Financial Statement Analysis

Financial Reporting Quality



Exam Focus

- Reporting quality vs. earnings quality
- Conservative vs. aggressive accounting choices
- Motivations
- Disciplining mechanisms
- Non-GAAP measures
- Choices and estimates
- Warning signs

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Reporting Quality

- Important for the analyst: reliability of the data we are using to forecast future, or assess current, position or performance
- Many examples down the years:
 - Saytam
 - Enron
 - Worldcom
 - Xerox
 - Freddie Mac
 - Lehman Bothers
 - Tesco
- Link here

Review:

SchweserNotes

Schweser Module Videos

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