

Basics of Financial Markets

Introduction

Financial markets allow people and institutions to trade financial securities, commodities, and other fungible items of value at low transaction costs.

Stock Market

The stock market enables companies to raise capital by issuing shares and provides investors with ownership stakes in firms.

Bonds

Bonds are fixed-income instruments representing loans made by an investor to a borrower, usually corporate or governmental.

Banking

Banks provide financial services such as accepting deposits, offering loans, and facilitating payment systems.