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Recitation 1
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A black and white photograph of the MIT Sloan School of Management building. The building has a modern design with many windows and a glass facade. In the foreground, there is a small garden area with a pine tree and some rocks. A red rectangular overlay covers the right side of the image, containing the text.

MODULE 1: FINANCIAL ASSETS

Financial Assets

- (1) **Bank deposits** partially insured, typically there are no restrictions on withdrawals
- (2) **Certificates of deposit (CD)** fixed term, fixed interest rate
- (3) **Commercial paper** unsecured, short-term firm debt, rated by credit agencies
- (4) **Treasury securities:** government sells securities in auctions after which they can be traded in secondary markets.
 - *Treasury Bills, Notes, and Bonds*
 - < 1 year
 - 2 - 10 years
 - > 10 years
- (5) **Corporate bonds** firm debt
- (6) **Stocks** equity, represents the ownership of a fraction of a corporation.
- (7) **Derivative securities** value is derived from an underlying assets, used to manage risks and make bets





MODULE 2:

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

Financial Institutions

- (1) Commercial banks** deposits, loans, credit cards, investment products
- (2) Savings and Loans (S&Ls)** emphasis on the residential mortgage loans
 - helps firm/gov issue securities to raise capital by underwriting or acting as the clients
 - helps firms involved in mergers and acquisitions by advising them and providing capital
 - brokerage and asset management
 - unlike commercial banks, investment banks do not take deposits. most large banks have both commercial and investment banking divisions.
- (3) Investment banks**
- (4) Insurance companies**
- (5) Investment funds**
 - *Mutual funds, Exchange-traded funds (ETFs), Hedge funds, Private equity funds*
 - limiting risk exposure
 - invests in private companies
 - engaged in buyouts of public companies





MODULE 3: GROSS AND NET RETURN

Definitions

- **Definition of Gross Return:**

$$\text{Gross Return} = \frac{\text{Future Value}}{\text{Current Value}}$$

- **Definition of Net Return:**

$$\text{Net Return} = \frac{\text{Future Value} - \text{Current Value}}{\text{Current Value}}$$

$$= \frac{\text{Future Value}}{\text{Current Value}} - 1 = \text{Gross Return} - 1$$



Example

- Purchased apartment for \$200,000. Suppose the future value of this apartment is \$300,000. What is the gross and net return on this purchase?

