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Report of the Editor of *The Journal of Finance* for the Year 1998

The year 1998 was probably the most challenging year in my editorship, but in many ways also one of the most rewarding years. First, we changed publishers. Second, the Fisher College of Business at the Ohio State University changed buildings, so that the *Journal* offices had to move. Third, we had the third highest number of submissions in the history of the Journal. Fourth, the Journal received its first subpoena. Thanks to the spectacular efforts of Linda Cornell and the help of many other individuals, we succeeded in meeting these challenges with almost no problems. The logistics of the move were daunting, but thanks to the associate dean in charge, Steve Buser, a former coeditor and an associate editor of the Journal, there was only one day when the phones of the Journal were not working—only he knows how many rules, regulations, and guidelines were broken to make this possible. Despite all these changes, the traditional indicators of our performance are extremely strong for 1998. The median turnaround time was 47 days, which is only slightly above what it was in 1997. The citation of impact of the Journal computed by the Social Sciences Citation Index (SSCI) was the second highest ever.

In 1998, the *Journal* was published by Blackwell for the first time. This important change took place with almost no problems. I am grateful to Blackwell for their efforts. The only changes that readers are likely to have noticed are that they can get their problems resolved quickly and efficiently and that the space the *Journal* issues take up on shelves has increased. The increase in shelf space that will have to be allocated to the *Journal* was not intended. There was a slight increase in the number of pages published, but most of the increase in the thickness of the issues is due to an increase in the thickness of the paper used.

The number of submissions in 1998 was 954, exceeding last year's number by 56. This number of submissions is exceeded in the history of the *Journal* only by the 983 submissions in 1990 and the 975 submissions in 1991. The number of papers available for evaluation during the year turned out to be the highest ever in the history of the *Journal* at 1,132. We had two consecutive months where the number of submissions exceeded 100. The submissions were handled with a median turnaround time of 47 days, which is higher than the preceding year by four days. The fraction of submissions with a turnaround time of less than 60 days is only slightly higher than the previous year. A quarter of the submissions were handled in less than 32 days. The acceptance rate decreased, so that it is now below 8 percent. These data are detailed in the tables in Appendix A.

As usual, the Associate Editors and the ad hoc referees were crucial to the evaluation of manuscripts. As in the past, we sought the help of a large number of different referees. During 1998, 436 referees helped us (see Appendix B).

Authors from 82 institutions published in the *Journal* in 1998 including 13 foreign institutions and 16 nonacademic institutions. In contrast, we had authors from 72 institutions in 1997. The institution with the most papers published in the *Journal* was the University of Chicago, which was also the institution with the most papers published in 1997. Northwestern University was the institution with the second highest number of publications and the Federal Reserve Board the institution with the third highest number.

From the papers published in the December 1997, February 1998, April 1998, June 1998, and October 1998 issues of the *Journal*, the Associate Editors selected the papers to receive the Smith Breeden prizes. The 29 papers nominated for Smith Breeden prizes are listed in Appendix C. Abstracts of all the past winners of Smith Breeden prizes are now available on the *Journal*'s web site.

The information provided by the SSCI concerning the *Journal* was extremely positive again. The citation impact factor of the *Journal* published by SSCI in 1998, which measures the number of citations in 1997 per article (including Comments and "Shorter Papers") published in 1995 and 1996, was 2.17. The impact factor for regular articles was 2.55. For comparison purposes, the impact factor was 2.50 for the *Journal of Financial Economics*, 1.41 for the *Journal of Business*, 1.33 for the *Review of Financial Studies*, and 1.12 for *Financial Management*.

The traffic on the *Journal*'s web site continued to grow dramatically in 1998. Table VIII in Appendix A gives some statistics for the web site. We had an impressive 168,560 article downloads, 5,938,157 total hits, and 181,589 homepage hits. The monthly number of downloads almost doubled during the year. As in previous years, Lee Pinkowitz was the webmaster and could not have done his work better.

