

HARVARD, YALE, AND ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENTS: A POST-CRISIS VIEW

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Level II

- Chapter 2: The Endowment Model
- Chapter 3: Risk Management for Endowment and Foundation Portfolios



- The largest university endowments are leaders in allocations to alternative investments
 - The largest 10% of schools (over \$1 billion) manage over 70% of all endowment funds
- Endowments are designed to last in perpetuity, not a difficult assumption for a university that is over 300 years old with more than \$19 billion in assets

Assets of the Largest North American University Endowments			
	Assets (\$Billion)	Assets (\$Billion)	
	as of June 2008	as of June 2013	Year Founded
Harvard University	\$36.6	\$32.3	1636
Yale University	\$22.9	\$20.7	1701
University of Texas System	\$16.1	\$20.4	1883-1895
Princeton University	\$16.3	\$18.2	1746
Stanford University	\$17.2	\$18.7	1891
Massachusetts Institute of Technology	\$10.1	\$11.0	1861
Total Assets of the Six Largest Endowments	\$119.2	\$121.4	
Total Assets of US and Canadian Endowments	\$412.8	\$448.6	
Number of Endowments > \$1 Billion AUM	77	82	

- The foundation community has greater assets than university endowments, but with a larger number of smaller pools

Assets of the Largest U.S. Foundations in 2013	
	Assets (\$Billion)
Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation	\$37.2
Ford Foundation	\$11.2
J. Paul Getty Trust	\$10.5
Robert Wood Johnson Foundation	\$9.5
W.K. Kellogg Foundation	\$8.2
William and Flora Hewlett Foundation	\$7.7
Total Assets of the Six Largest Foundations	\$84.3
Total Assets of U.S. Foundations	\$715.0
Total Giving	\$52.0
Number of Foundations > \$1 Billion AUM	65
Total Number of Foundations	86,192

- The assets of the endowment or foundation are used to supplement the income of the organization
- Endowment spending averages 4.4% of assets, while foundations are legally required to spend at least 5% of assets annually. Universities with larger endowments have higher average spending rates
- Spending rates are smoothed to reduce the impact of a single year change in endowment return
- It is much more difficult for foundations to last in perpetuity than endowments
 - Endowments have a greater flexibility in their spending rate
 - Independent foundations are often funded by a single individual or family and receive no subsequent gifts
 - A perpetual institution is more likely when there is a substantial and regular gift income

- Intergenerational equity seeks to balance spending on current vs. future beneficiaries
 - Intergenerational equity is best served when the real value of the corpus is constant over time, allowing for constant inflation-adjusted spending across generations
 - To do so, income has to exceed spending and losses to inflation
 - In the absence of gifts, the return target is the spending rate plus inflation
- $\text{CPI} + 5\%$ is a high required return, which leads endowments and foundations to aggressive asset allocations

ENDOWMENT RETURNS

- Larger endowments have earned higher returns
 - In the absence of gifts, ten year returns of CPI +4.8% maintain the real value of the corpus
 - Ten year returns above equity indices have attracted admirers

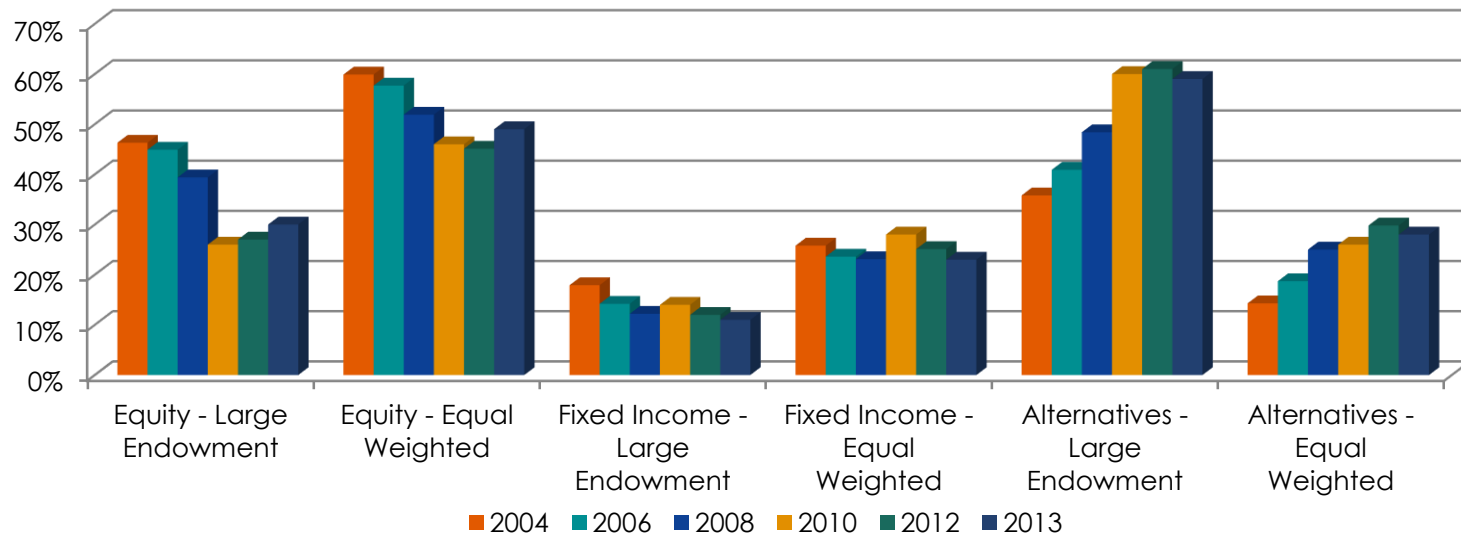
Returns of North American University Endowments				
	Ending June 2013			
	<u>1 Yr</u>	<u>3Yr</u>	<u>5 Yr</u>	<u>10 Yr</u>
60% MSCI World Equity Index, 40% Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index	9.9%	9.8%	3.5%	6.5%
60% Russell 3000 Equity Index, 40% Barclays US Aggregate Bond Index	12.8%	12.9%	7.0%	6.9%
40% Russell 3000, 20% MSCI World Equity Index, 40% Barclays Global Aggregate Bond Index	11.0%	11.7%	5.3%	6.8%
MSCI World Index Free U.S. Currency	18.6%	13.7%	2.7%	7.2%
Russell 3000 Index	21.5%	18.6%	7.2%	7.8%
Barclays Capital Global Aggregate	-2.2%	3.6%	3.7%	4.8%
Barclays Capital U.S. Aggregate	0.7%	4.0%	5.5%	4.7%
Endowments Over \$1 Billion	11.7%	10.5%	3.8%	8.3%
Total Endowment	11.7%	10.1%	3.9%	7.1%
Consumer Price Index	2.0%	2.4%	1.2%	2.3%
Higher Education Price Index	1.6%	1.9%	1.8%	3.3%

