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Summary

The research purpose of this dissertation is to study the role of financial institutions in the financial markets in normal times and during the global financial crisis. The global financial crisis forced a large number of financial institutions to restructure their core operations, rely substantially on the government support, or even enter insolvency procedures. This raises concerns about solvency and liquidity of financial institutions and indicates that special attention should be devoted to analyzing the impact of the financial crisis on financial institutions. Such analysis could substantially improve the responses of regulators, policy makers, and financial institutions themselves to the adverse events in the future. To that end, this doctoral dissertation evaluates the role of financial derivatives, bank capital, and clearing and settlement services in normal times and during the global financial crisis.

By using the most recent data of U.S. bank holding companies, Chapter 1 examines the impact of financial derivatives on risk exposures of BHCs in normal times and during the global financial crisis. The empirical analysis employs a two-stage time-series cross-section regression model to examine the relationship between risk exposures and the use of financial derivatives. In the first stage, the stock return of each BHC is regressed against the changes in the market return, interest rate, exchange rate, and credit spread. In this way, risk betas that measure the BHC's systematic (i.e., nondiversifiable) exposure towards market risk, interest rate risk, exchange rate risk, and credit risk can be obtained. In the second-stage regression, the risk betas are regressed against the on-balance-sheet variables and financial derivatives variables. The results show that financial derivatives are positively and significantly related to systematic risk exposures of BHCs. Higher use of interest rate derivatives, exchange rate derivatives, and credit derivatives corresponds to greater systematic interest rate risk, exchange rate risk, and credit risk. The positive relationship strengthens with the size of a BHC. Our analysis also confirms a positive relationship between trading derivatives and systematic risks, as well as between hedging derivatives and systematic risks.

Chapter 2 aims to investigate whether and how different types of bank capital affect bank lending and whether this relation changes in times of the global financial crisis compared to normal times. This chapter focuses on the decline in credit growth due to the 2008-2010 global financial crisis and also studies the impact of other variables on lending growth in normal times and in the times of a financial crisis. Also of an interest is how the level of deposits affects lending growth and the decline in lending in the times of a financial crisis. The impact of the size of a bank on credit growth is also studied. Several other dimensions that may influence the decline in credit growth during the financial crisis are also analyzed. The analysis shows a significant and positive effect of the tier 1 capital ratio on bank loan growth during the global financial crisis. This positive effect seems to be more pronounced for small banks and for banks in the non-OECD and BRIC countries. Customer deposits also positively affected bank lending during the global financial crisis. Furthermore, the results also indicate some (but weak) evidence that the tier 2 capital ratio and interbank deposits positively affect loan growth in

normal times and that interbank deposits negatively affected bank lending during the global financial crisis. The evidence highlights a sharp contrast on the impact of different funding sources on bank lending during the global financial crisis. Whereas tier 1 capital and customer deposits acted as a stable source of funding during the global financial crisis, tier 2 capital and interbank deposits spurred bank lending during normal times but did not do so during the global financial crisis. During normal times, a bank lends more if the tier 1 capital ratio of competing banks is high. This relationship reversed during the global financial crisis: during the global financial crisis, a bank lent more if the tier 1 capital ratio of competing banks was low.

Chapter 3 aims to contribute to the scarce knowledge of competitive landscape in the clearing and settlement industry. This chapter uses the unbalanced annual data of 49 clearing and settlement institutions from 24 countries during 1989-2012, employs the Panzar and Rosse (1982, 1987) model, Lerner index (1934), and Boone indicator (2001, 2008), and examines the competitive conditions in the clearing and settlement industry. The findings suggest that monopoly equilibrium exists in the clearing and settlement industry. During the global financial crisis, the level of competition between clearing and settlement institutions is higher than in normal times. International CSDs face higher competition than CSDs in the local market. Our evidence also indicates that competition increases continuously over time, possibly due to the technological development and implementation of new clearing and settlement systems. The results reveal that competition increases with the size of clearing and settlement institutions and after mergers and acquisitions between clearing and settlement institutions. Our findings also suggest that competition between clearing and settlement institutions in the U.S. market is higher than in the European market. This indicates that renewed initiative is necessary to enhance competition between clearing and settlement institutions in Europe.

Keywords: Financial Derivatives, Interest Rate Derivatives, Exchange Rate Derivatives, Credit Derivatives, Systematic Risk, Tier 1 capital, Bank Capital, Bank Lending, Clearing and Settlement Services, Competitive Condition, Panzar-Rosse Model, Global Financial Crisis

FINANČNE INSTITUCIJE V SVETOVNA FINANČNI KRIZI: VLOGA IZVEDENIH FINANČNIH INSTRUMENTOV, BANČNEGA KAPITALA, TER STORITEV OBRAČUNA IN SKRBNIŠKE

Povzetek

Namen raziskave te disertacije je študija vloge finančnih institucij na finančnih trgih v normalnih razmerah in v času svetovne finančne krize. Slednja je prisilila mnoge finančne institucije k rekonstruiranju glavnih dejavnosti, k večjemu zanašanju na vladno podporo ali celo v postopek insolventnosti, kar pa vzbuja skrb glede solventnosti in likvidnosti finančnih institucij in nakazuje na to, da bi bilo treba posvetiti posebno pozornost analizi vpliva finančne krize na finančne institucije. Taka analiza bi lahko znatno izboljšala odziv regulatorjev, oblikovalcev politike in samih finančnih institucij na neželene dogodke v prihodnje. Proti koncu disertacija oceni vlogo izvedenih finančnih instrumentov, bančnega kapitala ter storitev obračuna in poravnave v normalnih razmerah in med svetovno finančno krizo.

Prvo poglavje z uporabo najnovejših podatkov ameriških bančnih holdingov preiskuje vpliv izvedenih finančnih instrumentov na izpostavljenost bančnih holdingov tveganju v normalnih razmerah in med svetovno finančno krizo. Empirična analiza z uporabo dvostopenjskega, presečnega regresijskega modela in s pomočjo časovnih vrst proučuje razmerje med izpostavljenostjo tveganju in uporabo izvedenih finančnih instrumentov. V prvi fazi se z metodo regresije izračuna donos delnic vsakega bančnega holdinga proti spremembam v tržnem donosu, obrestni meri, menjalnem tečaju in kreditnem pribitku. Na ta način lahko pridobimo bete tveganja, ki izmerijo sistematično izpostavljenost bančnih holdingov tržnemu tveganju, tveganju obrestne mere ter tečajnemu in kreditnemu tveganju. V drugi fazi pa je uporabljena metoda regresije med betami tveganja in bilančnimi spremenljivkami ter spremenljivkami izvedenih finančnih instrumentov. Rezultati kažejo na to, da izvedeni finančni instrumenti pozitivno in močno vplivajo na izpostavljenost bančnih holdingov sistematičnemu tveganju. Večja uporaba obrestnih, menjalnih in kreditnih izvedenih finančnih instrumentov ustreza večjemu sistematičnemu obrestnemu, menjalnemu in kreditnemu tveganju. Pozitivno razmerje se okrepi z velikostjo holdinga. Naša analiza prav tako potrjuje pozitivno razmerje tako med izvedenimi finančnimi instrumenti za trgovanje in sistematičnim tveganjem, kot tudi med finančnimi instrumenti za varovanje pred tveganjem in sistematičnim tveganjem.

Drugo poglavje preučuje, če in kako različne vrste bančnega kapitala vplivajo na bančna posojila, in če se to razmerje spreminja v času svetovne finančne krize v primerjavi z normalnimi razmerami. Poglavje se osredotoča na upad kreditne rasti zaradi svetovne finančne krize v letih 2008-2010 in prav tako preučuje vpliv drugih spremenljivk na rast posojil v normalnih razmerah in v času krize. Prav tako je zanimivo, kako raven bančnih vlog vpliva na rast in upad posojil med krizo, študija pa vključuje tudi vpliv velikosti bank na kreditno rast. Analizira tudi vpliv drugih razsežnosti, ki lahko vplivajo na upad kreditne rasti med finančno krizo. Analiza kaže na znaten, pozitiven vpliv deleža kapitala prvega reda (Tier 1 kapitala) na rast bančnih posojil med svetovno finančno krizo. Zdi se, da je vpliv bolj izrazit pri manjših bankah in bankah držav nečlanic OECD in držav BRIK, prav tako pa so depoziti strank pozitivno vplivali na rast bančnih posojil med svetovno finančno krizo. Rezultati do neke mere nakazujejo tudi na to, da je delež

kapitala drugega reda (tier 2 kapitala) skupaj z medbančnimi vlogami pozitivno vplival na rast bančnih posojil v normalnih razmerah, in da so medbančne vloge negativno vplivale na bančna posojila v času krize. Dokazi opozarjajo na ostra nasprotja med vplivi različnih virov financiranja na bančna posojila v času finančne krize. Medtem ko so kapital prvega reda in depoziti strank predstavljali stabilen vir financiranja med svetovno finančno krizo, pa je kapital drugega reda skupaj z medbančnimi vlogami spodbudil bančna posojila v normalnih razmerah – vendar ne tudi v času krize. V normalnih razmerah je bilo bančnih posojil več, če je bil delež kapitala prvega reda konkurenčnih bank visok, v času svetovne finančne krize pa so banke dajale več posojil, če je bil delež kapitala prvega reda konkurenčnih bank nizek.

Tretje poglavje skuša prispevati k do sedaj še omejenemu znanju o konkurenčnem okolju v industriji obračuna in poravnave. Poglavje uporablja neuravnotežene letne podatke 49 institucij obračuna in poravnave iz 24 držav med leti 1989-2012 in s pomočjo modela Panzar-Rosse (1982, 1987), Lernerjevega indeksa (1934) in Boonovega indikatorja (2001, 2008) preučuje konkurenčne pogoje v industriji obračuna in poravnave. Ugotovitve kažejo na obstoj monopolnega ravnovesja v le-tej industriji. Med svetovno finančno krizo je raven konkurence med institucijami obračuna in poravnave višja kot v normalnih razmerah. Mednarodne centralne depotne družbe (CDD) se soočajo z večjo konkurenco kot CDD na lokalnih trgih. Naši dokazi prav tako nakazujejo na to, da se konkurenca skozi čas nenehno povečuje, kar je mogoče pripisati tehnološkemu napredku in izvajanju novih sistemov obračuna in poravnave. Naši rezultati tudi razkrivajo, da je konkurenca med institucijami obračuna in poravnave večja na ameriškem trgu kot na evropskem, kar pa kaže na to, da bo potrebno obnoviti pobudo za povečanje konkurence med evropskimi institucijami obračuna in poravnave.

Ključne besede: Izvedeni Finančni Instrumenti, Obrestni Izvedeni Finančni Instrumenti, Tečajni Izvedeni Finančni Instrumenti, Kreditni Izvedeni Finančni Instrumenti, Sistematično Tveganje, Kapital Prvega Reda, Bančni Kapital, Bančna Posojila, Storitve Obračuna in Poravnave, Konkurenčni Pogoji, Model Panzar-Rosse, Svetovna Finančna Kriza

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INTRODUCTION

Background of This Study

Financial institutions are special as they provide a variety of financial services to individuals and other institutions, and the influence of financial institutions is fundamental to the development of economy. The purpose of this dissertation is to study the role of financial institutions in the financial markets in normal times and during the global financial crisis. The global financial crisis, also known as the subprime crisis or the credit crisis, originated in the U.S. subprime mortgage market and spread to other financial markets and countries, and is considered to be the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression in 1930s. The global financial crisis led to a huge loss of economic output and financial wealth. Atkinson, Luttrell, and Rosenblum (2013) indicate that the financial crisis led to the loss of around 40% to 90% of one year output of the U.S., an estimated \$6 trillion to \$14 trillion, which equals \$50,000 to \$120,000 for each U.S. household.¹ Thakor (2014) estimates that the loss of the total U.S. wealth from the crisis, including human capital and the present value of future wage income, is as high as \$15 trillion to \$30 trillion, which is 100%-190% of the 2007 U.S. output.

The crisis also brought the U.S. and the global financial system to the brink of collapse. As a consequence, this forced governments to provide a back stop through wide programs of state aid, restructuring programs and assisted mergers. For example, Bear Stearns, which was the sixth-largest investment bank in the U.S., was bought by JP Morgan Chase in March 2008. Meanwhile, Wells Fargo acquired Wachovia, Washington Mutual and many other small financial institutions that all failed as a consequence of the losses related to the subprime crisis. The consequences revealed to be even worse when Lehman Brothers filed for bankruptcy, Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac, which are government-sponsored enterprises and the key players in the securitization market, and AIG, were bailed out by the government. At the same time, many other large financial institutions were exposed to huge losses because of the use of mortgage-backed securities products.² The subprime crisis forced a large number of financial institutions to restructure their core operations, rely substantially on the government support, or even enter insolvency procedures. This raises the concerns about solvency and liquidity of financial institutions and indicates that special attention should be devoted to the impact of the financial crisis on financial institutions' activities. Such knowledge could substantially improve the responses of regulators, policy makers and financial institutions themselves to the adverse events in the future.

Given the importance of financial institutions and the impact of recent subprime crisis on their behavior, the primary objective of this doctoral dissertation is to evaluate the role of financial derivatives, bank capital, and clearing and settlement services in normal times and during the global financial crisis. To that end, this dissertation proceeds from three perspectives:

¹ The real GDP for 2007 was \$15.2 trillion in 2012 dollars (Atkinson, et al., 2013).

² Source: Deutsche Bank, "Global Markets Research," March 11, 2008-

- 1) explores the relationship between the risk exposures and the use of financial derivatives by bank holding companies (BHCs), and tests the difference between the impact of financial derivatives held for trading and financial derivatives held for hedging on risk exposures;
- 2) analyzes the effects of bank capital structure on bank lending activities, and tests the effect of different funding sources on credit growth;
- 3) examines the competitive conditions of clearing and settlement institutions, and investigates whether factors, including the global financial crisis, institutional structure, institutional size, mergers, technological development, and geographic location, affect the competitive conditions in the clearing and settlement industry.

Research Questions Addressed in This Study

This doctoral dissertation is built on three main parts: *Chapter 1 focuses on a direct link between the use of financial derivatives and risk exposures of U.S. BHCs.* Because of the need of risk management for profitability of financial institutions, the innovative forms of financial instruments have grown rapidly in recent years. Banking is one of the most regulated industries in the U.S., and the rules on bank risk management are an integral part of the regulations. Risk management techniques that reduce return volatility are generally classified as hedging activities. Financial instruments that increase return volatility are classified as speculative activities. Since March 1995, BHCs are required to report whether their financial derivatives activity is for trading purpose (i.e., mainly for speculative purpose) or for purpose other than trading (i.e., for hedging purpose).

The increased activity in financial derivatives markets was generally looked upon favorably before the global financial crisis. Greenspan (1999) noted that “the value added of derivatives themselves derives from their ability to enhance the process of wealth creation.” Trichet (2007) further explained that “[p]rice discovery in the credit derivatives market reduces the risk of mispricing loans.” Recently, however, the perspective has turned around as the risks of financial derivatives have become more evident. The Financial Stability Board (2010) concluded that “the crisis demonstrated the potential for contagion arising from the interconnectedness of OTC derivatives market participants and the limited transparency of counterparty relationships.” The importance of financial derivatives inspired the first research question in this study, which examines the impact of financial derivatives on systematic risk (systematic interest rate risk, exchange rate risk, and credit risk) of BHCs in normal times and during the global financial crisis. In addition we test whether there is any difference between the impact of financial derivatives held for trading and financial derivatives held for hedging on systematic risk. We employ a dynamic panel analysis on the sample of BHCs in the U.S. in the period between 1997 and 2012.

Chapter 2 focuses on the relation between bank capital structure and bank credit growth in normal times and during the financial crisis. The recent global financial crisis has brought several large financial institutions to the brink of collapse. They obtained government support or have been forced to raise new capital from private investors. The global financial crisis has

highlighted the importance of bank capital not only for stability in the banking system, but also to increase credit supply in the financial market.

Bank capital needs to be sufficiently high and appropriately structured in order to prevent the future financial crisis (Kashyap et al. (2008), Acharya et al. (2010), and Hart and Zingales (2011)). The regulators pushed for enhanced capital regulation, incorporated in the revised Basel III capital regulatory framework (Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, 2010). As Ben Bernanke, the former chairman of the Federal Reserve, put it, “this framework would require banking organizations to hold more and higher quality capital . . . improving the resilience of the U.S. banking system in times of stress, thus contributing to the overall health of the U.S. economy.”³ In Europe, Andrea Enria, the chairman of the European Banking Authority, hailed improved capital positions of European banks by noting that “European banks are now in a stronger position, which should support lending to the real economy . . .”⁴ In contrast, bankers strongly objected to this reasoning. Vikram Pandit, former CEO of Citigroup, argued that “double-digit ratios will undermine lending, slow capital formation, lower demand and restrict growth.”⁵

While some studies have considered the impact of bank capital on bank lending (e.g. De Haas and Van Lelyveld (2010) and Jiménez et al. (2012)), only a few have empirically examined the relation between the bank capital structure with bank lending. Chapter 2 examines the impact of bank capital and capital structure on bank lending behavior in normal times and during the global financial crisis. Specifically, the main hypothesis is that the higher quality of the bank funding side (i.e., a high tier 1 bank capital ratio, high proportion of customer deposits, and prevalent government support) better supports bank lending during crisis times. This analysis provides new insight into the relation between bank capital structure (and bank funding structure) and bank lending, and contributes to the difference between tier 1 bank capital and tier 2 bank capital.

Chapter 3 focuses on the competitive conditions in the clearing and settlement industry. The globalization and consolidation in capital markets have increased considerably, and trading on international capital markets grows faster. Well-developed clearing and settlement services are the essential ingredients of well-functioning capital markets. As the financial markets become more and more integrated (Boot, 2011), the importance of clearing and settlement services (viewed as a subset of transaction costs that investors face in a banking system (Giddy, Saunders, and Walter, 1996; Schaper, 2008)) is increasing. This indicates that an efficient clearing and settlement system is crucial to minimize the risks and costs involved in the transactions. The progress in financial innovations and standardization of regulatory environments make investors less restricted to their physical market locations. Therefore, clearing and settlement services are faced with increasing competition in domestic and international markets.

³ Statement by Chairman Ben S. Bernanke, 7 June, 2012, <http://www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/press/bcreg/bernanke20120607a.htm>

⁴ www.eba.europa.eu/News--Communications/Year/2012/Update-implementation-capital-exercise.aspx

⁵ Vikram Pandit, We must rethink Basel or growth will suffer, *Financial Times*, 10 November, 2010.

Previous studies show that economies of scale, technological development, cost and revenue efficiency, and mergers and acquisitions affect the performance of stock exchanges and clearing and settlement industry (Hasan and Malkamäki, 2001; Hasan, Malkamäki, and Schmiedel, 2003; Hasan and Schmiedel, 2004; Schmiedel, 2001). Therefore, the focus of Chapter 3 is to examine the competitive conditions in the clearing and settlement industry. We also test whether other factors (i.e., the global financial crisis, institutional structure, institutional size, mergers, technological development, and geographic location) affect competition in the clearing and settlement industry. The empirical analysis covers the clearing and settlement institutions in the U.S. and European market in the sample period from 1989 to 2012.

Structure and Contents of This Study

Apart from the Introduction and Conclusion, this dissertation is organized in three chapters. Chapter 1 gives an analysis of the relationship between the use of financial derivatives and systematic risk exposures of U.S. bank holding companies. This part tries to answer the following questions: (1) Does the use of financial derivatives have a significant impact on systematic risk exposures of BHCs? (2) Is there any difference between the impact of financial derivatives held for trading and financial derivatives held for hedging? (3) Do the BHCs' size and capital ratio significantly change the relation between the financial derivatives and systematic risk exposures? (4) Does the relation between financial derivatives and systematic risk exposures change during the global financial crisis?

Chapter 1 starts with an overview of previous studies on the theoretical models and empirical studies, followed by research design and sample selection, results of empirical analysis, and ends with discussion and conclusion. In order to extend earlier studies on the relationship between financial derivatives and risk exposures, the research design considers the previous work and studies the joint effect of different risk factors. In this part, the research makes several improvements in research design and sample selection: (1) we use the extended four-factor model that analyzes the joint effect of market risk, interest rate risk, exchange rate risk, and credit risk; (2) we employ the recent sample period (1997-2012) and include a representative sample of BHCs; (3) we take into account the effect of macroeconomic conditions (financial crisis, GDP growth, and income tax rate); (4) we control for the impact of size and capital ratio on systematic risk exposures; and (5) we distinguish between financial derivatives held for trading and financial derivatives held for hedging.

The analysis employs a two-stage time-series cross-section regression model and examines the relationship between systematic risks and the use of financial derivatives. The regression proceeds in two stages (consistent with Fama and French (1992)). In the first stage, the excess stock returns of each BHC are regressed against changes in the market return, interest rate, exchange rate, and credit spread. In this way, risk betas that measure the BHC's systematic (i.e., nondiversifiable) risk exposures towards market risk, interest rate risk, exchange rate risk, and credit risk can be generated. In the second-stage regression, the risk betas generated in the first stage are regressed against the on-balance-sheet variables and financial derivatives variables. The

main findings indicate that the use of financial derivatives is positively and significantly related to the BHCs' systematic risk exposures. More specifically, higher use of interest rate derivatives, exchange rate derivatives, and credit derivatives corresponds to greater systematic interest rate risk, exchange rate risk, and credit risk. In addition, the positive relationship between financial derivatives and risks persists for financial derivatives for trading as well as for financial derivatives for hedging.

Chapter 2 provides empirical analysis of the relation between bank capital structure and bank lending in normal times and during the global financial crisis. Financial crises, including the most recent one, have shown that instabilities in banking systems negatively affect real economy. In particular, banks may cut back on lending and this may constrain small and medium businesses and therefore be further detrimental for the economy as a whole. Understanding the determinants of credit growth would enable us to better act in times of a banking crisis or even before the crisis by setting the regulatory standards that would minimize cyclicity of credit growth. The question is whether and, if so, why banks responded differently during the financial crisis 2008-2010 in their credit growth strategies.

To address this question, Chapter 2 first examines whether and how different types of bank capital affect bank lending and whether this relation changed during the 2008-2010 global financial crisis compared to normal times. In addition, the impact of deposits, bank size, state ownership, and implicit of government guarantees on lending growth in normal times and during the times of the global financial crisis are also examined. The results imply that the high quality of bank funding strategy (tier 1 bank capital and retail deposits) and prevalent government backing were crucial to continuous bank lending during the crisis period. The results also indicate that the higher use of tier 2 capital and interbank deposits could be important for increased lending during a normal period, but did not support lending activities during the financial crisis. This chapter concludes by suggesting that in crisis periods high-quality bank capital is a bank's competitive strength.

Chapter 3 focuses on the competitive conditions in the clearing and settlement industry. The existing literature that investigates the competitive conditions in the clearing and settlement industry is scarce. This chapter employs the Panzar-Rosse model (Panzar and Rosse, 1982, 1987), Lerner index (Lerner, 1934), and Boone indicator (Boone, 2001, 2008), and analyzes the competitive landscape within the clearing and settlement industry. Chapter 3 starts with a description of the role and industry structure in clearing and settlement services, and the measures of competition. It then continues with a research design, including Panzar-Rosse model, the Lerner index, and Boone indicator, followed by the data statistical analysis, and empirical analysis. The chapter analyzes competition in the clearing and settlement industry, and tests how competition is affected by several factors including 1) the global financial crisis; 2) institutional structure; 3) institutional size; 4) mergers; 5) technical development, and 6) geographic location.

The findings under the Panzar-Rosse model, Lerner index, and Boone indicator are consistent. The results show that clearing and settlement institutions operate in monopoly markets.

International CSDs face higher competition than national CSDs. The level of competition has increased over time, possibly due to the technological development and implementation of new clearing and settlement systems. The results reveal that competition increases with size and after mergers of clearing and settlement institutions. The competition between clearing and settlement institutions in the U.S. market is higher than in the European market.

The rest of the dissertation proceeds as follows: Chapter 1 addresses the relationship between financial derivatives and systematic risks of the U.S. BHCs and is entitled *The Use of Financial Derivatives and Risks of U.S. Bank Holding Companies*. Chapter 2 analyses the relationship between bank capital and lending and is entitled *Quality of Bank Capital and Bank Lending Behavior during the Global Financial Crisis*. Chapter 3 investigates competition landscape in clearing and custody services and is entitled *Competition in the Clearing and Settlement Industry*. Chapter 4 concludes the dissertation.

1 THE USE OF FINANCIAL DERIVATIVES AND RISKS OF U.S. BANK HOLDING COMPANIES⁶

1.1 Overview

This chapter examines the impact of financial derivatives on systematic risk of publicly listed U.S. bank holding companies (BHCs) from 1997 to 2012. We find that the use of financial derivatives is positively and significantly related to BHCs' systematic risk exposures. Higher use of interest rate derivatives, exchange rate derivatives, and credit derivatives corresponds to the greater systematic interest rate risk, exchange rate risk, and credit risk. The positive relationship between derivatives and risks persists for derivatives for trading as well as for derivatives for hedging. We also analyze the role of BHCs' size and capital and the impact of the global financial crisis on the relationship between derivatives and risks.

1.2 Introduction

Banks have drastically increased the use of financial derivatives in recent decades. The notional principal amount of financial derivatives held by U.S. bank holding companies (BHCs) rose from less than \$18 trillion at the end of 1995 to nearly \$270 trillion at the end of 2012.⁷ Increased activity in financial derivatives markets was generally looked upon favorably before the 2007–2010 global financial crisis. Greenspan (1999) noted that “the value added of derivatives themselves derives from their ability to enhance the process of wealth creation.” Trichet (2007) further explained that “[p]rice discovery in the credit derivatives market reduces the risk of mispricing loans.” Recently, however, the perspective has turned around because the risks of financial derivatives have become more evident. The Financial Stability Board (2010) concluded that “the crisis demonstrated the potential for contagion arising from the interconnectedness of OTC derivatives market participants and the limited transparency of counterparty relationships.” The unanswered question is whether banks use financial derivatives for hedging or for speculative purposes.

This chapter analyzes why BHCs use financial derivatives and, more specifically, whether financial derivatives expose BHCs further towards more or fewer risks. In particular, we measure whether the use of financial derivatives is related to the risk exposures of BHCs towards systematic interest rate risk, exchange rate risk, and credit risk.

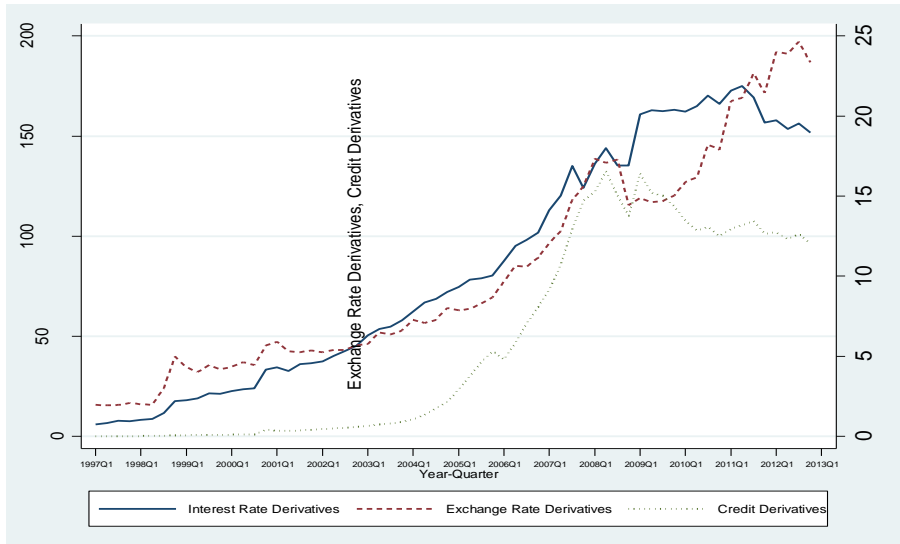
We collected on-balance-sheet and off-balance-sheet financial data and stock prices of publicly traded U.S. BHCs from 1997 to 2012. Financial derivatives activity in the U.S. financial market

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⁷ FRB of Chicago, holding company data, https://www.chicagofed.org/applications/bhc_data/bhcd_data_index.cfm.

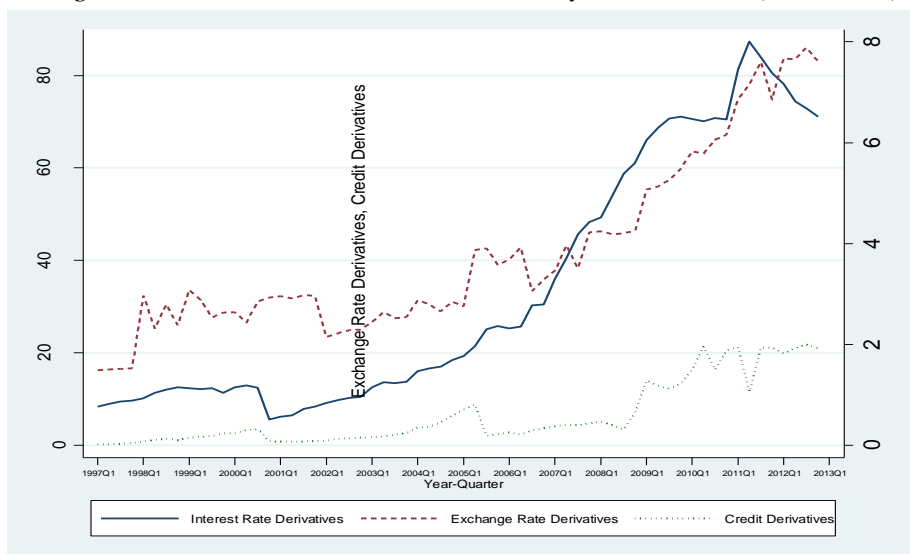
is dominated by a small group of large financial institutions (i.e., the top 25 BHCs hold 99.8% of the financial derivatives, Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 2012). We split our sample BHCs into large and small BHCs (asset size more vs. less than \$50 billion). Figures 1.1 and 1.2 depict the notional principal amounts of interest rate, exchange rate, and credit derivatives held by large BHCs and small BHCs in our sample.

Figure 1.1. Financial Derivatives Held by Large BHCs (\$ Trillion)



Source: Quarterly data from FR Y-9C, sample period: 1997:Q1–2012:Q4

Figure 1.2. Financial Derivatives Held by Small BHCs (\$ Trillion)



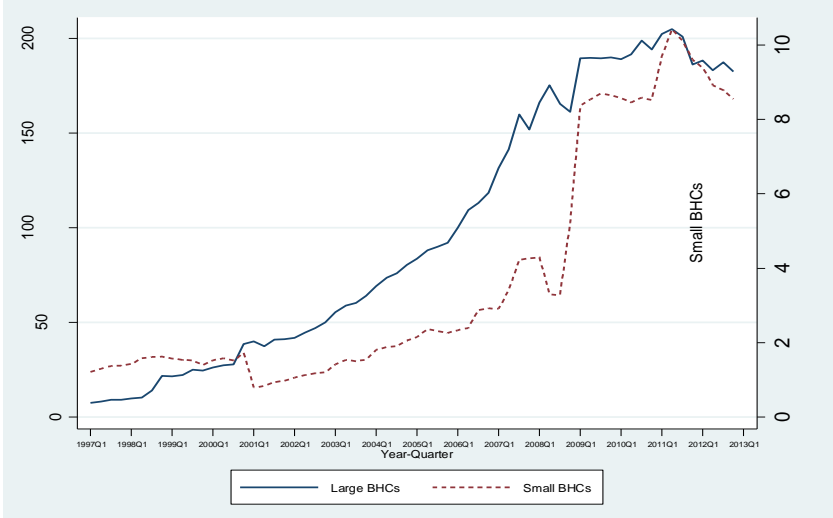
Source: Quarterly data from FR Y-9C, sample period: 1997:Q1–2012:Q4

Our analysis shows that a BHC’s use of financial derivatives is associated with its higher exposure towards systematic interest rate risk, exchange rate risk, and credit risk (i.e., nondiversifiable risk exposures that investors cannot trade away on the financial markets). Interestingly, the positive relationship between financial derivatives and systematic risk exposure seems stronger for large BHCs than for small BHCs. These results may indicate that large BHCs with their main operations such as prime brokerage, asset management, proprietary trading, and market making primarily use financial derivatives to derive trading-related gains and that these activities (and the related involvement in derivatives) further expose them to systematic risk. In

comparison, the results may indicate that small BHCs (with their main operations in deposit taking and commercial lending) employ financial derivatives to a larger extent to hedge against systematic risk.

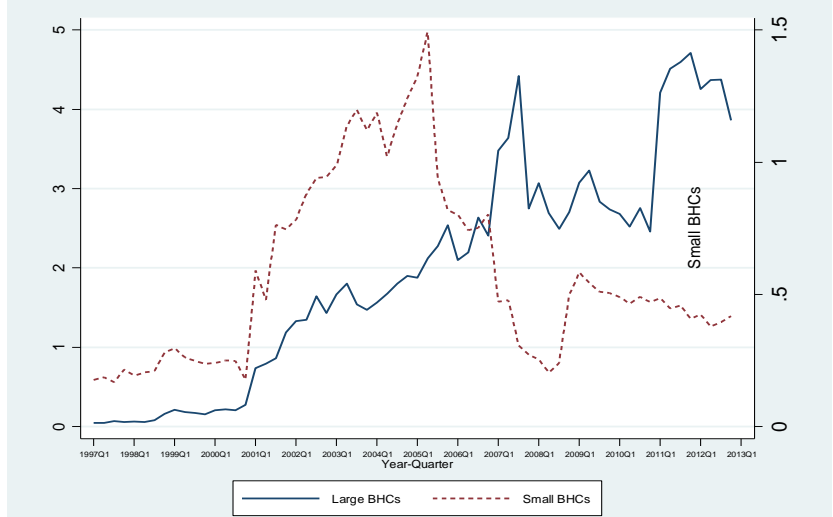
To further analyze what impact financial derivatives have on systematic risk exposures, we decompose financial derivatives according to their reported purposes. Since March 1995, BHCs are required to report whether their financial derivatives activity is for trading purposes or for purposes other than trading (i.e., for hedging). In Figures 1.3 and 1.4, we report the use of financial derivatives according to their reported purposes in the subsamples of large BHCs and small BHCs.

Figure 1.3. Financial Derivatives Held for Trading Purposes (\$ Trillion)



Source: Quarterly data from FR Y-9C, sample period: 1997:Q1–2012:Q4

Figure 1.4. Financial Derivatives Held for Hedging Purposes (\$ Trillion)



Source: Quarterly data from FR Y-9C, sample period: 1997:Q1–2012:Q4

Our findings show that derivatives held for trading and derivatives held for hedging purposes are both positively and significantly related to BHCs’ systematic risk exposures (in the case of interest rate derivatives, exchange rate derivatives, and credit derivatives). This result suggests that the use of financial derivatives might not be aligned with the reported (hedging vs. trading)

purposes, and that even financial derivatives classified for hedging purposes are associated with higher rather than lower systematic risks.

We also analyze the impact of the global financial crisis on the use of financial derivatives. In the global financial crisis, the relationship between interest rate derivatives and exchange rate derivatives and risk exposures became stronger than in normal times, and the positive relationship between credit derivatives and credit risk became less pronounced.

This chapter is organized as follows; Section 1.3 reviews the literature on financial derivatives and forms hypotheses. Section 1.4 presents the data selection and provides a basic data description. Section 1.5 describes the empirical methodology. Section 1.6 contains the main empirical findings. We analyze how the use of financial derivatives affects BHCs' systematic risk exposures. Section 1.7 concludes this chapter.

1.3 Relation to the Literature and Hypothesis Formation

1.3.1 Relation to the literature

Empirical literature has been inconclusive about the relationship between financial derivatives use and the risks of BHCs. Choi and Elyasiani (1997) find that the use of financial derivatives further exposes BHCs to risks and that this effect is particularly pronounced for exchange rate risk. Hirtle (1997) finds evidence for the positive relationship between interest rate derivatives and systematic interest rate risk of a BHC (see also Choi, Elyasiani, and Kopecky (1992) and Gunther and Siems (2002)). More recently, Yong, Faff, and Chalmers (2009) were unable to confirm any impact of financial derivatives on exchange rate risk on a sample of Asia-Pacific banks. However, they found that the interest rate derivatives activities are positively associated with long-term interest rate risk exposure but negatively associated with short-term interest rate exposure.

Chaudhry et al. (2000) analyze how different types of exchange rate derivatives affect BHCs' exposure to risks. They find that exchange rate options tend to increase risk, whereas swaps are mainly used to mitigate risk exposures. Carter and Sinkey (1998) focus on large community banks that act as end-users of interest rate derivatives. They find that interest rate derivatives are positively associated with the interest rate risk. Cyree, Huang, and Lindley (2012) show that financial derivatives contributed neither to the increase in bank values in times of growth nor to the depletion of bank values during the global financial crisis. Minton, Stulz, and Williamson (2009) argue that the use of credit derivatives by banks is limited and question the benefits of credit derivatives used for hedging purposes.

Gorton and Rosen (1995) find that banks, especially large dealer banks, use interest rate derivatives mainly to hedge against interest rate risk. Duffee and Zhou (2001) argue that credit derivatives hedge a bank against financial distress and that this additional flexibility allows the bank to avoid the lemon problem due to bank information superiority. In a recent study, Norden, Buston, and Wagner (2011) also find that banks use credit derivatives to improve their credit risk

management. Mayordomo, Rodriguez-Moreno, and Peña (2014) analyze the impact of financial derivatives on bank systemic risk.

Our main contribution is to disentangle systematic (i.e., undiversifiable) risk into three components—systematic interest rate, exchange rate, and credit risk—at the same time. This allows us to jointly analyze the impact of interest rate derivatives, exchange rate derivatives, and credit derivatives on the corresponding systematic risks. In addition, we analyze how bank-specific characteristics (i.e., the size and the capital of a BHC), the purpose of the financial derivatives (i.e., hedging vs. trading), and the global financial crisis impact the relationship between financial derivatives and systematic risks.

1.3.2 Hypothesis formation

Broadly speaking, banks may employ financial derivatives to follow two objectives that sometimes conflict. First, banks may use financial derivatives for hedging purposes to lower their risk exposures. Second, banks may use financial derivatives for speculative purposes to collect revenues and fees (mostly related to financial derivatives trading and origination), which may increase banks' risk exposures.

According to risk management theory (Froot, Scharfstein, and Stein, 1993; Stulz, 1996), banks would employ hedging strategies to lower the costs associated with costly external funding. Raising external funds may be costly for a bank, especially in an unfavorable external environment (see Admati et al. (2012)). A bank partially avoids a refinancing need by hedging uncontrollable risks (Froot, et al., 1993), especially interest rate risk and exchange rate risk, lowering its funding costs. In the spirit of Diamond (1984), banks use financial derivatives to hedge against uncontrollable risks, so that they can focus on their core activity: monitoring their borrowers. Boot and Thakor (1991) argue that banks with large off-balance-sheet activities (e.g., loan commitments) lower their risk exposures compared to banks that lend on a spot market. Their result dwells on the observation that a loan commitment locks a bank into the current interest rate, which mitigates the asset substitution problem of the bank's borrowers if the interest rates rise in the future. If the hedging purpose of financial derivatives prevails, we anticipate that higher derivatives use is associated with lower systematic risk exposures of a BHC.

However, hedging with financial derivatives also has a dark side. Morisson (2005) argues that the informational value of a bank loan ceases to exist if banks can trade on the credit derivatives market. More specifically, when the bank obtains credit default protection, it is no longer exposed to the borrower's potential default. Consequently, the bank can no longer commit to monitoring and screening its borrowers, which increases its risk.⁸

⁸ In addition, the adverse selection problem may also be present. A bank may want to buy credit protection against the borrowers it perceives as most risky. This is aligned with empirical evidence from Dahiya, Puri, and Saunders (2003) that identifies a significant negative stock price reaction for a borrower when a bank announces that the borrower's loan is to be sold. Dewally and Shao (2012) find that the use of financial derivatives by BHCs increases their opacity.

Large investment banks in particular see their core business in generating and trading financial derivatives and other innovative financial products (Boot and Marinč, 2008). Their engagement in financial derivatives business may then be driven by profit motives rather than by hedging objectives. Banks may use financial derivatives to expose themselves to additional systematic risk exposures and herd with other banks (Acharya and Yorulmazer, 2008). Boot (2014) argues that information technology and related financial innovations, such as the plethora of financial derivatives that originated in the securitization process, have promoted market-driven behavior of banks (see also Boot and Thakor (2010) and Marinč (2013)). Banks have become increasingly exposed to systematic risks on financial markets (and, vice-versa, financial markets are largely affected by banks; see Fiordelisi and Marques-Ibanez (2013)). If this speculative purpose of financial derivatives prevails, we anticipate that financial derivatives will be associated with higher systematic risk exposures of BHCs.

To analyze whether financial derivatives are used for hedging or speculative purposes, we set up the following first hypothesis.

Hypothesis 1.1: Financial derivatives (i.e., interest rate derivatives, exchange rate derivatives, and credit derivatives) impact the (systematic interest rate, exchange rate, and credit) risk of a BHC.

To further analyze the relationship between financial derivatives and risk, we use the classification from Accounting Standards SFAS 133 (Statement of Financial Accounting Standards 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities; FASB, 1998), which demands that banks classify derivatives into two categories: for hedging and for trading purposes. Derivatives are classified for hedging if they are of a certain type (i.e., if they hedge against the changes in the value or cash flows) or if they hedge risks from specific exposures.⁹ In addition, the mitigating relationship between the financial derivative and the hedged risk exposures needs to be proven. This may suggest that financial derivatives for hedging are generally associated with lower risks of a BHC. However, SFAS 133 requires the establishment of the hedging relationship at the level of a specific risk exposure rather than at the enterprise level. It may happen that financial derivatives for hedging may hedge a bank against the specific risk exposure, but increase the risk at the enterprise level. In addition, banks may strive to classify their financial derivative holdings as financial derivatives for hedging rather than for trading due to more favorable regulatory treatment.¹⁰ Our task is to determine whether derivatives for hedging will lower risks at the level of a BHC.

Hypothesis 1.1a: Financial derivatives for hedging impact risks of a BHC.

⁹ See Ahmed, Kilic, and Lobo (2011) for further description of SFAS 133 and detailed comparison with previous accounting standards SFAS 52 and SFAS 80, including the impact of the accounting change on the hedging effectiveness of derivatives.

¹⁰ Our analysis may relate to the scant literature on regulatory compliance. Bajo et al. (2009) find that family firms and firms with an established corporate ethos comply with regulations more often than others. Considering that family firms are typically small, we anticipate that the smaller size of a BHC might better support regulatory compliance in classification of financial derivatives.

In addition to the hedging purposes, banks also use financial derivatives for trading purposes. Bank derivatives for trading can typically be decomposed into proprietary derivative positions, customer-related derivatives, and positions used for hedging purposes. Whereas proprietary trading in derivatives is considered a profit-generating activity without an expressed hedging objective, the customer-related derivatives and positions used for hedging also have a hedging dimension attached to them. For example, revenues from trading derivatives come from generated fee income and stronger customer relationships. If used for hedging purposes, financial derivatives can prevent financial distress of bank customers that buy them (e.g., small banks and nonfinancial firms), increasing the stability of bank revenues. The direction of the relationship between derivatives for trading and a BHC's risk is therefore ambiguous.

Hypothesis 1.1b: Financial derivatives for trading impact risks of a BHC.

We also aim to analyze the determinants of the relationship between financial derivatives and risks. Undercapitalized banks in particular may use financial derivatives to lower the probability of default and in this way avoid the costs of financial distress (e.g., due to a bank run; see Bauer and Ryser (2004)). In this view, banks would especially hedge the risks that exacerbate the costs of financial distress (see Smith and Stulz (1985) and Stulz (2003)). Consistent with this theory, Purnanandam (2007) shows empirically that banks closer to financial distress hedge against interest rate risk more aggressively.

Rampini and Viswanathan (2010) provide an alternative risk management theory. In their view, financially constrained firms have little leeway in scraping together resources for current investment.¹¹ Engaging in costly risk management practices would further exhaust their investment capabilities and more current investment would be foregone. Rampini and Viswanathan (2010) predict that capital-constrained firms hedge less than well-capitalized firms. In our setting, weakly-capitalized BHCs would hedge less than well-capitalized BHCs.

Hypothesis 1.2: The relationship between financial derivatives and risks is affected by a BHC's capital strength.

Another determinant of the relationship between derivatives and risks may be a BHC's size. Bank involvement in dealing and trading in financial derivatives markets requires a substantial investment in capital, skilled employees, and good reputation, which all act as entry barriers for small banks. Tufano (1989) analyzes financial innovations and the first-mover advantage in investment banking in light of the substantial costs associated with the development of a new product. Hunter and Timme (1986) argue that size and technical efficiencies allow large banks to take the lead in financial innovations. Consequently, trading activities of financial derivatives are limited to a set of large banks, whereas smaller banks have little chance to provide full-size risk management services and a broad range of financial derivatives products to their clients.

¹¹ Géczy, Minton, and Schrand (1997) show that corporations use exchange rate derivatives to mitigate cash flow variations, so that they are able to exploit profitable growth opportunities. For further determinants of corporate hedging, see Nance, Smith, and Smithson (1993) and Mian (1996).

Thakor (2012a) builds a theory of financial innovation in which banks offer innovative products that are opaque to investors. Opacity of innovations allows for higher profit in a highly competitive banking sector, but at the same time gives rise to refinancing risk, potentially precipitating a financial crisis. Thakor (2012a) predicts a positive relationship between bank opacity and financial innovation. Under the assumption that larger banks are also more opaque, the empirical prediction would be that the relationship between financial derivatives and risks is more pronounced for larger banks.

Hypothesis 1.3: The positive relationship between financial derivatives and risks intensifies for larger BHCs.

1.4 Data Sources, Sample Selection and Data Description

We combine data from several sources. For financial derivatives data, we collected firm-level data from the FR Y-9C report (Consolidated Financial Statements for Holding Companies) from 1997 to 2012.¹² We use historical BHCs' stock prices from the Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP) at the University of Chicago. Macroeconomic data were obtained from the Federal Reserve Board of Governors.¹³ Stock prices and macroeconomic data are monthly data between 1997 and 2012. We also split BHCs into large BHCs (whose total assets are equal to or higher than \$50 billion) and small BHCs (whose total assets are less than \$50 billion).¹⁴ Table 1.1 presents the variables, their definitions, and sources.

