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Banking Competition and Stability Feb 13 2020 This paper reexamines the classical issue of the possible trade-offs between banking competition and financial stability by highlighting different types of risk and the role of leverage. By means of a simple model we show that competition can affect portfolio risk, insolvency risk, liquidity risk, and systemic risk differently. The effect depends crucially on banks' liability structure, on whether banks are financed by insured retail deposits or by uninsured wholesale debts, and on whether the indebtness is exogenous or endogenous. In particular we suggest that, while in a classical originate-to-hold banking industry competition might increase financial stability, the opposite can be true for an originate-to-distribute banking industry of a larger fraction of market short-term funding. This leads us to revisit the existing empirical literature using a more precise classification of risk. Our theoretical model therefore helps to clarify a number of apparently contradictory empirical results and proposes new ways to analyze the impact of banking competition on financial stability.

Profitability, Mean Reversion of Leverage Ratios, and Capital Structure Choices Jan 14 2020 We seek economic interpretations for two well-known empirical regularities. First, it is well known that more profitable firms tend to have lower leverage ratios, a pattern driven by the preference on internal funds by these profitable firms. Some recent theoretical development has used transaction costs or dynamic tax considerations to explain this phenomenon. We show that the phenomenon largely remains even after these factors are controlled for. Second, through both theoretical and empirical illustrations, we show that leverage ratios can revert to mean mechanically regardless of which theory better describes financial decisions; and that opposite inferences can be drawn depending on whether financing decisions or leverage ratio changes are studies. Therefore, leverage ratio changes might not be informative in distinguishing the competing theories. Our finding cautions against the common practice of relying on the dynamics of leverage ratio changes to draw conclusions on the validity of capital structure theories.

The Determinants of Leverage of the Listed Companies in Sri Lanka Mar 28 2021 The role of financial leverage in magnifying the return of the shareholder is based on the assumptions that the fixed charges fund. A company increases its leverage because it can invest in business operations without increasing its equity. Leverage is not always bad, however it can increase the shareholder's return on their investment and often there are tax advantages associated with borrowing. The purpose of present study is to investigate the determinants of leverage (or capital structure) decision of Sri Lankan firms based on a panel data set over a period of five years from 2007-2011 comprising of 60 companies..This study examines the impact of five firm specific factors - firm size, firm growth rate, profitability, and asset tangibility, on the leverage decision of listed companies in Sri Lanka. The results show that financial leverage of Sri Lankan firms is influenced by firm size , firm growth rate and profitability .This study contributes to the literature on the factors that influence financial leverage of the firm.

Impact of Leverage on Corporate Profitability Aug 01 2021 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.

Deposit Insurance Adoption and Bank Risk-Taking Sep 02 2021 Explicit deposit insurance is a crucial ingredient of modern financial safety nets. This paper investigates the effect of deposit insurance adoption on individual bank leverage. Using a panel of banks across 117 countries during the period 1986-2011, I show that deposit insurance adoption pushes banks to increase significantly their leverage by reducing their capital buffer. This increase in bank leverage then translates into higher probability of insolvency. Most importantly, I bring evidence that deposit insurance adoption has important competitive effects: I show that large, systemic and highly leveraged banks are unresponsive to deposit insurance adoption.

The Debt Trap Jan 26 2021 This is the inside story of private equity dealmaking. Over the last 40 years, LBO fund managers have demonstrated that they are good at making money for themselves and their investors. But when one looks beneath the surface of the transactions they engineer, it is apparent that these deals can, at times, go spectacularly wrong. Through 14 business stories, all emanating from the noughties' credit bubble and including headline-grabbing names like Caesars, Debenhams, EMI, Hertz, Seat Pagine Gialle and TXU, The Debt Trap shows how, via controversial practices like quick flips, repeat dividend recaps, heavy cost-cutting and asset-stripping, leveraged buyouts changed, for better or for worse, the way private companies are financed and managed today. From technological disruption in the worlds of music recording and business-directory publishing to economic turbulence in the gambling, real estate and energy sectors, highly levered corporations are often incapable of handling market corrections when debt commitments start piling up. Behind the historical events and the financial empires erected by some of the elite private equity specialists, these 14 in-depth case studies examine how value-maximising techniques and a short-cut mentality can impact investment returns and portfolio assets. Whether you are a PE practitioner, investor, business manager, academic or business student, you will find The Debt Trap to be an authoritative and fascinating account.