The following slides will explore six reasons that may explain the outperformance of large endowments

- Aggressive asset allocation
- Rebalancing and contrarian views
- Effective investment manager research
- First mover advantage
- Access to a network of talented alumni
- Acceptance of liquidity risk

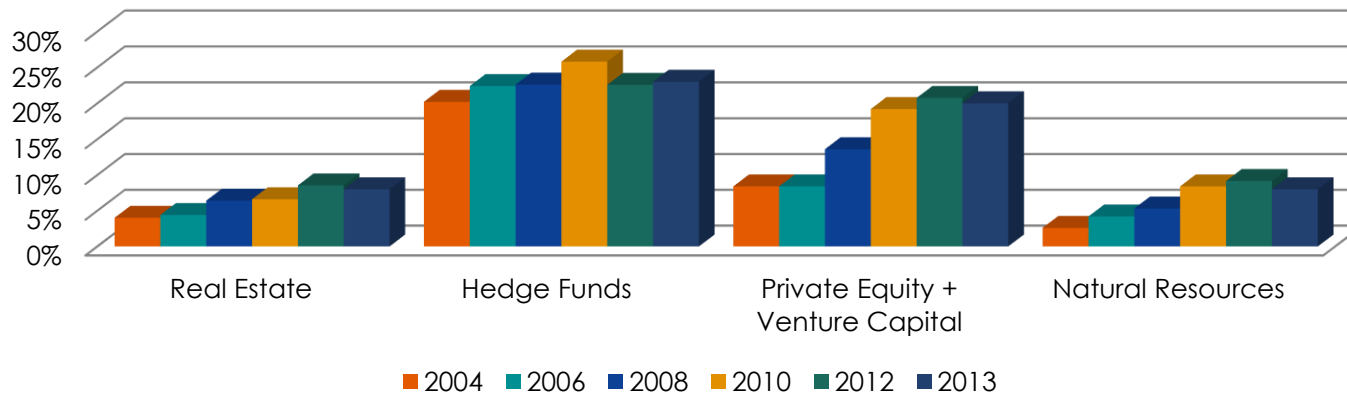
AGGRESSIVE ASSET ALLOCATION

- The endowment model is typically characterized by a large allocation to alternative investments and a low allocation to fixed income and cash
- While endowments with over \$1 billion AUM allocate 59% to alternative investments, the average endowment allocates less than 30%



- The largest endowments have average allocations of:
 - 13% US equity, 17% non-US equity, 11% in fixed income and cash
 - 23% hedge funds, 20% PE/VC, 16% real assets

**Alternative Investment Allocations
US University Endowments Above \$1 Billion AUM**



- David Swensen, the CIO of Yale University and author of *Pioneering Portfolio Management*, is seen as the father of the endowment model
- Swensen explains the importance of rebalancing and contrarian views in endowment investing
 - But many alternative investments have limited ability for rebalancing
- In traditional investment portfolios, strategic asset allocation accounts for over 90% of the variance in fund returns
- In endowments, strategic asset allocation explains just 74.2%, while market timing explains 14.6% and security selection explains 8.4%*
- Over 20 years, Swensen estimates that 80% of Yale's value added is from active management while just 20% is from asset allocation

- Yale University made its first investments far earlier than other investors
 - Natural resources in 1950
 - LBOs in 1973
 - Real estate in 1978
 - Venture capital in 1976, far earlier than public pensions which started in the 1990s
- Being an early investor has guaranteed access to today's top managers, many of which are closed to new investors

- The majority of hedge fund managers attended the top universities
 - The middle 50% of managers attended undergraduate schools where SAT scores averaged between 1199 and 1421
 - Hedge fund managers attending schools with higher SAT scores earned higher returns, lower risk, and greater inflows
 - A 200 point difference in SAT scores explained 73bp higher returns*
- Perhaps, these alumni reserve capacity for their university's endowment
- No SAT effect was found for managers of mutual funds

- Investing in less liquid asset classes may earn higher returns
- This liquidity premia varies by asset class and lock-up period
- Ang computes that illiquidity requires a hurdle rate to compensate for liquidity risk borne, such as 2% for a two year lock-up and 6% for a ten year lock-up*
 - Hedge funds and liquid strategies have shorter lock-up periods
 - Concern about declining alpha and high fees is leading to decline in capital invested in funds of funds while single manager funds have stable to growing AUM
 - In-house management reduces fee burden
 - Private equity and real estate partnerships may have lock-up periods of ten years or longer
 - Focus investments on top quartile managers whose performance seems to be persistent

