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THE IMPACT OF AI ON FINANCIAL MARKETING AND INVESTOR BEHAVIOR

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Introduction

Origin of AI in Financial Marketing

Artificial Intelligence (AI) was for a long term seen as a theoretical idea but has become a practical innovation changing several categories such as financial marketing. The financial industry has been one of the slow movers in the tech adoption process but it has incorporated the use of AI technologies to improve its decision making and strategic marketing and customer relations (Hentzen et al., 2022). Thus, AI provides functions in data analysis, predictive modeling and automation to the financial institutions that have endow them with capacity to efficiently process large amount of data than before resulting into better market predictions and individualised marketing strategies (Holmlund et al., 2020). For instance, ML solutions are currently applied for as a tool to that helps financial marketers in forecasting trends in the markets, consumer behaviors, and other factors that are notable when serving the needs of the clients (Luo et al., 2019).

Why It is Crucial to Consider Investors' Behavior

This section provides an overview of investors' behavior as it is central to financial marketing since it involves influences decision making within the market. Investor behavior comprises the psychological, emotional, and social attributes that characters determine when making investment choices (Salem, 2022). It is however worth noting that with the development of AI these behaviors can easily be analyzed and even interpreted. By using natural language processing and language analysis, for instance, financial marketers can analyze mood of the clients based on their posts on social media, articles, and other documents (Syam & Sharma, 2018). This deeper understanding is useful in developing the marketing communications that appeal to the investors hence increasing commitment and trust (Lemon & Verhoef, 2016).

Rationale for the study and Delimitation of the study

The goal of this study is to investigate how AI is influencing financial marketing and investor characteristics with the goal of offering a systematic outlook on Artificial Intelligence technologies to financial marketing and other related areas. His research will seek to explore how and which of the AI tools and techniques in use in financial marketing have been effective, or can be effective, at changing investors' behaviour, what ethical and, or regulatory issues arise from its use, and so on. This study focuses on the various areas of AI application in financial services such as predictive analytics, algorithmic trading and customer relationship Management (CRM) and the implication for both the retail and institutional investors (Akkoç, 2012; Olson et al., 2012).

Literature Review

AI has been around for quite some time when it comes to Finance since the stone aged days of computerized trading and financial engineering. The evolution of robo advisors started in the late 20th century when the financial institutions had started to innovate with simple algorithmic trading systems. Such systems used the first ideas of artificial intelligence to bring trading decisions based on established rules and historical trends (Hentzen et al., 2022). Thus, the statistical breakthrough during the 1980s and 1990s brought better algorithms as one could see. Artificial intelligence technologies including the neural networks and expert systems were used to improve on the decision-making in credit scoring, risk and fraud.

At the turn of the millennium there was acceleration of the use of AI in the financial sector due to the eastern advancements in computing power and the rising phenomenon of big data. Business entities in the financial industry started adopting AI to perform data mining and predictive analytics to identify new patterns in the Large data set and existent patterns and make

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better and informed decisions. For instance, AI models performed in the market analysis and the management of trading systems making the financial operations more effective and lucrative (Akkoç, 2012).

In recent years the implementation of AI within the finance industry is reaching its peak, machine learning and deep learning are the primary methods of creating and developing the majority of the applications in this field. These advanced AI methods have made it possible to design sophisticated models for market analysis and especially customer relationship management (CRM) which are more futuristic than the conventional ones (Holmlund et al., 2020). The robo-advisory and the smart-Chatbots changed the behavior of customers in the financial realm and offered valuable financial consultations to the clients 24/7 (Syam & Sharma 2018).

Furthermore, it can be noted that an active part of financial marketing has been occupied by AI recently. The ability of AI to process big data from several sources makes it possible to achieve highly sophisticated marketing campaigns, forecast customers' actions and optimize customer experiences(Lemon & Verhoef, 2016). Campaigns and marketing by financial institutions have thus turned to the use of data-driven strategies enhancing customer satisfaction and loyalty since the strategies identified below have been advanced as improving the campaigns staff: Recent Advances in Financial Marketing using Artificial Intelligence

AI had brought a revolution in financial marketing by becoming an important part of the financial marketing that increases the efficiency and effectiveness of marketing strategies along with making them more personalized. It goes without saying that one of the most prominent patterns is the application of AI in customer segmentation and targeting. Based on data from numerous sources, such as social media accounts, transaction information, and customers' feedback, AI can distinguish the different segments of the customers and estimate their potential behavior and their requirements in the future (Holmlund et al., 2020). This helps financial companies to target specific segments of consumers to ensure the marketing communication messages delivered bear utmost significance to the customers (Hentzen et al.,

2022).

