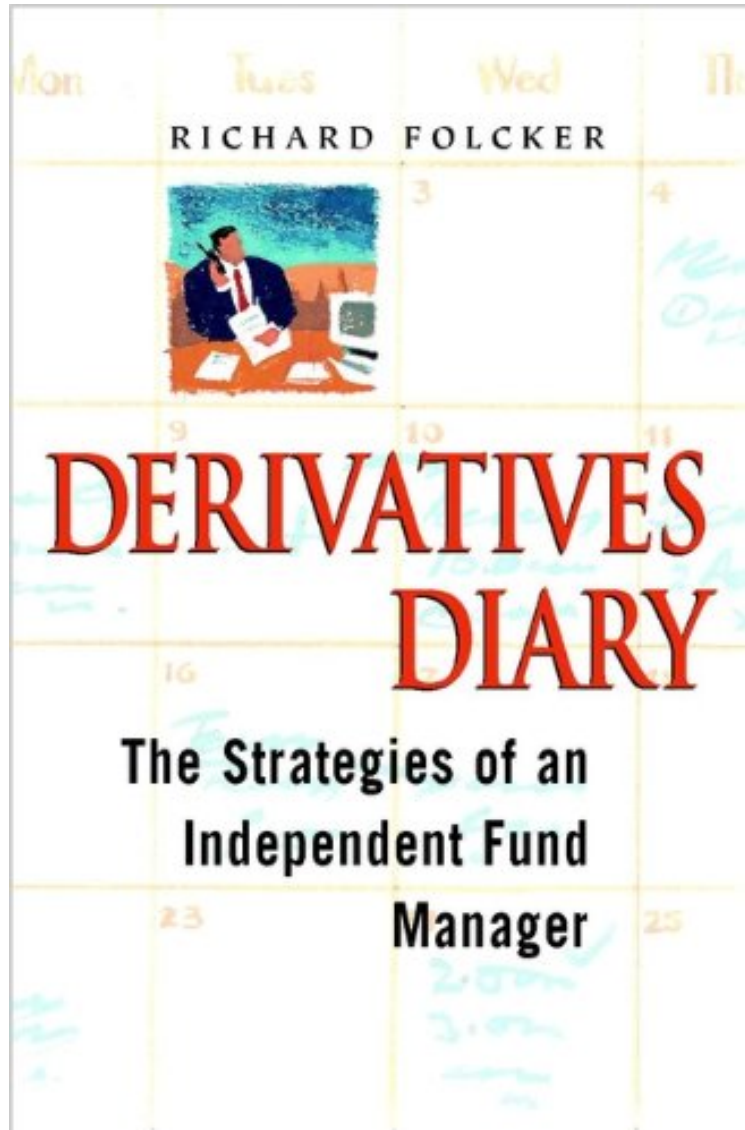


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Thomas R. Jones is about to take a big step in his life: he is about to leave his fairly secure job with a large investment bank and to become an independent fund manager. In order to survive Thomas needs to be one step ahead of the crowd every step of the way and this involves a steep learning curve. One way in which Thomas hopes to achieve this

is through the strategic use of derivatives. Research indicates that most fund managers could benefit from the use of derivatives but very few actually use them or seek information on them. This book explains to fund managers in an enjoyable and accessible form how they can improve their performance and portfolio management techniques through the use of derivatives. By placing techniques and instruments within the context of the everyday life of a fund manager Richard Folcker clearly demonstrates to institutional investors how these techniques relate to their own jobs and can improve performance. \* Records in an easy to read diary format how Thomas learns to use derivatives and become a successful fund manager \* Readers are taken through the learning curve with Thomas \* Considerable practical experience of the author, both in the use of derivatives and in the creation and marketing of new products

From the Inside Flap Thomas R. Jones is about to set up his own business, away from the glare of management and free to control his own destiny. It is time for him to leave his successful career at GlobalBank and set up business as an independent fund manager. In order to live long and prosper among the competition, Thomas needs to learn and to learn fast. Thomas embarks with dedication on learning the tools of the trade. Derivatives, options and risk: all are now within his grasp. Among the many trials and tribulations Thomas will face are: \* Leaving the bank \* Learning the maths \* Forming the board \* Drinking Champagne \* Keeping ahead of the game

From the Back Cover After seven years at GlobalBank Thomas R. Jones leaves to strike out on his own as an independent fund manager. Gone is the security of his job to be replaced with the thrill of running his own business. Thomas believes that other fund managers do not maximise their performance with the best instruments available to them and, with a plan to use derivatives to react with more speed to the markets, Thomas R. Jones is ready to take on the world. Thomas's first year is chronicled in this diary portrait together with the techniques that improved his performance. Read about the highs, the lows, the deals that worked, and listen to the stresses as he tries to beat the market, keep his wife happy, keep his investors happy and keep to his dietary regime.

About the Author RICHARD FOLCKER has over 15 years of experience from the financial markets ranging from Investment banking to Exchanges. He has used derivatives extensively as tools for trading, hedging and in product/business development as value added features. Richard is currently a Management Consultant specialising in Global Risk Management for one of the leading global consulting firms.