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#### 7 Abstract

Abstract The main aims of this study to investigate the impact of the determinant of 8 portfolio return performance during and post finical market crisis based on the most active 9 firms listed on Amman Stock Exchange (ASE) for the period from 2008 to 2012 has been 10 studied. In this study, using the framework of the Capital Assets Pricing Model (CAPM) as 11 considered to be a centrepiece in optimal portfolio determinants. An important contribution 12 of this framework is that it allows to derive optimal portfolio implications for economies in 13 which the degree of correlation across different finical sectors. The test data set is the monthly 14 prices based on 59 samples of the most active companies. This empirical study proposed that 15 this is not a normal cyclical crisis of capitalism but a global crisis, which requires a change in 16 the management policy to be tackled with new regulatory frameworks for financial institutions 17 in order to stimulate economic activities. The results show that there is a difference finding 18 during these two periods where risk is negative and significant during finical market crisis 19 period (2008-2009) but positive and significant after the finical market crisis period 20 (2010-2012). Further results show that when the return on the other factors is inserted in the 21 model, this relation remains significant during and post finical market crisis for asset 22 correlation and investment risk. Furthermore, paper of the proposed model in other emerging 23 countries could be performed in order to raise further explanation of the model and to reveal 24 more generalised findings. 25

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Index terms— CAPM, portfolio optimisation, correlation coe?cient, risk and return, amman stock exchange,
 financial sector in jordan, financial crisi

### <sup>29</sup> 1 Introduction

a) CAPM: An-Overview he most a significant concept in making decisions on investment is the issues of risk and 30 return that has been received a lot of attention in recent decades. Harry M. Markowitz (1952Markowitz (, 1959) 31 ) was the first to come up with a parametric optimisation model to this problem which meanwhile has become 32 33 the foundation for Modern Portfolio Theory (MPT) (Dietmar, 2005). Since the late 1940s and in the early 1950s, 34 prior to the development of the Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM) by Markowitz (1952Markowitz (, 1959)), 35 the reigning paradigm for estimating expected returns presupposed that the return that investors would require or the "cost of capital" of an asset depended primarily on the manner in which that asset was financed (i.e., 36 ??ierman and Smidt, 1966). The CAPM's impact over the decades on the financial community has led several 37 authors inclusive of Fama and French (2004) to suggest that the development of the CAPM marks "the birth of 38 Asset Pricing models". 39 In recent years, however, before the arrival of the CAPM, the question of how expected returns and risk were 40

In recent years, however, before the arrival of the CAPM, the question of how expected returns and risk were related had been posed, but was still awaiting an answer. The global financial crisis, for instance, started to 42 show its effects in the middle of 2007 and into 2008, when the world is shocked by the global markets crisis and

43 large financial institutions collapsed. As a result, governments in even the wealthiest nations have had to come

<sup>44</sup> up with rescue packages to bail out their financial systems. On the other hand, many people are concerned that <sup>45</sup> those responsible for the financial problems are the ones being bailed out.

# <sup>46</sup> 2 b) Purpose and Study Objectives

46 The main purpose and objective of this study is to provide a comprehensive literature review and identifying the 47 main methodologies and research techniques that were used of the standard Markowitz model (CAPM) in order 48 to design an algorithm that is based on optimal portfolio determinants approach during and post finical market 49 crisis based on Jordan listed firms on Amman Stock Exchange (ASE). The model's empirical problems may reflect 50 true failings. The key question arises here as to why Jordan has been selected as the case study. In this respect 51 it is vital to appreciate the fact that, like most developing countries, Jordan possesses a stock market. The stock 52 market was established in order to move Jordan economy from being a bank-based to a market-based economy and 53 to contribute towards the capital-raising and capitalallocating process which is critical to increase the economy's 54 growth. In some market-based economies the stock market is a key means of mobilising saving and reallocating 55 resources, acting as a back-up and an assurance for domestic and foreign investment promotion and a significant 56 source of capital formation and business financing. To answer the study question, the theoretical framework and 57 variables are then empirically modified based on risk, return, beta of individual stock and portfolio, number of 58 stocks, c) Jordanian Financial Market The public trading in shares is there in Jordan since the 1930's which is 59 the decade of establishing the first shareholding company in Jordan. In 1976, Jordan has officially established 60 Amman Financial Market (AFM) which was converted in 1999 to Amman Stock Exchange (ASE) as a private 61 non-profit institution that is responsible of operating the Jordan securities market. 62