Summary: Leverage Nov 16 2022 The must-read summary of Darby Checketts' book: "Leverage: How to Create Your Own "Tipping Points" in Business and in Life". This complete summary of the ideas from Darby Checketts' book "Leverage" proposes an intriguing and ultimately convincing argument: at the focal point of every problem there is always a lever. If you identify that lever correctly and then apply it intelligently, every problem that arises can be solved. In this book, the author provides the reader with a list of personal levers that they can develop and states the importance of the five key areas of life: family, community, career, hobbies and personal development. This summary offers a motivating and exciting blueprint for the most effective ways to gain more from your career, and your life as a whole. Added-value of this summary: • Save time • Understand key concepts • Expand your knowledge To learn more, read "Leverage" and start getting the most out of everything that you do.

An analysis of the use of financial leverage by real estate investment trusts Oct 23 2020

Measuring off-Balance-Sheet Leverage Jan 18 2023 The simultaneous unwinding of leveraged positions can trigger financial market turbulence. Although balance-sheet measures of leverage are available, it is useful to construct a measure of leverage that incorporates both on- and off-balance-sheet activities. This paper provides measures of leverage implicit in derivative contracts by decomposing the contracts into cash market equivalent components. A leverage ratio can then be calculated for this replicating portfolio, which consists of own funds (equity) and borrowed funds equivalents (debt). Methods for aggregating leverage by institution and by markets are presented. The interaction between leverage and risk is discussed, and a modified capital adequacy ratio is calculated, which captures off-balance-sheet exposure.

Leverage Jun 11 2022 A timely book about bullies, their victims, and a high school football team where winning is the only thing that matters This intense sports novel will strike a chord with those who followed the tragic football stories that broke in 2011. In this heart-pounding debut, Joshua C. Cohen conveys the pressures and politics of being a high school athlete in a way that is both insightful and compelling. At Oregrove High, there's an extraordinary price for victory, paid both on and off the football field, and it claims its victims without mercy. When the unthinkable happens, an unlikely friendship is at the heart of an increasingly violent, steroid-infused power struggle. This is a book that will stay with readers long after they turn the last page.

The Leverage Equation Sep 14 2022 In The Leverage Equation: How to Work Less, Make More, and Cut 30 Years Off Your Retirement Plan, former hedge fund manager and five-time author Todd Tresidder unpacks the principles, strategies, and tools you need to grow your wealth in time to get the most out of it.

Deviation from Target Capital Structure, Cost of Equity and Speed of Adjustment Dec 13 2019 In this paper, we analyze the impact of leverage deviation (i.e., actual minus target optimal leverage) on the implied cost of equity capital. Our special focus is on whether (and to what extent) the sensitivity of the cost of equity to leverage deviation, influences the speed with which firms adjust their financial leverage towards the target. Confirming theoretical predictions, we find that the cost of equity is positively related to leverage deviation and that firms whose cost of equity is more sensitive to leverage deviation exhibit faster speed of adjustment towards target. Collectively, our findings imply that capital structure targeting is not equally important to all firms. Indeed, we argue that while evidence of the trade-off theory will tend to be obscured in broad samples, it can hold strongly in meaningfully chosen sub-samples of firms - namely, those characterized by high sensitivity of equity cost to leverage deviation.