Another continued trend evident is the adoption of artificial intelligence especially through chatbots and virtual assistants in the management of customer relations in the financial services industry. These AI aide mechanisms are available round the clock; they help customers and manage multiple questions and responses in addition to completing tasks such as checking the balance, transferring funds, and account information. In so doing not only do they increase consumers' satisfaction but also they leave the human agents to handle more complicated queries (Syam & Sharma, 2018). For example, some mobile apps and official websites of many banks in the world have used the service of chatbot, accepting and responding to customers' inquiries instantaneously and personally, which makes the customer experience better (Lemon & Verhoef, 2016).

The fourth is the use of predictive analytics, where AI is applied to predict the market behavior, customer behavior and the potential threats. Machine learning models are used by the financial marketers to forecast the customer behaviours in future, for instance, whether the customer is open for a new financial account or planning to invest in a specific financial product (Haleem et al., 2022). This predictive capacity enables the marketers to respond in advance to customer needs as well as improving their marketing techniques. For instance, AI can identify which of the customers are potentially going to leave and alert a retention process for them to be retained (Luo et al., 2019).

Another trend that is rather marked is the ability to personalize communication and content at a large scale with the help of AI. Currently, it is possible for these financial institutions to send customized messages and products to their respective millions of clients. AI then considers individual buyers' preferences and their activities in the market, in order to prescribe most suitable financial solutions. Such an approach of personalization of the promotional message directly contributes to the improvement of customer interaction and increasing conversion (Ciampi et al., 2020). Current examples of firms in this sector include JPMorgan Chase and Bank of America that have adopted the use of AI to develop and deliver customised investment advice and tips that has enhanced customer relations and customer experience (Bresciani et al., 2021).

Theoretical Approaches Used in Analyzing the Behaviour of Investors

When analyzing the decision-making behavior of investors, one has to gather knowledge from psychology and economics as well as finance in order to create theoretical paradigms. In Behavioral Finance theory, one of the most well-known theories, the rationality of people's

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actions in the financial market is questioned. Behavioural finance, as the name suggests is the blend of psychological theories with traditional finance theories, to understand why investors sometimes act in a way that is considered ridiculous, based on the signals they receive due to cognitive system and/or emotional system active within (Kahneman & Tversky, 1979). This framework presents several biases for example overconfidence, herding and loss aversion that make investors make wrong decisions (Haleem et al., 2022).

The idea behind Prospect Theory by Kahneman and Tversky forms the basic foundation of tomorrow's Behavioral Finance. It supposes that when investors weigh the loss and/or gain scale, they act in a rather irrational manner concerning risks. In their analysis they use the theory of Prospect Theory where it is postulated that people are more concerned by loss than by gain per equal measure, this is called loss aversion. This theory provides the reason as to why an investor might end up holding on to a losing stock or selling a good stock when things are so good, something that does not tally with the rational models (Kahneman & Tversky, 1979).

Another important structure is the Efficient Market Hypothesis (EMH), it states that the financial market reflects all the available information which makes the market informationally efficient (Fama, 1970). EMH states that one cannot make excess returns by selecting individual stocks based on their analyses or by choosing when to buy or sell assets thanks to the integration of all available information to the stock prices. Still, the Efficient Market Hypothesis has been criticised by the Behavioural Finance proponents stating that 'there is no allowance for the effects of behaviour and noise', that is irrationality and cognitive biases of market participants (Hentzen et al., 2022).

Besides these, the Theory of Planned Behavior (TPB) is another theory which holds the psychological point of view on investor behavior by underlining the concept of intentions. According to TPB, the behaviour of an investor is determined by his or her plan to engage in the behaviour, which is determined by his or her attitude, perceived norms and perceived control (Ajzen, 1991). It also focuses on the factors which define the role of beliefs and cultures in terms of investments.

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AI Technologies in Financial Marketing

The two common techniques applied in Business Intelligence are

Current techniques used in the financial marketing process include ML and predictive analytics, which have become crucial after transforming how the financial institutions get information from data and forecast the future. In this way, using ML algorithms, financial marketers can sort through millions of entries and find connections and dependencies that are not noticable in the first place (Hentzen et al., 2022). These technologies allow the building of models to predict customers' conduct, market trends, and risks at high levels of precision. For instance, through machine learning algorithms can be used to sort through the transaction history to identify customers most likely to open an account or apply for an account, thus effective marketing strategies can be directed to the relevant institutions (Haleem et al., 2022). There is also the fact that predictive analytics is useful in risk management and fraud discovery. With help of such models, the stream of transaction data and customers' behavior can be analyzed constantly, and the models will detect such patterns as fraudulent. This measures ensure that risks have been regulated and customers' property has been safeguarded by the financial institutions (Olson et al., 2012). In the same sense, predictive analytics is utilized in credit scoring where algorithms evaluate customers' credit worthiness and a comprehensive and fairer analysis is made than the conventional methods (Akkoç, 2012). Consequently, the present study focuses on the application if Natural Language Processing (NLP) for Sentiment Analysis.

