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Foreword

Insurance is one of the most important economic and the world's most dynamically developing market. It is a very important segment of the financial market because insurance and the related protection against all risks play a fundamental role in managing financial resources. Decision-making in the insurance market is very complicated due to the various types of insurance, including life insurance, health insurance, property, accident insurance, car insurance and others. Each of them addresses different risks and needs. Insurance companies pay the insured losses incurred in case of any accident in these areas. For this purpose, many advanced techniques for modelling and analysing financial data are created yearly to monitor and improve the decision-making process in the financial sector. This ensures financial stability and risk minimisation for households, enterprises, organisations and the state. This allows companies and organisations to make conscious decisions, optimise their financial strategies and increase efficiency and accuracy in various financial processes. Many tools are available for risk analysis, some simple and others more complex, such as SWOT Analysis, Monte Carlo Risk Assessment Method, Value at Risk (VaR) Assessment Method, Risk Factor Analysis (RFA), Risk Matrix and many other classic tools. Recently, due to the rapid development of IT systems and, consequently, the method of collecting and storing data, including financial data, has resulted in the creation of modern tools for data analysis and collection. Traditional data types were structured and could be easily stored in a relational database. With the emergence of Big Data technology, new, unstructured data of unknown value are being collected, originating from various social media (Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, etc.), web tracking technologies or mobile applications or data from equipment with sensors. For some enterprises, this may be millions of terabytes of data. Such a huge amount of data contributed to the creation of innovative analyses, enabling the study of interdependencies between people, institutions, entities and processes and using the obtained conclusions with much greater precision than before. This allows for making effective decisions. Currently, the main innovation lies in having technologies and methods that allow the analysis of huge amounts of data and the analysis and formulation of conclusions based on unstructured data such as text data. This phenomenon allowed for a continuation of Turing's assumption from the 1950s, in which he suggested that machines, like humans, can draw logical conclusions to solve problems or decision-making. These assumptions have become a reality because we can teach machines instead of programming them. This is made possible by the availability of big datasets that can be used to train machine learning models. For this purpose, the giant's market has created and used various artificial intelligence algorithms such as Google, Amazon, Microsoft and others. In the era of artificial intelligence, data are of great importance. Data help artificial intelligence systems learn, improve and increase accuracy. For example, AI systems use data to generate insights, predict outcomes and decision-making. For an AI system to succeed, it is necessary to have the highest quality data available, as these data are used to train, validate and test the AI model. A machine learning system that is not powered by data would be limited in its capabilities and unable to use its full potential. Scientists have recently collected motion, temperature and other physical sensor data. One type of data from sensors is data from human physiological measurements. Examples of physiological measurements include brain electrical activity, electrodermal activity (skin-galvanic reaction), muscle electrical activity, eve movement and facial expression. Based on this type of measurement, it is possible to analyse human reactions to external stimuli during various cognitive and emotional tasks. This approach allows obtaining information at its source (in the brain) before presenting it as an opinion, assessment or decision. In this way, data collection can contribute to the creation of innovative approaches to financial analyses in business and, at the same time, increase the efficiency and accuracy of conclusions from these analyses, which can constitute the basis for making rational business decisions. The main objective of this book is to provide good knowledge about financial analytics in business perspectives on increasing efficiency and accuracy, especially in the field of finance and insurance. The primary goal of this book is to provide good knowledge of Finance Analytics in Business Perspectives on Enhancing Efficiency and Accuracy, particularly in the insurance field. The company's performance on the Stock Exchange was analysed in the context of the war and COVID-19. Innovative solutions for the financial sector were discussed regarding financial instruments and related services using fintech technology and AI to improve the efficiency and availability of services offered on the market. Moreover, the book discusses issues related to blockchain technology, meta-analysis covering the studies of developed and emerging economies and business intelligence (BI) in banking in perspectives on enhancing efficiency and accuracy. The book covers selected aspects of Finance Analytics in Business and presents the importance of innovative methods and technologies for theoreticians and economic practice. I wish the readers great learning and finding of research gaps for future research.



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Preface

This book 'Finance Analytics in Business: Perspectives on Enhancing Efficiency and Accuracy' brings together experts from diverse backgrounds, blending theoretical depth with practical insights at the intersection of finance and analytics. Aimed at both students and professionals, this book serves as an invaluable educational resource and a toolkit for continuous professional development. Each chapter provides actionable insights, showcasing the transformative impact of analytics on financial efficiency and accuracy. The contributors, a mix of seasoned professionals and academics, offer a comprehensive understanding of the subject, ensuring a rich and well-rounded exploration. Whether you're a student entering the world of finance or a seasoned professional navigating the complexities of the industry, this book provides a guide to leveraging analytics for strategic decision-making. With a focus on emerging trends like machine learning, blockchain integration, and ethical considerations, the book doesn't just capture the current state of finance analytics; it propels readers towards the future, where the convergence of finance and analytics opens new horizons for innovation and excellence. Welcome to a journey where theory meets practice, and analytics becomes a catalyst for efficiency and accuracy in the ever-evolving landscape of finance.

This book:

- Blends Theory and Application: Bridging theory and real-world application for practical insights.
- Expert-Led Content: Features seasoned professionals, ensuring real-world relevance.
- For Students: Offers a structured foundation and prepares the next-gen for industry demands.
- For Professionals: Facilitates continuous learning and skill enhancement for finance practitioners.
- Efficiency and Accuracy: Showcases how analytics optimises workflows and improves decision precision.

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