Borrow cheap, buy high? : the determinants of leverage and pricing in buyouts Nov 23 2020 This paper provides an empirical analysis of the financial structure of large buyouts. We collect detailed information on the financing of 1157 worldwide private equity deals from 1980 to 2008. Buyout leverage is cross-sectionally unrelated to the leverage of matched public firms, and is largely driven by factors other than what explains leverage in public firms. In particular, the economy-wide cost of borrowing is the main driver of both the quantity and the composition of debt in these buyouts. Credit conditions also have a strong effect on prices paid in buyouts, even after controlling for prices of equivalent public market companies. Finally, the use of high leverage in transactions negatively affects fund performance, controlling for fund vintage and other relevant characteristics. The results are consistent with the view that the availability of financing impacts booms and busts in the private equity market, and that agency problems between private equity funds and their investors can affect buyout capital structures.

Leverage Oct 03 2021 The most important aspect of any negotiation is the real or imagined advantage one holds in a given situation. The concept of leverage can refer to time, money, reputation, or any other factor deemed important by one of the two parties - but whatever it refers to, the ability to recognise and use this often-hidden trump card is what makes a master negotiator. Leverage is an interactive, practical book that shows readers how to improve their negotiation skills and use leverage to get whatever they want out of any situation.

Operating Leverage, Profitability and Capital Structure Nov 11 2019 Operating leverage increases profitability and reduces optimal financial leverage. Thus, operating leverage generates a negative relation between profitability and financial leverage that is thought to be inconsistent with the trade-off theory, but is commonly observed in the data. We demonstrate the effect of operating leverage on firms' profitability and financial leverage, as well as on the empirical relation between profitability and financial leverage, by using China's entry into the World Trade Organization in 2001 and its effect on the capital-labor ratio of US firms.

An evaluation of the utilization of leverage by American businesses Feb 19 2023

Leverage Nov 04 2021 An incisive guide that shows investors how to play by the rules, reduce the risks, and multiply their earnings using leveraged investments. The first accessible treatment of basic leveraging principles investors can apply to a wide range of investments - how to exploit the full range of leverage-based instruments such as stock options, commodity futures, index options, options on futures, and financial futures. The book explains the advantages and drawbacks of each type of leveraged investment and shows how the mechanics of the leverage can be manipulated to minimize risk.

Leverage Competencies Mar 16 2020 This book focuses on the emotional competencies and leadership skills executives need to succeed at the highest level, presenting detailed case studies from several of the world's best companies, including Air Products and Chemicals, Inc., Bristol-Myers Squibb, Dana Corporation, Nortel Networks, and many more.

How to Grow Rich with The Power of Leverage May 10 2022 If you study the lives of the most successful people around you; these people without fail apply the principle of leverage and use it to maximum effect in their life. Without applying some kind of leverage there is no possibility of creating accelerated wealth. Bestselling authors Praveen & Prashant Kumar in this book explain how you can create massive wealth in quick time by simply understanding and mastering the principle of leverage. Correct application of leverage breaks through the barrier of 10% growth/ yield. With leverage we can grow at 50% or 60% and even 100% or more. On the other hand improper understanding and use of leverage can have reverse and disastrous effect on your wealth. In this book you will learn: -What are the various types of leverage? -What pre-cautions you should take when applying leverage? -How you can maximize your leverage? -And much more.... This book explains the fundamentals and empowers you to grow rich by using the power of leverage correctly.

Leverage Your IRA Jan 06 2022 TIRED OF YOUR IRA EARNING LOUSY RETURNS IN TRADITIONAL INVESTMENTS? Want to know the secret to increasing returns in your IRA that your investment advisor may not even be aware of? Many people have found great success in investing in real estate over the past few decades but few are aware that you can hold real estate investments within your IRA. Not only can you hold these investments, you can use the power of leverage through non-recourse loans to substantially increase your returns. Within this book you will learn: How self-directed IRAs function. What a non-recourse loan is and how it works. Why your CPA and investment advisor may not be aware of these options. What the IRS has to say about real estate in an IRA. The step-by-step actions to get started earning great returns. You don't have to take the investments offered by your bank or financial institution - you can choose! Rather than watching your retirement funds inch slowly forward, put that money to work and live the retirement of your dreams!

