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The Banking View of Bond Risk Premia
EDHEC-Princeton Institutional Money Management Conference

In the face of a number of key paradigm changes that are currently affecting the investment industry, this one-day conference is intended to provide a selected number of invited investment professionals with the latest academic insights related to new frontiers in institutional money management. The format of the conference is meant to facilitate an exchange of views between academicians and practitioners; it involves presentations by a member of the faculty of Princeton University or EDHEC-Risk Institute, followed by a discussion with the audience.

Program of the Conference

**Morning Sessions (8:30am-12:30pm)**

8:30am-9:00am: Introductory Comments
Jianqing Fan, Frederick L. Moore '18 Professor of Finance, Professor of Statistics, and Chairman of the Department of Operations Research and Financial Engineering (ORFE), Princeton University
Lionel Martellini, Professor of Finance, EDHEC Business School, and Scientific Director, EDHEC-Risk Institute

9:00am-10:00am: Equity Portfolios with Improved Liability-Hedging Benefits
Lionel Martellini, Professor of Finance, EDHEC Business School, and Scientific Director, EDHEC-Risk Institute

10:00am-11:00am: When Everyone Misses on the Same Side: Debiased Earnings Surprises and Stock Returns
Jianqing Fan, Frederick L. Moore '18 Professor of Finance, Professor of Statistics, and Chairman of the Department of Operations Research and Financial Engineering (ORFE), Princeton University

11:00am-11:30am: Morning Break

11:30am-12:30pm: Synthetic Diversification: The Theory and Practice of Creating Diversification via Randomization?
John Mulvey, Professor of Operations Research and Financial Engineering, ORFE Department, Princeton University

12:30pm-1:30pm: Lunch Break

**Afternoon Sessions (1:30-5:00pm)**

1:30pm-2:30pm: Portfolio Choice and Asset Pricing with Illiquid Assets
Raman Uppal, Professor of Finance, EDHEC-Risk Institute

2:30pm-3:30pm: Funding Liquidity Risk and the Cross-Section of Stock Returns
Réné Garcia, Dean of Graduate Studies, EDHEC Business School, and Professor of Finance, EDHEC-Risk Institute

3:30pm-4:00pm: Afternoon Break

4:00pm-5:00pm: The Banking View of Bond Risk Premia
Valentin Haddad, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, Princeton University

5:00pm-6:30pm: Drinks Reception

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**Fees**
Registration fee: EUR 200.00
The registration fee includes a buffet lunch, refreshments and full conference documentation. Delegates may be refused admission if payment is not received prior to the conference. Accommodation is not included.

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Given the moderate conference fee, we do not accept cancellations; invoiced sums will remain payable in full. If a registered delegate is unable to attend, a substitute delegate from the same organization is welcome at no extra charge. Conference documentation designed by EDHEC Business School and Princeton University will be made available online to all delegates. EDHEC Business School reserves the right to alter the program without notice.

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René Garcia holds a PhD in Economics from Princeton University. After that, he joined the Université de Montréal, where he held the Hydro-Québec Chair in Risk Management and was a Research Fellow of the Bank of Canada. He was also the scientific director of the Centre for Interuniversity Research and Analysis on Organizations (CIRANO). He joined EDHEC Business School in Nice (France) in 2007 where he is today Dean of Graduate Studies and Director of the PhD in Finance. He is the founding editor of the Journal of Financial Econometrics, published by Oxford University Press and was its Editor-in-Chief until June 2012. His most recent research focuses on the evaluation of asset pricing models accounting for higher moments, long-run asset pricing models, the use of cross-sectional variance of equity returns to measure idiosyncratic volatility, the analysis of hedge fund returns, and the funding liquidity premium in bonds.

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Raman Uppal is Professor of Finance at EDHEC Business School. He was formerly Professor of Finance and Chair of the Finance Subject Area at the London Business School, having previously worked at the University of British Columbia. He has held visiting positions at Catholic University (Leuven), the MIT Sloan School of Management, and the London School of Economics and Political Science, and has served as Co-Director of the Financial Economics Programme of the Centre for Economic Policy Research (CEPR). His research focuses on optimal portfolio selection and asset allocation in dynamic environments, valuation of securities in capital markets, risk management, and exchange rates. His research has been published in Journal of Finance, Review of Financial Studies, Journal of Economic Theory, Journal of Financial and Quantitative Analysis, Journal of International Money and Finance, and Management Science. He has received numerous grants and awards for his research and teaching.
Established in 1906, EDHEC Business School offers management education at undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate and executive levels designed to meet the full spectrum of business needs. Holding the AACSB, AMBA and EQUIS accreditations and regularly ranked among Europe's leading institutions, EDHEC Business School delivers degree courses to over 6,000 students from the world over and trains 5,500 professionals yearly through executive courses and research events. The School’s ‘Research for Business’ policy focuses the efforts of research centres on issues that correspond to genuine industry and community expectations.

ORFE is the intersection of five core disciplines: financial mathematics, operations research, optimization, probability theory, and statistics. Research in the Department ranges from the mathematical foundations of these fields to the development of state-of-the-art methodology for solving complex problems that arise in important real-world applications in engineering and the sciences. ORFE students obtain a strong quantitative and interdisciplinary training, and acquire the skills to become leaders in academia and industry.

In 2001, EDHEC-Risk Institute has become the premier academic centre for industry-relevant financial research. In partnership with large financial institutions, its team of ninety five permanent professors, engineers, and support staff, and forty-eight research associates and affiliate professors, implements six research programmes and sixteen research chairs and strategic research projects focusing on asset allocation and risk management.

The Bendheim Center for Finance was established in 1998 to encourage interdisciplinary research in finance, primarily from a quantitative or mathematical perspective. The research activities of the center are directed toward the study of financial markets and asset prices, the financial structure of firms, banks and other financial intermediaries, and the linkages between financial economics and other fields, such as engineering, operations research, mathematics, computer science, psychology and public policy.

In 2012, EDHEC-Risk Institute signed two strategic partnership agreements with the Operations Research and Financial Engineering department of Princeton University to set up a joint research programme in the area of risk and investment management, and with Yale School of Management to set up joint certified executive training courses in North America and Europe in the area of investment management.