

Module Balance Sheet Management

About this module

This module provides participants insight in how institutional investors, such as pension funds and insurers, run their balance sheets. Balance sheet management encompasses optimizing multiple strategic objectives by managing the key balance sheet risks, such as interest rate, liquidity, inflation, funding and currency risks. After completing this module, you will be able to design and evaluate balance sheet management programs, as well as understand the most important financial instruments and strategies institutional investors use in their investment practice.

Content

Balance sheet management requires a thorough understanding of the strategic objectives, constraints, the regulatory environment and future challenges of various types of institutional investors. Balance sheet objectives and risks are subsequently translated into a deeper understanding of the key risk exposures of these investors. Risks can be managed on either side of the balance sheet, with a dominant role for dynamic investment strategies and financial derivatives to alter the balance sheet's risk profile. Participants get to test their knowledge by addressing realistic balance sheet management case studies.

Topics

- Getting to know various types of institutional investors, their regulatory environment, key objectives and risks
- Translating the key balance sheet risks into investment and risk management objectives
- The effectiveness of investment solutions, dynamic strategies and financial derivatives to manage the key balance sheet risks
- Real-life case studies for a number of different institutional investors

Learning objectives

- Gaining insight into various types of institutional investors, their stakeholders and requirements with respect to balance sheet management
- Translating top-down balance sheet management approach into investment strategy
- Understanding the importance of consistency in the process from ALM study to implementing investment solutions
- Getting to know the future of balance sheet management as a result of the new Dutch pension reform act
- Understanding the interaction between investment management, insurance risk, capital management and ALM for insurers
- Understanding which instruments and strategies contribute to sound balance sheet management
- Identifying, managing and monitoring key risks and risk synergies in balance sheet management and instruments used in balance sheet management
- Understanding how to implement balance sheet management by focusing on real-life cases for various types of institutions

Designed for you?

Ideally you are a mid to senior career professional.

Typically you work as:

- investment manager
- portfolio manager
- risk manager
- investment administrator
- investment advisor
- fiduciary manager
- client manager
- analyst
- researcher

Participants could also work in a capacity of trustee, work for a regulatory authority or hold a supervisory position.

Study load & Format

The module will require 10 weeks of 10-12 hours of study load, including classes. This will vary according to your pre-education and work experience.

You are expected to attend in-class lectures at VU Amsterdam, which are supported by pre-readings and pre-assignments. A variety of teaching styles, such as lecturing, guest lecturing, individual homework and assignments, group assignments, case studies, group presentations and essay writing will be used.

Classes & Lecturers

Monday October 30, 2023 (19.30 – 20.30h)

Online introduction

Monday November 6, 2023 (15:00 – 21:00h)

Introduction to balance sheet management

by Bart Oldenkamp

Monday November 20, 2023 (15:00 – 21:00h)

Balance sheet management for insurers

by Marc Meertens

Monday December 4, 2023 (15:00 – 21:00h)

Balance sheet management for pension funds

by Rimmert Koekkoek

Monday December 18, 2023 (15:00 – 21:00h)

Investment solutions for balance sheet management

by Bart Oldenkamp & Guest lecturer

Wednesday January 31, 2024

Deadline Assignment

Registration & Admission

If you would like to apply for this module, or the complete RBA program, a short motivation letter and resume are required. Admission will be based upon your pre-education and the level of relevant work experience.

Please send your application to:
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