The Power Of Leverage Aug 13 2022 I write short books "short yet very concise". What matters most is passing the message through to you. I try to reduce repetition and the Bla Bla Bla. I have realised that these days people are bombarded with information and some started filtering the most important ones to keep. Leverage means achieving the greatest result with the least effort. It is a matter of simplifying and finding the fastest way to the desired result. Using leverage is a simple strategy for business success. Time is all you have and it is your most precious asset. What you do with it is of high importance, so choose carefully how you spend it and try to scale it by using the following in this book. 24 hours is all you get in a day, minus 8 hours of sleep, minus about 2 hours for routines, showers, shaves, dressing up, breakfast, Lunch, dinner and your relaxation time. You are quick to find that you do not have much time. All people on this planet have the same amount of time. Billionaires and you have an equal amount of time. You cannot buy more time. Spend it wisely. This book will be broken into sections of how to leverage your time as much as possible to profit the most of your free time.

Leveraged Trading Apr 16 2020 With the right broker, and just a few hundred dollars or pounds, anyone can become a leveraged trader. The products and tools needed are accessible to all: FX, a margin account, CFDs, spread-bets and futures. But this level playing field comes with great risks. Trading with leverage is inherently dangerous. With leverage, losses and costs – the two great killers for traders – are magnified. This does not mean leverage must be avoided altogether, but it does mean that it needs to be used safely. In Leveraged Trading, Robert Carver shows you how to do exactly that, by using a trading system. A trading system can be employed to tackle those twin dangers of serious losses and high costs. The trading systems introduced in this book are simple and carefully designed to use the correct amount of leverage and trade at a suitable frequency. Robert shows how to trade a simple Starter System on its own, on a single instrument and with a single rule for opening positions. He then moves on to show how the Starter System can be adapted, as you gain experience and confidence. The system can be diversified into multiple instruments and new trading rules can be added. For those who wish to go further still, advice on making more complex improvements is included: how to develop your own trading systems, and how to combine a system with your own human judgement, using an approach Robert calls Semi-Automatic Trading. For those trading with leverage, looking for a way to take a controlled approach and manage risk, a properly designed trading system is the answer. Pick up Leveraged Trading and learn how.

Firm Crash Risk, Information Environments, and Speed of Leverage Adjustment Sep 21 2020 This paper examines the effect of firm crash-risk exposure on the speed of leverage adjustment (SOA), and how this effect is influenced by information environments, by employing a large panel of 19,254 firms across 39 countries spanning the years 1989 to 2009. We find that firms exposed to a higher crash risk tend to adjust their financial leverage toward their targets more slowly. This relation is more pronounced for over-leveraged firms. The empirical evidence supports the pecking order theory and the dynamic trade-off theory. We also find that, among the over-leveraged firms, the documented negative association between crash-risk exposure and leverage adjustment is attenuated by strong information environments at country level.

Leverage Jun 18 2020 Discover high-impact leadership strategies for a thriving learning community! This compelling new book provides straightforward guidance and solutions for educators working to transform their school environments. Concrete examples of practical, high-impact, and evidence-based practices help you leverage the “big ideas” of Professional Learning Communities to promote lasting improvement in your school. You’ll learn to: Understand the essential role principals and teacher leaders play in leading PLCs Foster an understanding of how PLCs can support implementation of major instructional shifts such as the new Common Core State Standards Apply high-leverage strategies across your own school and district to improve instruction

The Power to Get In Mar 08 2022 The Power to Get In deals with the single most common and frustrating problem for anyone who's in business, a job transition, or a move back into the work force: the problem of gaining access to the correct audience. Today, no other skill is as directly connected to your ability to earn a living as the skill of getting in to see the right people. Michael Boylan's step-by-step system, The Circle of Leverage, will help you cut through bureaucracy, identify the people you most need to see, and get in their doors. Anyone with something to sell, abilities to offer, or ideas to present will find this book invaluable.