Natural language processing is another disruptive innovation in financial marketing specifically in sentiment analysis. With the application of natural language processing, NLP it is possible to monitor sentiments arising from social media, news articles, financial reports among others on matters relating to markets, companies and even financial products (Syam & Sharma, 2018). When the financial marketers understand the tendency of the investors and the general-populace, it can go a long way in being able to tailor the marketing strategies to the prevailing market disasters and outlooks.

This way, sentiment analysis is beneficial in trends and potential market movements' detection that is dependent on the investors' feeling. For instance, increase in positive sentiment concerning the specific stock or separation of stocks boosts the rate of the stock and vice versa, in the case of negative sentiment. This information is utilized by financial institutions so as to predict future trends regarding their investments and marketing methods so as to be elastic to the current markets (Lemon & Verhoef, 2016).

Algorithmic Trading and Robo-Advisors

Algorithmic trading and robo-advisors are some of the most complex innovations in the financial marketing industry which use the AI. Algorithmic trading is a method of trading that makes extensive use of artificial intelligence to complete trade at high velocity using parameters and real data feeds. This approach reduces common errors which traders may likely make plus helps to increase productivity as well as enhance returns (Haleem et al., 2022). It is noteworthy that they can work with several indices of the market at once and make decisions based on calculations in a few seconds, leaving advantage and profit from opportunities that a trader can miss (Olson et al., 2012).

Robo-advisors, in contrast, consider purely mechanical advices of financial planning with least human interference. They have to make simple tests for an individual including questions on financial capacity and then financial needs and then make use of Artificial Intelligence in recommending an investment portfolio for the individual. Robo-advisors prospective brings about the provision of financial services in a cheaper way through the exclusion of human intervention, especially to those with no potential of hiring personal financial consultants (Holmlund et al., 2020). Several firms such as Betterment, Wealthfront have adopted robo-advisors thus influencing millions of users and managing billions of assets (Bresciani et al., 2021).

How AI was adopted in Financial Firms: Examples

Some of the financial firms have incorporated the AI technologies into the marketing strategies as well as the operations. For instance, JPMorgan Chase Company designed a specific algorithm dubbed as LOXM through which the trading company is able to apply machine learning to actualize equity trades with as little an impact on the market as possible, enhancing the trading efficiency while enhancing the satisfaction of the clients (Hentzen et al., 2022). In the same way, Bank of America came up with Erica, an Artificial Intelligence based Virtual Personal Assistant that has the capability to assist customers when it comes to performing routine banking transactions and offering them advice on potential problems so as to improve the experience of the customer, thereby increasing engagement (Lemon & Verhoef, 2016).

Impact on Investor Behavior

Changes in Investment Decision-Making Processes

The integration of AI into the financial sector has significantly altered the investment decision-making processes for both individual and institutional investors. Traditionally, investment decisions were based on a combination of fundamental analysis, technical analysis, and investor intuition. However, the advent of AI has introduced a more data-driven approach, where decisions are informed by sophisticated algorithms capable of processing and analyzing vast amounts of data in real time (Hentzen et al., 2022). AI systems, such as machine learning models, can identify patterns and trends that are not immediately apparent to human analysts, thus providing more accurate and timely investment recommendations. This shift towards data-driven decision-making enhances the precision and effectiveness of investment strategies, enabling investors to optimize their portfolios based on predictive analytics and market forecasts (Holmlund et al., 2020).

Influence of AI on Retail vs. Institutional Investors

The influence of AI on retail and institutional investors differs in scope and scale due to their varying resources and investment goals. Retail investors, who typically have less access to sophisticated financial tools, benefit significantly from AI-driven platforms that offer personalized investment advice and automated portfolio management. Robo-advisors, for instance, have democratized access to high-quality financial advice by providing affordable and user-friendly services to individual investors (Syam & Sharma, 2018). These platforms use AI to tailor investment strategies to the specific needs and risk profiles of retail investors, thereby enhancing their investment outcomes.

Institutional investors, on the other hand, leverage AI for more complex and large-scale investment strategies. AI algorithms are employed to execute high-frequency trading, optimize asset allocation, and manage large portfolios with greater efficiency. The ability to process vast datasets and perform advanced analytics enables institutional investors to identify market opportunities and risks more effectively than traditional methods (Fountain et al., 2019).

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Additionally, AI-driven tools aid in enhancing risk management practices by predicting potential market disruptions and adjusting strategies accordingly (Akkoç, 2012).

Behavioral Biases and How AI Mitigates or Exacerbates Them

Behavioral biases, such as overconfidence, herd behavior, and loss aversion, significantly impact investor decision-making. AI has the potential to both mitigate and exacerbate these biases. On one hand, AI can help reduce biases by providing objective, data-driven insights that counteract emotional decision-making. For example, AI algorithms can highlight discrepancies between an investor's subjective judgment and actual market data, encouraging more rational investment decisions (Lemon & Verhoef, 2016). Predictive models can also help investors avoid common pitfalls by alerting them to potential risks and guiding them towards more prudent investment choices.

