Kong and the impact of immigration. A fascinating study for all those concerned with how the past shapes both the present and the future, this book is essential reading for students and scholars alike."--BOOK JACKET.

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The Tribes That Drive Economies
Global Business and Management
Research : An International Journal
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Electronic Inspection Copy available for
instructors here From agency theory to
power and politics, this indispensable
guide to the key concepts of
organization theory is your compass as
you navigate through the often complex
and abstract theories about the design
and functioning of organizations.

Designed to complement and elucidate
your textbook or reading list, as well as
introduce you to concepts that some
courses neglect, this historical and
interdisciplinary account of the field: -

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Helps you understand the basics of organization theory - Allows you to check your understanding of specific concepts - Fills in any gaps left by your course reading, and - Is a powerful revision tool Each entry is consistently structured, providing a definition of the concept and why it's important to theory and practice, followed by a summary of current debates and a list of further reading. This companion will provide you with the nuts and bolts of an understanding that will serve you not just in your organization studies course, but throughout your degree and beyond. Key concepts include: agency theory; business strategy; corporate governance; decision making; environmental uncertainty; globalization; industrial democracy; organizational change; stakeholder theory; storytelling and narrative

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research; technology and organization structure.

This book tackles the debate over nanotechnology's environmental health and safety (EHS) by thoroughly explaining EHS issues, financial implications, foreseeable risks (i.e. exposure, dose, hazards of nanomaterials), and the implications of occupational hygiene precautions and consumer protections. Real-world case studies are included, e.g. the discussion of a leading chemical company's unusual pairing with the USA's largest environmental NGO, and an innovative program designed for small- to mid-sized businesses, which became a model approach for proactive nanotechnology EHS risk management. Considers the potential of nanotechnology from multiple perspectives (NGO, insurance industry, small business, etc) Provides

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guidance and advice for appropriate, proactive risk management strategies Reviews toxicological studies and industrial initiatives, documented with actual case studies Of significant interest to CEOs/CTOs of technology companies (SMEs), Health and Safety officers of technology companies (SMEs), Government officials (HSE), Toxicology experts, and venture capitalists

With the growing awareness and popularity of environmental preservation, research on green computing has gained recognition around the world. Information technology must adopt initiatives in making computers as energy-efficient as possible, as well as design algorithms and systems for efficiency-related computer technologies. International and Interdisciplinary Studies in Green

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Computing provides coverage on strategic green issues and practices for competitive advantages and cost-cutting in modern organizations and business sectors in order to reach environmental goals.

We hear every day about the flashy twenty-five-year-old wunderkinds who have hit it big in the tech world and celebrated CEOs who have flourished in public companies. But we rarely hear about the majority of successful men and women who, at the average age of forty-one, start their own company. The author was forty when he founded Homax Corporation in 1981. He is an eclectic award-winning entrepreneur who would like to share what he learned in business and life with others. He sold his company in 1996 which was thoughtfully structured to be sustainable for talented management

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who continued growing the company. It was purchased by PPG July 2, 2014. A ROADMAP FOR BOOTSTRAPPING ENTREPRENEURS, The Power To Control Your Future: is a book that echoes the words of St. Francis of Assisi, "Start by doing what is necessary, then what is possible, and suddenly you are doing the impossible." This story shows young entrepreneurs how to plot their course to succeed in business and life by building cultures with good character while simultaneously growing themselves. It also speaks to the middle-aged start-up entrepreneur about how to assess risk and how to focus their courage to begin. All proceeds from the book sales will be dedicated to a scholarship fund. Praise for A ROADMAP FOR BOOTSTRAPPING ENTREPRENEURS "Wow! What a book. The experiences, quotes, quick

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short chapters make this a must read for college business classes. This is truly spectacular. Now I know why it took so long to write. Just like your skiing, racing and business execution, everything is carefully thought out and reviewed. When you think of all the experiences woven into the book, you have to say it is one remarkable story." James Galbreath, Managing Director NWQ investments "First of all I felt you wrote the book just for me. I learned a ton reading it. It felt like a love letter from someone who is like a dad figure. I found so many pages with valued lessons that should be incorporated in daily life and personal life as well as business life.." Ellen Rossi, BOD member Alta Ski Area "I am reading the book for the third time and continue to be amazed at what you put together in those pages. Each chapter has

