

INTRODUCTION TO FINANCIAL MODELLING IN EXCEL

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COURSE LENGTH: 1.0 DAYS

This course is a combination of financial theory and practical application of financial concepts in Microsoft Excel. A large component of the course will be centred around the application of the Discounted Cash Flow Model (DCF), a popular valuation method used to assess the value of projects and companies. At the completion of this course, participants should be able to construct a DCF Model, as well as have a good understanding of the underlying financial concepts used to build it.

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FOREWORD

Financial modelling is widely employed within industry because it forces us to critically think about how a business or project will perform in the future, as well as how risky we believe it to be. Additionally, in constructing a DCF model, you will need address many of the corporate finance issues commonly encountered within industry today.

Finance plays a central role in almost all industries, and acquiring foundational knowledge benefits almost all working professionals. Some examples include the following:

Investment Bankers: employ financial models to help them triangulate a “market price” for the firm/business they are trying to sell.

Engineers: use financial models to help them evaluate the feasibility of new projects, such as mine sites, oil wells, and manufacturing plants.

Lawyers: are commonly asked to develop cases regarding the assumptions used to value assets/businesses/projects, and whether these assumptions were appropriate.

Board members/Executives: need a working knowledge of basic finance to understand merger and acquisition deals, as well as how best to structure their firm.

OUTCOMES

- Developing a Discounted Cash Flow Model (DCF)
 - Understanding and ability to apply Project
 - Evaluation Criterion (NPV, IRR, Payback Periods)
 - Calculating Free Cash Flows
 - Estimating Beta for public and private firms.
 - Estimating the Cost of Equity and WACC
 - Understanding how key variables to the DCF impact upon project and business valuation.
 - Ability to utilise Excel’s Data Tables and Goal Seek
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MODULES

Lesson 1: Developing a Discounted Cash Flow Model

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