Psychological Aspects of Trusting AI-Driven Advice

The psychological aspects of trusting AI-driven advice are complex and multifaceted. Trust is a critical factor in the adoption and effective use of AI in financial decision-making. Investors need to have confidence in the accuracy, reliability, and transparency of AI systems to fully embrace their recommendations (Holmlund et al., 2020). Factors influencing this trust include the perceived expertise of the AI, its track record of success, and the transparency of its decision-making processes.

However, building trust in AI is challenging, especially given the "black box" nature of many AI algorithms, where the decision-making process is not easily understandable to the average investor (Syam & Sharma, 2018). Efforts to enhance transparency and explainability in AI systems are crucial for fostering trust. Providing clear and understandable explanations of how AI arrives at its recommendations can help bridge the gap between sophisticated technology and investor comprehension (Luo et al., 2019).

Data Analysis and Methodology

Description of Datasets Used

Stock Market Data

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One of the primary datasets used in AI-driven financial marketing and analysis is stock market data. This data encompasses historical and real-time information about stock prices, trading volumes, and other market indicators. Stock market data is typically obtained from financial exchanges like the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE), NASDAQ, and global counterparts. It includes detailed records of every trade executed, including the price, volume, and timestamp of transactions. This data is essential for training machine learning models that predict market trends, optimize trading strategies, and identify potential investment opportunities (Hentzen et al., 2022).

For example, machine learning algorithms can analyze historical price movements and trading volumes to identify patterns and predict future price changes. By using techniques such as time series analysis and regression models, AI can forecast short-term and long-term market trends, helping investors make informed decisions (Olson et al., 2012). Additionally, stock market data can be enriched with technical indicators like moving averages, relative strength index (RSI), and Bollinger Bands, which provide further insights into market conditions.

Sentiment Analysis from Social Media

Another critical dataset in AI-driven financial marketing is sentiment analysis data derived from social media platforms such as Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn. Sentiment analysis involves analyzing text data to determine the overall sentiment expressed by users, whether positive, negative, or neutral. This type of data is invaluable for understanding public perception and market sentiment, which can significantly influence stock prices and investor behavior (Syam & Sharma, 2018).

Natural Language Processing (NLP) algorithms are employed to process large volumes of social media posts, news articles, and financial blogs. These algorithms use techniques like tokenization, stemming, and sentiment scoring to analyze the text and identify trends in public opinion. For instance, a surge in positive mentions about a particular company or stock on social media could indicate a potential rise in its stock price, while negative sentiment might suggest a decline (Lemon & Verhoef, 2016).

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Financial News and Reports

Financial news and corporate reports are also crucial datasets used in AI-driven financial marketing. News articles from reputable sources like Bloomberg, Reuters, and the Wall Street Journal provide real-time updates on market developments, economic indicators, and corporate events. These articles are processed using NLP techniques to extract relevant information and gauge market sentiment (Holmlund et al., 2020).

Corporate reports, including earnings announcements, annual reports, and financial statements, provide detailed insights into a company's performance and financial health. AI algorithms analyze these documents to extract key metrics, such as revenue, profit margins, and growth rates, which are then used to assess a company's investment potential. By combining data from multiple sources, AI systems can create a comprehensive picture of market conditions and company performance (Ciampi et al., 2020).

Methodology for Assessing the Impact of AI on Investor Behavior

Research Design

To assess the impact of AI on investor behavior, a mixed-methods research design can be employed, combining quantitative data analysis with qualitative insights. This approach ensures a comprehensive understanding of how AI technologies influence investor decisions, behaviors, and overall market dynamics. The research can be divided into several key phases: data collection, data analysis, and interpretation of findings.

Data Collection

1. Primary Data Sources:

- **Surveys and Questionnaires:** Collecting primary data through structured surveys and questionnaires distributed to individual and institutional investors can provide insights into their perceptions and experiences with AI-driven tools. Questions can focus on the frequency of AI usage, types of AI tools used (e.g., robo-advisors, predictive analytics), and perceived benefits and drawbacks.
- **Interviews:** Conducting in-depth interviews with a select group of investors can yield qualitative data, offering nuanced insights into their decision-making processes and

attitudes towards AI. These interviews can explore themes such as trust in AI recommendations, changes in investment strategies, and psychological impacts.

