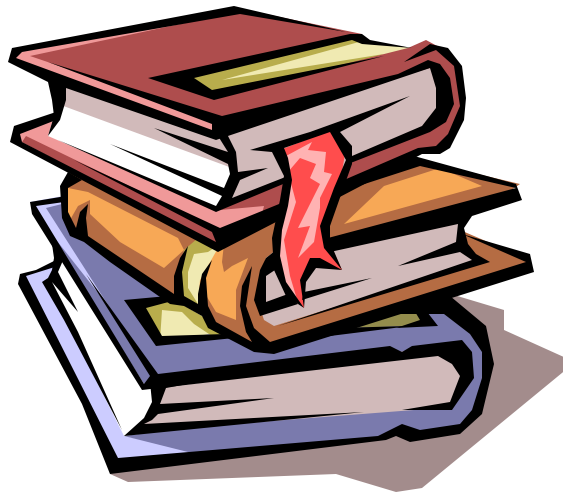


*New York University
Stern School of Business*

Michael Price Student Investment Fund

The MPSIF

GUIDEBOOK



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The MPSIF Website

MPSIF: <http://pages.stern.nyu.edu/~mpsif>

Mission and Objective:

Mission:

The Michael Price Student Investment Fund has been established to provide students of the Leonard N. Stern School of Business at New York University with practical investment management experience. The investment returns generated by the Fund will be used to provide scholarships to selected students from the Michael F. Price College of Business at the University of Oklahoma for study at the Stern School, and to support other educational activities at the Stern School of Business.

Objectives:

- To provide Stern students with an opportunity to apply and integrate business school teachings in the pursuit of investment management. Key skill sets developed through the MPSIF experience include
 - Security analysis
 - Portfolio management
 - Accounting and financial analysis
 - Marketing analysis
- To preserve and grow the endowment, including an annual payment of 5% to Stern to support the University of Oklahoma scholars' expenses.
- To allow students the opportunity “to run their own business,” and to further develop management and teamwork skills.

Organization:

Advisory Board:

1. An Advisory Board of at least five individuals shall be established.
2. The Board shall include: the Donor, the Dean of the Michael F. Price College of the University of Oklahoma, the Dean of the Stern School of Business, the faculty advisor to MPSIF, and other persons selected by the Stern Dean and Advisory Board from the faculty or staff of New York University.
3. The Board shall determine general investment guidelines for MPSIF and its sub- funds, shall provide broad policy administrative oversight for the faculty and students involved in the fund, and shall have such other duties and responsibilities as may be delegated by New York University from time to time.
4. MPSIF students will make an annual presentation to the Advisory Board every year. The Board of record in September 2002 is: Michael Price, Dean Thomas Cooley, Dean Dennis E. Logue, Associate Dean Paul Affuso, Prof. Michael Keenan, Prof. Martin Gruber, Adjunct Prof. Arthur Zeikel.

Fund Structure:

1. MPSIF will establish three investment funds (the “Sub- funds”) and other "Advisory Groups" as may be useful. The current funds are:
 - MPG Growth Fund
 - MPS Small Cap Fund
 - MPV Value Fund
 - MPF Fixed Income Group
2. Each sub-fund received an initial allocation of \$600,000 from the Donor’s gift. The remaining \$200,000 from the two million dollar gift is separately managed by Stern, from which funds may be used to pay for administrative expenses associated with the operation of MPSIF.

3. Each sub-fund shall have a different investment objective, consistent with the policy guidelines of the Advisory Board and the educational objectives of this program for the students selected.
 - MPSIF Growth Fund
 - *Fund Objective:* Better than benchmark risk/return by investing in securities that provide superior total return.
 - *Benchmark:* Russell 1000 Growth Index
 - *Fund Strategy:* The Fund will pursue this strategy by investing in growth stocks. Growth stocks are defined as: (a) stocks contained in the Russell 1000 Growth Index, determined by price-to-book ratios and higher forecasted growth, or (b) stocks not contained in the Russell 1000 Growth Index but with similar growth characteristics, as determined by the assigned analyst and the Growth Fund team.
 - MPSIF Small Cap Fund
 - *Fund Objective:* Better than benchmark risk/return by investing in securities that provide superior total return.
 - *Benchmark:* Russell 2000 Small-Cap Index.
 - *Fund Strategy:* The Fund will invest exclusively in US-traded equities with market capitalizations less than that of the largest component of the Russell 2000 index. The Fund does not have an explicit bias towards "growth" or "value" investing.
 - MPSIF Value Fund
 - *Fund Objective:* Better than benchmark risk/return by investing in securities that provide superior total return.
 - *Benchmark:* Russell 1000 Value Index.
 - *Fund Strategy:* The Fund will pursue this strategy by investing primarily in large-cap companies with consistent year over year earnings that are trading at a discount relative to their peer group or the market as a whole. The metrics that will be closely monitored include: price-earnings, dividend yields, and various free-cash-flow ratios.
Firms must be publicly traded on major world exchanges and generate the bulk of their revenues in developed markets. There is, however, no specific country or region quota. The Fund seeks to outperform its benchmark, the Russell 1000 Value, without significantly deviating from the index's risk profile.

