

## Relationship Between Financial Leverage And

For every business enterprise, net profit or specific equity after tax deduction for a specific time period is the final result of investment activities, and financial and operational provision. These activities can result from managerial decisions and a group of extrinsic or intrinsic environmental factors. This study examines how firms' profitability is impressed by selected economic and financial indices or what is the relationship between profitability and mentioned indices. In other words, this study probes if there is any relationship between profitability and selected indices according to general accepted theory. Moreover, the results from data analysis may lead to some useful strategies for a better profit management. In this study, the data of 42 companies were analyzed in Stock Exchange of Tehran, using an econometric framework from 2008-2011. Return on equity (ROE) and return on assets (ROA) were regarded as main profitability indices (dependent variables); while current ratio, financial leverages (long-term debt to total capital and long term debt ratio). Annual income growth and GDP were considered as independent variables. The correlations between dependent and independent variables were tested, using combined regressions. At 95% confidence level, however stockholder equity or asset return is regarded as the dependent variable; the results show direct and significant correlation between liquidity (current ratio) and profitability of the firms. Maybe the most important reason for that is growing inflation rate in Iran which causes high rise of basic products' prices such as manufacturing raw materials and machinery in recent years. When asset return is regarded as profitability criterion, it is concluded that there is a negative and significant correlation between financial leverage and profitability at 90% confidence level.

This research investigates the relationship between corporate block ownership and firm financial leverage. Corporate blockholders, which are nonfinancial firms who hold more than five percent equity in a target industrial firm, can affect the target firm's policies through their business relationships, monitoring, or expropriations. I find that corporate block ownership is negatively related to the target firm's financial leverage. In addition, corporate blockholders often obtain board seats of the target firm, indicating an active involvement of corporate blockholders in governance activities. Further analysis indicates that the negative relationship between corporate blocks and leverage becomes stronger when corporate blockholders have greater board representation on the target firm, when the firm has higher agency costs, and when there is no product market relationship between corporate blockholders and the target firm. Overall, my findings suggest that corporate blockholders play an important monitoring role and can substitute for other monitoring mechanisms including leverage and institutional investors. A general concept prevails that the financial leverage is helpful to enhance the financial performance of the companies. For measuring the impact of financial leverage on the financial health of the companies, it is essential to know whether a positive relationship exists between financial leverage and financial performance or not? So, this study is intended to test the hypothesis and to measure a relationship between the financial leverage and the financial performance of the John Keells Holdings plc in Sri Lanka during the periods of 2006-2012. The findings of the study show a negative relationship between the financial leverage and the financial performance of the John Keells Holdings plc. But the financial leverage has a significant impact on the financial performance of the John Keells Holdings plc in Sri Lanka.

This study investigates the relationship between financial leverage and competitive strategies based on the investigation into the cross-listing announcements, through which the financial condition of a firm might shape the competition outcome. The empirical evidence shows that cross-listing announcements normally attract positive market responses to cross-listed firms but incur negative market responses to rival firms, especially upon the strategic substitutes competition. Cross-listed firms obtain more positive market responses if their financial leverage is lower, but the firms have no advantages when they are financially constrained. Less leveraged rival firms could weaken the negative impact and even gain positive market responses upon the strategic complements competition.

Analyzing Relationship Between Financial Leverage and Firms' Performance

A Case of Pakistan Textile Industry (2008-2013).

What is the Relationship between Financial Leverage and the Expected Cash Flow?

The Trade-Off Theory Revisited

Business Environment and Firm Entry

The Effect of Financial Leverage and Market Size on Stock Returns on the Karachi Stock Exchange

The use of debt in a firm's capital structure is called financial leverage. The soundness of a firm depends on its ability to service the claims of creditors and this ability is indicated by coverage ratios. The main objective of the study was to analyze the impact of financial leverage on debt servicing capability of firms. It is seen that MNCs' interest paying ability and debt repayment capability is far higher than that of domestic companies as both TIE ratio and FCCR of MNCs are much higher than that of domestic companies in every year. In case of domestic companies and MNCs, correlation coefficient between DFL (CS) and coverage ratio is significant. MNCs show comparatively stronger negative relationship between all three measures of DFL and TIE than domestic companies. The same holds true for FCCR. For both types of companies, weakly negative relationship is seen between DFL (General) and two coverage ratios. In case of domestic companies, correlation coefficient between TIE and three leverage ratios (TD/TA, TD/SE and TD/CE) are significant. The same holds true for FCCR. In case of MNCs, correlation coefficient between TIE and LTD/CE is significant. In all other cases correlation is insignificant at 5% significance level.

