

**BFC3540 Week 5 Excel Spreadsheet –  
The Capital Market Line**

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Open the Excel File. There are 2 worksheets (Name and EfficientFrontier) in this workbook. The default worksheet when you open the file is **Name**.

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Variance-Covariance Matrix					Mean returns
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YYY	0.02	0.00	0.30	0.03	0.07
ZZZ	0.00	-0.06	0.03	0.10	0.08

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Repeat, assuming that the risk-free rate (i.e constant,  $c$ ) is 6.5 percent.
- ii. **Problem 2:** You are required to calculate the mean, variance, standard deviation, covariance and correlation coefficient for the two portfolios companies (see Week 5 SpreadSheet Movie Efficient Frontier Problem 2).
- iii. **Problem 3:** Use these two portfolios to generate an efficient frontier for the four companies. Once you have populated the data table the efficient frontier is plotted automatically (see Week 5 SpreadSheet Movie Efficient Frontier Problem 3).

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