- MPSIF Fixed Income Group
 - *Group Objective:* Provide a less-volatile source of total return than the three equity funds. This lower risk asset class, combined with a low correlation with the equity funds, should reduce MPSIF's overall risk level. The total return will come from interest payments, dividends, and capital appreciation.
 - *Benchmark:* Lehman Aggregate Bond Index.
 - *Group Strategy:* The Group will engage in active fixed income management on behalf of the three sub-funds in MPSIF. Initially mutual fund shares will be purchased. As the Advisory Group matures and the sub-funds trust the process, the Group may make investments in individual bonds if the fixed income allocation permits us to build a diversified portfolio in individual bonds at reasonable cost. Portfolio turnover will be kept to a minimum. However, some of the underlying mutual funds selected may have high turnover. Equity securities with fixed-income characteristics (REITs, preferred shares, etc.) may also be considered.

Investment Guidelines

1. MPSIF is an endowment fund. The objective of the MPSIF sub-funds and advisory groups will be to maximize total return consistent with the risk appropriate for an endowment fund. The goal is to maintain real capital preservation and have some real growth.

March 2002: MPSIF set as a policy guideline an objective to have an overall beta for the combined funds less than beta of the benchmark aggregate portfolio. The current benchmark aggregate is a portfolio which is composed of 25% Lehman Aggregate Bond Index and 75% Russell 3000 Index. MPSIF will endeavor to manage its debt and equity risk positions to achieve this goal.

2. Goals include: (a) protection of fund values from inflation over a 3- 5 year period; (b) returns exceeding appropriate benchmarks over a 3- 5 year period; (c) a focus on long- term investment opportunities rather than short- term trading gains; (d) an acceptable level of diversification.
3. Permitted securities are U.S. securities including: stocks, bonds, money market instruments, mutual fund shares. Short positions may be considered with the faculty advisor on a case-by-case basis if the positions do not require using borrowed funds or expose the fund to unlimited loss. Foreign stocks and ADRs that do not incur special tax gains or losses may also be considered (the NYU endowment is a tax-exempt activity).
4. The funds may not acquire: commodities, derivative securities except under restricted circumstances, real estate, non-investment grade debt or penny stock securities, securities or other instruments that are not readily marketable (example partnership interests), other securities that may be proscribed by the Board or the Vice President for Finance of NYU.
5. The funds may not borrow or lend funds or securities, or use any investments as collateral. Buying on margin is prohibited.

Administrative Guidelines

1. Brokers must be selected from a list approved by the Treasurer's office of NYU. The Treasurer's office will work with the Advisory Board and students to execute appropriate agreements and work out details of statement distribution.
2. Custody of all securities will be held by a custodian as may be designated by NYU. The Treasurer's office will provide the broker and custodian names and specimen signatures of authorized agents. Currently those agents are: the Assistant Treasurer for NYU, the Stern Associate Dean for Finance, and the MPSIF faculty advisor.
3. The Advisory Board will supervise students in obtaining any necessary legal advice from NYU's Office of Legal Counsel or an outside firm as that office may direct. Students have no authority to execute documents of any sort without the signature of an authorized NYU agent.
4. Each sub-fund will designate one individual as the "trader". The faculty advisor will forward appropriate documents to the broker each semester affirming that designation. That trader is the only student authorized to have electronic or verbal access to that account. The faculty advisor is the alternate trader for every MPSIF account.
5. The fiscal year for MPSIF and its funds is September 1 through August 31st. The funds shall make semi-annual reports of investment performance and investing activities available to the Advisory Board and to various officers of New York University, and stand ready to provide additional information as requested.
6. The funds of MPSIF shall be subject to audit by the internal and outside auditor groups of NYU and shall allocate funds for expenses related to these audits. Each fund and group has responsibility for maintaining an orderly set of books, meeting minutes, and such other support documents as may be needed to review the decision process.
7. MPSIF will operate on an "open book" policy and stand ready to make its results, activities, and reports available to anyone within the NYU community who has an interest in this activity. To facilitate that communication it is expected that MPSIF will keep an active web site.