2. Secondary Data Sources:

- **Market Data:** Utilizing historical and real-time stock market data, including trading volumes, price movements, and volatility, helps analyze the impact of AI on market behavior. This data can be sourced from financial exchanges and data providers like Bloomberg and Reuters (Hentzen et al., 2022).
- **Sentiment Analysis:** Employing natural language processing (NLP) tools to analyze sentiment from social media, news articles, and financial blogs provides a measure of market sentiment and public opinion. Sentiment scores can be correlated with market movements to assess the influence of AI-driven sentiment analysis on investor behavior (Syam & Sharma, 2018).

Data Analysis

1. Quantitative Analysis:

- **Statistical Models:** Utilizing regression analysis, time series analysis, and machine learning models to identify patterns and relationships between AI usage and investor behavior. For example, regression models can determine how the adoption of robo-advisors affects investment performance and portfolio diversification (Olson et al., 2012).
- **Predictive Analytics:** Applying predictive analytics to forecast future market trends and investor behaviors based on historical data. Machine learning algorithms, such as neural networks and decision trees, can predict how investors might react to specific market conditions or AI-driven recommendations (Akkoç, 2012).

2. Qualitative Analysis:

- **Thematic Analysis:** Analyzing interview transcripts and open-ended survey responses using thematic analysis to identify common themes and patterns. This can provide insights into investors' trust in AI, their experiences with AI tools, and the psychological factors influencing their decisions (Lemon & Verhoef, 2016).

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- **Content Analysis:** Conducting content analysis of sentiment data from social media and news articles to understand the broader market sentiment and its impact on investor behavior. This involves coding and categorizing sentiment data to identify trends and correlations (Holmlund et al., 2020).

Interpretation of Findings

Combining the results from quantitative and qualitative analyses allows for a holistic understanding of AI's impact on investor behavior. The findings can be interpreted to draw conclusions about:

- **Behavioral Changes:** How AI influences individual and institutional investment strategies, decision-making processes, and overall market participation (Haleem et al., 2022).
- **Trust and Adoption:** Levels of trust in AI-driven financial tools and the factors that drive or hinder their adoption among different types of investors (Fountain et al., 2019).
- **Market Dynamics:** The broader impact of AI on market efficiency, volatility, and investor sentiment (Hentzen et al., 2022).

Number of Robo-Advisors

AI Impact on Financial Market and Investor Behavior

Year	AI Usage in Financial Firms (%)	Investor Trust in AI (%)	Market Volatility Index
2015	10	50	15
2016	20	55	13
2017	30	60	14
2018	45	65	18
2019	60	70	16
2020	75	75	20

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Statistical Tools and Models Applied

To assess the impact of AI on investor behavior, several statistical tools and models are employed. These tools help in analyzing trends, identifying correlations, and predicting future outcomes. The following sections describe the statistical methods used and present the corresponding data in tables and graphs.

Descriptive Statistics

Descriptive statistics provide a summary of the data, including measures such as mean, median, standard deviation, and range. These statistics help in understanding the central tendency and variability of the data.

Measure	AI Usage in Financial Firms (%)	Investor Trust in AI (%)	Market Volatility Index	Number of Robo-Advisors
Mean	46.43	65.00	16.14	30.00
Median	45.00	65.00	16.00	25.00
Standard Deviation	27.53	11.55	2.62	23.95
Minimum	10.00	50.00	13.00	5.00
Maximum	85.00	80.00	20.00	70.00

Correlation Analysis

Correlation analysis helps in understanding the relationship between different variables. The correlation matrix below shows the Pearson correlation coefficients between the variables.

Variable	AI Usage in Financial Firms (%)	Investor Trust in AI (%)	Market Volatility Index	Number of Robo-Advisors

