Review of Finance Report from the Managing Editor Marcin Kacperczyk August 2024

1. Acknowledgements and Editorial Board Member Changes

We are very grateful to the Editorial Board and Editorial Team for helping to run the journal. Particular thanks to Referees who have reviewed papers promptly, diligently, and applying high standards, and Authors who send us their best work.

The current members are:

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2. The Impact Factor

The 2023 official impact factor of the Review of Finance is published by Clarivate on the Journal Citation Reports. The 2023 Impact Factor was **5.623** (5.5 excluding self-citations). This is a **27%** increase on the 2022 impact factor of **4.400** and marks an all-time high for the journal.

Table 1 compares the RF to other top finance journals.

Table 1: 2023 Impact Factors, Top Finance Journals*

Journal name	2022 Impact Factor	2023 Impact Factor	5 Year Impact Factor
Journal of Financial Economics	8.9	10.4	11.4
Journal of Finance	8	7.6	10
Review of Financial Studies	8.2	6.8	9.5
Review of Finance	4.4	5.6	5.8
Management Science**	5.4	4.6	6.1
Journal of Finance and Quantitative Analysis	3.9	3.7	4.7
Journal of Banking & Finance	3.7	3.6	4.4
Journal of Financial Intermediation	5.2	3.1	5.7

^{*}This list does not include the top journals in the Business, Finance JCR category.

Figure 1: 2023 Impact Factor Calculation for Review of Finance

Citations in 2023 to items published in:	2022 = 423	Number of citable items in:	2022 = 73
	2021 = 353		2021 = 61
	Sum: 776		Sum: 138
Calculation = Citations to items published			

Number of citable items 776 / 138 = **5.623**

Figure 2: 5-year Impact Factor Calculation for Review of Finance

Calculation = Citations to items published	
Number of citable items	1547 / 267 = 5.794 (5.8)

Figure 3: 2023 Impact Factor (Excluding Self Citation) Information, Calculation for Review of Finance

Self Cites to Years Used in Impact Factor Calculation (2022 & 2023):	12 (21.54% of 776)
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Impact Factor without Self Cites: 5.5

Citations to items published - Self citations to items published	
	(776-12) / 138 = 5.536
Number of citable items	

^{**}Management Science covers more than finance papers only.

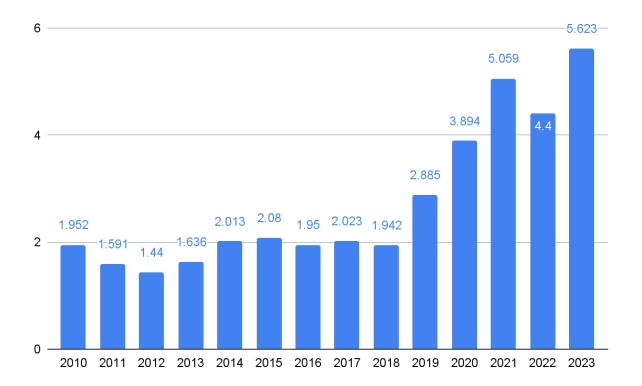


Figure 4: Impact Factor for the journal between 2010 and 2023

3. Editorial Statistics

The reporting period for all editorial statistics in this section is 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024 – hereafter abbreviated to 2023/24.

3.1 All Submissions

Table 2 gives a breakdown of the latest statistical period 2023/24 and the comparable data for the last two years. During this period, there were a total of **813** submissions, representing a small increase on last year. **Figure 5** shows the behavior in submissions since 2005. This period saw the second consecutive fall in the number of summarily rejected papers to **147** (**18%** of total decisions), reflecting the high standard of submissions. We have continued to apply our usual high-quality standards, as shown by the acceptance rate of **6.39%**.

Our mean turnaround time has decreased from **56** to **44** days, and the percentage of manuscripts accepted or conditionally accepted after one or fewer revisions has reached **71%**, reflecting our commitment to a fast and decisive acceptance process.