* Ang, "Illiquid Assets: Premiums and Optimal Allocations", 2011

RISKS OF THE ENDOWMENT MODEL

- Inflation and spending rates
- Liquidity
- Tail Risk

INFLATION AND SPENDING RATES

- Maintaining a constant or growing real corpus over time requires returns and gifts that exceed the spending rate plus the rate of inflation
- Spending at a rate of 5% of the endowment's five year average value runs a 50% risk of losing half of the endowment's real value during the course of a generation
- Lower spending rates and larger gift income significantly reduce the probability of a declining corpus
- The fear of inflation is directly linked to rising real asset allocations
- Real asset inflation betas far exceed those of traditional assets*

20 Year US Treasuries	S&P 500	3 Month T-bills	Farmland	Commodity Futures
-3.1	-2.4	0.3	1.7	6.5

*Bernstein Global Wealth Mgmt, "Deflating Inflation: Redefining the Inflation-Resistant Portfolio", 2010

- Liquidity risk is perhaps the most discussed issue in the post-crisis endowment world
- Endowments and foundations need liquidity to fund the spending rate and capital calls to private equity and real estate partnerships
- Liquidity can be sourced through fixed income and cash allocations, distributions from private equity and real estate partnerships
- In 2008-2009, top universities floated debt issues, sought to sell partnership interests in the secondary market, sold equity and corporate bonds in a down market, and drastically cut spending on staff and building projects
- Depending on spending and capital commitments, fixed income and cash allocations of 6% to 14% can avert a liquidity crisis in 95% of market conditions, while 35% is needed to completely avoid liquidity issues*

- Careful consideration of the size of commitments to the least liquid assets
 - Universities are reducing the degree of over commitment to real estate and private equity partnerships
 - Harvard reduced uncalled capital commitments by over \$4 billion in the first two years after the crisis
- Increased access to credit lines
 - Guarantee access to cash before the next crisis
- Growing cash allocations and reduced leverage
 - Harvard grew cash from -5% to +2%, Yale grew cash from -4% to +4%
- Moving assets toward more liquid alternatives
 - Commodity futures are becoming increasingly attractive relative to natural resource partnerships

- The best way to compound long-term wealth may be to have an appropriately defensive strategy during down markets
- The best way to destroy long-term wealth may be to reduce risk tolerance at the bottom of a bear market
- Owning negatively correlated assets can increase cash flow in a down market, allowing rebalancing and the purchase of assets from distressed sellers at cyclical lows
- Many private equity, real estate, and hedge fund strategies have a return profile similar to selling put options on liquidity risk*
- Defensive strategies may include
 - Put options on equity, credit, and commodities
 - Sovereign debt
 - Macro, managed futures, and volatility arbitrage funds

*Page, Simonia and He, "Asset Allocation: Systemic Liquidity as a Risk Factor," Global Liquidity III, 2011

ASSET RETURNS IN 2007-2009



Asset Returns				
	2007	2008	2009	2007-2009
GSCI Commodities	32.7%	-46.5%	13.5%	-19.4%
MSCI World Free	9.0%	-40.7%	30.0%	-16.0%
S&P 500	5.5%	-37.0%	26.5%	-15.9%
Convertible Arb	5.2%	-31.6%	47.3%	6.0%
Emerging Markets Hedge	20.2%	-30.4%	30.0%	8.8%
Fixed Income Arb	3.8%	-28.8%	27.4%	-5.9%
60% MSCI World, 40% Barclays Global	9.4%	-24.9%	20.7%	-0.8%
Equity Long-Short	13.7%	-19.7%	19.5%	9.0%
Hedge Fund Index	12.6%	-19.1%	18.6%	8.0%
Event Driven Multistrategy	16.8%	-16.2%	19.9%	17.3%
Macro	17.4%	-4.6%	11.5%	24.9%
Barclays Global Aggregate	9.5%	4.8%	6.9%	22.7%
Managed Futures	6.0%	18.3%	-6.6%	17.2%

LONG TERM RETURNS FOR TAIL HEDGES

- Put option solutions have a negative expected return, while cash earns near zero
- Bond, macro and managed futures investments earn positive returns over time, reducing hedging costs
- Returns that are more normally distributed have less issues with significant drawdowns

	Average	Standard	Maximum		
<i>(Jan. 1994-Dec. 2014)</i>	Return	Deviation	Drawdown	Skewness	Kurtosis
MSCI World Free	7.9%	15.0%	-56.0%	-0.8	1.7
S&P 500	10.2%	14.9%	-56.7%	-0.7	1.2
Convertible Arbitrage	7.5%	6.9%	-37.5%	-2.9	26.6
Emerging Markets	8.4%	13.2%	-47.7%	-0.8	5.9
Fixed Income Arbitrage	5.4%	5.4%	-32.1%	-4.7	34.9
Long/Short Equity	9.4%	9.4%	-25.2%	0.0	3.7
Hedge Fund Index	8.4%	7.2%	-22.8%	-0.2	2.9
Multi-Strategy	8.6%	6.6%	-20.8%	-1.7	7.8
Global Macro	10.8%	9.2%	-29.4%	0.1	4.5
JPM Global Aggregate Bond	5.6%	5.7%	-12.3%	0.2	0.8
Managed Futures	6.2%	11.5%	-24.1%	0.0	0.0

