# Module: Business Valuation and Restructuring

### Topics

This module includes the following five topics:

Topic 1: Business Valuation Basics

Topic 2: Format of a Research Report

Topic 3: Professional Designation

Topic 4: CFA Institute Research Standards

Topic 5: Review of Financial Statement Analysis and Corporate Governance and Executive Compensation

## Topic 1: Business Valuation Basics

This topic discusses the different measures of value for a business or its individual assets and liabilities, applications of business valuation principles, and the different valuation methods. It also compares a sell-side and buy-side analyst and their potential conflicts of interest.

### Readings

Introduction, Section 1.1

#### **Learning Problems**

None

## Topic 2: Format of a Research Report

This topic describes the format and content of a research report and the different sources of information available to analysts when making their recommendations.

### Readings

Section 1.2

Research Report

1. Access the financial statements, notes to the financial statements, management discussion and analysis, annual information form, management information circulars, and other operational and financial information for Magna International found in the Investor Relations section of the company’s website.
2. Research other information about Magna International available on the Web.
3. Review examples of research reports from the CFA Institute Research Challenge. Links to these examples are found in the Research Report Section of the course Moodle site.

## Topic 3: Professional Designations

This topic summarizes the role and educational requirements of the Chartered Business Valuator (CBV) and Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA) designations.

### Readings

Section 1.3

#### **Learning Problems**

None

## Topic 4: CFA Institute Research Standards

This topic examines the research standards in the CFA Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct and CFA Research Objectivity Standards.

### Readings

Section 1.4

#### **Learning Problems**

#### CFA Research Standards

#### **Answer Keys**

CFA Research Standards

## Topic 5: Review of Financial Statement Analysis and Corporate Governance and Executive Compensation

This topic provides a review of Financial Statement Analysis and Corporate Governance and Executive Compensation.

**Readings**

Module: Financial Statement Analysis

Module: Corporate Governance and Executive Compensation

**Research Report**

These modules were studied in early courses and are very important in the preparation of a research report. They are for review only and will not be evaluated in the quizzes or exams.

## Module Summary

In this module, you received an overview of the business valuation profession including definitions of value, business applications, valuation methods, reporting, and ethical standards.