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ABSTRACT

Capital Market plays an important role in the capital formation of an economy. Firms issue shares and collect money for supporting the growth potentiality of the business. This creates two way opportunity of wealth maximization. Firstly, firms get the opportunity to grow and secondly, small investors now have an opportunity to invest in the big and growing companies which would otherwise be impossible for them in the absence of an established capital market. So this is a very good opportunity. But it also creates threats as well. If remains uninformed, an investor can easily become prey of the situation. Bad and unconscious investment may result in negative return. So it is very much important to know the facts and the fictions. In developed countries share prices have a very good relationship with the financial variables of the respective firm. Does this relationship hold good in a country like Bangladesh as well? This is the question that this paper will try to find out with an extensive analysis on financial variables and share price of banks in Bangladesh.

KEYWORDS

Capital Gain, Capital Market, Classified Loan, Net Asset Value, Technical Analyst.

INTRODUCTION

The debate on financial variables' influence on share price is not a new phenomenon. There is an ongoing controversy between the fundamental analyst and the technical analyst regarding the price performance relationship of different stocks. One school of researchers is biased towards the financial performance and variables and the other tries to be completely come out from the impact of financial performance in predicting the share prices. This report tries to find out the apparent contradiction between the two ideologies. It accomplishes this objective through testing the hypothesis that the financial variables have significant impact on the performance of the share price.

Technical analysts engage in the process of examining data that is relevant to a given situation and developing recommendations that are anticipated to produce desirable results. In order to accomplish this goal, the technical analyst will make use of the process of technical analysis, which is essentially a structured method of identifying and evaluating key factors and elements, and qualifying the most efficient use of resources on hand.

When it comes to the work of the technical analysts in the financial market, the technique focuses on helping investors to make decisions that will result in the greatest yield. The technician that makes use of this analytical approach will consider current and past market conditions and project a variety of different sets of future events related to the market. By developing these scenarios, the analyst can make recommendations about what stock to buy, when to buy it, and at what point the stock should be sold in order to achieve the highest return on the investment.

There are two schools of thought when it comes to the work of a technical analyst in the financial world. First, there are those that see this analytical approach as being grounded in simple facts and common sense. Thus, the technicians are understood to be following a logical thought process that has an appreciable chance of accurately predicting future market movements. There are investors all over the world who consider the technical analyst to be a key in the task of making wise investments.

At the same time, there are those that dismiss this approach to market evaluation as being nothing more than a waste of time. The technical analyst may be considered to be a few steps removed from the status of a charlatan, with critics of the process even branding the methodology as being a pseudoscience or even comparing the approach to parlor magic. When this is the prevailing thought process, technicians that make use of technical analysis are considered to be non-essential to the investing process.

OBJECTIVE OF THE STUDY

Investors expect good return from the investment. But they are confused regarding the investment criteria. Do they completely rely on the financial variables of the company? Are there any other criteria that could produce better results? One of the most important decision making process is to observe the past financial performance of the company. But some experts argue that the financial performance is not a very good indicator of future stock prices. If this is true how do investors make the investment decision? This report will try to find out the impact of financial variables on the performance of the stock prices. Thus the objective of the report is to find out:

1. The nature of the market price of the shares and how it changes.
2. Whether any significant relationship exists between the share price and the financial variables.
3. Which variables have significant impact on share price?
4. To find out the better model to predict the share price.

LITERATURE REVIEW

Stock price and financial performance have a strong relationship. Stock market experts and researchers have confirmed this fact which is also evident from historical trend of stock prices. Both factor analysis of security returns and the analysis of eigenvalues seem to indicate that a market factor explains the major part of security returns (Stephen J. Brown, 1990). This relationship is visible in both developed and emerging stock market.

In general the relationship seems to be quite strong; but there also exist some controversies. This is very much clear from the opinion of Christopher B. Barry, John W. Peavy, and Mauricio Rodríguez. Although historical returns cannot be relied on to predict future performance, such empirical data can provide useful insights for financial and investment managers. A wide array of informational sources report historical security returns in developed countries, but only recently have investors and managers had access to data about returns of stocks in emerging markets (Christopher B. Barry, John W. Peavy, and Mauricio Rodríguez, 1997).

