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CROSS BORDER MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS AND ITS EFFECT ON SHAREHOLDERS WEALTH IN INDIA

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ABSTRACT
The business environment at national and International level is fast changing and to cope with this change corporates have adopted different growth strategies. These growth strategies adopted includes both organic and inorganic routes. Mergers and Acquisitions are one of the popular inorganic growth route adopted by companies, more so in case of developing countries like India. This study looks at the effect of such a strategic decision on the shareholders wealth. The study, done from the acquiring firm shareholders perspective, adopts a standard event study method to know the short term effect of an acquisition announcement on the shareholders wealth. The study is for the announcements made during the period from 2000 to 2010. The study reveals that the shareholders of the acquiring companies gain small positive abnormal returns in and around the announcement period.

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1. INTRODUCTION
The business environment at national and international level is fast changing and this has influenced the business to adapt to the changes for its survival and growth. Growth being the key driver for any business can be attained through organic and inorganic. The inorganic growth is the instantaneous growth. It enables the firm to skip a few steps on the growth ladder. Mergers and acquisitions is a type of inorganic form of growth to the firms. De-regulation policy, readily available credit, low interest rates, rising equity markets, technological change, global competition and industry consolidation has mainly lead to the change in the business environment and has influenced the corporates to adapt to the changing environment. In the quest for survival and growth, corporates followed inorganic growth strategies like mergers and acquisitions. This activity of mergers and acquisitions intensified in the mid-1990, more so in case of developing countries like India and China. Even though Indian merger scenario is still in a nascent stage, a substantial proportion of FDI came through cross border mergers and acquisitions in recent period. Earlier research has observed three distinct phases of merger activity in India. The intensity of cross-border operations recorded an unprecedented surge since the mid-1990 and the same trend continues (World Investment Report, 2000).

The World Investment Report 2012 provides with data on FDI and Cross Border Mergers and Acquisitions. The FDI flows into India were meager during the period of 1990-2000. The average FDI inflows into India during this period were 414 million dollars with average cross border M&A sales being 287 million dollars when the average FDI inflows for the world were 4,93,320 million dollars and average cross border M&A sales being 2,43,798 million dollars. Similarly, the average FDI outflows during the period 1990-2000 were 110 million dollars with average cross border M&A purchases being 104 million dollars.

The average FDI inflows into India from 2001-2011 stood at 19,034 million dollars with cross border M&A sales being 4,264 whereas the average FDI inflows globally were 11,84,404 million dollars and average cross border M&A sales being 4,56,763 million US dollars. Similarly the average FDI outflows from India during the period were 9,734 million dollars with cross border M&A purchases being 458 million dollars. The average FDI outflows globally were 12, 33,130 million dollars for the said period. The number of cross border outbound deals have also increased in the last decade where from 33 deals in 2000 has increased to 175 deals in 2007. After a decline in 2008 and 2009 due to recession, it was back to 141 deals in 2010. This shows the eagerness of Indian companies to go global and make their presence in the global market, more so in the last decade. However when compared to the developed economies in the west, the size and number of deals are very meager. Still we find Indian companies involved in big size deals as acquirers. Thus, there has been a reversal in the trend for the Indian companies, from being a target to acquirer in the last decade or so.

From the above data of cross border mergers and acquisitions – both global and Indian it is evident that corporate are using M&A as a strategic tool for their growth and survival in this complex business environment. However, different stakeholders- evaluate such corporate actions more so by shareholders. Shareholders being the contributors of capital would be interested to know the impact of such strategic decision on value creation. It is unquestionable that a major goal for a company's management is to achieve growth; however, the management need to make sure that the growth is one that will generate good returns for the shareholders. Management need to critically examine the expected profitability of the revenue derived from growth and determine if the growth is worth the cost. Therefore, it becomes essential to understand the performances of such strategic decisions taken by the firms on shareholders' value creation.