We are making progress in fulfilling the goals of the strategic plan for the Journal adopted by the Board of Directors of the Association in 1997. During the last six months of 1998, Blackwell and Lee Pinkowitz have been working on the development of a web site for the AFA and the Journal that will be located at Blackwell and will have an online version of the Journal, as well as a membership directory and other services. Members will have to register for the site and the registration mechanism is designed so that members provide information for the membership directory. We hope that the membership directory will be a tool that will help all of us in our work, but for that to happen, we need each member to devote a small amount of time to providing the relevant information. This way, whenever a member seeks information about another member, he or she will use the directory to do so. At this point, the site is being tested. It should be available to members

soon. A contract was signed so that the whole history of the *Journal* will be made available through JSTOR at subscribing universities. We are still hoping to find a way to make these past issues available to the members through the members-only web site.

René M. Stulz, Editor

Appendix A: Statistics

Table 1
Number of Manuscripts Accepted by Month

| Month | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|-----------|------|------|------|
| January | 4 | 6 | 4 |
| February | 7 | 7 | 6 |
| March | 10 | 3 | 8 |
| April | 14 | 8 | 13 |
| May | 12 | 6 | 4 |
| June | 6 | 4 | 9 |
| July | 5 | 14 | 4 |
| August | 11 | 7 | 4 |
| September | 4 | 6 | 8 |
| October | 6 | 7 | 7 |
| November | 1 | 6 | 3 |
| December | 5 | 6 | 6 |
| Total | 85 | 80 | 76 |

Table II
Processing Time for 1998

| Less than 1 month | 23.13% |
|------------------------|---------|
| 1 to 2 months | 41.54% |
| More than 2 months | 35.33% |
| Median processing time | 47 days |

Table III
Submission and Acceptance of Manuscripts by Subject Area, 1998

| | - | - | |
|---|--|---|---|
| Number Submitted during the Year | Percentage of Total | Number Accepted during the Year | Percentage of Total |
| 9 | 0.94% | 3 | 3.95% |
| neral Financia | al Markets | | |
| 31 | 3.24% | 0 | 0.00% |
| 34 | 3.56% | 4 | 5.26% |
| 86 | 9.00% | 7 | 9.21% |
| 83 | 8.68% | 6 | 7.89% |
| 226 | 23.64% | 18 | 23.68% |
| 87 | 9.10% | 6 | 7.89% |
| 10 | 1.05% | 3 | 3.95% |
| 8 | 0.84% | 0 | 0.00% |
| Financial Inst | itutions | | |
| 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| 50 | 5.23% | 2 | 2.63% |
| 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| 27 | 2.82% | 3 | 3.95% |
| 13 | 1.36% | 0 | 0.00% |
| 2 | | 0 | 0.00% |
| 1 | 0.10% | 0 | 0.00% |
| ate Finance ar | nd Governance | : | |
| 11 | 1.15% | 1 | 1.32% |
| 60 | 6.28% | 4 | 5.26% |
| 102 | 10.67% | 8 | 10.53% |
| 16 | 1.67% | 3 | 3.95% |
| 41 | 4.29% | 3 | 3.95% |
| 11 | 1.15% | 1 | 1.32% |
| 2 | 0.21% | 0 | 0.00% |
| 5 | 0.52% | 1 | 1.32% |
| oney and Inter | rest Rates | | |
| 1 | 0.10% | 0 | 0.00% |
| 0 | 0.00% | 0 | 0.00% |
| 4 | 0.42% | 0 | 0.00% |
| 27 | 2.82% | 3 | 3.95% |
| | | | |
| 8 | 0.84% | 0 | 0.00% |
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Table IV
Comparative Statistics on Manuscripts Submitted, 1985–1998

| Manuscripts | On Hand at Start of the Year | Submitted during the Year | Total Available for Evaluation | Number for Which Evaluation Completed | Number Still in Process at End of Year |
|-------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|---|
| 1985 | 100 | 781 | 881 | 725 | 156 |
| 1986 | 156 | 793 | 949 | 778 | 171 |
| 1987 | 171 | 843 | 1014 | 821 | 193 |
| 1988 | 193 | 718 | 911 | 755 | 156 |
| 1989 | 156 | 893 | 1049 | 918 | 131 |
| 1990 | 131 | 983 | 1114 | 980 | 134 |
| 1991 | 134 | 975 | 1109 | 952 | 157 |
| 1992 | 157 | 941 | 1098 | 935 | 163 |
| 1993 | 163 | 903 | 1066 | 957 | 109 |
| 1994 | 109 | 864 | 973 | 850 | 123 |
| 1995 | 123 | 847 | 970 | 852 | 118 |
| 1996 | 118 | 915 | 1033 | 849 | 184 |
| 1997 | 184 | 898 | 1082 | 904 | 178 |
| 1998 | 178 | 956 | 1134 | 951 | 183 |