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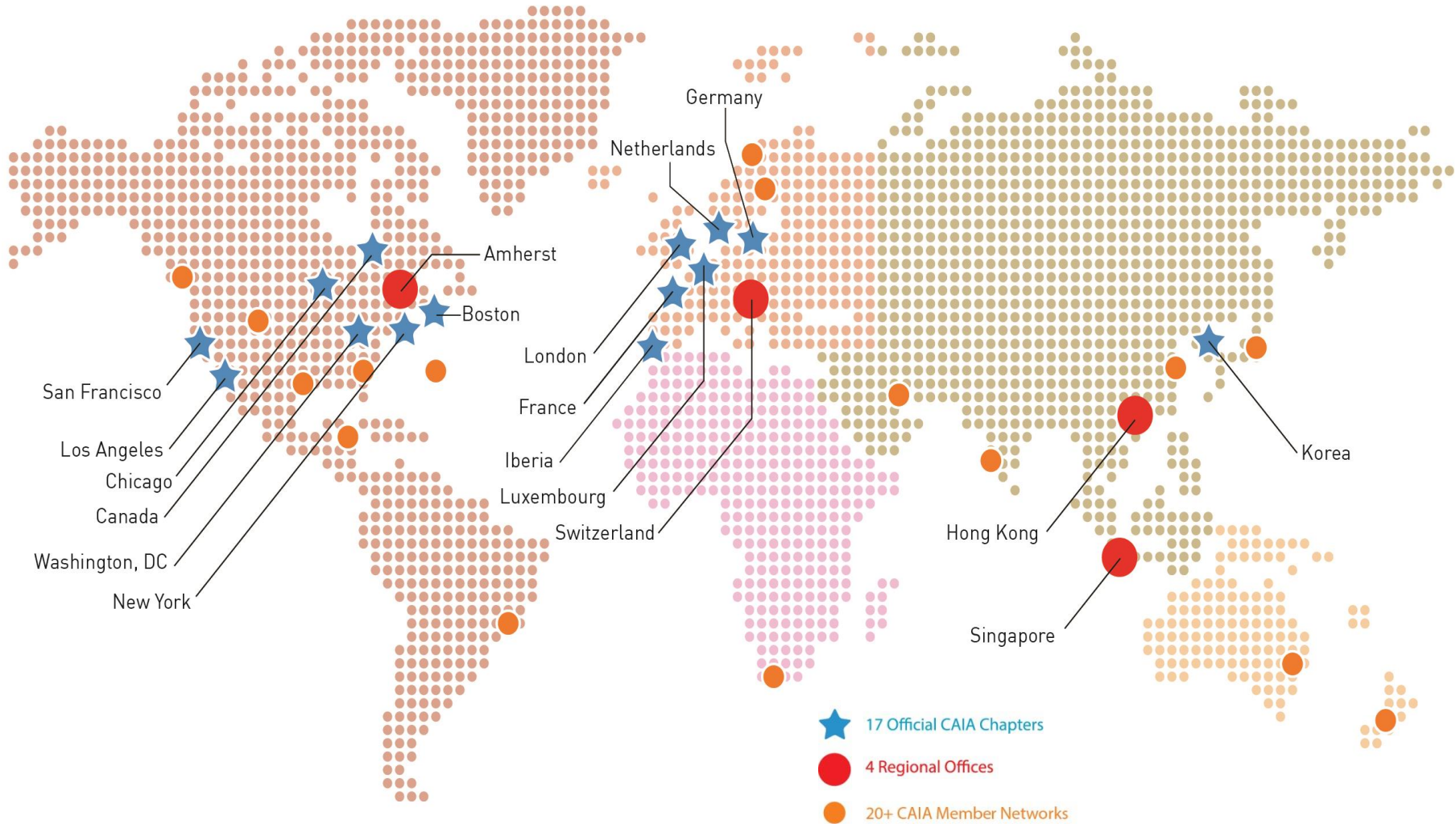
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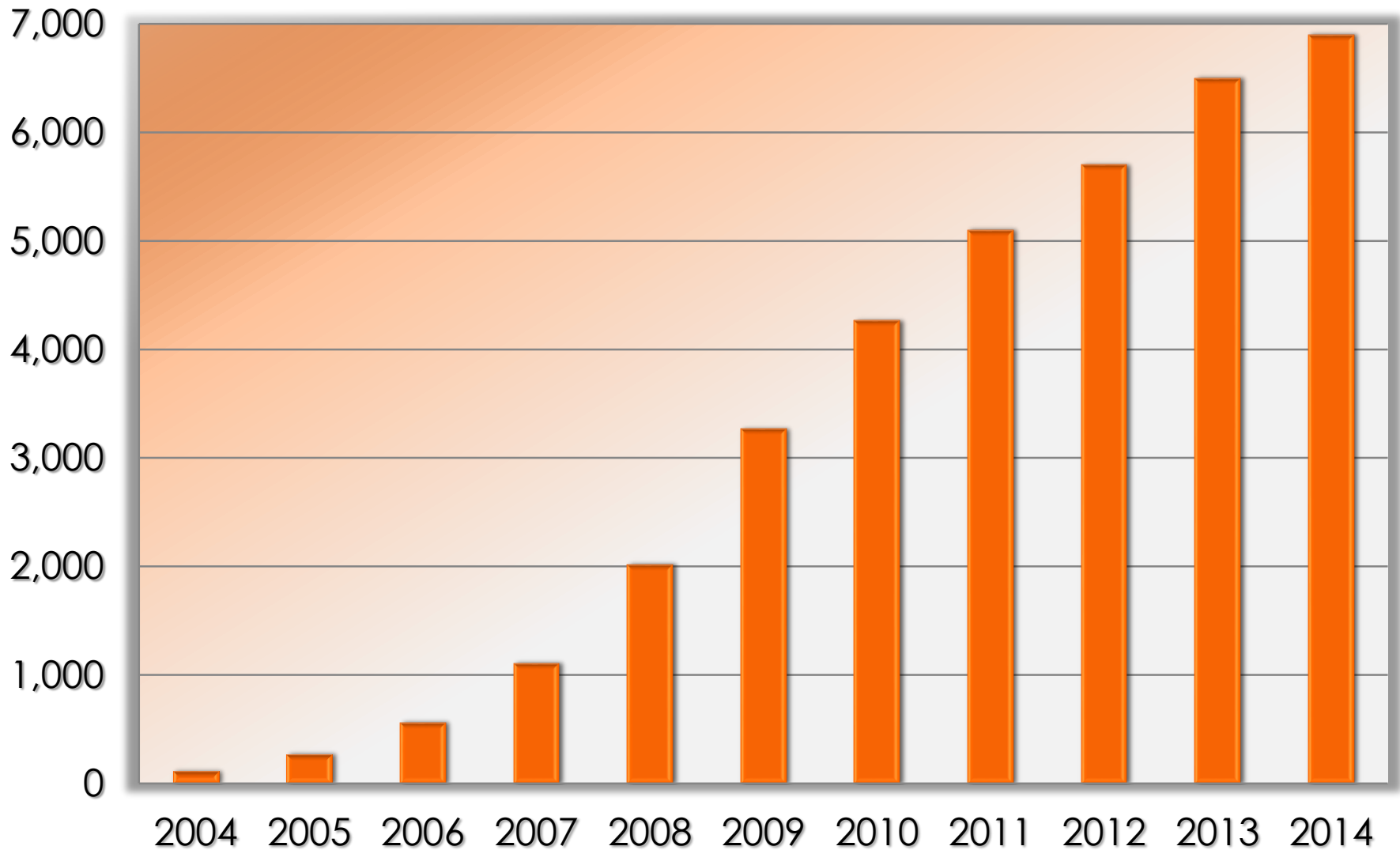
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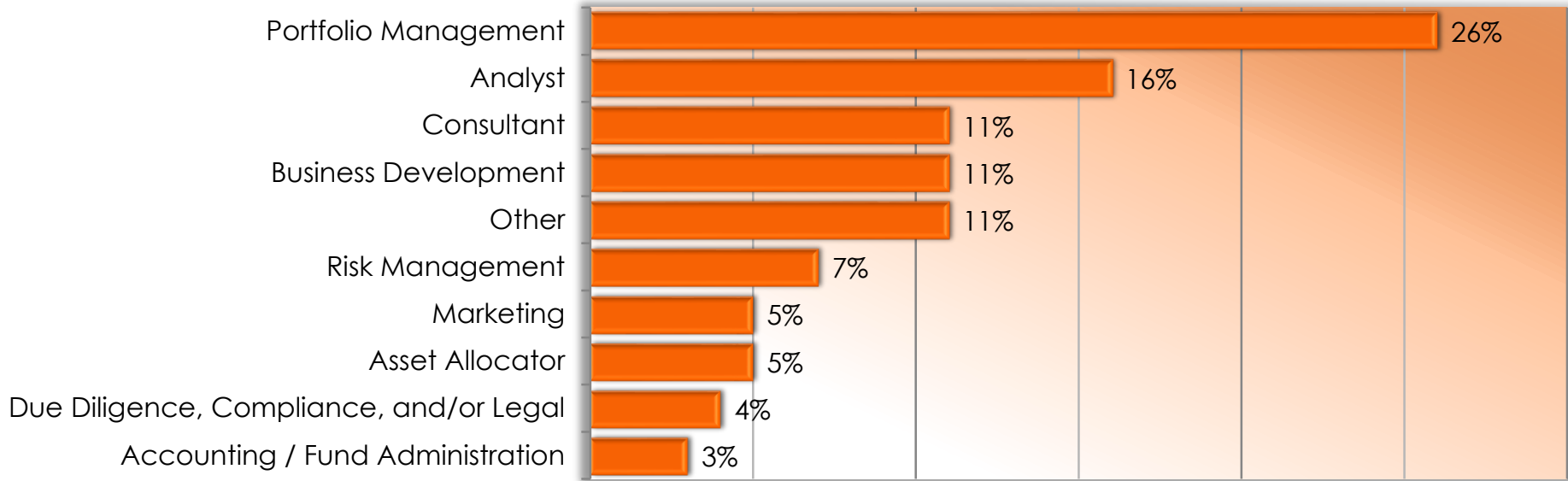


