

EDITORIAL

Dear readers!

The recent issue of the journal Risk Governance and Control: Financial Markets and Institutions pays attention to issues of risk management, audit, financial performance, foreign direct investment and financial sector development etc. More detailed issues are given below.

Hugh Grove and Mac Clouse think that risk management should be a key concern of board members to enhance corporate governance in any organization. Eleven key numbers, ratios, and models were advocated in their paper for risk management analyses, including an analysis of their variability with graphs. They are applied to Kaisa, a Chinese property developer, located in Shenzhen but incorporated with limited liability in the Cayman Islands. *D.P. van der Nest, Louis Smidt and Dave Lubbe* explore the purpose of the use of generalised audit software as a data analytics tool by internal audit functions in the locally controlled banking industry of South Africa. The evolution of the traditional internal audit methodology of collecting audit evidence through the conduct of interviews, the completion of questionnaires, and by testing controls on a sample basis, is long overdue, and such practice in the present technological, data-driven era will soon render such an internal audit function obsolete. *Houda Ben Said, Rim Zouari-Hadji and Abdelfettah Bouri* empirically investigate the impact of mergers and acquisitions on French bank performance. Performance is measured by potential gains in efficiency and value creation. *Shame Mugova* focuses on firm growth in terms of how much assets it controls and BRICS is chosen as the empirical medium of investigation. The impact financial sector development on firm growth amongst 3353 listed firms in BRICS countries is investigated using a GMM estimation technique. *Liliana Raquel R. Silva and Luís M. P. Gomes* investigate the influence of a set of variables in the composition of the financial structure of Portuguese Start-Ups. The methodology used is based on a cross-sectional data, integrating multivariate regressions (Logit, Tobit, and OLS), enriched by panel data analysis. *Collins C Ngwakwe* analyses the employment risk-effect of foreign direct investment (FDI) inflow in South Africa for the periods 1991 to 2014. The paper is an attempt to contribute to the growing debate on the role of FDI in economic development, but specifically on employment. *Hossein Fakhari, Seyed and Mohamad Fahimi* examine the mediating effect of financial performance on the relationship between intellectual capital and market share in the listed Companies in the Tehran Stock Exchange in this study to assess the intellectual capital, the rate of value-added intellectual capital that developed by Pulic (1998) is used. *Wanjiru Gachie* makes the analysis of project risk management involving a project management institutional restructuring. The pragmatic nature of this research allows for the literature review and the document analysis to be integrated and presented as both a descriptive and analytical research.

We hope that you will enjoy reading the journal and in future we will receive new papers, outlining the most important issues and best practices of risk governance!