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insights and advice for aspiring entrepreneurs that could only come from someone who has been there and done that. You have written a graduate level curriculum for entrepreneurship providing the framework for such a course at any business school. One thing that also came out was your devotion to treating people with honesty, integrity and fairness." David Sanctuary, MBA, Continental Airlines, Director of the Boeing 757/767 flight standards and training. "Thank you for the opportunity and privilege of reviewing your book. I thoroughly enjoyed the exercise. Many things in the book resonate with me, remind me of lessons learned and lessons observed." Mark Neporent, COO, Senior Legal Officer Cerberus Capital
Corporate Social Responsibility and Shared Value Creation

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from the Mid-nineteenth Century
International and Interdisciplinary
Studies in Green Computing
Risks, Regulation and Management
***The IT Security Governance
Guidebook with Security
Program Metrics on CD-ROM
provides clear and concise
explanations of key issues
in information protection,
describing the basic
structure of information
protection and enterprise
protection programs.
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support the information in the text, this book includes both an overview of m

"[The authors] have done an excellent job of bringing forth the power and the flexibility of this most useful framework in an easy to read and understand introduction. Although it has been written to be an introductory text in OPF, I found [it] also readily useable as a handbook for initial process definition, an accessible treatment of important issues in software process

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design, and a textbook in OPF." Houman Younessi Associate Professor of Computer Science, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute The OPEN Process Framework provides a template for generating flexible, yet disciplined, processes for developing high-quality software and system applications within a predictable schedule and budget. Using this framework as a starting point, you can create and tailor a process to meet the specific needs of the project.

This 4th edition of

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Introduction to Nursing Informatics is designed for use by practicing nurses and students in undergraduate programs of study. It presents the fundamental concepts of Nursing Informatics, and includes a number of contributions from leading experts who have practiced in the field of informatics over a number of years. The information is presented and integrated in a purposeful manner to encourage you to explore key concepts, starting with the fundamental concepts and

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then progressing on to core concepts and practice applications in the later sections. Briefly, the word CARE is presented as an acronym for Connected Health, Administration, Research and Education and the book is organised in sections with these sub themes. Critically, the content is linked with case-based examples to contextualize the theory presented.

Small businesses have their own unique growth patterns. Each of the five stages of the small business life cycle has

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*its own strengths,
challenges, inconvenient
truths, ways forward, and
catalytic moments.*

*Reshaping the Future
Through Sustainable
Business Development and
Entrepreneurship*

*Introduction to Nursing
Informatics*

Core Concepts

*Critical Perspectives on
Business and Management*

*Early Stage Investments in
New Technology Based Firms*

*Internationales Management
im Umbruch*

*Train neural network
models to develop
intelligent IoT*

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applications

Globalization and increased competition are forcing companies to review and improve their production processes to be more sustainable. However, a clear vision and environmental culture are lacking because, even today, companies are motivated to act to improve the environment essentially by compliance with government regulations and the opportunity to achieve profit growth. This book presents practices, challenges, and opportunities for the digital and sustainable transformation of business

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as we know it.

Provides an introductory text on the core concepts of finance that first connects readers with their personal financial experiences before discussing aspects of corporate finance. Covers subjects such as the time value of money, bond pricing, stock valuation, capital decision making, forecasting, and performance evaluation. Includes worked examples.

Das Phänomen der Globalisierung verursacht im Internationalen Management einen umbruchartigen Prozess, durch den sich zahlreiche neue Herausforderungen ergeben.

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Der vorliegende Sammelband präsentiert eine Auswahl von Beiträgen der in den Jahren 2005 und 2006 in Bremen durchgeführten Tagungen der wissenschaftlichen Kommission „Internationales Management“ im Verband der Hochschullehrer für Betriebswirtschaft e. V.

This book will provide you an overview of Deep Learning techniques to facilitate the analytics and learning in various IoT apps. We will take you through each process - from data collection, analysis, modeling, statistics, and monitoring. We will make IoT data speak with a set of popular frameworks, like

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TensorFlow, TensorFlow Lite,
and Chainer.

Proceedings of the 1st
International Conference on
Sustainable Management and
Innovation, ICoSMI 2020,
14-16 September 2020, Bogor,
West Java, Indonesia

A Guide for Taking the Right
Steps at the Right Time to
Grow Your Small Business
Product Life Cycle

Enterprise Planning and
Development
Marketing

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Entrepreneurship Vol 2

The 5-STAR Business Network

***Enterprise Planning and
Development outlines the***

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options and risks involved in setting up a business. It shows how to avoid this failure by focusing on the planning stage and building on this framework as the business develops. The book contains all the underpinning factual information required to prepare a successful Business Plan for presentation to a bank manager, or an alternative potential source of finance, or for use in an NVQ portfolio. It is in line