$$\text{Gross Return} = \frac{\$300,000}{\$200,000} = 150\%.$$

$$\text{Net Return} = \frac{\$300,000 - \$200,000}{\$200,000} = 50\%.$$



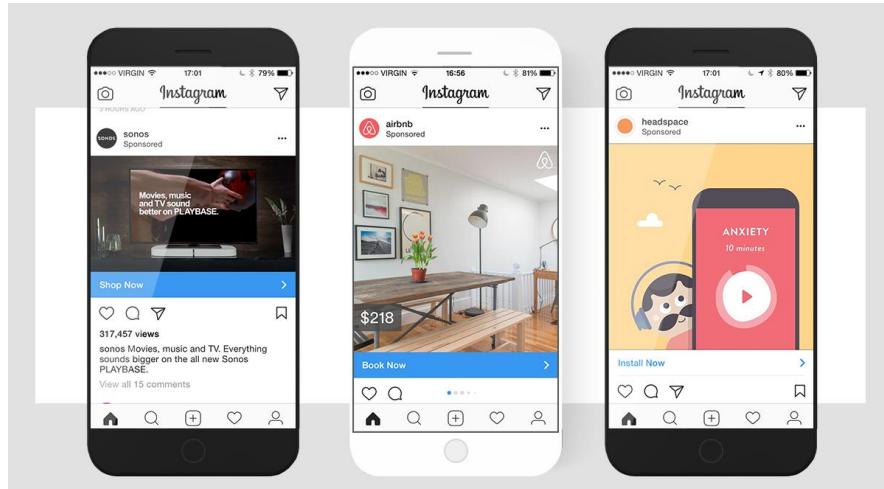


MODULE 4: TRADING MECHANICS

