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Preface

Dear readers,

This publication is devoted to problems of financial reporting for financial instruments. This branch is among academicians and practitioners widely discussed topic. It is mainly caused due to current developments in financial engineering, while accounting standard setters still lag. Moreover measurement based on fair value approach – popular phenomenon of last decades – brings to accounting entities considerable problems.

The text is clearly divided into four chapters. The introductory part is devoted to the theoretical background for the measurement and reporting of financial securities and derivative contracts.

The second chapter focuses on reporting of equity and debt securities. There are outlined the theoretical bases for the measurement, and accounting treatment for selected portfolios of financial securities.

Third part of text is devoted to derivative contracts. These contracts became popular during last two decades as a tool for hedging of currency and interest rate risks. The text focuses firstly on the accounting treatment of fixed-term operations and subsequently there is devoted a considerable space to the option contracts. There are specified selected option pricing models and there is also documented the sensitivity analysis of the option premium on selected parameters. Finally, there is also stressed an attention on selected option strategies as a tool for corporate risk management.

Final passage summarizes current practice. In addition, there is outlined the expected development in the harmonization of accounting rules and the procedures for reporting of financial instruments in SMEs.

We hope that this book will be a valuable guide for anyone seeking constructive engagement with regard to international harmonization of financial securities reporting.

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