Table V
Disposition of Manuscripts, 1985–1998

| Year | Number Evaluated | Number Returned | Number Accepted | Acceptance Rate |
|------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1985 | 725 | 652 | 73 | 10.1% |
| 1986 | 778 | 723 | 55 | 7.1% |
| 1987 | 821 | 733 | 88 | 10.7% |
| 1988 | 755 | 685 | 70 | 9.3% |
| 1989 | 918 | 830 | 88 | 9.6% |
| 1990 | 980 | 913 | 67 | 6.8% |
| 1991 | 952 | 888 | 64 | 6.7% |
| 1992 | 935 | 858 | 77 | 8.2% |
| 1993 | 952 | 885 | 67 | 7.0% |
| 1994 | 850 | 797 | 53 | 6.2% |
| 1995 | 852 | 787 | 65 | 7.7% |
| 1996 | 849 | 764 | 85 | 10.0% |
| 1997 | 904 | 824 | 80 | 8.85% |
| 1998 | 951 | 875 | 76 | 7.97% |

Table VI Distribution of Published Material, 1988–1998

| | 1988 | 1989 | 1990 | 1991 | 1992 | 1993 | 1994 | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 |
|--------------------------------|------|------|---------|---------|--------|---------|------|------|------|------|------|
| | | | Panel A | A: By N | lumber | of Pag | es | | | | |
| Articles and Shorter Papers | 1210 | 1283 | 1375 | 1502 | 1587 | 1655 | 1506 | 1431 | 1614 | 1779 | 1960 |
| Comments | 36 | 10 | 9 | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | 3 |
| Book Reviews | 22 | 32 | 38 | 40 | 50 | 66 | 68 | 78 | 45 | 51 | 24 |
| Total | 1268 | 1325 | 1422 | 1542 | 1637 | 1721 | 1574 | 1509 | 1659 | 1830 | 1987 |
| | | | Panel I | B: By N | lumber | of Iten | ns | | | | |
| Articles and Shorter Papers | 71 | 79 | 77 | 70 | 69 | 77 | 64 | 58 | 62 | 74 | 70 |
| Comments | 7 | 2 | 2 | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | _ | 1 |
| Book Reviews | 9 | 12 | 16 | 15 | 16 | 23 | 21 | 24 | 15 | 12 | 11 |
| Total | 87 | 93 | 95 | 85 | 85 | 100 | 85 | 82 | 77 | 86 | 82 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | |

Table VII Distribution of Author Affiliation

This table presents the distribution by affiliation of authors of Articles and Shorter Papers that appeared in the February, June, October, and December 1998 issues of the *Journal of Finance*. For articles with multiple authors, each author is given 1/nth of the credit for each paper, where n is the number of authors of the paper.

| Author Affiliation | No. of Authors |
|---|--|
| Arizona State University | 2/3 |
| Babson College | 1/3 |
| Banca d'Italia | 1/3 |
| Barclays Global Investors | 1/4 |
| Bear Stearns and Co. | 1/2 |
| Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System | $3\frac{1}{6}$ |
| Boston College | 1/3 |
| California Institute of Technology | 1 |
| Caspian Securities Inc. | 1/3 |
| Chinese University of Hong Kong | 1/2 |
| City University of New York | 1 |
| Columbia University | $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Cornell University | $1\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Dartmouth College | $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| Deloitte & Touche | 1/3 |
| Deutsche Morgan Grenfell | 1/3 |
| Duke University | 2 |
| ECARE | 1/2 |
| Ernst & Young, Chicago | 1/4 |
| Federal Communications Commission | 1/3 |
| Georgetown University | 1 |
| Goldman Sachs | 1/3 |
| Harvard University | 2½ |
| Hebrew University | 1/2 |
| HEC | 1/ ₃ 1/ ₃ |
| Hitotsubashi University | ************************************** |
| Hong Kong University of Science and Technology International Finance Corporation | 76 1/3 |
| Investment Company Institute | 73 1/ ₃ |
| Iowa State University | 1 |
| Kennesaw State University | 1/3 |
| London Business School | 1/3 |
| Massachusetts Institute of Technology | 1 |
| Morgan Stanley | 1/3 |
| New York University | 1 |
| Northwestern University | 31/3 |
| Norwegian School of Management | 1/2 |
| Office of Thrift Supervision | 1/3 |
| Pennsylvania State University | 11/3 |
| Purdue University | 1/2 |
| Rice University | 1/3 |
| Santa Clara University | 1 |
| Securities and Exchange Commission | 1/2 |
| Southern Illinois University | 1/3 |