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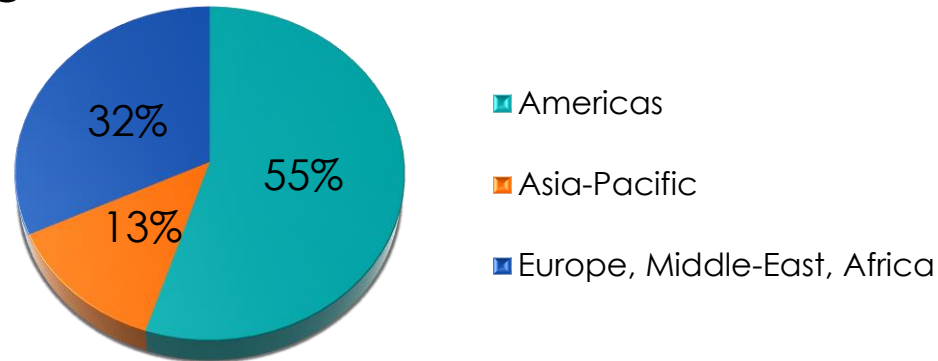
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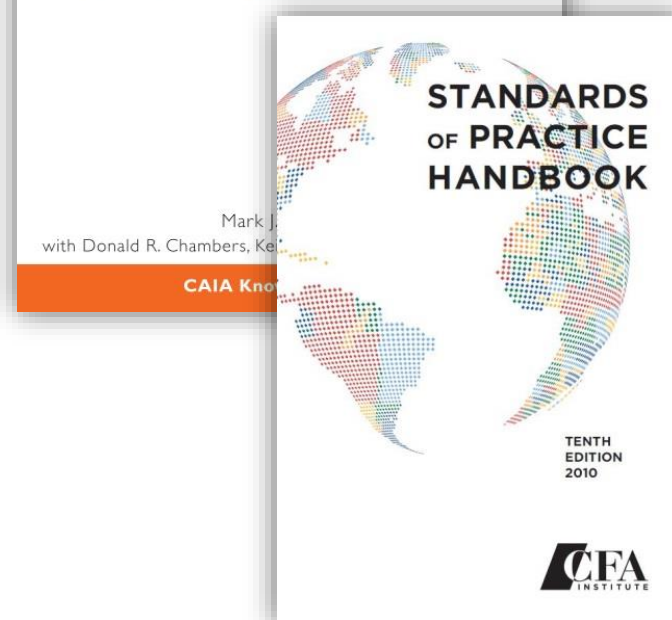
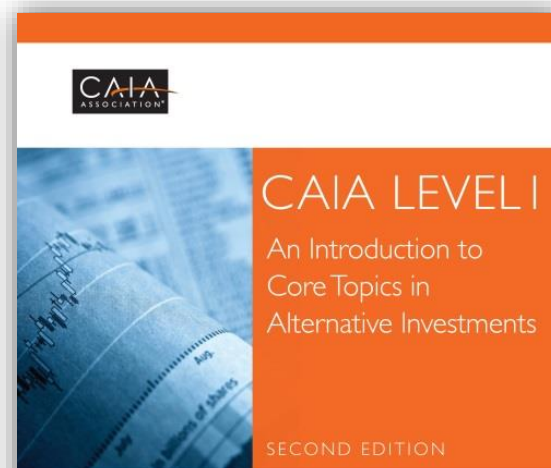