Degree of financial leverage refers to the effect of the use of debt capital on the earning per share of a company. This paper studied the relationship between degree of financial leverage and earnings per share of two leading Indian steel companies- Steel Authority of India Limited, and Tata Steel Limited for a period since 2006-07 to 2014-15. This study used the secondary source of data i.e. Annual Reports of SAIL and Tata Steel Limited. We found a negative correlation between degree of financial leverage and earnings per share in SAIL, whereas no relationship was found between degree of financial leverage and earnings per share in Tata Steel Limited.

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Dividends are important for the shareholders as well as for the managers of the company. In a firm dividend decision affects the capital structure of a firm. Presence of debt in the capital structure of a firm restricts the firm in certain areas and these restrictions sometimes compel the companies to go for the omission of dividends or to set a lower dividend payout ratio. Lower dividend payout refers to the higher retained earnings, higher liquidity and lesser chances of getting into more debt. This study aims to find the relationship and impact of financial leverage on the dividend policy of the firms in the Chemical and Pharmaceutical Sector and the Fuel and Energy Sector listed at Karachi Stock Exchange (Pakistan). The results of the study revealed that Fuel and Energy Sector is more indebted than the Chemical and Pharmaceutical Sector and the financial leverage has a negative relationship with the dividend payout ratio of the firms.

Leverage Analysis

Relationship Between Degree of Financial Leverage and Earning Per Share

Fundamentals and Systematic Risk in Stock Returns

An Investigation from Cement Sector of Pakistan

An Empirical Study of the Relationships Between Financial Leverage and Capital Costs for Electrical Utilities

Evidence from International Data

This paper analyzes how the leverage of financial institutions affects their demand for assets and the resulting value of transactions between financial institutions. The results show a positive relationship between buyer capital and the likelihood of buying assets, and between buyer capital and the value of the deal. That is, those institutions that are the least constrained in their ability to raise funding are those that demand assets and pay more for them. This result does not hold, however, for deposit-taking institutions that had access to several government programs designed to improve their liquidity position during the crisis of 2008.

Using a comprehensive database of firms in Western and Eastern Europe, the authors study how the business environment in a country drives the creation of new firms. They focus on regulations governing entry, although they also examine the effects of a developed financial sector, a well-trained labor force, strong enforcement of intellectual property rights, and strict labor laws. The authors find entry regulations hamper entry, especially in industries that naturally should have high entry. They find that naturally "high entry" industries grow less, have lower profitability, and account for a lower share of the economy in countries with onerous regulations on entry. Also, value added per employee in naturally "high entry" industries grows more slowly in countries with onerous regulations on entry. This suggests entry regulations are neither benign nor welfare improving. The authors also find less entry into labor-intensive industries in countries with labor regulations that restrict the ability to fire workers. They do not imply that all regulations inhibit entry. In particular, regulations that enhance the enforcement of intellectual property rights or those that lead to a better developed financial sector do lead to greater entry in industries that do more research and development or industries that need more external finance. Finally, other aspects of the environment also matter: for instance, the general availability of skilled labor enhances entry in industries that require skilled labor.

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The research reported in this volume represents the second stage of a wide-ranging National Bureau of Economic Research effort to investigate "The Changing Role of Debt and Equity in Financing U.S. Capital Formation." The first group of studies sponsored under this project, which have been published individually and summarized in a 1982 volume bearing the same title (Friedman 1982), addressed several key issues relevant to corporate sector behavior along with such other aspects of the evolving financial underpinnings of U.S. capital formation as household saving incentives, international capital flows, and government debt management. In the project's second series of studies, presented at the National Bureau of Economic Research conference in January 1983 and published here for the first time along with commentaries from that conference, the central focus is the financial side of capital formation undertaken by the U.S. corporate business sector. At the same time, because corporations' securities must be held, a parallel focus is on the behavior of the markets that price these claims.