Leverage as a State Variable for Employment, Inventory Accumulation, and Fixed Investment May 18 2020 The importance of a firm's balance sheet for determining its investment and employment decisions is the central assumption of macroeconomic models of 'debt deflation' or 'debt overhang.' According to these models, firm investment decisions are influenced not only by the fundamental opportunity set of the firm, but also by the firm's existing financial condition, especially its leverage. This paper tests that assumption by examining whether the responsiveness of employment, investment, and inventory accumulation to exogenous changes in sales depend on the leverage of the firm. We find that leverage acts as an important state variable for conditioning the response of all three variables to changes in sales. We also find that this effect varies depending on the state of the economy. During recessions, higher leverage magnifies the contractionary effect of declines in sales on investment; during times of positive sales growth, higher leverage tends to dampen the expansionary effect of growth in demand. The size and significance of leverage conditioning effects are larger during recessions. These results support theoretical models of the potential importance of 'debt overhang' effects. Firms that use debt to finance expansion during times of increasing demand suffer reduced ability to maintain growth during recessions as a consequence of their higher leverage.

As Certain as Debt and Taxes Feb 07 2022 Using staggered corporate income tax changes across U.S. states, we show that taxes have a first-order effect on capital structure. Firms increase leverage by around 40 basis points for every percentage-point tax increase. Consistent with dynamic tradeoff theory, the effect is asymmetric: leverage does not respond to tax cuts. This is true even within firm: tax increases that are later reversed nonetheless lead to permanent leverage increases. The treatment effects are heterogeneous and confirm the tax channel: tax sensitivity is greater among profitable and investment-grade firms which respectively have a greater marginal tax benefit and lower marginal cost of issuing debt.

Beyond Neutrality--the Use of Leverage by Powerful States as Mediators in International Conflict Jul 20 2020

The Almanack Of Naval Ravikant Dec 25 2020 GETTING RICH IS NOT JUST ABOUT LUCK; HAPPINESS IS NOT JUST A TRAIT WE ARE BORN WITH. These aspirations may seem out of reach, but building wealth and being happy are skills we can learn. So what are these skills, and how do we learn them? What are the principles that should guide our efforts? What does progress really look like? Naval Ravikant is an entrepreneur, philosopher, and investor who has captivated the world with his principles for building wealth and creating long-term happiness. The Almanack of Naval Ravikant is a collection of Naval's wisdom and experience from the last ten years, shared as a curation of his most insightful interviews and poignant reflections. This isn't a how-to book, or a step-by-step gimmick. Instead, through Naval's own words, you will learn how to walk your own unique path toward a happier, wealthier life.

Target leverage and capital structure adjustment speed across German industries Dec 05 2021 Seminar paper from the year 2010 in the subject Economics - Finance, grade: 1.3, University of Regensburg, language: English, abstract: Since Modigliani/Miller’s famous theorem (1958) that capital structure is irrelevant for firm valuation, firms’ capital structure choice has been one of the most significant subjects in the modern finance theory. The subsequent theoretical literature has found evidence to negate the irrelevance theorem. Most empirical studies applied a static framework and are capable to explain differences in the optimal leverage ratios across firms, using observed leverage ratios as proxies for the optimal target leverage, but do not explain observed differences in firms' leverage ratios itself. One broadly accepted reason for a firm's deviation from their target leverage ratio is the existence of adjustment costs. In the presence of adjustment costs, firms may deviate from their target leverage and find it not cost effective to adjust their leverage ratio frequently or fully within one period, even if they recognize that their existing capital structure is not optimal. This shows the need for developing and using a dynamic approach in order to examine firms' capital structure. The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 provides a brief overview of the three main theories of capital structure. Section 3 specifies the dynamic partial-adjustment model and describes the variables that may affect the target capital structure as well as the adjustment speed. Section 4 reports the empirical results and Section 5 concludes the paper

