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Generative Pre-Trained Transformers (GPT) hold significant promise in the realm of financial research (Cook et al. 2023; Feuerriegel et al. 2023; Pelster and Val 2023). For example, Jiang et al. (2023) claim that they can forecast financial asset prices by extracting contextualized representations of news text on which they employ cutting-edge, large-scale language

models. Their findings indicate that information from newswires becomes integrated into prices only after an inefficient delay period (which corresponds to the constraints of arbitrage opportunities) but that this very delay can be leveraged through real-time trading strategies. In a similar vein, Fieberg et al. (2023) extract financial advice from GPT-4 and show that it can provide suitable financial advice for retail investors, by suggesting specific investment portfolios that reflect an investor's individual circumstances such as risk tolerance, risk capacity, and sustainability preference. And Jha et al. (2023) report that investment scores generated by ChatGPT applied to conference call transcripts are strongly predictive of a companies' future capital expenditures. However, high-quality research on the application of Generative AI to resolve practical problems in financial markets is only just starting to emerge.

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