Special Reference to John Keells Holdings Plc in Sri Lanka

Impact of Financial Leverage on Firm's Performance - A Case of Cement Production Industries of Pakistan

Empirical Evidence from American Companies

Impact of Financial Leverage on Financial Performance Special Reference to John Keells Holdings PLC Sri Lanka

The Effect of Financial Leverage on Performance of Sharia Compliant Companies Listed in Jakarta Stock Exchange

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This is a major new reference work covering all aspects of finance. Coverage includes finance (financial management, security analysis, portfolio management, financial markets and instruments, insurance, real estate, options and futures, international finance) and statistical applications (analysis, option pricing models and financial research). The project is designed to attract both an academic and professional market. It also has an international approach to ensure its maximum appeal. The Editors' wish is that the readers will find the encyclopedia to be an invaluable reference. This research is an attempt to establish a stochastic relationship between Financial leverage and Profitability of cement sector operating in Pakistan. For this purpose 18 cement manufacturers out of 21 are incorporated in the study and six years annual data from 2005 to 2010 said firms were taken into consideration. The sample size for eighteen firms for six years consists of 108 observations. An Ordinary Least Square model is applied on the data to establish a causal relationship between the variables. The study finds that financial leverage has a significant impact on the financial performance of the John Keells Holdings PLC in Sri Lanka at 99% confidence interval.

This study is an attempt to set up a stochastic relationship between financial leverage and firm's performance of cement industry operating in Pakistan. For this study 23 cement producing firms working out of these 18 are consolidated in the review and six years yearly information on financial leverage influence on firm's performance for said sector were contemplated. The specimen measure for eighteen firms for a long time comprises of 106 perceptions. A Conventional Slightest Square model is connected on the information to build up a causal relationship between financial leverage influence has a factually huge opposite effect on firm's performance at 99% certainty interim.

Among the requirement set by Otoritas Jasa Keuangan (OJK) for a company to be Sharia compliant is 40% limit on the financial leverage ratio. Taking the Islamic perspective on the limitation of using interest-bearing instrument both as a means of financing and investing, this paper examines the significant relationship between financial leverage and performance of the company. 90 Sharia-compliant companies were selected as a sample in this study and data from 2011-2015 were taken to be observed. Several tests were applied to analyze the data: descriptive analysis, correlation analysis, and regression analysis. Findings revealed that leverage factors (Debt/Asset, Debt/Capital, and ICR) have a significant negative impact to the company performance. However, the magnitude of effect and relations are small and limited. The finding in this study proves that the limitation of the interest rate set for the sharia-compliant companies has a good impact on the performance though on a small scale. This negative effect of leverage factors can be explained by the disadvantage of potential financial distress that surpasses the benefit of tax shield from issuing debts.

Impact of Financial Leverage on Financial Performance

Encyclopedia of Finance

Evidence from Selected Stocks in the Non-Financial Sector of Pakistan

The Role of Economic Factors in Profitability of Accepted Companies in Stock Exchange of Tehran

Evidence from Ten Country Cases

Impact of Leverage on Corporate Profitability

In finance, leverage in the extent or degree to which the company total capital is composed of debt financing which increase overall risk and return of the company. Leverage is a technique for magnify gains and losses. This present study empirically investigated the relationship between leverage and profitability of financial sector of Sri Lanka, by using five years data (2008-2012) extracted from the financial statements of the fifteen companies listed on Colombo stock exchange. Hypotheses were formed and results were analyzed through correlation and regression analysis. Based on the results degree of operating leverage (DOL), degree of financial leverage (DFL) and degree combined leverage (DCL) had significantly impact of return on Assets (ROA) and return on equity (ROE). financial industries have to pay more attention on leverage. While leverage magnifies profits when the returns from the asset more than offset the costs of borrowing, losses are magnified when the opposite is true.

The Relationship Between Financial Leverage and the Average Cost of Capital to Firms in the Iron and Steel Industry What is the Relationship between Financial Leverage and the Expected Cash Flow?

The objective of this study is to address the issue of the relationship between corporate social and financial performance by moderating company size and financial leverage with the use of type of industry as control variable. The Corporate social performance (CSP/CSR) is measured using seven item developed initially by Michael Jantzi Research Associate, Inc and used by Mahoney and Robert (2007).

