

MANUSCRIPT PREPARATION AND STYLE

The American Accounting Association journals' manuscript preparation guidelines follow *The Chicago Manual of Style* (16th ed.; University of Chicago Press). Another helpful guide to usage and style is *The Elements of Style*, by William Strunk, Jr., and E. B. White (Macmillan). Spelling follows *Webster's Collegiate Dictionary*.

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MANUSCRIPT FORMATTING

Word Document and General Manuscript Information

1. All manuscripts must be in Microsoft[®] Word (.doc or .docx) and formatted in 12-point Times New Roman and double-spaced (except for indented quotations).
2. Manuscripts should be no longer than 7,000 words. That is, 30 pages of main text and an overall total not to exceed 50 pages including references, figures, tables, and appendices. The only exceptions are for *Current Issues in Auditing*, which has a maximum word count of 2,500, and *Accounting Horizons* which has a maximum word count of 3,500. For more information, please view the editorial policies of each in the section [below](#). Manuscripts should be as concise as the subject and research method permit.
3. Set margins at 1 inch from top, bottom, and sides.
4. To promote anonymous review, authors must not identify themselves directly or indirectly in their papers or in experimental test instruments included with the submission. Single authors must not use the editorial “we.”
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Title Page

The title of the paper, preferred running head (maximum 115 characters and spaces), all authors’ names, affiliations, email addresses, and acknowledgments (if desired) must appear in a stand-alone Word document. See example [here](#).

Abstract, Keywords, and Article Text Page

Abstract

The article file must begin with the abstract of no more than 150 words and immediately precede the text, which should start on a new page. The abstract should concisely inform the reader of the manuscript’s topic, its methods, and its findings. The manuscript’s title, without author names or affiliations, must appear on the abstract page.

Keywords

The abstract must be followed by at least three keywords to assist in indexing the paper and identifying qualified reviewers. JEL Classifications and Data Availability may be included, if desired. See example [here](#).

Article Text

The text of the paper starts below the keywords, with a section labeled INTRODUCTION. The introduction should provide more details about the paper’s purpose, motivation, methodology, and findings. Both the abstract and the “Introduction” section should be relatively nontechnical, yet clear enough for an informed reader to understand the manuscript’s contribution. See example [here](#).

Section and Subsection Headings

First-level headings are to be arranged so that major headings are centered, bold, capitalized, and be numbered using roman numerals I, II, III, etc.

Second-level headings are flush left, bold, and both uppercase and lowercase. Third-level headings are flush left, bold, italic, and both uppercase and lowercase. Fourth-level headings are paragraph indent, bold, and lowercase. See below for the correct formatting:

I. A CENTERED, BOLD, ALL CAPITALIZED, FIRST-LEVEL HEADING A

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A Flush Left, Bold, Italic, Uppercase and Lowercase, Third-Level Heading

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General Formatting

Pagination

All pages, including references, appendices, and tables are to be serially numbered.

Numbers

Spell out numbers from one to ten, except when used in tables and lists, and when used with mathematical, statistical, scientific, or technical units and quantities, such as distances, weights and measures. For example: three days; 3 kilometers; 30 years. All other numbers are expressed numerically.

Percentages

In nontechnical copy use the word percent in the text, e.g., “We find that approximately 28 percent of the sample has a new CEO.”; in tables and figures, the symbol % is used, e.g., 28%.

Mathematical Notation

Mathematical notation should be employed only where its rigor and precision are necessary, and in such circumstances authors should explain the principal operations performed in narrative format. Notation should be avoided in footnotes. Use standard mathematical notation and symbols. Do not use windings, geometric shapes, or images.

Equations

Equations should be consecutively numbered in parentheses flush with the right-hand margin.

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Footnotes are not used for documentation (citations). Textual footnotes should be used only for extensions and useful excursions of information that, if included in the body of the text, might disrupt its continuity. Footnotes must be inserted using the “Footnote” feature in Microsoft Word, which will automatically number the footnotes. Footnote callouts are to be formatted as Arabic numerals. Do not use “endnote” formatting.

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5. Figure graphics must be interpretable in greyscale, and should also be reasonably interpreted without reference to the text. Original color graphics can included in the submission files to be provided as downloadable supplemental material files.
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CITATIONS AND REFERENCES

Citations

In-text citations are made using an author-date format. Cited works must correspond to the works listed in the “References” section. Authors should make an effort to include the relevant page numbers in the in-text citations.