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with the major syllabuses for Business Start-Up, and can be used as a course book for anyone completing a formal NVQ level 3 and 4 qualification in this area, with tips on NVQ structure and assessment. Enterprise Planning and Development shows how to make the most of business growth and also how to deal with the different types of problems that are encountered along the way. All businesses pass through several stages

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of growth and it occurs for a number of reasons, such as change in the commercial market, increased customer demand for services or product and higher numbers of customers. The book is structured to follow a logical sequence of questions that makes it readily accessible: Where are we now? Where do we want to go? What resources are needed to get there? What sales and marketing policies do we need to develop? It examines the

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personnel and staffing implications, the efficiency of the current financial management process and the owner's own abilities to make it all happen

Encyclopedia of Renewable and Sustainable Materials provides a comprehensive overview, covering research and development on all aspects of renewable, recyclable and sustainable materials. The use of renewable and

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sustainable materials in building construction, the automotive sector, energy, textiles and others can create markets for agricultural products and additional revenue streams for farmers, as well as significantly reduce carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions, manufacturing energy requirements, manufacturing costs and waste. This book provides researchers, students and professionals in materials science and

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engineering with tactics and information as they face increasingly complex challenges around the development, selection and use of construction and manufacturing materials. Covers a broad range of topics not available elsewhere in one resource Arranged thematically for ease of navigation Discusses key features on processing, use, application and the environmental benefits of renewable and sustainable materials

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Contains a special focus on sustainability that will lead to the reduction of carbon emissions and enhance protection of the natural environment with regard to sustainable materials

Advanced Topics in Global Information Management is the third in a series of books on advance topics in global information management (GIM). GIM research continues to progress, with some scholars pushing the boundaries

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*of thinking and others challenging the status quo. *Note: This book is part of a new series entitled Advanced Topics in Global Information Management . This book is Volume Three within this series (Vol. III, 2004).*

Small businesses have much different growth patterns than large corporations. Small business owners who look to large corporations for insight and guidance on how to grow their own businesses often feel

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overwhelmed and demotivated. "The Small Business Life Cycle" lays out the five stages of small business growth and explains how you can navigate each stage in your business. To be successful, you have to take the right steps at the right time. Each stage has different challenges, strengths, inconvenient truths, and ways forward. This guide shows you where to focus your resources in each stage so you can grow your business

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efficiently. Whether you're thinking about starting a small business or you've been in business for a while, "The Small Business Life Cycle" will give you a better gauge to evaluate where you are and what you need to do next. If you're growing fast and want to keep growing, this book will show you how to do it strategically. And if you're stuck and don't know what to do, you can determine what stage your business is in now

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and figure out what you need to do next to get unstuck. This guide will specifically help you work through: Questions to ask before you start your own small business How to get a foothold in the market and why you should be marketing fewer things to fewer audiences Why some "successful" products and services will cause you to get stuck and lose momentum What four things must be in place to grow your business How not to break a

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which you can grow your
small business. The only
question left to answer
is: what's your next
action?*

*Applications and
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German Landscape of
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in the Light of Capital
Market Theory and New
Institutional Economics
Corporate Innovation*

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Strategies

**A ROADMAP FOR
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*Basic Scientific Principles
of weight resistance
training for private
trainers. The Private
Trainers Association course
is a curriculum divided
among practical application
training and academic
experience. Online or home
course study is available
when purchasing this book.*

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The course is recognized and endorsed worldwide in 180 countries.

This book presents a method of measuring effective information use, Information Orientation, which determines the degree to which companies implement and realize the synergies across: information behaviours and values; management practices; and IT practices.

Inhaltsangabe:Abstract: In recent years the issue of early stage investment in new technology based firms has drawn considerable attention. Its relevance emerges from the rise of high technology industries

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in the global economy. As competition in established, mature industries all over the world is ever increasing, the importance of keeping up and increasing the speed of innovation to ensure competitiveness of companies and national wealth is widely recognized. Innovation may concern products or processes. It refers to the development of new proprietary knowledge, i. e. technology, which is embodied in marketable products or services. In as far as the added private knowledge increases the utility of a product to the customers, it adds value. Unless the new features of a

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product are matched by competitors, a company may earn innovation rents. Thus proprietary knowledge attained through innovation is an important source of strategic advantage. In a competitive, dynamic market, however innovation rents are not sustainable. Competitors will attempt to match and exceed the innovation advantage. This may be achieved by imitation or by adding other or more innovative features. Whereas following the product life cycle model initial growth may be steep and rents may be high for the first mover, imitators competing on price and other rivals competing

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on innovations, may inflate the monopolistic power of the proprietary knowledge. Striving to maintain and increase market shares and profitability, companies thus have a strong incentive to keep innovating. For new technology-based firms the importance of proprietary knowledge is particularly pronounced. These start-ups operate in a hostile competitive environment, characterized by high uncertainty, offering the potential for rapid growth and high profits on the upside, but also the substantial threat of incurring deep losses on the downside. Whereas large

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companies generally possess a diversified product portfolio and a host of strategic assets, small companies will need to compete on a single new product or service and the determination of its management team.