However more or less it is believed that past financial performance has a greater impact on the future prices of the securities. Although there are many different chartist theories, they all make the same basic assumption. That is, they all assume that the past behavior of a security's price is rich in information concerning its future behavior. History repeats itself in that "patterns" of past price behavior will tend to recur in the future. Thus, if through careful analysis of price charts one develops an understanding of these "patterns," this can be used to predict the future behavior of prices and in this way increase expected gains (Eugene F. Fama, 1965).

METHODOLOGY

The analysis uses simple methods and techniques to analyze the data. The first challenge was to find out the relevant variables that describe the situation well. After variable selection the following analysis have been performed:

1. Calculation of capital gain
2. Simple regression
3. Multiple regression

At first capital gain has been calculated by finding out the monthly capital gain from the monthly stock prices and then working for transforming it into annualized yearly gain. The regression has been performed by using the statistical software SPSS.

RELEVANT VARIABLES

To find out the desired relationship, I have identified several variables those have significant impact on the share price from investors' point of view. The objective is to find out those variables that have significant impact on price. The total number of selected variables is eight. They are shown in the following table:

TABLE 1: VARIABLE DEFINITION

| Variable | Symbol | Expected Sign |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------------------|
| Capital Gain | CG | Dependent Variable |
| Profit Margin | PRGN | + |
| Return on Equity | ROE | + |
| Return on Assets | ROA | + |
| Debt to Asset | DA | - |
| Classified Loan to Total Loan | CLTL | - |
| Asset Turnover | ATR | + |
| Net Asset Value | NAV | + |
| Earnings Per Share | EPS | + |

DEFINING THE VARIABLES

Capital Gain has been calculated based on the average monthly return on the stock prices. First of all the monthly return has been calculated by deducting the previous price from the new price and then dividing the results by the previous price. Finally the result is multiplied by hundred.

Profit Margin is defined as net profit divided by investment income and then multiplied by hundred. It indicates the bank's ability to generate profit out of the earned revenue.

Return on Equity is calculated dividing the net income by total equity and then multiplying the results by hundred. It indicates the company's ability to generate profit out of invested fund by the equity holders.

Return on Assets is calculated dividing the net income by total assets and then multiplying the results by hundred. It indicates the company's ability to generate profit out of total invested assets by both the equity holders and the debt holders.

Debt to Assets is calculated by dividing the total external debt of the bank by the total assets and then multiplying the results by hundred. It indicates the financial leveraging position of the bank as well as the adequacy of the capital in case of financial hard times.

Classified Loan to Total Loan is defined as classified loan divided by the total loan and then multiplied by hundred. It indicates the portion of the total loan that is non-performing or about to be non-performing.

Asset Turnover is calculated by dividing the investment income by the total assets which indicates the company's ability to generate revenue out of the invested assets.

Net Asset Value is defined as the total assets of the company minus liabilities and divided by the number of shares of the company. Most often investors consider this as the most important base to price the shares of the company.

Earnings Per Share is the portion of a company's profit allocated to each outstanding share of common stock. Earnings per share serves as an indicator of a company's profitability. Calculated as:

$$\text{Earnings Per Share} = \frac{\text{Net Income} - \text{Dividends on Preferred Stock}}{\text{Average Outstanding Shares}} \quad (1)$$

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Bangladesh is one of the largest Muslim countries in the world. The people of this country are deeply committed to Islamic way of life as enshrined in the Holy Qur'an and the Sunnah. Naturally, it remains a deep cry in their hearts to fashion and design their economic lives in accordance with the precepts of Islam. The establishment of Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited on March 13, 1983, is the true reflection of this inner urge of its people, which started functioning with effect from March 30, 1983. This Bank is the first of its kind in Southeast Asia. It is committed to conduct all banking and investment activities on the basis of interest-free profit-loss sharing system. In doing so, it has unveiled a new horizon and ushered in a new silver lining of hope towards materializing a long cherished dream of the people of Bangladesh for doing their banking transactions in line with what is prescribed by Islam. With the active co-operation and participation of Islamic Development Bank (IDB) and some other Islamic banks, financial institutions, government bodies and eminent personalities of the Middle East and the Gulf countries, Islami Bank Bangladesh Limited has by now earned the unique position of a leading private commercial bank in Bangladesh.

HISTORICAL TREND OF INDEPENDENT VARIABLES

The following table shows that the profit margin of IBBL is increasing over time. With some variations the profit margin is highest in the year 2009. This is a very good sign of stability and potential of future growth. The profit margin was 6.92 in the year 2003 and it is increasing over time. We also notice slight fluctuations among different period. However, the rate of increase is more or less stable overtime.