To attain main research objective, the measure of CSP composite is used. Furthermore, company size, financial leverage, and type of industry are measured by total asset, degree of internal and external source to finance the company's assets, and dummy variable (0 for non manufacture and 1 for manufacture), respectively. A moderated multiple regression model is used in the present study. Four models are developed in the study based on the theory of slack resource and good management. The result of the present study is that corporate social performance (CSP/CSR) has no effect on corporate financial performance (CFP) under slack resource and good management theory it is also shown that only financial leverage could moderate the interaction between CSP/CSR and financial performance (CSP). However, based on the overall analysis, it may be reasonable to come to conclusion that the relationship between CSP and financial performance is spurious as Orlitzki (2000) concluded.

One of the main factors subject to intense debate in capital structure studies is whether to use the market value or the book value of debt and equity as the correct measure of leverage (Salehi, 2009).

Various arguments have been raised in favour of which of the measures to be used in capital structure analysis. However, much has not been done to determine which of the measures has a more significant relationship with financial performance. The purpose of this paper was to demonstrate and recognize the link between capital structure measures and financial performance and to determine which of the capital structure measures has a more significant relationship with performance. Many measures of firm performance were negatively correlated with financial leverage. Meaning, companies that have high profitability and good performance in Ghana have less debt in their capital structure. The study demonstrated that the market value of capital structure has a stronger link with financial performance as compared to the book value. The market value should therefore be taken more into consideration in capital structure analysis. This finding agrees with the empirical work of Salehi (2009).

Financial Leverage and Total Factor Productivity Growth

An Extension and Empirical Test of the Williamson Specificity Hypothesis

Financial Market Liberalization and the Relationship Between Stock Returns and Financial Leverage in Finland

A Study on Listed Financial Sector in Sri Lanka

Firm-level Evidence from India

Capital Structures in Developing Countries

The relationship between financial leverage and firm performance is studied in this paper. Financial leverage can positively influence firm performance because leverage can be treated as a tool for disciplining management. The results for a large sample of Russian joint-stock companies over the period 2004-2013 years show, however, that the impact of financial leverage on Russian firms' performance has been negative. The findings are robust to using different measures of firm performance, checking sub-samples and time clusters and employing alternative estimation approach. The results thus support pecking-order theory but are not consistent with trade-off or free-cash-flow theories.

This paper studies the effect of financial leverage and market size of selected stocks on stock returns. Ordinary Least Square (OLS) regression models were used to test the relationship between the dependent and independent variables. The leverage of the selected sector was estimated from the Annual Financial reports covering a period of twelve years from 2014 to 2015 non-financial sectors listed in Karachi Stock Exchange. Furthermore, stock index prices of the selected stocks between 2004-2015 for non-financial sector are used to calculate stock return. Capital structure decisions are very important for any firm because they have a direct impact on firm value as well as shareholder's wealth. The positives or negatives of these decisions determine the future value of any business. Some studies discussed multiple outcomes or relation between stock return and leverage. Some studies reveal positive relationship between them, some review show negative outcomes and some has blended results. The study concluded that there is statistically significant direct relationship between size which is proxy of market capitalization and stock return (100 index prices). However, there is feeble and inverse relationship between financial leverage and stock return, and this relationship is not significant, so there is no statistically significant relationship between financial leverage and shareholders return.

Finance is the life blood of every economic activity. Leverage, as a business term, refers to debt or to the borrowing of funds to finance the purchase of a company's assets. Business owners can use either debt or equity to finance or buy the company's assets. Using debt, or Leverage, increases the company's risk of bankruptcy. It also increases the company's returns; specifically its return on equity. This is true because, if debt financing is used rather than equity financing, then the owner's equity is not diluted by issuing more shares of stock. This paper concentrates on leverage and its relationship between profitability in Whirlpool Ltd. In this paper, an attempt is made to performance an Analysis on:- Financial Performance of Whirlpool Ltd- Leverage of Whirlpool Ltd- Study the relationship between leverage and profitability The financial statements of Whirlpool have been collected over a period of 9 years (2008 to2016). The exploratory research design is adopted in this study which employs secondary data. The data collected is analysed by the percentages, averages, ratios and Correlation analysis tools reveals that the research evidence of the study indicates that, that degree of operating leverage is statistically significant positive correlation with the EPS. The financial performance of Whirlpool is satisfactory. The analysis

has shown that Whirlpool has financed its activities mainly from its Net Worth and the amount of Debt has fallen over the years. It is suggested that Whirlpool must increase its Debt funding to take the advantage of Tax Shield. Moreover, Cost of Debt is cheaper than Cost of Equity. Therefore Whirlpool has to revise its capital structure so that financial leverage will help to maximize the shareholders wealth.