Table 2: Editorial Statistics for All Submissions

The following figures on submissions are based on all submissions and resubmissions received in the statistical period. The data on outcomes refers to all decisions made in the statistical period, regardless of the date of submission. The turnaround time is the number of days elapsed from the manuscript being entered in the database to notification of the editorial decision. The acceptance rate is the number of accepted manuscripts divided by the number of manuscript decisions that could be considered final (i.e. accepted or rejected); it excludes interim decisions (i.e. conditionally accepted or R&R) where the final decision is not yet known.

Category	Count 2021/22	Count 2022/23	Count 2023/24
New Submissions	879	716	736
Resubmissions	133	86	77
Requests for withdrawals	0	0	0
Total Submissions	1,012	802	813
Submissions Accepted	70	40	46
Submissions Conditionally Accepted	47	26	27
Submissions Returned for Revision	79	66	63
Submissions Summarily Rejected	278	195	147
Submissions Rejected	541	509	527
Submissions Withdrawn	1	0	2
Total Decisions	1,016	836	812
Submissions Pending at end of period	113	84	83
Mean Turnaround Time (days)	43	56	44
Median Turnaround Time (days)	30	35	35
Acceptance Rate	7.88%	5.38%	6.39%
Manuscripts accepted or conditionally accepted after one revision or fewer (% of those accepted)	61.9%	68.2%	70.8%
Mean number of revisions before acceptance or conditional acceptance	1,4	1,2	1,2
% of R&Rs issued in period eventually accepted	100%	100%	100%

Figure 5: Total Submissions

3.3 Fast Track Submissions

Table 3 provides statistics for Fast Track submissions for the 2023/24 period compared with the two previous periods. For this statistical period we received **78** Fast Track submissions. The Fast Track submission acceptance rate was **2.82%**. Although this is below the overall acceptance rate of **6.39%**, we have not typically seen a large difference between the overall and Fast Track acceptance rates. It is therefore likely that this is a random occurrence, rather than a systematic result of the faster review process.

The majority (87%) of Fast Track submissions were processed within 14 days. The overall mean and median turnaround times have both decreased to 13 and 8 days respectively.

Table 3: Editorial Statistics for Fast Track Submissions

The following figures are based on all Fast Track submissions and resubmissions received in the statistical period. The turnaround time is the number of days elapsed from the manuscript being entered into the database to notification of the editorial decision. The acceptance rate is the number of accepted manuscripts divided by the number of manuscript decisions that could be considered final (i.e., accepted or rejected); it excludes interim decisions (i.e. conditionally accepted or R&R) where the final decision is not yet known.

Category	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
New Submissions	87	71	74
Resubmissions	15	7	4
Total Submissions	102	78	78
Submissions Accepted	3	3	2
Submissions Conditionally Accepted	2	1	0
Submissions Returned for Revision	8	8	4
Submissions Summarily Rejected	15	14	6
Submissions Rejected	57	53	63
Total Decisions	85	79	75
Submissions Pending at end of period	10	7	3
Acceptance Rate	4.00%	4.29%	2.82%
Mean Turnaround Time (days)	14	31	13
Median Turnaround Time (days)	8	10	8
Distribution of Turnaround Times			
On time (0-14 days)	71 (84%)	58 (73%)	65 (87%)
15-21 days	6	3	1
22-28 days	3	1	1
More than 28 days	5	17	8

3.4 Accelerated Review Process Submissions

In February 2021, the RF introduced an Accelerated Review Process, designed to streamline the review process for papers that have received an R&R at another journal. This process can be used by authors for submissions where one of the following two conditions applies:

 A paper receives an R&R at another journal. The authors resubmit the paper but are rejected at a later round due to the "union heuristic" (e.g. one referee signs off but another does not, or there is a single referee who recommends rejection because the

- authors did not respond to every comment). Or, the paper may be rejected due to reasons unrelated to the "union heuristic" (e.g. a referee bringing up new concerns at the second round, which should have been raised at the first round).
- A paper receives an R&R at another journal. However, the referees request substantial revisions that the authors feel would worsen the paper or have little benefit. The "union heuristic" is explicitly applied, or nothing is said which implicitly means they have to address all comments.

Table 4 provides statistics for submissions that used the Accelerated Review Process since its introduction. For this statistical period, we received **4** submissions under this category. The acceptance rate was **33**%, representing **1** of **3** papers that received a final decision during this period.