Leveraged Exchange-Traded Funds Apr 09 2022 This book provides an analysis, under both discrete-time and continuous-time frameworks, on the price dynamics of leveraged exchange-traded funds (LETFs), with emphasis on the roles of leverage ratio, realized volatility, investment horizon, and tracking errors. This study provides new insights on the risks associated with LETFs. It also leads to the discussion of new risk management concepts, such as admissible leverage ratios and admissible risk horizon, as well as the mathematical and empirical analyses of several trading strategies, including static portfolios, pairs trading, and stop-loss strategies involving ETFs and LETFs. The final part of the book addresses the pricing of options written on LETFs. Since different LETFs are designed to track the same reference index, these funds and their associated options share very similar sources of randomness. The authors provide a no-arbitrage pricing approach that consistently value options on LETFs with different leverage ratios with stochastic volatility and jumps in the reference index. Their results are useful for market making of these options, and for identifying price discrepancies across the LETF options markets. As the market of leveraged exchange-traded products become a sizeable connected part of the financial market, it is crucial to better understand its feedback effect and broader market impact. This is important not only for individual and institutional investors, but also for regulators.

Life Leverage Feb 24 2021 You are just one small step away from the life you know you deserve. It's time to leverage your life. Life Leverage means taking control of your life, easily balancing your work and free time, making the most money with the minimum time input & wastage, and living a happier and more successful life. Using Rob Moore's remarkable Life Leverage model, you'll quickly banish & outsource all your confusion, frustration and stress & live your ideal, globally mobile life, doing more of what you love on your own terms. Learn how to: - Live a life of clarity & purpose, merging your passion & profession - Make money & make a difference, banishing work unhappiness - Use the fast-start wealth strategies of the new tech-rich - Maximise the time you have; don't waste a moment by outsourcing everything - Leverage all the things in your life that don't make you feel alive 'This book shows you how to get more done, faster and easier than you ever thought possible. A great book that will change your life'. Brian Tracy, bestselling author of Eat That Frog

Are Firms Underleveraged? An Examination of the Effect of Leverage on Default Probabilities May 30 2021 A commonly held view in corporate finance is that firms are less leveraged than they should be, given the potentially large tax benefits of debt. In this paper, I study the effect of firms' leverage on default probabilities as represented by the firms' ratings. Using an instrumental variable approach, I find that the leverage's effect on ratings is three times stronger than it is if the endogeneity of leverage is ignored. This stronger effect results in a higher impact of leverage on the ex-ante costs of financial distress, which can offset the current estimates of the tax benefits of debt.

Right-to-Work Laws and Financial Leverage Jul 12 2022 High leverage can be used to improve a firm's bargaining position with unions. I show that in the U.S. such use of leverage is concentrated in states without right-to-work (RTW) laws. The use of high leverage by unionized firms in these states is associated with high market-to-book ratios and is more likely when shareholder and manager interests are aligned through compensation contracts. I confirm these findings by examining the adoption of RTW laws in Oklahoma as well as presidential and congressional elections. Moreover, I confirm the importance of RTW laws using cash balances instead of leverage.

Law of Leverage Dec 17 2022 The Path of Entrepreneurial Mind WARNING! This book contains highly motivational wealth building instructions that could drastically affect your sleeping habits. The result of the following enclosed principles and concepts will greatly increase your income. With increased income comes the elimination of debts and worries of how to properly invest your excess money. The author of this book assumes no responsibility for any nervous breakdown caused by over abundant wealth. This book will... * Teach you the principles that govern wealth building * Reveal the secrets of the world's self-made billionaires * Help you to become an effective entrepreneur * Guide you on how to earn your first million * Lead you to exponential income * Direct you to time freedom * Enhance your networth and selfworth * Enlighten you to become a servant leader * Inspire you to know the purpose and meaning of life ...and much more. "Some books are to be tasted, others to be swallowed, and some to be chewed and digested" - Francis Bacon This book is to be digested! www.lawofleverage.net www.facebook.com/lawofleverage