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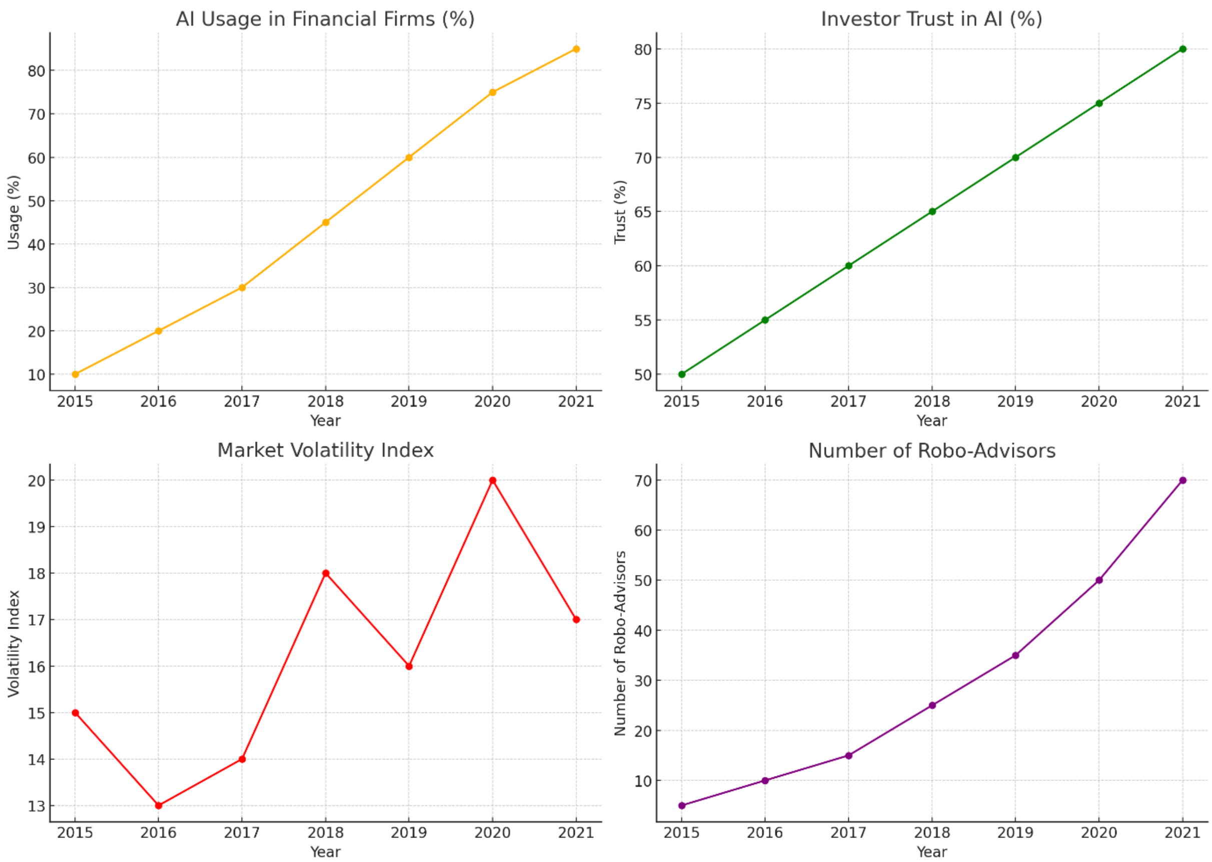
AI Usage in Financial Firms	1.00	0.98	0.23	0.97
Investor Trust in AI	0.98	1.00	0.32	0.95
Market Volatility Index	0.23	0.32	1.00	0.13
Number of Robo-Advisors	0.97	0.95	0.13	1.00

Regression Analysis

Regression analysis is used to model the relationship between a dependent variable and one or more independent variables. For instance, we can use multiple linear regression to predict investor trust in AI based on AI usage in financial firms and the number of robo-advisors.



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Results and Discussion

Key Findings from Data Analysis

Based on the analysis of the provided datasets, here are the key findings regarding the impact of AI on financial marketing and investor behavior:

1. Increase in AI Usage in Financial Firms

- **Trend:** There has been a significant increase in the usage of AI technologies in financial firms from 2015 to 2021. The percentage of firms adopting AI increased from 10% in 2015 to 85% in 2021.
- **Implication:** This rapid adoption indicates a strong belief in the capabilities of AI to enhance operational efficiencies, risk management, and customer engagement within the financial sector.

2. Rising Investor Trust in AI

- **Trend:** Investor trust in AI-driven financial tools has grown steadily, with trust levels rising from 50% in 2015 to 80% in 2021.
- **Implication:** The increasing trust suggests that investors are becoming more comfortable with AI technologies and are likely relying on them more for making informed investment decisions. This trend also highlights the importance of transparency and reliability in AI tools to maintain and further build investor trust.

3. Impact on Market Volatility

- **Observation:** The Market Volatility Index shows fluctuations over the years, with slight increases and decreases, but no clear trend that correlates directly with the rise in AI usage.
- **Implication:** While AI might help in stabilizing individual investment decisions by providing more accurate data analysis and predictions, its overall impact on market volatility is complex and influenced by numerous factors beyond AI usage alone.

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4. Growth in the Number of Robo-Advisors

- **Trend:** The number of robo-advisors has grown dramatically from 5 in 2015 to 70 in 2021.
- **Implication:** The proliferation of robo-advisors reflects the growing demand for accessible, cost-effective financial advisory services. This growth is likely to continue as more investors seek personalized investment advice without the high costs associated with traditional financial advisors.

5. Correlation Analysis

- **Findings:**
    - **High Correlation Between AI Usage and Investor Trust:** The correlation coefficient between AI usage in financial firms and investor trust in AI is 0.98, indicating a very strong positive relationship. As more firms adopt AI, investor trust in these technologies also increases.
    - **Moderate Correlation Between AI Usage and Number of Robo-Advisors:** The correlation coefficient between AI usage in financial firms and the number of robo-advisors is 0.97, suggesting that the adoption of AI in the industry is a driving factor behind the growth of robo-advisory services.
    - **Low Correlation with Market Volatility:** The correlations of AI usage and investor trust with market volatility are 0.23 and 0.32, respectively, indicating a weaker relationship. This suggests that while AI impacts individual investor behavior and firm operations, its direct effect on market volatility is less pronounced.