Table 1.2 summarizes the use of financial derivatives held by BHCs in the fourth quarter of 2012. Following Guay and Kothari (2003) and Cyree et al. (2012), we use notional principal amounts to depict a BHC's derivatives position. Panel A of Table 1.2 provides a breakdown of financial derivatives by contract types for all U.S. BHCs included in the FR Y-9C report (column 1), the BHCs included in our sample (column 2), and the large BHCs in our sample (column 4). In the fourth quarter of 2012, BHCs' assets reached \$17.6 trillion and held nearly \$270 trillion of financial derivative contracts, indicating that the size of financial derivative contracts was more than fifteen times that of the BHCs' total assets. Interest rate derivative contracts (including futures, forwards, swaps, and options) accounted for more than \$228 trillion and nearly 84% of the total amount of financial derivatives. Exchange rate derivative contracts and credit derivative contracts accounted for \$31.3 trillion and \$10.3 trillion, respectively. Among the interest rate derivative contracts, swaps were the largest individual derivative contract type. They accounted for more than \$155 trillion and nearly 57% of interest rate contracts. Among the exchange rate derivative contracts, exchange rate forwards were the most important individual contract type. The value of exchange rate forwards was \$14.3 trillion, nearly 46% of all exchange rate derivative contracts. Credit default swaps accounted for 95% of all credit derivatives held by U.S. BHCs.

¹² These data are available at: https://www.chicagofed.org/applications/bhc_data/bhcd_data_index.cfm.

¹³ These data are available at: <http://www.federalreserve.gov/econresdata/default.htm>.

¹⁴ Our decomposition is consistent with the classification of sections 165 and 166 of the Dodd–Frank Act, in which BHCs with \$50 billion or more in consolidated assets are automatically considered to be systemically important institutions (Dodd–Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and Independent Commission on Banking (2011)). See also <http://www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/testimony/gibson20120516a.htm>.

Table 1.1. Description of Variables

Variable	Definition	Data Sources
First-Stage Variables		
Stock Return	Measured by the excess rate of return of stock price over the risk-free rate	Center for Research in Security Prices
Market Return	Measured by the excess rate of return on market portfolio S&P 500 over the risk-free rate	Center for Research in Security Prices
Interest Rate	Measured by the percentage changes of the price of three-month U.S. treasury bills	H.15, Federal Reserve Board of Governors
Exchange Rate	Measured by the change in the inverse of nominal broad dollar index	G.5, Federal Reserve Board of Governors
Credit Risk	Measured by the change of 5-year BBB bond yield	Center for Research in Security Prices
Second-Stage Variables		
Interest Margin	(Interest margin) / average interest earning assets	FR Y-9C, BHCK4074 / earning assets
C&I Loans	Commercial and industrial loans / total assets	FR Y-9C, (BHCK1763 + BHCK1764) / total assets
Mortgage Loans	Mortgage loans / total assets	FR Y-9C, (BHCK1410 + BHCK1590) / total assets
Other Loans	(Loans-commercial & industrial loans-mortgage loans) / total assets	FR Y-9C, (BHCK2122 - BHCK1766 - BHCK1410 - BHCK1590) / total assets
Domestic Deposits	Domestic deposits / total assets	FR Y-9C, (BHD6631 + BHD6636) / total assets
GAP Ratio	Interest sensitive assets that are repriceable within one year or mature within one year / interest rate-sensitive liabilities that are repriceable within one year or mature within one year	FR Y-9C, BHCK3197 / BHCK3296
Interest Rate Exposures	Interest rate exposures / total assets	FR Y-9C, BHCK8757 / total assets
Interest Rate Derivatives for Trading	Notional principal amounts of interest rate contracts for trading purposes / total assets	FR Y-9C, BHCK A126 / total assets
Interest Rate Derivatives for Hedging	Notional principal amounts of interest rate contracts for other-than trading purposes / total assets	FR Y-9C, BHCK 8725 / total assets
Interest Rate Derivatives	Notional principal amounts of interest rate contracts / total assets	FR Y-9C, (BHCK A126 + BHCK 8725) / total assets
Assets in Foreign Currencies	Assets in foreign offices / total assets	FR Y-9C, (BHCK0397 + BHCK1742 + BHCK1746 + BHCK2081 + BHCK1296) / total assets
Foreign Exchange Deposits	Deposits denominated in foreign currencies and in foreign offices / total assets	FR Y-9C, (BHF6631 + BHF6636) / total assets
Foreign Exchange Exposures	Foreign exchange exposures / total assets	FR Y-9C, BHCK8758 / total assets
Exchange Rate Derivatives for Trading	Notional principal amounts of exchange rate contracts for trading purposes / total assets	FR Y-9C, BHCK A127 / total assets
Exchange Rate Derivatives for Hedging	Notional principal amounts of exchange rate contracts for other-than trading purposes / total assets	FR Y-9C, BHCK 8726 / total assets
Exchange Rate Derivatives	Notional principal amounts of exchange rate contracts / total assets	FR Y-9C, (BHCK A127 + BHCK 8726) / total assets
Market Liquidity	(Cash + securities + fed funds lent) / total assets	FR Y-9C, (BHCK0081 + BHCK0395 + BHCK0397 + BHCK1754 + BHCK1773) / total assets
Funding Liquidity	(Federal funds sold + securities purchased under agreements) / total assets	FR Y-9C, (BHD6631 + BHCKB989) / total assets
Non-Performing Loans	(Total amount of loans classified as non-performing) / total assets	FR Y-9C, (BHCK5524 + BHCK5525 + BHCK5526) / total assets
Loan Charge-Offs	Loan charge-offs / total assets	FR Y-9C, BHCK4635 / total assets
Loan Loss Provisions	Loan loss provisions / total assets	FR Y-9C, BHCK4230 / total assets
Credit Exposures	Credit exposures / total assets	FR Y-9C, F186 / total assets
Credit Protection Sold	Notional principal amounts of credit risk protection sold / total assets	FR Y-9C, (BHCKC968 + BHCKC970 + BHCKC972 + BHCKC974) / total assets
Credit Protection Bought	Notional principal amounts of credit risk protection bought / total assets	FR Y-9C, (BHCKC969 + BHCKC971 + BHCKC973 + BHCKC975) / total assets
Gross Credit Protection	(Credit risk protection bought + Credit risk protection sold) / 2	FR Y-9C, ((BHCKC969 + BHCKC971 + BHCKC973 + BHCKC975) / 2 + (BHCKC968 + BHCKC970 + BHCKC972 + BHCKC974) / 2) / total assets
Net Credit Protection Bought	(Credit risk protection bought - Credit risk protection sold)	FR Y-9C, (BHCKC969 + BHCKC971 + BHCKC973 + BHCKC975) - (BHCKC968 + BHCKC970 + BHCKC972 + BHCKC974) / total assets
Credit Derivatives	(Credit risk protection bought + Credit risk protection sold)	FR Y-9C, ((BHCKC969 + BHCKC971 + BHCKC973 + BHCKC975) + (BHCKC968 + BHCKC970 + BHCKC972 + BHCKC974)) / total assets
Size	log (total assets)	FR Y-9C, log (BHCK2170)
Capital Ratio	Total risk-based capital ratio	FR Y-9C, BHCK7205
Tier 1 Ratio	Tier 1 capital ratio	FR Y-9C, BHCK8274 / BHCK2170
GDP Growth	The GDP growth in each state	http://www.bea.gov/regional/
Income Tax Rate	Corporate income tax rates in each state, as the data before 2000 is missing, we use the income tax rate in 2000 to measure the corporate income tax rates from 1997-1999	www.taxfoundation.org
Crisis	Equals to 1 during the financial crisis (i.e., from the third quarter of 2007 to the fourth quarter of 2010) and 0 otherwise.	
SIFI	Equals to 1 if the asset of the BHCs is larger or equal to \$50 billion, and 0 otherwise.	
Total Financial Derivative	Interest Rate Derivatives + Exchange Rate Derivatives + Credit Derivatives	
Financial Derivatives for Trading	Interest Rate Derivatives for Trading + Exchange Rate Derivatives for Trading + Gross Credit Protection	
Financial Derivatives for Hedging	Interest Rate Derivatives for Hedging + Exchange Rate Derivatives for Hedging + Net Credit Protection Bought	

Column 2 of Panel A summarizes financial derivatives data in the BHCs in our sample and compares them to the total U.S. BHCs (column 3). The total assets of the BHCs in our sample were almost \$11.9 trillion, which accounted for 68% of the total assets of total reported U.S. BHCs. The financial derivative contracts used by the BHCs in our sample were more than \$221 trillion; that is, 82% of the total amount. This indicates that our sample BHCs are a good reflection of U.S. BHCs and the U.S. financial derivatives market.

Column 4 of Panel A summarizes financial derivatives by the large BHCs in our sample and compares this to the total U.S. BHCs (column 5) and to the BHCs in our sample (column 6). Large BHCs held \$11.2 trillion of total assets, accounting for 64% of the total assets of all U.S. BHCs and 94% of total assets of the BHCs in our sample. Large BHCs held more than \$182 trillion of financial derivative contracts, which accounts for 68% of the total BHCs' financial derivative contracts and 82% of the financial derivative contracts in our sample. This shows that large BHCs are the main participants in the U.S. financial derivatives market.

Panel B of Table 1.2 presents the breakdown of financial derivatives with respect to their reported purposes (trading vs. hedging). More than \$253 trillion (out of \$270 trillion held by BHCs in total) of financial derivative contracts were held for trading, which accounts for over 94% of all financial derivative contracts. The financial derivatives held for trading were mainly (i.e., 71% of them) concentrated in large BHCs. Concentration of financial derivatives in large BHCs was less pronounced for financial derivatives held for hedging purposes. Large BHCs held 65.6% of all financial derivatives for hedging purposes. The implication is that the small BHCs in our sample predominantly act as end-users in the financial derivatives market and mainly classify financial derivatives for hedging purposes.

Table 1.2. Financial Derivatives Used by U.S. BHCs (Notional Principal Amounts, \$ billion)

	U.S. BHCs Included in FR Y-9C Report	BHCs in Our Sample		Large BHCs in Our Sample		
	Value	Value	% of Total	Value	% of Total	% of Sample
Panel A: Types of Financial Derivatives	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Interest Rate Contracts						
Futures	5,820	3,830	65.81	3,810	65.46	99.48
Forwards	34,900	30,900	88.54	26,500	75.93	85.76
Exchange-traded Option	3,060	2,430	79.41	2,420	79.08	99.59
OTC	5,350	4,130	77.20	3,580	66.92	86.68
Swaps	155,000	128,000	82.58	101,000	65.16	78.91
Total Interest Rate Contracts	228,000	187,000	82.02	153,000	67.11	81.82
Exchange Rate Contracts						
Futures	100	91	91.00	84	84.00	92.31
Forwards	14,300	12,000	83.92	11,700	81.82	97.50
Exchange-traded Contracts	58	47	81.66	44	76.30	93.43
OTC	5,342	4,112	76.97	3,642	68.18	88.57
Swaps	11,500	9,850	85.65	7,530	65.48	76.45
Total Exchange Rate Contracts	31,300	26,100	83.39	23,000	73.48	88.12
Credit Derivatives						
Credit Default Swaps	9,840	7,790	79.17	5,910	60.06	75.87
Total Return Swaps	192	91.7	47.76	86.2	44.90	94.00
Credit Options	193	164	84.97	116	60.10	70.73

Table 1.2. Financial Derivatives Used by U.S. BHCs (Notional Principal Amounts, \$ billion)

	U.S. BHCs Included in FR Y-9C Report	BHCs in Our Sample		Large BHCs in Our Sample		
Other Credit Derivatives	105	98.6	96.19	101	93.90	97.62
Total Credit Derivatives	10,330	8,144	78.84	6,213	60.15	76.29
Total Assets	17,600	11,900	67.61	11,200	63.64	94.12
Total Financial Derivatives	269,630	221,244	82.05	182,213	67.58	82.36
Panel B: Financial Derivatives for Different Purposes						
Interest Rate Contracts Held For Trading	223,000	184,000	82.51	149,000	66.82	80.98
Interest Rate Contracts Held for Hedging	4,110	3,270	79.56	3,250	79.08	99.29
Foreign Exchange Contracts Held For Trading	30,400	25,500	83.88	22,400	73.68	87.84
Foreign Exchange Contracts Held for Hedging	861	609	70.73	599	69.57	98.37
Credit Protection Sold	9,910	7,900	79.72	6,000	60.54	75.59
Credit Protection Bought	10,100	7,940	78.61	6,040	59.80	76.07

Note. The financial data are for the 4th quarter of 2012 from FR Y-9C.

Table 1.3 compares the means of on-balance-sheet and off-balance-sheet variables for the total sample BHCs and the two subsamples (i.e., large BHCs and small BHCs) from 1997 to 2012. We report the means, the difference in means, and *t* statistics based on unequal group variance. Panel A depicts the use of interest rate derivatives. Large BHCs have a lower interest margin ratio, more loans and deposit, and more interest rate derivatives than small BHCs. Panel B focuses on exchange rate variables. Large BHCs have more foreign currency assets and deposits, and are more active in the exchange rate derivatives market than small BHCs. Panel C depicts credit risk variables. Large BHCs have higher market liquidity and funding liquidity, more loan charge-offs, and more loan provisions and non-performing loans, and they hold more credit derivatives than small BHCs. Panel D presents control variables. Large BHCs' total assets are thirty times higher than those of small BHCs, they have a lower capital ratio, and they hold more financial derivatives.

Table 1.3 indicates that large BHCs mainly focus on trading-related activities in the financial derivatives business, whereas small BHCs use financial derivatives products mainly for hedging purposes as end-users.

Table 1.3. Difference in Means: Financial Characteristics of BHCs, Large BHCs, and Small BHCs

Variable	Group Means			Difference in Means		
	Total Sample	Large(L) BHCs	Small (S) BHCs	L - S	<i>t</i> -statistic	<i>p</i> -value
Panel A: Interest Rate Variables						
Interest Margin Ratio	0.021	0.019	0.022	-0.003	-9.543***	0.0000
C&I Loans	0.108	0.143	0.106	0.037	15.623***	0.0000
Mortgage Loans	0.473	0.301	0.484	-0.183	-48.421***	0.0000
Other Loans	0.074	0.147	0.069	0.078	32.690***	0.0000
Domestic Deposits	0.734	0.548	0.746	-0.198	-36.013***	0.0000
GAP Ratio	0.051	0.302	0.051	0.269	3.135***	0.0021
Interest Rate Options Bought	0.040	0.250	0.026	0.223	13.217***	0.0000
Interest Rate Options Written	0.035	0.249	0.021	0.229	13.024***	0.0000
Interest Rate Forwards & Futures	0.058	0.443	0.031	0.412	14.009***	0.0000
Interest Rate Swaps	0.219	1.956	0.101	1.855	13.187***	0.0000
Interest Rate Derivatives for Trading	0.303	2.699	0.140	2.559	12.901***	0.0000

Table 1.3. Difference in Means: Financial Characteristics of BHCs, Large BHCs, and Small BHCs

Variable	Group Means			Difference in Means		
	Total Sample	Large(L) BHCs	Small (S) BHCs	L - S	t-statistic	p-value
Interest Rate Derivatives for Hedging	0.039	0.158	0.031	0.127	20.847***	0.0000
Interest Rate Derivatives	0.352	2.902	0.179	2.724	13.647***	0.0000
Panel B: Exchange Rate Variables						
Assets in Foreign Currencies	0.004	0.033	0.002	0.031	15.866***	0.0000
Foreign Currency Deposits	0.010	0.070	0.005	0.065	21.162***	0.0000
Exchange Rate Options Bought	0.005	0.036	0.003	0.033	13.005***	0.0000
Exchange Rate Options Written	0.006	0.036	0.003	0.033	12.465***	0.0000
Exchange Rate Forwards & Futures	0.043	0.410	0.017	0.393	16.435***	0.0000
Exchange Rate Swaps	0.009	0.077	0.005	0.072	12.554***	0.0000
Spot Exchange Rate	0.005	0.037	0.002	0.035	16.087***	0.0000
Exchange Rate Derivatives for Trading	0.061	0.545	0.028	0.517	17.055***	0.0000
Exchange Rate Derivatives for Hedging	0.002	0.012	0.001	0.011	16.416***	0.0000
Exchange Rate Derivatives	0.063	0.560	0.029	0.531	17.346***	0.0000
Panel C: Credit Risk Variables						
Market Liquidity	0.263	0.246	0.264	-0.018	-5.095***	0.0000
Funding Liquidity	0.014	0.027	0.013	0.014	9.4566***	0.0000
Non-Performing Loans	0.019	0.017	0.019	-0.002	-3.175***	0.0004
Loan Charge-Offs	0.003	0.004	0.003	0.001	9.497***	0.0000
Loan Loss Provisions	0.003	0.004	0.003	0.001	4.993***	0.0000
Total Return Swaps	0.0005	0.0033	0.0002	0.0003	9.497***	0.0000
Credit Option	0.0002	0.0011	0.0002	0.0010	5.593***	0.0000
Other Credit Derivatives	0.0002	0.0022	0.0001	0.0021	10.268***	0.0000
Credit Protection Sold	0.009	0.071	0.005	0.066	8.999***	0.0000
Credit Protection Bought	0.010	0.076	0.004	0.072	9.376***	0.0000
Credit Derivatives	0.019	0.147	0.010	0.137	9.210***	0.0000
Panel D: Control Variables						
Total Assets (\$ billion)	25.3	275	8.54	253.59	20.804***	0.0000
Capital Ratio (%)	14.08	12.77	14.17	-1.40	-9.568***	0.0000
GDP Growth (%)	1.79	1.81	1.78	0.031	0.395	0.6927
Tier 1 ratio (%)	8.684	7.412	8.771	-1.360	-22.231*	0.0000
Income Tax Rate (%)	41.90	42.11	41.88	0.23	3.435***	0.0001

Note. * $p < 0.10$ ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$. The t -statistics are based on unequal group variances. Variables used are described in Table 1.1.

Source: The financial data are between 1997 and 2012 and from Financial Statement of FR Y-9C.

1.5 Empirical Methodology

The empirical analysis employs a two-stage time-series cross-section regression model to examine the relationship between systematic risk and the use of financial derivatives. The regression proceeds in two stages (consistent with Fama and French (1992)). In the first stage, the stock return of each BHC is regressed against the changes in the market return, interest rate, exchange rate, and credit spread. In this way, we obtain risk betas that measure the BHC's systematic (i.e., nondiversifiable) risk exposure towards market risk, interest rate risk, exchange rate risk, and credit risk. In the second-stage regression, the risk betas are regressed against the on-balance-sheet variables and financial derivatives variables.

First-Stage Regression: The monthly stock returns of publicly traded BHCs are used to measure systematic exposures of each bank towards market risk, interest rate risk, exchange rate risk, and credit risk. Such a multi-factor model has also been employed by Flannery and James (1984), Choi and Elyasiani (1997), and Hirtle (1997). The first-stage regression is as follows:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Stock Return}_{it} = & \alpha_i + \beta_{\text{Market},it} \text{Market Return}_{it} + \beta_{\text{Interest},it} \text{Interest Rate}_{it} \\ & + \beta_{\text{Exchange},it} \text{Exchange Rate}_{it} + \beta_{\text{Credit},it} \text{Credit Risk}_{it} + \varepsilon_{it} \end{aligned} \quad (1.1)$$

where $\beta_{\text{Market},it}$, $\beta_{\text{Interest},it}$, $\beta_{\text{Exchange},it}$, $\beta_{\text{Credit},it}$ are systematic risk exposures of BHC i towards market risk, interest rate risk, exchange rate risk, and credit risk at time t , respectively; α_i are constant error terms, and ε_{it} are random error terms.

The dependent variable *Stock Return* is the excess rate of stock return over the risk-free rate (i.e., annualized rate on three-month U.S. treasury bills). The independent variable *Market Return* denotes the excess rate of return on the Standard and Poor's 500 index over the risk-free rate; *Interest Rate* is defined as the rate of change in the price of the three-month U.S. treasury bill rate (i.e., $\left(\sqrt[4]{\frac{1+r_{t-1}}{1+r_t}} - 1\right)$), where r is the annualized rate on three-month U.S. treasury bills; following Francis, Hasan, and Hunter (2008), *Exchange Rate* is the rate of change in the inverse of the nominal broad dollar index (i.e., $(e_t - e_{t-1}) / e_{t-1}$), where e_t is the value of basket of foreign currencies against the U.S. dollar at time t ,¹⁵ and *Credit Risk* is defined as the change of BBB bond yield (i.e., $(b_t - b_{t-1}) / b_{t-1}$), where b_t is the five-year corporate BBB bond yield in the U.S. market at time t . All data are calculated on a monthly basis.

To adjust for possible bias due to cross-equation dependencies, the regression equations for each BHC are estimated as a simultaneous equation system, using a modified seemingly unrelated technique (SUR). The modified SUR technique, developed by Chamberlain (1982), MaCurdy (1982), and Choi and Elyasiani (1997), is a variation of the standard SUR method and produces asymptotically efficient estimates without imposing either conditional homoskedasticity or serial independence restrictions on disturbance terms.¹⁶

The market model regressions are performed quarterly by using a four-year rolling window between 1997 and 2012 to estimate quarterly-varying beta coefficients for each BHC. This process results in separate risk betas for each BHC for each quarter in the sample.¹⁷ The values of $\beta_{\text{Market},it}$, $\beta_{\text{Interest},it}$, $\beta_{\text{Exchange},it}$, and $\beta_{\text{Credit},it}$ are therefore quarterly and bank-specific data, and are treated as panel data in the second-stage regression.

Second-Stage Regression: In the second stage, we follow Hutson and Stevenson (2009), Choi and Jiang (2009), and Bredin and Hyde (2011), and regress betas (i.e., interest rate risk $\beta_{\text{Interest},it}$, exchange rate risk $\beta_{\text{Exchange},it}$, and credit risk $\beta_{\text{Credit},it}$) generated in the first stage in a panel data

¹⁵ The nominal broad dollar index is a weighted average of the foreign exchange value of the U.S. dollar against the currencies of a broad group of major U.S. trading partners. Weights for the broad index can be found at <http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/H10/Weights>. For more information on exchange rate indexes for the U.S. dollar, see "Indexes of the Foreign Exchange Value of the Dollar," Federal Reserve Bulletin, 91:1 (Winter 2005), pp. 1–8 (http://www.federalreserve.gov/pubs/bulletin/2005/winter05_index.pdf).

¹⁶ The SUR regression has been employed in recent studies by Viale, Kolari, and Fraser (2009), Yong et al. (2009), Ammer, Vega, and Wongswan (2010), Białkowski, Etebari, and Wisniewski (2012), and Lim, Sum, and Khun (2012).

¹⁷ A number of BHCs drop out of the sample because of mergers and failures during our sample period.

regression against bank-specific on-balance-sheet and off-balance-sheet (i.e., financial derivatives) variables. To increase the accuracy of second-stage estimation, we follow Doidge, Griffin, and Williamson (2006) and Chue and Cook (2008), and weight each observation by the inverse of the standard errors of $\beta_{\text{Interest},it}$, $\beta_{\text{Exchange},it}$, and $\beta_{\text{Credit},it}$, obtained in the first stage. With this procedure, the betas that are estimated more precisely in the first-stage regression receive a heavier weight in the second-stage regression.

The equations can be written as follows:

$$\beta_{\text{Interest},it} = \gamma_i + \sum_j \delta_j X_{jit} + \sum_j (\eta_j + \mu_j Z_{jit}) Y_{jit} + \sum_j \varrho_j Z_{jit} + \nu \text{YEAR}_t + \epsilon_{it} \quad (1.2)$$

where X_{jit} are on-balance-sheet variables (including *Interest Margin*, *C&I Loans*, *Mortgage Loans*, *Other Loans*, and *Domestic Deposits*) and three control variables (*Size*, *Capital Ratio*, and *GDP Growth*), and Y_{jit} are the notional principal amounts of interest rate derivatives used. In a slightly changed specification, Y_{jit} can be *Interest Rate Derivatives for Trading* and *Interest Rate Derivatives for Hedging*. Potential determinants of the relationship between financial derivatives and risks are included in Z_{jit} and include the crisis dummy variable *Crisis_t*, the level of regulatory capital ratio *Capital Ratio_{it}* and *Tier 1 Ratio_{it}*, size variables *Size_{it}*, and the dummy variable *SIFI_t*, denoting a large BHC (see Table 1.1 for precise definition of variables). The regression also includes the bank-specific fixed effects and yearly dummy variables to control for macroeconomic factors that may vary over time. Standard errors (ϵ_{it}) are heteroskedasticity-consistent.

$$\beta_{\text{Exchange},it} = \Phi_i + \sum_j \xi_j A_{jit} + \sum_j (\varsigma_j + \omega_j Z_{jit}) B_{jit} + \sum_j \varphi_j Z_{jit} + \rho \text{YEAR}_t + \epsilon_{it} \quad (1.3)$$

where A_{jit} are on-balance-sheet variables (including *Assets in Foreign Currencies* and *Foreign Exchange Deposits*) and three control variables (*Size*, *Capital Ratio*, and *GDP Growth*) and B_{jit} are the notional principal amounts of exchange rate derivatives used. In a slightly changed specification, B_{jit} can be *Exchange Rate Derivatives for Trading* and *Exchange Rate Derivatives for Hedging*.

$$\beta_{\text{Credit},it} = \psi_i + \sum_j \mu_j O_{jit} + \sum_j (\nu_j + \tau_j Z_{jit}) P_{jit} + \sum_j \kappa_j Z_{jit} + \sigma \text{YEAR}_t + \epsilon_{it} \quad (1.4)$$

where O_{jit} are on-balance-sheet variables (including *Market Liquidity*, *Funding Liquidity*, *Non-Performing Loans*, *Loan Charge-Offs*, and *Loan Loss Provisions*) and three control variables (*Size*, *Capital Ratio*, and *GDP Growth*), and P_{jit} are the notional principal amounts of credit derivatives used. In a slightly changed specification, P_{jit} can be *Gross Credit Protection* and *Net Credit Protection Bought*.

1.6 Empirical Results

1.6.1 First-stage regression results

In the first stage, we estimate the beta coefficients of market risk, interest rate risk, exchange rate risk, and credit risk for each BHC in each quarter in our sample.

Correlations between the first-stage variables are shown in Table 1.4. We observe from Table 1.4 that excess stock returns are significantly negatively correlated with the changes in bond yields, but significantly positively correlated with changes in interest rate and exchange rate. Excess stock returns are positively and significantly correlated with excess market returns for the total sample and small BHCs, whereas the relationship is insignificant for large BHCs.

Table 1.4. Correlation Coefficients Between Macroeconomic Factors

This table indicates the extent of multicollinearity, if any, between the various variables used to determine the interest rate, exchange rate, and credit sensitivities for all bank holding companies (BHCs), the top group BHCs, the median group BHCs, and the bottom BHCs in Panel A, B, C, and D, respectively. The variables are the excess stock returns (SR), the excess market return (MKT), the changes on the price of three-month US Treasury bills (IR), the change in the inverse of nominal broad dollar index (FX), and the change in the BBB bond yield (CREDIT).

Panel A: Total Sample					
	SR	MKT	IR	FX	CREDIT
SR	1				
MKT	0.395***	1			
IR	0.0424***	-0.178***	1		
FX	0.232***	0.526***	-0.0633***	1	
CREDIT	-0.0783***	-0.284***	0.00590	-0.432***	1
Panel B: Large Group					
	SR	MKT	IR	FX	CREDIT
SR	1				
MKT	0.515***	1			
IR	-0.00359	-0.176***	1		
FX	0.281***	0.517***	-0.0617***	1	
CREDIT	-0.127***	-0.281***	0.00226	-0.428***	1
Panel C: Small Group					
	SR	MKT	IR	FX	CREDIT
SR	1				
MKT	0.348***	1			
IR	0.0607***	-0.179***	1		
FX	0.213***	0.529***	-0.0639***	1	
CREDIT	-0.0593***	-0.286***	0.00733	-0.433***	1

Note. * $p < 0.10$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$

Source: Various risks exposures are computed from the four-factor model using data from Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP) database and Federal Reserve monthly Statistical Releases between 1997 and 2012.

In Table 1.5, we report the results of the multifactor index model based on the entire sample period for the total sample, large BHCs, and small BHCs. The results indicate that market risk beta (β_{Market}) and interest rate beta (β_{Interest}) are statistically significant (at the 1% level on two-tailed tests) for the total sample and for two subsamples (large BHCs and small BHCs). Exchange rate beta (β_{Exchange}) is significant at the 1% level for the total sample and small BHCs, but for the large BHCs at a lower level (10%). Credit risk beta (β_{Credit}) is significant in all cases (at least at the 5% level).

Table 1.5 compares risk betas across large and small BHCs. Market risk beta (β_{Market}) is higher

for large BHCs, followed by the total sample and small BHCs. This is consistent with the popular notion that large BHCs, acting as market makers and holding a large proportion of financial derivatives for trading purposes, are more exposed to market risk (Standard and Poor's, 2011). In contrast, small BHCs are more sensitive to systematic interest rate risk, exchange rate risk, and credit risk than large BHCs. Higher sensitivity to systematic interest rate risk and credit risk is aligned with the notion that lending (and associated credit risk) is the core business of small BHCs.

Table 1.5. First-Stage Estimation of Risks Betas

Panel A: Regression Results					
	Intercept	β_{Market}	β_{Interest}	β_{Exchange}	β_{Credit}
Total Sample BHCs	0.00352*** (4.42)	0.893*** (44.32)	0.654*** (15.10)	0.340*** (5.35)	0.132*** (6.89)
Large BHCs (L)	0.00328** (2.32)	1.155*** (32.55)	0.504*** (6.58)	0.203* (1.81)	0.0759** (2.23)
Small BHCs (S)	0.00362*** (3.79)	0.788*** (32.51)	0.713*** (13.69)	0.400*** (5.25)	0.155*** (6.70)
Group Difference (L - S) [<i>p</i> -value: L = S]	-0.00034 [0.299]	0.367 [0.000***]	-0.209 [0.000***]	-0.197 [0.049**]	-0.0791 [0.000***]
Panel B: Regression Statistics					
	Total Sample BHCs	Large BHCs	Small BHCs		
Adjusted-R2	0.173	0.273	0.142		
<i>N</i>	14102	3982	10120		

Note. The *t* statistics are in parentheses. * $p < 0.10$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$. In the brackets, the *p*-values for the test of equality of coefficients for large BHCs and small BHCs are reported.

Source: The individual computation is based on the data from the Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP) database and Federal Reserve monthly Statistical Releases between 1997 and 2012.

In Table 1.6, we focus on a subset of BHCs that started using the financial derivatives (interest rate derivatives, exchange rate derivatives, or credit derivatives) during the sample period and compare their risk exposures before and after the use of the financial derivatives. The BHCs are exposed to a higher level of systematic interest rate risk, exchange rate risk, credit risk, and market risk if they start using interest rate derivatives, exchange rate derivatives, and credit derivatives (see Table 1.6). The changes in systematic risks are statistically significant in the case of interest rate derivatives and exchange rate derivatives, but not for credit derivatives.

Table 1.6. Difference between Risk Betas: Before and After Use of Financial Derivatives

	After Use (A)	Before Use (B)	Group Difference (A - B) (<i>p</i> -value: A = B)
Panel A: New Users of Interest Rate Derivatives			
β_{Market}	0.894*** (39.13)	0.408*** (20.51)	0.486*** [0.000]
β_{Interest}	0.623*** (14.07)	0.266*** (6.10)	0.357*** [0.000]
β_{Exchange}	0.163** (2.37)	0.128* (1.84)	0.035 [0.614]
β_{Credit}	0.142*** (7.38)	-0.0743*** (-3.58)	0.2163*** [0.000]
Panel B: New Users of Exchange Rate Derivatives			
β_{Market}	0.853*** (20.87)	0.747*** (22.87)	0.106*** [0.009]
β_{Interest}	0.715*** (8.12)	0.486*** (6.75)	0.229*** [0.009]
β_{Exchange}	0.549***	-0.0185	0.568***

Table 1.6. Difference between Risk Betas: Before and After Use of Financial Derivatives

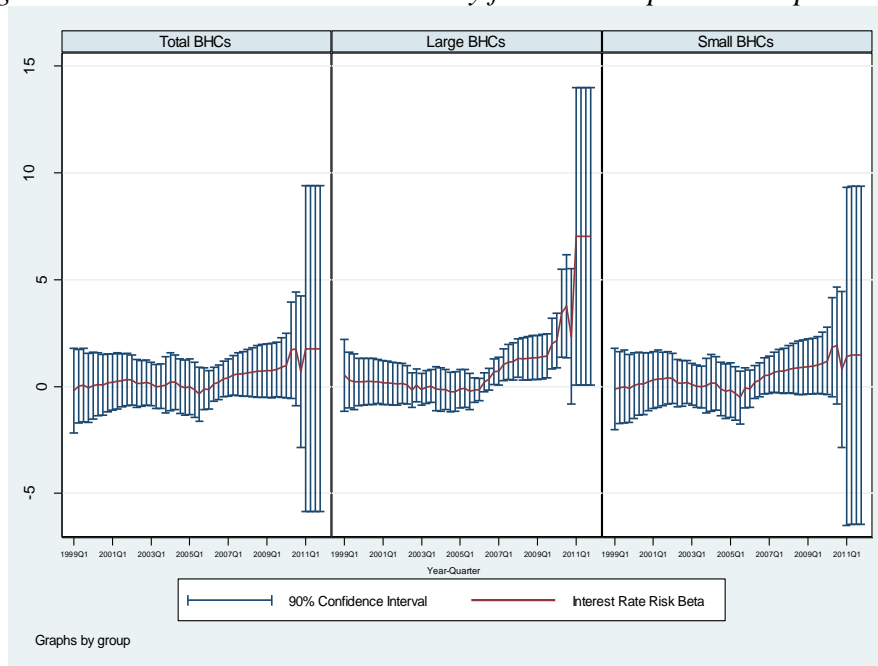
	After Use (A)	Before Use (B)	Group Difference (A - B) (<i>p</i> -value: A = B)
β_{Credit}	(4.08) 0.196*** (5.25)	(-0.17) 0.0606* (1.78)	[0.000] 0.1354*** [0.000]
Panel C: New Users of Credit Derivatives			
β_{Market}	1.039*** (22.27)	0.812*** (26.68)	0.227*** [0.000]
β_{Interest}	0.632*** (6.74)	0.535*** (7.62)	0.097 [0.299]
β_{Exchange}	0.300** (2.07)	0.0988 (0.96)	0.2012 [0.165]
β_{Credit}	0.0932** (2.21)	0.0924*** (2.91)	0.0008 [0.984]

Note. The *t* statistics are in parentheses. * $p < 0.10$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$. In the brackets, the *p*-values for the test of equality of coefficients before and after use of financial derivatives are reported.

Source: The individual computation is based on the data from the Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP) database and Federal Reserve monthly Statistical Releases.

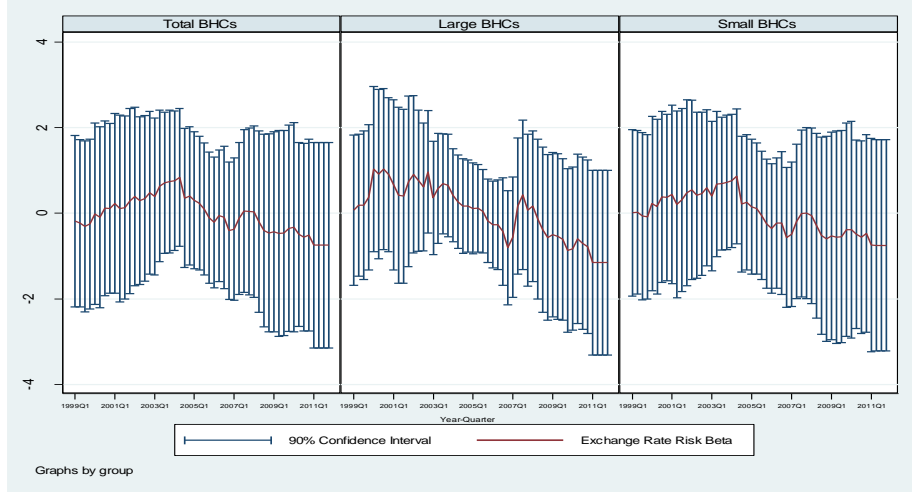
Figures 1.5 through 1.8 depict the average systematic interest rate risk, exchange rate risk, credit risk, market risk exposures, and their 10% confidence interval for all BHCs and for large and small BHCs. Systematic interest rate risk, credit risk, and market risk exposures of BHCs increased substantially during the global financial crisis. Consistent with Hypothesis 1.3, large BHCs are more exposed to higher systematic interest rate risk, exchange rate risk, credit risk, and market risk exposures than small BHCs, especially during the global financial crisis (see Figures 1.5, 1.6, 1.7, and 1.8). In contrast, idiosyncratic risk was lower during the financial crisis and small BHCs are exposed to higher idiosyncratic risk than large BHCs (see Figure 1.9).

Figure 1.5. Interest Rate Risk Sensitivity for Three Separate Sample Groups



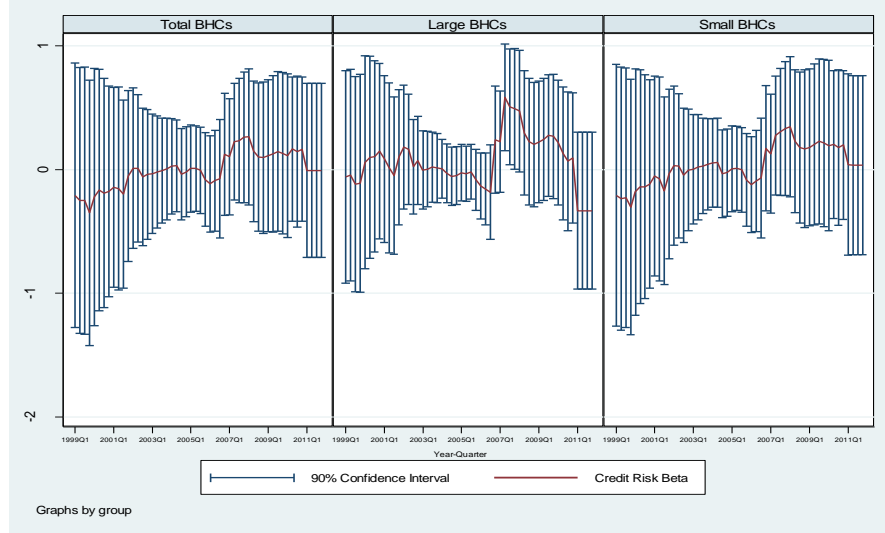
Note. Quarterly Data. Interest rate risk sensitivity is calculated at the midpoint of the four-year rolling window, sample period: 1999:Q1–2012:Q4.

Figure 1.6. Exchange Rate Risk Sensitivity for Three Separate Sample Groups



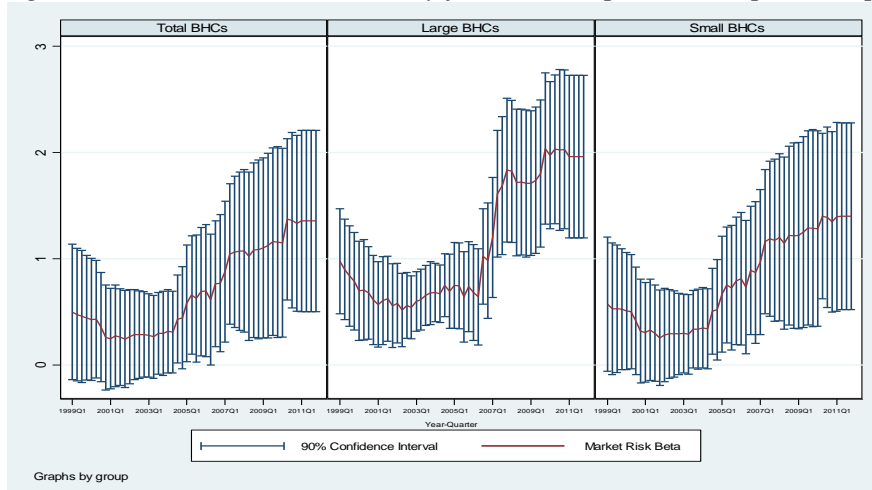
Note. Quarterly Data. Exchange rate risk sensitivity is calculated at the midpoint of the four-year rolling window, sample period: 1999:Q1–2012:Q4.

Figure 1.7. Credit Risk Sensitivity for Three Separate Sample Groups



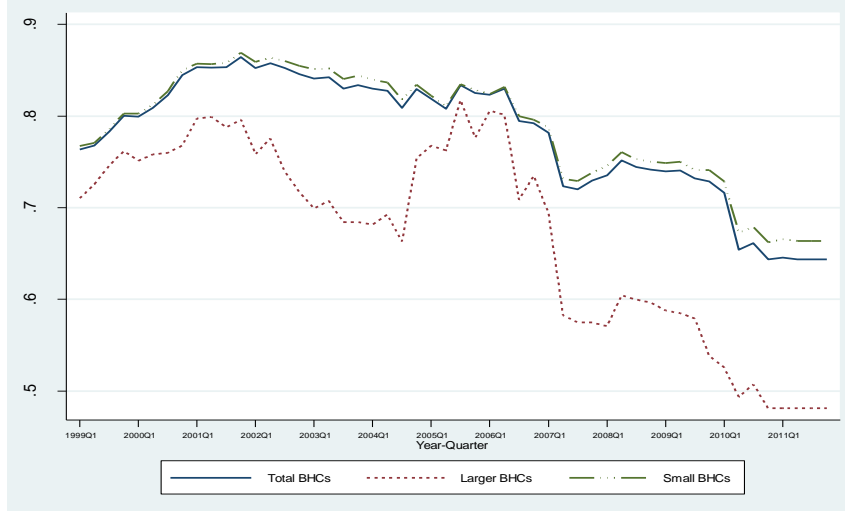
Note. Quarterly Data. Credit risk sensitivity is calculated at the midpoint of the four-year rolling window, sample period: 1999:Q1–2012:Q4.

Figure 1.8. Market Risk Sensitivity for Three Separate Sample Groups



Note. Quarterly Data. Market risk sensitivity is calculated at the midpoint of the four-year rolling window, sample period: 1999:Q1–2012:Q4.

Figure 1.9. Idiosyncratic Risk ($1 - R^2$) Sensitivity for Three Separate Sample Groups



Note. Quarterly Data. Idiosyncratic Risk ($1 - R^2$) sensitivity is calculated at the midpoint of the four-year rolling window, sample period: 1999:Q1–2012:Q4.

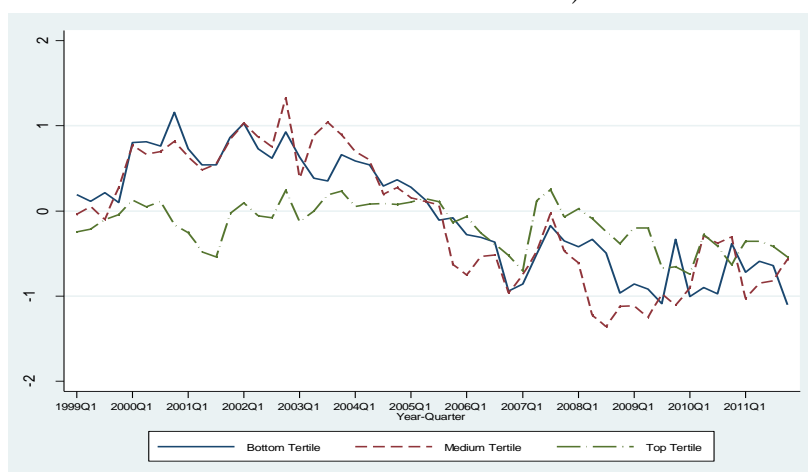
Figures 1.10 through 1.12 provide the first inspection of the impact of financial derivatives (i.e., interest rate derivatives, exchange rate derivatives, and credit derivatives) on systematic risk exposures. BHCs are split into tertiles according to how intensively they use financial derivatives (interest rate derivatives / total assets, exchange rate derivatives / total assets, and credit derivatives / total assets). Figure 1.10 shows that the top tertile of BHCs (i.e., the BHCs with the most intensive use of interest rate derivatives) were exposed to the highest systematic interest rate risk during the global financial crisis. Figures 1.11 and 1.12 show that the tertile of BHCs with the highest use of exchange rate derivatives and credit derivatives were exposed to the highest systematic exchange rate risk and credit risk exposures during the global financial crisis.

Figure 1.10. Interest Rate Risk Sensitivity by Different Size of BHCs (by Interest Rate Derivatives / Total Assets)



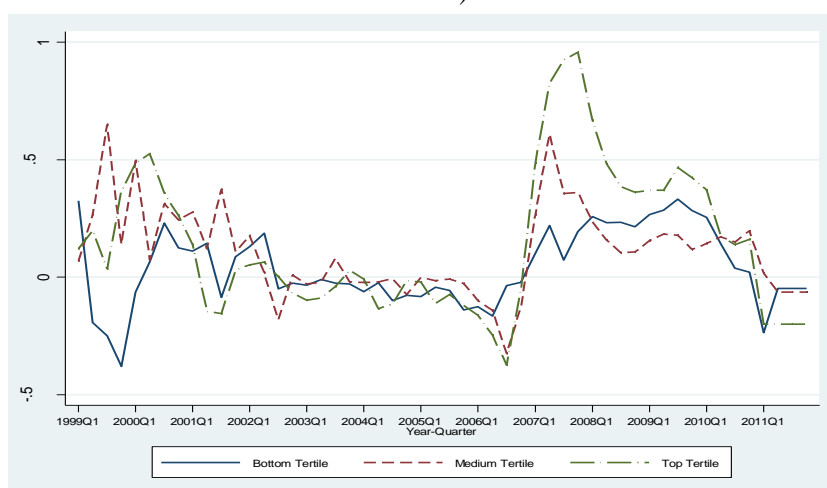
Note. Quarterly Data. Interest rate risk sensitivity is calculated at the midpoint of the four-year rolling window, sample period: 1999:Q1–2012:Q4.