After three years, we are pleased to see that the policy is achieving its purpose. Although submission volumes remain low, the quality of submissions is typically high, indicating that the Accelerated Review Process is attracting the type of papers we aimed to receive.

Table 4: Editorial Statistics for Accelerated Review Process Submissions

The following figures are based on all submissions and resubmissions in the category 'R&R at other journals' received in the statistical period. The acceptance rate is the number of accepted manuscripts divided by the number of manuscript decisions that could be considered final (i.e., accepted or rejected); it excludes interim decisions (i.e. conditionally accepted or R&R) where the final decision is not yet known.

Category	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24
New Submissions	5	1	3
Resubmissions	1	2	1
Total Submissions	6	3	4
Submissions Accepted	2	1	1
Submissions Conditionally Accepted	0	0	0
Submissions Returned for Revision	3	2	0
Submissions Summarily Rejected	0	0	0
Submissions Rejected	1	0	2
Total Decisions	6	3	3
Submissions Pending at end of period	0	0	1
Acceptance Rate	66.67%	100.00%	33.33%

3.5 Breakdown of Submissions by Research Methodology and Area

Table 5 shows the breakdown of **Research Methodology** for all submissions for 2023/24. The Empirical research methodology continues to be the most frequently used at **89%**.

Table 5: Research Methodology for All Submissions

The following figures are based on all unique submissions and resubmissions received in the statistical period; where multiple revisions of a manuscript have been submitted during the statistical period it has only been counted once.

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Research Methodology	No. of Papers	Frequency (%)	No. of Papers	Frequency (%)
Empirical	667	86	723	89
Theoretical	87	11	66	8
Experimental	22	3	21	3
Total	776	100%	810**	100%

^{**}One manuscript which was resubmitted during the reporting period did not choose a research and methodology.

The breakdown of Research Areas for all submissions is detailed in **Table 6**. The order of research areas continues to be the same as the previous two years, with **Corporate Finance** topping the list with **37%**.

Table 6: Research Area for All Submissions

The following figures are based on all unique submissions and resubmissions received in the statistical period. Where multiple revisions of a manuscript have been submitted during the statistical period it has only been counted once. *The Asset Pricing category includes data from manuscripts whose research area is Mutual Funds, Market Microstructure and Asset Pricing.

Decearch Area	202	2/23	2023/24	
Research Area	No. of Papers	Frequency (%)	No. of Papers	Frequency (%)
Corporate Finance	280	36	302	37
Asset Pricing	270	35	274	34
Banking and Financial Intermediation	126	16	133	16
Behavioral Finance	100	13	101	12
Total	776	100%	810**	100%

^{**}One manuscript which was resubmitted during the reporting period did not choose a research and methodology.

3.6 Breakdown of Accepted Papers by Research Methodology and Area

This section shows the Research Methodology and Research Area for unique papers accepted or conditionally accepted. As shown in **Table 7**, **84%** of accepted papers are Empirical and **10%** are Theoretical. The most commonly accepted Research Areas, in order, are Asset Pricing, Corporate Finance, Banking and Financial Intermediation, Mutual Funds, Market Microstructure and Behavioral Finance.

Table 7: Research Methodology and Area for Accepted Papers

The following figures are based on unique accepted and conditionally accepted papers that were submitted and received a decision in the statistical period. *The Asset Pricing category includes data from manuscripts whose research area is Mutual Funds, Market Microstructure and Asset Pricing.

Decease Methodology	2023/24			
Research Methodology	No. of Papers	Frequency (%)		
Empirical	53	84		
Theoretical	6	10		
Experimental	2	3		
Total	61**	97%		
Research Area				
Corporate Finance	19	30		
Asset Pricing	20	32		
Banking and Financial Intermediation	5	8		
Behavioral Finance	2	3		
Market Microstructure	7	11		
Mutual Funds	8	13		
Total	61**	100%		

^{**}One manuscript which was resubmitted with Conditionally Accepted and Accepted decisions, respectively, during the reporting period did not choose a research and methodology.

