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Most investment analyst education programs focus primarily on the traditional asset classes, pushing alternative investments to the sidelines. The CAIA designation was developed in response to the tremendous growth of alternative investing, and is the industry's premier educational standard. This book is your official study companion, bringing you fully up to speed on everything you need to know (with the exception of the ethics material covered in a separate handbook).

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Editorial Review

From the Inside Flap

Success in the rapidly evolving area of alternative investments (AI) depends on a firm understanding of the concepts, tools, and practices associated with it, as well as an unwavering dedication to professionalism. *Alternative Investments: CAIA Level 1, Third Edition* provides a comprehensive introduction to institutional-quality alternative investments and has been designed to serve as a resource for professionals, a textbook for university courses, and the primary readings for Level 1 of the Charter program of the Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (CAIA) Association.

The Charter program of the CAIA Association addresses the essential needs for professionals entering or advancing in the field of alternative investments. The CAIA Charter is the premier educational designation uniquely tailored to individuals specializing in institutional-quality alternative investments. Covering hedge funds, real assets, private equity, structured products, risk management and portfolio management, and professional standards and ethics, the CAIA Charter demonstrates one's commitment to professionalism and command of AI's unique elements.

The CAIA Charter program is comprised of a two-tier exam process (Level I and Level II) through which candidates may earn the CAIA Charter. The Level I exam assesses understanding of various alternative classes and knowledge of the tools and techniques used to evaluate the risk-return attributes of each one.

Written under the direction of the CAIA Association, with insights from many practicing and eminent professionals in this field, *Alternative Investments: CAIA Level 1* best reflects the most current practices in the AI arena. It contains material on alternative investments that Level I candidates need to know as they prepare for the exam. With coverage of everything from the characteristics of various strategies within each alternative asset class to portfolio management concepts central to alternative investments, the information found here will help you build a solid foundation of knowledge about AI markets.

This comprehensive resource:

- Uses investment analytics to examine each alternative asset class
- Examines quantitative techniques used by investment professionals
- Addresses the unique attributes associated with the alternative investment space
- Is supplemented by study materials available at www.caia.org/candidates

Since its inception in 2002, the CAIA Charter Program's diverse curriculum has benefited a wide array of professionals—from institutional investors, investment advisers, AI fund managers, and administrators to accountants, lawyers, and academics.

The **CAIA Association** is an independent, not-for-profit, global organization committed to education and professionalism in the field of alternative investments. It offers two exams (Level I and Level II) to financial professionals in this growing area. Upon successful completion of the two exams and other requirements, individuals are qualified to be designated as Chartered Alternative Investment Analyst (CAIA) Charterholders. The CAIA Association has members from over eighty countries on six continents.

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Praise for
Alternative Investments
CAIA Level 1
THIRD EDITION

"By reading CAIA's *Alternative Investments: CAIA Level I*, an aspiring investment analyst can quickly get up to speed on all foundational concepts of alternative investments. As a result, CAIA's book is a wonderful foundation of knowledge for anyone coming into the alternative investments industry."
—Hilary Till, Principal, Premia Capital Management, LLC; Co-Editor, *Intelligent Commodity Investing*

"Alternatives—such as hedge funds, private equity, and real estate—are an increasingly critical part of the investment portfolios of family offices, pensions, and other institutions. Yet many features of these asset classes remain shrouded in mystery. This book provides a broad yet thoughtful introduction to the spectrum of alternative investments."
—Josh Lerner, Jacob H. Schiff Professor of Investment Banking, Harvard Business School

"The CAIA Association has set a new bar for excellence in alternative investments. *Alternative Investments: CAIA Level 1* is an absolutely invaluable asset no matter what level of experience you have with alternative investments. The second edition currently sits on my desk, with dozens of sticky notes peeking out."
—Daniel Kerbach, CAIA, Head Global Portfolio Management, Julius Baer Group

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—Theresa Gusman, Managing Director/Chief Knowledge Officer, Deutsche Asset & Wealth Management

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