Figure 1.11. Exchange Rate Risk Sensitivity by Different Size of BHCs (by Exchange Rate Derivatives / Total Assets)



Note. Quarterly Data. Exchange rate risk sensitivity is calculated at the midpoint of the four-year rolling window, sample period: 1999:Q1–2012:Q4.

Figure 1.12. Credit Risk Sensitivity by Different Size of BHCs (by Credit Derivatives / Total Assets)



Note. Quarterly Data. Credit risk sensitivity is calculated at the midpoint of the four-year rolling window, sample period: 1999:Q1–2012:Q4.

1.6.2 Bank-specific determinants of risk betas: initial analysis

We now present the second-stage regression using the fixed effects panel data regression model based on (1.2), (1.3), and (1.4).¹⁸ Correlations among the variables used in the second-stage estimation are presented in Table 1.7. Correlations among on-balance-sheet variables and off-balance-sheet variables related to interest rate risk (in Panel A) are generally low, whereas the correlations among BHCs' size and interest rate derivatives variables (interest rate derivatives for trading, interest rate derivatives for hedging, and interest rate derivatives) are higher (above 0.2). This indicates that there is no multicollinearity problem between the on-balance-sheet variables and that a BHC's size is an important driver of the use of interest rate derivatives. The correlations between variables related to exchange rate risk and credit risk are presented in Panels B and C of Table 1.7, respectively.

¹⁸ The Hausman test indicates that a fixed effects model should be used rather than a random effects model.

As a robustness check, we also employ an instrumental-variables estimator. We are concerned about the potential endogeneity of the financial derivatives variables in the fixed effects model. In particular, the changes of risk betas of BHCs may not be driven by financial derivatives alone, but also by other unidentified variables that also affect financial derivatives. For example, BHCs may respond to the increased exposure to trading revenues by employing more financial derivatives. To deal with this endogeneity, we need to find valid instruments that are uncorrelated with the error term but correlated with our dependent variable.

We account for potential endogeneity of financial derivatives variables by instrumenting them with their one-quarter lagged terms, exposure variables from trading revenues (*Interest Rate Exposures*, *Foreign Exchange Exposures*, and *Credit Exposures*), and *Income Tax Rate*.¹⁹ Following Baum (2006), we employ the two-stage least squares (2SLS) estimator to obtain a consistent and efficient estimation in the presence of non-i.i.d. errors. Using the Anderson and Rubin (1949) test of the validity of the instruments, the hypothesis that the instruments are not valid is rejected at the 5% level for all regression models based on (1.2), (1.3), and (1.4). Hansen's J statistics, reported at the bottom of the tables, provide a test for the joint validity of instruments. We never reject the null hypothesis that the overidentifying restrictions are correct. In addition to this, the underidentification test (measured by the Kleibergen–Paap rk LM statistic (Kleibergen and Paap, 2006) and weak identification test (measured by the Cragg–Donald Wald F statistic (Cragg and Donald, 1993), and Kleibergen–Paap Wald rk F statistic (Baum, Schaffer, and Stillman, 2007)) also confirm the validity of instrumental variables.²⁰

As an additional robustness check, we use a dynamic panel-data setup to account for potential endogeneity of our dependent variables risk betas in (1.2), (1.3), and (1.4). If lagged risk beta is correlated with the panel-level effects, the estimator may become inconsistent. We use the two-step difference generalized method of moments (GMM) procedure of Arellano and Bond (1991) for the estimation of (1.2), (1.3), and (1.4), in which the lagged levels of the regressor are instruments for the equations in first differences. The Arellano–Bond estimator is useful for obtaining unbiased and efficient estimates in short dynamic panels with lagged endogenous variables as an explanatory variable. Our sample has a large sample dimension and short time dimension. We employ a robust estimator to account for potentially non-i.i.d. errors and to obtain consistent standard error estimates even in the presence of heteroskedasticity or autocorrelation within panels. We use one-quarter lagged risk beta variables and financial derivatives variables as endogenous instruments and exposures variables from trading revenue (*Interest Rate Exposures*, *Foreign Exchange Exposures*, and *Credit Exposures*), *Income Tax Rate* and all other regressors as exogenous instruments (in line with Roodman (2009)).²¹ We use sets of lags (from 2 to 5) to mitigate the overidentification problem of endogenous instruments.

¹⁹ Berger and Bouwman (2013) use corporate income tax rates as an instrument for the level of bank capital.

²⁰ In Appendix A Table A.1, we report the diagnostic tests of instruments used in IV regression.

²¹ To ensure that interest rate, foreign exchange, and credit exposures are significantly related to financial derivatives and uncorrelated with the risk betas, we have taken the following approach in Table 1.8. In Panel A, the interest rate derivatives are instrumented with foreign exchange and credit exposures. In Panel B, the exchange rate derivatives are instrumented with interest rate and credit exposures. In Panel C, the credit derivatives are instrumented with interest rate and foreign exchange exposures.

Table 1.7. Correlation Between On-and Off-balance-Sheet BHCs' Specific Variables

The common variables are the natural log of total assets (Size) which was scaled by 1,000, total risk-based capital ratio (RiskRatio), GDP growth (GDP) and corporate income tax rate (CPTax) in each state. Panel A variables are the interest rate sensitivity (INT); interest margin ratio (IM), commercial & industrial loans (CIL); mortgage loans (MORT); other loans (OtherLoan), domestic deposits (DEPOSIT), one-year maturity gap (GAP); interest rate derivatives for trading (IRT), interest rate derivatives for hedging (IRH); total interest rate derivatives (IRD) and interest rate exposures (IRE). Panel B variables are the exchange rate sensitivity (FX), assets in foreign currencies (FOA), foreign currency deposits (FXDEP), exchange rate derivatives for trading (ERT), exchange rate derivatives for hedging (ERH); total exchange rate derivatives (ERD) and exchange rate exposures (ERE). Panel C variables are credit risk sensitivity (Credit), market liquidity (FLIQ), funding liquidity (MLIQ), loan charge-offs (LCO), loan loss provisions (LLP), non-performing loans (NPL), credit protection sold (CPS), credit protection bought (CPB), net credit protection bought (NetPB), credit derivatives (CDD) and credit exposures (CreditE).

Panel A: Interest Rate Sensitivity																
	INT	IM	CIL	MORT	OtherLoan	DEPOSIT	GAP	Size	RiskRatio	CPTax	IRT	IRH	IRD	Crisis	IRE	GDPgrowth
INT	1															
IM	-0.00735	1														
CIL	-0.00660	0.0955***	1													
MORT	0.0106	0.0848***	-0.289***	1												
OtherLoan	0.0581***	0.0504***	0.0688***	-0.510***	1											
DEPOSIT	-0.0417***	0.188***	0.126***	0.417***	-0.172***	1										
GAP	-0.00633	-0.0124*	-0.0447***	-0.0848***	-0.00528	-0.157***	1									
Size	0.164***	-0.100***	0.135***	-0.441***	0.348***	-0.544***	0.0742***	1								
RiskRatio	0.00710	-0.00702	-0.0648***	-0.116***	0.0135*	-0.118***	0.0455***	-0.00326	1							
CPTax	-0.0637***	-0.0465***	-0.0953***	-0.0871***	0.0335***	-0.122***	0.00939	0.0350***	0.0149*	1						
IRT	-0.00654	-0.0949***	-0.0350***	-0.229***	0.0722***	-0.354***	0.0200**	0.390***	0.000689	0.0202***	1					
IRH	0.0505***	-0.0023	-0.00205	-0.0490***	0.0580***	-0.216***	0.00364	0.263***	-0.00893	0.00762	0.0812***	1				
IRD	-0.00458	-0.0943***	-0.0311***	-0.235***	0.0792***	-0.369***	0.0199***	0.410***	5.19E-05	0.0219***	0.997***	0.153***	1			
Crisis	0.197***	-0.101***	-0.0382***	0.227***	-0.167***	0.00474	6.98E-05	0.0363***	-0.00427	-0.0067	0.0159**	-0.00852	0.0127*	1		
IRE	-0.0171*	-0.0264***	0.0151*	-0.102***	0.0296***	-0.150***	-0.00435	0.139***	0.0287**	-0.0103	0.148***	0.0661***	0.153***	0.0182**	1	
GDPgrowth	-0.0935***	0.102***	0.0406***	-0.141***	0.0787***	0.0303***	-0.00193	-0.0048	0.00584	-0.00248	0.00275	-0.0149**	0.00491	-0.425***	-0.0267***	1
Panel B: Exchange Rate Sensitivity																
	FX	FOA	FXDEP	Size	RiskRatio	CPTax	ERT	ERH	ERD	Crisis	ERE	GDPgrowth				
FX	1															
FOA	0.0492***	1														
FXDEP	0.0185**	0.621***	1													
Size	-0.0396***	0.337***	0.405***	1												
RiskRatio	0.00855	0.0541***	-0.0035	-0.00326	1											
CPTax	-0.0231***	0.0662***	0.0420***	0.0350***	0.0149*	1										
ERT	0.0368***	0.519***	0.655***	0.421***	0.00387	0.0597***	1									
ERH	0.00286	0.190***	0.181***	0.211***	0.0124	0.0462***	0.212***	1								
ERD	0.0366***	0.526***	0.657***	0.427***	0.00453	0.0615***	0.999***	0.254***	1							
Crisis	-0.181***	-0.0241***	-0.0331***	0.0363***	-0.00427	-0.0067	-0.0114*	-0.00212	-0.0114*	1						
ERE	0.0238**	0.578***	0.654***	0.351***	0.00195	0.0802***	0.627***	0.248***	0.627***	-0.0224**	1					
GDPgrowth	0.0588***	0.00757	0.0208***	-0.0048	0.00584	-0.00248	0.0174**	0.000949	0.0173**	-0.425***	0.0243**	1				
Panel C: Credit Risk Sensitivity																
	CREDIT	MLIQ	FLIQ	NPL	LCO	LLP	Size	RiskRatio	CPTax	CDS	CDB	NetPB	CDD	Crisis	CreditE	GDPgrowth
CREDIT	1															
MLIQ	-0.0503***	1														
FLIQ	-0.0385***	-0.0667***	1													
NPL	-0.140***	-0.179***	-0.0916***	1												
LCO	-0.0231***	-0.130***	-0.0670***	0.600***	1											
LLP	-0.0235***	-0.166***	-0.0664***	0.621***	0.909***	1										
Size	0.0858***	-0.0067	0.191***	0.00259	0.112***	0.0693***	1									
RiskRatio	-0.0488***	0.115***	0.0314***	-0.0556***	-0.0382***	-0.0451***	-0.00326	1								
CPTax	-0.0280***	0.127***	0.0414***	-0.0810***	-0.0604***	-0.0684***	0.0350***	0.0149*	1							
CDS	0.00349	-0.0677***	0.496***	-0.0235***	0.00363	0.00185	0.253***	0.00543	0.00605	1						
CDB	0.0198***	-0.0692***	0.499***	-0.0243***	0.00349	0.00127	0.260***	0.00528	0.00735	0.997***	1					
NetPB	0.0856***	-0.0462***	0.274***	-0.0200**	2.25E-05	-0.00571	0.198***	0.000779	0.0175**	0.407***	0.481***	1				
CDD	-0.00655	-0.0685***	0.498***	-0.0239**	0.00356	0.00155	0.257***	0.00536	0.00671	0.999***	0.999***	0.445***	1			
Crisis	-0.0580***	-0.207***	-0.0771***	0.336***	0.270***	0.341***	0.0363***	-0.00427	-0.0067	0.0519***	0.0518***	0.0219***	0.0519***	1		
CreditE	-0.0503***	-0.0443***	0.372***	-0.0427***	-0.0169*	-0.0239***	0.175***	-0.0197*	0.0321***	0.393***	0.398***	0.231***	0.396***	-0.0296***	1	
GDPgrowth	-0.0385***	0.122***	0.0569***	-0.275***	-0.211***	-0.276***	-0.0048	0.00584	-0.00248	-0.0224***	-0.0218***	-0.00431	-0.0221***	-0.425***	0.0353***	1

Source: Financial data is from FR Y-9C; Various risks exposures are computed from the four-factor model using data from Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP) database and Federal Reserve monthly Statistical Releases.

* p < 0.10, ** p < 0.05, *** p < 0.01.

Table 1.8 provides the regression results. Panel A in Table 1.8 shows that the use of *Interest Rate Derivatives* is positively and significantly (at 1%) associated with systematic interest rate risk exposure for the total sample and two subsamples. This indicates that interest rate derivatives are mainly used speculatively rather than for a hedging purpose: they may be used for fee-generating business such as trading. This result is consistent with previous studies (e.g., Hirtle, 1997; Reichert and Shyu, 2003; Yong et al., 2009).

The results from Panel A show that *C&I Loans*, *Size*, and *Capital Ratio* are positively and significantly associated with systematic interest rate risk for the total sample. This is consistent with previous findings by Elyasiani and Mansur (1998, 2004), Saporoschenko (2002), Reichert and Shyu (2003), and Faff, Hodgson, and Kremmer (2005), and indicates that especially large BHCs with higher lending activities are exposed to higher systematic interest rate risk exposure. *GAP Ratio* is negatively associated with systematic interest rate risk for the total sample and two subsamples. *GDP Growth* has a significant and negative impact on systematic interest rate risk exposure for small BHCs.

Panel B in Table 1.8 analyzes systematic exchange rate risk of BHCs. *Exchange Rate Derivatives* are positively and significantly (at 1%) associated with systematic exchange rate risk for the total sample, large BHCs, and small BHCs. This demonstrates that BHCs are exposed to higher systematic exchange rate risk when they use more exchange rate derivatives. In addition, the economic impact of exchange rate derivatives on systematic exchange rate risk is more pronounced for small BHCs than for large BHCs, indicating that the speculative purpose of exchange rate derivatives is stronger for small BHCs.

Panel B in Table 1.8 also shows that *Foreign Exchange Deposits* are positively associated with systematic exchange rate risk exposure for the total sample and small BHCs, whereas *Assets in Foreign Currencies* are negatively associated with systematic exchange rate risk exposure for large BHCs but positively for small BHCs. The explanation may be that small BHCs are restricted by their small size and international business, and can hardly combine foreign exchange deposit-taking with lending in the same foreign currencies and hedge against systematic exchange rate risk exposure as large BHCs. We also see that *Size* is negatively and significantly associated with systematic exchange rate risk exposure. This may suggest that large BHCs in particular match assets in foreign currencies and foreign exchange deposits in order to lower systematic exchange rate risk exposures.

Panel C of Table 1.8 depicts the systematic credit risk exposure of BHCs. The use of *Credit Derivatives* is positively and significantly related to systematic credit risk exposure for the total sample, large BHCs, and small BHCs. The relationship is stronger for large BHCs than for the total sample or small BHCs. This may indicate that especially large BHCs use credit derivatives predominantly not to hedge, but to further expose themselves towards higher systematic credit risk exposure.

Market Liquidity is negatively and significantly (at 1%) associated with systematic credit risk

exposure. The explanation may be that liquid funds help BHCs mitigate their exposure to systematic credit risk. *Non-Performing Loans* and *Loan Charge-Offs* are negatively associated with systematic credit risk exposure. *Loan Loss Provisions* are positively and significantly associated with systematic credit risk exposure. *Size* and *GDP Growth* are positively and statistically significantly (at 1%) related to systematic credit risk exposure for the total sample and two subsamples.

In short, the use of interest rate derivatives, exchange rate derivatives, and credit derivatives is positively and significantly related to systematic interest rate, exchange rate, and credit risk. This points to the *positive* relationship between financial derivatives and risks in Hypothesis 1.1.

Table 1.8. Determinants of Interest Rate, Exchange Rate, and Credit Risk Betas

	Total BHCs			Large BHCs			Small BHCs		
Panel A: Interest Rate Risk Beta									
Interest Margin	4.542*** (6.26)	0.515 (0.29)	-1.511 (-0.84)	8.028** (1.99)	7.069 (1.59)	-18.22 (-0.37)	4.193*** (5.85)	-0.0947 (-0.05)	13.92*** (3.67)
C&I Loans	-0.385 (-0.99)	2.254** (2.29)	1.266 (1.17)	12.20*** (4.11)	14.28*** (4.32)	0.00425 (0.00)	-0.800** (-2.09)	0.692 (0.72)	-2.458 (-1.52)
Mortgage Loans	0.129 (0.54)	0.694 (1.10)	0.289 (0.46)	9.000*** (3.92)	9.612*** (4.03)	0.305 (0.47)	0.0504 (0.22)	0.195 (0.32)	-0.447 (-0.89)
Other Loans	-1.552*** (-3.22)	-1.234 (-0.98)	1.519 (1.44)	5.139** (2.05)	5.785** (2.02)	0.820 (1.17)	-1.657*** (-3.70)	-3.827*** (-3.19)	-0.412 (-0.34)
Domestic Deposits	-0.861*** (-3.34)	1.696*** (2.93)	-0.0114 (-0.03)	1.615 (0.95)	0.609 (0.34)	-0.230 (-0.48)	-1.580*** (-6.41)	0.396 (0.68)	-0.470 (-0.88)
GAP Ratio	-0.00693 (-1.57)	-0.00453 (-0.93)	-0.0287*** (-4.68)	0.00158 (0.29)	0.00487 (0.83)	-0.00194* (-1.74)	-0.0274 (-1.16)	-0.106** (-2.13)	0.229 (0.87)
Size	0.641*** (10.41)	0.924*** (5.80)	0.270 (0.88)	1.048** (2.58)	1.220*** (2.89)	0.00407 (0.06)	0.474*** (8.65)	0.429*** (3.07)	0.585*** (2.71)
Capital Ratio	0.0952 (0.86)	2.908*** (3.54)	-0.0748 (-0.09)	4.496 (1.08)	3.964 (0.77)	-2.877 (-1.41)	0.0417 (0.69)	1.220 (1.47)	0.146 (1.08)
GDP Growth	-0.00625 (-1.28)	-0.000969 (-0.08)	0.00522 (0.48)	0.0261 (1.12)	0.0260 (1.07)	0.00478 (0.51)	-0.0117** (-2.36)	-0.0397*** (-2.95)	-0.00127 (-0.11)
Interest Rate Derivatives	0.116*** (4.50)	0.145*** (4.59)	0.361* (1.75)	0.0962*** (3.29)	0.111*** (3.25)	0.0116* (1.97)	0.157*** (2.99)	0.201*** (2.93)	0.233** (2.22)
L.Interest Rate Risk Beta			0.441* (1.86)			1.082*** (83.44)			0.534*** (2.78)
<i>N</i>	11795	4348	3837	754	706	725	11041	3642	3169
Adjusted-R2	0.199	0.136		0.473	0.471		0.191	0.0666	
AR(1)			0.040			0.000			0.000
AR(2)			0.747			0.206			0.103
Hansen J Statistic (<i>p</i> -value)		0.429(0.807)	5.76(0.331)		1.59(0.451)	2.62(0.270)		3.165(0.367)	9.44(0.093)
Number of Instruments		23	26		23	23		23	26
Panel B: Exchange Rate Risk Beta									
Assets in Foreign Currencies	-0.621 (-0.61)	-1.794 (-1.55)	0.304 (0.61)	-4.416*** (-3.74)	-4.009*** (-3.08)	1.382 (1.53)	4.864*** (4.88)	3.914*** (3.16)	-0.542 (-1.05)
Foreign Exchange Deposits	1.089* (1.73)	-0.322 (-0.36)	-0.0216 (-0.02)	-1.528 (-1.44)	-2.443** (-2.01)	0.189 (0.11)	1.450** (1.98)	-1.463 (-1.18)	0.393 (0.39)
Size	-0.134*** (-2.69)	-0.278*** (-3.59)	0.250** (2.06)	0.164 (1.20)	0.0959 (0.69)	0.129 (0.31)	-0.118** (-2.23)	-0.224** (-2.45)	0.272** (2.10)
Capital Ratio	-0.0405 (-0.78)	-0.359 (-0.87)	0.224 (0.80)	-2.406 (-1.15)	-2.835 (-1.17)	0.650 (0.24)	-0.0499 (-0.87)	-0.214 (-0.59)	0.249 (0.87)
GDP Growth	0.0169*** (3.15)	0.0167** (2.17)	-0.00672 (-0.91)	0.0257 (1.41)	0.0188 (0.99)	0.0162 (0.85)	0.0169*** (3.04)	0.0228*** (2.78)	-0.0124 (-1.58)
Exchange Rate Derivatives	0.545***	0.656***	0.152***	0.721***	0.857***	0.102*	0.791***	0.921***	0.134***

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	Total BHCs			Large BHCs			Small BHCs		
	(6.31)	(5.69)	(4.95)	(6.84)	(5.95)	(1.81)	(5.29)	(4.15)	(4.61)
L. Exchange Rate Risk Beta			0.991*** (10.68)			1.557*** (4.08)			0.984*** (10.42)
<i>N</i>	11803	4349	3835	759	711	682	11044	3638	3153
Adjusted-R2	0.165	0.205		0.404	0.404		0.160	0.193	
AR(1)			0.000			0.036			0.000
AR(2)			0.476			0.131			0.541
Hansen J Statistic (<i>p</i> -value)		4.97(0.147)	1.75(0.626)		0.120(0.942)	2.70(0.746)		4.503(0.105)	1.99(0.737)
Number of Instruments		19	20		19	22		19	21
Panel C: Credit Risk Beta									
Market Liquidity	-0.511*** (-9.38)	-0.440*** (-5.48)	-0.0904 (-1.21)	-0.253 (-1.11)	-0.438* (-1.95)	-0.274 (-0.05)	-0.518*** (-9.23)	-0.463*** (-5.53)	0.118 (1.11)
Funding Liquidity	-0.388*** (-2.94)	-0.661*** (-4.02)	0.0333 (0.32)	-1.562*** (-3.59)	-1.601*** (-3.76)	13.63** (2.13)	-0.346** (-2.48)	-0.545*** (-3.02)	-0.0266 (-0.21)
Non-Performing Loans	-4.717*** (-11.39)	-3.149*** (-6.25)	-0.510 (-1.56)	-11.42*** (-7.45)	-12.54*** (-8.51)	-39.86 (-0.07)	-4.269*** (-10.17)	-1.574*** (-3.23)	0.231 (0.75)
Loan Charge-Offs	-5.922*** (-2.68)	-4.519* (-1.94)	-0.267 (-0.26)	-17.73*** (-3.13)	-23.53*** (-5.16)	-41.32 (-1.22)	-3.878* (-1.65)	-0.766 (-0.33)	0.148 (0.12)
Loan Loss Provisions	6.488*** (3.19)	4.983** (2.21)	0.334 (0.31)	12.56*** (2.70)	16.66*** (3.91)	80.43** (2.82)	5.592*** (2.60)	2.595 (1.15)	2.839** (2.35)
Size	0.0496*** (2.83)	-0.00236 (-0.09)	-0.0175 (-0.58)	0.207*** (4.14)	0.277*** (5.99)	-0.388 (-0.72)	0.0658*** (3.60)	0.0267 (0.93)	0.00513 (0.11)
Capital Ratio	-0.00646 (-0.69)	-0.0208 (-0.24)	0.126** (2.05)	2.162*** (3.03)	1.720** (2.16)	-33.13* (-1.82)	-0.00130 (-0.11)	0.0688 (0.78)	0.0879 (1.00)
GDP Growth	0.00617*** (3.40)	0.00612** (2.23)	0.00575** (2.04)	0.0161** (2.41)	0.0164** (2.54)	-0.0677 (-1.63)	0.00520*** (2.80)	0.00439 (1.52)	0.00694* (1.67)
Credit Derivatives	0.0761*** (4.73)	0.0738*** (4.35)	0.0264** (2.51)	0.103*** (5.88)	0.0960*** (5.77)	0.995*** (3.65)	0.0708* (1.76)	0.101 (1.41)	0.0466*** (3.32)
L. Credit Risk Beta			-0.683*** (-7.34)			0.0664 (0.19)			0.901*** (7.31)
<i>N</i>	10984	4114	3655	697	667	646	10287	3447	3009
Adjusted-R2	0.163	0.218		0.594	0.620		0.149	0.168	
AR(1)			0.000			0.002			0.000
AR(2)			0.785			0.480			0.127
Hansen J Statistic (<i>p</i> -value)		1.166(0.558)	1.94(0.585)		0.171(0.679)	6.91(0.960)		3.365(0.339)	3.34(0.342)
Number of Instruments		21	22		21	34		21	22
Estimation Method	FE	IV	GMM	FE	IV	GMM	FE	IV	GMM

Note: The dependent variable in each Panel is our estimates of risk beta of each BHC *i* at the start time *t* of four-year rolling window regression in the first-stage. We weight each observation by the inverse of the standard error of beta coefficients in the first-stage estimation. The regressions included bank-specific fixed effects and yearly dummy variables. Heteroskedasticity-consistent standard errors are used and *t* statistics are reported in parentheses. **p*< 0.10, ***p*< 0.05, ****p*< 0.01.

Source: Financial data is from FR Y-9C; Risk betas are computed from the four-factor model using data from Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP) database and Federal Reserve monthly.

1.6.3 Purposes of financial derivatives and systematic risk exposures

To further depict the relationship between risks and financial derivatives, we analyze how financial derivatives for trading and financial derivatives for hedging affect systematic interest rate risk, exchange rate risk, and credit risk exposures, and we analyze the impact of bank capital ratio and bank size.^{22, 23}

Panel A in Table 1.9 shows that the positive relationship between financial derivatives and systematic interest rate risk is more pronounced for BHCs with a higher total capital ratio and tier 1 ratio. *Interest Rate Derivatives for Trading* and *Interest Rate Derivatives for Hedging* are both positively and significantly related to systematic interest rate risk (column 5). For BHCs with higher *Capital Ratio*, *Tier 1 Ratio*, and *Size*, the positive impact of *Interest Rate Derivatives for Trading* on systematic interest rate risk becomes stronger, whereas the impact of *Interest Rate Derivatives for Hedging* weakens (or is insignificant).

Panel B in Table 1.9 shows that the positive relationship between exchange rate derivatives and systematic exchange rate risk is more pronounced for larger BHCs. *Exchange Rate Derivatives for Trading* and *Exchange Rate Derivatives for Hedging* are both significantly and positively related to systematic exchange rate risk. For large BHCs and for BHCs with higher *Capital Ratio* and *Tier 1 Ratio*, the positive relationship between *Exchange Rate Derivatives for Trading* and systematic exchange rate risk becomes more pronounced, whereas the positive relationship between *Exchange Rate Derivatives for Hedging* and systematic exchange rate risk weakens (or the impact is insignificant).

Panel C in Table 1.9 shows that the positive relationship between credit derivatives and systematic credit risk becomes more pronounced for larger BHCs and for BHCs with lower *Capital Ratio* and *Tier 1 Ratio*. *Gross Credit Protection* and *Net Credit Protection Bought* are significantly and positively related to systematic credit risk, but this positive relationship becomes less pronounced for BHCs with higher *Capital Ratio* and *Tier 1 Ratio*. The positive relationship between *Gross Credit Protection* and systematic credit risk weakens for larger BHCs (but with low statistical significance), whereas the positive relationship between *Net Protection Bought* and systematic credit risk becomes more pronounced.

Consistent with our expectations in Hypotheses 1.1a and 1.1b, both financial derivatives for hedging and financial derivatives for trading impact systematic risks of BHCs. We show that this relationship is positive and highly statistically significant. This result suggests that the real

²² Bank regulatory reports separate financial derivatives (interest rate, foreign exchange, commodity, and equity derivatives) held for trading purposes and for purposes other than trading, but do not separately report credit derivatives held for trading and for hedging purposes. Hence, similar to Minton, Stulz, and Williamson (2009) and Hirtle (2009), we use net credit protection bought, which is the difference between the notional principal of credit derivatives on which the bank is a beneficiary (*Credit Protection Bought*) and the notional principal amount of credit derivatives on which the bank is a guarantor (*Credit Protection Sold*) as a measure of the extent to which BHCs use credit derivatives to hedge credit risk.

²³ We also included the dummy variable *SIFI* in the regression, but it was dropped from the model due to collinearity.

impact of financial derivatives for hedging on systematic risk exposure is inconsistent with their reported purpose.

Our empirical findings support Hypothesis 1.3, which states that the positive relationship between financial derivatives and risks is stronger for larger BHCs (especially for *Exchange Rate Derivatives* and *Credit Derivatives*). We also find empirical support for Hypothesis 1.2, which states that the relationship between financial derivatives and risk is influenced by the BHC's capital strength. The sign of the relationship, however, changes across the types of the financial derivatives. *Capital Ratio* and *Tier 1 Ratio* significantly strengthen the positive relationship between *Interest Rate Derivatives* and systematic interest rate risk, and weaken the positive relation between *Credit Derivatives* and systematic credit risk. High capital reinforces the positive relationship between financial derivatives for trading and systematic risks, but weakens the positive relationship between financial derivatives for hedging and systematic risk. This may indicate that weakly capitalized banks classify more derivatives as hedging derivatives to be treated more favorably by the regulator, which strengthens the positive relation between financial derivatives for hedging and systematic risk.

Table 1.9. Determinants of Interest Rate, Exchange Rate, and Credit Risk Betas, and Interaction Terms

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Panel A: Interest Rate Risk Beta									
Interest Margin	4.426*** (6.10)	2.876*** (4.71)	4.546*** (6.26)	4.529*** (6.24)	4.433*** (6.12)	4.313*** (5.93)	2.876*** (4.73)	4.378*** (6.04)	4.409*** (6.09)
C&I Loans	-0.371 (-0.95)	0.194 (0.73)	-0.396 (-1.02)	-0.365 (-0.94)	-0.333 (-0.86)	-0.321 (-0.82)	0.266 (1.01)	-0.325 (-0.84)	-0.361 (-0.93)
Mortgage Loans	0.155 (0.66)	-0.434*** (-2.66)	0.133 (0.56)	0.132 (0.56)	0.162 (0.69)	0.188 (0.80)	-0.444*** (-2.74)	0.208 (0.88)	0.163 (0.70)
Other Loans	-1.617*** (-3.36)	-0.651** (-2.13)	-1.581*** (-3.29)	-1.554*** (-3.23)	-1.465*** (-3.05)	-1.543*** (-3.24)	-0.565* (-1.88)	-1.494*** (-3.11)	-1.349*** (-2.84)
Domestic Deposits	-0.860*** (-3.34)	-0.530*** (-2.84)	-0.901*** (-3.49)	-0.842*** (-3.28)	-0.747*** (-2.92)	-0.750*** (-2.91)	-0.485*** (-2.63)	-0.822*** (-3.21)	-0.743*** (-2.91)
GAP Ratio	-0.00717 (-1.62)	-0.00745* (-1.67)	-0.00702 (-1.59)	-0.00694 (-1.57)	-0.00604 (-1.37)	-0.00644 (-1.45)	-0.00607 (-1.36)	-0.00518 (-1.16)	-0.00773* (-1.71)
Size	0.633*** (10.36)	0.422*** (11.25)	0.627*** (10.24)	0.645*** (10.54)	0.665*** (10.90)	0.657*** (10.68)	0.426*** (11.53)	0.637*** (10.53)	0.664*** (10.89)
Capital Ratio	0.0842 (0.83)		0.0932 (0.85)	0.0958 (0.86)	0.1000 (0.86)	0.0880 (0.84)		0.0966 (0.86)	0.102 (0.86)
Tier1 Ratio		1.466*** (2.62)					1.835*** (3.45)		
GDP Growth	-0.00558 (-1.14)	-0.0139*** (-3.50)	-0.00630 (-1.29)	-0.00643 (-1.32)	-0.00652 (-1.34)	-0.00589 (-1.21)	-0.0128*** (-3.24)	-0.00649 (-1.33)	-0.00613 (-1.26)
Interest Rate Derivatives	-0.142** (-2.38)	-0.0910*** (-2.68)	-0.162 (-0.77)	0.169*** (3.05)					
Capital Ratio * Interest Rate Derivatives	2.122*** (4.37)								
Tier1 Ratio * Interest Rate Derivatives		2.778*** (4.23)							
Size * Interest Rate Derivatives			0.0133 (1.32)						
SIFI * Interest Rate Derivatives				-0.0583 (-0.94)					
Interest Rate Derivatives for Trading					0.101*** (4.15)	-0.145** (-2.41)	-0.111*** (-3.23)	-0.718*** (-3.80)	-0.0908*** (-2.70)
Interest Rate Derivatives for Hedging					0.475*** (4.87)	0.0688 (0.13)	1.123*** (3.34)	-1.609 (-1.25)	0.563*** (6.07)
Capital Ratio * Interest Rate Derivatives for Trading							2.029***		

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
						(4.09)			
Capital Ratio * Interest Rate Derivatives for Hedging						3.009			
						(0.78)			
Tier1 Ratio * Interest Rate Derivatives for Trading							2.861***		
							(4.15)		
Tier1 Ratio*Interest Rate Derivatives for Hedging							-7.456*		
							(-1.92)		
Size * Interest Rate Derivatives for Trading								0.0389***	
								(4.19)	
Size * Interest Rate Derivatives for Hedging								0.127	
								(1.58)	
SIFI * Interest Rate Derivatives for Trading									0.203***
									(4.66)
SIFI * Interest Rate Derivatives for Hedging									-0.843*
<i>N</i>	11795	15042	11795	11795	11799	11799	15046	11799	11799
Adjusted-R2	0.201	0.191	0.199	0.199	0.200	0.202	0.193	0.201	0.201
Panel B: Exchange Rate Risk Beta									
Assets in Foreign Currencies	-0.658	-0.495	-0.617	-0.747	-0.686	-2.136*	-1.622	-0.850	-1.011
	(-0.64)	(-0.48)	(-0.61)	(-0.72)	(-0.66)	(-1.89)	(-1.51)	(-0.80)	(-0.94)
Foreign Exchange Deposits	1.210**	1.083*	1.614***	1.230*	1.201*	1.473**	1.397**	1.782***	1.303**
	(1.97)	(1.73)	(2.63)	(1.95)	(1.92)	(2.46)	(2.29)	(2.91)	(2.08)
Size	-0.136***	-0.143***	-0.150***	-0.132***	-0.140***	-0.143***	-0.157***	-0.159***	-0.141***
	(-2.74)	(-2.75)	(-2.99)	(-2.65)	(-2.80)	(-2.88)	(-3.01)	(-3.17)	(-2.83)
Capital Ratio	-0.0438		-0.0458	-0.0406	-0.0416	-0.0440		-0.0477	-0.0421
	(-0.81)		(-0.83)	(-0.78)	(-0.79)	(-0.82)		(-0.84)	(-0.79)
Tier1 Ratio		-0.420					-0.640		
		(-0.88)					(-1.30)		
GDP Growth	0.0168***	0.0168***	0.0167***	0.0169***	0.0168***	0.0165***	0.0169***	0.0166***	0.0168***
	(3.13)	(3.14)	(3.13)	(3.17)	(3.15)	(3.08)	(3.14)	(3.11)	(3.14)
Exchange Rate Derivatives	0.381***	0.472***	-1.697**	0.796***					
	(2.60)	(3.33)	(-2.36)	(5.47)					
Capital Ratio * Exchange Rate Derivatives	1.012								
	(1.35)								
Tier1 Ratio * Exchange Rate Derivatives		1.052							
		(0.64)							
Size * Exchange Rate Derivatives			0.115***						
			(3.15)						

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
SIFI * Exchange Rate Derivatives				-0.307* (-1.79)					
Exchange Rate Derivatives for Trading					0.501*** (5.66)	0.248* (1.75)	0.328** (2.43)	-1.717** (-2.13)	0.672*** (4.42)
Exchange Rate Derivatives for Hedging					2.316*** (4.67)	11.41*** (3.78)	8.873*** (5.18)	-13.31 (-0.94)	2.073*** (4.44)
Capital Ratio * ExchangeRate Derivatives for Trading						1.335* (1.83)			
CapitalRatio*Exchange RateDerivatives forHedging						-49.39*** (-3.56)			
Tier1 Ratio * Exchange Rate Derivatives for Trading							2.096 (1.32)		
Tier1 Ratio * Exchange Rate Derivatives for Hedging							-91.64*** (-4.25)		
Size * Exchange Rate Derivatives for Trading								0.112*** (2.71)	
Size * Exchange Rate Derivatives for Hedging								0.929 (1.09)	
SIFI * Exchange Rate Derivatives for Trading									-0.261 (-1.44)
SIFI * Exchange Rate Derivatives for Hedging									5.902* (1.79)
<i>N</i>	11803	11802	11803	11803	11803	11803	11802	11803	11803
Adjusted-R2	0.165	0.165	0.165	0.165	0.165	0.167	0.167	0.166	0.166
Panel C: Credit Risk Beta									
Market Liquidity	-0.503*** (-9.23)	-0.507*** (-9.31)	-0.393*** (-6.37)	-0.511*** (-9.37)	-0.512*** (-9.39)	-0.503*** (-9.23)	-0.505*** (-9.28)	-0.507*** (-9.29)	-0.511*** (-9.38)
Funding Liquidity	-0.393*** (-2.98)	-0.397*** (-3.01)	-0.139 (-1.01)	-0.389*** (-2.94)	-0.389*** (-2.94)	-0.412*** (-3.13)	-0.411*** (-3.11)	-0.384*** (-2.90)	-0.389*** (-2.94)
Non-Performing Loans	-4.694*** (-11.35)	-4.679*** (-11.26)	-4.416*** (-8.03)	-4.716*** (-11.39)	-4.712*** (-11.38)	-4.689*** (-11.33)	-4.659*** (-11.22)	-4.706*** (-11.38)	-4.709*** (-11.37)
Loan Charge-Offs	-5.644** (-2.56)	-5.713** (-2.56)	-3.515 (-1.32)	-5.920*** (-2.68)	-5.918*** (-2.68)	-5.593** (-2.54)	-5.475** (-2.46)	-5.861*** (-2.65)	-5.905*** (-2.68)
Loan Loss Provisions	6.249*** (3.07)	6.299*** (3.07)	4.552* (1.88)	6.485*** (3.19)	6.490*** (3.19)	6.203*** (3.05)	6.011*** (2.93)	6.388*** (3.13)	6.470*** (3.18)
Size	0.0501*** (2.86)	0.0444** (2.41)	0.103*** (5.38)	0.0495*** (2.83)	0.0495*** (2.83)	0.0476*** (2.71)	0.0453** (2.47)	0.0517*** (2.94)	0.0496*** (2.83)
Capital Ratio	-0.00527 (-0.54)		-0.0104 (-1.25)	-0.00646 (-0.69)	-0.00646 (-0.69)	-0.00483 (-0.49)		-0.00573 (-0.60)	-0.00640 (-0.68)

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	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Tier1 Ratio		-0.211 (-1.36)					-0.196 (-1.28)		
GDP Growth	0.00615*** (3.39)	0.00628*** (3.46)	0.00453** (2.36)	0.00617*** (3.40)	0.00614*** (3.38)	0.00601*** (3.32)	0.00617*** (3.40)	0.00617*** (3.40)	0.00615*** (3.39)
Credit Derivatives	0.511*** (6.12)	0.371*** (4.60)	0.0599*** (3.83)	0.0702* (1.73)					
Capital Ratio * Credit Derivatives	-3.116*** (-5.01)								
Tier1 Ratio * Credit Derivatives		-4.753*** (-3.73)							
Size * Credit Derivatives			0.0329*** (10.66)						
SIFI * Credit Derivatives				0.00645 (0.15)					
Gross Credit Protection					0.0704*** (4.26)	0.333*** (3.72)	0.168* (1.69)	1.540* (1.76)	0.0739 (1.42)
Net Credit Protection Bought					0.337** (2.12)	11.09*** (4.23)	11.52*** (4.05)	-16.35*** (-2.64)	-0.133 (-0.11)
Capital Ratio * Gross Credit Protection						-1.655** (-2.41)			
Capital Ratio * Net Credit Protection Bought						-89.72*** (-4.12)			
Tier1 Ratio * Gross Credit Protection							-1.563 (-1.00)		
Tier1 Ratio * Net Credit Protection Bought							-185.7*** (-3.96)		
Size * Gross Credit Protection								-0.0693* (-1.69)	
Size * Net Credit Protection Bought								0.791*** (2.71)	
SIFI * Gross Credit Protection									-0.00292 (-0.05)
SIFI * Net Credit Protection Bought									0.486 (0.40)
<i>N</i>	10984	10983	9720	10984	10984	10984	10983	10984	10984
Adjusted-R2	0.164	0.164	0.185	0.163	0.163	0.165	0.165	0.163	0.163
Estimation Method	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE

Note. The dependent variable in each Panel is our estimates of risk beta of each BHC i at the start time t of four-year rolling window regression in the first-stage. We weight each observation by the inverse of the standard error of beta coefficients in the first-stage estimation. The regressions included bank-specific fixed effects and yearly dummy variables. Heteroskedasticity-consistent standard errors are used and t statistics are reported in parentheses. * $p < 0.10$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$.

Source: Financial data is from FR Y-9C; Risk betas are computed from the four-factor model using data from Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP) database and Federal Reserve monthly Statistical Releases.

1.6.4 The global financial crisis and financial derivatives

We now analyze the impact of the global financial crisis on the relationship between financial derivatives and systematic risk exposures. Table 1.10 shows that the positive relationship between financial derivatives and systematic risk exposures remains unchanged when we include the crisis dummy *Crisis*. *Crisis* has a negative (but largely insignificant) impact on systematic interest rate risk, a positive and insignificant impact on systematic exchange rate risk, and a positive and highly significant impact on systematic credit risk. During the global financial crisis, the positive relationship between *Interest Rate Derivatives* and systematic interest rate risk intensifies, whereas the positive relation between *Credit Derivatives* and systematic credit risk becomes less pronounced. *Crisis* increases the positive relationship between financial derivatives for hedging and systematic interest rate risk, whereas it decreases the positive relationship between *Gross Credit Protection* and systematic credit risk. This provides some (but limited) evidence that during the crisis, BHCs strove to classify more financial derivatives as derivatives for hedging purposes, which strengthens the positive relationship between derivatives for hedging and systematic risks.

Table 1.10. Impact of Financial Crisis on the Determinants of Interest Rate, Exchange Rate, and Credit Risk

Variable	Betas			
	1	2	3	4
Panel A: Interest Rate Risk Beta				
Interest Margin	4.660*** (6.04)	4.658*** (6.03)	4.526*** (5.87)	4.449*** (5.81)
C&I Loans	-0.380 (-0.98)	-0.393 (-1.01)	-0.329 (-0.85)	-0.420 (-1.09)
Mortgage Loans	0.130 (0.55)	0.142 (0.60)	0.163 (0.69)	0.334 (1.42)
Other Loans	-1.546*** (-3.21)	-1.543*** (-3.20)	-1.461*** (-3.04)	-1.319*** (-2.80)
Domestic Deposits	-0.869*** (-3.36)	-0.887*** (-3.43)	-0.755*** (-2.93)	-0.745*** (-2.90)
GAP Ratio	-0.00694 (-1.57)	-0.00699 (-1.58)	-0.00605 (-1.37)	-0.00466 (-1.05)
Size	0.641*** (10.41)	0.631*** (10.28)	0.665*** (10.90)	0.636*** (10.78)
Capital Ratio	0.0954 (0.86)	0.0934 (0.86)	0.100 (0.87)	0.101 (0.94)
GDP Growth	-0.00624 (-1.28)	-0.00599 (-1.23)	-0.00651 (-1.34)	-0.00510 (-1.05)
Interest Rate Derivatives	0.116*** (4.50)	0.103*** (4.00)		
Crisis	-0.0218 (-0.74)	-0.0279 (-0.95)	-0.0172 (-0.59)	-0.118*** (-3.56)
Crisis * Interest Rate Derivatives		0.0191* (1.65)		
Interest Rate Derivatives for Trading			0.101*** (4.15)	0.0827*** (3.48)
Interest Rate Derivatives for Hedging			0.474*** (4.87)	0.463*** (4.98)
Crisis * Interest Rate Derivatives for Trading				0.0146 (1.50)
Crisis * Interest Rate Derivatives for Hedging				3.029*** (5.38)
<i>N</i>	11795	11795	11799	11799
Adjusted-R2	0.199	0.199	0.200	0.209
Panel B: Exchange Rate Risk Beta				

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Variable	Betas			
	1	2	3	4
Assets in Foreign Currencies	-0.616 (-0.61)	-0.562 (-0.54)	-0.681 (-0.66)	-0.546 (-0.52)
Foreign Exchange Deposits	1.094* (1.74)	1.130* (1.80)	1.206* (1.93)	1.284** (2.06)
Size	-0.136*** (-2.73)	-0.139*** (-2.79)	-0.142*** (-2.84)	-0.146*** (-2.92)
Capital Ratio	-0.0418 (-0.82)	-0.0432 (-0.83)	-0.0429 (-0.82)	-0.0450 (-0.84)
GDP Growth	0.0169*** (3.15)	0.0168*** (3.14)	0.0168*** (3.15)	0.0167*** (3.12)
Exchange Rate Derivatives	0.545*** (6.30)	0.516*** (5.82)		
Crisis	0.0455 (1.18)	0.0434 (1.12)	0.0483 (1.25)	0.0478 (1.23)
Crisis * Exchange Rate Derivatives		0.0385 (1.06)		
Exchange Rate Derivatives for Trading			0.500*** (5.65)	0.467*** (5.14)
Exchange Rate Derivatives for Hedging			2.330*** (4.72)	2.374*** (4.75)
Crisis * Exchange Rate Derivatives for Trading				0.0581 (1.48)
Crisis * Exchange Rate Derivatives for Hedging				-2.288 (-1.26)
<i>N</i>	11803	11803	11803	11803
Adjusted-R2	0.165	0.165	0.165	0.165
Panel C: Credit Risk Beta				
Market Liquidity	-0.506*** (-9.29)	-0.506*** (-9.29)	-0.507*** (-9.30)	-0.507*** (-9.31)
Funding Liquidity	-0.367*** (-2.77)	-0.373*** (-2.82)	-0.367*** (-2.77)	-0.375*** (-2.83)
Non-Performing Loans	-4.747*** (-11.45)	-4.747*** (-11.45)	-4.742*** (-11.44)	-4.741*** (-11.43)
Loan Charge-Offs	-5.977*** (-2.71)	-5.999*** (-2.72)	-5.972*** (-2.71)	-6.003*** (-2.72)
Loan Loss Provisions	6.401*** (3.15)	6.438*** (3.16)	6.403*** (3.15)	6.451*** (3.17)
Size	0.0482*** (2.75)	0.0482*** (2.75)	0.0481*** (2.75)	0.0481*** (2.75)
Capital Ratio	-0.00750 (-0.79)	-0.00732 (-0.76)	-0.00750 (-0.79)	-0.00732 (-0.76)
GDP Growth	0.00615*** (3.39)	0.00607*** (3.35)	0.00612*** (3.37)	0.00601*** (3.32)
Credit Derivatives	0.0756*** (4.70)	0.121** (6.08)		
Crisis	0.0353*** (3.17)	0.0364*** (3.27)	0.0353*** (3.18)	0.0371*** (3.33)
Crisis * Credit Derivatives		-0.0499*** (-3.83)		
Gross Credit Protection			0.0699*** (4.22)	0.117*** (5.90)
Net Credit Protection Bought			0.338** (2.12)	0.584** (2.37)
Crisis * Gross Credit Protection				-0.0482*** (-3.67)
Crisis * Net Credit Protection Bought				-0.392 (-1.18)
<i>N</i>	10984	10984	10984	10984
Adjusted-R2	0.163	0.164	0.163	0.164
Estimation Method	FE	FE	FE	FE

Note. The dependent variable in each Panel is our estimates of risk beta of each BHC i at the start time t of four-year rolling window regression in the first-stage. We weight each observation by the inverse of the standard error of beta coefficients in the first-stage estimation. The regressions included bank-specific fixed effects and yearly dummy variables. Heteroskedasticity-consistent standard errors are used and t statistics are reported in parentheses. * $p < 0.10$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$.

