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on
“Financial Sector in Oman: Developments, Issues, and Prospects”**

Introduction

The financial sector is the lifeline of economic growth of a nation. It generates local savings, which in turn lead to productive investments in local business. It creates prosperity that can be shared throughout society. Financial institutions, markets, instruments and regulatory body are the four important constituents of financial sectors. A solid and well-functioning financial sector is a powerful engine behind economic growth. Hence, financial sector require sound understanding market dynamics and strategic issues to meet the future challenges. This book seeks to bring together contributions in the form of chapters from leading researchers, academics and practitioners in financial sector to provide useful input to develop future plans and strategies in financial sector in Oman.

About the Book

The book aims to explicitly explain achievements, strategic issues, trends, challenges and future scenario in the financial sector in Oman. The book makes for an ideal vehicle for learning and can be used to bring relevance, depth and breadth to all critical aspects related to financial sector in Oman. The book consists of insightful scientific essays authored by scholars and practitioners from financial sector. The proposed publication shall contribute to business education by means of research, critical and theoretical reviews of issues in financial sector in Oman. The book will be published with ISBN and chapters of the book will be indexed by EBSCO host database.

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7	Miscellaneous Topics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Any other topics related to Omani Financial Sector

Target Group

- Policy makers
- Practitioners
- Academicians
- Researchers
- Advanced-level students

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