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Introductions and features

- · The role of global capital markets
- Second course of four in the specialization 'Essentials of Corporate Financial Analysis and Decision-Making'
- Each course is 'self-contained,' yet integrated and connected within the specialization
- Four modules per course
- · Quizzes and reflective assessment
- Corporate 'check-ins' and capstone

Motivation

What/where are those markets?

Why do markets exist?

Who 'drives' the financial markets?

Why do companies need financial markets?

Why do some markets have a bad reputation?



A different angle

- Our starting point is to understand global financial markets from a corporation's perspective – efficiency of its business operations and financial decision-making
- Sound financial decision-making requires knowledge and understanding of capital markets
- Who's interested?
 - Analysts and managers

Core business of our corporation

- Buying (importing) grains to process into cereals
- Exporting cereals overseas
- · Producing cereals overseas
- Borrowing short-term money to streamline cash flow
- Borrowing long-term money to finance takeovers (Pringles)
- Issuing new, or repurchasing outstanding shares





Liabilities		
(\$USD millions)	2014	2013
Current liabilities		
Current maturities of long-term debt	607	289
Notes payable	828	739
Accounts payable	1,528	1,432
Other current liabilities	1,401	1,375
Total current liabilities	4,364	3,835
Non-current liabilities		
Long-term debt	5,935	6,330
Deferred income taxes	726	928
Pension liability	777	277
Other liabilities	500	497
Total Non-current Liabilities	7,938	8,032
Total liabilities	12,302	11,867

Definition of a capital/financial market

Financial markets provide financial intermediation between surplus units (investors/lenders) and deficit units (borrowers) to more efficiently allocate scarce capital.

Global capital markets are traditionally located in financial centers, but are becoming increasingly virtual, thereby:

- · Improving global access to capital
- · Increasing investment opportunities.





Global capital markets

- · Equity market
- Debt market (money/bond markets)
- Foreign exchange market
- · Commodity market
- Derivatives market



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