TABLE 2: IBBL, PROFIT MARGIN

| Year | Profit Margin |
|------|---------------|
| 2003 | 6.92 |
| 2004 | 14.77 |
| 2005 | 13.33 |
| 2006 | 12.55 |
| 2007 | 14.06 |
| 2008 | 13.68 |
| 2009 | 15.92 |

Source: Audited Annual Financial Statements, IBBL.

Table 3 depicts the ROE of IBBL for the period 2003 to 2009. The ROE was 7.53 in the year 2003 and it reached 16.93 in the year 2009. With some exceptions the return on equity is increasing over time. The highest ROE has been attained in the year 2008. The recent years have much higher ROE than that of previous years.

TABLE 3: IBBL, RETURN ON EQUITY

| Year | Return on Equity |
|------|------------------|
| 2003 | 7.53 |
| 2004 | 15.28 |
| 2005 | 13.70 |
| 2006 | 14.00 |
| 2007 | 14.57 |
| 2008 | 23.84 |
| 2009 | 16.93 |

Source: Audited Annual Financial Statements, IBBL.

Table 4 shows the ROA of IBBL. We see ROA was 0.48 in the year 2003 and increased to 1.22 in the year in the year 2009. Compared to ROE, the ROA is much lower. But it is improving over time. There is a consistent increase in the ROA. The Highest ROA has been attained in the year 2009.

TABLE 4: IBBL, RETURN ON ASSETS

| Year | Return on Assets |
|------|------------------|
| 2003 | 0.48 |
| 2004 | 0.99 |
| 2005 | 0.92 |
| 2006 | 0.93 |
| 2007 | 1.07 |
| 2008 | 1.16 |
| 2009 | 1.22 |

Source: Audited Annual Financial Statements, IBBL.

Table 5 shows the debt to equity ratio. This is calculated through dividing total debt by total assets of the bank. The debt to asset ratio was 85.6 in the year 2003. The owner's contribution is much lower compared to the external debt. There is an increasing trend in the ratio. But banks need to take care of the minimum capital requirements and thus increase the owner's contribution. This is shown in the following table:

TABLE 5: IBBL, DEBT TO ASSET RATIO

| Year | Debt to Asset Ratio |
|------|---------------------|
| 2003 | 85.60 |
| 2004 | 85.99 |
| 2005 | 87.71 |
| 2006 | 88.13 |
| 2007 | 86.92 |
| 2008 | 86.77 |
| 2009 | 87.78 |

Source: Audited Annual Financial Statements, IBBL.

Table 6 is one of the most important tables for the analysis. It shows the ratio of classified loan to total loan. In the year 2003 the classified loan to total loan ratio was 8.89. Which was much higher compared to that of recent years. We see this ratio is improving overtime. The following table shows the position of the IBBL against classified loan from 2003 to 2009. The percentage of the classified loan is lowest ever in the year 2009.

TABLE 6: IBBL, CLASSIFIED LOAN

| Year | Classified Loan to Total loan |
|------|-------------------------------|
| 2003 | 8.89 |
| 2004 | 6.33 |
| 2005 | 5.49 |
| 2006 | 4.51 |
| 2007 | 2.93 |
| 2008 | 2.39 |
| 2009 | 2.36 |

Source: Audited Annual Financial Statements, IBBL.

Table 7 shows asset turnover ratio. It is very much crucial to know this ratio because it shows how efficiently the company is using its assets. The tables shows asset turnover ratio for the period 2003 to 2009. Asset turnover ratio was 0.069 in the year 2003 and it was 0.07 in the year 2009. Although the asset turn-over is almost similar over the seven years period, it is improving over time. The highest turn-over is achieved in the year 2008.

TABLE 7: IBBL, ASSET TURN-OVER

| Year | Asset Turn-over |
|------|-----------------|
| 2003 | 0.069149704 |
| 2004 | 0.067174736 |
| 2005 | 0.068714494 |
| 2006 | 0.074261882 |
| 2007 | 0.076149698 |
| 2008 | 0.084649639 |
| 2009 | 0.076788766 |

Source: Audited Annual Financial Statements, IBBL.

For many investors the NAV is the easiest way to track the performance of the stock. Table 8 shows the NAV of IBBL for the period 2003 to 2004. We see it was 2909.56 in the year 2003 but increases to 3254.6 in the year 2009. The following table shows that the NAV fluctuates over the seven year period. The highest NAV is attained in the year 2009.

