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#### **CFA Level II**

**Alternative Investments Introduction** 

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### Weight of Alternative Investments

Topic Area	Level I	Level II	Level III
<b>Ethical and Professional Standards</b>	15	10-15	10-15
<b>Quantitative Methods</b>	12	5-10	0
<b>Economics for Valuation</b>	10	5-10	5-15
Financial Reporting and Analysis	20	15-20	0
<b>Corporate Finance</b>	7	5-15	0
<b>Equity Investments</b>	10	15-25	5-15
Fixed Income	10	10-20	10-20
Derivatives	5	5-15	5-15
<b>Alternative Investments</b>	4	5-10	5-15
Portfolio Management	7	5-10	40-55
Total	100	100	100

Data Source: CFAInstitute.org



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- 1. Classify and describe basic forms of real estate investments
- 2. Describe the characteristics, the classification and basic segments of real estate
- 3. Explain the role in portfolio, economic value determinants, investment characteristics, and principal risks of private real estate

## Private Real Estate Investments

- 4. Describe commercial property types, including their distinctive investment characteristics
- 5. Compare the income, cost, and sales comparison approaches to valuing real estate properties
- 6. Estimate and interpret the inputs to the direct capitalization and discounted cash flow valuation methods
- 7. Calculate the value of a property using the direct capitalization and discounted cash flow valuation methods



8. Compare the direct capitalization and discounted cash flow
valuation methods

- 9. Calculate the value of a property using the cost and sales comparison approaches
- 10. Describe due diligence in private equity real state investment

## Private Real Estate Investments

- 11. Discuss private equity real estate investment indices, including their construction and potential biases
- 12. Explain the role in a portfolio, the major economic value determinants, investment characteristics, principal risks, and due diligence of private real estate debt investment
- 13. Calculate and interpret financial ratios used to analyze and evaluate private real estate investments



- 1. Describe types of publicly traded real estate securities
- 2. Explain advantages and disadvantages of investing in real estate through publicly traded securities
- 3. Explain economic value determinants, investment characteristics, principal risks, and due diligence considerations for REIT shares

# Publicly Traded Real Estate Securities

- 4. Describe types of REITs
- 5. Justify the use of net asset value per share in REIT valuation and estimate NAVPS based on forecasted cash net operating income
- 6. Describe the use of funds from operations (FFO) and adjusted funds from operations (AFFO) in REIT valuation
- 7. Compare the net asset value, relative value, and discounted cash flow approaches to REIT valuation
- 8. Calculate the value of a REIT share using net asset value, price-to-FFO and price-to-AFFO, and discounted cash flow approaches



- 1. Explain sources of value creation in private equity
- 2. Explain how private equity firms align their interests with those of the managers of portfolio companies
- 3. Distinguish between the characteristics of buyout and venture capital investments

### Private Equity Valuation

- 4. Describe valuation issues in buyout and venture capital transactions
- 5. Explain alternative exit routes in private equity and their impact on value
- 6. Explain private equity fund structures, terms, valuation, and due diligence in the context of an analysis of private equity fund returns
- 7. Explain risks and costs of investing in private equity
- 8. Interpret and compare financial performance of private equity funds from the perspective of an investor



- 9. Calculate management fees, carried interest, net asset value, distributed to paid in (DPI), residual value to paid in (RVPI), and total value to paid in (TVPI) of a private equity fund
- 10. Calculate pre-money valuation, post-money valuation, ownership fraction, and price per share applying the venture capital method 1) with single and multiple financing rounds and 2) in terms of IRR
- 11. Demonstrate alternative methods to account for risk in venture capital

### Private Equity Valuation



### 2. Explain storability and renewability in the context of commodities and determine whether a commodity is storable and renewable

## A Primer on Commodity Investing

3. Explain the convenience yield and how it relates to the stock (inventory level) of a commodity

- 4. Distinguish among capital assets, store-of-value assets, and consumable or transferable assets and explain implications for valuation
- 5. Compare ways of participating in commodity markets, including advantages and disadvantages of each
- 6. Explain backwardation and contango in terms of spot and futures prices



- 7. Describe the components of return to a commodity futures and a portfolio of commodity futures
- 8. Explain how the sign of the roll return depends on the term structure of futures prices

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9. Compare the insurance perspective, the hedging pressure hypothesis, and the theory of storage and their implications for futures prices and expected future spot prices

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