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JFMI Editor-in-Chief

After the success of the special issue on International Corporate Governance, that offered an insightful collection of research papers focusing on different issues of corporate governance, I am delighted to present the new issue of the Journal of Financial Management, Markets and Institutions.

Following our tradition, this new issue includes high quality articles that have been evaluated by our precious reviewers, as well as invited papers and a commentary written by prominent scholars.

I believe that, consistent with the overall aims and scope of the Journal, all of these articles provide new insights that contribute significantly to advancing knowledge regarding the broad field of finance.

I would like to introduce and thank the authors that accepted our invitation and offered a precious research contribution to this issue of the JFMI. Steven Ongena, Viorel Roscovan, Wei-Ling Song and Bas Werker study the effect of bank loan announcements on the borrowing firms' bond and equity prices. Nischala Reddy and Lloyd Blenman analyse leveraged buyout transactions in different growth phases of the economy and compare developed and developing economies. I would like to thank David Llewellyn for his commentary on Reforming the Culture of Banking.

I am also grateful to those authors that have submitted their research papers to the JFMI and that have successfully completed the reviewing process: Alfonso Del Giudice, Nicoletta Marinelli and Stefania Vitali who analyse the impact of Sovereign Wealth Fund equity investments on target firm operating performance, and Ercan Özen, Letife Özdemir, Simon Grima and Frank Bezzina who investigate causality effects in return volatility among five major futures markets in European countries with a Mediterranean connection.

As usual, my gratitude goes to all the referees who reviewed the papers submitted to JFMI.

Last but not least, I am glad to share with you the important results achieved, thanks to the efforts of the whole editorial team that patiently and continuously support the Journal.

Despite of its short life, JFMI is included in established and well-known databases, such as RePEC, Essper, Primo central (ExLibris), EBSCO Discovery Service, and Google Scholar.

JFMI is also listed in the Journal Quality List of the Australian Business Deans Council (ABDC-level C) and we have applied to (or are going to) other Journal-ranking lists, such

as The Association of Business Schools (ABS) and Le Comité National de la Recherche Scientifique (CNRS).

Even if we are aware that we may not receive an immediate acceptance, last November we applied for inclusion in the Scopus Bibliographic Database and in the Web of Science. In addition, we will send our application to EconLit at the end of 2015, the third year of publishing.

The entire Editorial Board looks forward to growing visibility and reputation of JFMI internationally.