Source: Financial data is from FR Y-9C; Risk betas are computed from the four-factor model using data from Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP) database and Federal Reserve monthly Statistical Releases.

1.6.5 The impact of financial derivatives on market risk and idiosyncratic risk

We now test the impact of financial derivatives on idiosyncratic risk (Table 1.11) and market risk (Table 1.12). Given the bounded nature of idiosyncratic risk ($1 - R^2$), we use its logistic transformation risk (i.e., $\log\left(\frac{1-R^2}{R^2}\right)$) as the dependent variable in Table 1.11. Table 1.11 shows that larger and well-capitalized BHCs face higher idiosyncratic risk than smaller and weakly-capitalized BHCs. The relationship between total financial derivatives and idiosyncratic risk is negative and significant (especially for financial derivatives for trading). The negative relationship exists between exchange rate derivatives and idiosyncratic risk. Interest rate derivatives are negatively related to idiosyncratic risk for total BHCs and for large BHCs, but positively for small BHCs. Credit derivatives are positively associated with idiosyncratic risk for total BHCs, but negatively for small BHCs.

Table 1.12 indicates that larger BHCs and BHCs with higher capital ratios are exposed to higher market risk. The relationship between financial derivatives and market risk varies across types of financial derivatives: *Exchange Rate Derivatives* are negatively and significantly related to market risk, whereas *Interest Rate Derivatives* are positively related to market risk.²⁴

²⁴ To assess the reliability of our results, we conducted several robustness checks. We used the change in the difference between BBB bond yield and the risk-free rate in the first-stage regression as an alternative definition of *Credit Risk*. In addition, we used several different instrument variables in our estimations. Our findings are qualitatively robust compared to alternative specifications. The robustness checks results can be found in Appendix A from Table A.2 to Table A.10.

Table 1.11. The Impact of Financial Derivatives on Scaled Idiosyncratic Risk ($1 - R^2$)

Variable	Total BHCs				Large BHCs			Small BHCs		
Idiosyncratic Risk										
Size	0.227*** (6.51)	0.423*** (8.29)	0.232*** (6.63)	0.232*** (6.63)	0.426*** (4.43)	0.488*** (4.91)	0.470*** (5.18)	0.202*** (5.51)	0.428*** (7.29)	0.208*** (5.63)
Capital Ratio	-0.0579** (-2.44)	0.518** (2.15)	-0.0576** (-2.43)	-0.0575** (-2.42)	2.797** (2.33)	2.289 (1.62)	4.040*** (3.20)	-0.0678** (-2.42)	0.513** (1.98)	-0.0722** (-2.36)
GDP Growth	0.000744 (0.19)	0.0143** (2.55)	0.000905 (0.24)	0.000911 (0.24)	0.0356** (2.45)	0.0245* (1.76)	0.0379*** (2.61)	-0.00337 (-0.85)	0.00681 (1.14)	-0.00307 (-0.77)
Interest Rate Derivatives	-0.0363*** (-4.43)	-0.0358*** (-3.81)			-0.0302*** (-4.50)	-0.0317*** (-4.21)		0.0483* (1.94)	0.0659* (1.92)	
Exchange Rate Derivatives	-0.368*** (-6.33)	-0.441*** (-7.07)			-0.316*** (-6.72)	-0.375*** (-6.74)		-1.027*** (-4.71)	-0.975*** (-4.69)	
Credit Derivatives	0.0857* (1.82)	0.0265 (0.52)			-0.00177 (-0.04)	0.00331 (0.07)		-0.319** (-2.22)	-0.615** (-2.33)	
Total Financial Derivatives			-0.0393*** (-5.22)							
Financial Derivatives for Trading				-0.0394*** (-5.18)			-0.0367*** (-5.86)			-0.0519** (-2.39)
Financial Derivatives for Hedging				-0.0312 (-0.73)			-0.223*** (-2.91)			0.00721 (0.15)
<i>N</i>	11888	4374	11888	11888	757	709	757	11131	3670	11131
Adjusted-R2	0.281	0.421	0.279	0.279	0.591	0.616	0.577	0.269	0.401	0.266
Hansen J Statistic (<i>p</i> -value)		2.40(0.301)				4.98(0.09)			3.83(0.147)	
Number of Instruments		18				18			18	
Estimation Method	FE	IV	FE	FE	FE	IV	FE	FE	IV	FE

Note. The dependent variable in each Panel is the logistic transformation of $1 - R^2$, which is $\log\left(\frac{1-R^2}{R^2}\right)$. We weight each observation by the inverse of the standard error of beta coefficients in the first-stage estimation. The regressions included bank-specific fixed effects and yearly dummy variables. Heteroskedasticity-consistent standard errors are used and *t* statistics are reported in parentheses. **p* < 0.10, ***p* < 0.05, ****p* < 0.01.

Source: Financial data is from FR Y-9C; Risk betas are computed based on the four-factor model using data from Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP) database and Federal Reserve monthly Statistical Releases.

Table 1.12. The Impact of Financial Derivatives on Market Risk Beta

Variable	Total Sample		Large BHCs		Small BHCs	
Market Risk Beta						
Size	0.308*** (13.83)	0.350*** (10.24)	0.345*** (4.03)	0.384*** (4.03)	0.288*** (12.51)	0.303*** (8.19)
Capital Ratio	0.0594 (1.13)	0.596*** (3.41)	3.610*** (2.81)	2.429 (1.53)	0.0418 (1.15)	0.408** (2.41)
GDP Growth	0.00554** (2.30)	0.00246 (0.61)	0.0235* (1.89)	0.0180 (1.45)	0.00203 (0.85)	-0.00673* (-1.75)
Interest Rate Derivatives	0.0415*** (5.02)	0.0454*** (5.19)	0.0557*** (7.08)	0.0607*** (7.06)	0.00450 (0.24)	-0.0142 (-0.51)
Exchange Rate Derivatives	-0.452*** (-11.25)	-0.523*** (-10.50)	-0.596*** (-12.90)	-0.683*** (-10.61)	-0.513*** (-3.97)	-0.434*** (-3.20)
Credit Derivatives	0.0134 (0.25)	-0.0253 (-0.45)	-0.149*** (-2.62)	-0.151** (-2.51)	-0.0776* (-1.80)	-0.175 (-1.63)
<i>N</i>	11888	4379	757	722	11131	3670
Adjusted-R2	0.429	0.511	0.655	0.663	0.415	0.481
Hansen J Statistic (<i>p</i> -value)		3.08(0.215)		2.124(0.145)		2.323(0.313)
Number of Instruments		18		18		18
Estimation Method	FE	IV	FE	IV	FE	IV

Note. The dependent variable in each Panel is our estimates of risk beta of each BHC *i* at the start time *t* of four-year rolling window regression in the first-stage. We weight each observation by the inverse of the standard error of beta coefficients in the first-stage estimation. The regressions included bank-specific fixed effects and yearly dummy variables. Heteroskedasticity-consistent standard errors are used and *t* statistics are reported in parentheses. * *p* < 0.10, ** *p* < 0.05, *** *p* < 0.01.

Source: Financial data is from FR Y-9C; Risk betas are computed based on the four-factor model using data from Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP) database and Federal Reserve monthly Statistical Releases.

1.7 Main Findings

We examine whether financial derivatives magnify or mitigate systematic interest rate risk, exchange rate risk, and credit risk of publicly traded U.S. BHCs from 1997 to 2012. In the first-stage regression, we obtain betas that measure systematic interest rate risk, exchange rate risk, and credit risk. In the second stage, we regress risk betas generated in the first stage against financial derivatives variables.

We show that financial derivatives are positively and significantly related to systematic risk exposures of BHCs. Higher use of interest rate derivatives, exchange rate derivatives, and credit derivatives corresponds to greater systematic interest rate risk, exchange rate risk, and credit risk. The positive relationship strengthens with the size of a BHC. We establish a positive relationship between trading derivatives and risks as well as between hedging derivatives and risks.

Policy implications immediately follow. Our analysis shows that further caution is needed regarding BHCs' engagement in the derivatives business, giving further support for limiting the use of financial derivatives across BHCs. Many recent regulatory attempts aim to separate commercial banking from more risky banking activities, such as engagement in proprietary trading (see the Volker rule under the Dodd–Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and Independent Commission on Banking, 2011; Boot and Ratnovksi, 2013 for theoretical analysis). Regulators need to think how to reverse the positive relationship between derivatives and systematic risks and at the same time preserve the efficiency of bank risk management (see also Thakor (2012b)). In this light, regulators aim to separate financial derivatives that are used for hedging from the ones generated in the proprietary trading business. The problem that may occur is that it is difficult to determine when financial derivatives are used for trading purposes and when for hedging purposes. We show that financial derivatives for hedging (and trading) purposes are associated with higher systematic risks of BHCs. This indicates that prohibiting financial derivatives for trading may give a false sense of safety because risks may then concentrate in financial derivatives for hedging purposes.

2 QUALITY OF BANK CAPITAL AND BANK LENDING BEHAVIOR DURING THE GLOBAL FINANCIAL CRISIS²⁵

2.1 Overview

Using a worldwide bank sample from 2000 to 2010, this chapter analyzes the determinants of bank lending behavior during the global financial crisis, highlighting the role of bank capital. It reveals that the high quality of the bank funding strategy (tier 1 bank capital and retail deposits) and prevalent government backing were crucial to continuous bank lending during the crisis period. This effect was especially pronounced in non-OECD and BRIC countries. It also points out that, although higher use of tier 2 capital and interbank deposits could be important for increased lending during a normal period, this did not support lending activities during the financial crisis. This chapter concludes by suggesting that in crisis periods, high-quality bank capital is a bank's competitive strength.

2.2 Introduction

The global financial crisis of 2008–2012 was propagated through the banking systems across the world and triggered unprecedented consequences for the global economy. The regulators pushed for enhanced regulation, incorporated in the revised, Basel III capital regulatory framework (Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, 2010). As Ben Bernanke, the chairman of the Federal Reserve, put it, “this framework would require banking organizations to hold more and higher quality capital . . . improving the resilience of the U.S. banking system in times of stress, thus contributing to the overall health of the U.S. economy.”²⁶ In Europe, Andrea Enria, the chairman of the European Banking Authority, hailed improved capital positions of European banks by noting that “European banks are now in a stronger position, which should support lending to the real economy . . .”²⁷ In contrast, bankers strongly objected to this reasoning. Vikram Pandit, former CEO of Citigroup, argued that “double-digit ratios will undermine lending, slow capital formation, lower demand and restrict growth.”²⁸

This chapter empirically evaluates whether bank funding structure affects bank lending and, in particular, whether the quality of bank capital matters for lending growth. In line with the Basel accords, we distinguish between high-quality bank capital—that is, tier 1 capital with the highest loss-absorbing capacity—and supplementary tier 2 bank capital with a lower loss-absorbing capacity.

We use annual financial data for banks worldwide from 2000 to 2010 to discern the relationships

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²⁶ Statement by Chairman Ben S. Bernanke, 7 June, 2012, <http://www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/press/bcreg/bernanke20120607a.htm>

²⁷ www.eba.europa.eu/News--Communications/Year/2012/Update-implementation-capital-exercise.aspx

²⁸ Vikram Pandit, We must rethink Basel or growth will suffer, *Financial Times*, 10 November, 2010.

between bank lending and bank capital in normal times and during the global financial crisis. Figure 2.1 provides the first inspection of the role of the bank capital for bank lending activity. In Figure 2.1, banks are split in quartiles according to their tier 1 capital ratio (tier 1 capital per risk-weighted assets). This shows that lending grew faster for banks with a high tier 1 capital ratio (a tier 1 capital ratio in the highest quartile) than for banks with a low tier 1 capital ratio.

Figure 2.1. Loan Growth of Different Subsamples by Tier 1



Source: *BankScope*, 2011.

Our findings provide support for the hypothesis that the higher quality of the bank funding side (i.e., a high tier 1 bank capital ratio, high proportion of customer deposits, and prevalent government support) better supports bank lending during crisis times. We find that the tier 1 capital ratio positively affected bank loan growth during the global financial crisis, and this relation is particularly strong within the subsample of non-OECD countries and BRIC countries. This indicates that the tier 1 capital ratio helps banks overcome periods of distress and maintain or even intensify their lending activity, especially for developing countries. In contrast, we generally do not find tier 2 capital to have been statistically significantly related to lending growth during the global financial crisis, potentially indicating that tier 2 capital does not provide adequate support for bank lending activities during a financial crisis.

Interestingly, we show that during the global financial crisis, banks cut back on lending more if competing banks had high tier 1 ratios. This indicates that high-quality capital strengthens the competitive position of a bank in a financial crisis. Our analysis confirms the findings in Berger and Bouwman (2013) from the U.S. banking sector and extends them to a global setting. In particular, Berger and Bouwman (2013) show that capital increases the survival probability and market share of banks. The effect occurs at all times for small banks and during banking crises

for medium and large banks. Our evidence shows that small banks lent more if *they* had high levels of bank capital, whereas large banks lent more in the global financial crisis (but less in normal times) if *their competing banks* had low levels of bank capital. Hence, in a crisis, bank capital directly helps small banks, whereas large banks gain a competitive advantage against weakly capitalized competitors.

Banks' funding risks may stem not only from the insufficient levels of bank capital, but also from an inadequate structure of liabilities that banks took over in times of accelerated economic growth and the abundance of liquidity. We find some (limited) evidence that interbank deposits negatively affected bank lending during the global financial crisis. Banks tried to compensate for this by turning to more stable funding sources, such as retail deposits (European Central Bank, 2011). We find some evidence that customer (retail) deposits were sticky and acted as a stable source of funding even during the global financial crisis. In particular, we show that customer deposits were positively related to loan growth during the global financial crisis.

During the crisis, banks were largely supported by the governments to overcome refinancing difficulties. We control for various aspects of ownership and indirect government support. We find a positive impact of government ownership (and some limited evidence for a negative impact of foreign ownership) on bank loan growth during the global financial crisis. This points to the benefits of government ownership in mitigating the credit crunch.²⁹

The remainder of this chapter is organized as follows; In Section 2.3, we look at previous studies and define the main hypotheses. In Section 2.4, we describe our data. In Section 2.5, we present the empirical model. Section 2.6 presents and discusses the results. Section 2.7 provides several robustness checks. Section 2.8 concludes this chapter.

2.3 Previous Studies and Development of Hypotheses

The literature on the impact of bank capital structure on bank lending was scarce prior to the global financial crisis from 2008 to 2010 and did not distinguish between tier 1 and tier 2 capital. For example, De Haas and Van Lelyveld (2010) analyze micro and macro determinants of multinational bank lending, but consider an aggregate equity-to-total-assets ratio to account for the solvency of individual banks. Gambacorta and Mistrulli (2004) analyze the role of capital in bank lending behavior and find that well-capitalized banks can better shield their lending from monetary policy shocks. Lending decisions of banks in relation to their capitalization are also addressed in studies by Admati et al. (2010) and Jiménez et al. (2012), who observe that the global financial crisis negatively affected the lending activity of banks, especially those with low capital and liquidity ratios. Using a disaggregate measure, we confirm that tier 1 bank capital (but not tier 2 bank capital) and retail or customer deposits positively affected continuous

²⁹ Although several studies point to the inefficiency of government ownership and benefits of foreign ownership on bank efficiency (see, e.g., Berger, Hasan, and Zhou (2009); Bonin, Hasan, and Wachtel (2005a, 2005b); Shen and Lin (2012); Shen, Hasan, and Lin (2014)), others stress the negative impact of foreign ownership on the quality of governance (e.g., Lensink, Meesters, and Naaborg (2008)) or analyze alternative institutional forms (e.g., Columba, Gambacorta, and Mistrulli (2009, 2010) argue that mutual guarantee institutions may alleviate access to finance for SMEs).

lending during the financial crisis.

Our analysis is closely related to the one by Gambacorta and Marques-Ibanez (2011), which also highlights the positive effect of tier 1 capital on bank lending activities during the crisis (see also Brei, Gambacorta, and von Peter (2013)).³⁰ Whereas these studies focus on selected advanced economies, we extend some of their perspectives to include worldwide data from 131 countries because our focus shifts beyond the biggest banks, given that the overwhelming majority of European and U.S. businesses are dependent on loans from smaller banks and their subsequent relationships (see Hancock and Wilcox (1998); Berger, Hasan, and Klapper (2004)). In addition, non-listed smaller banks faced greater difficulties in finding additional funding sources on the market during the financial crisis. Therefore, the role of tier 1 for lending of all banks (and especially small ones) during the global financial crisis warrants further scrutiny. As reported earlier, our analysis confirms that tier 1 capital is of particular importance for smaller banks.

We build the analysis around five main hypotheses related to the role of 1) tier 1 capital, 2) tier 2 capital, 3) various categories of deposits, 4) a competitive environment, including tier 1 capital of competing banks, and 5) ownership in explaining bank credit dynamics. We distinguish between periods before and after the global financial crisis.

In relation to our first key hypothesis, we investigate whether and how different types of bank capital affected bank lending in normal times and during the global financial crisis. The first role of bank capital is to serve as a *buffer* to absorb banks' losses and insulate banks from insolvency. The purpose of holding additional capital for banks above the required regulatory level is to protect banks against large losses during a cyclical downturn and reduce the risk of insolvency (Rajan (1994); see also Ayuso, Perez, and Saurina (2004); Jokipii and Milne (2008)). In this view, *banks with high levels of bank capital (and therefore with a high capital buffer) could accommodate faster loan growth and could lend more than banks with small levels of bank capital*. In addition, banks with high levels of bank capital could better weather the global financial crisis and support lending than banks with low levels of bank capital.

The second role of bank capital is to act as an *incentive device* that can commit banks to prudent behavior by reducing the attractiveness of risk-taking. Banks are highly leveraged institutions that operate with a broad safety net (e.g., deposit insurance schemes and implicit government bailout guarantees). This exacerbates risk-taking by bank managers and shareholders, who bet on high returns knowing that losses are primarily subsumed by debt holders and taxpayers. Only a sufficiently high level of capital puts the skin of the bankers and shareholders into the game and induces prudent lending behavior (see VanHoose (2007); Goodhart (2013)).³¹

³⁰ Berrospide and Edge (2010) analyze lending by the U.S. Bank Holding Companies to confirm a positive but small effect of bank capital on lending. Cornett et al. (2011) analyze the relationship between credit supply and liquidity and capital positions of all U.S. commercial banks during the global financial crisis. They focus on liquidity risk management and do not distinguish between different types of bank capital. Carlson, Shan, and Warusawitharana (2013) develop a novel empirical matching strategy to confirm the positive relationship between capital ratios and bank lending in the U.S. during the global financial crisis.

³¹ Demsetz, Saidenberg, and Strahan (1996) analyze the relationship between franchise value and risk-taking in banking. In line with Keeley (1990), they show that banks with high franchise values have much to lose in insolvency. Consequently, the high-franchise-value banks hold more capital and take on less risk than banks with lower franchise value in order to prevent insolvency from occurring. Banks' risk-taking may be driven by the banks'

If the bank capital acts as an incentive device, we can make the following prediction regarding bank capital and lending behavior: to the extent that excessive lending growth is a sign of risky lending behavior (see Dell’Ariccia and Marquez (2006); Foos, Norden, and Weber (2010)), *well-capitalized banks will engage in more prudent behavior and therefore will expand their lending less than weakly capitalized banks.*

The abundant literature on bank capital may have underestimated the importance of the *quality* of bank capital. This analysis focuses on the importance of the quality of bank capital for bank lending behavior. Our main hypothesis stresses that, all else being equal, banks with larger tier 1 capital ratios better overcame the global financial crisis and cut back on lending less than banks with smaller tier 1 capital ratios. In normal times, the positive effect of the tier 1 capital ratio on credit growth persists but is less pronounced. Hypothesis 2.1, if confirmed, would suggest that *tier 1 capital acts as a buffer and not as an incentive device.*

Hypothesis 2.1: Tier 1 capital positively affects credit growth. This effect was more pronounced during the global financial crisis.

Only a few articles analyze the difference between tier 1 bank capital and tier 2 bank capital. Demirgüç-Kunt, Detragiache, and Merrouche (2013), for example, show that the positive association between stock returns and capital is significantly stronger for higher-quality (tier 1) bank capital than it is for lower-quality (tier 2) bank capital. Barrell et al. (2011) show that an increase in the overall capital adequacy ratio reduces the risk appetite of banks, and that the proportional increase of tier 2 bank capital, within a given capital adequacy structure, increases the risk appetite of banks (see also Ashcraft (2008b)). In addition, regulators have already acknowledged the need to readjust and recalibrate their regulatory measures.³² The intention of the Basel III Accord is to significantly increase the role of tier 1 bank capital relative to tier 2 bank capital (Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, 2010). Similarly, the European Banking Authority issued a call for recapitalization of systemically important banks in the European Union by raising the core tier 1 capital ratio to 9% in 2012. Bank capital regulatory measures are very likely to affect the credit activity of banks.

The ability of a bank to raise tier 2 capital positively affects loan growth in normal times. In normal times, banks may fund their high growth strategies by relying on subordinated debt, which as a part of tier 2 capital contributes to higher regulatory capital and helps banks meet capital requirements. During the global financial crisis, the situation reversed. The main concern of a bank and its creditors became the bank’s stability. A bank with a lot of subordinated debt

business models (Altunbas, Manganelli, and Marques-Ibanez (2011)) or by the macroeconomic environment (e.g., an extended period of low interest rates; see Altunbas, Gambacorta, and Marques-Ibanez (2012), or market power; see Berger, Klapper, and Turk-Ariss (2009)) and may be mitigated by recapitalization measures or regulatory interventions (Berger et al. (2012)). Rather than on risk-taking in general, our focus is on the determinants of bank lending behavior.

³² Hasan, Siddique, and Sun (2015) discuss how to construct market-based capital requirements by using market data in conjunction with regulatory data to estimate a bank’s total risk. They show that capital adequacy metrics thus constructed outperform VaR-based capital models as well as purely market-based capital models that rely on CDS premia.

may have a hard time renewing it. The bank may need to replace subordinated debt, which may have a detrimental effect on bank liquidity and its lending capacity. Consequently, a bank with high tier 2 capital may be forced to cut back on lending when the crisis hits. Hypothesis 2.2, if confirmed, would suggest that *tier 2 capital acts as a buffer during normal times, but acted as an incentive device during the global financial crisis.*

Hypothesis 2.2: Tier 2 capital positively affects loan growth during normal times. During the global financial crisis, tier 2 capital negatively affected loan growth.

The third main hypothesis focuses on the impact of various types of deposits (i.e., customer deposits and interbank deposits) on credit growth in normal times and in times of crisis. On the one hand, uninsured interbank deposits may serve as the main disciplining device for bank managers not to take excessive risks—depositors would run and withdraw their funds from the bank as soon as they anticipated bank instability (Calomiris and Kahn (1991)). According to this view, banks with a large proportion of deposits would have realized bigger withdrawals of deposits during the global financial crisis and would have needed to respond with a larger decline in their credit growth.

On the other hand, core (retail customer) deposits serve as the most stable funding source for banks (Berlin and Mester (1999); Song and Thakor (2007)). The main explanation for this is that deposits are insured and that banks offer several other services and products to small depositors that effectively bind them in a long-term relationship with the bank. According to this view, banks with a large proportion of core deposits easily weathered the global financial crisis and needed to respond with a smaller decline in credit growth.³³

Hypothesis 2.3: The decline in bank lending during the global financial crisis was higher for banks with higher levels of interbank deposits and lower levels of customer deposits.

The fourth hypothesis relates to the role of the competitive environment for bank lending behavior. We specifically address the issue of market concentration by including the Herfindahl–Hirschman index (HHI). We anticipate that higher concentration may inhibit credit growth in normal times. During the global financial crisis, however, higher concentration may (in line with Beck, Demirgüç-Kunt, and Levine (2006)) have made the banking system more resilient, which may have mitigated the credit crunch.

Hypothesis 2.4a: Higher market concentration (HHI) is associated with lower lending during normal times, but was associated with higher lending during the global financial crisis.

In addition, we investigate how a bank's lending behavior is affected by the tier 1 capital ratios of the competing banks in the specific market. Whereas bank capital may be seen as a costly source of funding for banks (Hellmann, Murdock, and Stiglitz (2000); Berger (2006); Berger and

³³ Ivashina and Scharfstein (2010) provide some evidence that banks with better access to deposits restrict their lending to a lesser extent and are less affected by the banking crisis than banks with limited access to deposits.

Bonaccorsi di Patti (2006)), others stress the positive role of bank capital, especially during a financial crisis (Admati, et al. (2010); Berger and Bouwman (2013)). Mehran and Thakor (2011) predict and empirically confirm that bank values are positively correlated with bank equity capital in a cross-section. Allen, Carletti, and Marquez (2011) argue that banks may choose higher capital than required by the regulators in order to commit to high monitoring of their borrowers and, by doing this, gain a competitive advantage. We construct a proxy variable, which reflects the weighted average (by assets) of tier 1 ratios of all the competitors in the market. We anticipate that positive aspects of bank capital prevail in a financial crisis, whereas the negative aspects dominate in normal times.

Hypothesis 2.4b: Higher tier 1 capital ratios of competing banks are positively associated with bank lending during normal times, but were negatively associated during the global financial crisis.

The fifth hypothesis refers to the impact of government ownership on bank lending. Empirical literature offers different views regarding the question of whether foreign- and domestically-owned banks react differently to business cycles and banking crises. Government ownership may represent an important factor, because of the implicit or/and explicit government guarantee that protects state-owned banks. Therefore, we expect to detect a positive relationship between credit growth and government ownership during the global financial crisis.

Hypothesis 2.5a: Government owned banks sustained lending better during the global financial crisis than non-government owned banks.

We also analyze the effect of foreign ownership on bank lending. Globalization of banking is transforming the way shocks are transmitted internationally. Whereas global banks may be more resilient and better prepared to handle local shocks, they also facilitate transmission of international shocks (Cetorelli and Goldberg (2009)). In particular, parent-bank fragility negatively affects lending by subsidiaries. The result is that home market shocks are easily transmitted into foreign markets (Allen et al., 2012). Evidence in De Haas and Van Lelyveld (2010) and De Haas et al. (2012) show that foreign banks sharply cut their lending during the global financial crisis.

Hypothesis 2.5b: Foreign ownership was associated with weaker lending during the global financial crisis.

Similarly, we test for the effect of the subsidiary status on bank lending behavior. Kashyap and Stein (1997) argue that local banks, especially if they are stand-alone in structure, are the least able to access liquidity when market liquidity conditions tighten. This would predict that reduction in lending to firms and households during a crisis period is higher for domestic, stand-alone banks. International banks are usually able to borrow under significantly better conditions than smaller regional or local banks. Ashcraft (2008a) demonstrates that the banks that are affiliated with a multi-bank holding company are less likely to experience financial

distress because of capital injections by the parent company. Therefore, we expect subsidiaries to be able to rely on the financial assistance of their parent banks, which minimizes their refinancing risk and makes them more robust and also able to maintain credit activity during a crisis.

Hypothesis 2.5c: The subsidiary status of banks was associated with stronger credit growth during the global financial crisis.

In our empirical analysis, we also control for several additional factors that might be important for banks' credit growth. First, we control for bank risk taking by including loan loss provisions and by a measure for the tangibility of bank assets (fixed assets). Second, we control for the size of the banks and commercial and savings bank status. The difference in credit growth for smaller and larger banks also needs to be considered. Berger and Bouwman (2009) find that bank capital supports liquidity creation in large banks, but not in small banks. Puri, Rocholl, and Steffen (2009) show that smaller and liquidity-constrained banks reject more loan applications during the financial crisis than larger and less liquidity-constrained banks. Small banks were the most vulnerable during the global financial crisis, whereas large and multinational banks were more likely to remain stable and financially sound. In addition, their access to external capital markets facilitates replacement of lost assets (Kashyap and Stein (1997)). Hau, Langfield, and Marques-Ibanez (2013) provide evidence that large banks are also more favorably assessed by credit rating agencies which intensifies the too-big-to-fail problem.

In addition, government assistance may act as a substitute for the bank capital (see Berger and Bouwman (2013)). Hence, we control for government support by using a bank's Fitch Support Rating. We expect more stable loan growth for banks with stronger external support and lower bailout probabilities. The effect of external support is also expected to have had a stronger impact during the global financial crisis.

2.4 Data Description

We use the annual financial data for 4,197 banks worldwide for the period from 2000 to 2010, obtained from the BankScope database, amounting to 16,838 bank-year observations. Our sample consists of commercial, savings, and co-operative banks from 131 countries. All of the data are used on an unconsolidated basis, and they are inflation adjusted and expressed in USD.

In Table 2.1, we present descriptive statistics of the variables for the total sample over the entire time period. In the first panel, we present the results for bank-specific variables. The average value of total asset is \$16.1 billion, but the size of the banks in our sample varies quite substantially. This implies that any analysis needs to account for the size effect. Gross loans amount to \$8.67 billion, or more than 50% of the total assets for the average-sized bank, whereas loan loss provision has an average value of \$71.9 million, or approximately 0.8% of the average value of gross loans. The fixed assets only account for \$130 million, which is less than 1% of the total assets of the average bank.

Looking at the liability side of bank balance sheets, we find that customer deposits with an average value of \$9.58 billion account for roughly 60% of the total assets of the average-sized bank. Interbank deposits with an average value of \$2.10 billion account for roughly 13% of the total assets of the average-sized bank. Furthermore, an average value of \$1.27 billion of total capital accounts for 7.8% of the total assets of the average-sized bank. The average value of tier 1 capital and tier 2 capital is \$919 million and \$313 million, respectively. We have eliminated bank-year observations with negative tier 1 capital ratio or negative total assets. The average values of tier 1 capital per risk-weighted assets (*TIER1*) and tier 2 capital per risk-weighted assets (*TIER2*) are 16.3% and 1.7%, respectively. The average ratios of customer deposits to total assets (*TCD*) and interbank deposits to total assets (*DEP*) are 62.8% and 8.3%, respectively.

In the second panel of Table 2.1, we include two macroeconomic variables (*GDP growth* and *Interest rates*) to control for the demand-side effects on loan growth. The average value for *GDP growth* is 2%. Variable *Interest rate* denotes an interest rate for prime bank customers in real terms.

We use two industry structure variables to control for the competitive environment in a given country (see the third panel of Table 2.1). Bank concentration is measured by the Herfindahl–Hirschman index (*HHI*), calculated as the sum of the squares of the market shares of the asset for the three largest banks in a country. The *HHI* has wide variation in the sample, and the sample mean is 0.045 (see Table 2.1). For each bank, we also compute the average tier 1 capital ratio of competing banks within the same country, weighted by assets of these banks, and we denote it by *COMPTIER1*. The average value of *COMPTIER1* is 9.4%.

To control for the impact of institutional factors on bank behavior (see, e.g., Berger and Udell (1994); Rime (2001)), we replicate the institutional and regulatory variables from the World Bank (2008) based on the methodology used in Barth, Caprio, and Levine (2004) and Demirgüç-Kunt et al. (2008); see the fourth panel of Table 2.1. The variable *Overall capital stringency* has a mean of 3.72. The variable *Deposit insurance* has a mean of 0.77.

In the fifth panel of Table 2.1, we report descriptive statistics of several dummy variables related to organizational and ownership characteristics of banks. Fifty-five percent of the banks in our sample are commercial banks, and 16.3% are savings banks. The rest are cooperative banks, real estate and mortgage banks, and specialized government credit institutions. In our sample, 9.4% of the banks are government-owned, and 3% are foreign-owned. Finally, 9.4% of banks in the sample are bank subsidiaries.

In the sixth panel of Table 2.1, we present *Bailout probability*, as defined in Gropp, Hakenes, and Schnabel (2010). *Bailout probability* measures the probability that a bank, upon having financial difficulties, is supported by the government. *Bailout probability* is calculated on the basis of the Fitch Support Rating variable, adjusted for potential government ownership in the bank. The average value of the variable *Bailout probability* is 0.68 indicating an average long-term rating above BB–. This means on average a moderate probability of government

support due to uncertainties regarding the ability or propensity of the government. Table B.1 in Appendix B summarizes the variables used, defines them, and describes the data sources.³⁴

The correlations between main variables are shown in Table 2.2. We observe that size is significantly negatively correlated with credit growth and the tier 1 ratio, but significantly positively correlated with the tier 2 ratio and interbank deposits. Although statistically not significant, the correlation between size and total customer deposits is positive. The tier 1 ratio is significantly negatively correlated with the tier 2 ratio (it seems that the two act as substitutes) and total customer deposits as well.

Table 2.1. Descriptive Statistics of the Total Sample of Banks, 2000-2010

Variables	Obs	Mean	Std. Dev.	p10	p90
<i>Bank specific variables</i>					
Gross loans (\$ million)	16,838	8,665	37,153	65.72	17,681
Total capital (\$ million)	15,256	1,270	8,187	14.96	1,867
Tier 1 capital(\$ million)	15,259	919	4,451	14.06	1,589
Tier 2 capital (\$ million)	15,084	313	2,471	0.00	340
Total customer deposits (\$ million)	16,838	9,578	53,319	63.97	18,091
Interbank deposits (\$ million)	12,114	2,094	12,595	0.12	2,059
Total asset (\$ million)	16,838	16,108	79,622	122	28,496
Loan loss provision(\$ million)	16,838	71.89	474	0.00	105
Fixed asset (\$ million)	16,838	130	592	1.00	249
TAXTA	16,620	2,139	11,301	0.00	4,387
$\Delta \log GL$	16,838	0.103	0.368	-0.073	0.301
TIER1	16,838	0.163	0.193	0.076	0.263
TIER2	16,838	0.017	0.039	0.000	0.042
TCD	16,838	0.628	0.208	0.371	0.863
DEP	12,114	0.083	0.133	0.000	0.236
TA	16,838	14.231	2.076	11.713	17.165
LLP	16,838	0.009	0.038	0.000	0.021
FA	16,838	0.015	0.017	0.002	0.028
ROA	16,704	0.009	0.017	0.000	0.020
δ	16,838	0.333	0.471	0	1
<i>Macroeconomic variables</i>					
GDP growth	16,503	0.022	0.039	-0.017	0.066
Interest rate	14,747	0.039	0.058	0.014	0.063
<i>Industry structure variables</i>					
HHI	16,838	0.045	0.065	0.014	0.087
COMPTIER1	16,773	0.094	0.060	0.025	0.152
<i>Bank type variables</i>					
Commercial dummy	16,838	0.549	0.498	0	1
Savings dummy	16,838	0.163	0.370	0	1
Government dummy	16,838	0.094	0.291	0	0
Foreign dummy	16,838	0.030	0.171	0	0
Subsidiary dummy	16,838	0.094	0.292	0	0
<i>Regulation variables</i>					
Overall capital stringency	11,080	3.721	1.325	2	5
Deposit insurance	16,838	0.765	0.935	0	2
Bail-out probability	4,054	0.676	0.399	0	1

Note. p10 and p90 indicate the 10th percentile and 90th percentile respectively.

³⁴ Table B.2 in Appendix B gives a summary about the number of observations in our sample countries from 2001-2010.

Table 2.2. Correlations Between Variables

Variables	$\Delta\log GL$	TIER1	TIER2	TCD	DEP	TA	LLP	FA	δ	GDP growth	Interest rate	TAXTA
$\Delta\log GL$	1											
TIER1	-0.0290***	1										
TIER2	-0.00540	-0.0464***	1									
TCD	-0.0131*	-0.179***	-0.0194**	1								
DEP	0.0400***	-0.0116	0.0938***	-0.504***	1							
TA	-0.0437***	-0.235***	0.155***	0.00697	0.171***	1						
LLP	-0.0775***	-0.0308***	0.0228***	-0.0161**	0.0505***	-0.000377	1					
FA	0.0449***	0.0242***	0.0381***	0.0545***	-0.0778***	-0.234***	0.0458***	1				
δ	-0.0571***	-0.00347	0.0453***	0.0256***	0.0613***	0.0729***	0.0959***	0.00103	1			
GDP growth	0.142***	0.0180**	0.0416***	0.106***	0.0163*	0.0450***	-0.0298***	0.138***	-0.363***	1		
Interest rate	0.0115	0.0448***	0.0166**	-0.144***	0.000668	-0.0403***	0.0962***	0.0389***	0.0175**	0.00311	1	
TAXTA	0.00286	-0.0432***	0.0456***	0.00496	0.00136	0.348***	-0.0115	-0.0678***	-0.0433***	0.0849***	-0.0271***	1

Note. Superscripts ***, **, * indicate significance levels of 1%, 5%, and 10% respectively.

2.5 Empirical Estimation

The empirical model is designed to test whether banks with different levels and quality of capital changed their lending behavior differently during the global financial crisis compared to the non-crisis period. The model is the following:

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \log GL_{i,t} = & \\ & \alpha_i + \beta \Delta \log GL_{i,t-1} + (\gamma + \gamma^* \delta_{t-1}) FUNDING_{i,t-1} + (\zeta + \zeta^* \delta_{t-1}) CONTROLS_{i,t-1} + \\ & \varsigma MACRO_{i,t} + (\eta + \eta^* \delta_{t-1}) COMPETITION_{i,t-1} + \theta \delta_{t-1} BANK\ TYPE_i + \\ & \kappa \delta_{t-1} INSTITUTIONAL_i + \lambda \delta_{t-1} Bailout\ probability_i + \rho^* \delta_{t-1} + \varepsilon_{i,t-1} \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

where:

- α is the intercept, β , λ , and ρ are coefficients, and γ , γ^* , ζ , ζ^* , ς , η , η^* , θ , and κ are coefficient vectors,
- $\Delta \log GL_{i,t}$ ($\Delta \log GL_{i,t-1}$) is the growth rate of the logarithm of gross loans of bank i in year t (in year $t-1$),
- δ_{t-1} denotes a dummy variable for the global financial crisis, which equals 1 in the period from 2008 to 2010 and 0 otherwise,
- $FUNDING_{i,t-1}$ is a matrix of funding variables, including tier 1 capital ratio ($TIER1_{i,t-1}$), tier 2 capital ratio ($TIER2_{i,t-1}$), customer deposits to total assets ($TCD_{i,t-1}$), and interbank deposits to total assets ($DEP_{i,t-1}$),
- $CONTROLS_{i,t-1}$ is a matrix of bank-specific control variables, including log total bank asset ($TA_{i,t-1}$), loan loss provisions to total assets ($LLP_{i,t-1}$), fixed assets to total assets ($FA_{i,t-1}$), and return on average assets ($ROA_{i,t-1}$); only for $TA_{i,t-1}$ do we also include the interactive term with the crisis dummy,
- $MACRO_{i,t}$ is a matrix of macroeconomic variables, including $GDP\ growth_{i,t}$ and $Interest\ rate_{i,t}$,
- $COMPETITION_{i,t-1}$ is a matrix of variables that describe industry structure, including the average tier 1 capital ratio of competing banks in a country ($COMPTIER1_{i,t-1}$) and Herfindahl–Hirschman Index ($HHI_{i,t-1}$),
- $BANK\ TYPE_{i,t}$ is a matrix of bank characteristic dummies expressing ownership and organizational characteristics of banks, including *Commercial dummy* _{i} , *Savings dummy* _{i} , *Government dummy* _{i} , *Foreign dummy* _{i} , and *Subsidiary dummy* _{i} ,
- $INSTITUTIONAL_i$ is a matrix of institutional and regulatory characteristics of bank i 's country, including *Overall capital stringency* _{i} , and *Deposit insurance* _{i} ,
- *Bailout probability* _{i} denotes the level of implicit government guarantees,
- $\varepsilon_{i,t}$ is an idiosyncratic error $\varepsilon_{i,t} \sim \text{IID}(0, \delta_\varepsilon^2)$,
- $i = 1, 2, \dots, N$ where N is the number of banks in the sample,
- $t = 1, 2, \dots, T_i$ where T_i is the number of years in the sample for bank i .

We estimate three types of specifications. First, we use a fixed effects model with robust

standard errors (that corresponds to (2.1) without the term $\Delta \log GL_{i,t-1}$).³⁵ Second, we use an instrumental-variables estimator. We are concerned about the potential endogeneity of the tier 1 capital ratio in the fixed effects model.³⁶ In particular, the fast growth of bank lending may not be due to a high tier 1 capital ratio, but because of other unidentified variables. For example, an efficient bank may easily build up a high tier 1 capital ratio (through retained earnings) and grow fast at the same time. In contrast, an inefficient bank grows slowly and is not able to build up a high level of capital. To deal with this endogeneity, we need to find valid instruments that are uncorrelated with the error term but correlated with our dependent variable.

We account for the potential endogeneity of our dependent variables $TIER1_{i,t-1}$, and $\delta_{t-1}TIER1_{i,t-1}$ by instrumenting them with the first differences of $TIER1_{i,t-1}$ and $\delta_{t-1}TIER1_{i,t-1}$ and crisis dummy δ_{t-1} and by $TAXTA_{t-1}$ (i.e., the ratio of tax values to bank size TA_{t-1}).³⁷ We use the GMM estimator to obtain consistent and efficient estimates in the presence of non-i.i.d. errors (see Baum (2006)). Following Driscoll and Kraay (1998), we employ a cluster-robust estimator (where clusters are defined at the level of banks) to account for within-cluster correlation of the disturbances.

The instruments are statistically significant at large in first-stage regression equations. In particular, $TIER1_{i,t-1}$ is statistically significant (at 1%) and positively related to the first difference of $TIER1_{i,t-1}$ and negatively related (at 5% statistical significance) to the first difference of δ_{t-1} . $\delta_{t-1}TIER1_{i,t-1}$ is statistically significantly (at 1%) and positively related to the first difference of $\delta_{t-1}TIER1_{i,t-1}$ and negatively related (at 5% statistical significance) to the first difference of δ_{t-1} . In addition, tests for underidentification and weak identification (measured by the Kleibergen–Paap rk LM and Wald F statistic, Kleibergen and Paap (2006), and by the Cragg–Donald Wald F statistic, see Hall, Rudebusch, and Wilcox (1996); see also Hall and Peixe (2000)) confirm the validity of the instruments chosen.

Third, we use the dynamic panel-data setup to account for potential endogeneity of our dependent variable $\Delta \log GL_{i,t}$. If lagged loan growth $\Delta \log GL_{i,t-1}$ is correlated with the panel-level effects, the estimator may become inconsistent. We employ the two-step generalized method of moments (GMM) procedure of Arellano and Bond (1991). Our sample has a short time dimension and large country dimension. The Arellano–Bond estimator is particularly useful in obtaining unbiased and efficient estimates in short dynamic panels with lagged endogenous variables as an explanatory variable. We employ a cluster-robust estimator to account for potentially non-i.i.d. errors and to obtain consistent standard error estimates even in the presence of autocorrelation or heteroskedasticity within panels. We use $\Delta \log GL_{i,t-1}$, $TIER1_{i,t-1}$ and $\delta_{t-1}TIER1_{i,t-1}$ as endogenous instruments and all other regressors as exogenous instruments

³⁵ The Hausman test indicates that a fixed effects model should be used rather than a random effects model.

³⁶ The bank capital structure decision is endogenous and may depend on bank-specific variables and macroeconomic and regulatory conditions in a country (see Byoun (2008); Gropp and Heider (2010); Flannery and Rangan (2008); Memmel and Raupach (2010)).

³⁷ Ashcraft (2008b) and Berger and Bouwman (2013) also employ tax rate as an instrumental variable. Alternatively, Billmeier and Nannicini (2013) employ a synthetic control approach to control for endogeneity issues in a cross-country study.

(in line with Roodman (2009)). We use sets of lags (from 2 to 6) to mitigate the overidentification problem of endogenous instruments.

2.6 Results

We start by looking at the basic setup, where ‘supply’-side credit factors (capital and deposits), individual bank controls (size, loan-loss provisions, tangibility), and ‘demand’-side credit factors (economic growth, interest rates) are included. We continue by adding 1) industry competition factors (concentration, capitalization of competitors), 2) bank ownership characteristics (foreign vs. domestic ownership, subsidiary status), 3) institutional and regulatory characteristics (stringency of capital regulation and the coverage of deposit insurance), and 4) indirect government support (bail-out probability).

‘Supply’-side (funding) factors and credit growth: In the basic model (columns 1, 6, and 11 in Table 2.3), we evaluate the impact of credit ‘supply’-side variables (capital quality and funding) and the effect of financial crisis on credit growth (lending behavior) in the total sample of banks.

