This programme provides comprehensive financial statement analysis and valuation framework that integrates strategy, financial reporting, financial analysis and valuation, and the application of this framework to fundamental analysis.

By the end of the course, participants should be comfortable with using firms’ financial statements to develop an understanding of their performance and to establish a basis for making reasonable valuation estimates.

We will use the case method almost exclusively in this course. The course develops an accounting-based valuation framework that integrates a firm’s strategy, its financial performance, and its accounting credibility. Two main topics will be covered:

• Reporting strategy analysis: assessing a firm’s value proposition and identifying key value drivers and risks; evaluating the degree to which a firm’s accounting policies capture the underlying business reality; assessing a firm’s earnings quality; making accounting adjustments to eliminate management biases.


Next, the course applies the above framework to a variety of business valuation contexts, such as, mergers and acquisitions (M&A), leveraged buyouts (LBOs), hedge fund investors and sell side analysts.

Key benefits

Upon completing the programme, you will be able to:

• Understand accounting’s role in business and master the language of accounting
• Learn and apply key concepts of financial accounting
• Identify red flags in financial statements
• Calculate ratios and develop a sound financial statement analysis (e.g., ROIC and its components)
• Understand solvency financial statistics that measure financial health

• Understand the relevance of capital structure for both performance and valuation
• Understand the trends and sustainability of financial performances overtime
• Develop forecasts and conduct valuation analysis
• Link forecast to the generation of cash flow
• Value companies in different contexts (e.g., M&A, LBO)

Participant profile

This course is aimed at all midlevel to senior-level executives who seek to use financial statements to evaluate the performance, prospects, and value of a business.

For example:

• Professionals – for assessing/valuing companies (Corporate & Retail bankers, Money managers, Financial analysts, Investment bankers, Venture capitalists, Risk managers, Auditors, Board members)

• General managers and entrepreneurs – interested in accessing public capital markets or acquiring other companies

• Individual investors – for stock picking
Overview
Day 1
Accounting Analysis and Earnings Quality

Day 2
Accounting Analysis (continued) + Financial statement Analysis

Day 3
Forecasting + Valuation Theory

Day 4
Valuation

Dates
30 October – 3 November 2023
Programme starts Monday at lunchtime and ends Friday at lunchtime

Location
Kigali, Rwanda

Tuition fee
Euros 4300 per participant

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