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Finance for Non-Financial Managers

Module Two

a stand-alone course which is also part of the Certificate Programme in Practical Finance (CPPF)

Course Overview

Financial risk cannot be eliminated in business, but it can be reduced. Excel, well used, can demonstrate the probable outcome of a set of inputs. Selecting the appropriate inputs and identifying the correct relationships is a necessary skill for any risk evaluation.

The Economist reports that the failure of most projects arises, not from unexpected events, or from the inability of modelling tools to predict, but from compromising the model's prediction in order to 'sell' the project. This course emphasises the context and the technical aspects of modelling so that the outcome is reliable and can be used with confidence as part of an overall assessment of a proposition.

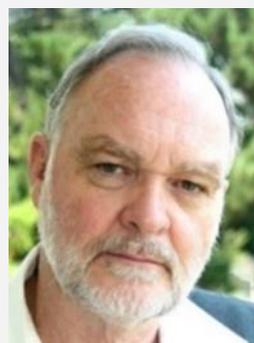
Delegates will be supplied with a set of templates with corresponding model answers including comprehensive notes. The templates may be re-used for practice, in conjunction with the model answers.

NB: The course assumes well developed Excel skills, including using names in formulas, the IF statement and variations. An understanding of financial statements is also required. It will continue to emphasise the thinking process as well as taking the knowledge and application of techniques further.

Successful candidates will receive a certificate from Johannesburg School of Finance. They will also earn credits towards the School's **Certificate Programme in Practical Finance (CPPF)**. For more on the CPPF, see www.jhbfin.co.za.

The Course Presenter:

John Mitchell



John is a Past Director of Johannesburg School of Finance, a member of the Investment Analysts Society and holds a Degree in Philosophy. He spent the early part of his career in the South African mining industry initially in human

resources and later managing an in-house printing professional designer and presenter of financial courses for the past twenty-two years.

His empathic and interactive style makes his courses both practical and enjoyable. He is able to illustrate the course material with examples from his own extensive business experience.

Course Content

Part One: Considering the options

- Introduction
- Names revision
- What-if? calculations: goal-seek, solver and scenarios

Part Two: Organizing the data

- Group Data
- Subtotals and nested Subtotals
- Pivot table reports

Part Three: Understanding the IF function

- Advanced IF functions
- IS functions
- Conditional Formatting

Part Four: Construct and Interpret a Financial Model

- Manual calculation using Allocations to prepare for model building
- Build the model from the manual version using sub-routines, IO-AO structure
- Record and clarify assumptions
- Interrogate the model to test hypotheses

2021 Course dates: 08 - 11 March
17 - 20 May
23 - 26 August
08 - 11 November

Course Structure: 4 half days, 08h30 to 12h30, presented on Zoom, plus online exercises and printable manual

Course Fees: R13 800 plus 15% VAT (R15 870) per delegate. Classes will not exceed 6 people per session

NB: Customised in-house courses are possible and welcomed. Fees, dates and structure are negotiable.

To book, [apply online](#) or email us at registrations@jhbfin.co.za.

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