The results reported in columns 1–5 in Table 2.3 indicate that the tier 1 coefficient is statistically significant at the 1% level. This points to a positive relationship between the highest quality bank capital $TIER_{i,t-1}$ and the credit growth $\Delta \log GL_t$ and it confirms our Hypothesis 2.1. Moreover, the interaction term constructed as a product of the tier 1 ratio and crisis dummy also demonstrates a positive relationship with loan growth. This supports the notion of tier 1 serving as a buffer and not an incentive mechanism for banks and is consistent with Hypothesis 2.1.

Tier 1 capital provides banks with a cushion to absorb banks’ losses and insulates banks from the risk of bankruptcy. Banks with higher tier 1 capital ratio levels are less sensitive to their actual credit and liquidity risk exposures. Consequently, they could secure market funding and support credit growth even during the global financial crisis. In contrast, banks with a low tier 1 capital ratio may face serious solvency and liquidity problems if a recession looms. Consequently, they needed to heavily cut back on lending in the global financial crisis. The positive effect of tier 1 capital ratio on credit growth and the reinforced effect during the financial crisis is consistent with Jiménez et al. (2012), who find that the banks, especially those with lower capital ratio levels, have a negative growth in lending activity.

Columns 6–10 in Table 2.3 present the results using the instrumental variables panel regression model. The main difference from the previous columns in Table 2.3 is that the coefficient tier 1 capital ratio becomes insignificant. However, the interaction term between tier 1 capital ratio and the crisis dummy is consistently highly significant and positively related to lending growth. This provides evidence that tier 1 capital was especially important in the global financial crisis, whereas it is not significantly related to bank lending in normal times. We assess the adequacy of instruments using a test of overidentifying restrictions. We employ Hansen’s J statistic, which is robust to heteroskedasticity and autocorrelation issues. *P*-values of Hansen’s J statistic show that we cannot reject the null hypothesis that the instruments are uncorrelated with the error term. This points to the validity of the instruments. In columns 11-15 in Table 2.3 we report the results

of the difference GMM model. Hansen's J statistic again confirms the validity of the instruments. The signs and statistical significance of the estimated coefficients largely correspond to the previous columns in Table 2.3.

Next, we turn to the effect of tier 2 capital on credit growth. We can find some evidence that tier 2 capital positively affects lending growth in normal times. Contrary to our expectations in Hypothesis 2.2, tier 2 capital had no significant effect on credit growth during the global financial crisis.

We also find some evidence that the type of bank deposits affects lending. In particular, customer deposits ($TCD_{i,t-1}$) positively and significantly at 1% affected bank lending during the global financial crisis in almost all empirical specifications. This is in line with Hypothesis 2.3 and the view that (mainly insured) customer deposits acted as a stable source of funding during the global financial crisis. Our analysis also provides some evidence that interbank lending ($DEP_{i,t-1}$) is positively associated with bank lending during normal times and negatively during the global financial crisis, although the statistical significance is less pervasive across different empirical specifications (i.e., the negative signs of bank deposits during the global financial crisis $\delta_{t-1}DEP_{i,t-1}$ become significant when using the difference GMM model). This is consistent with our Hypothesis 2.3.

Looking at bank-specific control variables, the regression result suggests that bank size ($TA_{i,t-1}$) affects bank lending behavior. The negative and significant $TA_{i,t-1}$ coefficient indicates that in normal times larger banks experience lower credit growth rates than small banks. Other control variables are less statistically significant.

'Demand'-side factors and credit growth: In order to capture the effect of 'demand' side factors on credit growth, we include annual GDP growth ($GDP\ growth_{i,t}$) and real interest rates to prime customers ($Interest\ rate_{i,t}$) in the model in Table 2.3. Not surprisingly, the results suggest that credit growth is negatively correlated with the interest rate and positively correlated with $GDP\ growth_{i,t}$.³⁸

Banking sector competition and credit growth: The effect of funding factors on credit growth may be driven by the level of competition and the overall structure of the banking industry. We therefore add a concentration variable ($HHI_{i,t-1}$), the average capitalization of the competitors ($COMPTIER1_{i,t-1}$), and their interactive terms with a crisis dummy ($\delta_{t-1}HHI_{i,t-1}$ and $\delta_{t-1}COMPTIER1_{i,t-1}$) as additional explanatory variables to the basic model (columns 2, 7, and 12 in Table 2.3).

We observe a negative effect of the concentration index ($HHI_{i,t-1}$) on credit growth (although

³⁸ We also tested for alternative empirical specifications, which include a yearly change in interest rate and its interactive term with the crisis dummy as additional explanatory variables. Their impact on bank lending behavior was statistically insignificant in normal times and during the global financial crisis. Our other results remain largely unchanged. This confirms the importance of tier 1 capital put forward within the lending channel literature (see Gambacorta and Marques-Ibanez (2011)).

mostly insignificant) during normal times. Hence, we find very scant support for Hypothesis 2.4a. However, competitors' tier 1 capital ratios have a significantly positive impact on loan growth during normal times (i.e., the coefficient for $COMPTIER1_{i,t-1}$ is significantly positive), but this coefficient reversed during the global financial crisis. This points to the competitive advantage of high tier 1 capital ratios in the global financial crisis. In particular, banks grew more slowly in the global financial crisis if their competitors had high tier 1 ratios. In contrast, banks grow faster in normal times if their competitors have high tier 1 ratios. In normal times, high tier 1 ratios may act as a competitive disadvantage. This provides support only for Hypothesis 2.4b.

The results regarding the effect of the capital and deposits on credit growth are both qualitatively and quantitatively very similar to the basic model. This implies that our basic results are robust for the inclusion of the industry competition measures.

Regulatory environment: The relationship between bank capital and bank lending behavior may be driven by cross-country differences, especially in the regulatory and institutional framework. We control for country-specific regulatory variables by adding measures of capital regulation stringency and deposit insurance. The relationship between funding variables ($TIER1_{i,t-1}$) and bank lending remains unchanged. Our results provide some evidence that banks cut back on lending more in the global financial crisis if capital stringency in the country was more pronounced. However, when using the instrumental variables for panel regression or difference GMM estimation, the regulation variable *Overall capital stringency* loses its statistical significance. The signs and statistical significance of other estimated coefficients largely correspond with the ones in the basic model specification.

Bank ownership and credit growth: Hypotheses 2.5a, 2.5b, and 2.5c are related to the effect of various ownership aspects on credit growth during the global financial crisis. We therefore include as dependent variables dummy variables related to organizational structure and ownership of individual banks multiplied by the crisis dummy (see columns 3, 7, and 13 in Table 2.3). We find a significant and positive effect of government ownership on credit growth in the global financial crisis. This corresponds to the direct support of governments through ownership participation in banks and also confirms our Hypothesis 2.5a. Government-owned banks could tap funding and support from governments during the global financial crisis and continue with their loan growth.

We also find some limited support for the negative effect of foreign ownership on lending growth during the global financial crisis. This is in line with Hypothesis 2.5b. Finally, we find limited evidence that credit growth during the global financial crisis was affected by the organizational structure of the bank. That is, we find that a subsidiary bank cut back on lending less during the global financial crisis than a stand-alone entity. This is in line with our Hypothesis 2.5c. Finally, we observe that the results regarding the effect of tier 1 capital on credit growth are both qualitatively and quantitatively very similar to the basic model. This implies that our basic results are robust for controlling for the bank organizational structure and

ownership.

Indirect government support and the credit growth: During the financial crisis, banks were largely supported by governments. It is therefore important to control for the impact of implicit government guarantees on lending activities. For this purpose, we include the variable *Bailout probability*. We extend the basic model by including the interaction terms of *Bailout probability* with a crisis dummy. The results mainly show an insignificant effect of *Bailout probability* on credit growth during the global financial crisis. More importantly, the effects of capital and deposits on credit growth remain qualitatively similar to those in the basic model.

Table 2.3. Estimation Result of Total Sample

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)
Bank specific variables															
Intercept	2.871*** (6.37)	2.999*** (6.32)	2.861*** (6.40)	2.765*** (4.91)	2.519*** (3.34)										
$\Delta \log GL_{i,t-1}$											-0.265 (-1.42)	-0.454*** (-2.65)	-0.296 (-1.60)	-0.414* (-1.73)	-0.292* (-1.87)
$TIER1_{i,t-1}$	0.400*** (3.46)	0.392*** (3.37)	0.402*** (3.50)	0.379*** (2.74)	0.510*** (2.77)	0.404 (1.32)	0.392 (1.28)	0.443 (1.44)	0.392 (1.01)	0.488 (1.03)	-0.0028 (-0.01)	-0.0984 (-0.18)	0.0208 (0.04)	0.0806 (0.09)	0.195 (0.98)
$TIER1_{i,t-1} * \delta_{t-1}$	0.310*** (3.00)	0.317*** (3.15)	0.297*** (3.05)	0.423*** (4.91)	0.369*** (3.82)	0.230** (2.54)	0.238*** (2.75)	0.211** (2.34)	0.324*** (4.05)	0.253*** (2.82)	0.513*** (3.37)	0.479*** (2.95)	0.479*** (2.90)	0.483** (1.99)	0.203* (1.89)
$TIER2_{i,t-1}$	0.639*** (2.72)	0.623*** (2.67)	0.624*** (2.68)	0.630** (2.50)	1.484*** (2.77)	0.517** (2.00)	0.499* (1.95)	0.510** (1.97)	0.560* (1.82)	1.034* (1.95)	0.318 (0.91)	0.187 (0.51)	0.332 (0.90)	0.356 (0.49)	0.132 (0.27)
$TIER2_{i,t-1} * \delta_{t-1}$	0.271 (0.48)	0.159 (0.28)	0.364 (0.65)	0.654 (1.22)	-0.912 (-1.01)	0.212 (0.33)	0.0624 (0.10)	0.361 (0.56)	0.302 (0.52)	-0.896 (-0.96)	0.616 (1.10)	0.298 (0.53)	0.475 (0.84)	0.343 (0.55)	0.294 (0.55)
$TCD_{i,t-1}$	0.152 (1.26)	0.136 (1.12)	0.157 (1.29)	0.0553 (0.36)	0.0955 (0.51)	0.204 (1.50)	0.171 (1.23)	0.224 (1.64)	0.0617 (0.34)	0.00434 (0.02)	0.14 (0.92)	0.152 (0.96)	0.14 (0.88)	0.115 (0.39)	0.068 (0.51)
$TCD_{i,t-1} * \delta_{t-1}$	0.168*** (3.86)	0.166*** (3.80)	0.144*** (2.58)	0.216*** (3.10)	0.190*** (2.70)	0.201*** (4.13)	0.202*** (4.13)	0.189*** (2.85)	0.230*** (2.75)	0.218** (2.38)	0.104** (2.11)	0.102** (2.10)	0.0623 (0.88)	0.137 (1.10)	0.184** (2.23)
$DEP_{i,t-1}$	0.354** (2.07)	0.338** (1.97)	0.352** (2.01)	0.477** (2.14)	0.138 (0.70)	0.340* (1.85)	0.309* (1.68)	0.364* (1.94)	0.378 (1.53)	0.019 (0.07)	0.208 (0.71)	0.334 (1.08)	0.21 (0.72)	0.483 (1.04)	-0.167 (-0.73)
$DEP_{i,t-1} * \delta_{t-1}$	-0.288 (-1.54)	-0.301 (-1.62)	-0.286 (-1.26)	-0.421 (-1.26)	-0.0208 (-0.14)	-0.182 (-0.81)	-0.164 (-0.73)	-0.207 (-0.78)	-0.122 (-0.31)	0.0429 (0.24)	-0.598** (-2.49)	-0.705*** (-2.92)	-0.553* (-1.91)	-0.66 (-1.33)	0.0381 (0.18)
$TA_{i,t-1}$	-0.209*** (-7.20)	-0.217*** (-7.17)	-0.209*** (-7.24)	-0.191*** (-5.68)	-0.163*** (-3.84)	-0.189*** (-5.20)	-0.200*** (-5.28)	-0.183*** (-5.28)	-0.160*** (-3.72)	-0.153*** (-3.86)	-0.345*** (-5.77)	-0.310*** (-4.74)	-0.342*** (-5.57)	-0.284*** (-4.25)	-0.240*** (-3.90)
$TA_{i,t-1} * \delta_{t-1}$	0.000507 (0.11)	0.00269 (0.54)	-0.00394 (-0.61)	0.00545 (0.56)	0.00498 (0.62)	-0.00425 (-0.81)	-0.00105 (-0.19)	-0.0078 (-1.01)	0.00884 (0.94)	0.00277 (0.28)	0.00627 (1.19)	0.00992* (1.67)	0.00416 (0.54)	0.0145 (0.88)	-0.00417 (-0.49)
$LLP_{i,t-1}$	-1.102 (-1.45)	-1.106 (-1.47)	-1.107 (-1.46)	-1.267 (-1.60)	-0.512 (-0.65)	-0.48 (-0.52)	-0.37 (-0.41)	-0.446 (-0.49)	-0.489 (-0.49)	0.191 (0.24)	-1.095 (-1.08)	-1.079 (-1.09)	-0.997 (-0.97)	-0.753 (-0.50)	-0.388 (-1.05)
$FA_{i,t-1}$	0.697 (1.15)	0.676 (1.13)	0.683 (1.12)	0.944 (1.31)	2.086** (2.20)	1.067 (1.48)	1.012 (1.43)	1.056 (1.47)	1.328 (1.54)	2.245** (2.39)	0.401 (0.59)	0.103 (0.15)	0.345 (0.50)	0.805 (0.90)	0.638 (0.62)
$ROA_{i,t-1}$	0.363 (0.59)	0.393 (0.65)	0.35 (0.58)	0.349 (0.55)	1.131** (2.08)	0.595 (0.80)	0.592 (0.80)	0.576 (0.78)	0.485 (0.61)	1.162* (1.81)	-0.203 (-0.33)	0.0604 (0.11)	-0.121 (-0.21)	0.0622 (0.10)	0.674 (0.96)
δ_{t-1}	-0.103 (-1.59)	-0.0964 (-1.32)	-0.0314 (-0.32)	-0.169 (-0.81)	-0.141 (-0.89)	-0.052 (-0.71)	-0.0577 (-0.72)	0.00229 (0.02)	-0.273 (-1.34)	-0.114 (-0.56)	-0.192** (-2.27)	-0.171 (-1.62)	-0.148 (-1.13)	-0.305 (-0.88)	-0.0539 (-0.30)
Macroeconomic variables															
$GDP\ growth_{i,t}$	0.692*** (4.52)	0.739*** (4.76)	0.725*** (4.44)	0.865*** (4.80)	0.652*** (3.42)	0.641*** (3.81)	0.729*** (4.18)	0.657*** (3.59)	0.856*** (4.27)	0.694*** (3.50)	0.535*** (3.04)	0.518*** (2.77)	0.571*** (3.11)	0.759*** (2.91)	0.493*** (2.61)
Interest rate _{i,t}	-0.599*** (-4.75)	-0.639*** (-4.64)	-0.590*** (-4.17)	-0.540*** (-3.76)	-0.394*** (-2.69)	-0.471*** (-3.41)	-0.522*** (-3.30)	-0.468*** (-3.00)	-0.372** (-2.33)	-0.218 (-1.59)	-0.458*** (-3.81)	-0.477*** (-3.46)	-0.451*** (-3.17)	-0.229 (-1.47)	-0.0951 (-0.80)
Industry structure variables															

Table 2.3. Estimation Result of Total Sample

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)
HHI _{it-1}		-0.684 [*]					-1.01					-0.673			
		(-1.66)					(-1.61)					(-1.29)			
HHI _{it-1} * δ_{t-1}		0.239					0.407					-0.0689			
		(1.16)					(1.52)					(-0.27)			
COMPTIER _{1it-1}		0.303 ^{***}					0.394 ^{***}					0.445 ^{***}			
		(3.05)					(3.82)					(3.81)			
COMPTIER _{1it-1} * δ_{t-1}		-0.467 ^{***}					-0.585 ^{***}					-0.635 ^{***}			
		(-3.53)					(-4.12)					(-4.62)			
<i>Bank type variables</i>															
Commercial dummy * δ_{t-1}			0.000956					-0.00187					-0.00101		
			(0.00)					(-0.04)					(-0.02)		
Savings dummy * δ_{t-1}			0.00412					-0.00333					0.0373		
			(0.13)					(-0.10)					(0.92)		
Government dummy * δ_{t-1}			0.0492 ^{**}					0.0314					0.0560 ^{**}		
			(2.50)					(1.33)					(2.36)		
Foreign dummy * δ_{t-1}			-0.071					-0.105 [*]					-0.0266		
			(-1.51)					(-1.94)					(-0.57)		
Subsidiary dummy * δ_{t-1}			0.0256					0.0451 ^{**}					0.0384 [*]		
			(1.27)					(1.99)					(1.74)		
<i>Regulation variables</i>															
Overall capital stringency * δ_{t-1}				-0.0173 [*]						-0.0106				-0.011	
				(-1.87)						(-1.00)				(-0.79)	
Deposit insurance * δ_{t-1}				0.0106						0.021				-0.016	
				(0.39)						(0.70)				(-0.38)	
Bail-out probability * δ_{t-1}					-0.0582						-0.0647 [*]				-0.0311
					(-1.59)						(-1.71)				(-0.67)
N	7375	7374	7375	3903	2048	5655	5655	5655	2631	1626	4538	4538	4538	2317	1379
Adjusted-R2	0.168	0.176	0.171	0.208	0.239										
Hansen J Statistic (p-value)						3.591(0.166)	3.377(0.185)	4.103(0.129)	4.271(0.118)	0.848(0.654)	17.11(0.146)	16.08(0.187)	17.1(0.146)	16.9(0.153)	38.26(0.0935)
Estimation Method	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV	GMM	GMM	GMM	GMM	GMM

Note. The dependent variable is $\Delta \log GL_{it}$. Estimation methods are FE, IV and GMM. T-values are reported in parentheses. Superscripts ***, **, * indicate significance levels of 1%, 5%, and 10% respectively.

2.7 Robustness Checks

Subsamples of commercial banks: As a robustness check we also performed an analysis on the subsample of commercial banks only (see Appendix B Table B.3). The results were largely unchanged. The crisis dummy is negatively and in most specifications significantly related to bank lending. This confirms the view that commercial banks needed to cut back on lending during the global financial crisis. The concentration index (*HHI*) also has a more significant impact on bank lending behavior, as predicted by Hypothesis 2.4a.

Subsamples of Banks in Different Regions: Despite having wide-reaching effects on the global economy, the global financial crisis affected developed and developing countries differently. It is therefore interesting and warranted to perform the same analysis on the subsamples of banks in OECD, non-OECD, and BRIC countries. In particular, we are interested in whether the impact of tier 1 capital on bank lending is unchanged in different world regions.³⁹

Table 2.4 reports the results in each region based on the fixed effects model, instrumental variable regression model, and Arellano and Bond's (1991) GMM estimation.

In the subsample of banks in the OECD countries, the impact of the tier 1 capital ratio and its interaction term with the crisis dummy is fairly insignificant. Within the subsample of non-OECD countries and BRIC countries, however, the impact of the tier 1 capital ratio on bank lending during the global financial crisis is positive and significant among all model specifications. This shows that during the global financial crisis, a high tier 1 capital ratio was especially important for bank lending in developing countries (i.e., non-OECD and BRIC countries).

Interestingly, the role of government ownership for bank lending during the global financial crisis was positive and statistically significant only for banks in the non-OECD and BRIC subsamples. This may indicate that government ownership helps banks weather the global financial crisis only in developing countries.

Subsample of Banks According to Size and Funding: The size of a bank plays a significant role in its ability to access financial markets in order to secure various types of funding for its operations, as well as to sufficiently diversify the riskiness of its assets and achieve certain economies of scale and scope. The question arises whether our findings are limited to the subsample of banks with a high (or low) tier 1 and tier 2 capital ratio, customer deposits, and interbank deposits. We therefore replicate our analysis on the subsamples of large and small banks by total assets (columns 1 and 2), banks with a high and low tier 1 capital ratio (columns 3 and 4), banks with a high and low tier 2 capital (columns 5 and 6), banks with high and low customer deposits (columns 7 and 8), and banks with high and low interbank deposits (columns 9 and 10). We report

³⁹ Brewer, Kaufman, and Wall (2008), for example, show that capital ratios of banks not only depend on bank-specific variables, but also on country characteristics and policy variables. In addition, Berger et al. (2008) demonstrate that U.S. bank holding companies actively manage their capital ratios. One can therefore expect the relationship between capital and credit growth to be country-specific as well.

the results in Table 2.5. For the purpose of brevity, we limit our estimation method to the fixed effects model.

Our analysis shows that the tier 1 capital ratio and its interaction with the crisis dummy is statistically significant for smaller banks, but not for the largest banks. Small banks may be driven mostly by market forces and the impact of the global financial crisis on small banks may have been the highest. Therefore, high tier 1 capital ratio levels are the most important for small banks. In contrast, large banks may have been partially shielded from the global financial crisis by implicit government guarantees. Their too-big-to-fail status may lower the importance of the tier 1 capital ratio.

In addition, the tier 1 capital ratio and its interaction term with the crisis dummy significantly affect bank lending for banks with a high tier 1 ratio, low tier 2 ratio, low customer deposits-to-total asset ratio, and low interbank deposits-to-total asset ratio. This confirms the finding by Brei et al. (2013), who show that bank capital supports lending, but only if it surpasses a critical threshold. Our analysis brings in the size effect. Looking back at Table 2.2, it can also be noted that size is negatively correlated with *TIER1* and positively correlated with *TIER2*, *TCD*, and *DEP*. Table 2.5 therefore indicates that the tier 1 ratio was important for bank lending behavior during the global financial crisis, especially for small banks.

Interestingly, the competitive environment significantly affects the lending behavior of large banks but not small banks. *COMPTIER1* is significantly and positively related—and *COMPTIER1* δ_t is significantly and negatively related—to lending growth for large banks (and for banks with low tier 1 and high tier 2, *TCD* but low *DEP*), but its relation becomes insignificant for small banks (and for banks with a high tier 1 and low tier 2 capital ratio and *TCD* but with high *DEP*). That is, in normal times, large banks grow significantly faster if competing banks in the country have high tier 1 capital ratio, whereas during the global financial crisis large banks grew significantly faster if competing banks had a low tier 1 capital ratio. The explanation may be that high tier 1 capital ratio acted as a deterrent against the growth of large banks during the global financial crisis, but acts as a competitive disadvantage during normal times.

Table 2.4. Estimation Result of Subsamples by Different Regions

	OECD Subsample			Non-OECD Subsample			BRIC Subsample		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)
Bank specific variables									
Intercept	3.448*** (4.65)			2.972*** (5.22)			4.388*** (3.87)		
$\Delta \log GL_{i,t-1}$			-0.757*** (-2.89)			-0.400* (-1.82)			-0.400* (-1.82)
TIER1 _{i,t-1}	0.228 (1.45)	-0.223 (-0.70)	1.027 (1.36)	0.390*** (2.70)	0.567 (1.38)	0.0999 (0.13)	0.458** (2.03)	-0.939 (-1.37)	0.0999 (0.13)
TIER1 _{i,t-1} * δ_{t-1}	0.195 (1.15)	0.360** (2.21)	-0.694 (-1.09)	0.386*** (4.29)	0.231*** (2.67)	0.483** (1.99)	0.459*** (5.74)	0.363*** (3.55)	0.483** (1.99)
TIER2 _{i,t-1}	0.164 (0.66)	-0.152 (-0.44)	1.006 (1.50)	1.216** (2.40)	0.59 (1.02)	0.973 (1.53)	1.770** (2.38)	0.705 (0.87)	0.973 (1.53)
TIER2 _{i,t-1} * δ_{t-1}	0.991 (0.99)	1.367 (1.26)	-0.825 (-0.66)	0.107 (0.20)	0.168 (0.29)	-0.233 (-0.49)	-0.371 (-0.36)	0.179 (0.17)	-0.233 (-0.49)
TCD _{i,t-1}	0.383** (2.47)	0.487*** (2.86)	0.327* (1.76)	-0.0208 (-0.11)	0.000442 0.00	0.0356 (0.13)	0.0575 (0.22)	-0.304 (-1.05)	0.0356 (0.13)
TCD _{i,t-1} * δ_{t-1}	0.0227 (0.31)	0.150* (1.77)	0.0559 (0.71)	0.274*** (3.48)	0.240** (2.37)	0.168 (1.27)	0.383*** (3.64)	0.397*** (3.02)	0.168 (1.27)
DEP _{i,t-1}	0.114 (0.49)	0.201 (0.78)	0.0242 (0.07)	0.424* (1.77)	0.479* (1.85)	0.415 (1.02)	0.998** (2.38)	0.534 (1.16)	0.415 (1.02)
DEP _{i,t-1} * δ_{t-1}	-0.394 (-1.06)	-0.268 (-0.69)	-0.468 (-1.09)	-0.178 (-1.14)	-0.236 (-1.28)	-0.258 (-1.26)	-0.453* (-1.69)	-0.414 (-1.39)	-0.258 (-1.26)
TA _{i,t-1}	-0.257*** (-5.26)	-0.286*** (-5.37)	-0.103 (-0.84)	-0.207*** (-5.99)	-0.146*** (-3.62)	-0.310*** (-4.97)	-0.286*** (-4.42)	-0.293*** (-4.77)	-0.310*** (-4.97)
TA _{i,t-1} * δ_{t-1}	-0.0166 (-1.45)	-0.0115 (-0.95)	-0.0284* (-1.91)	0.005 (0.65)	-0.00282 (-0.29)	0.0313*** (2.69)	-0.0294* (-1.80)	-0.0234 (-1.23)	0.0313*** (2.69)
LLP _{i,t-1}	0.376 (0.45)	0.779 (0.88)	4.657* (1.79)	-1.214 (-1.54)	-0.159 (-0.16)	-0.746 (-0.57)	-1.689 (-1.35)	-3.118** (-2.13)	-0.746 (-0.57)
FA _{i,t-1}	0.396 (0.61)	0.92 (1.49)	-1.277 (-1.06)	0.842 (1.22)	1.400* (1.67)	0.569 (0.66)	0.349 (0.31)	-0.091 (-0.06)	0.569 (0.66)
ROA _{i,t-1}	1.034 (1.15)	1.877* (1.75)	-0.379 (-0.21)	0.299 (0.47)	0.355 (0.46)	0.0278 (0.05)	1.398** (2.05)	2.118** (2.25)	0.0278 (0.05)
δ_{t-1}	0.168	0.00691	0.432	-0.124	-0.0152	-0.554**	0.469*	0.393	-0.554**

Table 2.4. Estimation Result of Subsamples by Different Regions

	OECD Subsample			Non-OECD Subsample			BRIC Subsample		
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)
	(1.02)	(0.04)	(1.62)	(-0.87)	(-0.09)	(-2.11)	(1.76)	(1.19)	(-2.11)
Macroeconomic variables									
GDP growth _{i,t}	-0.0703 (-0.38)	-0.166 (-0.90)	0.0694 (0.37)	0.920*** (4.60)	0.932*** (3.85)	0.887*** (3.59)	0.63 (1.61)	0.607 (1.33)	0.887*** (3.59)
Interest rate _{i,t}	-0.928* (-1.72)	-1.031* (-1.71)	-0.946 (-1.49)	-0.557*** (-3.45)	-0.326* (-1.79)	-0.253 (-1.62)	-1.726*** (-4.06)	-0.923** (-2.23)	-0.253 (-1.62)
Bank type variables									
Commercial dummy * δ_{t-1}	0.0705 (0.98)	0.0566 (0.76)	0.0253 (0.29)	-0.137*** (-2.93)	-0.105* (-1.80)	-0.102 (-1.56)	-0.204*** (-3.13)	-0.223*** (-3.18)	-0.102 (-1.56)
Savings dummy * δ_{t-1}	0.0822 (1.13)	0.0646 (0.96)	0.052 (0.57)	-0.324*** (-2.93)	-0.367* (-1.78)	-0.135 (-1.21)			-0.135 (-1.21)
Government dummy * δ_{t-1}	-0.0142 (-0.32)	-0.0646 (-1.21)	0.0554 (0.87)	0.128*** (4.89)	0.125*** (4.27)	0.136*** (4.24)	0.175*** (4.17)	0.130*** (2.89)	0.136*** (4.24)
Foreign dummy * δ_{t-1}	-0.0553 (-0.98)	-0.0835*** (-2.82)	0.164 (0.72)	-0.0757 (-1.34)	-0.107 (-1.56)	-0.00954 (-0.21)			-0.00954 (-0.21)
Subsidiary dummy * δ_{t-1}	0.0241 (0.92)	0.0248 (0.83)	0.0408 (1.56)	-0.00347 (-0.12)	0.0513 (1.39)	-0.00799 (-0.21)	0.0629 (1.44)	0.109** (2.36)	-0.00799 (-0.21)
<i>N</i>	5070	4028	3026	2305	1627	1512	919	733	1512
Adjusted-R2	0.116			0.227			0.349		
Hansen J Statistic		1.97	18.06		4.377	16.16		0.0521	16.16
(<i>p</i> -value)		(0.373)	(0.114)		(0.112)	(0.184)		(0.974)	(0.184)
Estimation Method	FE	IV	GMM	FE	IV	GMM	FE	IV	GMM

Note. The dependent variable is $\Delta \log GL_{i,t}$. Estimation methods are FE, IV and GMM. T-values are reported in parentheses. Superscripts ***, **, * indicate significance levels of 1%, 5%, and 10% respectively.

Table 2.5. Estimation Result of Subsamples

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
	Bottom	Top	Bottom	Top	Bottom	Top	Bottom	Top	Bottom	Top
	TA	TA	Tier1	Tier1	Tier2	Tier2	TCD	TCD	DEP	DEP
<i>Bank specific variables</i>										
Intercept	3.424*** (4.93)	2.535*** (4.27)	2.073*** (3.79)	3.302*** (4.63)	3.110*** (4.15)	3.218*** (4.92)	4.036*** (6.82)	1.841*** (2.85)	2.948*** (3.92)	3.396*** (3.90)
TIER1 _{i,t-1}	0.438*** (2.96)	0.116 (0.54)	1.482*** (3.34)	0.323** (2.18)	0.431** (2.37)	0.655** (1.97)	0.292** (2.06)	1.132*** (3.58)	0.388** (2.17)	0.131 (0.71)
TIER1 _{i,t-1} * δ_{t-1}	0.381*** (4.42)	0.161 (0.72)	-0.455 (-1.04)	0.340*** (3.02)	0.394*** (2.80)	0.192 (0.92)	0.378** (3.82)	0.378 (1.14)	0.234*** (2.72)	0.329 (1.39)
TIER2 _{i,t-1}	1.282** (2.18)	0.126 (0.50)	1.056* (1.94)	1.164** (2.24)	0.0855 (0.08)	-0.286 (-0.54)	0.574** (2.21)	0.259 (0.57)	0.726* (1.82)	0.325 (1.16)
TIER2 _{i,t-1} * δ_{t-1}	0.199 (0.30)	0.238 (0.31)	-0.454 (-0.83)	0.197 (0.21)	-0.0506 (-0.03)	-0.564 (-0.82)	0.645 (0.75)	0.432 (0.78)	0.718* (1.74)	0.114 (0.15)
TCD _{i,t-1}	0.18 (1.15)	0.237 (1.59)	0.346** (2.16)	0.0612 (0.35)	0.141 (0.82)	0.213 (1.12)	0.0637 (0.41)	0.458** (2.51)	0.215* (1.89)	-0.0882 (-0.33)
TCD _{i,t-1} * δ_{t-1}	0.0555 (0.62)	0.161*** (3.09)	0.0964** (2.16)	0.190** (2.55)	0.216*** (2.67)	0.0482 (0.99)	0.286** (2.47)	-0.0118 (-0.07)	0.0696 (1.56)	0.250** (2.06)
DEP _{i,t-1}	0.223 (0.77)	0.361* (1.74)	0.0798 (0.53)	0.41 (1.56)	0.674** (2.06)	-0.12 (-0.66)	0.347* (1.80)	0.581 (1.24)	-0.149 (-0.26)	0.34 (1.31)
DEP _{i,t-1} * δ_{t-1}	-0.280* (-1.82)	-0.331 (-1.01)	-0.0656 (-0.57)	-0.471 (-1.39)	-0.519 (-1.34)	-0.232** (-2.03)	-0.22 (-1.23)	-0.00951 (-0.03)	0.13 (0.21)	-0.316 (-1.09)
TA _{i,t-1}	-0.278*** (-5.41)	-0.168*** (-4.99)	-0.158*** (-4.85)	-0.249*** (-5.05)	-0.239*** (-4.70)	-0.222*** (-5.88)	-0.287*** (-7.43)	-0.156*** (-4.03)	-0.218*** (-4.29)	-0.227*** (-4.49)
TA _{i,t-1} * δ_{t-1}	0.00395 (0.26)	0.00466 (0.68)	0.00277 (0.62)	-0.00221 (-0.22)	-0.00636 (-0.82)	0.0091 (1.25)	-0.00438 (-0.61)	0.0125** (2.40)	-0.00302 (-0.73)	0.00871 (0.72)
LLP _{i,t-1}	-0.955 (-1.12)	-1.324** (-2.18)	-0.401 (-0.65)	-1.144 (-1.28)	-1.043 (-0.97)	-1.998*** (-2.74)	-1.157 (-1.39)	-1.640*** (-3.17)	-0.452 (-0.62)	-0.643 (-0.79)
FA _{i,t-1}	1.019 (1.12)	0.213 (0.47)	0.128 (0.18)	0.838 (1.07)	-0.491 (-0.53)	1.218 (1.42)	1.370** (2.00)	-0.413 (-0.38)	-1.744 (-1.64)	1.134 (1.49)
ROA _{i,t-1}	0.00903 (0.01)	0.832 (1.38)	0.98 (1.15)	0.155 (0.21)	0.443 (0.56)	-0.931 (-1.39)	0.393 (0.59)	-0.708 (-1.00)	-1.401* (-1.74)	1.135 (1.47)

Table 2.5. Estimation Result of Subsamples

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)
	Bottom	Top	Bottom	Top	Bottom	Top	Bottom	Top	Bottom	Top
	TA	TA	Tier1	Tier1	Tier2	Tier2	TCD	TCD	DEP	DEP
δ_{t-1}	-0.0909 (-0.41)	-0.0966 (-0.83)	0.018 (0.21)	-0.0319 (-0.22)	-0.0251 (-0.25)	-0.0742 (-0.57)	-0.101 (-0.86)	-0.152 (-0.78)	0.0188 (0.36)	-0.251 (-1.01)
<i>Macroeconomic variables</i>										
GDP growth $_{i,t}$	0.888*** (3.75)	0.720*** (3.14)	0.618*** (3.97)	0.819*** (3.19)	0.655*** (2.86)	1.008*** (4.80)	0.548** (2.15)	0.754*** (3.83)	0.273 (1.56)	0.910*** (2.97)
Interest rate $_{i,t}$	-0.928*** (-3.66)	-0.411*** (-2.66)	-0.260** (-1.99)	-0.880*** (-3.89)	-0.774*** (-3.51)	-0.385*** (-2.79)	-1.252*** (-5.55)	-0.212 (-1.02)	-0.309* (-1.78)	-0.722*** (-3.49)
<i>Industry structure variables</i>										
HHI $_{i,t-1}$	-1.057* (-1.69)	-0.424 (-1.06)	0.0223 (0.08)	-1.391* (-1.81)	0.188 (0.51)	-0.769** (-2.01)	-1.265*** (-2.85)	-0.485 (-0.66)	-0.41 (-0.67)	-0.614* (-1.87)
HHI $_{i,t-1}$ * δ_{t-1}	0.801** (2.27)	-0.163 (-0.62)	-0.0748 (-0.28)	0.317 (0.95)	0.268 (0.78)	0.382 (1.55)	0.690* (1.78)	-0.06 (-0.19)	-0.322 (-1.22)	0.433 (1.37)
COMPTIER1 $_{i,t-1}$	0.105 (0.68)	0.363** (2.44)	0.216** (2.17)	0.233 (1.47)	0.192 (1.26)	0.330** (2.44)	0.083 (0.57)	0.262* (1.83)	0.303*** (3.25)	0.00621 (0.02)
COMPTIER1 $_{i,t-1}$ * δ_{t-1}	-0.285 (-0.81)	-0.539*** (-3.25)	-0.461*** (-3.84)	-0.405 (-1.45)	-0.287 (-1.27)	-0.541*** (-3.26)	-0.273 (-0.92)	-0.414** (-2.51)	-0.379*** (-3.03)	0.00713 (0.02)
<i>N</i>	3728	3646	3505	3869	3875	3499	4465	2909	4356	3018
Adjusted-R2	0.262	0.157	0.137	0.177	0.170	0.240	0.222	0.121	0.146	0.169
Estimation Method	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE

Note. The dependent variable is $\Delta \log GL_{i,t}$. Estimation method is FE. *T*-values are reported in parentheses. Superscripts ***, **, * indicate significance levels of 1%, 5%, and 10% respectively. In “Top” and “Bottom” in each column are observations “above” and “below” the mean of each variable in each year respectively.

2.8 Conclusion

In this study, we examine the relationship between loan growth and bank capital structure. We analyze the impact of the type of bank funding on bank lending behavior in the global financial crisis. We distinguish between tier 1 and tier 2 capital and customer and interbank deposits as bank funding sources. We combine unbalanced panel data using annual balance sheet bank data between 2000 and 2010 with several variables discerning the macroeconomic environment, organizational and ownership structure, regulatory environment, and government support.

We find a significant and positive effect of the tier 1 capital ratio on bank loan growth during the global financial crisis. The effect seems to be more pronounced for small banks and for banks in non-OECD and BRIC countries. Customer deposits also positively affected bank lending during the global financial crisis. Furthermore, we find some (but weak) evidence that the tier 2 capital ratio and interbank deposits positively affect loan growth in normal times and that interbank deposits negatively affected bank lending during the global financial crisis.

Our evidence highlights a sharp contrast on the impact of different funding sources on bank lending during the global financial crisis. Whereas tier 1 capital and customer deposits acted as a stable source of funding during the global financial crisis, tier 2 capital and interbank deposits spur bank lending during normal times, but did not do so during the global financial crisis.

We also find that during normal times a bank lends more if the tier 1 capital ratio of competing banks is high. This relationship reversed during the global financial crisis. That is, during the global financial crisis a bank lent more if the tier 1 capital ratio of competing banks was low. The effect is present only for the subsample of large banks but not for small banks. This may indicate that large banks gained a competitive advantage against weakly capitalized competitors especially during the global financial crisis but not during normal times.

We also find that government ownership helped banks better sustain credit growth during the global financial crisis. This effect was statistically significant only in non-OECD and BRIC countries, but not in OECD countries.

3 COMPETITION IN THE CLEARING AND SETTLEMENT INDUSTRY⁴⁰

3.1 Overview

This chapter empirically analyzes the competitive landscape within the clearing and settlement industry. Using the panel data of 49 clearing and settlement institutions from 24 countries, we confirm that clearing and settlement institutions operate under the monopoly equilibrium. We show that competition increases with the institutional size, mergers, and with technological development. Additionally, we find some evidence that competition in clearing and settlement is higher during the global financial crisis compared to normal times. We also show that competition between clearing and settlement institutions is higher in the U.S. than in Europe.

3.2 Introduction

Amid increasingly globalized financial markets, clearing and settlement institutions need to operate in an international and fast-changing environment. To reach international scale, some of the clearing and settlement institutions went through a massive consolidation process. For example, Belgium-based central securities depository (CSD) Euroclear became the largest international central securities depository in the world through a series of acquisitions (of French CSD Sicovam in 2001, the Dutch CSD Ncigef and the UK CSD CrestCo in 2002, the Belgian CSD CIK in 2007, the CSD of Finland APK and Sweden VPC AB in 2008). Although consolidation brought internationalization and rapid expansion of cross-border clearing and settlement activities, it might also have negatively affected the competitive landscape. Due to the antitrust concerns, the European Commission prohibited the proposed merger between Deutsche Börse AG and NYSE Euronext in 2012. According to the European Commission, the merged company would have obtained near-monopolistic power in trading and clearing of European exchange-traded derivatives.⁴¹ Competition in clearing and settlement is therefore becoming a foremost issue.

We use unbalanced annual financial data of 49 clearing and settlement institutions from 24 countries between 1989 and 2012 to perform a comprehensive panel-based analysis of competition between clearing and settlement institutions across the European and the U.S. market. We employ the Panzar-Rosse model (Panzar and Rosse, 1982, 1987) (hereafter ‘PR model’) to estimate the competitive indicator ‘*H*-statistic’ that shows whether clearing and settlement institutions operate under a monopoly, monopolistic competition, or perfect competition. We also compute the Lerner index of monopoly power of clearing and settlement institutions (following Coccorese, 2009; Koetter et al., 2012) and the Boone indicator (Boone, 2001, 2008). We investigate several factors that affect competition in the clearing and settlement

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⁴¹ See

<http://europa.eu/rapid/pressReleasesAction.do?reference=IP/12/94&format=HTML&aged=0&language=EN&guiLanguage=en>.

industry, including the role of mergers and acquisitions, size, institutional structure, technological development, and the global financial crisis.

We confirm that clearing and settlement institutions operate under the monopoly equilibrium. We show that competition increases with the institutional size, mergers, and with technological development. Additionally, we find some evidence that competition in clearing and settlement is higher during the global financial crisis compared to normal times. We also show that competition between clearing and settlement institutions is higher in the U.S. than in Europe.

To our knowledge, we are the first to analyze competition in the clearing and settlement industry using the PR model, Lerner index, and Boone indicator, which have frequently been applied in the banking literature (Angelini and Cetorelli, 2003; Bikker, Spierdijk, and Finnie, 2006; 2007). Previous studies provide empirical evidence on the existence of economies of scale, relative efficiency, and technological development in clearing and settlement and in stock exchange markets (Hasan and Malkamäki, 2001; Schmiedel, 2001; Hasan et al., 2003; Hasan and Schmiedel, 2004; Hasan, Schmiedel, and Song, 2012a; Van Cayseele and Wuyts, 2007).⁴² We analyze the competitive environment and the factors that affect competition in the clearing and settlement industry.

The remainder of the chapter is organized as follows: Section 3.3 discusses the role of clearing and settlement institutions, reviews the literature, and builds hypotheses. Section 3.4 describes the methodology. Section 3.5 provides descriptive statistics and concentration measures. In Section 3.6, we analyze competition and factors that affect competition in clearing and settlement using the PR model. Section 3.7 provides evidence from the Lerner index and Section 3.8 focuses on the Boone indicator. Section 3.9 concludes this chapter.

3.3 Literature Review

3.3.1 Clearing and settlement institutions in Europe and in the U.S.

Clearing and settlement services facilitate well-functioning of capital markets by lowering transaction costs that an investor faces when completing a trade (Giddy, et al., 1996; Schaper, 2008). When a security is transacted in the securities market, the trade has to be cleared and settled only then the transaction can be completed. Clearing is the process in which the buyer of a security and its seller establish the respective obligations. Settlement implies the transfer of money from the buyer to the seller, and simultaneous delivery of the securities from the seller to the buyer. The clearing and settlement institutions guarantee that these transactions are performed safely and efficiently. Countries generally have highly centralized and integrated clearing and settlement industry.

Three types of organizations are providing clearing and settlement services: domestic central

⁴² Previous studies show that economies of scale, technological development, cost and revenue efficiency, and mergers and acquisition affect the performance of stock exchanges and clearing and settlement industry (Hasan and Malkamäki (2001); Schmiedel, Malkamäki, and Tarkka (2006); Nielsson (2009)).

securities depositories (CSDs), international central securities depositories (ICSDs), and custodians. CSDs are engaged in the settlement of securities, traded on their respective domestic markets, and are frequently part of the exchange in their domestic country. CSDs enable processing and settlement of securities transactions by book entry. They provide custodial services (e.g., the administration of corporate actions and redemptions), and play an active role in ensuring the integrity of securities' issues. Historically, ICSDs' main function was to settle Eurobond trades. They are now active in clearing and settlements across different international markets, and currency areas. ICSDs typically also provide a wide range of ancillary services, such as securities lending, voluntary corporate actions, tax services, proxy voting, and collateral management.⁴³ Custodians are large investment banks that provide securities custody services to its customers. We focus on CSDs and ICSDs in our analysis.⁴⁴

Clearing and settlement infrastructures differ across the main capital markets. We focus on the European and the U.S. market. In the U.S. market, the Depository Trust Company, Fixed Income Clearing Corporation, and National Securities Clearing Corporation operate under the Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation, and they clear and settle almost all the securities transactions (more than U.S. \$1.6 quadrillion in transactions every year).⁴⁵

Clearing and settlement infrastructure is less integrated in Europe than in the U.S. Around 40 CSDs operate in the domestically-oriented and fragmented European market. In addition to CSDs, Clearstream International and Euroclear Group act as ICSDs and provide services in many different markets to domestic or cross-border investors. Clearstream International clears and settles securities transactions in over 110 countries and its global network extends across 50 markets. Clearstream International uses the services of a local agent, which can be either a local CSD or a financial institution in the local market. Similar to Clearstream International, Euroclear Group focuses on clearing and settlement of international trade securities. It operates in more than 90 countries (Giovannini Group, 2002). The costs of cross-border clearing and settlement services are significantly higher than in the domestic market (De Carvalho, 2004; Giovannini Group, 2002; Schmiedel and Schönenberger, 2005).

Several initiatives are directed towards establishing more integrated European clearing and settlement. In 2012, the European Commission issued a proposal for the regulation of CSDs to strengthen the legal framework for uniform financial market infrastructure in the EU and provide the legal basis for the introduction of TARGET2-Securities (T2S) infrastructure.⁴⁶ T2S infrastructure aims at overcoming fragmentation across national settlement systems within the EU by offering a single IT platform for settlement across borders, national CSDs, and currencies. According to the European Central Bank (2007, 2008), the average costs for securities settlement

⁴³ European Central Bank, "CSD Ancillary Services", 28 October 2011. See <https://www.ecb.europa.eu/paym/t2s/progress/pdf/hsg/mtg4/2011-11-07-csd-ancillary-services-status.pdf??b7560d63bcb62dd376a6c405e4133e3c>.

⁴⁴ Clearing and settlement presents only a fraction of business of custodian banks. Therefore, incorporating accounting figures of custodian banks in our empirical analysis would distort our measures of competition in clearing and settlement.

⁴⁵ See also http://www.dtcc.com/~media/Files/Downloads/About/DTCC_Capabilities.ashx.