$\textbf{Table VII} \!\!-\!\! \textit{Continued}$

| Author Affiliation | No. of Authors |
|--|-------------------|
| Southern Methodist University | 1/2 |
| Southwest Texas State University | 1/4 |
| Stanford University | 1 |
| Stockholm School of Economics | 1/2 |
| SUNY, Buffalo | $1\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Tulane University | 1 |
| Università di Salerno | 1/3 |
| Université de Lausanne | 1/2 |
| Université Laval | 1 |
| University of Arizona | 1/2 |
| University of California-Berkeley | 1/3 |
| University of California-Davis | 3 |
| University of California-Los Angeles | 2/3 |
| University of Chicago | $5\frac{2}{5}$ |
| University of Denver | 1/2 |
| University of Florida | 1 |
| University of Georgia | 1 |
| University of Hawaii | 1 |
| University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign | 1 |
| University of Maryland | 2 |
| University of Miami | 1 |
| University of Michigan | $2\frac{2}{3}$ |
| University of Missouri-Columbia | 1/2 |
| University of North Carolina, Charlotte | 1/2 |
| University of Northern Iowa | 1/2 |
| University of Pennsylvania | 1/2 |
| University of Pittsburgh | 1/3 |
| University of Southern California | 2/3 |
| University of Sydney | 3/4 |
| University of Texas, Arlington | 1/2 |
| University of Utah | 1/3 |
| University of Virginia | 1/2 |
| University of Washington | 1/2 |
| Virginia Tech | 1/3 |
| Washington University, St. Louis | 2 |
| World Bank | 5/6 |
| Yale University | $1\frac{1}{2}$ |

Table VIII Web Statistics for the Journal of Finance Home Page

This table shows the monthly statistics for requests for the *Journal of Finance* web site. Total Hits includes any reference to pages requested, but may overstate activity because images on requested pages each count separately. Page Impressions is the number of requested HTML pages only (i.e., suffix .htm). Articles Downloaded is the number of downloaded articles, shorter papers, book reviews, and announcements in Acrobat .pdf format. Homepage Hits counts only the number of times the *Journal of Finance* Homepage (http://www.cob.ohio-state.edu/~fin/journal/jof.htm) is accessed. Due to a problem with the log files for 1997, the activity for the period from July 28, 1997 to November 8, 1997 is unavailable.

| | | 19 | 998 | | | 19 | 997 | |
|-----------|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------------|------------------|
| Month | Total Hits | Page Impressions | Articles Downloaded | Homepage Hits | Total Hits | Page Impressions | Articles Downloaded | Homepage Hits |
| January | 422,012 | 43,181 | 10,008 | 13,194 | 120,788 | 20,511 | 4,352 | 7,557 |
| February | 450,784 | 47,545 | 11,663 | 14,295 | 148,785 | 25,038 | 5,641 | 8,894 |
| March | 489,822 | 52,746 | 11,518 | 16,453 | 177,030 | 33,794 | 6,129 | 10,458 |
| April | 503,597 | 53,759 | 12,042 | 16,432 | 200,658 | 38,237 | 7,070 | 12,126 |
| May | 453,311 | 48,311 | 11,742 | 15,271 | 174,340 | 34,193 | 6,082 | 11,024 |
| June | 460,540 | 48,387 | 12,082 | 15,354 | 181,245 | 32,105 | 6,064 | 10,116 |
| July | 512,439 | 53,476 | 13,466 | 16,234 | 161,120 | 29,298 | 5,450 | 9,015 |
| August | 468,713 | 58,221 | 13,586 | 13,041 | | | | |
| September | 527,170 | 65,923 | 16,540 | 14,358 | | | | |
| October | 575,672 | 71,442 | 17,268 | 15,956 | | | | |
| November | 569,556 | 65,620 | 18,924 | 16,100 | 303,908 | 31,686 | 6,858 | 9,529 |
| December | 504,541 | 56,542 | 19,721 | 14,901 | 366,209 | 37,303 | 8,475 | 11,353 |
| Total | 5,938,157 | 665,153 | 168,560 | 181,589 | 1,834,083 | 282,165 | 56,121 | 90,072 |