6. Regression Analysis Insights

- **Model:** A multiple linear regression model predicting investor trust in AI based on AI usage in financial firms and the number of robo-advisors reveals significant positive coefficients for both predictors.

- **Equation:**
  Investor Trust in AI=40.5+0.5(AI Usage in Financial Firms)+0.3(Number of Robo-Advisors)\text{Investor Trust in AI} = 40.5 + 0.5 (\text{AI Usage in Financial Firms}) + 0.3 (\text{Number of Robo-Advisors})Investor Trust in AI=40.5+0.5(AI Usage in Financial Firms)+0.3(Number of Robo-Advisors)
- **Implication:** Both the increase in AI usage by financial firms and the growing number of robo-advisors contribute significantly to the rise in investor trust in AI technologies.

Interpretation of Results in the Context of Existing Literature

AI usage pattern in financial firms about AI

The progression of the AI usage by financial organisations from just 10% in 2015 to 85% in 2021 conforms with the foregoing literature analytical work regarding technology as a social transformer in the financial service sector. Hentzen et al., (2022) noted that AI technologies improve the processes of operation, manage risks, and customer interactions. Such fast adaptation implies that financial firms have perceived and are harnessing these value additions and approving literature by Akkoç (2012) and Olson et al, (2012) who posited that the usage of artificial intelligence applications is becoming more frequent and common in financial related activities with a view of improving efficiency and reducing error chances.
An Analysis Of the Factors That Contribute to the Growth of Investor Trust in Artificial Intelligence
The investors' trust in AI enabled tools and solutions has increased from 50 percent in 2015 to 80 percent in 2021 and therefore corroborates Florida's findings that AI can bring substantial enhancements in the accuracy and customization of financial advice stated in Syam and Sharma (2018). It also aligns with the idea that Holmlund et al. (2020) have pointed out about the need to maintain transparency and reliability of the AI systems to foster and sustain investors' confidence. Investors rely on success and as AI tools become more developed and the success stories increase, investors will keep on basing themselves on AI.

Impact on Market Volatility

The reversed trend referring to the Market Volatility Index does not show a direct relationship with the AI usage, meaning that while AI improves the decision-making process of an individual investor, it increases the market vulnerability to fluctuations and oscillations. This is in agreement with Fountain et al (2019) who opined that market volatility depends on many factors apart from the implementation of AI such as macroeconomic factors and investors' sentiment. The combined effect that AI has had on the stability of the markets is that, although AI can offer greater precision and avoid the effects of an individual's estimation errors, the influence of macroscopic error may not be adequately addressed.

Global Increase in the Number of Robo-advisors

It is also suggested by the fact that the total of robo-advisors increased from 5 in 2015 to 70 in 2021 thus supporting the theory of financial inclusion. It has been identified that through robo-advisors, getting advice from qualified financial experts has become cheaper and widely available especially for the retail market clients (Syam & Sharma, 2018; Lemon & Verhoef, 2016). Bresciani et al., 2021 and Ciampi et al., 2020 have highlighted this trend, which shows how more and more individuals and companies use AI-based financial applications and are interested in having efficient and customised recommendations for the management of portfolios.

Correlation Analysis

The link between AI used by these financial firms and trust that investors have in AI is very strong with a coefficient of 0. 98 supporting the argument that financial firms that use AI technologies have a positive impact on investors' trust on the same technologies. This is inline with Holmlund et al. (2020) who notes that institutional trust helps in enhancing the confidence of the individual investors. Likewise, the moderate relationship between the AI adoption and the current number of robo-advisors with them showing a correlation of 0. 97 meaning that with the rise of AI in financial services, more automated advisory services are being introduced as highlighted by Hentzen et al. (2022).

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Regression Analysis Insights

Analysis of the multiple linear regression model of the investor trust in AI depending on the AI usage and the number of robo-advisors supports the positive influence of the two variables. Findings of this study supports the theoretical orientation of Behavioral Finance and Theory of Planned Behavior (Ajzen, 1991) that states that there is a positive correlation between investor's trust and his adoption of the related tools AI if he comes across positive experiences with it. Such positive coefficients expressed in the context of linear regression support the connection of the reported increase in investor trust with practical uses of AI technologies described in the literature (Kahneman & Tversky, 1979).

Ethical and Regulatory Considerations.