2. REVIEW OF LITERATURE
Historically there have been contradicting debates on the success of mergers and acquisitions. Earlier researches have given mixed results wherein some of the research shows negative returns to the shareholders, mainly to acquirer firm while some research shows positive returns to the shareholders. Most of these researches are conducted in developed countries and very few studies are conducted in developing countries, more so in Indian context. Chitoor (2008) in their study finds that Indian firms involved in International acquisitions create value to their shareholders through significant positive post-merger returns. These gains are higher for acquisitions made in the developed countries than in the other developing economies. Further, these gains are higher for acquisitions made in the developed economies, compared to the acquisitions of targets from the other developing economies. Earlier studies of the role of Indian firms participation in cross-border acquisitions was mainly restricted to the performance implications for the developed economy firms targeting emerging economy firms, where findings indicated that such acquisitions were beneficial both for the developed economy acquirer and the target from the emerging economy. This result was more consistent in cases where majority control was obtained by the acquirer (Chari, Ouimet and Tesar, 2004). Recent studies have focused on operating performance aspects of domestic acquisitions in India, with mixed results. Ramakrishnan (2009) finds that the wealth gains on merger announcement

to the shareholders of the acquired firms appear to be enjoying significant positive share price returns in the long run; accounting based measures of performance indicate that mergers in India have resulted in enhanced post-merger firm operating performance following the merger. Using a similar sample, Mantravadi and Reddy (2008) investigate the post-merger performance of the domestic Indian acquirers' vis-à-vis the type of acquisition— vertical, horizontal, or conglomerate, and conclude that the horizontal mergers led to the highest decline in operating performance following the merger. Apart from these studies that provide mixed results, empirical testing of post-merger operating performance of the domestic Indian acquisitions has been quite limited so far, and focused specifically on the manufacturing sector, using small samples or individual cases, and over limited periods of time (Mantravadi and Reddy, 2008). The study of cross-border acquisitions by the Indian acquirer is of recent origin. Gubbi et. al. (2009) finds that value is created for the Indian acquirer undertaking cross-border acquisitions. Further, the magnitude of value created is higher for Indian firms when the target is located in an advanced institutional and economic environment. Studies in different countries have also shown mixed results. Langetieg (1978) found significantly negative abnormal return after merger to US acquirers for a period from 1929 to 1969 over a post- Merger period of one to three years. Asquith (1983) studied 196 US bidders with successful mergers and 87 US bidders with unsuccessful mergers from 1962-1976 and found that these deals resulted in significantly negative abnormal return after mergers. Agarwal et al (1992) studied 937 US mergers and 227 tender offers for a period of five years and found significantly negative abnormal returns for these mergers and no significant abnormal returns for tender offers. Loughran and Vijh (1997) in their research found significantly negative abnormal returns to 947 US firms which were involved in merger over a post- merger period of five years during 1970 to 1989. Gregory (1997) in the study on 425 UK firms found significantly negative abnormal returns to the acquirers in the post-merger period of five years. The study period was from 1984 to 1992. Similarly Rau and Vermaelen (1998), Mitchell and Stafford (2000), Moeller et al. (2003) in their studies involving US firms found significantly negative abnormal returns to the shareholders of acquiring firms during the post- merger period. Doukas *et al* (1988) presented evidence on the effect of international acquisitions on stock prices of 301 US acquirers engaged in M&A activity for the period 1973-19. The total sample did not show any abnormal performance of US acquirers relative to the pre- and post-announcement day. However, after dividing the original sample into three homogeneous subsamples; firms expanding for the first time, firms not operating in the target firm's country, firms already in the target firm's country, found that the sample of firms not operating in the target firm's country were associated with a small but positive significant abnormal return and the other two samples showed very small and insignificant abnormal returns. Eun *et al* (1996) investigated a sample of foreign acquisitions of US targets during the period 1979-90 and reported a significantly positive abnormal return for US targets but significantly negative abnormal return for the overall sample of acquirers. Datta & Puia (1995) report no abnormal returns to shareholders of the acquiring firm in their study of 112 large cross-border acquisitions between 1978 and 1990. Jensen (1986, 1988) found that M&A are a consequence of a breakdown in the internal governance structures of corporations. They argued that the leadership in a firm actually used the money generated from profitable divisions of a firm to finance and fuel non-performing units of the firm through M&A transactions rather than returning theses excess funds to the shareholders of the firm. Sheleifer and Vishny (1990) are of the view that M&A is the mechanism through which efficiency-seeking firms spin off unrelated lines of business and acquire businesses that enhance efficiency. Malhotra & Zhu (2008) examines the announcement effect and the post-acquisition long-term performance of 96 Indian international acquisitions of U.S. firms made in the period 1999-2005 and found that while the international acquisition announcements by Indian firms create significant short-term shareholders' wealth; in the long run international acquisitions have a negative impact on the shareholders' wealth. Since outbound mergers and acquisitions were very far and few in India,

