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- Thorough coverage of a wide variety of performance-measurement methodologies and evaluation techniques
- Expert explanations of the mathematics underlying each method
- Specific calculation and evaluation examples from the real world

From the basics of asset class return expectations and portfolio comparisons to up-to-date information on investment styles and global index construction, this go-to guide provides a useful depth of coverage in easy-to-understand terms.

Whether you're investing in a single equity market or managing a multiple asset class fund, *Portfolio Performance Measurement and Benchmarking* is a must-have resource for determining which investment strategies offer the most profitable rewards relative to their risk.

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