# **Empirical Asset Pricing**

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# **Reading List**

This reading list is provisional and will be updated.

#### The textbooks are:

- John H. Cochrane, *Asset Pricing* (revised edition), Princeton University Press, Princeton 2006. In the reading list I will refer to this book as **Cochrane**
- John Y. Campbell, Andrew W. Lo, and A. Craig MacKinlay, *The Econometrics of Financial Markets*, Princeton University Press, Princeton, 1997. I will refer to this book as **CLM**
- Huang, C.F., and R.H. Litzenberger (1988), Foundations for Financial Economics, Prentice-Hall. I will refer to this book as **HL**

All the readings in this list are required.

When I denote a reading by \*, I will assume knowledge of the intuition and main results (which you can often, but not always, draw from the Introduction and Conclusion, if it is an article). The other readings are the most important ones. You will need to have a very good grasp of the entire content.

# **Introduction:** Efficient Market Hypothesis

CLM, chapter 1

Fama, Eugene, 1991, Efficient capital markets: II, Journal of Finance 46, 1575-1617

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Testing Asset Pricing Models: Overview

Cochrane, chapters 7, 12, 14, 15, 16

HL, chapter 10

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Daniel, Kent and Sheridan Titman, 1997, Evidence on the characteristics of cross-sectional variation in stock returns, *Journal of Finance* 52, 1-33

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- \* Hong, Harrison and Jeremy Stein, 1999, A Unified Theory of Underreaction, Momentum Trading, and Overreaction in Asset Markets, *Journal of Finance* 54, 2143-2184

\* Moskowitz, Tobias and Mark Grinblatt, 1999, Do Industries Explain Momentum?, *Journal of Finance* 54, 1249-1290

Ang, Andrew, Bob Hodrick, Yuhang Xing, and Xiaoyan Zhang, 2009, "High Idiosyncratic Volatility and Low Returns: International and Further U.S. Evidence" Journal of Financial Economics, 91, 1, 1-23

Stambaugh RF, Yu J, Yuan Y., 2015, Arbitrage asymmetry and the idiosyncratic volatility puzzle. Journal of Finance 70(5), 1903-48.

- \* Frazzini, Andrea and Lasse Heje Pedersen, 2014, "Betting Against Beta,". Journal of Financial Economics
- \* Fama, Eugene F., and Kenneth R. French, 2015, "A five-factor asset pricing model." Journal of Financial Economics 116.1, 1-22.
- \* Fama, Eugene F., and Kenneth R. French, 2016, "Dissecting anomalies with a five-factor model." Review of Financial Studies 29.1, 69-103.
- \* McLean, R. David, and Jeffrey Pontiff, 2016, Does academic research destroy stock return predictability? Journal of Finance 71.1: 5-32.

# Conditional asset pricing: tests and critiques

Jagannathan, Ravi and Zhenyu Wang, 1996, The conditional CAPM and the cross-section of stock returns. *Journal of Finance* 51, 3-53

Lettau, Martin and Sydney Ludvigson, 2001, Resurrecting the (C)CAPM: A cross-sectional test when risk premia are time varying, *Journal of Political Economy* 109, 1238 – 1287

Cochrane, chapters 8, 9, and 13

Lewellen, J., and S. Nagel, 2006, The Conditional CAPM Does Not Explain Asset Pricing Anomalies, *Journal of Financial Economics*, November

# Liquidity and liquidity risk in asset pricing

Amihud, Yakov, Haim Mendelson, and Lasse H. Pedersen, 2005, Liquidity and asset prices, *Foundations and Trends in Finance* 1(4), 269–364.

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\*Acharya, Viral V., and Lasse H. Pedersen, 2005, Asset pricing with liquidity risk, *Journal of Financial Economics* 77, 375–410.

\*Sadka, Ronnie, 2006, Momentum and post-earnings-announcement drift anomalies: The

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### Limits to arbitrage

# <u>Theory</u>

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\*Vayanos, Dimitri, and Paul Woolley, 2013, An institutional theory of momentum and reversal *Review of Financial Studies* 26 (5), 1087–1145.

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Brunnermeier, Markus K., and Stefan Nagel, 2004, Hedge Funds and the Technology Bubble, Journal of Finance 59(5), 2013-2040.

Ben-David, I., Francesco Franzoni, and Rabih Moussawi, Hedge fund stock trading in the financial crisis of 2007-2009", Review of Financial Studies, 2012, 25(1), pp. 1-54

Aragon, George O., and Phillip Strahan, 2012, Hedge funds as liquidity providers: Evidence from the Lehman bankruptcy, Journal of Financial Economics 103, 570 – 587.

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