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This issue of AABFJ brings together articles from a diverse range of countries. Australia, Asia, Europe, and North America are represented in this issue. Just some brief administrative comment, as an experiment, we have decided to include the keywords of our articles in the abstract to (hopefully) improve the discoverability of AABFJ articles. Also, readers may have noted that AABFJ is closed to new submissions for quite long periods of time. This is related to being a not-for-profit academic enterprise with no budget and the extra strain and time constraints that Covid has placed on already time-poor reviewers. We move as fast as we can, but the academic articles' review and publication process is slow.

From Australia, Wells and Moyeen (2022) contrast the legal framework faced by Australian and Bangladeshi Independent Directors. Recommendations for increased independent training opportunities for independent directors are made. Further, Gholami, Sands, and Shams (2022) examine corporate environmental, social and governance (ESG) performance and explore the financial implications of higher ESG disclosure in Australia.

From Asia, Bhattacharjee and De (2022) examine the market efficiency in India of reactions to corporate news. This issue also carries several articles from Indonesia, which is one of the major readership countries for AABFJ. Tjandrasa and Dewi (2022) investigate the effect of an aspect of the Indonesian CCI (Consumer Confidence Index) on the state of the Indonesian economy. A new method to evaluate CCI is suggested. Rizani, Syam, Yafiz, and Lisandri (2022) investigate the effect of corporate governance on financial performance and earnings management in Indonesia. The key finding is that good corporate governance can act to avoid agency conflicts and enhance the reliability of company performance valuations. Finally, from Asia, Sudarma and Kumalawati (2022) considered differences in audit considerations between certified and non-certified auditors in Indonesia.

From Europe, there are two articles in this issue. Reddy, Mirza, and Yahanpath (2022) look at the capital structure of small and medium firms in Europe during the sovereign debt crisis from 2006 to 2013. This study found improved economic performance and resilience in firms in those countries which had superior institutional factors. Further, Vignini (2022) focuses on the Bulgarian accounting system and traces changes in socioeconomic and cultural traditions and the status of accountants in this system.

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From North America, Fernández Fernández (2022) analyses how different channels of instability feed through commercial versus the shadow banking sectors in the United States of America (USA). An exploration of risk indicators for the shadow banking sector in the USA is suggested and explored.

We wish our readers, authors and reviewers all the best until our next issue.

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