# <sup>63</sup> 3 Study Theoretical Framework a) Discussion and the Study <sup>64</sup> Background

A number of theoretical studies have begun to show one of the fundamental tenants in financial theory is the 65 CAPM as developed by Sharpe (1964), ??intner (1965) and Black (1972). The model assumes investors are risk 66 averse and, when choosing among portfolios, they care only about the mean and variance of their oneperiod 67 investment return. As a result, investors could eliminate some but not all risk by holding a diversified portfolio 68 (Markowitz, 1952). Based on these arguments Nyberg (2008) suggests that assets with a riskier payoffs pattern 69 should offer higher expected return by cause of higher discounting, therefore, have a lower price, than the assets 70 that are then similar but have less risky pay-offs. Zarif and Ghaemi (2003) have calculated in their empirical 71 72 study that the asset's return depends on the market return with the linearity relationship between risk and 73 expected return.

The works of Campbell and Viceira (2005) propose an empirical model that the changes in investment 74 75 opportunities can alter the risk-return trade off of bonds, stocks and cash across investment horizons from the U.S. stock and bond markets. They conclude that the asset return predictability has important effects on the 76 variance and correlation structure of returns followed by Yakob et al. (2005) find that the CAPM still holds in 77 explaining the risk-return relationship in China and Malaysia. The significant positive risk parameter coefficient 78 suggests a positive linear relationship, which indicates that investors are compensated for assuming high risk. 79 From another perspective Perez-Quiros and Timmermann (2002) observed that, additional returns expected from 80 81 the stocks of exchange companies during recession, are affected significantly; however, the expected additional 82 returns of the companies in the process of growth are not affected. Harris (1987) provides the index of stock 83 market and Brock and Kleidon (1992) identified the limit between buying and selling for the behaviour of the S&P 500 index. In theory, Markowitz showed that, given either an upper bound on the risk that the investor 84 is willing to take or a lower bound on the re-turn the investor is willing to accept, the optimal portfolio can be 85 obtained by solving a convex quadratic pro-gramming problem. 86

# <sup>87</sup> 4 b) Measurement of Return and Risk

In order to assess analysing the risk and return relationship, there are several methods being used. In Markowitz' model, an investors are assumed to measure the level of return by computing the expected value of the distribution, using the probability distribution of expected returns for a portfolio. Risk is assumed to be measurable by the variability around the expected value of the probability distribution of returns. The most accepted measures of

92 this variability are the variance and standard deviation.

# 93 5 i. Return

Given any set of risky assets and a set of weights that describe how the portfolio investment is split, the general formulas of expected return for n assets are: (1) where: r i , r P the return on i th security and portfolio p; n the

number of securities; w i the proportion of the funds invested in security i, E(r i) the expectation of the variable

<sup>97</sup> in the parentheses; and 1.0. The return computation is nothing more than finding the weighted average return

 $_{98}$   $\,$  of the securities included in the portfolio.