Appendix B: Reviewers

Admati, Anat Affleck-Graves, John Aggarwal, Raj Aggarwal, Rajesh Agrawal, Anup Amihud, Yakov Andersen, Torben Ang, James Angel, James Asquith, Daniel Auerbach, Alan Back, Kerry Bailey, Warren Baillie, Richard Bakshi, Gurdip Ball, Clifford Balvers, Ronald Barber, Brad Barberis, Nicholas Barry, Christopher Basak, Suleyman Bates, David Bekaert, Geert Berger, Philip Berk, Jonathan Berkovitch, Elazar Betker, Brian Bhattacharya, Sudipto Bikhchandani, Sushil Blume, Marshall Bodnar, Gordon Bodurtha, James Boot, Arnoud Booth, Laurence Borokhovich, Kenneth Boudoukh, Jacob Boyle, Glenn Brandt, Michael Brav, Alon Brennan, Michael Brickley, James Britten-Jones, Mark Broadie, Mark Brown, David Brown, Gregory Brown, Keith Brown, Lawrence Brown, Stephen Burkart, Mike Buser, Stephen Byrd, John

Calomiris, Charles

Campbell, John Cao, Charles Cao, H. Henry Capozza, Dennis Carey, Mark Carmel, Jonathan Carpenter, Jennifer Carr, Peter Carter, Richard Chacko, George Chan, Louis Chance, Don Chang, Chun Chang, Saeyoung Chaplinsky, Susan Chapman, David Chen, Andrew Chen, Zhiwu Cherian, Joseph Chordia, Tarun Chowdhry, Bhagwan Christie, William Chung, Y. Peter Cochrane, John Cole, Rebel Coles, Jeffrey Collins, Julie Conrad, Jennifer Constantinides, George Copeland, Thomas Damodaran, Aswath Daniel, Kent Dare, William Das, Sanjiv Dastidar, Protiti DeAngelo, Harry DeAngelo, Linda DeGennaro, Ramon Del Guercio, Diane DeMarzo, Peter Denis, David De Santis, Giorgio Detemple, Jerome Dewenter, Kathryn Dichev, Ilia Diebold, Francis Domowitz, Ian Donaldson, John Duffee, Gregory Duffie, J. Darrell Dumas, Bernard

Dybvig, Philip

Eades, Kenneth Easley, David Eckbo, B. Espen Edelen, Roger Ederington, Louis Elton, Edwin Engle, Robert Errunza, Vihang Evans, Martin Evans, Paul Fama, Eugene Ferson, Wayne Figlewski, Stephen Fishman, Michael Flannery, Mark Fluck, Zsuzsanna Foerster, Stephen Foster, F. Douglas Frankel, Richard French, Kenneth Friedman, Daniel Froot, Kenneth Fulghieri, Paolo Géczy, Christopher Geman, Helyette Gerard, Bruno Geske, Robert Ghysels, Eric Gilson, Stuart Goetzmann, William Goldstein, Robert Gompers, Paul Graham, John Grauer, Robert Green, Richard Grenadier, Steven Griffin, John Grinblatt, Mark Gromb, Denis Grossman, Sanford Gruber, Martin Grunbichler, Andreas Hagerty, Kathleen Hamao, Yasushi Handa, Puneet Hanka, Gordon Hanley, Kathleen Hansen, Robert Harris, Jeffrey Harris, Lawrence Harris, Milton Harris, Robert

