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beginning with its development in conjunction with the world markets served by and centred on a few European cities, notably Amsterdam and London. The study details the way in which private banking adapted to the age of the corporate economy from the 1870's to the 1930's, the decline during and after the Great Depression and the post-war renaissance. It concludes with an appraisal of the causes and consequences of the modern expansion of private banking: no longer the exclusive preserve of partnerships, the management of
