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each asset class, and they also include detailed descriptions of individual assets within each asset class.

While *The Investment Assets Handbook* serves as an introductory guide aimed at those with who are inexperienced with investment information, most users will find the information contained in its pages detailed and helpful. In addition to making complex financial information accessible, this handbook is quite timely. Libraries are increasingly expanding their financial information resources and services in an effort to promote the financial literacy of their user groups. As such, this handbook will serve as an excellent resource for users and librarians in both public and academic libraries.—Jordan Nielsen, San Diego State University, San Diego, California

SIGNIFICANT NEW EDITION

Gower Handbook of Project Management, 5th ed. Edited by Rodney Turner. Burlington, VT: Gower, 2014. 581 p. \$180 hardcover (ISBN: 9781472422965), \$180 e-book (ISBN: 9781472422972)

The new edition of the *Gower Handbook of Project Management* deserves recognition as a significant new edition. When asked to edit a 5th edition of the *Gower Handbook of Project Management*, Rodney Turner agreed. With an entire new slate of authors (with two exceptions), an effort to bring in more viewpoints and better represent the growing field of project

management, he dramatically changed this edition from the previous version. One of the bigger changes that he made, and more controversial, was to drop the section on managing people on projects, but that is addressed in another publication. The other primary structural change made involves the sequence of chapters; the fifth edition starts with chapters on projects and expands out from there.

The book itself is split into five sections—"Projects," "Performance," "Process," "Portfolio," and "Perspective"—with a few incidentals on either end, such as lists of included tables and figures, in addition to the editor's introductory chapter. The chapters themselves, each authored by a different person, tend to have the same direct and simple approach, favoring bullet points and subheadings. This approach makes it easy for the researcher to find the section they need for a given problem, but easy to read for the big picture as well. Each individual chapter includes resources for further reading.

This edition is shorter than the previous one, an effect of the editor dropping the personnel side of the equation as well as a conscious effort on his part to streamline the product. While this can be easily explained by the release of an entire book on that topic, doing so ultimately requires that the user then pick up another book to gain that set of knowledge. Project management is growing in such a way that cramming as much information as possible into one volume is increasingly challenging.—Valerie Freeman, Johnson and Wales University, Charlotte, North Carolina

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