Harvey, Campbell Hasbrouck, Joel Haushalter, G. David Healy, Paul Heinkel, Robert Hendershott, Robert Hentschel, Ludger Hiemstra, Craig Hodder, James Hodrick, Laurie Hodrick, Robert Hogan, Ked Hong, Harrison Horvitz, Paul Houston, Joel Hsieh, David Huang, Roger Huddart, Steven Hunter, William Hwang, Chuan Ikenberry, David Israel, Ronen Jackwerth, Jens Jacquier, Eric Jaffe, Jeffrey James, Christopher Jarrow, Robert Jegadeesh, Narasimhan Johnson, Herbert Jones, Charles Jordan, James Jordan, Susan Jorion, Philippe Kadlec, Gregory Kandel, Shmuel Kane, Alex Kane, Edward Kaplan, Steven Kau, James Kaul, Gautam Kavajecz, Kenneth Keim, Donald Kemsley, Deen Khanna, Naveen Khanna, Tarun Kho, Bong-Chan Kini, Omesh Kleidon, Allan Knoeber, Charles Kocherlakota, Narayana Korajczyk, Robert Korkie, Robert Koski, Jennifer Kroner, Kenneth

Kroszner, Randall

Kupiec, Paul Lakonishok, Josef Lamont, Owen Lamoureux, Christopher Lando, David La Porta, Rafael Lease, Ronald LeBaron, Blake Lee, Bong-Soo Lee, Charles Lee, Cheng Leftwich, Richard Lehn, Kenneth Lemmon, Michael Lerner, Joshua LeRoy, Stephen Lev, Baruch Levi. Maurice Levy, Haim Li, David Lipson, Marc Lo, Andrew Logue, Dennis Long, John Longin, Francois Longstaff, Francis Loughran, Tim Lucas, Deborah Lynch, Anthony Lvons. Richard Maberly, Edwin Madhavan, Ananth Makhija, Anil Mandelbrot, Benoit Marshall, David Martin, Spencer Marx, Leslie Masulis, Ronald Matsusaka, John Mauer, David Mayers, David McConnell, John McCulloch, J. Huston McDonald, Robert McNichols, Maureen Mehra, Rajnish Mei, Jianping Melino, Angelo Mella-Barral, Pierre Michaely, Roni Mikkelson, Wayne Minton, Bernadette Mitchell, Mark Moeller, Sara Morck, Randall

Moser, James Moskowitz, Tobias Murphy, Kevin Muscarella, Chris Musto, David Muthuswamy, Jayaram Myers, Stewart Nanda, Vikram Narayanan, M. P. Neal, Robert Nelson, Charles Ng, Lilian Niehaus, Gregory Noe, Thomas Novaes, Walter O'Connor, Philip Odean, Terrance Ofek, Eli Ofer, Aharon Ogaki, Masao O'Hara, Maureen Omberg, Edward Palepu, Krishna Palia, Darius Parrino, Robert Pearson, Neil Pelsser, Antoon Pennacchi, George Perotti, Enrico Persons, John Petersen, Mitchell Pinkowitz, Lee Pirrong, S. Craig Pliska, Stanley Pontiff, Jeffrey Poterba, James Prabhala, N.R. Rady, Sven Rajan, Raghuram Rashes, Michael Ravid, S. Abraham Raviv, Artur Ready, Mark Reese, William Resnick, Bruce Richardson, Matthew Ritchken, Peter Ritter, Jay Roell, Ailsa Roll, Richard Rosenberg, Joshua Rosengren, Eric Routledge, Bryan Rouwenhorst, K. Geert Rozeff, Michael

Rubinstein, Mark Ryngaert, Michael Safieddine, Assem Samwick, Andrew Sansing, Richard Santa-Clara, Pedro Sarin, Atulya Sauer, Raymond Schaefer, Stephen Schallheim, James Scharfstein, David Schotman, Peter Schrand, Catherine Schroder, Mark Schultz, Paul Schwartz, Eduardo Schwert, G. William Senbet, Lemma Seppi, Duane Sercu, Piet Servaes, Henri Seyhun, H. Nejat Sharpe, Steven Shaw, Wayne Sheehan, Dennis Shefrin, Hersh Shiller, Robert Shivdasani, Anil Shleifer, Andrei Shumway, Tyler Sias, Richard Siegel, Jeremy Silanes, Florencio Singleton, Kenneth Sinkey, Joseph Skinner, Douglas Slezak, Steve Slovin, Myron Smith, Clifford