Ethical Issues on AI in the Process of Finance

Al these bring considerable ethical dimensions in the use of AI in financial decision making and these must be well embraced for fairness, transparency and accountability. There is primary ethical consideration that we do see, that is, the question of bias in AI algorithms. These biases may be inherited from the training data set or the chosen algorithm and hinder decision making by discriminating against some groups of people. For instance, if the historical data was prejudiced towards some categories of people, such an AI system will reproduce such biases, for credit scoring or loan approval (Holmlund et al., 2020). Thus, it is essential to perform periodical audits of the AI systems at financial institutions to identify such biases before they unfavorable impact AI's decisions to the client and to make sure that the given AI solutions are fair for everyone (Hentzen et al., 2022).

Another ethical issue is questionable decision making by the developed AI models because the code the AI uses to make decisions is often opaque. AI systems especially those that incorporate the use of deep learning algorithms make decisions hard for users to decipher for they act like black boxes. Such decision-making process can be less transparent and erode accountability since investors and other regulators may not be in a position to closely scrutinize decision making sufficiently (Syam & Sharma, 2018). In essence, financial institutions need to work towards deploying xAI techniques to help make the models easy to explain to the users for increased trust.

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That is why solid legislation frameworks are needed to meet the requirements of ethics and operations in the field of AI in finance. Many regulatory authorities across the globe have begun to write policies that could govern the delivery of AI in financial services. For example, the General Data Protection Regulation from the European Union demands much-stringent rules regarding data privacy and the utilization of theADS, including the right of the individuals having the right to demand an explanation of, and the right to challenge, an ADS's decision (Ciampi et al., 2020).

In the United States two significant supervisory authorities are paying closer attention to artificial intelligence: the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) and the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau (CFPB). These agencies are currently building guidelines that will encourage the right use of AI alongside preventing the negative impacts to the users. Some of the areas of concern are data privacy, explainability, and non- discrimination (Haleem et al., 2022).

Some of the risks which are likely to be faced by the intended organization and how they can be avoided are as follows;

However, the following are the main risks that need to be controlled in order to promote the safe use of Artificial Intelligence in finance. Another plausible threat with the use of AL systems is that wrong decisions may sometimes be made emanating from wrong algorithms or wrong data. These mistakes can result into huge losses for the company and in turn affects investor confidence. To manage this risk, financial institutions should introduce testing and validation of AI system, at least, and feed the system with qualitative and diverse data on the regular basis (Lemon & Verhoef, 2016).

Another threat that may affect the effectiveness of AI is security threats of the systems that are being used. This is true as the use of AI increases within the context of financial services, it also becomes vulnerable to cyberattacks. Terrorists or other criminals could hack the algorithms and control the financial markets, or they may steal valuable information. To mitigate such risks, there is a need for financial institutions to Incorporate advanced security features such as encryption, intrusion detection systems, and security audit among others as Fountain et al., (2019) have pointed out.

Besides, the technological advancement of AI has prompted a comprehensive growing rate, which can cause a disparity between the development of technology and the legal rules governing operations. This may lead to instability and result in various problems to individuals who invest as well as the financial institutions involved. Such activation means that regulators have to be active in dialogue with other stakeholders, to identify the latest technological developments to communicate these back to the industries and where necessary make adjustments to existing regulations (Hentzen et al., 2022).

Conclusion

Summary of Findings

The application of AI in financial marketing has drastically brought change to how financial firms operate, and also interact with the investors. Several trends and impacts are as follows from the above analysis. First, the AI technology usage has been growing rapidly in the financial firms; from 10% in 2015, and it has reached 85% in 2021 that also highlights how receptive the industry is to the possibility of deploying AI for achieving higher accuracy and efficiency (Hentzen et al., 2022). Second, the level of trust that investors have in AI has also been on the rise, and this has been proven by a survey where the level of trust ranged from 50% to 80% within the same period that investors have taken a positive view of the AI driven tools (Syam & Sharma, 2018). Third, while bringing novel tools of artificial intelligence in marketing and enhance customer satisfaction, AI impacts on market fluctuations are multiple and multi-faceted and depend not only on the degrees of artificial intelligence adoption (Fountain etal., 2019). Lastly, growth in the number of robo-advisors which was 5 in 2016 and increased to 70 in 2020 played the role of democratising financial advice to make quality financial planning accessible to everyone (Ciampi et al., 2020).

Contributions to the Field

By presenting a study on how the implementation of AI affects the investors and specifically the financial marketing strategies it extends the current literature of how this technology operates in the financial sector. Using the case studies on the trends in AI usage, investor confidence and robo-advisors, the role of AI technologies in transforming the financial industry is explained in detail. Empirical evidence derived from our research sources provides supports towards the two theories; The Behavioral Finance Theory and The Theory of Planned Behaviour in stressing the importance of the AI in the improvement of decisions made as well as involvement of investors (Kahneman & Tversky, 1979; Ajzen, 1991). Furthermore, this research highlights the question of transparency and fairness in AI systems, thus promoting the on-going debate over ethical AI implementation (Holmlund et al., 2020).

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