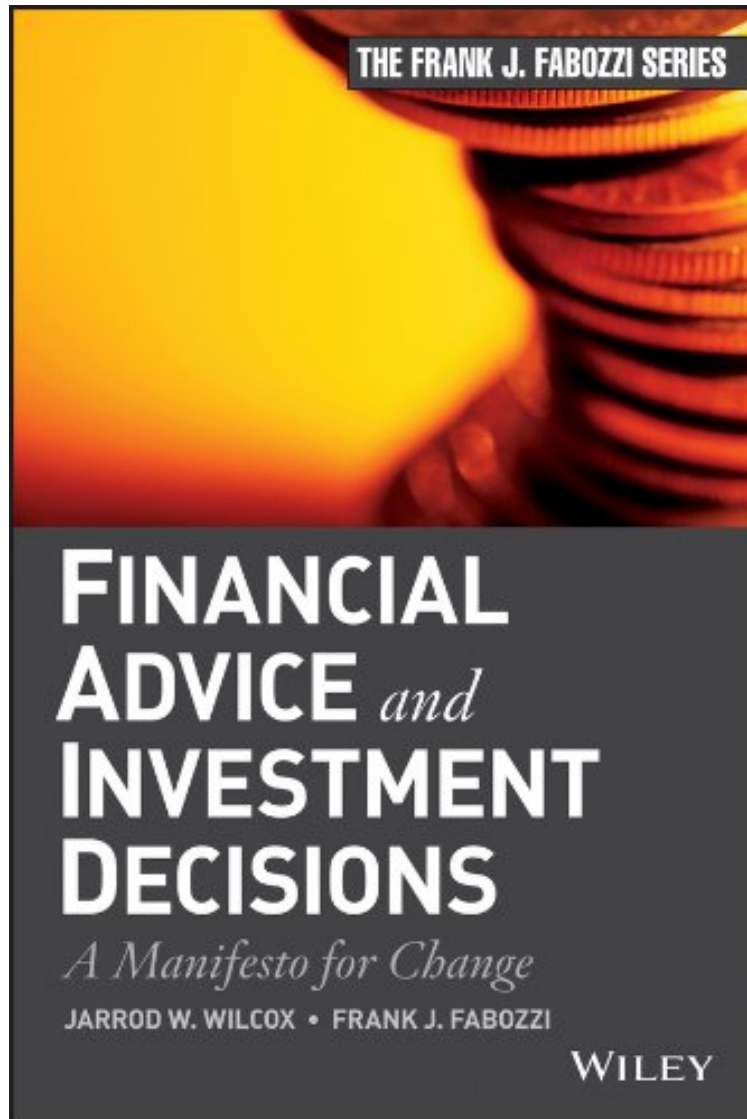


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confusing and at times highly misleading. This book helps cut through the noise by providing sensible frameworks for thinking through important issues along with actionable advice that does not require a Phd to properly understand and execute. Rather than giving simple and misleading rules of thumb such as the "4% rule" or advice that is complicated to implement, such as stochastic dynamic programming, the authors provide frameworks that enable you to simply adjust financial plans as circumstances and relevant assumptions change. If you want a general understanding of how markets work and the impact of cognitive and organizational biases, chapters 4 and 7 provide nice overviews. Note, that those that are well read in financial literature will not find much that is new or surprising in chapters 4 and 7. However, the book really shines the most and adds wonderful insights not readily available elsewhere in its discussion of the extended balance sheet and approaches to maximizing the growth of discretionary wealth (chapters 3-5). There are also especially good chapters on probabilistic thinking and tax (Chapters 6,8,9). Many of the chapters can be read on a stand-alone basis based on interest, though the chapters on discretionary wealth and the extended balance sheet form an important foundation for thinking through many of the others.

A practical guide to adapting financial advice and investing to a post crisis world; There's no room for "business as usual" in today's investment management environment. Following the recent financial crisis, both retail and institutional investors are searching for new ways to oversee investment portfolios. How do you combine growth with a focus on wealth preservation? This book offers you a fresh perspective on the changes in tools and strategies needed to effectively achieve this goal. Financial Advice and Investment Decisions provides today's investment professionals with the conceptual framework and practical tools they need to successfully invest in and manage an investment portfolio with wealth preservation as a key concern. While there are many qualitative discussions, the authors present strong quantitative theory and practice in the form of small conceptual models, simulation, and empirical research. A comprehensive guide to properly managing investments with a focus on matching security and growth goals with the needs of the investor Blends insights gleaned from portfolio management practices used prior to the market mayhem of 2007-2009 with cutting-edge academic and professional investment research Includes innovative and wide-ranging treatment of subjects such as augmented balance sheets, the efficiency of markets, saving, spending, and investing habits, and dealing with uncertainty Description of opportunities for improving the investing environment The recent financial crisis has opened our eyes to the need for improving the way we invest. This book will put you in a better position to excel in this new economic environment.

From the Inside Flap While criticized for being too complex and risky, the worlds of finance and money do offer very positive opportunities. These include better financial advice, better financial decision-making, and better financial laws and regulations. In Financial Advice and Investment Decisions: A Manifesto for Change, coauthors Jarrod Wilcox and Frank Fabozzi build a foundation for further progress in this area by offering key facts, presenting small conceptual models to help you think about financial problems, and sharing advice from their extensive experience in this field. Opening with an informative introduction to the reasons we need better financial advice and some compelling research supporting the thesis of widespread financial dysfunction, this reliable resource skillfully moves on to provide you with the building blocks for developing a productive framework for financial thinking. Here, you'll gain valuable insights on a variety of topics from the discretionary wealth approach to financial decisions, which helps one set risk tolerances for better long-term performance, to Bayesian probability thinking, which you can apply to the task of making investment choices. Along the way, Wilcox and Fabozzi take the time to make the application of the building blocks more concrete through detailed discussions regarding implementation. You'll become familiar with everything from matching investment vehicles to needs to tax-efficient investing to practical ideas for better performance measurement. The coauthors conclude the conversation with an engaging look at the relationship between financial advice and the society we live in; and how better financial decision-making can have a profound impact on our modern financial oriented society. Filled with practical advice, realistic recommendations, and illustrative examples, this book is a clear call to action for better financial advice and makes a solid case for how we can get there. From the Back Cover Our financial system and personal financial decisions are both inherently complex. However, there is an abundance of opportunities for improvement. Nobody understands this better than coauthors Jarrod Wilcox and Frank Fabozzi. Now, in Financial Advice and Investment Decisions: A Manifesto for Change, they build a foundation for further progress in this area by offering key facts, presenting easy-to-remember conceptual models to help you think about financial problems, and sharing advice from their extensive experience in this field. Engaging and informative, this reliable resource skillfully provides you with the building blocks for developing a productive framework for financial thinking and puts them in perspective through detailed discussions regarding implementation. Along the way, it: • Outlines models for financial planning using balance sheets extended to include planned future cash flows. • Explores the concept of "mostly" efficient markets, which upends conventional thinking. • Looks at the discretionary wealth approach to financial decisions - which helps set risk tolerances for better long-term performance. • Talks about more tax-efficient investing • Distinguishes active from passive investing and discusses when each is appropriate • And much

more Everywhere you look, there are opportunities for better financial decision-making. This book will put you in a better position to achieve this elusive goal.

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