Politicians, worried by high unemployment and budget deficits, lately fell in love with the high-technology start-ups for their ability to create jobs and ensure future tax revenues. New technology-based firms are drivers of structural change in the economy in that they are among the first to enter new high growth potential

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*industries. For [...]
In the development of
products we tend to
segregate the actual
position of the corporation
and the products, while we
should considered both. In a
clear evaluation of where
the corporation is and where
the portfolio is management
can determine points of
product development needs
and market penetration. This
book is a theoretical review
and application of such
activities.*

*IT Security Governance
Guidebook with Security
Program Metrics on CD-ROM
Cost of Capital
Proceedings of the 3rd
Global Conference on*

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*Business Management &
Entrepreneurship (GC-BME 3),
8 August 2018, Bandung,
Indonesia*

*Globalisierungsbedingte
Einwirkungen auf Theorie und
Praxis internationaler
Unternehmensführung*

*Advanced Topics in Global
Information Management
The Small Business Life
Cycle*

*Principles of Success for
Technical Professionals*

*Corporate social responsibility
(CSR) is simply the maximization of
a companys value over time,
undertaken because, in the long
run, social and environmental
problems ultimately become
financial problems. The justification*

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for CSR is therefore associated with representing the nature and role of the company, as well as its purpose. Companies therefore regard CSR as a strategic investment that is part of a proactive, resilient, inclusive approach, based on the creation of shared value. This approach is capable of reducing negative societal impacts of their activities, or inducing positive impacts if they sustain a hybrid culture, all the while improving their competitive advantage. This book presents a theoretical development that analyzes the challenges of CSR strategies based on the creation of shared value. Two case studies are presented, analyzing the different

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forms of social innovation strategies capable of inducing this shared value creation.

The SAGE Handbook of Family Business captures the conceptual map and state-of-the-art thinking on family business - an area experiencing rapid global growth in research and education since the last three decades. Edited by the leading figures in family business studies, with contributions and editorial board support from the most prominent scholars in the field, this Handbook reflects on the development and current status of family enterprise research in terms of applied theories, methods, topics investigated, and perspectives on the field's future. The SAGE

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Handbook of Family Business is divided into following six sections, allowing for ease of navigation while gaining a multi-dimensional perspective and understanding of the field. Part I: Theoretical perspectives in family business studies Part II: Major issues in family business studies Part III: Entrepreneurial and managerial aspects in family business studies Part IV: Behavioral and organizational aspects in family business studies Part V: Methods in use in family business studies Part VI: The future of the field of family business studies By including critical reflections and presenting possible alternative perspectives and theories, this Handbook

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contributes to the framing of future research on family enterprises around the world. It is an invaluable resource for current and future scholars interested in understanding the unique dynamics of family enterprises under the rubric of entrepreneurship, strategic management, organization theory, accounting, marketing or other related areas.

Praise for Cost of Capital, Fourth Edition "This book is the most incisive and exhaustive treatment of this critical subject to date." —From the Foreword by Stephen P. Lamb, Esq., Partner, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, and former vice chancellor, Delaware Court of Chancery "Cost of Capital,

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Fourth Edition treats both the theory and the practical applications from the view of corporate management and investors. It contains in-depth guidance to assist corporate executives and their staffs in estimating cost of capital like no other book does. This book will serve corporate practitioners as a comprehensive reference book on this challenging topic in these most challenging economic times."

*—Robert L. Parkinson Jr.,
Chairman and Chief Executive
Office, Baxter International Inc., and
former dean, School of Business
Administration and Graduate School
of Business, Loyola University of
Chicago "Shannon Pratt and Roger
Grabowski have consolidated*

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information on both the theoretical framework and the practical applications needed by corporate executives and their staffs in estimating cost of capital in these ever-changing economic times. It provides guidance to assist corporate practitioners from the corporate management point of view. For example, the discussions on measuring debt capacity is especially timely in this changing credit market environment. The book serves corporate practitioners as a solid reference." —Franco Baseotto, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and Treasurer, Foster Wheeler AG