⁴⁶ See http://europa.eu/rapid/press-release_IP-12-221_en.htm?locale=en.

through T2S infrastructure could be reduced to €0.28 per transaction; however, the participation of all relevant CSDs is essential for the success of T2S infrastructure. If the participation in T2S infrastructure is voluntary, the low number of transactions could raise the costs per transaction (Schaper, 2008). The Eurosystem invited all CSDs in Europe to outsource their settlement services to T2S. By 2012, 22 CSDs have signed a legal agreement ('Framework Agreement') with the Eurosystem, including almost all CSDs in the euro area (Mercier and Sauer, 2013).

Differences in integration across the U.S. and Europe may affect the level of competition in clearing and settlement.

3.3.2 Industry structure in clearing and settlement services

The extant literature on industry structure in clearing and settlement provides some evidence of scale economies, mergers, and the type of competition within clearing and settlement.⁴⁷

First, empirical research identifies economies of scale in the clearing and settlement industry in the U.S. and Europe. Demsetz (1968) documents the existence of economies of scale in the New York Stock Exchange. Hancock, Humphrey, and Wilcox (1999) provide evidence for economies of scale in Fedwire electronic funds transfer operation. Adams, Bauer, and Sickles (2004) find significant economies of scale and scope in the Federal Reserve's payment processing services.

Van Cayseele and Wuyts (2007) find that economies of scale exist in European clearing and settlement; however, they are exhausted far below the size of the entire European market. Schmiedel et al. (2006) show that the level of economies of scale varies by the size of a clearing and settlement institution. Smaller settlement service providers have a high potential to further exploit economies of scale. However, larger institutions are already becoming more and more cost effective.⁴⁸ Hasan and Malkamäki (2001) provide evidence for significant economies of scale and scope among European stock exchanges. Schmiedel (2001) finds that the size of stock exchanges, index of market concentration, quality, structural reorganizations of exchange governance, diversification in trading service activities, and adoption of automated trading systems have a significant impact on how efficiently trading services are provided in Europe. Hasan, Schmiedel, and Song (2012) find that mergers among stock exchanges improve performance in the short run and in the long run. Mergers bring value especially in the case of horizontal and cross-border integration.

Second, several authors weigh the benefits of mergers within the trading infrastructure and clearing and settlement industry with potential anti-competitive concerns. Taping and Yang

⁴⁷ Table C.1 in Appendix C summarizes the previous empirical studies on clearing and settlement institutions.

⁴⁸ Developments in the payment processing industry might indicate the future of clearing and settlement services in the EU. Beijnen and Bolt (2009) confirm that significant economies of scale are present within eight European payment processors. They argue that a single European payments area will facilitate consolidation among European payment processors, which will further exploit payment economies of scale. Bolt and Humphrey (2007) see substantial cost efficiency gains in cross border consolidation of payment processing in the European market. Developed payment infrastructure is also important for the performance of the banking system. Hasan, Schmiedel, and Song (2012) show that bank performance is higher in countries with more developed retail payment service markets.

(2006) show that vertical integration of domestic service providers (integration of trading infrastructure with the clearing and settlement infrastructure) may be desirable if domestic investors are not inclined to invest in foreign securities (see also Pirrong, 2007). However, horizontal integration of CSDs improves welfare if investors want to invest in foreign securities. Köppl and Monnet (2007) argue that vertical silos (between CSDs and exchanges) can prevent efficiency gains from horizontal consolidation between CSDs.

Rochet (2005) analyzes whether it is optimal for a CSD to compete with or be allowed to merge vertically with custodian banks. He finds that the welfare effect of a vertical integration depends on the trade-off between efficiency gains and lower competition at the custodian level (see also Kauko, 2007). Cherbonnier and Rochet (2010) conclude that vertical integration spurs the need for regulation of access pricing and this introduces new inefficiencies, due to the incentives of the ICSD to hide cost information. Holthausen and Tapking (2007) also analyze competition between CSDs and the agent banks. They find that a CSD raises its rival's cost to increase its monopoly power at the custodian level.

Third, the literature on the competition in clearing and settlement is rather scarce. Van Cayseele (2004) argues that contestable quasi-monopolies might be the efficient industry configuration in European clearing and settlement. In the contestable quasi-monopolies outcome, a few (international) CSDs would grow sufficiently large to exploit most of the economies of scale, but would still compete against each other.

Milne (2007a) argues that several services of clearing and settlement institutions (e.g., the book entry function and the transmission of corporate actions) are characterized as a natural monopoly, at the issuer level. Milne stresses that these core functions should be kept as a monopoly to exploit economies of scale. However, competition should increase in all other clearing and settlement services, at domestic but even more so at the European level. An abuse of the CSDs' monopoly position can be contained by regulation on terms and pricing of access (see also Juranek and Walz, 2010).

Serifsoy and Weiß (2007) find that market forces coupled with regulatory framework can provide for contestable monopolies outcome that ensure a high degree of static, dynamic, and systemic efficiency.

3.3.3 Formation of hypotheses

During the financial crises, clearing and settlement institutions face severe pressure and potentially higher competition from other financial institutions (e.g., custodian banks). Bernanke (1990) points out that the clearing and settlement services faced severe problems during the 1987 stock market crash. Lloyd Blankfein, CEO and Chairman of Goldman Sachs Group Inc., said "I agree that clearinghouses make things less risky for the regular crisis, but in an extreme crisis that could affect the clearinghouse itself."⁴⁹ Our first hypothesis is therefore the following:

⁴⁹ See Elena Logutenkova and Fabio Benedetti-Valentini, "Blankfein Says Clearinghouses May Increase Risks in Crises," *Bloomberg Businessweek*, September 29, 2010,

Hypothesis 3.1: Competition in clearing and settlement increased during the global financial crisis.

Lannoo and Levin (2002) examine the structure of the settlement and depository industry in the EU and account for the difference between CSDs and ICSDs. They find that ICSDs incur higher operating costs than CSDs because of more complex back-office systems and higher costs in cross-border settlement. Despite higher costs of cross-border transactions, ICSDs are confronted with direct competition from other ICSDs or from local CSDs. Therefore, we test the following hypothesis.

Hypothesis 3.2: ICSDs are exposed to a higher level of competition than CSDs.

The empirical analysis of the relation between the competition and the size of clearing and settlement institutions is scarce. Borrowing from the banking literature, some studies confirm a positive relation between the market power and size (see e.g. Bikker and Bos, 2005; Bikker, et al., 2006). Alternatively, smaller institutions operate primarily on local markets with weaker competition whereas larger institutions primarily operate on international level with generally a higher level competition. Larger institutions also engage in multimarket contact, which increases competition (see Mester, 1987). Several empirical studies based on the PR model confirm the negative relationship between asset size and market power (Bikker, 2004; see Hempell, 2002). If competition in clearing and settlement is limited on domestic markets but fierce on the international level, we can hypothesize the following:

Hypothesis 3.3: Larger size of clearing and settlement institutions is associated with higher competition.

Theoretical studies show that vertical and horizontal mergers might improve welfare in clearing and settlement. Consolidation in the clearing and settlement systems through vertical and horizontal mergers and alliances is modifying the European landscape. ICSDs are increasingly acquiring domestic CSDs (see, for example, an expansion strategy of Clearstream International and Euroclear System through mergers and acquisitions). The intention of these mergers is to reduce costs and boost efficiency but at the same time, international mergers may open up previously closed domestic clearing and settlement markets.⁵⁰

Hypothesis 3.4: Mergers between CSDs are associated with higher competition.

The developments of information technology might also lead to substantial transformation of the clearing and settlement industry. Developments in information technology generally increase efficiency in the financial industry, but may also increase transaction nature of financial services, which is associated with higher competition (see Boot, 2014; Marinč, 2013).

<http://www.bloomberg.com/news/2010-09-29/blankfein-says-using-clearing-houses-could-increase-risks.html>

⁵⁰ We focus on horizontal mergers between CSDs rather than on vertical mergers between CSDs and custodian banks.

Hasan et al. (2003) find that the investments in standardization and new technologies increase the productivity of stock exchanges. Knieps (2006) argues that the implementation of new systems and further development in settlement technology improves cost effectiveness in the post-trade markets. Developments in information and communication technology promote integration of financial markets in the euro area (see e.g. Hasan and Malkamäki, 2001; Schmiedel, et al., 2006), reduce the importance of location for efficiency of transactions, and foster a single market especially if regulatory barriers are also removed (see Gehrig and Stenbacka, 2007). Information technology serves as a competitive factor in the post-trading industry (Schaper and Chlistalla, 2010).

Hypothesis 3.5: Technological development increases competition between clearing and settlement institutions.

Competition in clearing and settlement might differ across markets. Giovannini Group (2002) finds substantial barriers to European financial market integration in cross-border clearing and settlements. Lannoo and Levin (2002) confirm that the operating cost of securities settlement is higher in the EU than in the U.S. NERA Economic Consulting (2004) finds that the main reasons for higher clearing and settlement costs in Europe, compared to the U.S., are lower volume, several legal, regulatory, and technical barriers to non-domestic clearing and settlement in Europe, and differences in market structure. European clearing and settlement might still be substantially fragmented and this might hamper the level of competition compared to the U.S.

Hypothesis 3.6: Competition between clearing and settlement institutions is higher in the U.S. than in Europe.

3.4 Methodological Basis to Measuring Competition

We now provide the methodological basis for the competition analysis. That is, we discuss concentration indexes, Panzar Rosse H -statistic, Lerner index, and Boone indicator.

3.4.1 Concentration indicators

Previous empirical studies have measured competition through structural and non-structural approaches. The structural approach relies on structure-conduct-performance (SCP) paradigm that links concentration, competition, and firm performance. That is, SCP assumes that the market structure, reflected in the level of concentration in the market, affects firm behavior, which in turn determines firm performance (Bain, 1951; Mason, 1939). The two most commonly used concentration indices in empirical SCP studies are concentration ratio (CR) and Herfindahl-Hirschman index (HHI). CR measures the total market share of a given number of firms with the largest market shares. HHI is the sum of the squares of the market shares of the firms in the market. The problem with structural measures is that concentration does not necessarily determine competitive behavior of firms in the market. For example, in a contestable monopoly, a monopolistic firm may set competitive prices under the threat of new entry.

A non-structural approach to measuring competition is the new empirical industrial organization (NEIO) approach. Unlike the SCP paradigm that tries to determine competition from the market structure in a given industry, the NEIO models directly analyze firm conduct to detect the market power of firms.

3.4.2 Panzar-Rosse model

The NEIO models can rely on a comparative statics analysis as in the PR model. The PR model identifies the market power by using the index H -statistic. H -statistic is calculated as the sum of revenue elasticities with respect to input prices. It measures how much a change in factor prices affects in the firm's equilibrium revenue.

The PR model was widely applied to measure competition in the banking industry (for the U.S. banking industry, see Shaffer (1982); for the Canadian banking industry, see Nathan and Neave (1989) and Shaffer (1993)).⁵¹ Vesala (1995) investigates how deregulation in the 1980s affected the competition among Finnish banks. Coccoresse (2004; 2009) analyzes the competitive conditions in the Italian banking industry. Hempell (2002) analyzes competitive behavior of the German banking industry. Matthews et al. (2007) and Maudos and Solís (2011) employ the PR model and Lerner index to analyze competition in the British banking industry and in the Mexican banking industry, respectively. These findings mostly indicate that banks operate under monopolistic competition.⁵²

The PR model is robust to the imprecisions in extent of the market (Shaffer, 2004a). That is, because the empirical specification requires only firm-level data, market definition is not needed in the revenue equation. This feature makes it especially suitable for the clearing and settlement institutions, which can easily span across countries and markets and face some competition from other financial institutions.

According to Bikker and Haaf (2002), the PR model assumes a log-log marginal cost function (MC) of the following form:

$$\ln MC = \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \ln OUT + \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_i \ln FIP_i + \sum_{j=1}^p \gamma_j \ln EX_{COST_j} \quad (3.1)$$

⁵¹ In Appendix C, Table C.2 summarizes the empirical studies that use Panzar-Rosse Model and the Lerner index to measure competition in the banking industry.

⁵² Several studies analyze competition in banking industry across countries. De Bandt and Davis (2000) provide evidence that the behavior of large banks in the EMU was less competitive compared to the banks in the U.S. Competition appears to be lower among small banks, especially in France and Germany. Bikker and Haaf (2002) work on a study of 23 industrialized countries and conclude that in local markets competition is weaker than in international markets. Gelos and Roldós (2004) focus on eight emerging markets during the 1990s and argue that lower entry barriers mitigated a decline in competition driven by consolidation. Claessens and Laeven (2004) analyze competition across 50 banking systems and argue that higher competition is associated with lower restrictions to bank entry and to bank activities. Schaeck, Cihak, and Wolfe (2009) provide evidence that more competitive banking systems are less likely to undergo a systemic crisis. Liu, Molyneux, and Wilson (2013a) confirm the positive relation between competition and bank stability among regional banks in 11 European countries. Liu, Molyneux, and Wilson (2013b) examine the competition of nine EU banking markets by using different competition measures, and conclude that different measures can yield different outcomes.

where OUT is the output of a clearing and settlement institution, FIP_i are the factor input prices (regarding funding, personnel expenses, and other non-interest expenses), and EX_{COST_j} are other exogenous variables to the cost function. We assume that the marginal revenue function is log-linear. That is,

$$\ln MR = \delta_0 + \delta_1 \ln OUT + \sum_{k=1}^q \gamma_j \ln EX_{REV_k} \quad (3.2)$$

where EX_{REV} are variables that define the institution-specific demand function. A profit-maximizing institution operates where the marginal cost equals to the marginal revenue ($\ln MC = \ln MR$). Equating (3.1) and (3.2), we obtain

$$\ln OUT^* = (\alpha_0 - \delta_0 + \sum_{i=1}^m \beta_i \ln FIP_i + \sum_{j=1}^p \gamma_j \ln EX_{COST_j} - \sum_{k=1}^q \gamma_j \ln EX_{REV_k}) / (\alpha_1 - \delta_1) \quad (3.3)$$

The reduced-form revenue equation is computed by multiplying equilibrium output and the common price level, which is, by the inverse-log linear-demand equation, $\ln p^* = \zeta + \eta \ln (\sum_i OUT_i^*)$. We employ the following reduced-form revenue equation in our analysis:

$$\ln OPINCOM_{it} = \alpha_i + \beta \ln AFR_{it} + \gamma \ln PPE_{it} + \zeta \ln PCE_{it} + \Phi (OI_{it}/OR_{it}) + \varphi_t + \varepsilon_{it} \quad (3.4)$$

where $OPINCOM_{it}$ is the operating income (as a measure of the revenue) of clearing and settlement institution i at year t .⁵³ Average Funding Rate (AFR_{it}) is the ratio of annual interest expenses to total funds. Price of Personnel Expenses (PPE_{it}) is the ratio of personnel expenses to total assets. Price of Capital Expenditure (PCE_{it}) is the ratio of physical capital expenditure and other expenses to fixed assets. AFR_{it} , PPE_{it} , and PCE_{it} are the clearing and settlement institution's unit input prices of funding, labor, and capital. We add the ratio of other income to operating revenue (OI_{it}/OR_{it}) as a control variable to account for the increasing variety of clearing and settlement activities. Following Coccoresse (2009), all institution-specific and time-varying factors that could affect the level of operating income, but are not explicitly addressed in (3.4), are captured through the insertion of dummy variables associated with clearing and settlement institutions and with years (denoted by α_i and φ_t respectively).

The PR model (1982, 1987) measures competition through an index 'H-statistic' (Bikker, et al., 2006). The H-statistic is defined as the sum of the elasticities of revenues with respect to input prices. In the notation of (3.4), the H-statistic is given by $\beta + \gamma + \zeta$. $H \leq 0$ indicates collusive or joint monopoly equilibrium, $0 < H < 1$ indicates monopolistic competition, and $H = 1$ indicates perfect competition (see Panzar and Rosse, 1987).⁵⁴

⁵³ Bikker, Shaffer, and Spierdijk (2012) argue that a scaled revenue function creates a significant upward bias and incorrectly measures the degree of competition. We follow their suggestion and employ the unscaled revenue function.

⁵⁴ In Appendix C, Table C.3 summarizes the discriminatory power of H-statistic in PR model.

We introduce the interaction terms between the input price variables and additional factors to analyze what drives competition in clearing and settlement.

$$\ln \text{OPINCOM}_{it} = \alpha_i + \beta \ln \text{AFR}_{it} + \gamma \ln \text{PPE}_{it} + \zeta \ln \text{PCE}_{it} + \Phi (\text{OI}_{it}/\text{OR}_{it}) + \pi_j \text{F}_{it} + \beta_j \ln \text{AFR}_{it} \times \text{F}_{itj} + \gamma_j \ln \text{PPE}_{it} \times \text{F}_{itj} + \zeta_j \ln \text{PCE}_{it} \times \text{F}_{itj} + \varphi_t + \varepsilon_{it} \quad (3.5)$$

We include several variables that may affect competition between clearing and settlement institutions (F_{itj} denotes one of j variables). We include the global financial crisis (δ_t , which equals to 1 during the years 2008 to 2010 and 0 otherwise), institutional structure (ICSD_i , which equals 1 for international CSDs and 0 for domestic CSDs), logarithm of institution size (Size_{it}), Merger_{it} (which equals 1 on the year of a merger, and 0 otherwise), technological development (ICT ratio_{it} , measured as total information and communication technology expenditure to GDP in a given country), and USregion_i that equals 1 if a clearing and settlement institution is operating in the U.S. market and 0 otherwise. For the robustness check, we use the logarithm of total revenue of clearing and settlement institutions ($\ln \text{TR}_{it}$) as a dependent variable. All models are estimated using the ordinary least squares (OLS) regression with White's (1980) heteroskedasticity robust standard errors. Table 3.1 provides definitions of variables and data sources. All national currencies are converted into U.S. dollars and inflation-adjusted.

We define $H0 = \beta + \gamma + \zeta$ as the sum of the three input price elasticities. We compute the interaction terms of three unit input price variables and variable j (i.e., $\beta_j + \gamma_j + \zeta_j$) to analyze the change of H -statistic due to the interaction with variable j . The total H -statistic is computed as $H = \beta + \gamma + \zeta + \beta_j + \gamma_j + \zeta_j$ and measures the three unit input price elasticities and the regression coefficients of the interaction terms of three unit input price variables with variable j .

Table 3.1. Data Structure and Source

Variable	Definition	Variable Name in BankScope	Data Source
TR	Total revenue in million dollars	(Total Operating Income + Interest Income)	BankScope
TC	Total operating expense in million dollars	Total Operating Expense	BankScope
OPINCOM	Total operating income in million dollars	Operating Income	BankScope
AFR	The ratio of annual interest expenses to total funds, or other Average Funding Rate	Total Interest Expense / (Long Term Funding + Deposits & Short Term Funding)	BankScope
PPE	The ratio of personnel expenses to the balance sheet total asset	Personnel Expenses / Total Asset	BankScope
PCE	The ratio of physical capital expenditure and other expenses to fixed assets	Other Operating Expenses / Fixed Assets	BankScope
OI/OR	The ratio of other income to operating income	(Net Income - Total Operating Income) / Total Operating Income	BankScope
δ	A dummy variable for crises, which takes value of 1 for period 2008-2010 and 0 otherwise		
Size	The logarithm of total assets representing the proxy for the size	Size=log (Total Asset)	BankScope
ICSD	Binary variable, for international central securities depositories (ICSD), ICSD = 1; for central securities depositories (CSD), ICSD = 0		Annual reports 1989–2012
ICT ratio	Total information and communication technology expenditure to GDP in a given country		OECD Factbook (2012)
ROE	Return on equity		BankScope
Merger	A binary variable that equals 1 on the year that the merger was announced, and 0 otherwise		
USregion	A dummy variable that equals to 1 if a clearing and settlement institution is from the U.S., and 0 if a clearing and settlement institution is from Europe.		
Lerner index	The Lerner index, an indicator of competition, derived from stochastic frontier analysis (SFA) estimate of marginal cost and total assets, with higher values indicating less competition.		Own calculations
GDP growth	Annual growth rate of GDP at market prices based on constant local currency		World Bank
Inflation	Inflation rate		World Bank
Interest rate	The interest rate charged by banks on loans to prime customers		World Bank
t	Linear time trend variable		

3.4.3 Lerner index

An alternative non-structural technique to the PR model is to estimate a parameter that directly measures firms' competitive behavior from the information on firm costs and demand. For example, the Lerner index is a relative mark-up of price over marginal cost and measures firm market power (Lerner, 1934).⁵⁵ The higher the mark-up, the greater is the market power. The Lerner index ranges from 0 in the case of perfect competition to 1 in the case of monopoly. A number of studies (Bikker and Haaf, 2002; Shaffer, 1983a, 1983b) show empirically that the *H*-statistic and Lerner index are negatively correlated. That is, the relative price-cost mark-up (smaller Lerner index) decreases with higher competition (higher *H*-statistic).⁵⁶

The Lerner index is calculated as

$$\text{Lerner Index}_{it} = (P_{it} - MC_{it})/P_{it} \quad (3.6)$$

where P_{it} is the price of total assets for clearing and settlement institution i at time t and MC_{it} is the marginal cost of clearing and settlement institution i at time t . The marginal cost is derived from the total cost function. That is,

$$MC_{it} = \frac{TC_{it}}{Q_{it}} (\alpha_1 + \alpha_2 \ln Q_{it} + \alpha_9 \ln AFR_{it} + \alpha_{10} \ln PPE_{it} + \alpha_{11} \ln PCE_{it}) \quad (3.7)$$

where the translog total cost function is

$$\begin{aligned} \ln TC_{it} = & \alpha_0 + \alpha_1 \ln Q_{it} + \frac{\alpha_2}{2} (\ln Q_{it})^2 + \alpha_3 \ln AFR_{it} + \alpha_4 \ln PPE_{it} + \alpha_5 \ln PCE_{it} + \alpha_6 (\ln AFR_{it})^2 + \\ & \alpha_7 (\ln PPE_{it})^2 + \alpha_8 (\ln PCE_{it})^2 + \alpha_9 \ln AFR_{it} * \ln Q_{it} + \alpha_{10} \ln PPE_{it} * \ln Q_{it} + \alpha_{11} \ln PCE_{it} * \\ & \ln Q_{it} + \alpha_{12} \ln AFR_{it} * \ln PPE_{it} + \alpha_{13} \ln PPE_{it} * \ln PCE_{it} + \alpha_{14} \ln PCE_{it} * \ln AFR_{it} + \varepsilon_{it} \end{aligned} \quad (3.8)$$

and TC_{it} represents total costs measured by the total operating expenses and Q_{it} represents the output, measured by the total assets of a clearing and settlement institution i . AFR_{it} , PPE_{it} , and PCE_{it} represent the input prices of the clearing and settlement institution, as defined previously in the PR model. Following Fu et al. (2014), Koetter et al. (2012), and Kumbhakar and Lovell (2000), we use the stochastic cost frontier analysis to estimate (3.8).

We then estimate the Lerner index in (3.6) by using the marginal cost based on (3.7) and the

⁵⁵ The Lerner index is widely employed to estimate competition in the banking sector. Coccorese (2009) points out that Lerner index reflects well the bank's level of market power. Angelini and Cetorelli (2003) assess the behavior of Italian regional banks and find that deregulation led to a reduction in price-costs margins. See also Koetter et al. (2012), and Fu et al. (2014).

⁵⁶ Several other approaches have been developed that mostly build on the Lerner measure of market power. For example, Bresnahan (1982) and Lau (1982) estimate the conjectural variation coefficient based on the deviation of perceived firm revenues from demand. A high conjectural variation suggests that a firm is highly aware of anticipates strongly its interdependence with other firms when setting the level of output and prices (see also Appelbaum, 1979; Iwata, 1974).

price of total assets P_{it} proxied by the ratio of total revenues to total assets. Subsequently, we estimate the following regression:

$$\text{Lerner index}_{it} = \beta_0 + \sum_j \beta_k \text{Controls}_{itj} + \sum_j \beta_j F_{itj} + \varepsilon_{it} \quad (3.9)$$

We are interested in how several factors F_{itj} affect competition. We analyze the effect of the global financial crisis (δ_t), institutional structure (ICSD_i), institutional size (Size_{it}), the effects of mergers of different institutions (Merger_{it}), and the geographic location (USregion_i) on Lerner index $_{it}$. In an additional specification, we also include ICT ratio $_{it}$ and a time trend variable (t) to capture the effect of technological development.

As control variables, Controls_{itj} , we include GDP growth and inflation in a country to account for economic cycles. We also add interest rates and the number of clearing and settlement institutions to control for the changes of monetary policy and the market structure of the clearing and settlement industry in a given country. We estimate the regression in (3.9) by using the feasible generalized least squares (FGLS) approach to cope with the heteroskedasticity problem.

3.4.4 Boone indicator

A more recent measure of competition is proposed by Boone (2001, 2008). The Boone indicator captures the link between competition and efficiency. It builds on the efficient structure hypothesis that relates firm performance with differences in efficiency. In particular, firms that are more efficient also perform superiorly which results in higher profits. The idea behind the Boone indicator is that the relationship between efficiency and profits is increasing in the degree of competition. The Boone model can be characterized as

$$\ln \pi_{it} = \alpha + \beta \ln \text{MC}_{it} + \varepsilon_{it} \quad (3.10)$$

where π_{it} is the profit, MC_{it} is the marginal cost of a CSD i at year t , and β is defined as the Boone indicator. The Boone indicator β is negative and decreasing in the level of competition. We use the log-log specification to better deal with heteroskedasticity.

$$\ln \pi_{it} = \alpha + \beta \ln \text{MC}_{it} + \sum_j \beta_j F_{itj} * \ln \text{MC}_{it} + \varepsilon_{it} \quad (3.11)$$

We are interested in how several factors F_{itj} , including the global financial crisis (δ_t), institutional structure (ICSD_i), institutional size (Size_{it}), the effects of mergers of different institutions (Merger_{it}), ICT ratio $_{it}$, and the geographic location (USregion_i), affect the Boone indicator. We include the interaction terms of a marginal cost and factors F_{itj} to analyze the change of Boone indicator due to the interaction with variable j (captured in β_j).

By computing the marginal cost from (3.7), we estimate the Boone indicator from (3.10) and (3.11). We use the feasible generalized least squares approach to cope with the heteroskedasticity

problem.⁵⁷

We estimate concentration indexes, *H*-statistic, Lerner index, and the Boone indicator to measure competition in clearing and settlement.

3.5 Description of Data and Concentration Measures

The data is obtained from several sources, including BankScope database, OECD factbook, World Bank, and annual reports of the clearing and settlement institutions between 1989 and 2012. We focus on the U.S. and the European domestic and international clearing and settlement institutions (see Table 3.2).

Table 3.3 provides descriptive statistics of revenues and costs of the clearing and settlement institutions, based on geographic location and institutional type. Substantial variability across variables indicates that the diversity of economic conditions, changes in technological development, and the variety of services provided affect the characteristics of clearing and settlement institutions.

We can compare average cost structure of clearing and settlement institutions across the U.S. and EU. In the sample period, European clearing and settlement institutions have significantly higher interest expenses and physical expenses, but lower personnel expenses compared to U.S. clearing and settlement institutions.

We can also compare characteristics of ICSDs and CSDs. Personnel expenses and physical expenses are higher for ICSDs than for CSDs. The total revenue of ICSDs is \$881.2 million; this is 2.5 times as high as the total revenue of CSDs (\$358.56 million). That the average personnel expenses and physical expenses are higher for ICSDs compared to CSDs is consistent with Lannoo and Levin's (2002) findings that the operating costs of an ICSD are substantially higher than the operating costs of a CSD.

Table 3.2 also contains Herfindahl-Hirschman index and CR3 concentration index across countries in our sample. Both indicators suggest that clearing and settlement services are highly concentrated. As captured by our dataset, a single CSD operates in several countries. European security markets are substantially fragmented along national lines. The question is whether cross-border competition between CSDs can still exist in such a fragmented environment.

⁵⁷ The FGLS estimator has similar properties as the GLS estimator, such as consistency and asymptotic normality (White, 1980).

Table 3.2. Summary of Sample Clearing and Settlement Institutions, 1989-2012

Clearing and Settlement Institution	CSD/ICSD	Years	Country	HHI	CR3
Oesterreichische Kontrollbank AG	CSD	2002-2012	Austria	1	1
Euroclear Bank	ICSD	2000-2010	Belguim	0.5296	1
Euroclear SA/NV	CSD	2005-2010	Belguim		
Central Registry of Securities JSC-Republic of Srpska	CSD	2005-2012	Bosnia & Herzegovina	1	1
Central Depository AD	CSD	2007-2012	Bulgaria	1	1
Central Depository & Clearing Company Inc	CSD	2008-2012	Croatia	1	1
Cyprus Stock Exchange	CSD	2003-2012	Cyprus	1	1
Central Securities Depository Prague	CSD	1999-2011	Czech Republic	1	1
VP Securities Service	CSD	2006-2012	Denmark	1	1
Banque Centrale de Compensation	CSD	2001-2010	France	0.3558	1
CACEIS Bank France	CSD	2005-2010	France		
Euroclear France	CSD	1999-2000	France		
Euronext Paris SA	CSD	1996-2000, 2009-2010	France		
IXIS Investor Services	CSD	2005	France		
Clearstream Banking AG Frankfurt	CSD	1995-2010	Germany	0.7717	1
European Commodity Clearing AG	CSD	2008-2010	Germany		
Swiss Euro Clearing Bank GmbH	CSD	2000-2010	Germany		
KELER Ltd	CSD	2001-2012	Hungary	1	1
Iceland Securities Depository	CSD	2010-2012	Iceland	1	1
Cedel International	ICSD	1993-1999	Luxembourg	0.5011	1
Centre de Transferts Electronique	CSD	2002-2005	Luxembourg		
Clearstream Banking SA	CSD	1995-2010	Luxembourg		
Clearstream International	ICSD	2000-2006	Luxembourg		
Clearstream Services SA	CSD	1999-2000	Luxembourg		
RBC Dexia Investor Services Bank	CSD	2003-2010	Luxembourg		
Malta Stock Exchange	CSD	2000-2012	Malta	1	1
ABN AMRO Clearing Bank N.V.	CSD	2004-2010	Netherlands	0.5226	1
CITCO Bank Nederland NV	CSD	1994-2010	Netherlands		
Fortis Clearing International B.V	CSD	1999	Netherlands		
RBC Dexia Investor Services Nethe	CSD	2005-2006	Netherlands		

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Clearing and Settlement Institution	CSD/ICSD	Years	Country	HHI	CR3
KDPW	CSD	2002-2011	Poland	1	1
Moscow Clearing Centre-Moskovsky	CSD	2009-2011	Russia		
National Clearing Centre CJSC JSC	CSD	2007-2010	Russia	0.3649	1
National Settlement Depository	CSD	2009-2012	Russia		
Central Securities Depository of the Slovak Republic	CSD	2008-2012	Slovak Republic	1	1
Central Securities Clearing Corporation	CSD	2007-2012	Slovenia	1	1
RBC Dexia Investor Services Espan	CSD	1989-2010	Spain	1	1
CLS Group Holdings AG	CSD	2004-2010	Switzerland		
SIX Swiss Exchange	CSD	2007-2012	Switzerland	0.8207	1
Central Securities Depository of Turkey	CSD	2004-2012	Turkey		
Takasbank-Istanbu Settlement and Custody Bank Inc	CSD	1999-2012	Turkey	0.5006	1
Euroclear Plc	CSD	1999-2010	United Kingdom		
LCH Clearnet Group Limited	CSD	2002-2011	United Kingdom		
LCH.Clearnet Limited	CSD	2006-2011	United Kingdom	0.4706	1
RBSI Custody Bank Limited	CSD	2001-2002, 2004-2005	United Kingdom		
Fixed Income Clearing Corporation	CSD	2003-2012	U.S.		
National Securities Clearing Corporation	CSD	2003-2012	U.S.		
The Depository Trust Company	ICSD	2003-2012	U.S.	0.5822	1
The Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation	ICSD	2003-2012	U.S.		

Note. 1) **HHI** is the Herfindahl Index, defined as $HHI = \sum_i m_i^2$ is the sum of the squared market shares of each clearing and settlement institutions at 2010 in each country. 2) **CR3** is the share of the market taken by the largest three clearing and settlement institutions at 2010 in each country. 3) The estimation of **HHI** and **CR3** is based on the data in 2010. 4) The data for BNY Mellon CSD and NBB SSS in Belgium was not available. 5) The data for Euroclear Netherlands in Netherlands was not available. 6) The data for Central Register of Treasury Bills (CRBS) in Poland was not available. 7) The data for Iberclear in Spain was not available.

Table 3.3. Data Statistics

Variable	Total	Regions		ICSD / CSD	
		Europe	U.S.	ICSD	CSD
Operating Income (\$ million)	284.20 (-2.88-8,876)	258.78 (-2.88-8,876)	686.19 (341-1,089)	680.41 (131.44-1,772)	236.10 (-2.88-8,876)
Total Revenue (\$ million)	414.87 (-2.28-8,903)	391.27 (-2.28-8,903)	787.16 (361-1,555)	881.18 (300-2,711)	358.56 (-2.28-8,903)
Interest Expenses (\$ million)	113.05 (0.01-1,816)	118.92 (0.01-1,816)	21.51 (14-26.1)	67.32 (0.12-481)	118.83 (0.01-1,816)
Personnel Expenses (\$ million)	79.32 (0.06-579)	63.06 (0.36-579)	207.49 (0.06-532)	269.84 (26.73-559)	55.98 (0.06-579)
Physical Expenses (\$ million)	129.06 (0.79-8,841)	137.62 (0.79-8,841)	63.63 (8.41-213)	203.65 (29.89-915)	168.53 (0.79-8,841)
Fixed Asset (\$ million)	35.78 (0.00-256)	28.62 (0.00-200)	95.08 (8.11-256)	126.79 (16.27-256)	18.34 (0.00-201)
Total Asset (\$ million)	33,178 (13.21-700,049)	36,586 (13.21-700,049)	13,303 (2,241-50,898)	11,623 (1,012-50,898)	36,873 (13.21-700,049)
AFR	0.13 (0.00-7.00)	0.14 (0.00-7.00)	0.01 (0.00-0.05)	0.05 (0.00-0.75)	0.15 (0.01-7.00)
PPE	0.15 (0.00-0.51)	0.17 (0.00-0.51)	0.03 (0.00-0.10)	0.03 (0.01-0.10)	0.16 (0.00-0.51)
PCE	5.67 (0.20-71.34)	6.64 (0.39-71.34)	1.16 (0.20-10.86)	2.16 (0.20-10.86)	6.64 (0.39-71.34)
OI/OR	0.69 (-0.58-8.62)	0.72 (-0.58-8.62)	0.17 (0.04-0.49)	0.38 (0.04-1.29)	0.73 (-0.58-8.62)
ROE (%)	11.5 (-64.45-144.01)	11.29 (-64.45-144.01)	12.5 (-13.79-57.19)	11.64 (-9.88-57.19)	11.4 (-64.45-144.01)
ICT (%)	12.17 (9.56-32.10)	9.09 (9.56-25.00)	29.28 (26.30-32.10)	29.27 (26.30-32.10)	10.72 (9.56-32.10)

Note. This table describes the mean of each variable, and range of each variable is reported in parentheses. All currencies are converted to dollars and inflation adjusted.

Despite high concentration, competition between several providers might still be possible in a contestable market when the threat of new entry forces a local monopolist to charge competitive prices. The improved services of ICSDs and their links to local CSDs might have contributed to increased competition in the clearing and settlement industry. Competitive pressure by ICSDs, which are increasingly acquiring the local CSDs, is threatening the position of local CSDs in the financial markets. Through the threat of the entry, ICSDs might then establish a more competitive conduct of local CSDs (Van Cayseele, 2004). In this case, the structural approach to measuring competition through HHI and CR3 is inadequate. Therefore, further test of conduct should aim at directly addressing the competitive behavior of clearing and settlement institutions.

3.6 Empirical Analysis Based on Panzar-Rosse Model

We now estimate H -statistic based on the unscaled PR model as presented in (3.4) and (3.5). The results of the empirical estimation are reported in Table 3.4. In Panel A, we employ the operating income as a dependent variable. Column 1 of Panel A shows that the unit price of labor is negatively and statistically significantly related to the operating income, whereas the unit prices of funding and capital are positively but insignificantly associated with the operating income. The elasticity of the unit price of labor, γ , is the largest, followed by the unit price of capital, ζ , and then by the unit price of funding, β . This shows that the personnel expenses are the main input factor in clearing and settlement services. When we add the global financial crisis dummy

(δ_t) in the regression, the regression coefficients of unit input price variables do not change substantially.

Table 3.4. The Competitive Equilibrium and the Impact of the Global Financial Crisis on H -statistic of Clearing and Settlement Institutions

Variable	Coefficients	Panel A: lnOPINCOM			Panel B: lnTR		
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)
lnAFR	β	0.0318 (0.36)	0.0301 (0.34)	0.0214 (0.23)	0.0521 (0.63)	0.0505 (0.61)	0.0411 (0.48)
lnPPE	γ	-0.149* (-1.65)	-0.151* (-1.66)	-0.168* (-1.75)	-0.177** (-2.02)	-0.178** (-2.03)	-0.198** (-2.12)
lnPCE	ζ	0.0403 (0.58)	0.0399 (0.57)	-0.0159 (-0.32)	0.0398 (0.60)	0.0395 (0.60)	-0.0127 (-0.27)
OI/OR	ψ	-0.152 (-1.53)	-0.154 (-1.55)	-0.137 (-1.49)	0.162* (1.68)	0.160* (1.66)	0.175* (1.94)
δ	π_1		-0.313 (-1.26)	0.0404 (0.15)		-0.298 (-1.19)	0.105 (0.36)
lnAFR * δ	β_1			0.0177 (0.79)			0.0173 (0.75)
lnPPE * δ	γ_1			0.0571 (1.38)			0.0682 (1.62)
lnPCE * δ	ζ_1			0.133** (2.35)			0.124** (2.31)
H_0 -statistic ($\beta+\gamma+\zeta$)		-0.0769	-0.0810	-0.1625	-0.0851	-0.0880	-0.1696
Wald $H_0 \leq 0$ (p -value)		0.6870	0.6923	0.8611	0.7073	0.7120	0.8684
Wald $H_0 = 1$ (p -value)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
$\beta_1+\gamma_1+\zeta_1$				0.2078			0.2095
Wald $\beta_1+\gamma_1+\zeta_1 \leq 0$ (p -value)				0.0130			0.0102
H -statistic				0.0453			0.0399
Wald $H \leq 0$ (p -value)				0.3960			0.4058
Wald $H = 1$ (p -value)				0.0000			0.0000
Equilibrium test (ROE) (p -value)		0.4073	0.4504	0.5262	0.4073	0.4054	0.5262
N		318	318	318	318	318	318
Adjusted-R2		0.986	0.986	0.987	0.994	0.994	0.994

Note. The dependent variable lnOPINCOM represents log of operating income; lnTR represents log of total revenue. All regressions are OLS estimation. Dummy variables associated with clearing and settlement institutions and years are included. Heteroskedasticity robust t -values are reported in parentheses. Superscripts ***, **, * indicate significant level of 0.01, 0.05 and 0.10, respectively. The p -values of the Wald tests are also provided.

The H -statistic ($\beta+\gamma+\zeta$) in columns 1 and 2 of Table 3.4 equals to -0.0769 and -0.810 respectively, and the Wald test shows that $H \leq 0$ cannot be rejected. This confirms that clearing and settlement institutions operate under monopoly (or under collusion).

An important feature of the H -statistic is that the PR model must be based on firms that operate in a long-run equilibrium (Nathan and Neave, 1989; Panzar and Rosse, 1987). Shaffer (1982) suggests an equilibrium ROE test that uses the return on equity instead of total operating income as the independent variable in (3.4) to check whether firms operate in a long-run equilibrium (Bikker, et al., 2012; see also Claessens and Laeven, 2004). Null hypothesis $H_0: H^{ROE} = 0$ suggests the long-run equilibrium and $H_1: H^{ROE} < 0$ confirms disequilibrium. Based on a one-sided t -test, we can find that the hypothesis of the long-run equilibrium ($H^{ROE} = 0$) cannot be rejected (see p -value of ROE test in the equilibrium test in Table 3.4). Hence, our findings indicate that clearing and settlement institutions operate under monopoly in a long-run

equilibrium.

We now examine factors that may affect competition in clearing and settlement.

The global financial crisis: The global financial crisis has no significant effect on the operating income of clearing and settlement institutions. The Wald test indicates that the H -statistic significantly increased during the global financial crisis ($\beta_1 + \gamma_1 + \zeta_1 = 0.2078$ and the hypothesis that $\beta_1 + \gamma_1 + \zeta_1 \leq 0$ is rejected at 5% level). This indicates that the competition between clearing and settlement institutions is higher during the global financial crisis than during the normal times, and this is consistent with our Hypothesis 3.1. As a robustness check, we also use total revenues as a dependent variable to obtain the same results (see Panel B of Table 3.4).

Institutional structure: Binary variable $ICSD_i$ is positively and statistically significantly related to the operating income of a clearing and settlement institution (see Table 3.5). An institution that operates cross-border securities clearing and settlements is able to secure larger operating income potentially due to a wider range of services, instruments, and products that bring more business and higher revenues (this finding is consistent with the comparison between ICSDs and CSDs in Table 3.3).

To estimate the direct effect of dummy variable $ICSD_i$ on H -statistic, we test the statistical significance of the sign of the interaction term ($\beta_2 + \gamma_2 + \zeta_2$). The interaction term equals 0.4280 (Panel A) and 0.3994 (Panel B) respectively, and the hypothesis that $\beta_2 + \gamma_2 + \zeta_2 \leq 0$ is rejected. This result is consistent with Hypothesis 3.2 that claims that competition between ICSDs is higher than competition between domestic CSDs.

One explanation is that ICSDs that provide cross-border services do not only compete with the CSDs in the local market, but also with the CSDs from other countries and with other ICSDs. This finding indicates that several barriers to cross-border clearing and settlement (as identified by the Giovannini group (2002, 2003)) might not substantially lower competition among ICSDs (despite making cross-border clearing and settlement substantially more expensive; see Van Cayseele and Wuyts (2007)).

Table 3.5. The Impact of Institutional Structure (ICSD) on H-statistic of Clearing and Settlement Institutions

Variable	Coefficients	Panel A: lnOPINCOM		Panel B: lnTR	
		(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
lnAFR	β	0.0318 (0.36)	0.0321 (0.34)	0.0521 (0.63)	0.0522 (0.60)
lnPPE	γ	-0.149* (-1.65)	-0.157* (-1.70)	-0.177** (-2.02)	-0.184** (-2.06)
lnPCE	ζ	0.0403 (0.58)	0.0367 (0.51)	0.0398 (0.60)	0.0370 (0.55)
OI/OR	ψ	-0.152 (-1.53)	-0.153 (-1.52)	0.162* (1.68)	0.161* (1.66)
ICSD	π_2	1.362* (1.75)	2.425** (2.23)	1.440* (1.78)	2.471** (2.18)
lnAFR * ICSD	β_2		-0.157		-0.150

Table 3.5. The Impact of Institutional Structure (ICSD) on H-statistic of Clearing and Settlement Institutions

Variable	Coefficients	Panel A: lnOPINCOM		Panel B: lnTR	
		(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
			(-1.14)		(-1.06)
lnPPE * ICSD	γ_2		0.617***		0.605***
			(3.46)		(3.24)
lnPCE * ICSD	ζ_2		-0.0320		-0.0556
			(-0.28)		(-0.46)
<i>H</i> 0-statistic ($\beta+\gamma+\zeta$)		-0.0769	-0.0882	-0.0851	-0.0948
Wald <i>H</i> 0 ≤ 0 (<i>p</i> -value)		0.6870	0.7013	0.7073	0.7191
Wald <i>H</i> 0 = 1 (<i>p</i> -value)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
$\beta_2+\gamma_2+\zeta_2$			0.4280		0.3994
Wald $\beta_2+\gamma_2+\zeta_2 \leq 0$ (<i>p</i> -value)			0.0382		0.0528
<i>H</i> -statistic ($\beta+\gamma+\zeta+\beta_2+\gamma_2+\zeta_2$)			0.3398		0.3046
Wald <i>H</i> ≤ 0 (<i>p</i> -value)			0.0161		0.0383
Wald <i>H</i> = 1 (<i>p</i> -value)			0.0000		0.0000
Equilibrium test (ROE) (<i>p</i> -value)		0.4073	0.2245	0.4073	0.2245
<i>N</i>		318	318	318	318
Adjusted-R2		0.986	0.986	0.994	0.994

Note. The dependent variable lnOPINCOM represents log of operating income; lnTR represents log of total revenue. All regressions are OLS estimation. Dummy variables associated with clearing and settlement institutions and years are included. Heteroskedasticity robust *t*-values are reported in parentheses. Superscripts ***, **, * indicate significant level of 0.01, 0.05 and 0.10, respectively. The *p*-values of the Wald tests are also provided.

Institutional size and merger: We estimate the interaction between *H*-statistic and i) institution size ($Size_{it}$), measured by the logarithm of total asset, and ii) binary variable $Merger_{it}$. Variable $Size_{it}$ is positively and statistically significantly related to total revenues. This indicates that large clearing and settlement institutions have higher revenues than small ones. The regression coefficient of the interaction terms between *H*-statistics and institution size, $\beta_3+\gamma_3+\zeta_3$, is statistically significantly positive (see Table 3.6).⁵⁸ This is consistent with the positive relationship between the competition and the size of clearing and settlement institutions as predicted in Hypothesis 3.3.⁵⁹

The regression coefficient of the interaction term between the *H*-statistics and dummy variable $Merger_{it}$, $\beta_4+\gamma_4+\zeta_4$, equals 0.2393 and is statistically significantly positive (see Table 3.7). This is consistent with the positive relationship between competition and increased merger activity as predicted by Hypothesis 3.4. According to Tapking and Yang (2006), mergers lower operating costs (the link between merged CSDs can be terminated after a full technical merger (Tapking and Yang, 2006)). Our findings indicate that clearing and settlement institutions might exploit such lower operating costs to compete for their customers more intensively.

