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# Quantum finance. Opportunities and threats.

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## **ABSTRACT**

After the discovery of Google (September 2019), we enter the heart of the quantum computer race: behind young and old under the watchful eye of national security. Sycamore, the 54 qubit machine built by Google, has shown that a sequence of random numbers is truly random. To simplify, Google would have asked its computer to perform a complex mathematical operation by generating random numbers. And she did it in just 3 minutes and 20 seconds. A calculation that a traditional supercomputer would solve in 10,000 years. The experiment was hailed as the beginning of an era. For the first time the quantum computer would seem something real. Far away in time but real, indeed achievable. The biggest threat is that current cryptographic systems will become completely useless and obsolete once this technology becomes commercial and available on a large scale at lower costs. The world of finance will be positively impacted from the point of view of the forecasting capacity and negatively from that of the security of the electronic keys that protect the savings.

#### **KEYWORDS**

Quantum; finance; cybersecurity; cryptography; Google.

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