99 ii. Risk

The variance of a single security is the expected value of the sum of the squared deviations from the mean, and the standard deviation is the square root of the variance. The variance of a portfolio combination of securities is equal to the weighted average covariance of the returns on its individual securities:

103 (2)

104 Covariance can also be expressed in terms of the correlation coefficient as follows:

(3) where ? ij = correlation coefficient between the rates of return on security i, r i , and the rates of return on security j, r j , and ? i , and ? j represent standard deviations of r i and r j respectively. Therefore:(4)

Overall, the estimate of the mean return for each security is its average value in the sample period; the estimate of variance is the average value of the squared deviations around the sample average; the estimate of the covariance is the average value of the cross-product of deviations. The amount to which a two-risky-assets portfolio reduces variance of returns depends on the degree of correlation between the returns of the securities. Suppose a proportion denoted by w A is invested in asset A, and the remainder 1 ? w A , denoted by w B , is invested in asset B. The expected rate of return on the portfolio is a weighted average of the expected returns on the component assets, with the same portfolio proportions as weights.

114 (5)

115 The variance of the rate of return on the two-asset portfolio is: (6) where ? AB is the correlation coefficient 116 between the returns on asset A and asset B. If the correlation between the component assets is small or negative, 117 this will reduce portfolio risk. In addition, Figure 1 shows the opportunity set with perfect positive correlation a straight line through the component assets. There is no portfolio can be discarded as inefficient in this case, 118 and the choice among portfolios depends only on risk preference. With any correlation coefficient less than 119 1.0 (?<1), there will be a diversification effect, the portfolio standard deviation is less than the weighted 120 average of the standard deviations of the component securities. There are benefits to diversification whenever 121 asset returns are less than perfectly correlated. Furthermore, correlation coefficients range between -1.0 and 1.0. 122 When the correlation is 1.0, the two assets are perfectly positively correlated. While, when the correlation is 123 -1.0, the returns are perfectly negatively correlated meaning that when one asset goes up, the other goes down 124 and in a fixed proportion (plus a constant). Considerable research has focused on analysing the risk and return 125 relationship, there are several methods being used. For instance Mosaddegh (2006) studied the relation of risk and 126 size with return under different market conditions of the companies listed on Tehran Stock Exchange. Through 127 their empirical result he found that the variable size could be used under up market conditions to explain the 128 changes in return. That means large companies have higher returns. Basu (1983) finds that low earnings-price 129 ratios (E/P) stocks help explain the cross section of US stocks returns while high (E/P) stocks experiencing lower 130 returns could be explained by the CAPM. Tang and Shum (2003) indicate that beta does not have significant 131 relation with returns. Upon combining assets with low beta values, Weinraub and Kuhlman (1994) find that this 132 combination could not minimise the portfolio's risk. Rai and Talangi (2004) contend that, stock return volatility 133 means the achievement of real return different from the expectations. This volatility is also known as investment 134 risk. 135

Considering the transition period in the Jordanian economy in recent years, which resulted in important changes after finical market crisis, such as the emerging of the private sector, allowing the foreign companies to operate in Jordanian financial market and promoting investors to import and export, during which, these changes are expected to increase the local and foreign competition. However, The CAPM uses a stock's beta, in conjunction with the average investor's degree of risk aversion, to calculate the return that investors require, on that particular stock. Based on the above the present study aims at examining the following hypotheses.

H1: Risk is a significant determinant of portfolio performance during finical market crisis. H2: Stock size is a
significant determinant of portfolio performance during finical market crisis. H3: Asset correlation coefficient a
significant determinant of portfolio performance during finical market crisis. H4: Investment risk is a significant
determinant of portfolio performance during finical market crisis.

146 Null hypothesis and alternative hypothesis for the significance of the model are as follows:III.

### <sup>147</sup> 6 Empirical Methodology

In the previous section, the literature review focused on the theoretical consideration "Theoretical Framework" relevant to the research problem, thereby offering a general overview of the literature and assisting in providing a framework for the theoretical and effects of financial development along with the stock market mechanism. With this knowledge, the aim of this section is to explain and justify the methods used in this study of risk, return, beta of individual stock and portfolio, number of stocks, correlation coefficient between the assets in the portfolio and investment risk from which it will be possible to generate empirical evidence and assess the volatility and reliability of findings.