Leverage and Debt Maturity Apr 28 2021 This thesis aims to add empirical evidence to the corporate finance literature by looking at the financing decisions with a specific application to small companies in the context of the UK relatively highly regulated Main market, versus the lightly regulated Alternative Investment Market (AIM). I do this by gathering data on all quoted dead and alive companies in both markets from 1995 to 2008. I then split my sample firms in each market into different size groups and test my hypothesis within and across each group and each market. The thesis consists of six chapters. After an introductory chapter, I review the existing literature on capital structure and debt maturity controversies with an emphasis on recent empirical work. The next three chapters consist of three research papers. The first paper looks at the capital structure decisions of companies quoted in AIM and Main market across different size groups. In the second research paper, the maturity structure of debt is investigated in both markets. The third research paper tests the determinants of the delisting decision, particularly the effect of leverage using a sample of AIM companies. In the last chapter, I provide a summary of the main conclusions of the study and highlight some promising ideas for future research. The first empirical chapter analyses the drivers of leverage across firms' sizes and market of quotation. I find that companies that are listed on the Main market have higher leverage than those listed on AIM. My results show that AIM companies are subject to higher business risk and tend to have lower profitability and tangible assets. In addition, in both markets, small companies are different from large firms in their level of leverage, tangibility of assets, and profitability, suggesting that the drivers of the financing choice are size dependent. Interestingly, the impact of taxation is limited to only large companies in both markets. Similarly, the impact of the agency conflict is also limited to large companies, as for small firms I find a positive relationship between leverage and growth opportunities, in contrast to the predictions of the agency theory. These results suggest that size rather than market of quotation is more likely to explain firms' leverage. However, I find that the market of quotation affects their speed of adjustment toward target leverage ratios. Using the dynamic model of capital structure, I find that in the Main market, small companies adjust more rapidly than large firms, suggesting that they rely more on bank debt and thus result in lower costs of adjustment. In contrast, large firms on the AIM adjust more rapidly than small companies, suggesting that small AIM companies are subject to the highest costs of adjustment as they have the highest business risk and the lowest profitability. The second empirical paper investigates the determinants of the structure of debt maturity across firms' size groups in both markets. I find that firms quoted in the Main market use longer maturity of debt in contrast to their AIM counterparts. However, the structure of debt maturity is different between small and large companies, as small companies use shorter debt maturity. Moreover, I find that the determinants of debt maturity are relatively different across the two sets of markets, suggesting that the market of quotation, are likely to affect the structure of debt maturity. Particularly, the effect of leverage is mixed in those markets. In the Main market, companies with higher leverage use more long-term debt in contrast to those quoted in the AIM. In line with my results in the previous chapter, I find that the speed of adjustment depends on the market of quotation. Using a dynamic framework, I find that companies have a target debt maturity, but, while in the AIM large companies adjust more rapidly than small companies, I find the opposite in the Main market. I also contribute to the literature by assessing the impact of firm's life cycle on its choice of debt maturity. I use a sample of newly listed firms and assess the evolution of the maturity structure of their debt four years after their IPO. I find strong differences across the two markets. In the Main market, my empirical evidence shows that in contrast with small companies, large companies change the structure of their debt maturity significantly as they are more likely to use longer maturity of debt in the post-IPO period. While in the AIM, the structure of debt maturity is not affected by size as neither large companies nor small companies change their debt maturity significantly. In the last empirical chapter, I study the impact of leverage on the delisting decision. I address the following questions: Do firms delist from the stock market because they are unable to raise equity capital and redress their balance sheet? Previous studies state that raising equity capital is one of the main benefits of stock market quotation. I expect firms that are not likely to take advantage of this benefit to have higher listing costs and more likely to delist. I use leverage as a proxy variable and a sample of voluntary delisting from AIM. I find that delisted companies have higher leverage as they did not raise equity capital over their public life. My results suggest that companies with higher leverage are more likely to delist voluntarily. These results hold even after controlling for agency conflicts, liquidity, and asymmetric information. I also investigate how the market reacts to the delisting announcement. I find that on the announcement date, stock prices decrease significantly. However, this reaction is not consistent with previous studies that report positive excess returns for companies that go private through different forms of buyouts. The voluntary delisting does not deliver good news to the market and hence voluntary delisting leads to a decrease in stock prices. I also find that firms that increased their leverage in the year prior to the delisting decision generate significantly lower excess returns than other firms. I compare my results to firms that delisted from the AIM but moved to the Main market. I find that that these firms generate statistically higher and positive returns than the remaining firms that delisted voluntarily. My results highlight the negative impact of leverage and a lack of equity financing on firms' market valuation. My results contribute to the literature and to policy making in several ways. First, I test various controversial and new hypotheses by focussing on differences in institutional settings between the AIM and the Main market. The former is less regulated and it is more likely to attract younger, high growth, and riskier companies. These differences allow me to test various hypotheses developed in previous literature relating to the financing choices of firms. In addition, I provide a deeper analysis of the impact of size on the firms' financing choices. I focus on the differences in leverages across the two, markets, changes in maturity from the IPQ dates, and the drivers of the decision and timing from the IPQ date of companies in the UK. Unlike previous studies, I show that the theoretical determinants of leverage, such as taxation and agency costs, across firms' size groups are not homogeneous, independently of the market quotation. However, I find significant differences across the two markets in terms of dynamic changes in leverage. In addition, my results highlight the impact of leverage on the decision to delist, and imply that policy makers need to facilitate the financing of companies when they list on the market, so that the benefits of listings outweigh the costs, and firms will not rush to voluntary delisting.