This study uses the linkages between related party purchases and sales transactions as a proxy for network linkages and employs a panel data regression model to determine the relationship between financial leverage and network linkages for the family governance of Taiwan's listed business groups. The results show that the shareholdings of family members and the divergence between the rights to the control of seats and voting rights are negatively correlated with the related party's purchases and sales network linkages. For information technology (IT) family firms, the higher the related party's sales, the higher is the debt ratio; the higher the related party's purchases, the higher is the long-term debt ratio; and the greater the number of related purchasers, the higher is the short-term debt ratio. The opposite is true for non-information technology (NIT) family firms.

Capital Structure of Companies in Ghana

The Relationship Between Average Cost of Capital and Financial Leverage

The Effect of Leverage on Asset Sales Between Financial Institutions

An Empirical Examination of the Relationship Between Degree of Financial Leverage and Equity Returns of Lodging Firms

The Impact of Financial Leverage on Firm Performance

The Modigliani-Miller Thesis Tested

This study examines the relationship between firm leverage and total factor productivity for a large panel of manufacturing firms in India over the period: 2000-2015. Using the debt-ratio as a measure of firm leverage, the results indicate that there exists a negative relationship which is statistically and economically significant and robust to alternative definitions of productivity. This negative association remains significant even after accounting for the potential endogeneity of leverage using a two-stage least squares instrumental variable (IV) approach. Predictions which suggest that the agency costs of debt may induce sub-optimal investment. I assess the role of a potential source of firm heterogeneity by examining whether the observed effect is contingent on firm size. The results suggest that higher leverage is associated with productivity-enhancing activities) of a greater magnitude for the larger manufacturing firms. In the final step, I examine the relationship between leverage and various measures of firm value. The results indicate that the agency costs of debt are a significant factor associated with assets.

Finance theory implies equity returns should be positively related to financial leverage. However, Penman et al. (2007) decompose the book-price ratio into financing and operating components and report a negative association between financial leverage and returns. We shed new light on this region in which previous research has established that firms' financial leverage choices are motivated by factors other than maximizing shareholders' wealth: we hypothesize that this must be reflected in both how financial leverage is priced and the book-price ratio. We show that the relationship between financial leverage and financial leverage for stocks in our sample is indeed very different to the findings of Penman et al. (2007), and this is reflected in the decomposed elements of the book-price ratio.

The cash flows of growth stocks are particularly sensitive to temporary movements in aggregate stock prices (driven by movements in the equity risk premium), while the cash flows of value stocks are particularly sensitive to permanent movements in aggregate stock prices (driven by permanent changes in the market's discount-rate shocks, and of value stocks with the market's cash-flow shocks, are determined by the cash-flow fundamentals of growth and value companies. Growth stocks are not merely "glamour stocks" whose prices are driven by market sentiment. More generally, accounting measures of firm-level risk have predictive power for firms' betas with market-wide cash flows, and this predictive power arises from the behavior of firms' cash flows. The systematic risks of stocks with similar accounting characteristics are driven by their fundamentals.

This paper investigates the effect of operating leverage, and the subsequent abandonment option available to managers, on the relationship between corporate earnings and optimal financial leverage, thereby providing an alternative (rational) explanation for the observed negative relationship between operating leverage and financial leverage. Working in a dynamic capital structure setting, where corporate earnings are modelled as an exogenous stochastic process, we explicitly add fixed operating costs to the firm's value optimisation. This introduces a degree of operating leverage and a non-zero value to the implicit option to abandon the project. Solving for the firm's optimal timing and financing decisions we are able to derive the relationship between current corporate earnings and optimal financial leverage for a large class of earnings uncertainty assumptions. The theoretical implications are then tested empirically using data on a large sample of firms. Our analysis reveals that the manager's flexibility to abandon the project introduces nonlinearities into the valuation that are sufficient to reconcile the trade-off theory with the empirically observed negative earnings/financial leverage relationship. We further find theoretical and empirical support for the relationship between operating and financial leverage. Previous studies have used mean-reverting earnings as an explanation for the observed negative earnings/financial leverage relationship in a trade-off theory setting. We show that the relationship does not need to be processed through the financial flexibility of managers.