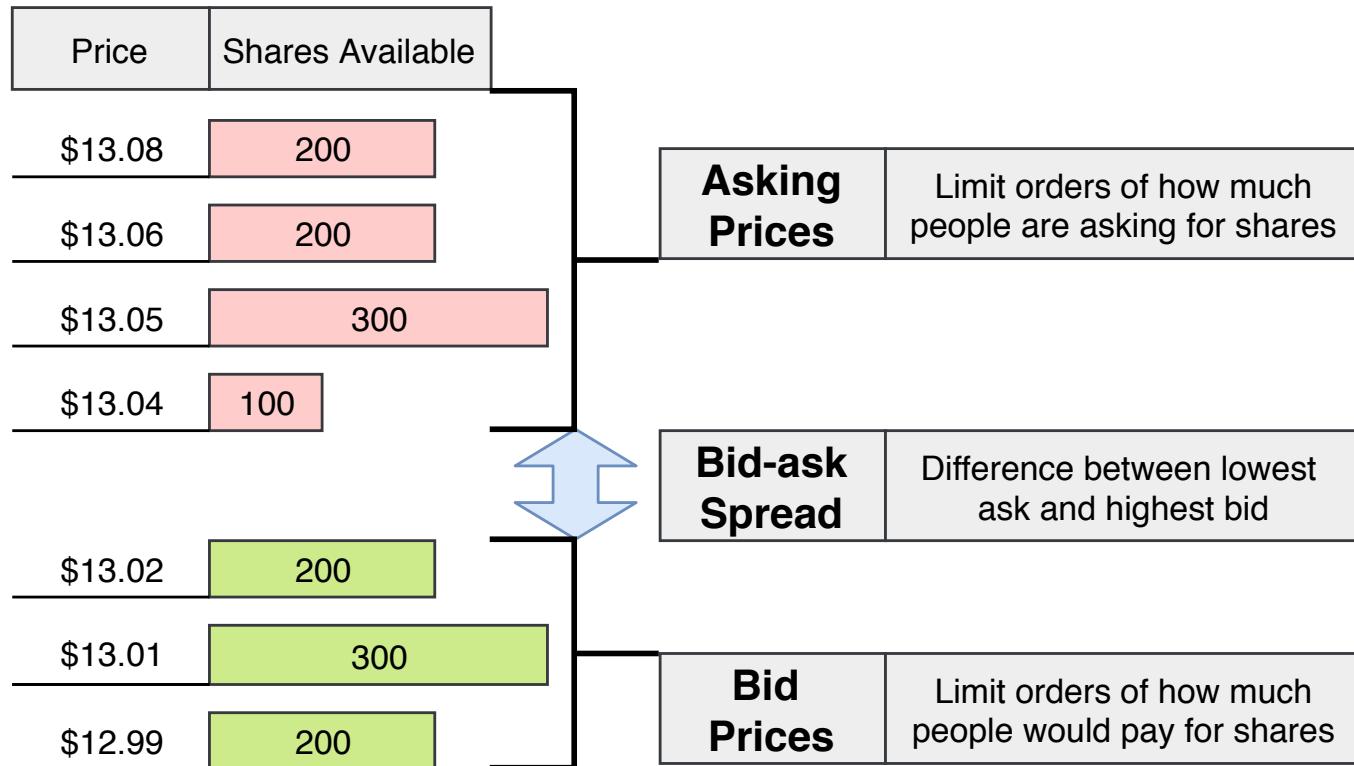


Trading Mechanics

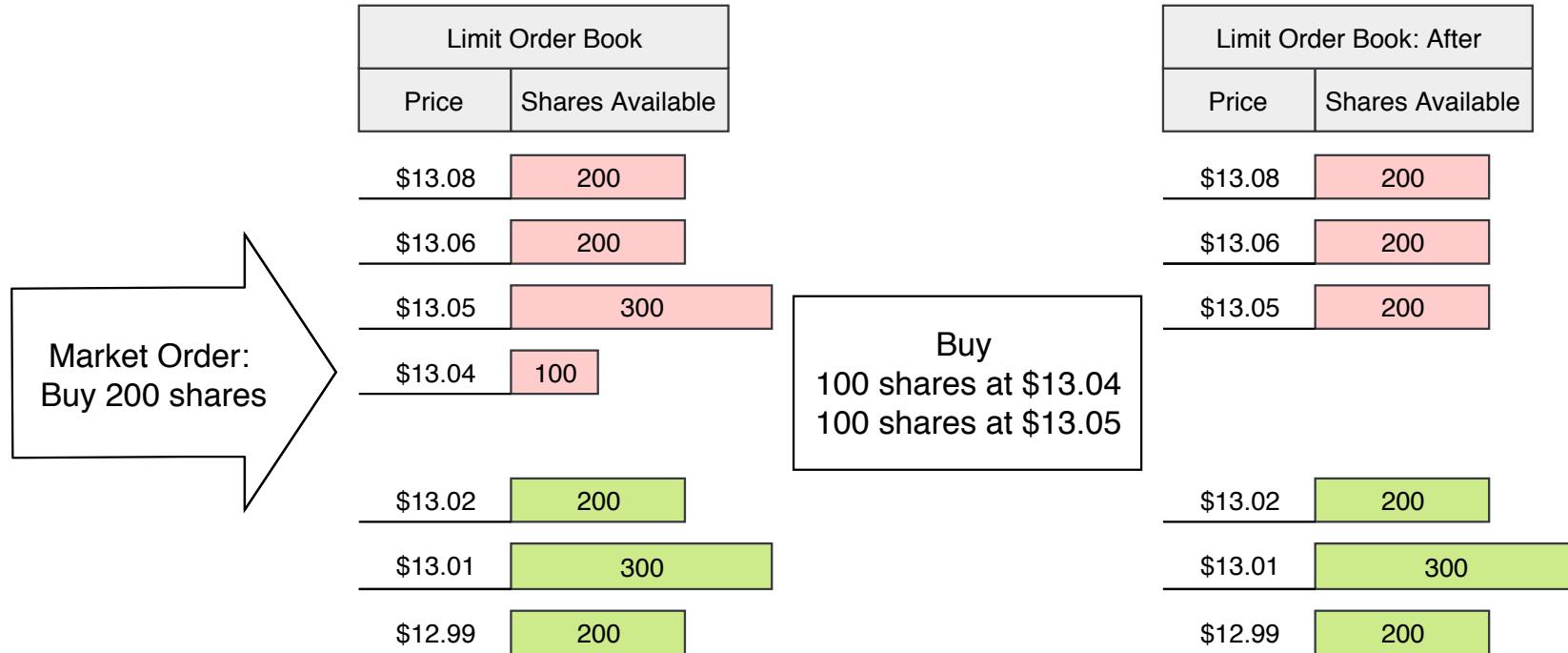
- Suppose you want to trade 100 shares of Uber
- Two ways of doing it:
 1. Place an ad:
Limit order
 2. Respond to an ad:
Market order



