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# Editorial on Professor Robert Hudson leaving the journal

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Given I am leaving the editorship after about seven years, it seems appropriate to briefly review the progress of the journal over that time. I became joint editor with Phil Holmes in 2014. Phil had already done the challenging and essential task of establishing the journal a couple of years earlier with Krishna Paudyal. Phil stepped down as joint editor in 2015, and I briefly acted as the single editor until Gulnur Muradoglu joined as joint editor in 2016. We have worked together very well as an editorial team, and the journal has thrived with the number of submissions increasing from 58 in 2014 to approaching 300 in 2021. Similarly, the number of papers published per annum has increased from 8 in two issues in 2014 to 35 in five issues in 2021. In addition, there is now an EarlyCite system in place which enables accepted papers to be published quite quickly on the Internet, which has been much welcomed by authors.

We are pleased to encourage a diverse range of submissions within the broad area of behavioral finance. The journal receives and publishes submissions from a very diverse range of geographical areas. We have periodically updated the editorial board to incorporate members with a wide range of interests and expertise. We have periodically run special issues on particularly important or timely subjects, such as Thaler's Nobel prize, the Covid-19 pandemic and cryptocurrencies and behavioral finance. The journal has also had a successful ongoing relationship with the Behavioural Finance Working Group (BFWG) publishing some of the best papers from the associated conference in special issues.

I leave the journal in the very safe hands of Gulnur Muradoglu.

Robert Hudson.

I was very happy when Robert called me for joint editorship of the journal and accepted immediately. We worked for six years together peacefully and constructively as a team. I think that reflects on the development of the journal. We were both very focused on developing the field, keeping open minded to include diverse methodologies, international work from different geographies and always choosing the best papers. We are both very thankful to our team that also included our strong editorial board, Emerald staff and special issue editors. We are also thankful to authors who chose *RBF* to disseminate their work. I am personally thankful to Robert for inviting me to the joint editorship and enabling Behavioural Finance to develop into the mainstream together. The BFWG and *RBF* were established at about the same time, and I had the opportunity to work with Phil and Krishna on BFWG special issues, and I am thankful to them for initiating the journal and making the first link between the BFWG and the *RBF*.

I will continue with four strong colleagues as associate editors, Darren Duxbury, Tom Aaabo, Deven Bathia and *Ylva Baeckstrom*. Hopefully, we will continue to help the field grow further with the journal.

Robert will continue to work with us on the board. It is reassuring to keep him in our team. I wish him the best in his future endeavors.

Gulnur Muradoglu.

**Robert Hudson and Gulnur Muradoglu**



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