TABLE 8: IBBL, NET ASSET VALUE

| Year | Net Asset Value |
|------|-----------------|
| 2003 | 2909.56 |
| 2004 | 3080.17 |
| 2005 | 2971.55 |
| 2006 | 2995.61 |
| 2007 | 3114.8 |
| 2008 | 2958.9 |
| 2009 | 3254.6 |

Source: Audited Annual Financial Statements, IBBL.

Table 9 shows the earnings per share of the company. This is the very useful way to determine the performance of the shares over the years. We see EPS of IBBL for the period 2003 to 2009. It was TK. 195.52 in the year 2003 but increases to TK. 551.40 in the year 2009. Higher EPS means higher return for the investors. The following table shows that the EPS of IBBL is highest in the year 2009.

TABLE 9: IBBL, EARNINGS PER SHARE

| Year | Earnings per Share |
|------|--------------------|
| 2003 | 195.52 |
| 2004 | 518.59 |
| 2005 | 487.57 |
| 2006 | 485.94 |
| 2007 | 375.5 |
| 2008 | 562.9 |
| 2009 | 551.4 |

Source: Audited Annual Financial Statements, IBBL.

NATIONAL BANK LIMITED

National Bank Limited was born as the first hundred percent Bangladeshi owned Bank in the private sector. From the very inception, it was the firm determination of National Bank Limited to play a vital role in the national economy. We are determined to bring back the long forgotten taste of banking services and flavors. We want to serve each one promptly and with a sense of dedication and dignity.

The then President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh Justice Ahsanuddin Chowdhury inaugurated the bank formally on March 28, 1983 but the first branch at 48, Dilkusha Commercial Area, Dhaka started commercial operation on March 23, 1983. The 2nd Branch was opened on 11th May 1983 at Khatungonj, Chittagong. At present, NBL has been carrying on business through its 121 branches and 10 SME centers spread all over the country. Since the very beginning, the bank has exerted much emphasis on overseas operations and handled a sizable quantum of home bound foreign remittance. It has drawing arrangements with 415 correspondents in 75 countries of the world, as well as with 37 overseas Exchange Companies located in 13 countries. NBL was the first domestic bank to establish agency arrangements with the world famous Western Union in order to facilitate quick and safe remittance of the valuable foreign exchanges earned by the expatriate Bangladeshi nationals. This has meant that the expatriates can remit their hard-earned money to the country with much ease, confidence, safety and speed.

HISTORICAL TREND OF INDEPENDENT VARIABLES

Table 10 depicts the profit margin of National Bank Ltd. for the period 2003 to 2009. The profit margin for the year 2003 was 3.76 and it reaches a level of 30.52 in the year 2009. This represents a dramatic improvement in profit margin ratio over the period 2003 to 2009. The table shows that the profit margin of NBL is increasing over time. With some variations the profit margin is highest in the year 2009. This is a very good sign of stability and potentiality for future growth.

TABLE 10: NBL, PROFIT MARGIN

| Year | Profit Margin |
|------|---------------|
| 2003 | 3.76 |
| 2004 | 7.26 |
| 2005 | 10.81 |
| 2006 | 13.81 |
| 2007 | 28.87 |
| 2008 | 26.22 |
| 2009 | 30.52 |

Source: Audited Annual Financial Statements, NBL.

Table 11 depicts return on equity of National Bank Ltd. for the period 2003 to 2009. The ROE was 5.18 in the year 2003 and it increases to 23.31 in the year 2009. It is quite interesting to observe the significant improvement in ROE over the period 2003 to 2009. With some exceptions the return on equity is increasing over time. The highest ROE has been attained in the year 2007. The recent years have much higher ROE than that of previous years.

TABLE 11: NBL, RETURN ON EQUITY

| Year | Return on Equity |
|------|------------------|
| 2003 | 5.18 |
| 2004 | 9.13 |
| 2005 | 9.93 |
| 2006 | 15.50 |
| 2007 | 27.11 |
| 2008 | 24.75 |
| 2009 | 23.31 |

Source: Audited Annual Financial Statements, NBL.

Table 12 shows the return on assets of NBL for the year 2003 to 2009. The ROA was 0.25 in the year 2003 and increases to 2.26 in the year 2009. Compared to ROE, the ROA is much lower. But it is improving over time. From the table we see there is a consistent increase in the ROA. The Highest ROA has been attained in the year 2009. It shows a very positive image as the ROA is directly linked with the asset efficiency of the company.