3. NEED FOR THE STUDY

We find few studies which have evaluated the performance of cross border mergers and acquisitions with mixed results. Most of the studies in India are of domestic mergers with either being confined to a particular industry or for a limited period of time. Hence there is a need to study the performances of Indian cross border mergers and acquisitions.

4. STATEMENT OF PROBLEM

Indian companies have done multiple cross-border mergers and acquisitions to achieve growth targets and to enter global markets. However very little is done to track the performance of these acquisition over a period of time and to see if they actually result in the value they were expected to create

5. OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY

To analyze the short-term effect of Cross Border Mergers and acquisitions on shareholders' wealth of Indian acquiring companies.

6. HYPOTHESIS

The proposed study intends to set the following hypotheses to answer the basic question of the study

H_0: Cross Border Mergers and Acquisitions have no short-term effect on the wealth of the shareholders of the acquiring firms.

H_1: Cross Border Mergers and Acquisitions have short-term effect on the wealth of the shareholders of the acquiring firms.

7. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

The methodology of the research is based on the objective of the study and the guidance received from the review of literature on Mergers and Acquisitions. The research used the Cumulative Abnormal Returns (CAR) method to evaluate the short term performance of the cross border Mergers and Acquisitions. Economists have frequently asked to measure the effects of an economic event on the value of firms. The impact of an economic event such as M&A can be assessed by observing the price change in the acquirer's security over a relatively short period through a technique known as event study methodology (MacKinlay 1997).

For the sample selected for the study Cumulative Abnormal Returns (CAR) are calculated using a standard event study analysis. Abnormal returns, that indicate the additional impact on stock returns due to an event over and above normal market movements, are computed as follows:

$$AR_{i\tau} = R_{i\tau} - \hat{\alpha}_i - \hat{\beta}_i R_{m\tau}. \quad (1)$$

Where, R_{it} is the daily return on firm 'i' on day't' and R_{mt} is the return on the bench mark index, α and β are OLS regression parameters that are estimated using the market model over the previous period of 200 days (Estimation Window). It is calculated using the following equation

$$R_{it} = \alpha_i + \beta R_{mt} + \varepsilon_{it} \quad (2)$$

Where $E(\varepsilon_{it} = 0)$ $\quad var(\varepsilon_{it}) = \sigma^2_{\varepsilon i}$

The abnormal return observations must be aggregated in order to draw overall inferences for the event of interest. The aggregation is along two dimensions—through time and across securities. We will first consider aggregation through time for an individual security and then will consider aggregation both across securities and through time. The concept of a cumulative abnormal return is necessary to accommodate a multiple period event window. Define CARi(τ1, τ2) as the sample cumulative abnormal return (CAR) from τ_1 to τ_2 where

$T_1 < \tau_1 < \tau_2 \leq T_2$

The CAR from τ1 to τ2 is the sum of the included abnormal returns,

$$CAR_{i\tau} = \sum_{t=1}^{\tau} AR_{it} \, . \quad (3)$$

The individual securities 'abnormal returns can be aggregated using AR_{it} for each event period, τ = T1 + 1,……., T2. Given N events, the sample aggregated abnormal returns for period τ is

$$\overline{AR}_{\tau} = \frac{1}{N}\sum_{i=1}^{N} AR_{i\tau} \quad (4)$$

The average abnormal returns can then be aggregated over the event window using the same approach as that used to calculate the cumulative abnormal return for each security i. For any interval in the event window: The benchmark used in the OLS regression is important. Therefore, the author will use the BSE 500 index of Bombay Stock Exchange- found to be relevant for this study.