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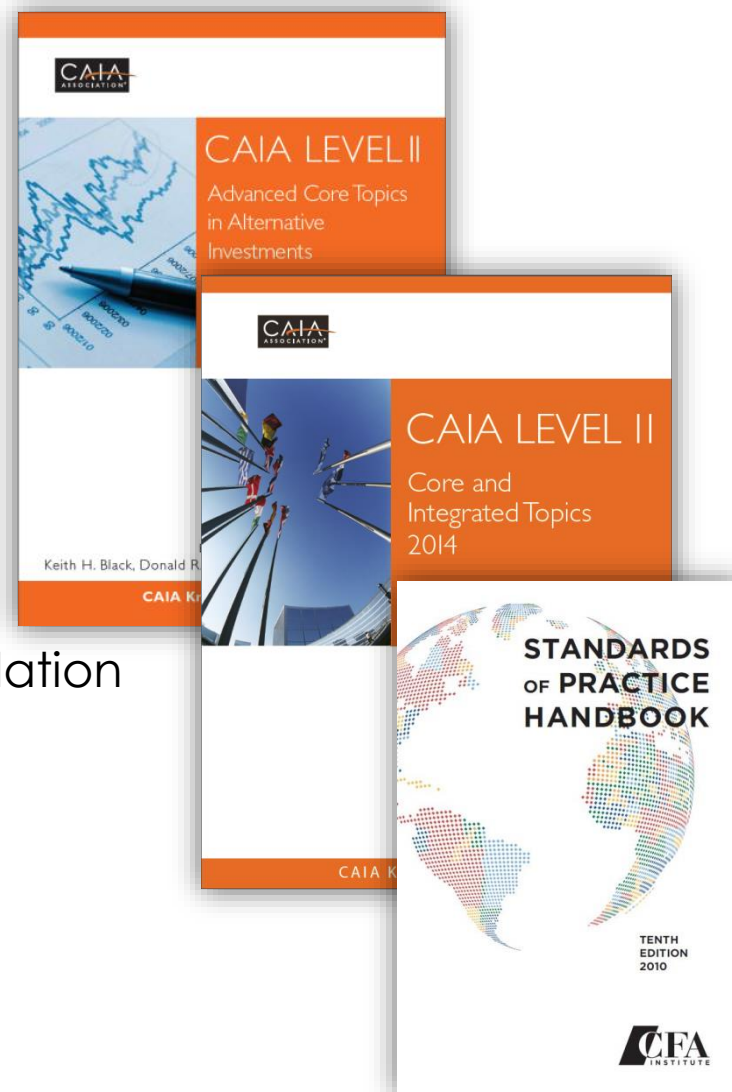
CORE CONCEPTS

- Professional Standards & Ethics
- Introduction to Alternative Investments
- Real Assets
- Hedge Funds
- Commodities
- Private Equity
- Structured Products
- Risk & Portfolio Management