TABLE 12: NBL, RETURN ON ASSETS

| Year | Return on Assets |
|------|------------------|
| 2003 | 0.25 |
| 2004 | 0.48 |
| 2005 | 0.71 |
| 2006 | 1.08 |
| 2007 | 2.19 |
| 2008 | 2.10 |
| 2009 | 2.26 |

Source: Audited Annual Financial Statements, NBL.

Table 13 shows the debt to asset ratio of NBL for the period 2003 to 2009. It is calculated through dividing total debts by total assets. The debt to asset ratio was 80.54 in the year 2003 and increases to 85.05 in the year 2009. The owner's contribution is much lower compared to the external debt. We see an increasing trend in the ratio. But banks need to take care of the minimum capital requirements and thus increase the owner's contribution. This is shown in the following table:

TABLE 13: NBL, DEBT TO ASSET RATIO

| Year | Debt to Asset Ratio |
|------|---------------------|
| 2003 | 80.54 |
| 2004 | 85.05 |
| 2005 | 87.42 |
| 2006 | 87.68 |
| 2007 | 86.06 |
| 2008 | 85.07 |
| 2009 | 85.05 |

Source: Audited Annual Financial Statements, NBL.

Table 14 depicts the ratio of classified loan to total loan for the period 2003 to 2009. The ratio of classified loan was 17.92 in the year 2003 and it decreases to 5.97 in the year 2009. The following table shows that the position of the NBL against classified loan is improving over time. The percentage of the classified loan is lowest ever in the year 2007. It is a very good sign of efficient credit management for the bank as a whole.

TABLE 14: NBL, CLASSIFIED LOAN

| Year | Classified Loan to Total loan |
|------|-------------------------------|
| 2003 | 17.92 |
| 2004 | 24.49 |
| 2005 | 7.06 |
| 2006 | 6.01 |
| 2007 | 4.53 |
| 2008 | 5.50 |
| 2009 | 5.97 |

Source: Audited Annual Financial Statements, NBL.

Table 15 shows the asset turnover ratio of NBL for the period 2003 to 2009. The ratio was 0.065 in the year 2003 and increases to 0.074 in the year 2009. Although the asset turn-over is almost similar over the seven year period, it is improving over time. The highest turn-over is achieved in the year 2008. It is a good sign to have higher asset turnover ratios in the recent times as it indicates greater efficiency on the part of the management.

TABLE 15: NBL, ASSET TURN-OVER

| Year | Asset Turn-over |
|------|-----------------|
| 2003 | 0.065665495 |
| 2004 | 0.066655619 |
| 2005 | 0.065420705 |
| 2006 | 0.078517791 |
| 2007 | 0.075866542 |
| 2008 | 0.080118113 |
| 2009 | 0.074161225 |

Source: Audited Annual Financial Statements, NBL.

Table 16 depicts the net asset value of NBL for the period 2003 to 2009. The NAV was 415.31 in the year 2003 and increases to 313.25 in the year 2009. For many investors the NAV is the easiest way to track the performance of the stock. So they want to closely monitor the pattern of this variable. The following table shows that the NAV fluctuates over the seven years period. The highest NAV is attained in the year 2006.

TABLE 16: NBL, NET ASSET VALUE

| Year | Net Asset Value |
|------|-----------------|
| 2003 | 415.31 |
| 2004 | 380.95 |
| 2005 | 471.36 |
| 2006 | 593.45 |
| 2007 | 433.11 |
| 2008 | 324.92 |
| 2009 | 313.25 |

Source: Audited Annual Financial Statements, NBL.

Table 17 shows the earnings per share of NBL for the period 2003 to 2009. In the year 2003 EPS was 17.07 and it increases to 53.31 in the year 2009. This is the very useful way to determine the performance of the shares over the years. Higher EPS means higher return for the investors. The following table shows that the EPS of NBL is highest in the year 2009.

TABLE 17: NBL, EARNINGS PER SHARE

| Year | Earnings per Share |
|------|--------------------|
| 2003 | 17.07 |
| 2004 | 32.93 |
| 2005 | 43.85 |
| 2006 | 63.01 |
| 2007 | 66.1 |
| 2008 | 53.31 |
| 2009 | 72.74 |

Source: Audited Annual Financial Statements, NBL.