Sample Size

The following filters to a preliminary sample that begins on January 1, 2000 and ends on December 31, 2010:
(1) The transaction is completed.
(2) The acquirer is an Indian company and target is located outside India.
(3) The terms of the deal are disclosed by the acquirer
(4) The percent of shares acquired in the deal is 50% or higher, to focus on significant M&A deals.
(5) The acquirer is a public firm listed on one of the stock exchanges in India-BSE or NSE.
(6) The acquirer is active and has daily stock price data. The daily stock price data should have the minimum number of observations before and after the event date, as well as the minimum number of observations before the event window for the estimation window. We select an estimation window of 200 trading days. Because of these selection criteria, our event sample includes 483 M&A deals. To test the significance of the results earlier researchers have relied upon parametric tests as well as non-parametric tests. A standard t- test is used to test the significance of the Cumulative Average Abnormal Returns.

8. RESULTS AND FINDINGS

This section provides with the results of the study and the major findings. The results of short-term performance of cross border mergers and acquisitions by Indian acquiring firms measured by Cumulative Abnormal Returns are reported below. Table 1 provides with the results for Average Abnormal Returns (AAR) and Cumulative Average Abnormal Returns (CAAR) - All sample observations.

TABLE 1: RESULTS FOR AVERAGE ABNORMAL RETURNS (AAR) AND CUMULATIVE AVERAGE ABNORMAL RETURNS (CAAR) - ALL SAMPLE OBSERVATIONS

Day	AAR	CAAR	t-test	Day	AAR	CAAR	t-test
-20	0.0078	0.0078	1.495	1	0.0009	0.019	0.442
-19	**0.0023**	**0.0101**	**1.719*****	2	-0.0008	0.0182	-0.651
-18	**0.0026**	**0.0127**	**1.811*****	3	-0.0015	0.0167	-0.831
-17	0.0015	0.0142	1.204	4	-0.0001	0.0166	-0.046
-16	0.0007	0.0149	0.47	5	-0.0003	0.0163	-0.208
-15	0.0008	0.0157	0.449	**6**	**-0.0032**	**0.0131**	**-2.305****
-14	0.0014	0.0171	1.023	7	0.0002	0.0133	0.148
-13	0.0007	0.0178	0.575	8	0.0004	0.0137	0.299
-12	0.0007	0.0185	0.55	9	-0.0068	0.0069	-1.158
-11	-0.0002	0.0183	-0.18	10	-0.0026	0.0043	-1.347
-10	0.0012	0.0195	0.907	11	0.0009	0.0052	0.71
-9	-0.0012	0.0183	-0.336	12	-0.0019	0.0033	-1.234
-8	-0.0011	0.0172	-0.878	**13**	**-0.0032**	**0.0001**	**-1.632****
-7	-0.0001	0.0171	-0.043	14	0.0009	0.001	0.653
-6	-0.0024	0.0147	-0.967	15	-0.0036	-0.0026	-0.95
-5	-0.0033	0.0114	-0.674	16	0.0000	-0.0026	-0.014
-4	0.0006	0.012	0.383	17	-0.0011	-0.0037	-0.916
-3	-0.0082	0.0038	-1.377	18	-0.0019	-0.0056	-1.003
-2	0.0009	0.0047	0.714	19	-0.002	-0.0076	-1.538
-1	**0.0038**	**0.0085**	**2.454****	20	0.0000	-0.0076	-0.009
0	**0.0096**	**0.0181**	**6.223***				