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Financial Determinants of Leverage Among KOSDAQ-Listed Firms with Headquarters in Chungcheong Province, South Korea Jun 30 2021 This study investigated one of the issues in modern finance. It attempts to identify factors that affect a firm's capital structure under international or domestic context. However, this paper differed from past researches by using sample data in that the sample data from firms with headquarters in Chungcheong province in Korea. Moreover, the study covers the period the post of the global financial turmoil. Three hypotheses in terms of a firm's financial leverage were postulated and empirically tested. Using the static panel data model, the profitability, growth rate, and cash holdings of a firm were found to be statistically significant factors that influenced leverage. It was also interesting to note that firms with headquarters in North Chung-cheong region showed different effect of profitability, cash holding, and foreign ownership on the debt ratios compared to their counterparts in the South sub-provincial area. The results from the study are expected to provide new insights that would enhance to robustness and consistency of empirical findings.

Performance of Leveraged Asset Funds Oct 11 2019 Leverage plays an important role in the practice of today's portfolio management industry. Leverage can be part of the funds' investment policy, long term strategy, or can be employed to meet temporary liquidity demand. Although the non-normality created by leverage is much the same than those created by options, its effects on the fund's performance are still not widely discussed. The present paper investigates the ranking characteristics of conventional and non-conventional performance measures, when evaluating leveraged portfolios. Because most asset funds contain some level of leverage, we focus on 1) whether the overall used performance measures as well as particular alternative measures account correctly for the (additional) non-normality, created by the capital structure decision, and 2) whether using leverage leads to superior performance. Within an experimental analysis, based on simulated and real data return distributions, a number of alternative methods are employed to analyze the ranking characteristics of different performance measures on asset funds with and without leverage. Using expected utility as benchmark, we compare conventional composite measures like the Sharpe Ratio, the Sortino Ratio, etc., as well as performance measures based on the use of replicating portfolios as in Berenyi (2001): the Excess Return, Modified Sharpe Ratio and the Efficiency Ratio. Rank correlations between the rankings with expected utility (with varying risk parameter) and those of performance measures are calculated. Our results show that, with some reservations, the non-traditional performance measures can handle the non-normality resulting from leverage better. Following this, also the consistency of those performance measures is investigated. In addition, we investigated whether there exist a difference in results between the full-portfolio-maximizing and equity-value-maximizing strategies.

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