DEPENDENT VARIABLE

The impact of the financial variables has been explained in relation to the changes in the prices of the shares. The change of the share price is calculated by calculating the capital gain. For this purpose the monthly return is calculated at the first level. Then the average monthly return is converted to annualized capital gain. The following table shows the results:

TABLE 18: MONTHLY RETURN AND ANNUALIZED GAIN

| Year | IBBL | | Year | NBL | |
|------|------------------------|-----------------|------|------------------------|-----------------|
| | Average Monthly Return | Annualized Gain | | Average Monthly Return | Annualized Gain |
| 2003 | -2.65 | -31.89 | 2003 | -0.19 | -2.28 |
| 2004 | 6.19 | 74.36 | 2004 | 7.15 | 85.90 |
| 2005 | -0.51 | -6.23 | 2005 | 6.12 | 73.55 |
| 2006 | -2.15 | -25.89 | 2006 | 0.91 | 10.93 |
| 2007 | 5.98 | 71.77 | 2007 | 6.91 | 82.94 |
| 2008 | 0.61 | 7.26 | 2008 | -2.82 | -33.93 |
| 2009 | 1.64 | 19.64 | 2009 | -0.20 | -2.44 |

Source: Audited Financial Statements of IBBL and NBL

SIMPLE REGRESSION

The first step of the analysis is to identify the variables that have significant impact on the capital gain. The idea is to identify the factors that individually have significant impact on the dependent variable. So simple regression analysis is the appropriate procedure. Based on the variables simple regression analysis have been performed and shown in the following table.

Regression Summary for IBBL

For IBBL the simple regression analysis shows that not a single variable is efficient enough to describe the dependent variable i.e. Capital gain. We see that only the profit margin has a greater impact on the capital gain (explain 39.2%). But the p-value indicates that the variable is not so much significant (considering 10% significance level). It is not wise to take a decision based on the simple regression model. Rather we have to consider other variables simultaneously. It will increase the explanatory power and also enhance the confidence level of the testing procedure.

TABLE 19: SIMPLE REGRESSION MODEL, IBBL

| Dependent Variable | Independent Variable | Simple Regression equation | R-square | p-value |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------|---------|
| Capital Gain (CG) | PRGN | CG = -105.71 + 9.3 PRGN | 39.2% | .133 |
| | ROE | CG = -22.238 + 2.501 ROE | 7.9% | .236 |
| | ROA | CG = -72.830 + 91.380 ROA | 26.0% | .542 |
| | DA | CG = 898.636 -10.152 DA | 5.0% | .630 |
| | CLTL | CG = 42.890 -5.810 CLTL | 10.5% | .477 |
| | ATR | CG = 23.150 -102.609 ATR | 00.0% | .975 |
| | NAV | CG = -626.706 +.211 NAV | 33.4% | .174 |
| | EPS | CG = -25.424 + .090 EPS | 7.4% | .556 |

Source: SPSS Output Summary Based on Financial Statements of IBBL

Regression Summary for NBL

For NBL the simple regression analysis shows that not a single variable is efficient enough to describe the dependent variable i.e. Capital gain. We see that only the asset turn-over has a greater impact on the capital gain (explain 23.1%). But the p-value indicates that the variable is not so much significant (considering 10% significance level). It is not wise to take a decision based on the simple regression model. Rather we have to consider other variables simultaneously. It will increase the explanatory power and also enhance the confidence level of the testing procedure.

TABLE 20: SIMPLE REGRESSION MODEL, NBL

| Dependent Variable | Independent Variable | Simple Regression equation | R-square | p-value |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------------------------|----------|---------|
| Capital Gain (CG) | PRGN | CG = -105.71 + 9.3 PRGN | 5.1% | .627 |
| | ROE | CG = -22.238 + 2.501 ROE | 3.8% | .674 |
| | ROA | CG = -72.830 + 91.380 ROA | 7.2% | .560 |
| | DA | CG = 898.636 -10.152 DA | 12.9% | .428 |
| | CLTL | CG = 42.890 -5.810 CLTL | 7.6% | .550 |
| | ATR | CG = 23.150 -102.609 ATR | 23.1% | .275 |
| | NAV | CG = -626.706 +.211 NAV | 6.5% | .582 |
| | EPS | CG = -25.424 + .090 EPS | 8.6% | .854 |

Source: SPSS Output Summary Based on Financial Statements of NBL

MULTIPLE REGRESSION ANALYSIS

To determine the impact of explanatory variables on the dependent variable we will perform the multiple regression analysis. It is a process where all possible explanatory variables are considered to determine the impact on the dependent variable. The coefficient of the explanatory variables is also known as the partial regression coefficient. Because it determines the impact of one variable on the explanatory variable holding all other explanatory constant. It is a very good practice to perform the multiple regression analysis as it will increase the explanatory power of the model as well as the confidence level.