1. In the text, works are cited as follows: author’s last name and year, without comma, in parentheses. For example: one author, (Berry 2003); two authors, (Fehr and Schmidt 2003); three to five authors, (Scholes, Wolfson, Erickson, Maydew, and Shevlin 2008); six or more authors, (Dikolli et al. 2013); more than one work cited, (Cole and Yakushiji 1984; Dechow, Sloan, and Sweeney 1995; Levitt 1998); with two works by the same author(s), (Nelson 2003, 2005).
2. When the author’s name is mentioned in the text, it need not be repeated in the citation. For example: “Cohen et al. (2005) provide ...”
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7. First initials of same-surname authors are added to the first citation of the work to conform to AAA standard style, e.g., P. Podsakoff, MacKenzie, Lee, and N. Podsakoff (2003).
8. Citations to institutional works should use acronyms or short titles where practicable. For example: (NCFRR, The Treadway Commission 1987).
9. If the paper refers to statutes, legal treatises, or court cases, citations acceptable in law reviews, such as the *Harvard Law Review*, should be used.

Reference List

Every manuscript must include a “References” section that contains only those works cited within the text. Each entry should contain all information necessary for unambiguous identification of the published work. Use the following formats (which generally follow *The Chicago Manual of Style*):

1. Arrange citations in alphabetical order according to the family name of the first author or the name of the institution or body responsible for the published work.
2. Use authors’ initials instead of proper names.
3. For two or more authors, separate authors with a comma, including a comma before “and” (Dechow, P. M., R. Sloan, and A. Sweeney).
4. Date of publication follows the name(s) or author(s).
5. Titles of journals or newspapers are not to be abbreviated.
6. For resource materials that were only available online and are now no longer available, please include a “last accessed” date as a parenthetical note appended to the end of the URL.

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Tax Journal Citations and Sample References

For journal articles that use legal-style footnotes, reference to a single regulation, government promulgation, or court case should be made as shown below. Generally, references to multiple works of the same type (e.g., two revenue rulings) or multiple works of different types (e.g., a revenue ruling and a court case) should be made through the use of a footnote unless they are brief and do not disrupt the flow of the text. The form for tax citations often encountered is presented below.

I.R.C. § 1248(a)	LTR 8208047 (11/26/80)
Treas. Reg. § 1.1248–3(a)(4) Rev.	43 TC 1654 (1975)
Rul. 82-1, 1982-1 CB 417	TC Memo 1943–496 (1943)
Rev. Proc. 82-1, 1982-1 CB 751	370 F. Supp. 69 (DC-Tx., 1974)
656 F. 2d 659 (CT. Cl., 1981)	388 U.S. 1492 (1980)
411 F. 2d 1275 (CA-6, 1975)	

EDITORIAL POLICIES

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Accounting](#)

[Journal of Forensic Accounting Research](#)

[Journal of Governmental & Nonprofit
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PUBLICATIONS POLICIES

[Policy on Prior Publication](#)

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Policies on Publication Ethics

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TITLE PAGE EXAMPLE

Do Income Tax-Related Deficiencies in Publicly Disclosed PCAOB Part II Reports Influence Audit Client Financial Reporting of Income Tax Accounts?

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ABSTRACT, KEYWORDS, AND ARTICLE TITLE PAGE EXAMPLE

Industry Characteristics, Risk Premiums, and Debt Pricing

ABSTRACT

Despite theoretical and anecdotal evidence highlighting the importance of industry-level analyses to lenders, the empirical literature on debt pricing has focused almost exclusively on firm-level forces that affect expected loss. This paper provides empirical evidence that industry-level characteristics relate to debt pricing through risk premiums. We address the empirical challenges that arise when testing these theories by using a proprietary dataset of time-varying and forward-looking measures of industry characteristics. These characteristics include growth, sensitivity to external shocks, and industry structure, all measured at the six-digit NAICS level. Our results show that lenders demand higher spreads to bear industry-level risk. The relation exists within subsamples with constant credit ratings, and strengthens when lenders' loan portfolios are less diversified and during periods when diversification is difficult. Therefore, our results suggest that industry characteristics relate to debt pricing by informing lenders not only about expected loss but also about risk premiums.

Keywords: debt; probability of default; loss given default; industry characteristics.

JEL Classifications: G31, G32, G33, M21.

Data Availability: Data are available from the public sources cited in the text.

I. INTRODUCTION

Text of article starts here...