🎁 How to Get Started

Dear Mauricio,

Your father has created this complete financial modeling course as a gift for you. Here's how to set it up on your computer in Brussels.

📥 Step 1: Sync This Folder to Your Computer

Since this is already in Google Drive, you have two options:

Option A: Google Drive Desktop (Recommended)

1. **Install Google Drive Desktop** on your Windows PC
    - Download: https://www.google.com/drive/download/
2. **Sign in** with your Google account
3. **Right-click this folder** ("2025. CURSO FINANCIAL MODELING MAU")
4. Select **"Available offline"**
5. The folder will sync to: `G:\My Drive\2025. CURSO FINANCIAL MODELING MAU`

Option B: Download as ZIP

1. **Right-click this folder** in Google Drive web
2. Select **"Download"**
3. **Extract** to your PC (e.g., `C:\Users\YourName\Documents\FinancialModeling`)

🚀 Step 2: Start Learning!

Once the folder is on your computer:

1. **Open the folder** in File Explorer

2. **Double-click:** `START_HERE.md`

    - This opens in a text editor
    - Read your father's personal message ❤️
    - Follow the complete learning path

3. **Next, read:** `QUICK_START_GUIDE.md`

    - 30-minute setup for VS Code, Python, Git
    - Everything you need to begin

4. **Then follow the modules** as outlined in START_HERE.md

💡 Important: GitHub Copilot Subscription

Your father **strongly recommends** subscribing to GitHub Copilot ($10/month):

- Essential for this course (70% of the value)
- 30-day free trial to start
- Saves hours of work
- Worth every cent for your PE career

Setup during Module 1 - instructions included in QUICK_START_GUIDE.md

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📁 What's in This Folder

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📁  2025. CURSO FINANCIAL MODELING MAU/
│
├── 📄  START_HERE.md ⭐  Begin here! Personal letter from your father
├── 📄  QUICK_START_GUIDE.md → Then this — 30-min setup
├── 📄  HOW_TO_GET_STARTED.md → You are reading this now
├── 📄  README.md → Complete course overview
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├── 📁  Tutorials/ ⭐  5 hands-on VS Code tutorials (COMPLETE FIRST!)
│   ├── 01_VS_Code_Basics.md (2-3 hrs)
│   ├── 02_GitHub_Copilot_Hands_On.md (3-4 hrs)
│   ├── 03_VS_Code_Data_Analysis.md (2-3 hrs)
│   ├── 04_Building_DCF_with_VS_Code.md (3-4 hrs)
│   └── 05_VS_Code_Power_User.md (2-3 hrs)
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├── 📁  Module_01_Setup/ → Environment setup
├── 📁  Module_02_Python_Fundamentals/ → Python basics
├── 📁  Module_03_Data_Analysis/ → Pandas & data
├── 📁  Module_04_DCF_Modeling/ → Valuation models
├── 📁  Module_05_LBO_Modeling/ → PE buyout analysis
├── 📁  Module_06_MA_Analysis/ → M&A models
├── 📁  Module_07_PE_Modeling/ → PE fund modeling
├── 📁  Module_08_Advanced_Topics/ → Monte Carlo, ML, APIs
└── 📁  Module_09_Projects/ → Real-world case studies

Each module contains:
- .md files (lessons with theory and examples)
- .pdf files (same content, for reading offline)
- solutions.py (working code examples)
- Special files (celebration scripts, model templates)
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🎯 Your Learning Journey

Recommended Path:

1. **Week 1-2: Tutorials & Setup** (Foundation)

   - Tutorial 01: VS Code Basics → Master your editor
   - Tutorial 02: Git & Copilot → Version control + AI

      ○ Module 01-02: Setup + Python fundamentals

2. **Week 2-3: Data & First Model** (Building Skills)

      ○ Tutorial 03: Data Analysis → Pandas mastery

      ○ Tutorial 04: DCF Building → Your first valuation

      ○ Module 03-04: Data analysis + DCF modeling

3. **Week 4-5: Advanced Models** (PE Focus)

      ○ Module 05: LBO modeling (PERFECT for PE Club!)

      ○ Module 06-07: M&A + PE fund analysis

4. **Week 6-8: Mastery & Portfolio** (Professional Level)

      ○ Tutorial 05: Power User → Advanced techniques

      ○ Module 08: Advanced topics (ML, APIs, automation)

      ○ Module 09: Real-world projects

Total time commitment: 40-50 hours (your pace, your schedule) **Outcome:** Professional Python + finance skills, GitHub portfolio

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✨ Special Notes

1. **Keep files in sync:**

      ○ If using Google Drive Desktop, changes auto-sync

      ○ Your progress is always backed up

      ○ Can access from anywhere

2. **Watch for surprises:**

      ○ Your father hid special messages throughout

      ○ Run the Python files when instructed

      ○ You'll love them! 🎁

3. **Stay organized:**

      ○ Complete modules in order

      ○ Run exercises as you learn

      ○ Commit to GitHub (you'll learn how)

🆘 Need Help?

1. **Read the module files** - Very detailed explanations
2. **Use GitHub Copilot** - AI assistant (subscribe!)
3. **Check solutions** - Every module has example code
4. **Ask your father** - He built this and knows it inside-out!

🌟 Ready to Begin?

Next step: Open `START_HERE.md` and read your father's message.

This course will transform your PE career at PE Club.

From México to Brussels with love! 🇲🇽 🇧🇪

¡Vamos Mauricio! 🚀

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