⁵⁸ The inclusion of scale in estimation of *H*-statistic results in a significant upward bias and an incorrect measure of the degree of competition (Bikker, et al., 2012). The estimated *H*-statistic ($\beta+\gamma+\zeta$) in Table 3.6 is based on a scaled revenue function and is therefore not considered for evaluation of competitive conditions.

⁵⁹ These findings resemble observations in the banking industry. Bikker and Groeneveld (2000), De Bandt and Davis (2000), Bikker and Haaf (2002), Hempell (2002), and Bikker (2004) find that competition in banking increases with a bank's size.

Table 3.6. The Impact of Size on H-statistic of Clearing and Settlement Institutions

Variable	Coefficients	Panel A: lnOPINCOM		Panel B: lnTR	
		(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
lnAFR	β	0.0398 (0.46)	0.332* (1.80)	0.0607 (0.77)	0.288* (1.66)
lnPPE	γ	0.149* (1.83)	-0.137 (-1.05)	0.145* (1.94)	-0.140 (-1.15)
lnPCE	ζ	0.0599 (0.88)	-0.131* (-1.90)	0.0610 (0.95)	-0.130* (-1.88)
OI/OR	ψ	-0.214** (-2.15)	-0.241*** (-2.60)	0.0950 (1.05)	0.0684 (0.84)
Size	π_3	0.434*** (5.43)	0.450*** (5.39)	0.468*** (6.37)	0.499*** (6.38)
lnAFR * Size	β_3		-0.0295* (-1.80)		-0.0230 (-1.49)
lnPPE * Size	γ_3		0.0325** (2.47)		0.0334*** (2.72)
lnPCE * Size	ζ_3		0.0265** (2.16)		0.0265** (2.26)
<i>H</i> 0-statistic ($\beta+\gamma+\zeta$)		0.0997	0.0640	0.2667	0.018
Wald <i>H</i> 0 ≤ 0 (<i>p</i> -value)		0.0592	0.3959	0.0360	0.4680
Wald <i>H</i> 0 = 1 (<i>p</i> -value)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
$\beta_3+\gamma_3+\zeta_3$			0.0295		0.0369
Wald $\beta_3+\gamma_3+\zeta_3 \leq 0$ (<i>p</i> -value)			0.0813		0.0347
<i>H</i> -statistic ($\beta+\gamma+\zeta+\beta_3+\gamma_3+\zeta_3$)			0.0935		0.0549
Wald <i>H</i> ≤ 0 (<i>p</i> -value)			0.3399		0.3986
Wald <i>H</i> = 1 (<i>p</i> -value)			0.0000		0.0000
Equilibrium test (ROE) (<i>p</i> -value)		0.9875	0.1593	0.9875	0.1593
<i>N</i>		318	318	318	318
Adjusted-R2		0.990	0.991	0.996	0.996

Note. The dependent variable lnOPINCOM represents log of operating income; lnTR represents log of total revenue. All regressions are OLS estimation. Dummy variables associated with clearing and settlement institutions and years are included. Heteroskedasticity robust *t*-values are reported in parentheses. Superscripts ***, **, * indicate significant level of 0.01, 0.05 and 0.10, respectively. The *p*-values of the Wald tests are also provided.

Table 3.7. The Impact of Merger on H-statistic of Clearing and Settlement Institutions

Variable	Coefficients	Panel A: lnOPINCOM		Panel B: lnTR	
		(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
lnAFR	β	0.0306 (0.35)	0.0322 (0.37)	0.0508 (0.62)	0.0524 (0.64)
lnPPE	γ	-0.152* (-1.68)	-0.154* (-1.68)	-0.180** (-2.06)	-0.182** (-2.06)
lnPCE	ζ	0.0429 (0.61)	0.0425 (0.59)	0.0428 (0.65)	0.0428 (0.63)
OI/OR	ψ	-0.152 (-1.54)	-0.149 (-1.50)	0.162* (1.70)	0.164* (1.70)
Merger	π_4	0.306 (1.61)	1.155** (2.37)	0.347* (1.83)	1.199** (2.45)
lnAFR * Merger	β_4		-0.0334 (-0.92)		-0.0353 (-0.98)
lnPPE * Merger	γ_4		0.206** (2.05)		0.200** (1.99)
lnPCE * Merger	ζ_4		0.0667 (0.60)		0.0419 (0.39)
<i>H</i> 0-statistic ($\beta+\gamma+\zeta$)		-0.0785	-0.0793	-0.0864	-0.0868

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Variable	Coefficients	Panel A: lnOPINCOM		Panel B: lnTR	
		(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
Wald $H_0 \leq 0$ (p -value)		0.6913	0.6904	0.7123	0.7113
Wald $H_0 = 1$ (p -value)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
$\beta_4 + \gamma_4 + \zeta_4$			0.2393		0.2066
Wald $\beta_4 + \gamma_4 + \zeta_4 \leq 0$ (p -value)			0.0808		0.1095
H -statistic ($\beta + \gamma + \zeta + \beta_4 + \gamma_4 + \zeta_4$)			0.1600		0.2066
Wald $H \leq 0$ (p -value)			0.2315		0.2933
Wald $H = 1$ (p -value)			0.0000		0.0001
Equilibrium test (ROE) (p -value)		0.4077	0.0675	0.4077	0.0675
N		318	318	318	318
Adjusted-R2		0.986	0.986	0.994	0.994

Note. The dependent variable lnOPINCOM represents log of operating income; lnTR represents log of total revenue. All regressions are OLS estimation. Dummy variables associated with clearing and settlement institutions and years are included. Heteroskedasticity robust t -values are reported in parentheses. Superscripts ***, **, * indicate significant level of 0.01, 0.05 and 0.10, respectively. The p -values of the Wald tests are also provided.

Technological development: We also analyze whether competition in the clearing and settlement industry has increased with the fast development in information and communication technology. Table 3.8 indicates that the ICT ratio_{it} is statistically significantly positively associated with H -statistic ($\beta_5 + \gamma_5 + \zeta_5$ is positive). This provides support for the Hypothesis 3.5 that predicts positive relationship between competition and technological development.

Table 3.8. The Impact of ICT Ratio on H-statistic of Clearing and Settlement Institutions

Variable	Coefficients	Panel A: lnOPINCOM		Panel B: lnTR	
		(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
lnAFR	β	-0.0935 (-1.50)	-0.391*** (-4.41)	-0.0588 (-0.97)	-0.372*** (-4.34)
lnPPE	γ	-0.107 (-1.32)	-0.506*** (-4.00)	-0.119 (-1.51)	-0.549*** (-5.00)
lnPCE	ζ	-0.0860** (-2.28)	-0.206*** (-5.01)	-0.0682* (-1.74)	-0.178*** (-4.19)
OI/OR	ψ	-0.154** (-2.21)	-0.228*** (-5.63)	0.200** (2.59)	0.122** (2.45)
ICT ratio	π_5	0.0991*** (2.81)	0.209*** (9.38)	0.0896** (2.45)	0.211*** (9.23)
lnAFR * ICT ratio	β_5		0.0174*** (3.62)		0.0177*** (3.76)
lnPPE * ICT ratio	γ_5		0.0258*** (4.70)		0.0281*** (6.03)
lnPCE * ICT ratio	ζ_5		0.0125*** (4.11)		0.0109*** (3.62)
H_0 -statistic ($\beta + \gamma + \zeta$)		-0.2865	-1.1030	-0.2460	-1.0990
Wald $H_0 \leq 0$ (p -value)		0.9781	0.9999	0.9534	0.9999
Wald $H_0 = 1$ (p -value)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
$\beta_5 + \gamma_5 + \zeta_5$			0.0557		0.0567
Wald $\beta_5 + \gamma_5 + \zeta_5 \leq 0$ (p -value)			0.0000		0.0000
H -statistic			-1.0473		-1.0423
Wald $H \leq 0$ (p -value)			0.9999		0.9999
Wald $H = 1$ (p -value)			0.0000		0.0000
Equilibrium test (ROE) (p -value)		0.9234	0.8044	0.9234	0.8044
N		209	209	209	209
Adjusted-R2		0.990	0.993	0.996	0.997

Note. The dependent variable lnOPINCOM represents log of operating income; lnTR represents log of total revenue. All regressions are OLS estimation. Dummy variables associated with clearing and settlement institutions and years are included. Heteroskedasticity robust t -values are reported in parentheses. Superscripts ***, **, * indicate significant level of 0.01, 0.05 and 0.10, respectively. The p -values of the Wald tests are also provided.

Geographic location: We now analyze whether geographical location significantly affects competition between clearing and settlement institutions. In Table 3.9, we use the dummy variable $USregion_i$ to compare the level of competition across the U.S. market and the European market. The null hypothesis that $\beta_6 + \gamma_6 + \zeta_6 \leq 0$ is rejected at 1% level. Hence, H -statistic is higher in the U.S. market than in Europe. This is consistent with several studies showing that the costs of clearing and settlement services are higher in Europe than in the U.S. (Lannoo and Levin, 2002; NERA Economic Consulting, 2004).

Table 3.9. The Impact of Geographic Location (USregion) on H-statistic of Clearing and Settlement Institutions

Variable	Coefficients	Panel A: lnOPINCOM		Panel B: lnTR	
		(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
lnAFR	β	0.0318 (0.36)	0.0225 (0.25)	0.0521 (0.63)	0.0425 (0.51)
lnPPE	γ	-0.149* (-1.65)	-0.154* (-1.69)	-0.177** (-2.02)	-0.181** (-2.06)
lnPCE	ζ	0.0403 (0.58)	0.0401 (0.56)	0.0398 (0.60)	0.0404 (0.59)
OI/OR	ψ	-0.152 (-1.53)	-0.148 (-1.51)	0.162* (1.68)	0.166* (1.75)
USregion	π_6	1.362* (1.75)	3.565*** (3.16)	1.440* (1.78)	3.652*** (3.00)
lnAFR * USregion	β_6		0.195 (0.83)		0.205 (0.80)
lnPPE * USregion	γ_6		0.520* (1.93)		0.520* (1.78)
lnPCE * USregion	ζ_6		-0.0487 (-0.44)		-0.0794 (-0.68)
H_0 -statistic ($\beta + \gamma + \zeta$)		-0.0769	-0.0914	-0.0851	-0.0981
Wald $H_0 \leq 0$ (p -value)		0.6870	0.7121	0.7073	0.7310
Wald $H_0 = 1$ (p -value)		0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000
$\beta_6 + \gamma_6 + \zeta_6$			0.6663		0.6456
Wald $\beta_6 + \gamma_6 + \zeta_6 \leq 0$ (p -value)			0.0029		0.0078
H -statistic ($\beta + \gamma + \zeta + \beta_6 + \gamma_6 + \zeta_6$)			0.5749		0.5475
Wald $H \leq 0$ (p -value)			0.0010		0.0079
Wald $H = 1$ (p -value)			0.0226		0.0421
Equilibrium test (ROE) (p -value)		0.4073	0.3782	0.4073	0.3782
N		318	318	318	318
Adjusted-R2		0.986	0.986	0.994	0.994

Note. The dependent variable lnOPINCOM represents log of operating income; lnTR represents log of total revenue. All regressions are OLS estimation. Dummy variables associated with clearing and settlement institutions and years are used. Heteroskedasticity robust t-values are reported in parentheses. Superscripts ***, **, * indicate significant level of 0.01, 0.05 and 0.10, respectively. The p -values of the Wald tests are also provided.

A caveat is in place. Bikker, Shaffer, and Spierdijk (2012) point to several weaknesses of the H -statistic. Bikker et al. (2012) prove that a negative H -statistic does not necessarily indicate monopoly even though the equilibrium test indicates a long-run equilibrium. They argue that H -statistic jointly measures competitive conduct and long-run structural equilibrium and, to evaluate its applicability, additional information is needed about costs, market equilibrium, and even market demand elasticity. In addition, H -statistic is not necessarily an ordinal function of the competitive conduct (see also Shaffer, 2004a). Therefore, we also analyze competition in the clearing and settlement industry by estimating the Lerner index and Boone indicator.

3.7 Factors Affecting the Lerner Index

We now estimate Lerner index and regress them against a set of explanatory variables (see (3.9)).

Regression in column 1 of Table 3.10 only includes control variables. It shows that GDP growth is positively and significantly associated with the Lerner index. This indicates that competition between clearing and settlement institutions decreases when economy is growing. The number of clearing and settlement institutions in a given country is negatively and significantly associated with the Lerner index. This is consistent with the expectation that a higher number of institutions corresponds to higher competition in clearing and settlement. Inflation and interest rate are positively but insignificantly related to the Lerner index.

We now analyze which factors drive the Lerner index (columns 2 to 13 of Table 3.10). We find that a dummy variable, denoting the presence of the global financial crisis δ_t , is (mostly) negatively and statistically significantly associated with the Lerner index. Hence, competition between clearing and settlement institutions is higher during the global financial crisis than in normal times. This is aligned with Hypothesis 3.1.

Dummy variable $ICSD_i$ is negatively and highly statistically significantly (across all specifications) associated with the Lerner index. Negative relationship between $ICSD_i$ and the Lerner index indicates that international CSDs face higher competition than domestic CSDs. This confirms Hypothesis 3.2.

The Lerner index is negatively related to the size of a clearing and settlement institution. Hence, larger institutions are exposed to higher competition. This confirms Hypothesis 3.3. Dummy variable $Merger$ is negatively but mostly insignificantly related to the Lerner index. This provides some but limited support for Hypothesis 3.4 that states that mergers between clearing and settlement institutions improve competition.

Dummy variable $USregion_i$ is negatively and statistically significantly related to the Lerner index, indicating that competition between clearing and settlement institutions is higher in the U.S. market than in the European market. This provides additional support for Hypothesis 3.6.

Variables $ICT\ ratio_{it}$ and time t are negatively and significantly related to the Lerner index. We report regression with the $ICT\ ratio_{it}$ as a separate specification because an inclusion of the $ICT\ ratio_{it}$ significantly lowers the sample size. We also include separately variable time t to prevent potential multicollinearity with crisis dummy δ_t . We can conclude that technological development increases competition in clearing and settlement, confirming Hypothesis 3.5.

Table 3.10. Estimation of Factors Affecting the Lerner Index

Variable	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)
GDP growth	0.0276*** (2.92)	0.0228** (2.03)	0.0477*** (6.85)	0.0309*** (3.13)	0.0297*** (3.20)	0.0208** (2.46)	-0.00433 (-0.14)	0.0135 (1.25)	0.0453*** (4.25)	0.0430*** (4.50)	0.0405*** (3.73)	0.00127 (0.02)	0.0286*** (2.58)
Inflation	0.00164 (0.12)	-0.00350 (-0.26)	-0.0243** (-2.15)	-0.0109 (-0.76)	0.000494 (0.04)	-0.00685 (-0.59)	0.00982 (0.24)	-0.0125 (-0.73)	-0.0219 (-1.58)	-0.0329*** (-2.80)	-0.0196 (-1.40)	0.0116 (0.21)	-0.0117 (-0.75)
Interest Rate	0.00784 (0.82)	-0.00304 (-0.30)	0.00370 (0.41)	-0.0163 (-1.64)	0.00655 (0.67)	0.0130 (1.48)	-0.00578 (-0.23)	-0.0121 (-1.00)	-0.0179* (-1.65)	-0.000155 (-0.02)	-0.0147 (-1.35)	-0.00627 (-0.16)	-0.0135 (-1.09)
Number of Institutions	-0.0316** (-2.09)	-0.0265* (-1.75)	0.00873 (0.60)	0.00515 (0.33)	-0.0311** (-2.08)	-0.0384*** (-2.87)	0.218*** (5.99)	-0.0181 (-1.04)	0.0161 (1.03)	-0.00275 (-0.18)	0.00348 (0.21)	0.210*** (3.36)	-0.00103 (-0.06)
δ		-0.111* (-1.71)							-0.0898 (-1.35)	-0.0877 (-1.43)	-0.110* (-1.67)	0.118 (0.44)	
ICSD			-0.599*** (-10.81)						-0.441*** (-7.10)	-0.440*** (-4.95)	-0.336*** (-4.23)		-0.314*** (-3.86)
Size				-0.0723*** (-4.78)					-0.0371** (-2.18)		-0.0311* (-1.81)	0.0113 (0.20)	-0.000476 (-0.02)
Merger					-0.0347 (-0.52)				-0.0611 (-0.82)	-0.171* (-1.66)	-0.0742 (-0.99)		-0.0681 (-0.90)
USregion						-0.709*** (-12.05)				-0.280*** (-2.61)	-0.238** (-2.09)	-0.0238 (-0.07)	-0.202* (-1.74)
ICT ratio							-0.0344*** (-3.76)					-0.0353* (-1.65)	
t								-0.0167*** (-2.69)					-0.0168*** (-2.64)
Intercept	0.782*** (7.83)	0.854*** (8.03)	0.730*** (7.76)	1.284*** (7.78)	0.788*** (7.95)	0.876*** (9.95)	0.303 (1.10)	1.082*** (6.09)	1.033*** (5.80)	0.858*** (8.23)	1.041*** (5.82)	0.231 (0.41)	1.013*** (5.17)
N	207	207	207	207	207	207	124	207	207	207	207	124	207
Wald Chi2	14.15***	18.33***	261.2***	46.65***	15.04***	161.5***	44.02***	13.59***	259.5***	414.3***	205.1***	36.74***	122.5***

Note. In each regression, the dependent variable is *Lerner index* estimated by using total asset as output variable in (3.7). All regressions are feasible generalized least square (FGLS) estimation. Heteroskedasticity-robust t values are reported in parentheses. Superscripts ***, **, * indicate significant level of 0.01, 0.05 and 0.10, respectively.

3.8 Factors Affecting the Boone Indicator

We now estimate the Boone indicator, which provides more directly the link between competition and efficiency of clearing and settlement institutions in our sample, and test the effect of several factors on the Boone indicator based on (3.10) and (3.11).

As expected, regression in column 1 of Table 3.11 shows that marginal cost is negatively and significantly associated with the profit of clearing and settlement institutions. We find that the interaction term of dummy variable the global financial crisis and marginal cost, $\delta_t * \ln MC_{it}$, is negatively and statistically significantly associated with profit. This indicates that the negative Boone indicator during the financial crisis is lower than in normal times, and confirms that competition between clearing and settlement institutions is higher during the global financial crisis than in normal times. This is aligned with Hypothesis 3.1.

Interaction term between dummy variable ICSD_i and marginal cost, $ICSD_i * \ln MC_{it}$, is negatively and statistically significantly related to profit. This indicates that the Boone indicator is lower for ICSDs than for CSDs. Consequently, ICSDs face higher competition than domestic CSDs. This confirms Hypothesis 3.2.

The interaction term between institution size and marginal cost, $Size_{it} * \ln MC_{it}$, is negatively and statistically significantly related to the profit of CSDs. Hence, larger institutions are exposed to higher competition. This confirms Hypothesis 3.3.

The interaction term between merger and marginal cost, $Merger_{it} * \ln MC_{it}$, is negatively (but insignificantly) related to the profit. This provides some further support for Hypothesis 3.4 that states that the mergers between clearing and settlement institutions improve competition.

The interaction term between technological development and marginal cost, $ICT\ ratio_{it} * \ln MC_{it}$ is negatively and significantly related to profit. This confirms that the ICT ratio_{it} is negatively and significantly related to the Boone indicator. Hence, technological development increases competition between clearing and settlement institutions, confirming Hypothesis 3.5.

Variable $USregion_i * \ln MC_{it}$ is negatively and statistically significantly related to profit, indicating that the Boone indicator is lower and that competition between clearing and settlement institutions is higher in the U.S. than in Europe. This confirms Hypothesis 3.6.

Table 3.11. Estimation of Factors Affecting the Boone Indicator

Variable		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)
In MC	β	-0.350*** (-13.88)	-0.333*** (-12.88)	-0.358*** (-11.52)	0.528*** (6.05)	-0.349*** (-13.00)	-0.0556 (-0.68)	-0.356*** (-12.88)	-0.289*** (-8.50)	0.831*** (6.27)	0.272*** (3.54)	0.830*** (6.19)	0.440*** (4.95)
$\delta * \ln MC$	β_1		-0.0700** (-2.10)						-0.110*** (-2.98)		-0.0165 (-0.45)	-0.0303 (-0.54)	-0.0238 (-0.65)
ICSD * In MC	β_2			-0.319*** (-4.25)					-0.323*** (-4.37)	-0.0956 (-1.01)	-0.238*** (-3.14)		
Size * In MC	β_3				-0.0816*** (-9.91)					-0.101*** (-9.04)	-0.0632*** (-7.44)	-0.0988*** (-8.80)	-0.0747*** (-8.39)
Merger * In MC	β_4					-0.0601 (-0.54)			-0.141 (-1.13)		-0.0761 (-0.49)		-0.0662 (-0.42)
ICT ratio * In MC	β_5						-0.0168*** (-5.42)			-0.00263 (-0.88)		-0.00378 (-1.17)	
USregion * In MC	β_6							-0.256*** (-3.17)				-0.0773 (-0.79)	-0.129 (-1.53)
Intercept		1.434*** (13.57)	1.439*** (15.44)	1.297*** (9.80)	2.162*** (14.16)	1.435*** (12.99)	1.239*** (6.06)	1.396*** (12.11)	1.366*** (10.27)	2.313*** (9.11)	1.583*** (14.55)	2.304*** (9.16)	1.972*** (13.39)
<i>N</i>		286	286	286	286	286	186	286	286	186	286	186	286
Wald Chi2		192.8***	213.7***	145.6***	169.4***	171.0***	152.0***	171.9***	127.4***	195.5***	219.3***	188.7***	172.3***

Note. In each regression, the dependent variable is log of profit, $\ln \pi$. All regressions are feasible generalized least square (FGLS) estimation. Heteroskedasticity-robust *t* values are reported in parentheses. Superscripts ***, **, * indicate significant level of 0.01, 0.05 and 0.10, respectively.

3.9 Conclusion

Amid continued merger activities, competition is becoming a foremost issue in the currently still fragmented clearing and settlement industry. Using unbalanced annual data of 49 clearing and settlement institutions from 24 countries during 1989-2012, we analyze competition in clearing and settlement over times, across regions, and across different types of clearing and settlement institutions. We evaluate competition in the clearing and settlement industry using the structural and non-structural approach. We compute concentration indexes, the H -statistic of Panzar and Rosse (1982, 1987) model, the Lerner index, and Boone indicator.

We investigate the impact of the global financial crisis, institutional type, institutional size, mergers, technological development, and geographic location on the competition in clearing and settlement. Our findings suggest that although competition has increased over time, possibly due to the technological development, clearing and settlement institutions continue to operate in monopolistic markets. We confirm that larger size and mergers among clearing and settlement institutions lead to higher competition in clearing and settlement.

Our results support the view of Van Cayseele (2004) that contestable quasi-monopolies might be the most efficient industry structure among the feasible ones in clearing and settlement. The literature finds the presence of economies of scale in clearing and settlement (e.g., Van Cayseele and Wuyts, 2007). Clearing and settlement institutions can then exploit economies of scale through growth (either organic or through mergers or acquisitions). We refute the concerns that increased consolidation might hamper competition. In particular, we find that the creation of larger CSDs is associated with higher levels of competition. We also find that international CSDs face higher competition than domestic CSDs.

Our findings also suggest that competition between clearing and settlement institution in the U.S. market is higher than in the European market. This indicates that renewed initiative is necessary to enhance competition between clearing and settlement institutions in Europe.

GENERAL DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION

This chapter gives a general discussion on the main findings of the dissertation. The primary objective of this doctoral dissertation is to evaluate the role of financial derivatives, bank capital, and clearing and settlement services in normal times and during the global financial crisis. This chapter is structured as follows; first, it briefly summarizes the findings in each chapter of the dissertation and provides a systematic overview of them. Second, it discusses the main overarching theoretical and empirical contributions. The final part briefly concludes the dissertation.

Summary of the Main Findings

Building upon the extended four-factor model, Chapter 1 analyzes the relationship between the use of financial derivatives and systematic risk exposures of U.S. bank holding companies. The results confirm that a BHC's use of financial derivatives is associated with its higher exposure towards systematic interest rate risk, exchange rate risk, and credit risk (i.e., nondiversifiable risk exposures that investors cannot trade away on the financial markets). Interestingly, the positive relationship between financial derivatives and systematic risk exposure seems stronger for large BHCs than for small BHCs. Derivatives held for trading and derivatives held for hedging purposes are both positively and significantly related to BHCs' systematic risk exposures (in the case of interest rate derivatives, exchange rate derivatives, and credit derivatives). In the global financial crisis, the relationships between interest rate derivatives and exchange rate derivatives and systematic risk exposures became stronger than in normal time, and the positive relationship between credit derivatives and systematic credit risk became less pronounced.

Chapter 2 examines whether, and how, different types of bank capital affect bank lending. The impact of the size and several other dimensions that may influence the decline in credit growth during the financial crisis are also analyzed. The results indicate a positive effect of the tier 1 capital ratio on bank loan growth during the global financial crisis. The effect seems to be more pronounced for small banks and for banks in non-OECD and BRIC countries. Customer deposits also positively affected bank lending during the global financial crisis. Furthermore, the tier 2 capital ratio and interbank deposits positively affect loan growth in normal times and interbank deposits negatively affected bank lending during the global financial crisis. Whereas tier 1 capital and customer deposits acted as a stable source of funding during the global financial crisis, tier 2 capital and interbank deposits spur bank lending during normal times, but did not do so during the global financial crisis. During normal times, a bank lends more if the tier 1 capital ratio of competing banks is high. However, during the global financial crisis, a bank lent more if the tier 1 capital ratio of competing banks was low. Government ownership helped banks to better sustain credit growth during the global financial crisis. This effect was statistically significant only in non-OECD and BRIC countries, but not in OECD countries.

Chapter 3 aims to analyze the competitive landscape in the clearing and settlement industry. Specifically, this chapter employs the Panzar and Rosse model (1982, 1987), Lerner index (1934), and Boone indicator (2001, 2008) to examine the competitive conditions in the clearing and settlement industry, and to test how competition is affected by several factors. The empirical results suggest the existence of monopoly equilibrium in the clearing and settlement industry. The Panzar Rosse model, Boone indicator, and Lerner index confirm the following conclusions: during the global financial crisis, the level of competition between clearing and settlement institutions is higher than in normal times. International CSDs face higher competition than CSDs in the local markets. The evidence also indicates that competition increases continuously over time, possibly due to technological development and implementation of new clearing and settlement systems. The results reveal that competition increases with the size of the clearing and settlement institutions and after mergers and acquisitions between clearing and settlement institutions. The findings also suggest that competition between clearing and settlement institutions is higher in the U.S. market than in the European market. This indicates that renewed initiative is necessary to enhance competition between clearing and settlement institutions in Europe.

Table 4.1 summarizes the research questions and main findings of each chapter, and presents the research methodologies we employed and the contribution to the existing literature.⁶⁰

Overarching Theoretical and Empirical Contributions

An important methodological contribution of Chapter 1 of this dissertation is the extended Fama and French (1992) model and disentanglement of systematic (i.e., undiversifiable) risk into three components—systematic interest rate, exchange rate, and credit risk—at the same time. This allows us to jointly analyze the impact of interest rate derivatives, exchange rate derivatives, and credit derivatives on the corresponding systematic risks. The results show that financial derivatives are positively and significantly related to the systematic risk exposures of BHCs. Higher use of interest rate derivatives, exchange rate derivatives, and credit derivatives corresponds to greater systematic interest rate risk, exchange rate risk, and credit risk. Systematic risks are positively related to derivatives used for hedging purposes and to derivatives used for trading purposes.

Several factors affect the relationship between financial derivatives and systematic risks of BHCs. Financial derivatives expose large BHCs to higher level of systematic risk compared to small BHCs. High capital reinforces the positive relationship between financial derivatives for trading and systematic risks, but weakens the positive relationship between financial derivatives for hedging and systematic risk. In the global financial crisis, the relationship between interest rate derivatives and exchange rate derivatives and systematic risk exposures became stronger than in normal time, and the positive relationship between credit derivatives and systematic credit risk became less pronounced.

⁶⁰ In the Appendix D Table D.1, we summarize the main findings in terms of the hypotheses in each chapter.

Table 4.1. Summary of Main Findings and Contributions in Chapters 1, 2, and 3.

Chapter (Title)	Sample	Main Data Source	Methodology	Main Findings	Contribution
Chapter 1: The Use of Financial Derivatives and Risks of U.S. Bank Holding Companies	1997-2012, BHCs	FR Y-9C; CRSP; Federal Reserve Board of Governors	Fixed effect model; IV model; GMM model	Financial derivatives are positively and significantly related to systematic risks of BHCs. Derivatives held for trading and derivatives held for hedging purposes are both positively and significantly related to BHCs' systematic risk exposures. In the global financial crisis, the relationship between interest rate derivatives and exchange rate derivatives and systematic risk exposures became stronger than in normal time, and the positive relationship between credit derivatives and systematic credit risk became less pronounced.	The use of extended four-factor model to obtain systematic risks factors, including systematic credit risk; Differentiation of financial derivatives used for hedging and for trading purposes.
Chapter 2: Quality of Bank Capital and Bank Lending Behavior during the Global Financial Crisis	2000-2010, Worldwide banks	BankScope	Fixed effect model; IV model; GMM model	High-quality bank funding sources (i.e., tier 1 bank capital and retail deposits) and prevalent government backing were crucial for continuous bank lending during the crisis period. Higher use of tier 2 capital and interbank deposits could be important for increased lending during a normal period; this did not support lending activities during the financial crisis.	Estimate separately the impact of capital structure (Tier 1 and Tier 2 capital ratio) on bank lending in normal times and during the global crisis.
Chapter 3: Competition in the Clearing and Settlement Industry	1989-2012, Clearing and settlement institutions	BankScope; Annual Reports; World Bank.	Panzar-Rosse model; the Lerner Index; the Boone Indicator	Clearing and settlement industry operates under the monopoly equilibrium. During the global financial crisis, the level of competition between clearing and settlement institutions is higher than in normal times. International CSDs face higher competition than CSDs in the local market. Competition increases continuously over time, possibly due to the technological development and implementation of new clearing and settlement systems. Competition increases with the size of clearing and settlement institutions and after mergers and acquisitions between clearing and settlement institutions. Competition between clearing and settlement institution in the U.S. market is significantly higher than in the European market.	This is the first comprehensive study on the competitive conditions in the clearing and settlement industry; The analysis of factors that affect competition in clearing and settlement.

The contribution of Chapter 2 of this dissertation is to distinguish between tier 1 and tier 2 capital, and customer and interbank deposits as bank funding sources and to evaluate their relationship to bank lending. The results indicate that the higher quality of the bank funding side (i.e., a high tier 1 bank capital ratio, and high proportion of customer deposits) better supports bank lending during the crisis times. In contrast, tier 2 capital does not provide adequate support for bank lending during a financial crisis.

The empirical analysis in Chapter 2 reveals that the factors including different types of deposits and ownership are important in shaping the bank lending behavior in normal times and during the financial crisis. Interbank deposits negatively affected bank lending during the global financial crisis. Banks tried to compensate for this by turning to more stable funding sources, such as retail deposits (European Central Bank, 2011). Meanwhile, customer deposits were positively related to loan growth during the global financial crisis, which indicates customer (retail) deposits were sticky and acted as a stable source of funding even during the global financial crisis. In addition, banks were largely supported by the governments to overcome refinancing difficulties during the crisis, and this points to the benefits of government ownership in mitigating the credit crunch.

The contribution of Chapter 3 in this study is three-fold and incorporates important contributions to the field of competition literature, with special focus on clearing and settlement industry. While previous studies focus on the economies of scale, cost and revenue efficiency, and technology developments in the clearing and settlement industry. For example, Schmiedel, Malkamaki, and Tarkka (2006) focus on the factors of economies of scales and technological development. Van Cayseele and Wuyts (2007) find that economies of scale exist in European clearing and settlement; however, they are exhausted far below the size of the entire European market. This dissertation analyzes the competitive conditions in the clearing and settlement industry. In particular, it employs PR model, the Lerner index, and Boone indicator, to examine the competition of clearing and settlement institutions. The PR model, Lerner index, and Boone indicator have been extensively used to analyze the nature of competition in banking systems, but had never been applied to the clearing and settlement institutions. Finally, this analysis compares competition in the clearing and settlement industry across the U.S. and Europe.

Conclusion

This dissertation analyzes the role of financial derivatives, bank capital (and other bank funding sources), and clearing and settlement activities in normal times and during the global financial crisis. It analyzes the relationship between the use of financial derivatives and risks. It investigates the relation between the quality of bank capital and bank lending growth. In addition, this dissertation examines the competitive conditions in the clearing and settlement industry and tests the impact of several factors on competitive conditions in the clearing and settlement industry.

The methodologies employed in this analysis fill in an important gap in the previous literature,

and provide insights and advancements that will help management communities and policy makers to better understand the performance of financial institutions. From a managerial point of view, financial institutions can improve their performance if they better understand how financial derivatives contribute to risk exposures, how bank capital structure decision could affect the credit growth, and how different factors affect the competitive conditions in clearing and settlement.

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Appendix A: Chapter 1

Table A.1. Diagnostic Tests of Instruments Used in IV Regression in Table 1.8

		Total Sample	Large BHCs	Small BHCs
Panel A: Interest Rate Risk Betas				
Weak-instrument-robust inference:	Anderson-Rubin Wald test (p -value)	23.45 ^{***} (0.000)	12.46 ^{***} (0.0060)	13.16 ^{**} (0.011)
Underidentification test	Kleibergen-Paap rk LM statistic (p -value)	40.26 ^{***} (0.000)	42.130 ^{***} (0.000)	31.29 ^{***} (0.000)
Weak identification test	Cragg-Donald Wald F statistic	2942.68 ^{***}	457.639 ^{***}	1751.21 ^{***}
	Kleibergen-Paap Wald rk F statistic	34.48 ^{***}	33.96 ^{***}	41.66 ^{***}
Panel B: Exchange Rate Risk Beta				
Weak-instrument-robust inference:	Anderson-Rubin Wald test (p -value)	39.51 ^{***} (0.000)	32.50 ^{***} (0.000)	14.97 ^{***} (0.002)
Underidentification test	Kleibergen-Paap rk LM statistic (p -value)	82.61 ^{***} (0.000)	72.71 ^{***} (0.000)	13.65 ^{***} (0.003)
Weak identification test	Cragg-Donald Wald F statistic	1684.93 ^{***}	219.89 ^{***}	1605.38 ^{***}
	Kleibergen-Paap Wald rk F statistic	36.845 ^{***}	37.65 ^{***}	16.45 ^{***}
Panel C: Credit Risk Beta				
Weak-instrument-robust inference:	Anderson-Rubin Wald test (p -value)	19.45 ^{***} (0.000)	32.71 ^{***} (0.000)	12.64 ^{**} (0.012)
Underidentification test	Kleibergen-Paap rk LM statistic (p -value)	33.20 ^{***} (0.000)	35.88 ^{***} (0.000)	20.21 ^{***} (0.001)
Weak identification test	Cragg-Donald Wald F statistic	1.4e+04 ^{***}	3938.86 ^{***}	2119.16 ^{***}
	Kleibergen-Paap Wald rk F statistic	150.687 ^{***}	218.270 ^{***}	44.36 ^{***}

Note. Superscripts ***, **, * indicate significance levels of 1%, 5%, and 10% respectively.

Table A.2. Determinants of Interest Rate, Exchange Rate, and Credit Risk Betas

Variable	Total BHCs			Large BHCs			Small BHCs		
Panel A: Interest Rate Risk Beta (Foreign Exposure as Instrument Variable)									
Interest Margin	4.542*** (6.26)	0.784 (0.44)	-8.467*** (-2.73)	8.028** (1.99)	8.515* (1.95)	218.4** (2.53)	4.193*** (5.85)	-0.0626 (-0.03)	-1.795 (-1.56)
C&I Loans	-0.385 (-0.99)	2.220** (2.26)	8.888*** (3.60)	12.20*** (4.11)	14.09*** (4.35)	0.138 (0.14)	-0.800** (-2.09)	0.699 (0.73)	0.593 (0.67)
Mortgage Loans	0.129 (0.54)	0.754 (1.20)	5.309*** (3.52)	9.000*** (3.92)	9.662*** (4.07)	0.335 (0.51)	0.0504 (0.22)	0.195 (0.32)	0.148 (0.29)
Other Loans	-1.552*** (-3.22)	-1.346 (-1.09)	14.05*** (3.56)	5.139** (2.05)	5.608** (2.03)	0.856 (1.24)	-1.657*** (-3.70)	-3.811*** (-3.18)	1.094* (1.94)
Domestic Deposits	-0.861*** (-3.34)	1.787*** (3.08)	1.978*** (2.75)	1.615 (0.95)	1.011 (0.57)	-0.249 (-0.49)	-1.580*** (-6.41)	0.381 (0.66)	0.0531 (0.17)
GAP Ratio	-0.00693 (-1.57)	-0.00453 (-0.92)	-0.0245*** (-5.49)	0.00158 (0.29)	0.00516 (0.88)	-0.00199* (-1.80)	-0.0274 (-1.16)	-0.106** (-2.14)	-0.0868** (-2.37)
Size	0.641*** (10.41)	0.917*** (5.78)	4.323*** (3.95)	1.048** (2.58)	1.163*** (2.81)	0.0123 (0.19)	0.474*** (8.65)	0.426*** (3.05)	0.160 (1.26)
Capital Ratio	0.0952 (0.86)	2.943*** (3.57)	6.951*** (2.92)	4.496 (1.08)	3.665 (0.74)	-2.885 (-1.45)	0.0417 (0.69)	1.209 (1.46)	0.138 (0.24)
GDP Growth	-0.00625 (-1.28)	-0.000173 (-0.01)	0.00539 (0.51)	0.0261 (1.12)	0.0283 (1.17)	0.00529 (0.57)	-0.0117** (-2.36)	-0.0399*** (-2.97)	0.00146 (0.14)
Interest Rate Derivatives	0.116*** (4.50)	0.146*** (4.60)	1.127* (1.88)	0.0962*** (3.29)	0.106*** (3.10)	0.0126* (1.96)	0.157*** (2.99)	0.200*** (2.93)	0.155 (1.64)
L.Interest Rate Risk Beta			0.0361 (1.04)			1.080*** (81.24)			0.256* (1.80)
<i>N</i>	11795	4367	3866	754	719	725	11041	3648	3169
Adjusted-R2	0.199	0.138		0.473	0.474		0.191	0.0667	
AR(1)			0.008			0.000			0.014
AR(2)			0.676			0.206			0.436
Hansen J Statistic (<i>p</i> -value)			3.27(0.514)			2.67(0.103)			4.04(0.401)

Panel B: Exchange Rate Risk Beta (Interest Rate Exposure as Instrument Variable)

Table A.2. Determinants of Interest Rate, Exchange Rate, and Credit Risk Betas

Variable	Total BHCs			Large BHCs			Small BHCs		
Assets in Foreign Currencies	-0.621 (-0.61)	-1.781 (-1.56)	0.0226 (0.05)	-4.416*** (-3.74)	-4.019*** (-3.19)	0.778 (0.99)	4.864*** (4.88)	3.875*** (3.15)	-0.558 (-1.06)
Foreign Exchange Deposits	1.089* (1.73)	-0.303 (-0.34)	-0.279 (-0.32)	-1.528 (-1.44)	-2.116* (-1.80)	0.158 (0.11)	1.450** (1.98)	-1.498 (-1.22)	0.220 (0.24)
Size	-0.134*** (-2.69)	-0.265*** (-3.49)	0.199* (1.65)	0.164 (1.20)	0.114 (0.83)	0.181 (0.41)	-0.118** (-2.23)	-0.212** (-2.36)	0.220* (1.73)
Capital Ratio	-0.0405 (-0.78)	-0.323 (-0.79)	0.256 (1.00)	-2.406 (-1.15)	-2.805 (-1.18)	0.283 (0.09)	-0.0499 (-0.87)	-0.163 (-0.45)	0.290 (1.04)
GDP Growth	0.0169*** (3.15)	0.0169** (2.24)	-0.00514 (-0.72)	0.0257 (1.41)	0.0174 (0.92)	0.0172 (0.83)	0.0169*** (3.04)	0.0232*** (2.84)	-0.0107 (-1.39)
Exchange Rate Derivatives	0.545*** (6.31)	0.658*** (5.80)	0.155*** (4.83)	0.721*** (6.84)	0.837*** (6.07)	0.145 (1.54)	0.791*** (5.29)	0.920*** (4.19)	0.130*** (4.40)
L. Exchange Rate Risk Beta			0.973*** (10.95)			1.686*** (3.80)			0.981*** (10.61)
<i>N</i>	11803	4416	3926	759	728	707	11044	3688	3219
Adjusted-R2	0.165	0.206		0.404	0.408		0.160	0.193	
AR(1)			0.000			0.003			0.000
AR(2)			0.445			0.110			0.816
Hansen J Statistic (<i>p</i> -value)			0.552(0.759)			2.52(0.640)			1.05(0.789)
Panel C: Credit Risk Beta (Interest Rate Exposure as Instrument Variable)									
Market Liquidity	-0.511*** (-9.38)	-0.416*** (-5.21)	-0.0891 (-1.24)	-0.253 (-1.11)	-0.438* (-1.95)	-1.511 (-1.00)	-0.518*** (-9.23)	-0.437*** (-5.25)	0.146 (1.32)
Funding Liquidity	-0.388*** (-2.94)	-0.636*** (-4.04)	0.0139 (0.14)	-1.562*** (-3.59)	-1.595*** (-3.74)	-8.244 (-0.88)	-0.346** (-2.48)	-0.527*** (-3.06)	-0.0780 (-0.63)
Non-Performing Loans	-4.717*** (-11.39)	-2.996*** (-6.01)	-0.345 (-1.03)	-11.42*** (-7.45)	-12.56*** (-8.53)	6.641 (0.09)	-4.269*** (-10.17)	-1.425*** (-2.94)	0.464 (1.39)
Loan Charge-Offs	-5.922*** (-2.68)	-4.308* (-1.83)	-0.244 (-0.24)	-17.73*** (-3.13)	-23.56*** (-5.17)	49.66 (0.30)	-3.878* (-1.65)	-0.609 (-0.26)	0.241 (0.21)
Loan Loss Provisions	6.488*** (3.19)	4.775** (2.08)	0.328 (0.30)	12.56*** (2.70)	16.69*** (3.92)	-49.98 (-0.25)	5.592*** (2.60)	2.445 (1.06)	2.611** (2.18)

Table A.2. Determinants of Interest Rate, Exchange Rate, and Credit Risk Betas

Variable	Total BHCs			Large BHCs			Small BHCs		
	Size	0.0496*** (2.83)	-0.0180 (-0.68)	-0.0206 (-0.69)	0.207*** (4.14)	0.278*** (6.01)	0.00968 (0.02)	0.0658*** (3.60)	0.00813 (0.28)
Capital Ratio	-0.00646 (-0.69)	-0.0400 (-0.46)	0.117** (1.97)	2.162*** (3.03)	1.728** (2.17)	-0.367 (-0.09)	-0.00130 (-0.11)	0.0462 (0.53)	0.117 (1.39)
GDP Growth	0.00617*** (3.40)	0.00622** (2.27)	0.00583** (2.09)	0.0161** (2.41)	0.0164** (2.54)	-0.0187 (-1.14)	0.00520*** (2.80)	0.00454 (1.58)	0.00836** (2.02)
Credit Derivatives	0.0761*** (4.73)	0.0746*** (4.37)	0.0257** (2.23)	0.103*** (5.88)	0.0948*** (5.71)	0.0111 (0.11)	0.0708* (1.76)	0.102 (1.40)	0.0426*** (2.75)
L. Credit Risk Beta			-0.654*** (-6.96)			0.332 (1.24)			0.906*** (7.87)
<i>N</i>	10984	4152	3705	697	667	646	10287	3485	3059
Adjusted-R2	0.163	0.216		0.594	0.620		0.149	0.168	
AR(1)			0.000			0.02			0.000
AR(2)			0.789			0.267			0.408
Hansen J Statistic (<i>p</i> -value)			2.02(0.364)			10.18(0.179)			0.15(0.928)
Estimation Method	FE	IV	GMM	FE	IV	GMM	FE	IV	GMM

Note. Panel A is using foreign exposure as instrument variable, while Panel B and Panel C are using interest rate exposure as instrument variable. The dependent variable in each Panel is our estimates of risk beta of each BHC *i* at the start time *t* of four-year rolling window regression in the first-stage. We weight each observation by the inverse of the standard error of beta coefficients in the first-stage estimation. The regressions included bank-specific fixed effects and yearly dummy variables. Heteroskedasticity-consistent standard errors are used and *t* statistics are reported in parentheses. **p*< 0.10, ***p*< 0.05, ****p*< 0.01.