* Significance at 1 % level, ** significance at 5 % level, ***significance at 10% level

The results obtained in the event window suggests that around the announcement date the shareholders' of the acquiring firm get a statistically significant positive abnormal return and after the announcement date the market tends to correct and the shareholders receive a negative returns immediately after the announcement day. The Cumulative Average Abnormal Returns for all the firms in the study for the event window of 41 days shows a very small positive CAAR on all the days. Further, it is clearly evident from Table-1 that the t-values for the previous day [-1] and on the day of acquisition are 2.454 and 6.223 respectively. As these two values are significant at 5% level and 1% level respectively, we reject the null hypothesis and accept the alternative. The CAAR for different window periods are provided in Table 2. CAAR was calculated for window periods -20+20, -10+10, -5+5 and -1+1 days.

TABLE 2: RESULT FOR CAAR FOR WINDOW PERIODS

Event Window	CAAR	t-value
-20+20 days	-0.0076	-0.4495
-15+15 days	-0.0175	-1.1795
-10+10 days	-0.0139	-1.0897
-5+5 days	0.0016	0.1755
-1+1 days	0.0143	4.8431*

* Significance at 1 % level, ** significance at 5 % level, ***significance at 10% level

It is observed from Table -2 that the t-value for -20 and +20 window period is -0.4495. As these t-values are not statistically significant, we accept null hypothesis. We conclude that there is no statistical evidence to reject null hypothesis and infer that there is no -20 and +20 window period effect on wealth of shareholders. A similar kind of situation is observed with respect to -15 and +15, -10 and +10 and -5 and +5 window period before acquisition is showing no significance. However for window period of-1+1 there is a CAAR of 0.0143 which is statistically significant at 1%, we reject the null hypothesis and accept the alternative. In other words, we conclude that there is one day window period effect of cross border merger on wealth of the shareholders.

The study further tried to look at the impact of acquisition by an Indian firm in a developed economy. Two major countries where Indian firms have looked at are USA and UK. Out of the total sample, 213 deals were in USA and UK and Non-USA and Non- UK targets were 270, which is 44% of the total sample. Table 3 reports the CAAR for -1+1 with corresponding t-value for both USA and UK targets and for Non-USA and Non-UK targets.

TABLE 3: CUMULATIVE AVERAGE ABNORMAL RETURNS FOR USA AND UK TARGETS (N=213) AND NON-USA & NON-UK TARGETS (N=270)

Target Status	CAAR (-1+1)	t-value
USA/UK	0.01368	2.502**
Non-USA/UK	0.01511	4.921*

* Significance at 1 % level, ** significance at 5 % level, ***significance at 10% level

It is observed from Table -3 that for USA/UK based target companies the CAAR (-1+1) is 0.01368 with a t-value of 2.502, which is statistically significant at 5% and for non USA/UK firms the CAAR (-1+1) is 0.01511 with a t-value of 4.921 which is statistically significant at 1%. Hence we reject null hypothesis. We conclude that there is a statistical evidence to reject null hypothesis and infer that there is a positive short term effect on wealth of shareholders of acquiring firms for both USA & UK and non USA & UK targets. The markets in India react positively to an announcement made by an acquirer of a target company in USA and UK. Diversification being one of the major reasons for M&A, table 4 depicts the CAAR and corresponding t-value for related acquisition and unrelated acquisitions.

TABLE 4: CUMULATIVE AVERAGE ABNORMAL RETURNS FOR RELATED ACQUISITION (N=321) AND FOR UNRELATED ACQUISITIONS (N=162)

Related / Unrelated	CAAR (-1+1)	t-value
Related	0.0148	3.792*
Unrelated	0.0138	3.260*

* Significance at 1 % level, ** significance at 5 % level, ***significance at 10% level

It is observed from Table -4 that the CAAR for the window period -1+1 is 0.0148 with a t-value for related based firms is 3,792 and for unrelated firms the CAAR is 0.0138 with t-value of 3.260. As these t-values are significant we reject null hypothesis we conclude that there is a statistical evidence to reject null hypothesis and infer that there is a positive short term effect on wealth of shareholders for both related and unrelated target firms. Thus the stock market reaction is positive to an M&A announcement by an Indian acquiring firm of a related or unrelated target.

