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1. Journal Initiatives

1.1 Journal Visibility
The visibility of the journal has been steadily increasing since 2015. Importantly, journal articles have been downloaded by researchers all over the world, with the USA, UK, China, Australia, Netherlands, Germany, Canada, Taiwan, and India each contributing >2% to article downloads in 2018.
SSCI Citations (manually calculated by us)
As of April 2019, the average number of SSCI citations to an article published in the FR during 2017-2018 was 0.43. This is similar to the average for JFR (0.47) but lower than the average for the FM (1.00), during the same period. This is different from the SSCI journal impact factor, which is calculated as the number of citations in a particular year to articles published in the previous two years.

1.2 Accelerated Review Process
In March 2016, we instituted the Accelerated Review option for submissions. During 2018, we processed 18 papers that were submitted as part of the accelerated review policy. This constituted approximately 12% of our original submissions in 2018. Of these, we have rejected 12 submissions, and accepted or gave a minor R&R for 6 submissions. The rejection rate (66.7%) is lower than the rate for normal submissions (75%).

1.3 Best Paper Awards
We awarded best paper awards for 2018 based on polls of two groups: The FR Editorial Board and EFA/FR members. The recipients were

Winner of the FR Editorial Board Best Paper Award
"Corporate Governance and Firm Survival"
Authors: Sinan Goktan, Rabih Moussawi, Robert Kieschnick

Winner of the Best Paper Award Selected by EFA/FR Participants (tie)
"Short Sale Constraints and Single Stock Futures Introductions"
Author: Louis Gagnon

and

"Director Networks and Credit Ratings"
Authors: Bradley Benson, Subramanian Iyer, Kris Kemper, and Jing Zhao

1.4 Outstanding Reviewer Awards
The Editors selected two reviewers for the Outstanding Reviewer Award. This award is given based on the number and quality of reviews. The recipients for 2018 are:

Joel Vanden, Penn State University (AE)
Yiuman Tse, U. of Missouri, St. Louis (AE)
2. Journal Activity

2.1 Journal Activity Jan 1, 2018 to Dec 31 2018

2.1.1 Papers Submitted

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<th>Total number of manuscripts processed in 2018</th>
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2.1.2 Decisions Rendered as of March 4, 2019, for all Submissions in 2018

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<td>Total number of manuscripts</td>
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<td>In process</td>
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<td>3 2.0</td>
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<td>Accepted</td>
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2.1.3 Turn Around Time for all Manuscripts Submitted in 2018

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<th>Paper Submission to Reviewer Selection</th>
<th>Reviewer Selection to Reviewer Assignment</th>
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<td>Median #Days</td>
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<td>0.9</td>
<td>42.3</td>
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2.1.4 Author Location for New Submissions in 2018 (excluding revisions)
Total number of countries: 28

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<th>Number of authors</th>
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<td>USA (including Puerto Rico)</td>
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<td>North America excluding USA</td>
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<td>Europe</td>
<td>87</td>
<td>23.8%</td>
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<td>Asia/Australia/NZ</td>
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<td>17.0%</td>
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<td>Africa/South America</td>
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<td>Total</td>
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2.1.5 Reviewer Location for New Submissions in 2018 (excluding revisions)
Total number of countries: 21

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<td>North America excluding USA</td>
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<td>Europe</td>
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<td>Asia/Australia/NZ</td>
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2.2 Issues Published
Four issues published in 2018 - February, May, August, November
Total number of articles - 22
Total number of pages - 792

2.3 Papers under review as of April 2019

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<td>Papers in process with authors</td>
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<td>Minor revision</td>
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We have (a) published six papers in the Feb 2019 issue and five papers in the May 2019 issue, (b) assigned five papers each to the Aug 2019 and Nov 2019 issues, and have five other accepted papers. The pipeline looks good, we seem to be attracting good quality papers from all over the world.
3. Revised Editorial Board

In accordance with our continuation to a second term as editors, we’ve made some changes to the editorial board. No changes were made to the advisory editors.

3.1 Advisory Editors

Gordon Alexander, John Spooner Chair in Investment Management and Professor of Finance, Carlson School of Management, University of Minnesota

Douglas Emery, Professor of Finance and Bank of America Scholar, School of Business Administration, University of Miami

Stephen Ferris, J.H. Rogers Chair of Money, Credit and Banking and Professor of Finance, Trulaske College of Business, University of Missouri

Mark Flannery, Bank of America Eminent Scholar in Finance, Warrington College of Business Administration, University of Florida

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Paul Schultz, John W. and Maude Clark Professor of Finance, Mendoza College of Business, University of Notre Dame

3.2 Associate Editors

New additions to the editorial board

Elena Asparouhova, Professor of Finance, University of Utah

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Spencer Martin, Professor of Finance, University of Melbourne, Australia

Shawn Mobbs, Associate Professor of Finance, University of Alabama

Rajesh Narayanan, C. C. Cameron Professorship in Finance #3 and Associate Professor of Finance, Louisiana State University

Ozde Oztekin, Knight Ridder Center Research Fellow and Associate Professor Florida International University

Michael S. Pagano, The Robert J. and Mary Ellen Darretta Endowed Chair in Finance and Professor of Finance, Villanova University

Ramesh Rao, Professor and Paul C. Wise Chair in Finance, Oklahoma State University

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Silvio Vismara, Associate Professor of Finance, University of Bergamo, Italy

Joel Vanden, Associate Professor of Finance, Penn State University

Donghang Zhang, Associate Professor of Finance, University of South Carolina