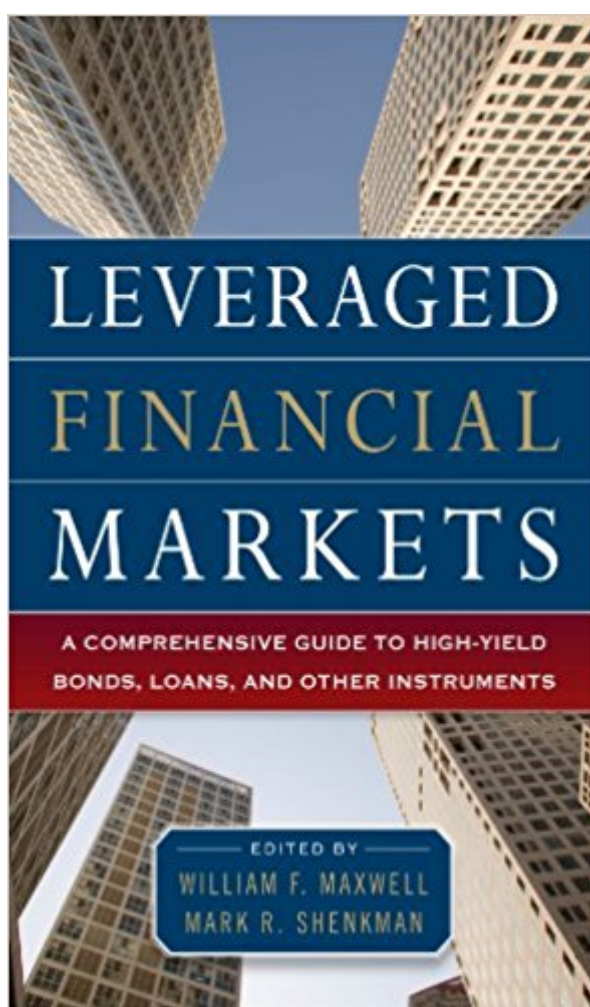


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The high-yield debt market (junk bonds) is a major sector of the financial industry, with more than \$600 billion traded annually, and interest in the market is on the rise. Features the insights of Marty Fridson (Fridson Vision), Sam DeRosa (CSFB High-Yield), Peter Tufano (Harvard University), and Darrell Duffie (Stanford University), among others. Includes models for analyzing probabilities of default and recovery.

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I have been a high yield fund manager in Europe of over twelve years, and studied High Yield with Theodore Barnhill at The George Washington University. Maxwell & Shenkman's Leveraged Financial Markets: A Comprehensive Guide to Loans, Bonds, and Other High-Yield Instruments is a welcome update of material previously covered in the now outdated "High Yield Bonds" by Barnhill, Shenkman and Maxwell. For buy-side high yield fund managers the ubiquitous and peripatetic Sam DeRosa-Farag and Martin Fridson were typically the sage voices of analysis, while academics such as Edward Altman championed the asset class, and Paul Asquith more cautiously demonstrated the

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