3.6 Geographical Breakdown of Accepted Papers

Table 8 shows the regional breakdown of accepted papers based on the geographical location of the authors. This reporting period shows another increase in the percentage of accepted paper authors from Europe to **45%**, making it the leading region for the first time. The share of authors from North America decreased from **44%** to **37%**, while the share of authors from Asia increased from **11%** to **15%**.

Table 8: Regional breakdown of accepted papers

The following figures are based on unique papers that were accepted during the statistical period. Region is based on the location of the author's institution at the time of submission. Where a paper has more than one author, authorship of the paper is attributed based on the calculation 1/(number of authors).

	Asia	Australasia	Europe	N. America	S&C. America	Totals
2023-24	6,70	1,57	20,70	17,02	0	46
2023-24	15%	3%	45%	37%	0%	100%
2022-23	4,25	1,42	15,68	17,65	1	40
2022-23	11%	4%	39%	44%	3%	100%
2021-22	14,2	1,83	18,38	38,05	0.5	70
2021-22	20%	3%	26%	50%	1%	100%

4. Special Issues

4.1 Open calls

The RF currently has two open calls for Special Issues:

- Call for Research Proposals: Special Issue on Biodiversity and Natural Resource Finance – closes 15 August 2024. This call will be followed by two conferences: the first will be held at Cambridge University on 9 October 2024, and the second during May 2025.
- Call for Papers: Special Issue on Finance and Product Markets closes 31 August 2024.

As these calls are still open, no submission figures are available.

4.2 Past Special Issues

Tables 9 and 10 show the total submission figures for our past Special Issues on China and Sustainable Finance. Both Special Issues had a high level of interest, as shown by the strong submissions' figures of **200** and **176** respectively. Quality was also high, with enough accepted submissions in each case to publish at least one volume.

Table 9: Special Issue on Sustainable Finance

The following figures are based on all submissions and resubmissions received with the category 'Special Issue on Sustainable Finance'. The submission window for initial submissions was June 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021; resubmissions may have been received until the date of publication. The Special Issue was published as Volume 26, Issue 6, November 2022.

Special Issue on Sustainable Finance (2021)	
Total submissions	176
Accepted	8

Table 10: Special Issue on China

The following figures are based on all submissions and resubmissions received with the category 'Special Issue on China'. The submission window for initial submissions was September 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020; resubmissions may have been received any time to June 30 2023. The Special Issue was published as Volume 26, Issue 3, May 2022.

Special Issue on China (2020)	
Submissions	200+
Accepted	14

5. Best Paper Prizes and Referee Awards

During the EFA Meetings, two prizes will be awarded for outstanding papers published in the Review of Finance during the period. We also recognise outstanding refereeing service with our Distinguished Referee Awards.



on Investments published in the journal. The

Review of Finance sponsors the Pagano and Zechner Prize for the best Non-investments paper.

Pagano and Zechner Prize

Winner

Davidson Heath, Daniele Macciocchi, Roni Michaely, Matthew C. Ringgenberg,

"Does Socially Responsible Investing Change Firm Behavior?", Review of Finance, Volume 27, Issue 6, November 2023, Pages 2057–2083,

https://doi.org/10.1093/rof/rfad002

Runner-up

Oliver Boguth, Murray Carlson, Adlai Fisher, Mikhail Simutin, "The Term Structure of Equity Risk Premia: Levered Noise and New Estimates", Review of Finance, Volume 27, Issue 4, July 2023, Pages 1155–1182, https://doi.org/10.1093/rof/rfac062

IQAM Prize

Winner

Bo Becker, Murillo Campello, Viktor Thell, Dong Yan, "Credit risk, debt overhang, and the life cycle of callable bonds", Review of Finance, Volume 28, Issue 3, May 2024, Pages 945–985, https://doi.org/10.1093/rof/rfae001

Runner-up

Albert S Kyle and Anna A Obizhaeva, "Large Bets and Stock Market Crashes", Review of Finance, Volume 27, Issue 6, November 2023, Pages 2163–2203, https://doi.org/10.1093/rof/rfad008

Distinguished Referee Awards

Baolian Wang - University of Florida Jack Bao - University of Delaware Jaromir Nosal - Boston College

6. Published Articles

Below are the RF's articles published between 1 July 2023 and 30 June 2024.