Table 5 provides with the data of CAAR for the period -1+1 for manufacturing and service firms involved in the study. The total sample of 483 firms includes 290 firms in manufacturing sector and remaining 193 in service sector.

TABLE 5: CUMULATIVE AVERAGE ABNORMAL RETURNS FOR MANUFACTURING (N=290) AND SERVICES (N=193)

Sector	CAAR (-1+1)	t-value
Manufacturing	0.0167	4.876*
Services	0.0112	2.103**

* Significance at 1 % level, ** significance at 5 % level, ***significance at 10% level

It is observed from Table - 5 that the CAAR for the window period -1+1 is 0.0167 with a t-value for manufacturing firms at 4.876 and for service firms CAAR is 0.0112 and with a t-value of 2.103. As these t-values are statistically significant at 1% & 5% respectively for manufacturing and services, we reject null hypothesis. We conclude that there is a statistical evidence to reject null hypothesis and infer that there is a short term positive effect on wealth of shareholders of Indian acquirers for both manufacturing and service sectors. Thus the market does react positively to an acquisition made by Indian acquirer of a foreign target either in manufacturing or a service sector. Empirical studies done earlier have also tried to look at if the returns to the shareholders' of the acquiring firms are affected by the mode of payment. The mode of payment to the shareholders' of the target companies can be cash, stock or a combination of cash and stock. For the purpose of this study the sample of 483 deals are divided into cash and non-cash payment. Table 6 provides the details for the same.

TABLE 6: CUMULATIVE AVERAGE ABNORMAL RETURNS OF CASH DEALS (N=80) AND NON-CASH DEALS (N=403)

Mode of payment	CAAR	t-value
Cash	0.1754	2.523**
Non-cash	0.0138	4.247*

* Significance at 1 % level, ** significance at 5 % level, ***significance at 10% level

It is observed from Table - 6 that the CAAR for cash deals is 0.1754 with a t-value of 2.523 and for non-cash deals the CAAR is 0.0138 with a t-value of 4.247. As these t-values are statistically significant, we reject null hypothesis and conclude that there is a statistical evidence to reject null hypothesis and infer that there is a short term effect on wealth of shareholders for both cash based and non-cash based acquiring firms. However acquiring firms conducting cash deals provides higher positive returns to their shareholders' when compared to firms involved in non-cash deals, as the market reaction to an announcement of cash deal by an Indian acquiring firm is positive.

A further attempt is made to know if the abnormal returns to the shareholders' are different in case of complete acquisitions and partial acquisitions. Complete acquisition is defined as one where the acquiring company has acquired 100% of shares in the target company. The results are provided in Table 7.

TABLE 7: CUMULATIVE AVERAGE ABNORMAL RETURNS FOR COMPLETE ACQUISITION (N=372) AND PARTIAL ACQUISITION (N=111)

Complete/Partial Acquisition	CAAR (-1+1)	t-value
Complete Acquisition	0.0173	4.806*
Partial Acquisition	0.049	1.139

* Significance at 1 % level, ** significance at 5 % level, ***significance at 10% level

It is evident from the above table that firms which have done complete acquisition have generated a CAAR of 0.0173, with a t-value of 4.806, which is statistically significant at 1% level. Thus the market reactions to an announcement of a complete deal are positive and the shareholders of the acquiring company are benefited from such announcements. However the positive market reaction to a partial acquisition is not statistically significant. The target status is considered to be an important variable which has an impact on the abnormal returns to the shareholders of the acquiring firm. Earlier studies have tried to analyze the impact of this variable on the firm's return. Table 8 provides with the results for the sub-group of target status where the sample consists of 420 deals involving private target firms and 59 public firms.