8. The funds shall be managed so as to avoid incurring “Unrelated Business Income Tax” for the University, or special foreign taxes outside of investments that the University would not ordinarily pay. To insure this fund managers are expected to become familiar with the basics of relevant law, and to arrange a consultation with the NYU Vice President of Finance office if necessary.

March 2002 interpretation: “Unrelated Business Income Tax” - earning a profit from activities *beyond the scope of a non-profit’s normal duties, and therefore subject to income tax.* For the purposes of MPSIF, all investments profits and losses are related income tax. MPSIF may not engage in outside profit-making activities whether such activities would generate related or unrelated income tax.

9. MPSIF is an activity created for the regular program MBA students at the Stern School of Business of New York University. Students will be selected for fall and spring semester admission by the Executive Committee of MPSIF based on written applications received and input from fellow team members. From time-to-time there may be limited slots available for volunteer positions within each fund or group in addition to the enrolled students.

10. The Executive Committee of MPSIF consists of:

- the faculty advisor
- the President of MPSIF
- the portfolio managers (or co-managers) for each sub-fund and advisory group
- others that may be designated by the Advisory Board or Executive Committee

Academic Guidelines

1. MPSIF will operate as a part of the MBA "course" called "B55.3320 *Managing Investment Funds*". B55.3320 is an interarea course that may count as a finance or non-finance elective. This is not a regular course, but a vehicle to enable the process (a) of selecting and organizing students for MPSIF, (b) of providing continuity and responsibility for students to manage real money, (c) of providing opportunity for students to further their education by being a part of real fund management and from time to time hearing professionals in the field.
2. To provide continuity, students will be expected to participate in this course over two semesters even though the students register only once for the three-point course.
3. All students in MPSIF shall have the opportunity to help make investment decisions regarding the securities managed by their respective sub-fund or group.
4. To the extent grading is necessary for this course, it will be based on a "task completion" schedule for each student. All will be expected at some point to provide satisfactory written memoranda related to portfolio strategies and investment recommendations, and to make oral presentations.

For more information on grading see the appendices regarding Grading Evaluation Form and A Note on Course Grading.

5. All students will be expected (a) to be active participants in scheduled group meetings, (b) to contribute in some way to the various administrative tasks that are a part of modern portfolio management, and (c) to follow current events affecting their assigned stocks and industries outside of classroom meetings.

For information about jobs and tasks see the appendix on Position Descriptions.

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MPSIF Calendar

Approximate dates of what happens and when

August / September		Executive Committee meets before school begins. Consider Asset Rebalancing issues.
September	01	Start of new fiscal year.
October	10	Draft of annual report due. Annual Report final copy due by November 1st.
November	15	Advertise for first year students.
December		Interview first years. Select any needed executive positions. Issue grading forms for those whose MPSIF term is ending. Establish strategy for winter break.
January	25	Review winter break portfolio events.
February	28	End half-year.
March		Amount of 5% payment determined. Semi-annual report due. Audit books. Schedule Advisory Board meeting. Consider asset rebalancing needs.
April		Advertise MPSIF for next year.
May		Interview candidates as needed. Select any needed executive positions. Issue grading forms for those whose MPSIF term is ending. Establish strategy for summer break, including contact group for each fund and advisory group. Annual 5% withdrawal taken.
June		
July		Consider meeting University of Oklahoma MBA students here in NYC for an event.