The model draws on the portfolio theory as developed by Markowitz (1952Markowitz (, 1959)) takes the form of multiplied by its own respective coefficient, plus residual term. In its simplest form the CAPM is defined by the following equation: (7) where R i, t represents the dependent variable; X i, t the set of explanatory or predictor variables includes the financial variables (i.e., risk, stock size, asset correlation, investment risk), ? i the constant term; ? i and the beta coefficient; given market clearing asset prices at t-1, investors agree on the joint distribution of asset returns from t-1 to t (see Sharpe, 1964; ??intner, 1965); and ? i the random error term.

#### 9 DESCRIPTIVE STATISTICS SOURCE: DATA AND SUMMARY STATISTICAL ANALYSIS 2014

161 If ? i values replace into the equation, the potential framework for this study is as shown in Eq.7 which can be 162 defined as follows:

where RETURN refers to the price level of the stock (i) the average return in month (t). RISK refers to portfolio beta. BETA is calculated based on CAPM of each stock which represented as market risk. Furthermore, beta is the indicator for changes in price of stocks that respond to the market force as shown in Eq. 9: where, E (R i ) is the return on individual stock; R f is the risk free rate of the return of the market (also known as the nominal, or quoted) rate; R m is the expected return of the market; ? i is the market risk of the stock, where ? i = .

SIZE refers to the number of the stock; while ASSET is the asset correlation coefficient which measures the 168 correlation between the assets in the portfolio according to Eq. 10. Is utilised since it gives a number between 169 -1 and +1; a correlation of -1 or +1, which indicates a perfect correlation, negative, respectively, between two 170 variables (see Figure 1); where ? relationship between the expected return in risky asset and its ? is an applicable 171 and sufficient measure of risks that captures section of average return, that is, that assets can only earn a high 172 average return if they have a high market ?. Furthermore, ? drives average returns due to ? measures how 173 much the inclusion of additional stock to a well-diversified portfolio increases the inherent risk of volatility from 174 changing values. 175

<sup>176</sup> 7 IV. data analysis

177 The data were collected by ASE and income statements for the financing choice of firms listed with a market capitalisation, which are analysed from 2008 to 2012. The records were divided to two categories. The first 178 category included the years 2008 to 2009 which existed before the appearance of the international financial 179 market crisis, while the second category included the financial records of the post financial market crisis period 180 from 2010 to 2012. The firm sample contains panel data dynamic framework for 59 sample companies were chosen 181 throughout three different sectors (financial, industrial and services) listed in the ASE for which a continuous 182 data set exists over the sample period. This study uses the secondary data in term of the stock's daily closing 183 184 prices of the last day of the month. The data were obtained from two main sources; Jordanian stock market 185 website and the DataStream. Besides, the Amman Stock Exchange Index (ASEI) is chosen as the benchmark in analysing the risk and return for each stock from the different sectors. 186

# <sup>187</sup> 8 a) Descriptive Findings

Having outlined the collection and preliminary screening processes in respect of the data in the previous discussion, 188 the study now focuses upon the analysis of that data. In order to discuss the results obtained from the secondary 189 data, Table ?? illustrates that descriptive statistics for the study variables were measured in this research, followed 190 191 by the mean as a measure of central tendency, standard deviation as a measure of distribution spread, minimum 192 and maximum values of all variables for During financial market crisis and Post financial market crisis to check for each variable's normality 1. In order to generalise the findings from regression analysis, some assumptions 193 have to be met. One of the initial assumptions is the variable type. All variables must be metric or categorical 194 with two categories. 195