Limit Order Book

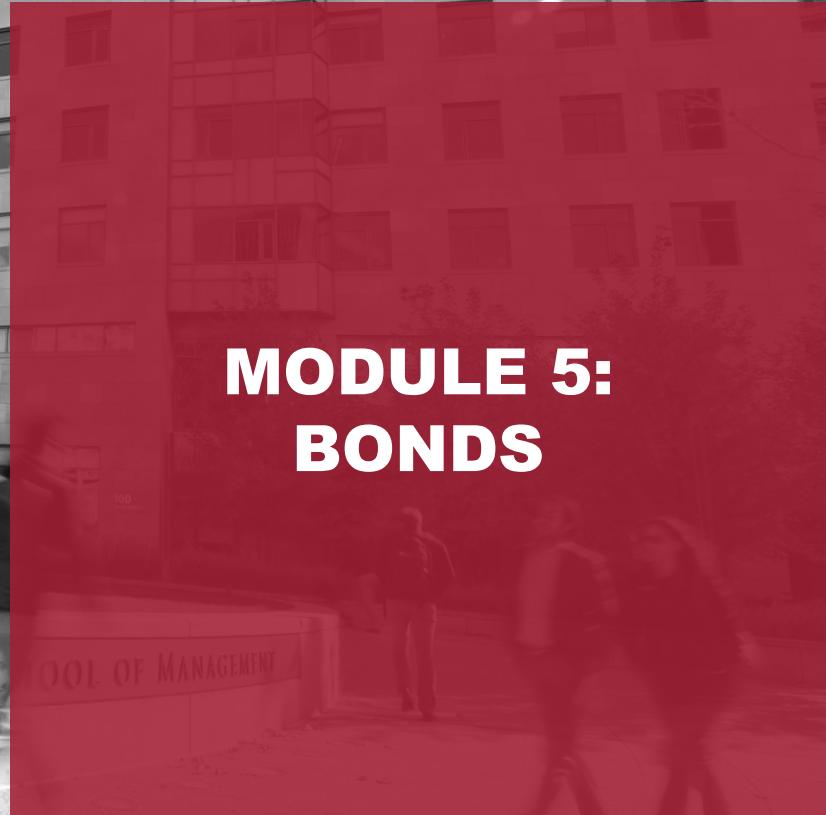


Market Order





MODULE 5: BONDS

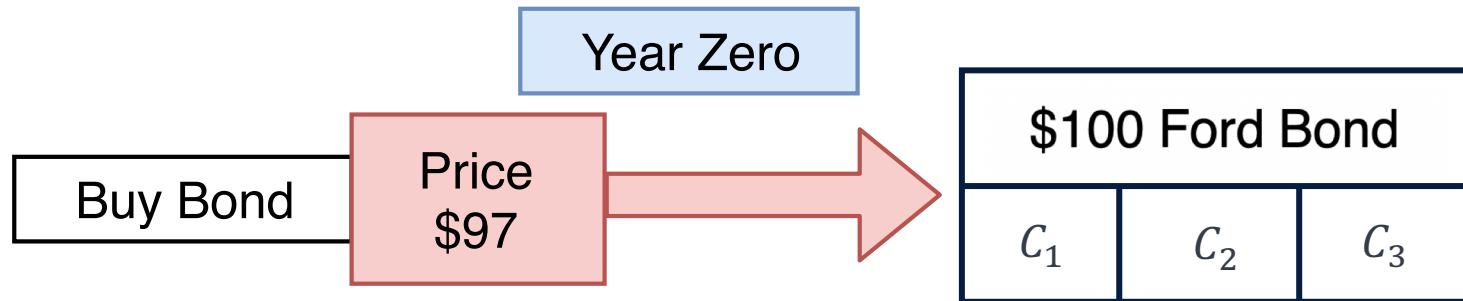


Bonds

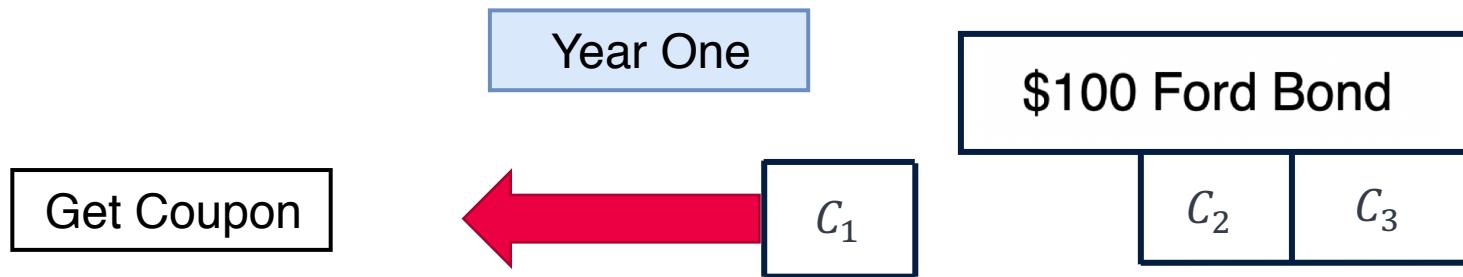
- A bond is a promise to pay a fixed amount of money
- Example: \$100 Ford Bond
 - Current price: \$97
 - Term: Three years
 - Coupon: Interest that the bond pays.
 - Assume interest is paid annually.



