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For 40 years, *JASSA* has enabled industry practitioners and academics across Australia and New Zealand to publish peer-reviewed research, providing members and subscribers with access to industry-leading material. As a result, *JASSA* was recently accepted for listing in the highly regarded *EconLit* service and in *Social Science Citation Index*.

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JASSA in the period 1999 to 2009: a retrospective

DAVID R. GALLAGHER F Fin
AND M. SCOTT DONALD SF Fin

This study examines the evolution of JASSA over the 11 years to 2009. It confirms the growing sophistication of many JASSA articles over these years, with contributions being provided by more than 300 authors and co-authors, from academia or financial institutions. Four of the top 16 contributing authors were industry professionals, and 12 were academics.

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M&A target prediction in Australia

EBEN VAN WYK AND ANH H. NGUYEN

Our model indicates that takeover announcements are predictable, to some extent, in the Australian market. It combines existing academic theories about the typical characteristics of takeover target firms with our observation that information is often leaked before such events. This suggests that fund managers are able to be proactive about this significant risk source by integrating our recommended prediction model with their investment process.

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Cloning hedge funds: a factor-based approach

WANG CHUN WEI

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Australian Implied Volatility Index

BART FRIJNS, CHRISTIAN TALLAU
AND ALIREZA TOURANI-RAD F Fin

Volatility implied from option prices is widely regarded as the market's estimate of future expected volatility of the underlying asset. We construct an implied volatility index for the S&P/ASX 200 Index, the AVX, which we find contains important information for predicting volatility of the ASX and significantly outperforms other predictors commonly used.

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Behavioural finance issues and the bank client

JOCELYN PIXLEY F Fin

In the wake of the global financial crisis, public debate about the financial sector has been less restrained than it has for many years. Within this context, my research on how Australians feel about financial investment is based on theoretical insights from Frank Knight and Joseph Schumpeter. This research suggests that consumers may be seen less as customers than clients, and highlights the importance of financial professionalism.

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Trust and the financial planning relationship

NEIL HARTNETT

As the business world deals with financial crises and the erosion of public confidence, the issue of trust inevitably commands greater attention. This paper provides an overview of trust concepts and addresses various issues concerning trust within the context of financial service providers and, in particular, financial planning.

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Book Review: The Great Crash of 2008 by Ross Garnaut

REVIEWED BY ALLAN BARTON

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