

Special Issue

Stock Market Developments and Investment Implications

Message from the Guest Editor

The structure, behavior, and volatility of global stock markets continue to evolve in response to macroeconomic, technological, and geopolitical shifts. These developments present challenges and opportunities for investors, regulators, and researchers seeking to understand market dynamics and make informed investment decisions. We invite theoretical and empirical contributions that explore recent stock market developments and their implications for investment strategies, asset pricing, portfolio management, and financial regulation. **Topics of Interest**

- Market structure evolution and trading mechanisms
- Stock market volatility, anomalies, and market efficiency
- Behavioral and sentiment-driven market effects
- Impacts of algorithmic and high-frequency trading
- ESG investing and the integration of sustainability factors into equity markets
- The role of financial technologies and digital platforms in shaping investment behavior
- Monetary policy, inflation expectations, and equity market reactions
- Cross-border capital flows and emerging market dynamics
- Portfolio diversification and risk management in volatile environments
- Asset pricing innovations and empirical testing of financial models

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