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## Introduction

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**Biographical notes:** Moustafa Abu El Fadl graduated with a Bachelor in Business Administration. He became interested in finance and subsequently earned a Masters in Investment Finance from Ain Shams University, Cairo, Egypt. He earned an MBA from the University of Arizona majoring in entrepreneurial finance, attained CFA charter financial analyst designation and Master of Economics in 2009 and a PhD in Finance from Old Dominion University in 2011. He is the Editor-in-Chief of the *IJBD* and strives to progress *International Journal of Bonds and Derivatives (IJBD)* be among the top journals in the field.

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On behalf of the Editorial Board Members and Inderscience Publishers I am delighted to announce the publication of the inaugural issue of the *International Journal of Bonds and Derivatives*.

The editor and the editorial board felt the need for a journal dedicated to bonds, derivatives, and international capital markets. The journal has been nearly two years in the making and it was a product of continuous collaboration of the editorial board members and Inderscience Publishers. The editor and editorial board members aim to provide every author with a quality review process that will improve their paper. The journal is committed to making valuable contributions to the field by contributing positively to its authors. It was natural after two years of meetings, collaborations between authors and editorial board members, and Inderscience publishing team that the journal was born.

This inaugural issue consists of five papers that went through a blind review process of more than two reviewers. The journal is dedicated to work with every author who wants to work on his/her paper to improve its quality and impact. All of the journal team are dedicated researchers who volunteer to work for the journal for their desire to contribute positively to the academic and professional research field. The journal does not have submission or publication fees.

Most of all, thanks are due to all of Inderscience publishing team because they are the main reason, through their vision and dedication, that the journal initiative came to light. Their professionalism, attention to detail, has made seeing this issue into 'print' a real joy.

*IJBD* brings together research on the independence and interdependence of bonds and derivatives in one focus. The journal encourages innovation in using theory and research methodology in exploring each area independently and collectively. *IJBD* is the only journal that bridges the gap between theories, policies and practitioners in the field of bonds and derivatives. It encourages innovation in using theory and research

methodology in exploring each area independently and collectively. It aims to have a high impact factor in the field of bonds, derivatives and international capital markets.

*IJBD* welcomes authors from all over the world. In this inaugural issue manuscripts were received for consideration from different countries such as India, USA, Turkey, Japan, Dubai, Saudi Arabia, Romania, Italy and many others. To ensure the quality of the journal a blind review process was followed and five articles were chosen.

The journal editors will solicit scholarly articles pertaining to aspects of fixed income securities and international capital markets, and will also seek contributions in the form of conference reports. The journal's planned publication frequency is four issues per year, and a double-blind peer review process will be applied to all submissions. *IJBD* will be registered for indexing within global research databases to enhance its usability and impact. *IJBD* invites you to submit your manuscript for its second issue.