

FINAN 6800: MSIF

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Pitch Topic: How-To Systematic Strategy

Final Grade: 84% (46.62 / 55.50)

Faculty Feedback:

The team introduced a complex, unfamiliar topic with composure and clarity. The presentation effectively outlined the essential components of a systematic strategy—data inputs, screening criteria, and backtesting parameters—using a clear visual framework and consistent structure.

A brief conceptual overview comparing systematic strategies to fundamental analysis would have strengthened comprehension for the class. Framing the distinction between rule-based execution and discretionary judgment would help peers anchor this new category in familiar terms.

The decision to create a revised template and include appendices for supporting documentation demonstrated initiative and professional judgment. Future sessions on advanced analysis methods would benefit from dedicating a short segment to common misconceptions or early-stage pitfalls, helping the uninitiated avoid overfitting or data-mining tendencies.

Overall, a well-designed and thoughtful presentation that laid a strong foundation for the upcoming systematic strategy pitches.