Regression Summary for IBBL (profitability factors are considered)

First of all we will consider only the profitability ratios. We want to see the impact of the profitability variables on the share price and want to compare the model with other models that have been developed in the next step.

Model – 1 shows that the explanatory power of the model is very low only 44.3%. Although it is an improvement over the simple regression model we can not use this model for the purpose of prediction. The overall fit of the model is very low as the calculated F – value is very low (.796). It means that the variables

together have little influence on the dependent variable. The sign of the profit margin is same as the prior expectation but the opposite scenario occurs for the ROE and ROA. So one must have to be careful enough to make prediction based on the model. The model is not significant at 10% significance level.

TABLE 21: MULTIPLE REGRESSION MODEL, IBBL

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Model - 1 | CG = -112.153 + 17.982 PRGN - .52 ROE - 102.168 ROA |
| Other statistics for model - 1 | |
| R - square | 44.30% |
| F - test value | .796 |
| P - value of F- test | .572 |

Source: SPSS Output Summary Based on Financial Statements of IBBL

Regression Summary for NBL (profitability factors are considered)

For NBL the picture is completely different. The following table shows that (Model – 1) the explanatory power of the model is very high 97.9%. It is an improvement over the simple regression model. The overall fit of the model is very good as the calculated F – value is very high (46.861). It means that the variables together have strong influence on the dependent variable. The sign of the profit margin and ROE is same as the prior expectation but the opposite scenario occurs for the ROA. So one must have to be careful enough to make prediction based on the model. The model is significant at 10% significance level.

TABLE 22: MULTIPLE REGRESSION MODEL, NBL

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Model - 1 | CG = - 108.73 + 57.43 PRGN + 28.547ROE – 1021.065 ROA |
| Other statistics for model - 1 | |
| R - square | 97.90% |
| F - test value | 46.861 |
| P - value of F- test | .005 |

Source: SPSS Output Summary Based on Financial Statements of NBL

Regression Summary for IBBL (factors other than profitability is considered)

Now we will consider the factors other than the profitability those are expected to have significant influence on the share price. Some factors have little influence when considered in separation. Here some of the major influencing factors have been included in the model.

The sign of debt to asset ratio and the classified loan to total loan is same as the prior expectation but the sign of the asset turn-over, net asset value and earnings per share do not match with the expected sign. So one must have to be careful enough to make prediction based on the model. The explanatory power of the variables is very high (96.3%) but the F test shows that the overall goodness of fit of the model is not good enough as it is not significant at 10% significance level.

TABLE 23: MULTIPLE REGRESSION MODEL, IBBL

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Model - 2 | CG = 5965.496 - 53.428 DA - 44.764 CLTL - 11515.502 ATR - .077 NAV - .020 EPS |
| Other statistics for model – 1 | |
| R - square | 96.3% |
| F - test value | 5.139 |
| P - value of F- test | .322 |

Source: SPSS Output Summary Based on Financial Statements of IBBL

Regression Summary for NBL (factors other than profitability is considered)

For NBL the sign of net asset value and the earnings per share is same as the prior expectation but the sign of the debt to asset ratio, classified loan to total loan and asset turnover do not match with the expected sign. So one must have to be careful enough to make prediction based on the model. The explanatory power of the variables is not very high (64.2%) but the F test shows that the overall goodness of fit of the model is not good enough as it is not significant at 10% significance level.

TABLE 24: MULTIPLE REGRESSION MODEL, NBL

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---|
| Model - 2 | CG = -599.613 + 10.931 DA + 2.773 CLTL - 5599.214 ATR + .045 NAV + 1.125 EPS |
| Other statistics for model – 1 | |
| R - square | 64.2% |
| F - test value | .358 |
| P - value of F- test | .844 |

Source: SPSS Output Summary Based on Financial Statements of NBL

MULTIPLE REGRESSIONS (ALL VARIABLES ARE CONSIDERED)

Finally we will consider all the possible variables that are expected to have significant impact on the dependent variable. It is expected that the model will be modification of the prior models as they were not well fitted to the situation under study. Many of those variables have good predictive power but in many cases but the goodness of fit of those models is questionable.