# <sup>196</sup> 9 Descriptive Statistics Source: Data and Summary Statistical <sup>197</sup> Analysis 2014

There are two common tests to assess the existence of the multicollinearity; they are the Variance Inflation Factor 198 (VIF) and its inverse; the Tolerance value. The VIF values range from 1.060 to 1.231, all well below 10, the value 199 200 suggested by ??yers (1990). Tolerance values range from 0.35 to 0.81 (see Table ??). None should be below 0.1, since tolerance = 1/VIF, also, Menard (1995) suggests that values below 0.2 are cause for concern. The average 201 of the VIF values = 1.91. It is suggested by ?? overman and O'Connel (1990) that this should be no greater than 202 1. Therefore, this is indicating that multicollinearity problems may occur in this backward elimination model. 203 As Table ?? shows, there is no high correlation between any of the independent variables and also from Table ?? 204 it can be seen that the values of VIF do not exceed the acceptable level of 10, with no values of tolerance below 205 the recommended level of 0.1. Accordingly, there is no evidence to be found for the existence of multicollinearity. 206 Such coefficient does not matter since it is less than 0.5 and not significant at conventional levels. 207

Findings from Table ?? illustrate that, risk and asset correlation were found to be significant and positively correlated to portfolio return. These results imply that portfolio return is higher wherever there is high risk; high asset correlation stock comes from different sectors.

211 However, size and investment shown a significant and negative effect to return since high number of stock 212 reduces the portfolio risk. This is consistent with Elfakhani and Zaher (1998). This means that a possible 213 explanation for this higher risk-adjusted returns than a portfolio with high volatility equities (like illiquid penny stocks). Results from the multiple regression analysis, as displayed in Table 4, indicated that models were 214 reflecting a significant relationship between independent and dependent variables in most areas. The conclusion 215 from this analysis is that the coefficient of risk during finical market crisis is significant and negative while after 216 the finical market crisis period, the coefficient of risk turn to be significant and positive to portfolio return. The 217 decrease of low stock price occurred after the formal announcement of the crisis in the U.S. after the mid of 2008. 218

Patro et al. (2000) expect that companies with high dividend payments maybe less risky. If a company has their value tied to higher future growth, rather than to current dividends, it may be more sensitive to market performance. The result from aftermath finical market crisis is also supported by Bakhshandeh (1990). Thus, these results support hypothesis H1. However, the previous results are inconsistent with this result to that find by Tang and Shum (2003) who indicate that beta does not have significant relation with returns.

Table 4 further shows that the coefficient of size shows that size has a significant negative relationship with 224 determinant of portfolio return performance during and post finical market crisis. The results imply that the 225 higher number of stock in a portfolio reduce the risk of portfolio. Consistent with the portfolio theory, low risky 226 portfolio results in low portfolio return performance thus size in this study show a significant and negative result 227 to portfolio return performance. This result is supported by the finding by Elfakhani and Zaher (1998). These 228 results, therefore, support hypothesis H2. The results also indicate that the asset factor shows that during finical 229 market crisis it is significant and negative to portfolio return performance. On the other hand, sector gives a 230 significant and positive estimation result to portfolio return performance. These results are consistent during and 231 post finical market crisis for asset correlation and investment risk, therefore, hypothesis H3 and H4 are accepted. 232 Klingebiel et al. (2001) found that the stock prices of companies were highly affected due to the Asian financial 233 crisis. Most of stocks of companies dropped due to low exchange in the stock exchange markets. These results 234 are similar to the results found in this research concerning the market stock price of industrial companies. It is 235 236 interesting that all the different sector In Jordanian finical market, the effect of the international financial crisis 237 was very diminutive because of the limited exporting goods abroad as these companies depend on local market.

#### 238 10 Conclusion

The main aim of this paper was to provide a better understanding of the theoretical framework which has been 239 developed from the CAPM that could provide a scientific base for possible causes of impairment application, and 240 presents a conceptual framework showing the determinant of portfolio return performance during and post finical 241 market crisis. Apart from further analysing the findings presented and discussed, this part has considered some 242 significant outcomes of the potential portfolio return performance in the light of various contributions based on 243 prior analysis and the evidence reviewed earlier from the literature. There is reason to believe that risk factor 244 shows a difference pattern to portfolio return performance during these two periods where risk is negative and 245 significant during finical market crisis but positive and significant after the finical market crisis. By employing 246 this empirical methodology, during finical market crisis, risk is more vulnerable. Following this, the higher the 247 portfolio return performance shows a lower risk and this contradicts the risk-return trade-off theory. This could 248 happen due to market players had become over cautious on the market risk and unsystematic risk. Based on the 249 results of this research, the investment risk tolerance asset allocation among the portfolios managed to strike a 250 balance between the risk appetites determined by the investors. Furthermore the investors' maturity and serenity 251 252 among Jordanian financial market investors help to periodically rebalance the portfolio risk and return despite 253 the sharp decline in share prices.