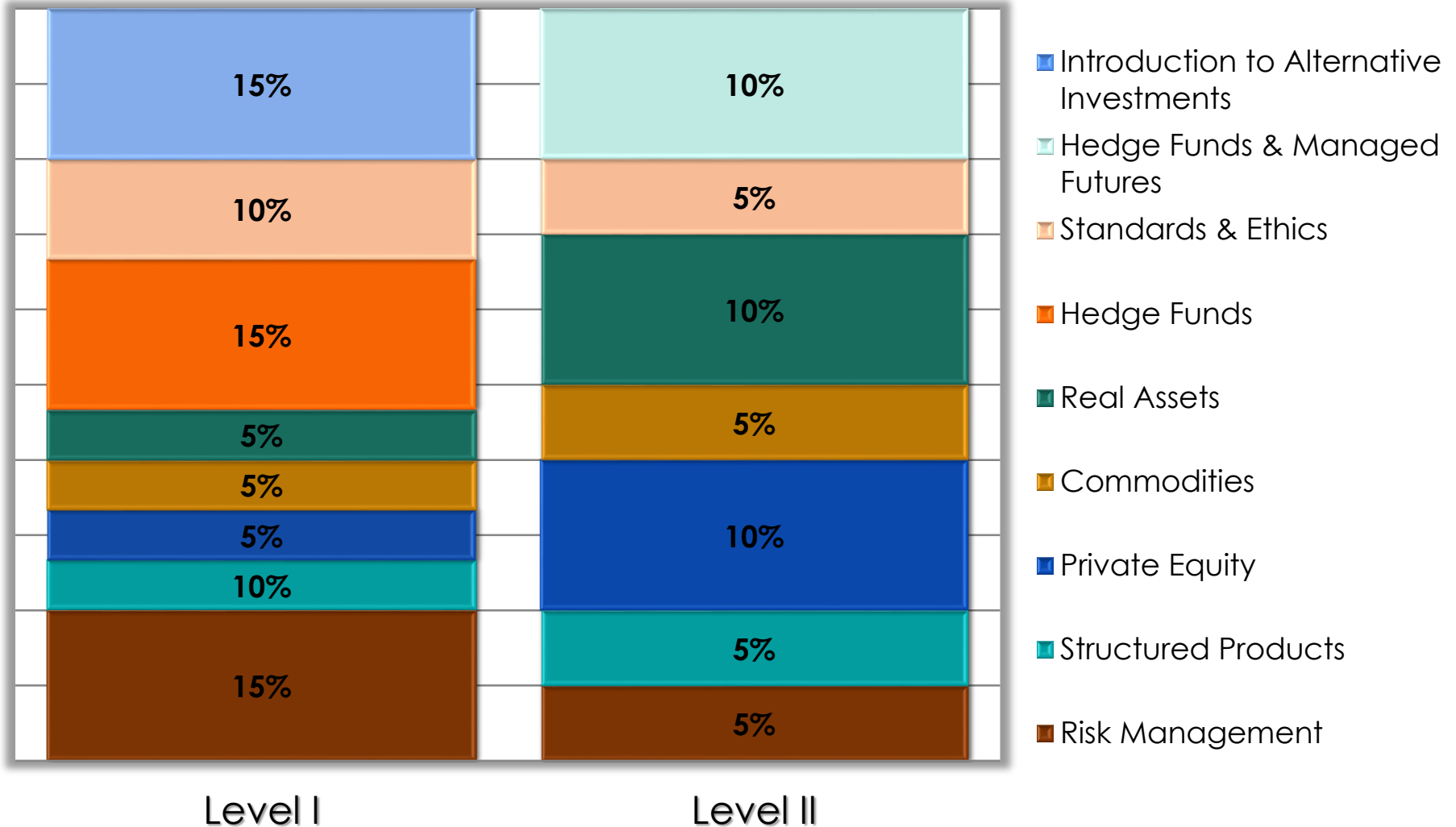


ADVANCED CORE CONCEPTS

- Professional Standards & Ethics
- Venture Capital & Private Equity
- Hedge Funds & Managed Futures
- Real Estate/Real Assets
- Commodities
- Structured Products
- Manager Selection, Due Diligence & Regulation
- Research Issues & Current Topics
- Risk & Risk Management
- Asset Allocation & Portfolio Management



Minimum Weights by Topic per CAIA Exam Level



LEVEL I

□ 200 Multiple Choice Questions

- Section 1 : 100 questions / 120 minutes
- Section 2 : 100 questions / 120 minutes

□ *SAMPLE:*

- Consider the case of a non-dividend-paying financial asset where $F > Se^{r(T-t)}$. How, in this case, can the hedge fund manager earn a profit?

LEVEL II

□ 100 Multiple Choice Questions + 3 Essays

- Section 1 : 100 questions / 120 minutes
- Section 2 : 3 essays / 120 minutes

□ *SAMPLE:*

- Recent studies argue that during tail-risk events, the returns earned by broad equity indices go to extremes. What are the primary forces driving this process?

- ❑ Study guides outlining keywords and learning objectives
- ❑ Workbooks with sample exercises
- ❑ Candidate orientation sessions
- ❑ Study calculator to plan your course of study
- ❑ Third Party Preparatory Course and Programs
- ❑ Level I & Level II sample exams

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Program Enrollment	\$400	
Exam Registration	\$1250	\$1250
TOTAL	\$1650	\$1250
<i>Early Registration Discount</i>	-\$100	-\$100
Retake Fee	\$450	\$450

Membership (annually)	
Full	\$350
Affiliate	\$175
Retired	\$175

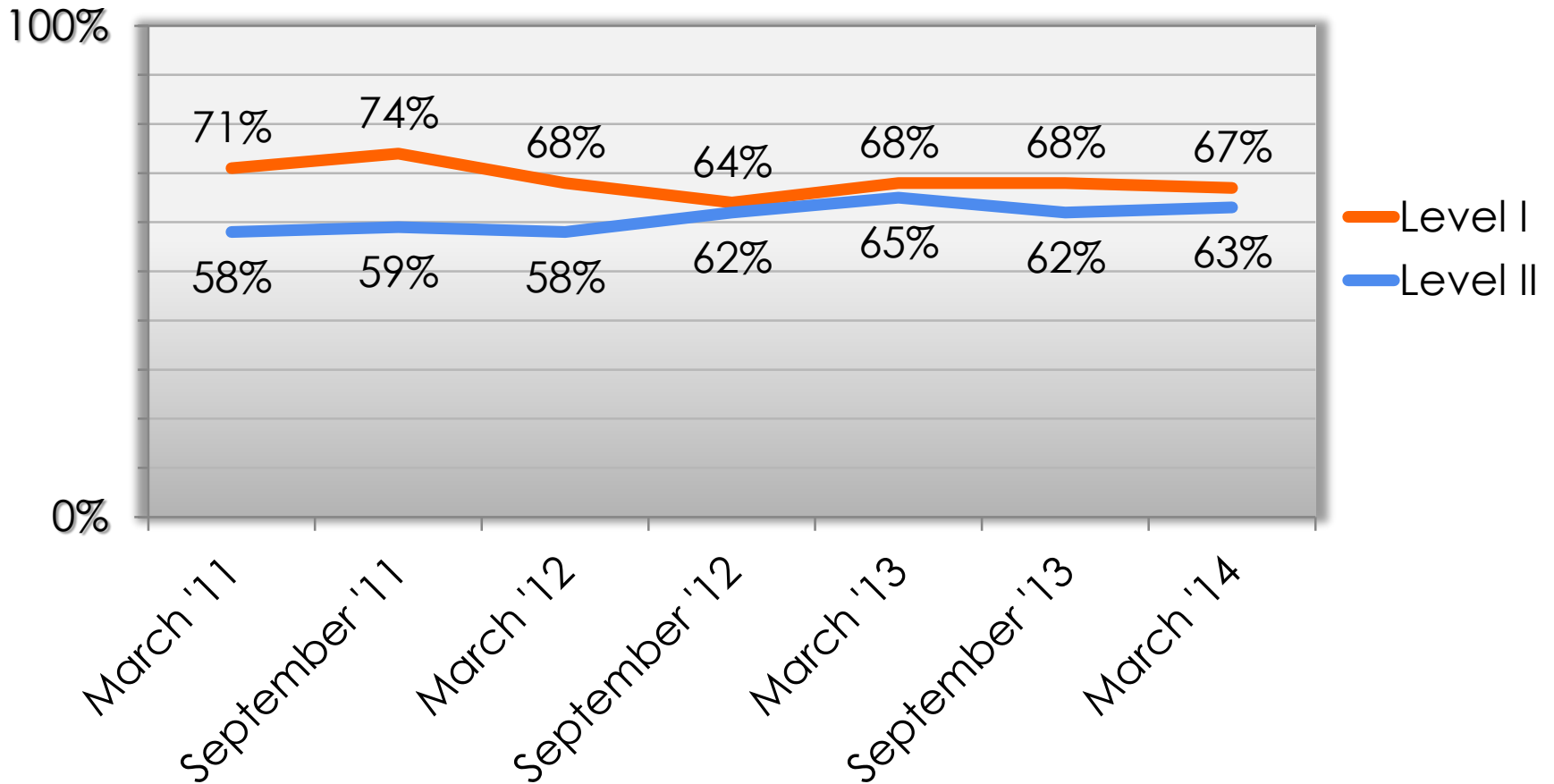
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- Level I Textbook US \$110 - 200
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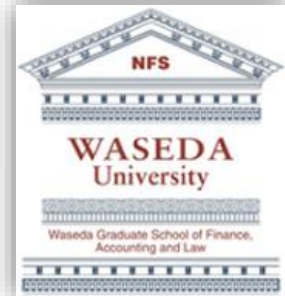