Regression Summary for IBBL

At first glance the model seems to be a perfect fit of the situation. As the predictive power of the independent variables is hundred percent and the p-value of the F test is absolutely zero. So there is no uncertainty and the model should work best for the situation. But as we will consider the expected sign of the predictor variables, we will find that the signs do not match with the expectation. Any model whatever might be its predictive power will become invalid if the model doesn't match the well established and recognized theory in practical field. So one must have to be very much skeptical while using the model. As the expected sign of the debt to asset ratio, classified loan to total loan, asset turnover and earnings per share do not match the prior expectation. It may produce wrong prediction and thus generate wrong conclusion.

TABLE 25: MULTIPLE REGRESSION MODEL FOR IBBL, ALL FACTORS

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Model - 3 | CG = - 430.026 + 11.76 ROE+ 11.23 DA + 5.15 CLTL – 11978.78 ATR + .419 NAV – 1.04 EPS |
| Other statistics for model – 1 | |
| R - square | 1 |
| F - test value | 0 |
| P - value of F- test | 0 |

Source: SPSS Output Summary Based on Financial Statements of IBBL

Regression Summary for NBL

The same scenario exists for NBL. At first glance the model seems to be a perfect fit of the situation. As the predictive power of the independent variables is hundred percent and the p-value of the F test is absolutely zero. So there is no uncertainty and the model should work best for the situation. But as we will consider the expected sign of the predictor variables, we will find that the signs do not match with the expectation. Any model whatever might be its predictive

power will become invalid if the model doesn't match the well established and recognized theory in practical field. So one must have to be very much skeptical while using the model. As the expected sign of the debt to asset ratio, classified loan to total loan, asset turnover and earnings per share do not match the prior expectation. It may produce wrong prediction and thus generate wrong conclusion.

TABLE 26: MULTIPLE REGRESSION MODEL FOR NBL, ALL FACTORS

| | |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| Model - 3 | CG = -430.03 + 11.76 ROE + 11.233 DA + 5.15 CLTL – 11978.78 ATR + .419 NAV – 1.04 EPS |
| Other statistics for model – 1 | |
| R - square | 1 |
| F – test value | 0 |
| P – value of F- test | 0 |

Source: SPSS Output Summary Based on Financial Statements of NBL

FINDINGS

1. Simple regression analysis is not sufficient for testing the predicted relationship.
2. Profit margin and the asset turn-over have been found to be the most influencing single variable having higher predicting power.
3. For most of the model the sign of the predictor variables does not match with the prior expectation.
4. Some of the models have good predicting power but the goodness of fit of the model is not ensured.
5. For NBL the profitability factors (model-1) are more suitable for predicted correlation.
6. It has become increasingly difficult to identify appropriate variables for IBBL
7. Share price doesn't necessarily depend on the financial performance of the company.
8. The analysis is based on seven years of information from two banks only. So searching for the better model has become increasingly difficult as fluctuations within a bank are more frequent compared with that of the whole industry.

CONCLUSION

The relationship between the financial variables and the share price does not coincide together. Although the financial variables have greater impact on the share price, the situations varies from time to time, bank to bank, industry to industry. So analysts have to be very much choosy in selecting the variables that will be included in the final model. Many variables individually have less impact but in combination with other variables can perform better. But others when used with related variables are less significant and become strong predictive factors when used in separation.

The analysis is based on data that covers seven consecutive years (2003-2009). The data encompasses two banks only: the Islami bank Bangladesh Ltd. and the National Bank Ltd. we have to recognize that the results found from this analysis is based on two commercial banks. It is important to increase the depth of the information to enhance the precision of the result.

However the findings of the analysis show that the same variable has different impact on the share prices for the two banks. For Islami Bank Bangladesh Ltd. the profitability factor is not enough to explain the behavior of the share price. We still need to try to find out a better model that has strong predictive power of the share prices. On the other hand the nature of the behavior of the variables for national bank is different to some extent. We have found that the profitability factors have strong influence on the share prices.

SCOPE FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

This article is based on information from the Dhaka Stock Exchange Ltd. It covers seven years from 2003 to 2009 and includes two commercial banks one is traditional commercial bank and another one is Islamic commercial bank. There remain a lot more opportunities to do analysis for subsequent years as well as to increase the sample size by including some other commercial banks. Beside these other variables can be tested to observe the relationship and to improve the current findings.

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