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The Term Structure of Equity Risk Premia: Levered Noise and New Estimates

Authors: Oliver Boguth, Murray Carlson, Adlai Fisher, Mikhail Simutin

Debt Renegotiations Outside Distress

Authors: Marc Arnold, Ramona Westermann

Social Media and Financial News Manipulation

Authors: Shimon Kogan, Tobias J Moskowitz, Marina Niessner

Precious Neighbors: The Value of Co-Locating with the Government

Author: Jörg R Stahl

Social Interaction in the Family: Evidence from Investors' Security Holdings

Authors: Samuli Knüpfer, Elias Rantapuska, Matti Sarvimäki

Optimal Capital Structure with Stock Market Feedback

Authors: Caio Machado, Ana Elisa Pereira

Life is Too Short? Bereaved Managers and Investment Decisions

Authors: Clark Liu, Johan Sulaeman, Tao Shu, P Eric Yeung

Financial Intermediation, Capital Accumulation, and Crisis Recovery

Authors: Hans Gersbach, Jean-Charles Rochet, Martin Scheffel

Capital Gains Tax, Venture Capital, and Innovation in Start-Ups

Authors: Lora Dimitrova, Sapnoti K Eswar

The Risk of Implicit Guarantees: Evidence from Shadow Banks in China

Authors: Ji Huang, Zongbo Huang, Xiang Shao

Volume 27, Issue 5 September 2023

Valuing Data as an Asset

Author: Laura Veldkamp

Cross-Border Bank Flows and Systemic Risk

Authors: G Andrew Karolyi, John Sedunov, Alvaro G. Taboada

A Theory of the Nominal Character of Stock Securities

Authors: Bernard Dumas, Marcel Savioz

Trading on Talent: Human Capital and Firm Performance

Authors: Anastassia Fedyk, James Hodson

Escaping Air Pollution: Immigrants, Students, and Spillover Effects on Property Prices Abroad

Authors: Yuk Ying Chang, Sudipto Dasgupta

Risk-Taking and Asymmetric Learning in Boom and Bust Markets

Authors: Pascal Kieren, Jan Müller-Dethard, Martin Weber

Capital Regulations and the Management of Credit Commitments during Crisis Times

Authors: Paul Pelzl, María Teresa Valderrama

Dual Ownership and Risk-Taking Incentives in Managerial Compensation

Authors: Tao Chen, Li Zhang, Qifei Zhu

Macroeconomic News and Stock-Bond Comovement

Author: Gregory R Duffee

The Strategic Use of Corporate Philanthropy: Evidence from Bank Donations

Authors: Seungho Choi, Raphael Jonghyeon Park, Simon Xu

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Delegated Learning and Contract Commonality in Asset Management

Authors: Michael Sockin, Mindy Z Xiaolan

The Variance Risk Premium in Equilibrium Models

Authors: Geert Bekaert, Eric Engstrom, Andrey Ermolov

Leasing as a Mitigation of Financial Accelerator Effects

Authors: Kai Li, Jun Yu

Does Socially Responsible Investing Change Firm Behavior?

Authors: Davidson Heath, Daniele Macciocchi, Roni Michaely, Matthew C. Ringgenberg

Director Expertise and Corporate Sustainability

Authors: Peter Iliev, Lukas Roth

The Term Structure of Short Selling Costs

Author: Gregory Weitzner

Large Bets and Stock Market Crashes

Authors: Albert S Kyle, Anna A Obizhaeva

A Tale of Two Cities: Mainland Chinese Buyers in the Hong Kong Housing Market

Authors: Yi Fan, Maggie Rong Hu, Wayne Xinwei Wan, Zhenping Wang

Indirect Costs of Financial Distress

Authors: Cláudia Custódio, Miguel A Ferreira, Emilia Garcia-Appendini

Income, Liquidity, and the Consumption Response to the 2020 Economic Stimulus Payments

Authors: Scott R. Baker, Robert A Farrokhnia, Steffen Meyer, Michaela Pagel

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Do Anomalies Really Predict Market Returns? New Data and New Evidence

Authors: Nusret Cakici, Christian Fieberg, Daniel Metko, Adam Zaremba

Low Carbon Mutual Funds

Authors: Marco Ceccarelli, Stefano Ramelli, Alexander F Wagner

Are Carbon Emissions Associated with Stock Returns?

