Handbook of Solvency for Actuaries and Risk Managers: Theory and Practice (Chapman Hall/Crc Finance Series)

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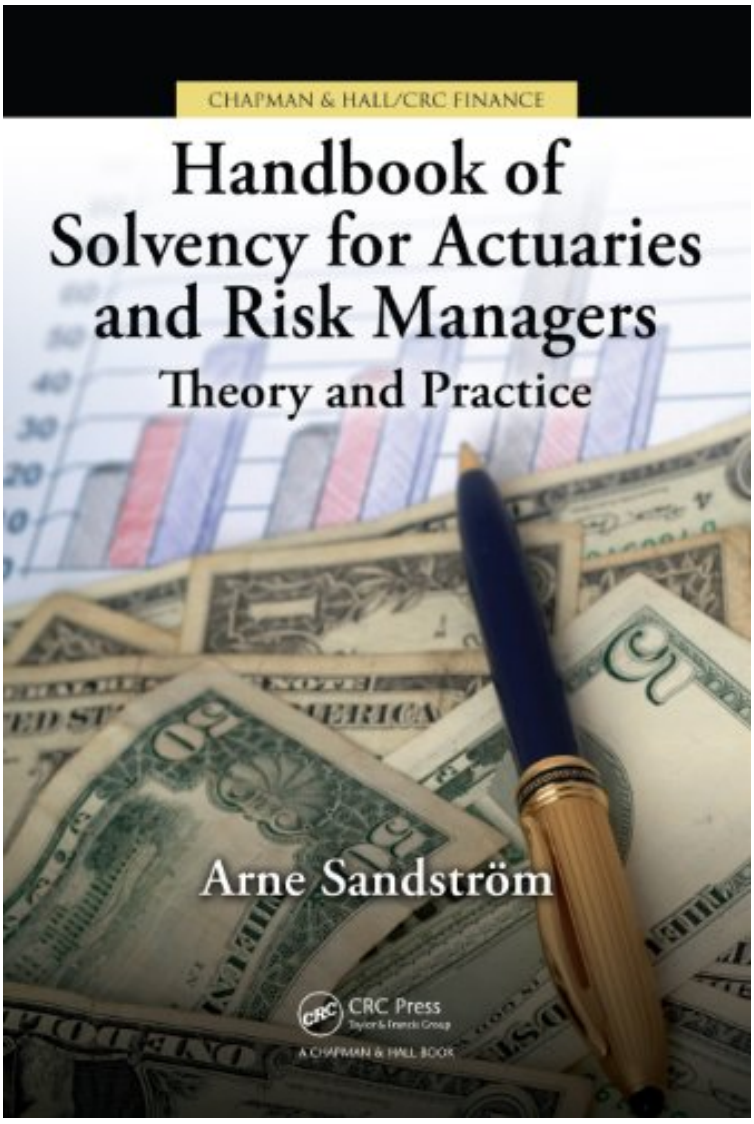

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Arne Sandstrouml;m : Handbook of Solvency for Actuaries and Risk Managers: Theory and Practice (Chapman Hall/Crc Finance Series) before purchasing it in order to gage whether or not it would be worth my time, and all praised Handbook of Solvency for Actuaries and Risk Managers: Theory and Practice (Chapman Hall/Crc Finance Series):

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better.The title of this books sound interesting and appropriate, given the huge demand (both regulatory and business needs) for Solvency II and economic capital calculation and (risk) capital analysis in the insurance sector. Despite its title, ldquo;Handbook of Solvency for Actuaries and Risk Managers: Theory and Practicerdquo;, the author missed out on providing real value on the ldquo;Practicerdquo;. That is, the implementation aspects, especially for managers. I feel the main focus on the book has been on the theory and little on practical applications: implementation and measurement. For example, on each of the areas of (or models for) Solvency II modeling (or economic capital modeling), the author could have provide sample data input, key parameters, key model assumptions, key model drivers and output. This approach would have been valuable for risk managers, executives, and analysts entering the field. Instead, the book provides lots of theory and regurgitates information on Solvency II regulation, formulae and history behind those, focusing almost exclusively on theory.I would say that the section that regurgitates the Solvency II policy could be useful to those that want this information laid out in a book for them. I welcome this inclusion in the appendix but the heart of the book should have included implementation and measurement as mentioned above. That truly would have made this book a real ldquo;Handbookrdquo; on Solvency II.A missed opportunity!

Reflecting the authorrsquo;s wealth of experience in this field, Handbook of Solvency for Actuaries and Risk Managers: Theory and Practice focuses on the valuation of assets and liabilities, the calculation of capital requirement, and the calculation of the standard formula for the European Solvency II project.The first three sections of the book examine the solvency concept, historical development, and the role of solvency in an enterprise risk management approach. The text provides a general discussion on valuation, investment, and capital, along with modeling and measuring. It also covers dependence, risk measures, capital requirements, subrisks, aggregation, the main risks market, and credit, operational, liquidity, and underwriting risks.The last three sections focus on the European Solvency II project. Basing the material on CEIOPS final advice, the author presents the general ideas, valuation, investments, and funds of this project as well as the standard formula framework. He also includes all calibrations from previous quantitative impact studies and discusses the political progress of the project.A one-stop shop for actuaries and risk managers, this handbook offers a complete overview of solvency and the European Solvency II standard formula. It gives a clear definition and broad historical review of solvency and incorporates a comprehensive discussion of the theory behind the calculation of the capital requirement. Updates on solvency projects and issues are available at www.SolvencyII.nu

hellip;this book is a must for any actuary and risk manager in insurance. It gives a comprehensive overview on all the relevant material concerning Solvency II. This makes the book also valuable for researchers working in risk management. Many graphs illustrate the theoretical background. Simple explanations are given, and most formulae are without proof. This makes it understandable for anybody working in the field. An extensive list of references gives more material. In particular, a researcher may find there hints to the proofs and the background theory behind the formulae.?Hanspeter Schmidli, Zentralblatt MATH 1209 As an actuary working in a risk team with predominantly non-actuaries, I was interested in reviewing this book from two angles. Firstly, could there really be that much to write about solvency (it is a hefty volume) and secondly, would my non-actuarial colleagues find it useful in practice? hellip; I feel that I have learnt a huge amount in a short time and am bracing myself for a return visit to the section on copulas. As to the answers to my opening two questions, they are most definitely lsquo;yesrsquo; on both counts. This is an excellent reference manual for anyone working in a risk environment, irrespective of their level of involvement in the Solvency II project.?Annals of Actuarial Science, Vol. 5, June 2011 In this handbook he [Sandstrom] offers a clear definition of solvency, a broad historical review, and a comprehensive treatment of the capital requirement. These general ideas are covered in the first section, and the second section addresses in detail the European Solvency II project. hellip; He also advises readers that the most current developments from CEIOPS will be published at his website. This handbook is for professionals in the field but can be used as well as for the education of future actuaries and risk managers. ?SciTech Book News, February 2011About the AuthorArne Sandstrouml;m is the chief actuary of the Swedish Insurance Federation, where he has worked since 1985. Dr. Sandstrouml;m is a member of IAArsquo;s Solvency Subcommittee, CEArsquo;s Solvency II Steering Group, and the Groupe Consultatif Pillar I Non-Life Working Group.