Financial Leverage and Competitive Strategy of Cross-Listing Firms

A Comparative Study Between MNCs and Domestic Companies of Bangladesh

On the Interaction Between the Investment and Financing Decision

Impact of Financial Leverage on Firms' Profitability

The Relationship Between Financial Leverage and the Average Cost of Capital to Firms in the Iron and Steel Industry

The Relationship Between Capital Structure Determinants and Financial Leverage for a Sample of Irish Listed Companies

*Despite the theoretical attractiveness of the tradeoff theories of corporate capital structure, many of their main predictions still lack empirical support. For example, the existing empirical studies have consistently found a negative relationship between financial leverage ratios and cash flow (or profitability) ratios. This negative relationship is viewed as strong evidence against the tradeoff theories (Myers 1990). Rather than using the "stock market approach" of the previous studies, this paper uses a "flow approach" designed to capture more precisely the implication of the tradeoff theories. We find that, for most firms, the amount of debt due in a period and the level of cash flow expected in that period are positively related. This evidence is consistent with several major tradeoff theories. It also provides support for the conventional wisdom that debt payments and cash flows should be matched.*

*A major element in utility regulation is the setting of just and reasonable allowed rates of return. This rate is a weighted average of the costs of the types of capital employed by the firm, and the weights should reflect the firm's target capital structure. The information required to set the target, or optimal, capital structure includes the relationships between the component costs of capital and the amount of financial leverage used. The primary objective of this study is to empirically estimate the relationships between financial leverage and the costs of common equity and debt for electric utilities. Two different approaches were used to estimate these relationships. First, an econometric model was developed with the component cost as the dependent variable and leverage as the independent variable. Other factors were included as independent variables to account for nonconstant business risk. Second, a model was developed using the bond rating guidelines and bond yields reported by Standard & Poor's Corporation. The data set consisted of about 70 electric utilities for 1983 and 1984. The results indicated a strong positive relationship between financial leverage and the costs of debt and equity. Several leverage measures were used, and the relationship was strongest when leverage was measured by market value debt-to-equity ratios. The relationships were stronger than reported in previous studies, and there was no indication that the relationships were nonlinear when leverage was measured by debt-to-equity ratios. Further, the two most important business risk factors to both debt and equity investors were nuclear construction programs and reserve margins. Somewhat surprisingly, regulatory climate did not affect debt or equity costs.*

*Wissenschaftlicher Aufsatz aus dem Jahr 2015 im Fachbereich BWL - Investition und Finanzierung, Sprache: Deutsch, Abstract: This paper is an attempt to determine the capital structure of listed firms of the cement industry in the Pakistan stock exchange (KSE). The main objectives of this empirical study is to forecast the relationship of dependent variable (financial leverage) with independent variables (size, tangibility, profitability, liquidity, tax rate and growth rate). The study showed a positive and significant association of firm size, tangibility and tax rate with financial leverage of the firm but in contrast to this, profitability, liquidity and growth rate showed a negative relationship with financial leverage.*

*This proceedings volume aims to provide new research methods, theories and applications from various areas of applied economic research. Featuring papers from the 2016 International Conference on Applied Economics (ICOAE) organized by the University of Nicosia and the Western Macedonia University of Applied Sciences, this volume presents cutting edge research from all areas of economic science that use applied econometrics as the method of analysis. It also features country specific studies with specific economic policy analyses and proposals. Applied economics is a rapidly growing field of economics that combines economic theory with econometrics to analyse economic problems of the real world usually with economic policy interest. ICOAE is an annual conference started in 2008 with the aim to bring together economists from different fields of applied economic research in order to share methods and ideas. The goal of the conference and the enclosed papers is to allow for an exchange of experiences with different applied econometric methods and to promote joint initiatives among well-established fields like macro- and microeconomics, international economics, finance, agricultural economics, health economics, education economics, international trade theory and management and marketing strategies. Featuring global contributions, this book will be of interest to researchers, academics, professionals and policy makers in the field of applied economics and econometrics.*

*A New Perspective on the International Evidence Concerning the Book-Price Effect*

*A Study on Whirlpool LTD.*

*Do Network Linkages Affect Financial Leverage? A Group Governance Perspective*

*Corporate Social and Financial Performance*

*Relationship:Financial Leverage and DPO Ratios of Cos Listed at KSE*

*Evidence from Russia*