Further findings of this study provide evidence that determinant of portfolio return performance could vary 254 with the market stability and condition during finical market crisis, portfolio risk is negative to the return 255 implying that the lower the risk the higher the return but when the market turmoil changed, the risk get back to 256 be positively to return. Furthermore, by being aware of the particular type of risk an investment is exposed to, 257 investors can make better decisions on what is appropriate for their situation and portfolio especially in crucial 258 times. The recession of production in most companies did not appear through decreasing the working labour 259 of these companies or the announcement of bankruptcy of any of the industrial companies in Jordan. Further 260 research is needed in order to provide a clear understanding of the framework that should be conducted to analyse 261 the impact of macroeconomic factors on beta value in the long run. Furthermore, paper of the proposed model 262 in other emerging countries could be performed in order to raise further explanation of the model and to reveal 263 more generalised findings. Using the impact of other financial factors such as; earnings variability, accounting 264 beta and liquidity of the shares (trading volume) on beta value. 265

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Figure 1: Figure 1 :

$$E(r_P) = \sum_{i=1}^n w_i E(r_i)$$

$$(i=1,2,3....$$





Figure 3: Figure 2 :



Figure 4: i



Figure 5: 1

$$\operatorname{Var}(r_p) = \sum_{i=1}^n \sum_{j=1}^n w_i w_j \rho_{ij} \sigma_i \sigma_j$$

Figure 6:

Figure 7: Table 1

## 1

| Indicators                 | 2008         | 2009         | 2010          | 2011          | 2012         |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| Market Capitalisation      | $35,\!844.1$ | $31,\!889.1$ | $30,\!995.34$ | $26,\!998.88$ | 26,714.63    |
| Value Traded               | $13,\!641.1$ | $28,\!677.3$ | 9,349.25      | $3,\!937.78$  | 2,748.21     |
| Shares Traded              | 6,022.5      | $5,\!442.3$  | 6,912.23      | $3,\!982.29$  | $2,\!338.32$ |
| ASE index                  | 2,533.5      | 2,758.4      | $2,\!373.6$   | $1,\!995.1$   | $1,\!957.6$  |
| Turnover ratio $(\%)$      | 42.8         | 80.0         | 4.7           | 2.6           | 2.6          |
| Real GDP Growth $(\%)$     | 7.2          | 5.5          | 2.3           | 2.6           | 2.7          |
| Number of Listed Companies | 262          | 272          | 277           | 247           | 243          |

[Note: Source: Arab Monetary Fund (2014), and World Bank (2014).II.]

Figure 8: Table 1 :

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b) Hypothesis Testing The aim of this section is to present the overall multiple regression model and, accordingly, explain the types of financial indicators (independent/predictor variables) and determinant of portfolio return performance (outcome variables). The output of the SPSS test, as depicted in Table 4, reveals very significant information about the model fit under study with those accepted and rejected hypotheses. In this context, the t-test is derived in order to ascertain whether a B value (between brackets) is significantly dissimilar from zero. Consequently, t-tests are considered as measures of whether the predictor is making a significant contribution to the model based on level of significance (?). Critical t-values can be expressed based on the type of test used. Therefore, direction relationships are based upon the hypothesis of addressing the effect on predictors as to the extent of compliance with planning standards. For the 0.05 a significant level, the critical t-values are greater than 1.645 for a one-tailed test and 1.96 for a two-tailed test. Indeed, a two-tailed test of significance was utilised for this study.

Figure 9: Table 2 : Table 3 :

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