MPSIF Sub-Fund and Advisory-Group Decision Making Rules

1. Decisions to buy or sell any asset will be made only upon a vote of the members of the fund (sub-fund or advisory-group), as conducted at a meeting of the members of the fund.
2. While it is hoped and expected that all members of the fund will attend such meetings, meetings shall be conducted provided a quorum of the members of the fund are in attendance. A quorum is defined as a majority of the members of the fund.
3. All members of a fund have the right to vote in every buy or sell decision of the fund.
4. Each member's choice with respect to the decision to buy or sell each respective asset in the fund shall be worth one vote, except for that of the Portfolio Manager, which is worth two votes. The faculty advisor and MPSIF President are *ex officio* members of every fund, and may vote if they choose.
5. Every decision to buy or sell any asset in the fund shall become effective only upon a vote of a majority of the votes cast at the meeting, except that a majority minimum of five votes shall at all times be required.
6. All decisions to buy or sell assets in the fund should specify pricing and timing limits for the execution of the trade.
7. To avoid "reconsideration" discussions in the absence of new information, every member that is absent from said meeting is deemed to have approved every decision made by the members of the fund at the meeting.
8. Meetings are called by the Portfolio Manager upon at least forty-eight hour notice to all members of the fund. Said notice shall specify the date, time and place of the meeting with an agenda containing such relevant information as the Portfolio Manager deems appropriate or practical. Email or other written notice shall be sufficient.
9. Minutes will be taken at every meeting. Such minutes will include attendance, subject matter discussed, votes taken, decisions made, and all other necessary information to support an audit trail and historical archives. The Portfolio Manager shall appoint one member of the fund at the commencement of each meeting to record said minutes. These minutes shall be kept and maintained as a permanent record of the fund.

10. *Special circumstances and situations*

In exceptional circumstances (for example an overnight market drop of 10%) rules 1-9 above may be suspended and the Portfolio Manager may call an emergency meeting of the members of the fund upon immediate notice. In the case of exceptional circumstances, a change of a fund position may be approved by unanimous vote of the Portfolio Manager or the faculty advisor and any two members (or the majority vote of those present if more than three attend). As soon as practicable all fund members shall be notified of any decisions made and have the right to review such decisions at the next scheduled meeting of the fund.

11. *Special circumstances - summer period*

During the summer break it is not possible to assemble the full team of fund members so rules 1-9 are mostly suspended. While it is expected that changes in fund positions will be minimal during that period, there is a need for continuing monitoring and review. Each fund in May is expected to prepare some guidelines for summer monitoring and to designate a sub-committee (at least two of whom should be employed in New York City in the summer) to consult on any necessary decisions. For the most part the faculty advisor will serve as the trader of record for the summer months for all the funds.

Position Descriptions

To insure that MPSIF operates in a professional manner, each of the sub-funds and advisory groups has a variety of task positions that must be filled. In some cases these tasks may be combined into one slot. In other cases the work may require several people. These are the designated positions as of May 2002:

<i>Position</i>	<i>Brief Title</i>	<i>Long Title</i>
President	Pres	President
Portfolio Manager	PM	Portfolio Manager
Auditor	Audit	Vice President for Audits
Communications Director	Comm	Vice President for Communications
Fund Services Director	FSD	Vice President for Fund Services
Market Strategist	MktStrat	Vice President for Market Strategy
Research Director	ResDir	Vice President of Research for the (Utility) Sector
Trader	Trad	Vice President for Trading
Treasurer	Treas	Treasurer
<i>Other Abbreviations</i>		
MP or MPSIF F or FI G S V	Michael Price Student Investment Fund Fixed Income Growth Small Cap Value	Assist Assistant Dep Deputy MgDir Managing Director Mkt Market SVP Senior Vice President VP Vice President

All Members of MPSIF

- The fund functions best with everyone's presence and active participation. Participation and contribution should be constructive and respectful.
- Members should be up-to-date with respect to markets and the economic environment, and knowledgeable about their specific stocks and sectors.

Portfolio Manager ---ensure the fund meets the goals of both the fund (performance) and the class (as a learning opportunity); ensure the team works well by facilitating discussions; ensure the quality of the analytical work by the group; make necessary administrative appointments and evaluations of performance. Represent fund in MPSIF overall strategy, performance evaluation, and various marketing duties.

Auditor ---helps do an internal audit of the books of one of the other funds; assists fund services director in making sure own fund records and archives are in order for an audit.

Communications Director ---record minutes of all meetings; note key discussion points; maintain appropriate postings to website (past and current minutes, performance, etc.), list upcoming schedule of pitches. Copies of the minutes should be sent shortly after the meeting to the faculty advisor for website posting and to the MPSIF President.

