

PREFACE

The idea of writing a text on “Spreadsheet Skills for Finance Professionals” came when I was developing my teaching notes for a training program I conduct in Financial Modelling. While there are plenty of books on ‘Financial Modelling’, I could not find any good book that talk about the spreadsheet skills one needs to have to master to be able to build robust financial models. A number of good books on Excel are also available. However, not all features in Excel are useful for Finance. The examples provided in these books are also not directly relevant in Finance. Features like Pivot Table are not directly relevant in Finance.

This book on ‘Spreadsheet Skills for Finance Professionals’ tries to fill the gap by identifying and explaining all the spreadsheet features that one needs to have to build robust financial models. I learnt most of these skills from different sources including my students, participants in different training programs, websites, blogs, etc. A few practitioners also shared their practical experience with me, that I did not find written in any book.

I have tried putting it all together in this book and I believe that the Finance students and professionals will find this book useful. I am thanking my readers well in advance for the feedback that they will send to me to improve the book further.

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