



# About the “Pair & Share” exercise

# Methodology (1)

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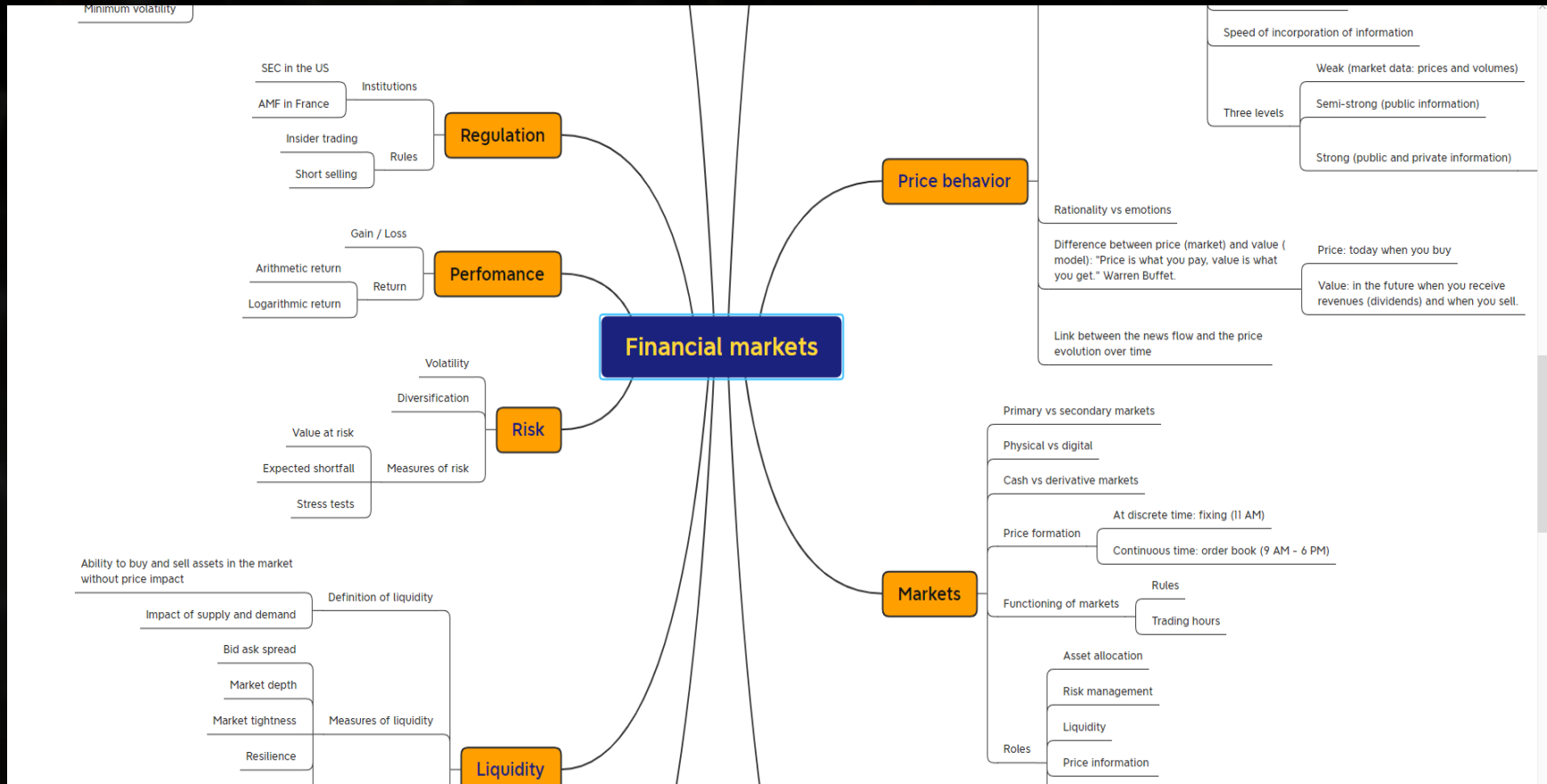
- Three steps for the “Pair & Share” exercise:
- Step 1 (3 minutes): personal reflection
  - I ask each participant: “Think of three points about financial markets (key points, points that you don’t know, or points that you don’t understand).”
- Steps 2 (5 minutes): pair and share
  - I form groups of 2 participants.
  - Participant *A* presents to Participant *B* (and vice versa) his/her three key points about financial markets.

# Methodology (2)

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- Step 3 (10 minutes): collection of information from participants
  - I ask the question “What have you learnt from your partner?”.
  - I collect information with a mind map (I use the xmind software – there is a free version).
  - I use the mind map to present the course (what is covered and not covered) and I refer to it throughout the course.

# Example of mind map



# Advantages

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- Advantages of the “Pair & Share” exercise
  - Ice breaking when participants do not know each other (or know each other but do not know what others think on a particular dimension – financial markets in the case of the SimTrade course)
  - Engagement from participants
  - Work on a soft skill: listening
  - Use of the inputs of the participants for the management of the project (the course)