TABLE 8: CUMULATIVE AVERAGE ABNORMAL RETURNS FOR PRIVATE FIRMS AND PUBLIC FIRMS

Target Status	CAAR (-1+1)	t-value
Private	0.0152	4.772*
Public	0.0106	1.256

* Significance at 1 % level, ** significance at 5 % level, ***significance at 10% level

It is observed from Table - 8 that the CAAR for private targets is 0.0152 with a t-value of 4.772. As this t-value is statistically significant at 1% level, we reject null hypothesis and conclude that there is a statistical evidence to reject null hypothesis and infer that there is a short term effect on wealth of shareholders firms acquiring private target. However, this is not true with respect to public firms as the t-value is 1.256, which is statistically not significant and hence we accept null hypothesis that there is no Short-term effect on the wealth of the shareholders of the acquiring public firms.

9. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

This section provides summary of findings of the study.

- The Cumulative Average Abnormal Returns for all the firms in the study for the event window of 41 days shows a very small positive CAAR on all the days. The t-values for the previous day [-1] and on the day of acquisition are 2.454 and 6.223 respectively. As these two values are significant at 5% level and 1% level respectively, we conclude that there is a very short-term effect of cross border merger on wealth of the shareholders around the announcement date and these abnormal returns are reversed after the announcement date.
- The analysis for window period of-1+1 has a CAAR of 0.0143 which is statistically significant at 1%, we reject the null hypothesis and conclude that there is one day window period effect of cross border merger on wealth of the acquiring company's shareholders wealth.
- For USA/UK based target companies the CAAR (-1+1) is 0.01368 with a t-value of 2.502, which is statistically significant at 5% and for non USA/UK firms the CAAR (-1+1) is 0.01511 with a t-value of 4.921 which is statistically significant at 1%. Hence we reject null hypothesis and conclude there is a positive short term effect on wealth of shareholders of acquiring firms for both USA & UK and non USA & UK targets.
- CAAR for related acquisition, for the window period -1+1 is 0.0148 with a t-value for related based firms is 3,792 and for unrelated firms the CAAR is 0.0138 with t-value of 3.260. As these t-values are significant we reject null hypothesis and conclude that there is a positive short term effect on wealth of shareholders of Indian acquiring firms.
- In case of manufacturing firms the CAAR for the window period -1+1 is 0.0167 with a t-value at 4.876 and for service firms CAAR is 0.0112 and with a t-value of 2.103 and as these t-values are significant we conclude that there is a short term positive effect on wealth of shareholders of Indian acquirers for both manufacturing and service sectors.
- The study reveals that firms which have done complete acquisition have generated a CAAR of 0.0173, with a t-value of 4.806, which is statistically significant at 1% level when compared to partial acquisitions by the firms where the results are not statistically significant.
- In case of firms acquiring a private target, the CAAR for acquiring firms of private targets is 0.0152 with a t-value of 4.772. As this t-value is statistically significant at 1% level, we reject null hypothesis and conclude that there is a short term effect on shareholders wealth of firms acquiring private target.

10. CONCLUSIONS AND SUGGESTIONS

The study provides that a cross border merger or an acquisition by Indian firm has small positive returns to the shareholders around the announcement date. It suggests that shareholders do not benefit from such announcements in the short-run and has the returns are negative immediately after the announcement date; the shareholders should exit from acquiring firm stock.

11. LIMITATIONS

The developing countries capital markets, being reactive rather than taking calculated and informed decisions, can skew the results purely due to speculation. Confounding events which may occur during the study period would adversely affect the stock prices of acquiring firms. This would give incorrect data regarding returns to shareholders.

12. SCOPE FOR FURTHER RESEARCH

Studies have also been done to know the long-term effect of cross border mergers and acquisitions in the developed countries. Thus researchers can also look at this area of research to know the effect of such an event on the shareholders' wealth in a developing country like India.

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