Bonds



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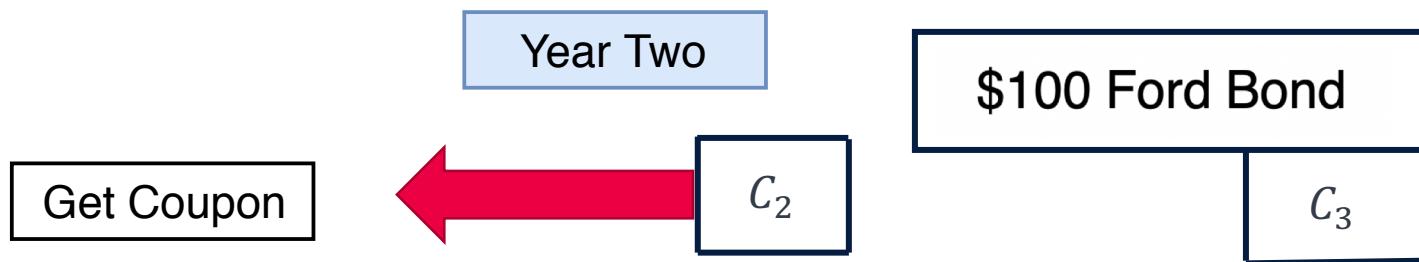


If coupon rate is 1%, then

$$C_1 = 1\% \times FV = 1\% \times \$100 = \$1$$



Bonds



If coupon rate is 1%, then

$$C_2 = 1\% \times FV = 1\% \times \$100 = \$1$$



Bonds



If coupon rate is 1%, then

$$C_3 = 1\% \times FV = 1\% \times \$100 = \$1$$

Last cash flow: $FV + C_3 = \$100 + \$1 = \$101$





MODULE 6: EXPECTED RETURN AND VOLATILITY

Expected Return and Volatility

- Example: Nikola (NASDAQ: NKLA)
 - Current price: \$32
 - Future price is a random variable. Suppose it has the following probability distribution in one year:

Probability	Price in one year
10%	\$150
60%	\$20
30%	\$2



Expected Return

1. Compute net return in each state:

Probability	Price in one year	Net return
10%	\$150	$(150-32)/32=368.75\%$
60%	\$20	$(20-32)/32=-37.5\%$
30%	\$2	$(2-32)/32=-93.75\%$

2. Expected return by definition:

$$10\% \times 368.75\% + 60\% \times (-37.5\%) + 30\% \times (-93.75\%) = -13.75\%$$



Expected Return

- An alternative approach to compute expected return:

$$\text{Expected price} = 10\% \times \$150 + 60\% \times \$20 + 30\% \times \$2 = \$27.6$$

- Expected net return:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Expected return} &= \frac{\text{Expected price} - \text{Current price}}{\text{Current Price}} \\ &= \frac{\$27.6 - \$32.0}{\$32.0} = -13.75\%\end{aligned}$$



Volatility

- **Definition:**

$$Var[r] = E[(r - E(r))^2] = \sum p_i (r_i - E(r))^2$$

- **Variance of returns for NKLA:**

$$\begin{aligned} Var[r] &= \sum p_i (r_i - E(r))^2 = \\ &= 10\% \times (368.75\% - (-13.75\%))^2 + \\ &\quad + 60\% \times (-37.5\% - (-13.75\%))^2 + \\ &\quad + 30\% \times (-93.75\% - (-13.75\%))^2 = \\ &= 1.69 \end{aligned}$$



Volatility

- Standard deviation is a squared root of variance.

$$\text{SD}[r] = \sqrt{1.69} = 1.3 = 130\%.$$

- Standard deviation is what we typically refer to as volatility of returns.
- For Nikola, volatility of returns over the next year is 130%.