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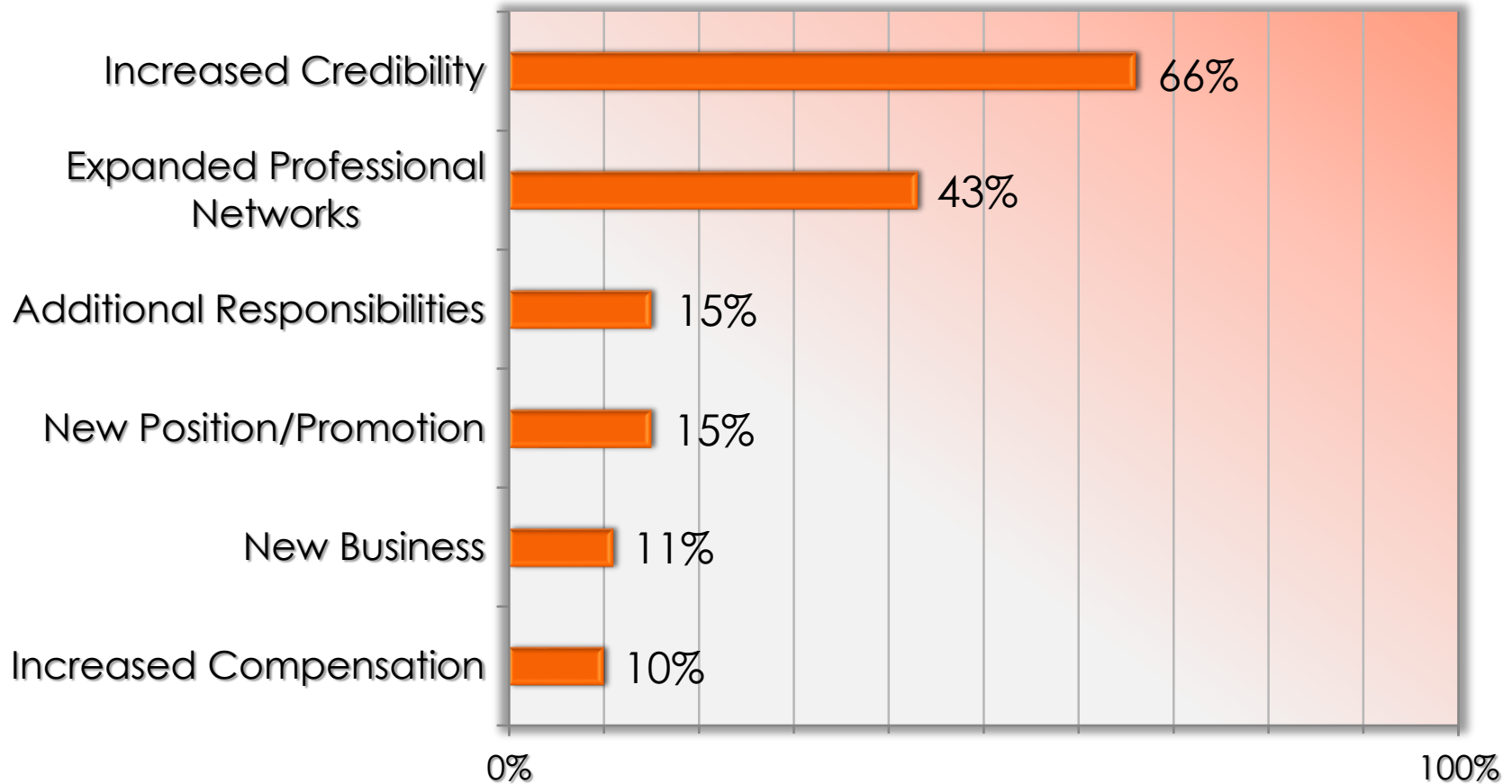
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- Level II Exam
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