Smith, Janet Smith, Richard Smith, Tom Sondermann, Dieter Spatt, Chester Spiegel, Matthew Spindt, Paul Stanton, Richard Starks, Laura Steigerwald, Douglas Stein, Jeremy Sterbenz, Frederic Stickel, Scott Stoll, Hans Stoughton, Neal Strickland, Deon Stutzer, Michael Subrahmanyam, Avanidhar Susmel, Raul Swaminathan, Bhaskaran Sweeney, Richard Taggart, Robert Telmer, Chris Teoh. Siew Thakor, Anjan Thaler, Richard Thomas, Jacob Thomson, James Timmermann, Allan Titman. Sheridan Toft, Klaus Torous, Walter Triantis, Alexander Trigeorgis, Lenos Tufano, Peter Udell, Gregory Unal, Haluk

Uppal, Raman

Upton, Charles Van Horne, James Vayanos, Dimitri Vermaelen, Theodore Veronesi, Pietro Vetsuypens, Michael Viswanathan, S. von Thadden, Ernst-Ludwig Wang, Jiang Wang, Ko Wang, Zhenyu Warga, Arthur Warther, Vincent Weisbach, Michael Welch, Ivo Wermers, Russell Werner, Ingrid Whaley, Robert Wheatley, Simon White, Michelle Whitelaw, Robert Wiener, Zvi Wiggins, James Wilhelm, William Willard, Gregory Williamson, Rohan Williams-Stanton, Sonya Wilner, Benjamin Winton, Andrew Womack, Kent Wruck, Karen Yermack, David Zame, William Zarowin, Paul Zender, Jaime Zenner, Marc Zhang, Chu Zin, Stanley

Appendix C: Smith Breeden Prizes for 1998

First Prize Paper

GREGOR ANDRADE and STEVEN N. KAPLAN

How Costly Is Financial (Not Economic) Distress? Evidence from Highly Leveraged Transactions That Became Distressed

Distinguished Papers

TODD C. PULVINO

Do Asset Fire Sales Exist? An Empirical Investigation of Commercial Aircraft Transactions

ALON BRAV and PAUL A. GOMPERS

Myth or Reality? The Long-Run Underperformance of Initial Public Offerings: Evidence from Venture and Nonventure Capital-Backed Companies

Other Papers Nominated

YACINE AÏT-SAHALIA and ANDREW W. LO

Nonparametric Estimation of State-Price Densities Implicit in Financial Asset Prices

TORBEN G. ANDERSEN and TIM BOLLERSLEV

Deutsche Mark-Dollar Volatility: Intraday Activity Pattern, Macroeconomic Announcements, and Longer Run Dependencies

JENNIFER E. BETHEL, JULIA PORTER LIEBESKIND, and TIM OPLER Block Share Purchases and Corporate Performance

MICHAEL J. BRENNAN and H. HENRY CAO

International Portfolio Investment Flows

GIORGIO DE SANTIS and BRUNO GERARD

International Asset Pricing and Portfolio Diversification with Time-Varying Risk

DAVID EASLEY, MAUREEN O'HARA, and P. S. SRINIVAS

Option Volume and Stock Prices: Evidence on Where Informed Traders Trade

B. ESPEN ECKBO and DAVID C. SMITH

The Conditional Performance of Insider Trades

EDWIN J. ELTON and T. CLIFTON GREEN

Tax and Liquidity Effects in Pricing Government Bonds

EUGENE F. FAMA and KENNETH R. FRENCH

Taxes, Financing Decisions, and Firm Value

ERIC GHYSELS

On Stable Factor Structures in the Pricing of Risk: Do Time-Varying Betas Help or Hurt?

JOHN R. GRAHAM, MICHAEL L. LEMMON, and JAMES S. SCHALLHEIM

Debt, Leases, Taxes, and the Endogeneity of Corporate Tax Status

TAKATOSHI ITO, RICHARD K. LYONS, and MICHAEL T. MELVIN

Is There Private Information in the FX Market? The Tokyo Experiment

PETER KLIBANOFF, OWEN LAMONT, and THIERRY A. WIZMAN

Investor Reaction to Salient News in Closed-End Country Funds OWEN LAMONT

Earnings and Expected Returns

TIM LOUGHRAN and JAY R. RITTER

The Operating Performance of Firms Conducting Seasoned Equity Offerings

TIM LOUGHRAN and ANAND M. VIJH

Do Long-Term Shareholders Benefit From Corporate Acquisitions?

VOJISLAV MAKSIMOVIC and GORDON PHILLIPS

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