Kamakura Corporation is proud of its long history of innovation in risk management. In every case, new functionality in Kamakura Risk Manager or Kamakura Risk Information Services has been driven by Kamakura clients and friends of the firm. Kamakura seminars are designed to maximize the effectiveness of risk management at both institutions that are already Kamakura clients or institutions with a strong interest in Kamakura’s approach to risk management. Classes are taught by Kamakura founder and CEO Donald R. van Deventer, Managing Director for Research Prof. Robert Jarrow or Senior Research Fellow Prof. Jens Hilscher with assistance from Kamakura’s team of international risk management experts.

Making the Transition from Legacy Ratings to Modern Default Probabilities and Credit Spread Analysis

Financial institutions have relied on the concept of a credit “rating” for more than 100 years. During this time, in nearly all wings of the social sciences, modern quantitative methods have proven repeatedly more accurate than informal assessments by even the most well trained “experts.” This seminar introduces the fundamentals of credit model testing and credit model construction. Using actual data since 1990, we use the standard test regime to show the superiority of modern quantitative methods over the traditional approach to credit ratings. The seminar then takes the next step to estimation of credit spreads for the pricing and valuation of risky credits of all types. The text used is *Advanced Financial Risk Management, 2nd edition*, along with papers from leading academics around the world.

Dates and Locations

For more information and an application to attend a Kamakura seminar, please contact info@kamakuraco.com or your Kamakura Corporation representative. Priority is given to employees of firms which use Kamakura Risk Manager or Kamakura Risk Information Services default probabilities and market information.