"When computing the cost of capital for a firm, it can be fairly said that

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for every rule, there are a hundred exceptions. Shannon Pratt and Roger Grabowski should be credited with not only defining the basic rules that govern the computation of the cost of capital, but also a road map to navigate through the hundreds of exceptions. This belongs in every practitioner's collection of must-have valuation books." —Aswath Damodaran, Professor, Stern School of Business, New York University

"Pratt and Grabowski have done it again. Just when you thought they couldn't possibly do a better job, they did. Cost of Capital, Fourth Edition is a terrific resource. It is without a doubt the most comprehensive book on this subject

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today. What really distinguishes this book from other such texts is the fact that it is easy to read—no small feat given the exhaustive and detailed research and complicated subject matter. This book makes you think hard about all the alternative views out there and helps move the valuation profession forward." —James R. Hitchner, CPA/ABV/CFF, ASA, Managing Director, Financial Valuation Advisors; CEO, Valuation Products and Services; Editor in Chief, Financial Valuation and Litigation Expert; and President, Financial Consulting Group "The Fourth Edition of Cost of Capital continues to be a 'one-stop shop' for background and current thinking on

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the development and uses of rates of return on capital. While it will have an appeal for a wide variety of constituents, it should serve as required reading and as a reference volume for students of finance and practitioners of business valuation. Readers will continue to find the volume to be a solid foundation for continued debate and research on the topic for many years to come."

—Anthony V. Aaron, Americas Leader, Quality and Risk Management, Ernst & Young Transaction Advisory Services

"Perpetual Business Machines is a business manual written especially for technical professionals striving to operate in the new economy: a global economic environment

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Machines channels the author's personal experience in the high-tech industry during all phases of business cycles. Chapters address the key principles of profit-making, market analysis, product management, business procedure, troubleshooting, and more.

Presenting its ideas enumerated point-by-point, Perpetual Business Machines is a "must-have" for anyone in the technology industry looking to strengthen their understanding of how business works and what common errors to

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avoid in collaborations and other ventures."The MIDWEST BOOK REVIEW

*Turn the Greatest Political and Financial Upheaval in Modern History to Your Advantage
A Solution-Focused Guide
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Life Cycles of the Family Business

Harry S. Dent Jr., bestselling author of *The Demographic Cliff* and *The Sale of a Lifetime*, predicted the populist wave that has driven the Brexit vote, the election of Donald Trump, and other recent shocks around the

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world. Now he returns with the definitive guide to protect your investments and prosper in the age of the anti-globalist backlash. The turn of the 2020s will mark an extremely rare convergence of low points for multiple political, economic, and demographic cycles. The result will be a major financial crash and global upheaval that will dwarf the Great Recession of the 2000s—and maybe even the Great Depression of the 1930s. We're facing the onset of what Dent calls "Economic Winter." In *Zero Hour*, he and Andrew Pancholi (author of *The Market Timing Report* newsletter)

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explain all of these cycles, which influence everything from currency valuations to election returns, from economic growth rates in Asia to birthrates in Europe. You ' ll learn, for instance:

- Why the most-hyped technologies of recent years (self-driving cars, artificial intelligence, virtual reality, blockchain) won ' t pay off until the 2030s.
- Why China may be the biggest bubble in the global economy (and you ' d be a fool to invest there).
- Why you should invest in the healthcare and pharmaceutical industries, and pull out of real estate and automotive.
- Why putting your faith in gold is a bad

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idea. Fortunately, Zero Hour includes a range of practical strategies to help you turn the upheaval ahead to your advantage, so your family can be prepared and protected.

This practical and important book offers ideas, examples, and suggestions that address the challenges inherent to developing and sustaining a successful family business. It explores the complex dynamics involved in working with loved ones and how to pass a business on to a new generation. Structured around the story of a family that has built a successful enterprise, now facing the issues

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of succession, the book utilizes the solution-focused model to provide step-by-step instructions to creating good working relationships and orienting toward common goals while building trust, respect, and love. Complete with summaries, toolkits, and case studies, this book is an essential read for any member of a family business, as well as those who provide services to family businesses, including coaches, consultants, and non-family employees. Most effective business leaders know: * Why did Apple sue Samsung while it continues to buy critical parts for its winning

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products from Samsung? * Why did Google create Android OS for mobile applications, and is now talking about opening its own retail stores? * Why did Amazon create Kindle when the market is already saturated by other tablets and similar products? * How did Nokia mobile phone lose its shine? * Why did Apple build its own retail presence? * How will shale gas discoveries in North America change the business world and perhaps the geo-political balance in the next 10 years? Do you? Win big time by using the wisdom of your business networks to create, innovate,

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