# Introduction to the Financial Markets

# Online course

#### Chapter 1 - The Nature of the Financial Markets

- What is the prime objective of the financial markets?
- Who needs capital?
- Investors who are they and what are their motives?
- The role of the stock exchanges
- The banks and mortgage institutions
- Continuous Linked Settlement
- Insurance companies and pension funds
- The role of the Riksbanken, Danmarks Nationalbank and Norges Bank
- VPS, VP securities and EuroClear Sweden

#### Chapter 2 - The Money Market

- How do we define the money market?
- Who is active in the money market?
- Money market conventions
- Which products are traded?
- Deposits, FRAs, repo's, T/N swaps
- Central Banks leading interest rates

#### Chapter 3 - The FX-market

- What affects the exchange rate?
  - $\circ$  The purchasing power parity
  - o The interest rate parity
- The spot and forward market
- FX market conventions
- FX forwards, FX options, FX swaps

# Chapter 4 - The Bond Market

- The role of the bond market
- The international bond markets
- The Scandinavian bond markets
- Issuers of bonds
- Bond investors
- Bond markets conventions
- Bond types
- How to determine the yield to maturity?
- Is the yield-to-maturity a return measure?
- Clean price, dirty price and accrued interest
- What affects the bond price?

### Chapter 5 - The Stock Market

- The role of the stock market
- Differences between stocks and bonds
- The Nordic Stock Exchanges
- Initial Public Offering (IPO)
- Corporate actions
- Company valuation
- Understanding the annual report
- The balance sheet
- Factor analysis
- Relevant key figures
  - o Price/Earnings, Price/Book, Earnings/Share

## Price

The price of the course is Euro 1.540. The price includes recorded training with possibility to ask questions, exercises, and a one-hour individual webinar.

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