**To the Members of the Academy of Finance and Readers of the Journal of Finance Issues,**

I am pleased to announce the publication of Volume 22, Number 3 of the *Journal of Finance Issues*. This issue features four insightful articles that address diverse and critical topics in finance, providing valuable contributions to both academia and practice.

1. **"Analyzing Changing "Investor Exuberance": The Determinants of S&P Composite Index Total Return CAPE Changes" by C.N.V. Krishnan, Xiyao Tan, and Jiemin Yang**
   This paper delves into the factors influencing changes in investor exuberance, as measured by the S&P Composite Index Total Return Cyclically Adjusted Price-to-Earnings ratio (TR CAPE). The authors employ a variety of econometric techniques, including linear regression using Principal Component Analysis (PCA), Lasso Regression, and Ridge Regression, to identify key variables associated with shifts in investor sentiment. Their findings highlight the significant role of consumer sentiment, as measured by the University of Michigan Consumer Sentiment Index, in driving changes in investor exuberance.
2. **"Individual Stock Returns Volatility and Equity Anomalies" by Sunghan Bae and Keshav R. Bhattarai**
   This paper investigates the relationship between individual stock return volatility and equity anomalies. The authors find that volatility, estimated using the EGARCH model, plays a significant role in explaining equity anomalies such as size, value, liquidity, momentum, and short-term reversals. Their findings suggest that incorporating volatility measures into asset pricing models can enhance their explanatory power and provide a more nuanced understanding of stock return behavior.
3. **"An Update on Sector Rotation in the "Sell in May and Go Away" Strategy" by Steven Dolvin and Bryan Foltice**
   This paper revisits the well-known "Sell in May and Go Away" (SMGA) strategy, which posits that market returns tend to be higher during the November to April period compared to the May to October period. The authors find that this seasonal pattern persists in more recent periods, and they explore whether incorporating sector rotation into the strategy can further enhance returns. Their results suggest that while sector rotation alone may not improve risk-adjusted performance, combining it with a short-selling strategy can generate positive alpha.
4. **"A Stochastic Analysis of Buy and Hold Versus Annual Rebalancing Portfolio Strategies" by Michael Mattei**
   This paper examines the long-debated question of whether buy-and-hold or annual rebalancing strategies yield superior risk-adjusted portfolio returns. The author employs a stochastic simulation approach to generate a wide range of possible future asset pricing scenarios. The findings indicate that while rebalancing is generally favored, buy-and-hold can outperform in certain instances. This research provides valuable insights into

the nuances of portfolio management and highlights the importance of considering various factors when selecting an investment strategy.

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