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## Sommario/riassunto

This handbook provides an engaging and comprehensive analysis of social finance, a developing and important topic. In five sections, it presents social finance through a broad lens, encompassing both theoretical and practical content. Section I provides background material on social finance. Section II examines the various tools and mechanisms of social finance, providing numerous examples of its implementation. Section III examines social finance in various countries and economies, presenting specific examples of social finance, including both successes and failures. Section IV explores several ongoing issues and debates related to social finance. Section V identifies major obstacles and opportunities facing social finance and contemplates its future. Of interest to researchers, students, practitioners, and policymakers, this handbook fills a gap by demonstrating how social finance is a growing and dynamic force in finance worldwide. H. Kent Baker, CFA, CMA, is a University Professor of Finance at the Kogod School of Business, American University. He is an award-winning author who has authored or edited 46 books, including several textbooks. Professor Baker has also published more than 220 peer-reviewed academic journal articles, plus over 160 other articles, monographs, book chapters, proceedings, and 350 book reviews and abstracts. He was ranked among the top 2% of scientists in the world by Stanford University in 2024. Professor Baker holds eight earned degrees, including three doctorates. Greg Filbeck, CFA, FRM, CAIA, CIPM, FDP, PRM, holds the Samuel P. Black III Professor of Finance and Risk Management at Penn State Behrend and serves as Vice Chancellor and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. He previously served as the Director of the Black School of Business from 2016 to 2023. Before joining the Faculty at Penn State Behrend in 2006, he served as Senior Vice President of Kaplan Schweser from 1999 to 2006, overseeing all content and curriculum development. He also held academic appointments at Miami University (Ohio) and the University of Toledo, where he served as Associate Director of the Center for Family Business. Halil Kiyimaz, CFA, is Bank of America Professor of Finance at Crummer Graduate School of Business, Rollins College. He also served as the Faculty Director of the Key Executive MBA Program and AACSB Faculty Coordinator. Before joining the Crummer School in 2004, Professor Kiyimaz taught at the University of HoustonClear Lake, Bilkent University, and the University of New Orleans. He also holds visiting professorships in finance at various international universities. He has the Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designation and served at the CFA Institute in various capacities.

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