Fund Services Director ---audit trades, maintain financial records, monitor measures of performance.

Market Strategists ---report on key aspects of market conditions and variables with brief weekly report; provide fund outlook for 6-12 months; ensure continuity between transactions and mission statement. The strategists from each fund will present to all MPSIF their short-term outlooks on a rotating basis.

Research Directors ---every member of MPSIF is a research director for at least one sector or segment of the market. Duties include all of those activities done by professional analysts: researching the sector, screening and selecting securities consistent with fund objectives, preparing written and verbal summary materials for the other team members; following sector stocks currently in the portfolio; modifying the "buy when / sell when" table as necessary. If the portfolio has a "Managing Research Director" or "Senior Vice President of Research" that person has the additional duties of assisting the Portfolio Manager in scheduling pitches, in helping train new research directors, and in helping design better screening and template tools.

Trader ---execute trades; monitor and report price levels of holdings with respect to targets. The trader must complete a trading form for every trade. The following notes were completed by Pablo Roa (Stern 2002) for future traders:

Activities:

- Execute the orders approved by the Fund group.
- Once a decision is made, the trader should get involved in the strategy to buy/sell that particular position.
- Update the Yahoo portfolio every week.
- Send execution prices to the all the members or to the Portfolio Manager to note on the next meeting's agenda.
- Send weekly reports and monthly statements to fund services.
- Send the Merrill weekly research report to those requesting email copies. (Merrill research is available directly on the web to all team members.)
- Fill out a Trading Form for each trade executed.

Links:

- Merrill Web Site: <<http://www.newmlol.ml.com>> The faculty advisor will provide the trader with necessary passwords and more detailed instructions. ONLY THE TRADER will have password access to the actual Merrill account.
- Yahoo Web Site: <<http://my.yahoo.com>> All MPSIF participants will be provided with the actual names of the sites and the passwords.

Forms:

- Trading Form. Upon completion of the trade a copy of this form should be given to the Fund Services Director and a copy should be kept by the trader.

Treasurer ---oversee production of annual and semi-annual report (based on 10-K). The end of the fiscal year is 8/31; first draft of the report needs to be finished by 10/10; turn in final report to faculty advisor and President by 11/01. Similarly, the half-year ends 2/28, and the semi-annual report should be ready by 3/25 for the spring Advisory Board meeting. There may be additional financial and risk analysis materials needed for that Board meeting.

Grading Evaluation Form

Analyst: _____

Portfolio Manager: _____

1	2	3	4	5
Outstanding	Beyond expectation	Meets expectations	Improvement desired	Detrimental to the fund

Note: the bias is towards reviews in the 2-4 range. Dramatic performance will merit a 1 or a 5. Please use a number in all instances. You may also add qualitative description to justify your numerical evaluation.

Criteria	Self-evaluation	Portfolio Mgr Evaluation
Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conducted quality research into the company/sector, substantiating investment thesis and price levels • Clearly communicated investment thesis • Demonstrated knowledge about the company and the market 		
Class participation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Asked questions at presentations • Shared opinions regarding fund selections and management 		
Stock / sector tracking <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shared news items relating to stock/sector • Reacted quickly to news impacting stock/sector 		
Fund administration duties <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proactively completed requirements of position 		
Other		

FAQ about MPSIF Grading

1. **Do we have to get letter grades for MPSIF (B55.3320)?** Yes. The founding students were asked whether they wanted letter grades, pass/fail grades, or some combination. At that point in time the Associate Dean was willing to experiment with a variety of options. The students were almost unanimous in selecting letter grades. With new Associate Deans to educate, and faculty to convince, it would take approximately six months to change current policy for this course.

2. **Is MPSIF graded according to the "Stern Curve" or the "Department of Finance" curve?** Yes and no. First, you are a selected group of students ---roughly 40 out of 70 applicants. If the PMs and I have done that right, then we have already screened out the most likely candidates for the lower tail. Has any MPSIF student ever received a "C" grade? Yes, but they knew why from both their PM (and their fellow team members) and from me. If we are an elite group, does that mean that half or more of us will get A / A- grades? Probably not. I am a firm believer that "A" is a competitive rank/order grade. It's like the Olympics. You are already a champion if you get there ---and I am willing to write a letter to anyone you ask me to testifying to the fact that all MPSIF students have extraordinary backgrounds and seem to really develop and extend some of their professional skills in MPSIF. But not all of you will stand on the podium.