Authors: Jitendra Aswani, Aneesh Raghunandan, Shiva Rajgopal

Are Carbon Emissions Associated with Stock Returns? Comment

Authors: Patrick Bolton, Marcin Kacperczyk

<u>Are Carbon Emissions Associated with Stock Returns?—Reply</u>
Authors: Jitendra Aswani, Aneesh Raghunandan, Shiva Rajgopal

Impact of Corporate Subsidies on Borrowing Costs of Local Governments: Evidence from

Municipal Bonds

Authors: Sudheer Chava, Baridhi Malakar, Manpreet Singh

<u>Asymmetric Information and Corporate Lending: Evidence from SME Bond Markets</u> Authors: Alessandra Iannamorelli, Stefano Nobili, Antonio Scalia, Luana Zaccaria

Regulatory Sandboxes and Fintech Funding: Evidence from the UK

Authors: Giulio Cornelli, Sebastian Doerr, Leonardo Gambacorta, Ouarda Merrouche

Optimal Capital Structure and Risk Management Policies of Banks That Use CoCo Futures to Hedge Financial-Sector Risk

Authors: Robert S Goldstein, Fan Yang

Do Insiders Hire CEOs with High Managerial Talent?

Authors: Jason D Kotter and Yelena Larkin

Inefficient Regulation: Mortgages versus Total Credit

Authors: Artashes Karapetyan, Jens Soerlie Kvaerner, Maximilian Rohrer

Do Banks Worry about Attentive Depositors? Evidence from Multiple-Brand Banks

Authors: Matthieu Chavaz and Pablo Slutzky

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Why momentum concentrates among overvalued stocks?

Authors: Jack Favilukis, Terry Zhang

Securities law precedents, legal liability, and financial reporting quality

Authors: Benedikt Franke, Allen H Huang, Reeyarn Z Li, Hui Wang

Measuring Climate Transition Risk Spillovers

Authors: Runfeng Yang, Massimiliano Caporin, Juan-Angel Jiménez-Martin

ESG shareholder engagement and downside risk

Authors: Andreas G F Hoepner, Ioannis Oikonomou, Zacharias Sautner, Laura T Starks

Asset Complexity and the Return Gap

Authors: Meng Miao, Dragon Yongjun Tang, Lixin Colin Xu, Xiao Yan

Big broad banks: how does cross-selling affect lending?

Author: Yingjie Qi

Property rights, political connections, and corporate investment

Authors: Meng Miao, Dragon Yongjun Tang, Lixin Colin Xu, Xiao Yan

Firm financing through insider stock pledges

Authors: Xiaofei Pan, Meijun Qian

The term structure of equity yields—a bottom-up approach

Author: David Schröder

Stock repurchasing bias of mutual funds

Authors: Menggiao Du, Alexandra Niessen-Ruenzi, Terrance Odean

The start matters: time-varying investor demand, hedge fund inceptions, and performance

Authors: Lin Sun, Zheng Sun, Lu Zheng

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Leveraged speculators and asset prices

Author: Wenxi Jiang

Yield curve momentum

Author: Markus Sihvonen

When passive funds affect prices: evidence from volatility and commodity ETFs

Author: Karamfil Todorov

Common ownership and creative destruction: evidence from US consumers

Author: Hadiye Aslan

Common risk factors in cross-sectional FX options returns

Authors: Xuanchen Zhang, Raymond H Y So, Tarik Driouch

Credit risk, debt overhang, and the life cycle of callable bonds

Authors: Bo Becker, Murillo Campello, Viktor Thell, Dong Yan

External financing, technological changes, and employees

Authors: E Han Kim, Yuan Li, Yao Lu, Xinzheng Shi

Green links: corporate networks and environmental performance

Authors: Hossein Asgharian, Michał Dzieliński, Zahra Hashemzadeh, Lu Liu

The saliency of the CEO pay ratio

Authors: Audra Boone, Austin Starkweather, Joshua T White

Fresh air eases work—the effect of air quality on individual investor activity

Authors: Steffen Meyer, Michaela Pagel