It may be worth adding a note that contrary to some impressions, faculty do not really fit students into some target grading curve. Students fit themselves into a performance distribution, and in most cases it's relatively easy to translate that into related letter grades. Each of you came into this course with different skill sets and time available for the course. It's no different from the real world. You have had to make time / energy tradeoffs for different tasks. Sometimes you guess right and hit the jackpot across the board, and sometimes the payoffs are not quite what you would like for one or two of the tasks. As portfolio managers you probably have a clearer understanding of this than most other students (and real world managers!).

3. **How are the PMs and President evaluated?** They are evaluated the same as the rest of you except that the professor input is probably 50% - 60% rather than roughly 30%. At least a couple of the members from each team are asked to informally comment on the strengths / weaknesses of the officer group and comments from any of you are always appreciated.

4. **What grade do I receive at the end of the first semester?** The registrar has been leaving it blank, or inserting an "S" grade (satisfactory) or an "IP" grade if they have time.

Michael Keenan
Faculty Advisor for MPSIF

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Prof. M. Keenan
November 2002

A Note on Course Grading

As you know, we must deliver a course grade for those of you who are completing your second semester of participation in MPSIF. I am absolutely convinced that our selection process has been good enough that you are all above-average Stern students. The work I have seen to date confirms this. But as you know, firms like Goldman Sachs can also hire the very best MBA students from around the world and they cannot pay the "big bonus" to all of them after the first year. Neither can we offer an A grade to all of you. I hope that you feel as I do that the value of this integrative course experience is not so much in adding one more letter grade to your portfolio as it is in participating in such an integrative experience, in being able to say on your resume and elsewhere that you have managed real money (and that you are member of a fund management group), and that you feel good about the fact that your efforts in managing this endowment fund enable NYU and Oklahoma students to have a fuller educational experience.

We will use three kinds of inputs to help determine relative contributions / grade rankings:

Roughly speaking, (1) and (3) account for up to 40% of the weight and (2) for 60% of the weight.

1. Input and discussion with the MPSIF Presidents.
2. Input and discussion with each of the MPSIF Portfolio Managers.
The PMs will have consulted with the members of their funds individually and in any other way they deem appropriate to help provide assessments (including peer ratings).
3. An individual assessment prospectus from each team member.

In the ***individual assessment prospectus*** you should have the following:

(The submission should be a written submission in a file folder and not an emailed submission.)

- a. A summary outline / diary of the work you have done for the fund over the past two semesters. All of you have played several roles. Do not be shy about incorporating that into the description of your work.
- b. Samples of any writing you have done or research reports you have given.
- c. A summary paragraph indicating any recommendation you want to make on the relative size of your bonus. Assume there is one million dollars to distribute unequally among ten fund members. What is your appropriate share?

Please put these materials in a file with your name on it and turn in to Keenan on or before January 15, 2003 at 4:00 p.m. (my mailbox is in the section facing you in the Department of Finance mailroom ---KMC 9-151). Be sure to keep a copy for your own files.

Results of a Feedback Questionnaire
MPSIF Fall 2001

As we plan ahead for next year, we would appreciate your feedback regarding the structure of the MPSIF program. Please take a moment to answer the following questions - we will collect the forms in class on Monday.

Please circle the number that best reflects your opinion	Strongly Disagree		Not sure				Strongly Agree		Avg.		
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
The size of each fund (10 – 12 people) is too large for me to get involved	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	2.88
This class should meet twice a week	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	3.96
To increase efficiency and continuity, the term for Portfolio Managers should be increased to 2 semesters	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	4.88
The “centralized” part of the Monday session should be used to discuss economic data, portfolio strategy, and other relevant news	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	6.92
If MPSIF had its own research room, I would be better able to follow my sector, produce pitches, etc.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	6.64
It would be beneficial for me to know what the other 2 funds are doing	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7.6
This class has allowed me to apply concepts from my other courses	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8.52
This class has helped me learn how to analyze companies	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7.64
This class has increased my interest in the financial markets	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	8.32
This class has helped me in my job search (i.e. provided a basis for discussion during interviews, given me pitch ideas, etc.)	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	7.26

Summary of all comments or suggestions:

1. The class did not provide a lot of structured learning. Instead, it seemed that I was listening in on other people's conversations, which might have been more useful to someone with a stronger finance background.
2. I really like the way the Value Fund has switched over to DCF analyses for all stocks. Very helpful.
3. This class was critical for my ability to analyze a company and then pitch it.
4. Fund manager should be more flexible when the fund meets in connection with job search activities.
5. It would be nice if we could find a (professional) fund manager in the (Wall Street) area to agree to work with each fund maybe one hour/month.
6. The only comment I have is that the class/course assumes you already know how to value a company, how to produce a research report, etc. I know we went through a screening process, but I believe the *academic* part of the course is missing. I expected more guidance from the professor, but it is assumed (that's a mistake) that we already know what we're doing.
7. Certain things should/could be centralized to avoid repetition of work.
8. Money is increasing and so is complexity – more marketing, more transactions...As a result managing the fund becomes more difficult and risky. Some formal clear rules will be necessary.
9. Second year students should be encouraged to create a learning environment. Independent projects are not as useful as working with a second year student to pitch a stock.
10. I like the current format – I just wish the three funds would talk / share more.
11. Ideas:
 - a. Grade students on a per semester basis (two 1.5 credit classes) to try to maintain high motivation.
 - b. Ask non-committed students to drop after semester one.

MPSIF Standard Advertisement

MPSIF INFORMATION SESSION FOR FIRST-YEAR MBAs

The Michael Price Student Investment Fund (MPSIF) is a family of student-run mutual funds managing over one and a half million dollars of the university endowment. The funds ---Fixed Income, Growth, Small Cap, and Value--- are looking for first year students to join the analyst staff in Spring 2003 and continue through the Fall 2003 semester.

MPSIF will hold an information session for those who may be interested in registering for this course / activity. If you are excited by the prospect of managing real money in the market, come and learn how to apply for this course (B55.3320). MPSIF representatives from each of the portfolio funds will be there to answer questions. For more information about the performance, the current holdings, and the strategies of each of the funds, see the MPSIF website: <http://pages.stern.nyu.edu/~mpsif>

WEDNESDAY November 13th at 12:00 pm in KMC 2-90

Michael Price Student Investment Fund - Trade Execution Form
Stern School of Business - New York University

FUND (circle one): **FIXED INCOME** **GROWTH** **SMALL CAP** **VALUE**

Trade Request Section
(To be filled out by PM)

Administrative Information:

Submitted By: _____
Date: _____
Time: _____

(circle one): **BUY** **SELL**

Security Information:

Type (circle one): STOCK BOND MUTUAL FUND
Security Name: _____
Ticker: _____

Order Information:

Quantity of Shares: _____
Last Trading Price at Time of Request: \$ _____

Desired Order (circle one): Market Order Limit Stop (listed only) Stop Limit (listed only)	Desired Timing (circle one): Day Only Good Until Canceled (30 Days) Fill or Kill Immediate or Cancel
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For Non-Market Orders Only: (circle one): Minimum Qty _____ Do not reduce All or none	Dividend Reinvest? YES NO <i>other:</i> _____
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PM Approval:

Name: _____
Signature: _____

Special Instructions/Comments:

Trade Execution Section
(To be filled out by Trader)

Administrative Information:

Executed By: _____
Date: _____
Time: _____

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Security Information:

Security Name: _____
Ticker: _____

Order Information:

Quantity of Shares: _____	Executed Price: \$ _____
Transaction Value Less Fees: _____	Fees: \$ _____
Total Transaction Value Including Fees _____	\$ _____

Executed Order (circle one): Market Order Limit Stop (listed only) Stop Limit (listed only)	Executed Timing (circle one): Day Only Good Until Canceled (30 Days) Fill or Kill Immediate or Cancel
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For Non-Market Orders Only: (circle one): Minimum Qty _____ Do not reduce All or none	Dividend Reinvest? YES NO <i>other:</i> _____
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Trader Execution:

Name: _____
Signature: _____

Special Instructions/Comments:

For Compliance Use Only:

Trade Execution Form matches Merrill Lynch Confirm. Report: _____ (yes or no)	TRADE EXECUTION #:
Date of Trade Confirmation Report (from Broker): _____	
Date Reviewed By Compliance Officer: _____	
Other Comments: _____	



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