Source: *Financial Statements data from FR Y-9C; Risk betas are computed from the four-factor model using data from Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP) database and Federal Reserve monthly Statistical Releases.*

Table A.3. Determinants of Interest Rate, Exchange Rate, and Credit Risk Betas

Variable	Total BHCs			Large BHCs			Small BHCs		
Panel A: Interest Rate Risk Beta (Basis Exposure as Instrument Variable)									
Interest Margin	4.542*** (6.26)	0.513 (0.29)	-0.272 (-0.14)	8.028** (1.99)	7.147 (1.61)	94.64** (2.67)	4.193*** (5.85)	-0.0943 (-0.05)	14.11*** (4.01)
C&I Loans	-0.385 (-0.99)	2.257** (2.29)	1.489 (1.42)	12.20*** (4.11)	14.23*** (4.31)	-0.195 (-0.19)	-0.800** (-2.09)	0.690 (0.72)	-2.404 (-1.56)
Mortgage Loans	0.129 (0.54)	0.696 (1.10)	0.400 (0.65)	9.000*** (3.92)	9.517*** (4.00)	-0.0869 (-0.11)	0.0504 (0.22)	0.195 (0.32)	-0.458 (-0.94)
Other Loans	-1.552*** (-3.22)	-1.232 (-0.98)	1.745 (1.62)	5.139** (2.05)	5.731** (2.01)	0.587 (0.72)	-1.657*** (-3.70)	-3.827*** (-3.19)	-0.399 (-0.32)
Domestic Deposits	-0.861*** (-3.34)	1.696*** (2.93)	-0.0707 (-0.18)	1.615 (0.95)	0.674 (0.37)	-0.141 (-0.32)	-1.580*** (-6.41)	0.395 (0.68)	-0.456 (-0.88)
GAP Ratio	-0.00693 (-1.57)	-0.00453 (-0.93)	-0.0238*** (-3.38)	0.00158 (0.29)	0.00511 (0.88)	-0.00127 (-0.88)	-0.0274 (-1.16)	-0.106** (-2.13)	0.227 (0.90)
Size	0.641*** (10.41)	0.924*** (5.80)	0.348 (1.15)	1.048** (2.58)	1.209*** (2.86)	-0.0309 (-0.30)	0.474*** (8.65)	0.429*** (3.07)	0.578*** (2.80)
Capital Ratio	0.0952 (0.86)	2.909*** (3.54)	-0.0942 (-0.13)	4.496 (1.08)	3.975 (0.78)	-3.575 (-1.56)	0.0417 (0.69)	1.220 (1.47)	0.143 (1.13)
GDP Growth	-0.00625 (-1.28)	-0.000947 (-0.08)	0.00529 (0.51)	0.0261 (1.12)	0.0254 (1.05)	0.00307 (0.33)	-0.0117** (-2.36)	-0.0397*** (-2.95)	-0.000912 (-0.08)
Interest Rate Derivatives	0.116*** (4.50)	0.146*** (4.60)	0.515* (1.65)	0.0962*** (3.29)	0.104*** (3.11)	0.0107** (2.19)	0.157*** (2.99)	0.200*** (2.92)	0.226** (2.37)
L.Interest Rate Risk Beta			0.183 (0.61)			1.078*** (77.96)			0.541*** (2.99)
<i>N</i>	11795	4348	3837	754	706	725	11041	3642	3169
Adjusted-R2	0.199	0.136		0.473	0.471		0.191	0.0666	
AR(1)			0.000			0.000			0.000
AR(2)			0.978			0.200			0.068
Hansen J Statistic (<i>p</i> -value)			2.79(0.646)			3.05(0.09)			9.522(0.05)
Panel B: Exchange Rate Risk Beta (Basis Exposure as Instrument Variable)									
Assets in Foreign Currencies	-0.621 (-0.61)	-1.097 (-0.96)	0.287 (0.57)	-4.416*** (-3.74)	-4.009*** (-3.08)	1.122 (1.50)	4.864*** (4.88)	4.773*** (4.04)	-0.550 (-1.07)
Foreign Exchange Deposits	1.089* (1.73)	-0.507 (-0.56)	-0.0854 (-0.09)	-1.528 (-1.44)	-2.443** (-2.01)	0.0550 (0.03)	1.450** (1.98)	-1.710 (-1.36)	0.446 (0.45)
Size	-0.134*** (-2.69)	-0.280*** (-3.62)	0.238** (1.98)	0.164 (1.20)	0.0959 (0.69)	0.0677 (0.18)	-0.118** (-2.23)	-0.226** (-2.46)	0.254** (1.97)
Capital Ratio	-0.0405 (-0.78)	-0.205 (-0.47)	0.230 (0.83)	-2.406 (-1.15)	-2.835 (-1.17)	-0.179 (-0.07)	-0.0499 (-0.87)	-0.162 (-0.44)	0.258 (0.90)
GDP Growth	0.0169*** (3.15)	0.0161** (2.10)	-0.00738 (-1.01)	0.0257 (1.41)	0.0188 (0.99)	0.0153 (0.81)	0.0169*** (3.04)	0.0224*** (2.72)	-0.0130 (-1.65)

Table A.3. Determinants of Interest Rate, Exchange Rate, and Credit Risk Betas

Variable	Total BHCs			Large BHCs			Small BHCs		
	Exchange Rate Derivatives	0.545*** (6.31)	0.678*** (5.81)	0.153*** (4.97)	0.721*** (6.84)	0.857*** (5.95)	0.110 (1.35)	0.791*** (5.29)	0.934*** (4.15)
L. Exchange Rate Risk Beta			0.993*** (10.89)			1.508*** (4.49)			0.987*** (10.63)
<i>N</i>	11803	4354	3841	759	711	682	11044	3643	3159
Adjusted-R2	0.165	0.203		0.404	0.404		0.160	0.193	
AR(1)			0.000			0.002			0.000
AR(2)			0.472			0.128			0.847
Hansen J Statistic (<i>p</i> -value)			0.864(0.649)			2.94(0.568)			1.29(0.731)
Panel C: Credit Risk Beta (Foreign Exposure as Instrument Variable)									
Market Liquidity	-0.511*** (-9.38)	-0.440*** (-5.48)	-0.111 (-1.49)	-0.253 (-1.11)	-0.439* (-1.95)	-0.262 (-0.05)	-0.518*** (-9.23)	-0.462*** (-5.54)	0.114 (1.11)
Funding Liquidity	-0.388*** (-2.94)	-0.663*** (-4.04)	0.0233 (0.23)	-1.562*** (-3.59)	-1.601*** (-3.76)	13.62** (2.14)	-0.346** (-2.48)	-0.547*** (-3.04)	-0.0500 (-0.40)
Non-Performing Loans	-4.717*** (-11.39)	-3.147*** (-6.25)	-0.532 (-1.62)	-11.42*** (-7.45)	-12.54*** (-8.51)	-39.84 (0.77)	-4.269*** (-10.17)	-1.570*** (-3.22)	0.266 (0.86)
Loan Charge-Offs	-5.922*** (-2.68)	-4.501* (-1.94)	-0.200 (-0.20)	-17.73*** (-3.13)	-23.53*** (-5.16)	-41.29 (-1.19)	-3.878* (-1.65)	-0.743 (-0.32)	0.165 (0.14)
Loan Loss Provisions	6.488*** (3.19)	4.960** (2.20)	0.193 (0.18)	12.56*** (2.70)	16.65*** (3.91)	80.36** (2.65)	5.592*** (2.60)	2.570 (1.14)	2.685** (2.23)
Size	0.0496*** (2.83)	-0.00257 (-0.10)	-0.0140 (-0.47)	0.207*** (4.14)	0.277*** (5.99)	-0.390 (-0.72)	0.0658*** (3.60)	0.0264 (0.92)	0.00147 (0.03)
Capital Ratio	-0.00646 (-0.69)	-0.0133 (-0.15)	0.137** (2.19)	2.162*** (3.03)	1.720** (2.16)	-33.11* (-1.81)	-0.00130 (-0.11)	0.0735 (0.86)	0.0867 (1.16)
GDP Growth	0.00617*** (3.40)	0.00609** (2.22)	0.00570** (2.04)	0.0161** (2.41)	0.0164** (2.54)	-0.0677 (-1.63)	0.00520*** (2.80)	0.00437 (1.52)	0.00701* (1.73)
Credit Derivatives	0.0761*** (4.73)	0.0734*** (4.33)	0.0243*** (2.62)	0.103*** (5.88)	0.0961*** (5.77)	0.998*** (3.75)	0.0708* (1.76)	0.101 (1.41)	0.0447*** (3.32)
L. Credit Risk Beta			-0.703*** (-7.37)			0.0658 (0.19)			0.902*** (7.65)
<i>N</i>	10984	4121	3664	697	667	646	10287	3454	3018
Adjusted-R2	0.163	0.219		0.594	0.620		0.149	0.169	
AR(1)			0.000			0.001			0.000
AR(2)			0.834			0.482			0.128
Hansen J Statistic (<i>p</i> -value)			0.460(0.795)			6.91(0.938)			1.51(0.470)
Estimation Method	FE	IV	GMM	FE	IV	GMM	FE	IV	GMM

Note. Panel A and Panel B are using basis exposure as instrument variable, while Panel C is using foreign exposure as instrument variable. The dependent variable in each Panel is our estimates of risk beta of each BHC *i* at the start time *t* of four-year rolling window regression in the first-stage. We weight each observation by the inverse of the standard error of beta coefficients in the first-stage estimation. The regressions included bank-specific fixed effects and yearly dummy variables. Heteroskedasticity-consistent standard errors are used and *t* statistics are reported in parentheses. **p* < 0.10, ***p* < 0.05, ****p* < 0.01.

Source: Financial Statements data from FR Y-9C; Risk betas are computed from the four-factor model using data from Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP) database and Federal Reserve monthly Statistical Releases.

Table A.4. Determinants of Interest Rate, Exchange Rate, and Credit Risk Betas

Variable	Total BHCs			Large BHCs			Small BHCs		
Panel A: Interest Rate Risk Beta (Foreign Exposure and Basis Exposure as Instrument Variables)									
Interest Margin	3.238*** (3.49)	0.878 (0.42)	-1.263 (-0.65)	7.394 (1.52)	6.849 (1.28)	21.91 (1.03)	2.823*** (3.08)	0.193 (0.10)	4.625 (0.26)
C&I Loans	-1.601*** (-3.38)	0.168 (0.15)	0.774 (0.75)	16.65*** (4.82)	18.01*** (4.65)	-0.616 (-0.64)	-2.228*** (-4.76)	-1.727 (-1.63)	-2.415 (-1.15)
Mortgage Loans	0.191 (0.71)	0.653 (1.05)	0.913 (1.24)	11.64*** (4.44)	11.86*** (4.33)	-0.655 (-0.66)	0.125 (0.47)	0.287 (0.48)	-0.412 (-0.50)
Other Loans	-0.939 (-1.58)	0.187 (0.12)	-0.402 (-0.28)	2.073 (0.70)	2.901 (0.86)	-0.807 (-0.67)	-0.618 (-1.13)	-0.786 (-0.64)	0.372 (0.21)
Domestic Deposits	-0.446 (-1.45)	1.792*** (2.90)	-0.00951 (-0.02)	1.771 (0.89)	1.207 (0.57)	-0.000953 (-0.00)	-1.280*** (-4.30)	0.496 (0.86)	-0.153 (-0.16)
GAP Ratio	-0.00918** (-2.52)	-0.00873** (-2.07)	-0.0310*** (-6.37)	0.00964 (1.50)	0.0175** (2.35)	-0.000508 (-0.26)	-0.000455 (-0.04)	0.0790 (1.57)	0.262 (1.40)
Size	0.482*** (6.52)	0.713*** (4.39)	-0.00317 (-0.01)	1.021** (2.19)	1.119** (2.30)	-0.233 (-1.01)	0.305*** (4.45)	0.272* (1.90)	0.214 (1.14)
Capital Ratio	-0.0251 (-0.24)	0.180 (1.14)	-0.00524 (-0.57)	13.21*** (2.59)	12.77** (2.09)	-3.123 (-1.25)	-0.0916 (-1.31)	0.0224 (0.53)	-0.0952 (-0.67)
GDP Growth	-0.0177*** (-2.80)	-0.0286** (-2.08)	-0.00268 (-0.22)	0.00875 (0.29)	0.000383 (0.01)	0.00286 (0.29)	-0.0254*** (-3.96)	-0.0679*** (-4.68)	0.00332 (0.19)
Interest Rate Derivatives	0.117*** (3.71)	0.145*** (3.65)	0.233 (0.95)	0.0910** (2.37)	0.0825* (1.79)	0.0143** (2.73)	0.0792 (1.43)	0.0825 (1.19)	0.129 (1.25)
L. Interest Rate Risk Beta			0.542** (2.27)			1.067*** (108.02)			0.711*** (6.52)
<i>N</i>	14128	6154	5476	792	744	762	13336	5410	4714
Adjusted-R2	0.106	0.0633		0.460	0.461		0.0985	0.0209	
AR(1)			0.014			0.000			0.000
AR(2)			0.736			0.237			0.487
Hansen J Statistic (<i>p</i> -value)			11.74(0.228)			0.0200(0.990)			2.402(0.493)

Panel B: Exchange Rate Risk Beta (Interest Rate Exposure and Basis Exposure as Instrument Variables)

Table A.4. Determinants of Interest Rate, Exchange Rate, and Credit Risk Betas

Variable	Total BHCs			Large BHCs			Small BHCs		
Assets in Foreign Currencies	-0.570 (-0.55)	-1.819 (-1.47)	-0.113 (-0.23)	-5.007*** (-4.14)	-4.760*** (-3.60)	0.785 (1.07)	4.954*** (5.02)	3.896*** (2.78)	-1.555* (-1.72)
Foreign Exchange Deposits	0.820 (1.30)	0.370 (0.42)	0.541 (0.76)	0.0423 (0.04)	-0.504 (-0.42)	0.371 (0.33)	0.595 (0.78)	-0.789 (-0.65)	1.308 (0.98)
Size	-0.0434 (-0.96)	-0.125* (-1.76)	0.191* (1.95)	0.150 (1.16)	0.0671 (0.53)	-0.0643 (-0.20)	-0.0305 (-0.64)	-0.0910 (-1.12)	0.282** (2.40)
Capital Ratio	0.000939 (0.06)	-0.0107 (-0.84)	0.000230 (0.18)	-3.260* (-1.67)	-3.341 (-1.52)	-1.066 (-0.38)	-0.00229 (-0.16)	-0.00811 (-0.78)	0.000709 (0.52)
GDP Growth	0.00678 (1.38)	0.0125* (1.89)	-0.00423 (-0.56)	-0.000443 (-0.02)	-0.00947 (-0.50)	0.00457 (0.17)	0.00886* (1.75)	0.0224*** (3.17)	-0.0115 (-1.33)
Exchange Rate Derivatives	0.600*** (6.66)	0.696*** (5.74)	0.149*** (4.31)	0.693*** (6.36)	0.794*** (5.44)	0.0530 (1.23)	0.826*** (4.82)	0.908*** (3.68)	0.101*** (3.08)
L. Exchange Rate Risk Beta			1.123*** (13.03)			1.218*** (5.48)			1.237*** (5.80)
<i>N</i>	14136	6155	5474	797	749	717	13339	5406	4757
Adjusted-R2	0.189	0.240		0.441	0.463		0.182	0.217	
AR(1)			0.000			0.006			0.000
AR(2)			0.112			0.196			0.033
Hansen J Statistic (<i>p</i> -value)			0.558(0.906)			5.554(0.352)			16.33(0.003)
Panel C: Credit Risk Beta (Interest Rate Exposure and Foreign Exposure as Instrument Variables)									
Market Liquidity	-0.134*** (-4.98)	-0.128*** (-2.99)	-0.00696 (-0.23)	0.334*** (3.39)	0.315*** (3.07)	0.228 (0.97)	-0.139*** (-5.07)	-0.165*** (-3.70)	0.0587 (1.41)
Funding Liquidity	-0.181*** (-3.25)	-0.216** (-2.41)	-0.000983 (-0.03)	-1.093*** (-4.37)	-1.115*** (-4.53)	0.616* (2.05)	-0.162*** (-2.82)	-0.114 (-1.15)	-0.124*** (-2.60)
Non-Performing Loans	-1.871*** (-9.93)	-0.950*** (-4.75)	0.0622 (0.59)	-6.241*** (-7.14)	-6.637*** (-7.25)	9.034*** (2.86)	-1.858*** (-9.98)	-0.765*** (-4.24)	0.220* (1.95)
Loan Charge-Offs	-1.710 (-1.48)	-2.783** (-2.34)	-0.353 (-0.79)	-12.41*** (-3.21)	-16.16*** (-4.95)	-9.121** (-2.18)	-0.885 (-0.75)	-1.384 (-1.17)	0.0407 (0.08)
Loan Loss Provisions	3.857*** (3.91)	3.795*** (3.54)	0.377 (0.83)	8.545** (2.38)	10.24*** (3.02)	20.35** (2.34)	3.346*** (3.34)	2.548** (2.43)	0.434 (0.95)

Table A.4. Determinants of Interest Rate, Exchange Rate, and Credit Risk Betas

Variable	Total BHCs			Large BHCs			Small BHCs		
	Size	-0.00759 (-0.80)	-0.0197 (-1.31)	-0.0349*** (-3.88)	0.0967*** (3.55)	0.127*** (4.19)	-0.0735 (-1.59)	-0.00185 (-0.19)	-0.0116 (-0.73)
Capital Ratio	0.00266 (0.42)	-0.00214 (-0.59)	0.000250 (0.60)	0.762* (1.95)	0.462 (0.92)	-1.000 (-0.84)	0.00499 (0.57)	0.00207 (0.48)	0.000422 (0.80)
GDP Growth	0.000603 (0.72)	0.00214 (1.44)	0.00183 (1.51)	-0.00224 (-1.03)	-0.00339 (-1.46)	-0.000924 (-0.22)	0.00114 (1.33)	0.00447*** (2.73)	0.00133 (1.05)
Credit Derivatives	0.0126 (1.16)	0.0177 (1.40)	0.00741 (1.19)	0.0579*** (5.36)	0.0585*** (5.24)	0.0709 (0.66)	0.0183** (2.26)	0.00597 (0.63)	0.00497* (1.76)
L. Credit Risk Beta			-0.354*** (-3.85)			2.379** (2.78)			0.800*** (9.60)
<i>N</i>	13359	5934	5307	737	707	685	12622	5227	4622
Adjusted-R2	0.0809	0.0772		0.564	0.585		0.0919	0.104	
AR(1)			0.000			0.041			0.000
AR(2)			0.148			0.246			0.100
Hansen J Statistic (<i>p</i> -value)			2.932(0.402)			2.355(0.502)			0.461(0.927)
Estimation Method	FE	IV	GMM	FE	IV	GMM	FE	IV	GMM

Note. Robustness check by using the change in the difference between BBB bond yield and the risk-free rate in the first-stage regression as an alternative definition of *Credit Risk*. Panel A is using foreign exposure and credit exposure as instrument variables, Panel B is using interest rate exposure and credit exposure as instrument variables, and Panel C is using interest rate exposure and foreign exposure as instrument variables. The dependent variable in each Panel is our estimates of risk beta of each BHC *i* at the start time *t* of four-year rolling window regression in the first-stage. We weight each observation by the inverse of the standard error of beta coefficients in the first-stage estimation. The regressions included bank-specific fixed effects and yearly dummy variables. Heteroskedasticity-consistent standard errors are used and t statistics are reported in parentheses. **p*< 0.10, ***p*< 0.05, ****p*< 0.01.

Source: *Financial Statements* data from FR Y-9C; Risk betas are computed from the four-factor model using data from Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP) database and Federal Reserve monthly Statistical Releases.

Table A.5. Determinants of Interest Rate, Exchange Rate, and Credit Risk Betas

Variable	Total BHCs			Large BHCs			Small BHCs		
Panel A: Interest Rate Risk Beta (Foreign Exposure as Instrument Variable)									
Interest Margin	3.238*** (3.49)	1.019 (0.49)	-1.282 (-0.66)	7.394 (1.52)	8.170 (1.56)	-12.24*** (-3.59)	2.823*** (3.08)	0.160 (0.08)	-2.729* (-1.75)
C&I Loans	-1.601*** (-3.38)	0.218 (0.20)	0.859 (0.84)	16.65*** (4.82)	17.86*** (4.71)	-0.901 (-0.94)	-2.228*** (-4.76)	-1.617 (-1.51)	1.030 (0.90)
Mortgage Loans	0.191 (0.71)	0.728 (1.17)	0.977 (1.34)	11.64*** (4.44)	11.97*** (4.40)	0.452 (0.74)	0.125 (0.47)	0.316 (0.53)	0.698 (1.31)
Other Loans	-0.939 (-1.58)	0.158 (0.11)	-0.417 (-0.29)	2.073 (0.70)	2.768 (0.85)	0.778 (1.10)	-0.618 (-1.13)	-0.610 (-0.49)	0.213 (0.30)
Domestic Deposits	-0.446 (-1.45)	1.791*** (2.89)	-0.0831 (-0.19)	1.771 (0.89)	1.484 (0.71)	0.0585 (0.12)	-1.280*** (-4.30)	0.419 (0.73)	-0.0906 (-0.20)
GAP Ratio	-0.00918** (-2.52)	-0.00844** (-2.00)	-0.0318*** (-5.92)	0.00964 (1.50)	0.0177** (2.38)	0.00177 (1.23)	-0.000455 (-0.04)	0.0775 (1.54)	-0.0946** (-2.07)
Size	0.482*** (6.52)	0.723*** (4.42)	-0.0214 (-0.05)	1.021** (2.19)	1.076** (2.25)	0.129 (1.36)	0.305*** (4.45)	0.295** (2.02)	0.0980 (0.59)
Capital Ratio	-0.0251 (-0.24)	0.183 (1.14)	-0.00434 (-0.48)	13.21*** (2.59)	12.32** (2.07)	-1.653 (-0.77)	-0.0916 (-1.31)	0.0247 (0.58)	-0.00254 (-0.42)
GDP Growth	-0.0177*** (-2.80)	-0.0271** (-1.98)	-0.00192 (-0.16)	0.00875 (0.29)	0.00546 (0.17)	0.00816 (0.73)	-0.0254*** (-3.96)	-0.0676*** (-4.66)	-0.00622 (-0.42)
Interest Rate Derivatives	0.117*** (3.71)	0.144*** (3.63)	0.197 (1.01)	0.0910** (2.37)	0.0827* (1.78)	0.0135** (2.73)	0.0792 (1.43)	0.0822 (1.18)	0.216 (0.51)
L. Interest Rate Risk Beta			0.594** (2.30)			1.073*** (148.99)			0.738** (2.03)
<i>N</i>	14128	6173	5505	792	757	762	13336	5416	4711
Adjusted-R2	0.106	0.0645		0.460	0.463		0.0985	0.0211	
AR(1)			0.013			0.000			0.035
AR(2)			0.785			0.262			0.478
Hansen J Statistic (<i>p</i> -value)			10.57(0.227)			0.0232(0.879)			3.056(0.880)

Panel B: Exchange Rate Risk Beta (Interest Rate Exposure as Instrument Variable)

Table A.5. Determinants of Interest Rate, Exchange Rate, and Credit Risk Betas

Variable	Total BHCs			Large BHCs			Small BHCs		
Assets in Foreign Currencies	-0.570 (-0.55)	-1.806 (-1.48)	-0.316 (-0.67)	-5.007*** (-4.14)	-4.674*** (-3.64)	0.417 (0.63)	4.954*** (5.02)	3.889*** (2.79)	1.677** (2.54)
Foreign Exchange Deposits	0.820 (1.30)	0.367 (0.42)	0.341 (0.49)	0.0423 (0.04)	-0.376 (-0.31)	0.340 (0.38)	0.595 (0.78)	-0.793 (-0.66)	0.182 (0.15)
Size	-0.0434 (-0.96)	-0.122* (-1.75)	0.152 (1.56)	0.150 (1.16)	0.0843 (0.67)	-0.124 (-0.33)	-0.0305 (-0.64)	-0.0902 (-1.13)	-0.282*** (-2.64)
Capital Ratio	0.000939 (0.06)	-0.00971 (-0.79)	0.000339 (0.27)	-3.260* (-1.67)	-3.262 (-1.50)	-1.675 (-0.50)	-0.00229 (-0.16)	-0.00700 (-0.69)	0.00334 (1.20)
GDP Growth	0.00678 (1.38)	0.0124* (1.88)	-0.00367 (-0.50)	-0.000443 (-0.02)	-0.0110 (-0.59)	0.00446 (0.17)	0.00886* (1.75)	0.0224*** (3.19)	-0.00277 (-0.51)
Exchange Rate Derivatives	0.600*** (6.66)	0.698*** (5.85)	0.155*** (4.17)	0.693*** (6.36)	0.805*** (5.61)	0.0561 (0.82)	0.826*** (4.82)	0.901*** (3.69)	0.123** (2.02)
L. Exchange Rate Risk Beta			1.098*** (13.36)			1.279*** (4.80)			-0.661*** (-5.04)
<i>N</i>	14136	6221	5565	797	766	742	13339	5455	4823
Adjusted-R2	0.189	0.241		0.441	0.467		0.182	0.217	
AR(1)			0.000			0.009			0.000
AR(2)			0.106			0.187			0.326
Hansen J Statistic (<i>p</i> -value)			0.331(0.847)			5.154(0.272)			2.146(0.342)
Panel C: Credit Risk Beta (Interest Rate Exposure as Instrument Variable)									
Market Liquidity	-0.134*** (-4.98)	-0.117*** (-2.73)	-0.00539 (-0.18)	0.334*** (3.39)	0.315*** (3.07)	0.194 (0.81)	-0.139*** (-5.07)	-0.154*** (-3.45)	0.0665 (1.65)
Funding Liquidity	-0.181*** (-3.25)	-0.187** (-2.12)	0.00368 (0.11)	-1.093*** (-4.37)	-1.115*** (-4.53)	0.676** (2.25)	-0.162*** (-2.82)	-0.0853 (-0.88)	-0.122** (-2.53)
Non-Performing Loans	-1.871*** (-9.93)	-0.936*** (-4.69)	0.0786 (0.75)	-6.241*** (-7.14)	-6.637*** (-7.25)	8.002** (2.38)	-1.858*** (-9.98)	-0.751*** (-4.16)	0.250** (2.17)
Loan Charge-Offs	-1.710 (-1.48)	-2.746** (-2.30)	-0.331 (-0.73)	-12.41*** (-3.21)	-16.16*** (-4.95)	-8.335* (-1.94)	-0.885 (-0.75)	-1.356 (-1.15)	-0.0219 (-0.05)
Loan Loss Provisions	3.857*** (3.91)	3.754*** (3.49)	0.345 (0.74)	8.545** (2.38)	10.24*** (3.02)	18.11** (2.10)	3.346*** (3.34)	2.516** (2.39)	0.498 (1.09)

Table A.5. Determinants of Interest Rate, Exchange Rate, and Credit Risk Betas

Variable	Total BHCs			Large BHCs			Small BHCs		
Size	-0.00759 (-0.80)	-0.0269* (-1.77)	-0.0361*** (-4.09)	0.0967*** (3.55)	0.127*** (4.19)	-0.0746 (-1.63)	-0.00185 (-0.19)	-0.0195 (-1.22)	-0.0259* (-1.85)
Capital Ratio	0.00266 (0.42)	-0.00247 (-0.67)	0.000238 (0.57)	0.762* (1.95)	0.462 (0.92)	-1.053 (-0.91)	0.00499 (0.57)	0.00172 (0.41)	0.000400 (0.75)
GDP Growth	0.000603 (0.72)	0.00223 (1.51)	0.00192 (1.61)	-0.00224 (-1.03)	-0.00339 (-1.47)	0.000253 (0.06)	0.00114 (1.33)	0.00451*** (2.78)	0.00152 (1.23)
Credit Derivatives	0.0126 (1.16)	0.0180 (1.42)	0.00754 (1.19)	0.0579*** (5.36)	0.0585*** (5.24)	0.00933* (2.03)	0.0183** (2.26)	0.00937 (0.95)	0.00483* (1.67)
L. Credit Risk Beta			-0.353*** (-3.81)			2.060** (2.36)			0.799*** (9.76)
<i>N</i>	13359	5971	5357	737	707	685	12622	5264	4672
Adjusted-R2	0.0809	0.0777		0.564	0.585		0.0919	0.104	
AR(1)			0.000			0.057			0.000
AR(2)			0.121			0.266			0.141
Hansen J Statistic (<i>p</i> -value)			3.290(0.193)			2.055(0.561)			0.415(0.813)
Estimation Method	FE	IV	GMM	FE	IV	GMM	FE	IV	GMM

Note. Robustness check by using the change in the difference between BBB bond yield and the risk-free rate in the first-stage regression as an alternative definition of *Credit Risk*. Panel A is using foreign exposure as instrument variable, while Panel B and Panel C are using interest rate exposure as instrument variable. The dependent variable in each Panel is our estimates of risk beta of each BHC *i* at the start time *t* of four-year rolling window regression in the first-stage. We weight each observation by the inverse of the standard error of beta coefficients in the first-stage estimation. The regressions included bank-specific fixed effects and yearly dummy variables. Heteroskedasticity-consistent standard errors are used and *t* statistics are reported in parentheses. **p* < 0.10, ***p* < 0.05, ****p* < 0.01.

Source: *Financial Statements data from FR Y-9C*; Risk betas are computed from the four-factor model using data from Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP) database and Federal Reserve monthly Statistical Releases.

Table A.6. Determinants of Interest Rate, Exchange Rate, and Credit Risk Betas

Variable	Total BHCs			Large BHCs			Small BHCs		
Panel A: Interest Rate Risk Beta (Foreign Exposure as Instrument Variable)									
Interest Margin	3.238*** (3.49)	0.880 (0.43)	-1.097 (-0.53)	7.394 (1.52)	6.870 (1.28)	22.92 (1.37)	2.823*** (3.08)	0.193 (0.10)	-29.45** (-1.99)
C&I Loans	-1.601*** (-3.38)	0.166 (0.15)	1.132 (1.21)	16.65*** (4.82)	17.99*** (4.64)	-0.767 (-0.71)	-2.228*** (-4.76)	-1.725 (-1.63)	-1.748 (-0.88)
Mortgage Loans	0.191 (0.71)	0.652 (1.05)	1.076 (1.56)	11.64*** (4.44)	11.84*** (4.33)	-0.820 (-0.72)	0.125 (0.47)	0.287 (0.48)	-0.0578 (-0.07)
Other Loans	-0.939 (-1.58)	0.187 (0.12)	0.273 (0.22)	2.073 (0.70)	2.888 (0.85)	-0.846 (-0.64)	-0.618 (-1.13)	-0.787 (-0.64)	0.498 (0.27)
Domestic Deposits	-0.446 (-1.45)	1.792*** (2.90)	-0.000112 (-0.00)	1.771 (0.89)	1.226 (0.58)	0.0149 (0.04)	-1.280*** (-4.30)	0.497 (0.86)	-0.452 (-0.42)
GAP Ratio	-0.00918** (-2.52)	-0.00873** (-2.07)	-0.0296*** (-7.42)	0.00964 (1.50)	0.0175** (2.36)	-0.000466 (-0.26)	-0.000455 (-0.04)	0.0790 (1.57)	0.202 (1.45)
Size	0.482*** (6.52)	0.713*** (4.38)	0.240 (0.81)	1.021** (2.19)	1.116** (2.30)	-0.247 (-0.98)	0.305*** (4.45)	0.272* (1.90)	0.230 (1.12)
Capital Ratio	-0.0251 (-0.24)	0.180 (1.14)	-0.00290 (-0.30)	13.21*** (2.59)	12.77** (2.09)	-3.450 (-1.33)	-0.0916 (-1.31)	0.0224 (0.53)	-0.0198 (-0.10)
GDP Growth	-0.0177*** (-2.80)	-0.0286** (-2.08)	0.000267 (0.02)	0.00875 (0.29)	0.000190 (0.01)	0.00176 (0.17)	-0.0254*** (-3.96)	-0.0679*** (-4.68)	0.00890 (0.49)
Interest Rate Derivatives	0.117*** (3.71)	0.144*** (3.63)	0.299* (1.75)	0.0910** (2.37)	0.0803* (1.75)	0.0135** (2.27)	0.0792 (1.43)	0.0834 (1.20)	0.156 (1.48)
L. Interest Rate Risk Beta			0.421** (2.15)			1.068*** (99.45)			0.726*** (6.57)
<i>N</i>	14128	6154	5476	792	744	762	13336	5410	4714
Adjusted-R2	0.106	0.0633		0.460	0.461		0.0985	0.0209	
AR(1)			0.012			0.000			0.000
AR(2)			0.606			0.149			0.642
Hansen J Statistic (<i>p</i> -value)			12.70(0.241)			0.204(0.651)			2.478(0.649)
Panel B: Exchange Rate Risk Beta (Basis Exposure as Instrument Variable)									

Table A.6. Determinants of Interest Rate, Exchange Rate, and Credit Risk Betas

Variable	Total BHCs			Large BHCs			Small BHCs		
Assets in Foreign Currencies	-0.570 (-0.55)	-1.165 (-0.97)	-0.0998 (-0.21)	-5.007*** (-4.14)	-4.647*** (-3.50)	0.709 (0.97)	4.954*** (5.02)	4.665*** (3.75)	1.745*** (2.95)
Foreign Exchange Deposits	0.820 (1.30)	0.212 (0.24)	0.508 (0.70)	0.0423 (0.04)	-0.689 (-0.56)	0.459 (0.43)	0.595 (0.78)	-0.954 (-0.79)	0.379 (0.31)
Size	-0.0434 (-0.96)	-0.131* (-1.84)	0.181* (1.84)	0.150 (1.16)	0.0661 (0.52)	-0.113 (-0.34)	-0.0305 (-0.64)	-0.0948 (-1.16)	-0.301*** (-2.83)
Capital Ratio	0.000939 (0.06)	-0.00753 (-0.64)	0.000281 (0.23)	-3.260* (-1.67)	-3.341 (-1.51)	-0.625 (-0.22)	-0.00229 (-0.16)	-0.00716 (-0.70)	0.00317 (1.19)
GDP Growth	0.00678 (1.38)	0.0120* (1.81)	-0.00450 (-0.60)	-0.000443 (-0.02)	-0.00910 (-0.48)	0.00485 (0.18)	0.00886* (1.75)	0.0220*** (3.11)	-0.00343 (-0.67)
Exchange Rate Derivatives	0.600*** (6.66)	0.716*** (5.84)	0.150*** (4.30)	0.693*** (6.36)	0.823*** (5.53)	0.0309 (0.54)	0.826*** (4.82)	0.905*** (3.63)	0.121** (1.99)
L. Exchange Rate Risk Beta			1.119*** (13.06)			1.159*** (4.81)			-0.686*** (-5.14)
<i>N</i>	14136	6160	5480	797	749	717	13339	5411	4763
Adjusted-R2	0.189	0.238		0.441	0.462		0.182	0.216	
AR(1)			0.000			0.013			0.000
AR(2)			0.115			0.180			0.300
Hansen J Statistic (<i>p</i> -value)			0.109(0.947)			5.360(0.252)			0.359(0.836)
Panel C: Credit Risk Beta (Foreign Exposure as Instrument Variable)									
Market Liquidity	-0.134*** (-4.98)	-0.127*** (-2.98)	-0.0164 (-0.53)	0.334*** (3.39)	0.314*** (3.06)	0.0754 (0.44)	-0.139*** (-5.07)	-0.165*** (-3.69)	-0.0228 (-0.70)
Funding Liquidity	-0.181*** (-3.25)	-0.210** (-2.34)	-0.00533 (-0.16)	-1.093*** (-4.37)	-1.121*** (-4.55)	0.0974 (0.42)	-0.162*** (-2.82)	-0.107 (-1.08)	-0.0102 (-0.29)
Non-Performing Loans	-1.871*** (-9.93)	-0.957*** (-4.76)	0.0487 (0.46)	-6.241*** (-7.14)	-6.623*** (-7.23)	-6.953 (-0.96)	-1.858*** (-9.98)	-0.773*** (-4.26)	0.0400 (0.38)
Loan Charge-Offs	-1.710 (-1.48)	-2.840** (-2.38)	-0.270 (-0.61)	-12.41*** (-3.21)	-16.13*** (-4.94)	-3.457 (-0.44)	-0.885 (-0.75)	-1.455 (-1.23)	-0.0364 (-0.08)
Loan Loss Provisions	3.857*** (3.91)	3.860*** (3.59)	0.245 (0.54)	8.545** (2.38)	10.21*** (3.01)	9.859 (0.93)	3.346*** (3.34)	2.630** (2.50)	0.0364 (0.08)

Table A.6. Determinants of Interest Rate, Exchange Rate, and Credit Risk Betas

Variable	Total BHCs			Large BHCs			Small BHCs		
	Size	-0.00759 (-0.80)	-0.0215 (-1.43)	-0.0329*** (-3.77)	0.0967*** (3.55)	0.126*** (4.16)	-0.131*** (-2.94)	-0.00185 (-0.19)	-0.0138 (-0.87)
Capital Ratio	0.00266 (0.42)	-0.00282 (-0.72)	0.000247 (0.59)	0.762* (1.95)	0.454 (0.90)	-2.378* (-2.01)	0.00499 (0.57)	0.00123 (0.32)	0.000314 (0.64)
GDP Growth	0.000603 (0.72)	0.00215 (1.44)	0.00158 (1.32)	-0.00224 (-1.03)	-0.00342 (-1.48)	0.00158 (0.64)	0.00114 (1.33)	0.00448*** (2.73)	0.00183 (1.35)
Credit Derivatives	0.0126 (1.16)	0.0179 (1.42)	0.00864* (1.69)	0.0579*** (5.36)	0.0597*** (5.36)	0.156*** (4.01)	0.0183** (2.26)	0.00601 (0.65)	0.0115*** (3.13)
L. Credit Risk Beta			-0.381*** (-4.05)			0.0810** (2.73)			-0.436*** (-3.48)
<i>N</i>	13359	5941	5316	737	707	685	12622	5234	4631
Adjusted-R2	0.0809	0.0771		0.564	0.585		0.0919	0.103	
AR(1)			0.000			0.054			0.000
AR(2)			0.137			0.427			0.324
Hansen J Statistic (<i>p</i> -value)			0.030(0.985)			2.734(0.987)			0.594(0.743)
Estimation Method	FE	IV	GMM	FE	IV	GMM	FE	IV	GMM

Note. Robustness check by using the change in the difference between BBB bond yield and the risk-free rate in the first-stage regression as an alternative definition of *Credit Risk*. Panel A and Panel B are using basis exposure as instrument variable, while Panel C is using foreign exposure as instrument variable. The dependent variable in each Panel is our estimates of risk beta of each BHC *i* at the start time *t* of four-year rolling window regression in the first-stage. We weight each observation by the inverse of the standard error of beta coefficients in the first-stage estimation. The regressions included bank-specific fixed effects and yearly dummy variables. Heteroskedasticity-consistent standard errors are used and *t* statistics are reported in parentheses. **p*<0.10, ***p*<0.05, ****p*<0.01.

Source: *Financial Statements data from FR Y-9C; Risk betas are computed from the four-factor model using data from Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP) database and Federal Reserve monthly Statistical Releases.*

Table A.7. Determinants of Interest Rate, Exchange Rate, and Credit Risk Betas, and Interaction Terms

Variable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Panel A: Interest Rate Risk Beta									
Interest Margin	3.089*** (3.33)	1.553** (2.01)	3.242*** (3.50)	3.244*** (3.50)	3.151*** (3.40)	3.002*** (3.23)	1.565** (2.03)	3.086*** (3.33)	3.123*** (3.37)
C&I Loans	-1.577*** (-3.33)	-0.770** (-2.29)	-1.608*** (-3.40)	-1.609*** (-3.40)	-1.552*** (-3.28)	-1.532*** (-3.24)	-0.686** (-2.04)	-1.530*** (-3.24)	-1.582*** (-3.36)
Mortgage Loans	0.223 (0.83)	-0.134 (-0.67)	0.195 (0.72)	0.190 (0.70)	0.218 (0.81)	0.251 (0.93)	-0.147 (-0.74)	0.271 (1.00)	0.222 (0.83)
Other Loans	-1.007* (-1.70)	-0.448 (-1.13)	-0.958 (-1.62)	-0.936 (-1.58)	-0.896 (-1.51)	-0.972 (-1.64)	-0.346 (-0.89)	-0.881 (-1.48)	-0.777 (-1.32)
Domestic Deposits	-0.435 (-1.41)	-0.625*** (-2.69)	-0.482 (-1.57)	-0.455 (-1.48)	-0.353 (-1.15)	-0.349 (-1.13)	-0.562** (-2.45)	-0.422 (-1.37)	-0.347 (-1.13)
GAP Ratio	-0.00950*** (-2.61)	-0.00951*** (-2.64)	-0.00926** (-2.54)	-0.00917** (-2.52)	-0.00850** (-2.32)	-0.00896** (-2.44)	-0.00777** (-2.14)	-0.00699* (-1.84)	-0.0104*** (-2.70)
Size	0.474*** (6.44)	0.331*** (6.63)	0.471*** (6.37)	0.480*** (6.50)	0.495*** (6.71)	0.487*** (6.53)	0.335*** (6.79)	0.480*** (6.52)	0.495*** (6.70)
Capital Ratio	-0.0393 (-0.40)		-0.0263 (-0.26)	-0.0253 (-0.24)	-0.0227 (-0.22)	-0.0379 (-0.38)		-0.0232 (-0.22)	-0.0218 (-0.21)
Tier1 Ratio		1.239* (1.87)					1.719*** (2.74)		
GDP Growth	-0.0171*** (-2.71)	-0.0252*** (-4.98)	-0.0178*** (-2.81)	-0.0176*** (-2.79)	-0.0181*** (-2.87)	-0.0175*** (-2.77)	-0.0239*** (-4.74)	-0.0179*** (-2.83)	-0.0176*** (-2.78)
Interest Rate Derivatives	-0.200*** (-2.99)	-0.125*** (-3.26)	-0.140 (-0.61)	0.0940 (1.61)					
Capital Ratio * Interest Rate Derivatives	2.585*** (4.62)								
Tier1 Ratio * Interest Rate Derivatives		3.485*** (4.55)							
Size * Interest Rate Derivatives			0.0124 (1.09)						
SIFI * Interest Rate Derivatives				0.0263 (0.39)					
Interest Rate Derivatives for Trading					0.104*** (3.33)	-0.204*** (-3.02)	-0.158*** (-4.05)	-0.574** (-2.45)	-0.162*** (-3.35)

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Variable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Interest Rate Derivatives for Hedging					0.374***	-0.0472	1.405***	-2.768	0.462***
					(3.24)	(-0.08)	(3.45)	(-1.64)	(4.21)
Capital Ratio * Interest Rate Derivatives for Trading						2.526***			
						(4.40)			
Capital Ratio * Interest Rate Derivatives for Hedging						3.135			
						(0.69)			
Tier1 Ratio * Interest Rate Derivatives for Trading							3.752***		
							(4.66)		
Tier1 Ratio * Interest Rate Derivatives for Hedging							-10.12**		
							(-2.18)		
Size * Interest Rate Derivatives for Trading								0.0322***	
								(2.76)	
Size * Interest Rate Derivatives for Hedging								0.192*	
								(1.82)	
SIFI * Interest Rate Derivatives for Trading									0.285***
									(4.72)
SIFI * Interest Rate Derivatives for Hedging									-0.908*
									(-1.68)
<i>N</i>	14128	17375	14128	14128	14132	14132	17379	14132	14132
Adjusted-R2	0.108	0.109	0.106	0.106	0.106	0.108	0.111	0.107	0.107
Panel B: Exchange Rate Risk Beta									
Assets in Foreign Currencies	-0.597	-0.508	-0.565	-0.690	-0.646	-2.143*	-1.745*	-0.673	-0.813
	(-0.57)	(-0.49)	(-0.54)	(-0.65)	(-0.61)	(-1.94)	(-1.67)	(-0.62)	(-0.75)
Foreign Exchange Deposits	0.909	0.808	1.059*	0.953	0.936	1.169*	1.136*	1.252**	1.007
	(1.46)	(1.29)	(1.66)	(1.51)	(1.49)	(1.93)	(1.85)	(1.96)	(1.60)
Size	-0.0446	-0.0473	-0.0490	-0.0421	-0.0490	-0.0508	-0.0575	-0.0570	-0.0492
	(-0.98)	(-1.01)	(-1.07)	(-0.93)	(-1.08)	(-1.12)	(-1.23)	(-1.25)	(-1.08)
Capital Ratio	0.000231		0.000389	0.000867	0.000743	0.000472		0.0000286	0.000746
	(0.02)		(0.03)	(0.06)	(0.05)	(0.03)		(0.00)	(0.05)
Tier1 Ratio		-0.200					-0.374		
		(-0.47)					(-0.87)		
GDP Growth	0.00670	0.00681	0.00671	0.00686	0.00673	0.00637	0.00681	0.00662	0.00670
	(1.37)	(1.39)	(1.37)	(1.40)	(1.38)	(1.30)	(1.39)	(1.35)	(1.37)
Exchange Rate Derivatives	0.466***	0.611***	-0.503	0.826***					

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Variable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	(3.10)	(4.12)	(-0.72)	(4.97)					
Capital Ratio * Exchange Rate Derivatives	0.828 (1.11)								
Tier1 Ratio * Exchange Rate Derivatives		-0.137 (-0.08)							
Size * Exchange Rate Derivatives			0.0566 (1.62)						
SIFI * Exchange Rate Derivatives				-0.280 (-1.48)					
Exchange Rate Derivatives for Trading					0.549*** (5.97)	0.326** (2.28)	0.452*** (3.28)	-0.839 (-1.08)	0.670*** (3.87)
Exchange Rate Derivatives for Hedging					2.562*** (5.14)	12.08*** (3.93)	9.715*** (5.43)	-1.091 (-0.09)	2.451*** (5.01)
Capital Ratio * ExchangeRate Derivatives for Trading						1.154 (1.60)			
CapitalRatio * Exchange RateDerivatives forHedging						-51.80*** (-3.69)			
Tier1 Ratio * Exchange Rate Derivatives for Trading							0.996 (0.63)		
Tier1 Ratio * Exchange Rate Derivatives for Hedging							-99.96*** (-4.38)		
Size * Exchange Rate Derivatives for Trading								0.0709* (1.81)	
Size * Exchange Rate Derivatives for Hedging								0.215 (0.29)	
SIFI * Exchange Rate Derivatives for Trading									-0.171 (-0.85)
SIFI * Exchange Rate Derivatives for Hedging									2.618 (0.91)
<i>N</i>	14136	14135	14136	14136	14136	14136	14135	14136	14136
Adjusted-R2	0.189	0.189	0.189	0.189	0.189	0.191	0.191	0.190	0.190
Panel C: Credit Risk Beta									
Market Liquidity	-0.132*** (-4.91)	-0.132*** (-4.92)	-0.130*** (-4.94)	-0.134*** (-4.98)	-0.134*** (-4.98)	-0.131*** (-4.90)	-0.132*** (-4.91)	-0.133*** (-4.96)	-0.134*** (-4.98)

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Variable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Funding Liquidity	-0.184*** (-3.29)	-0.183*** (-3.28)	-0.108** (-2.16)	-0.181*** (-3.24)	-0.182*** (-3.25)	-0.187*** (-3.35)	-0.185*** (-3.30)	-0.181*** (-3.24)	-0.181*** (-3.24)
Non-Performing Loans	-1.872*** (-9.94)	-1.875*** (-10.06)	-1.319*** (-6.91)	-1.871*** (-9.93)	-1.871*** (-9.93)	-1.872*** (-9.94)	-1.873*** (-10.05)	-1.872*** (-9.93)	-1.872*** (-9.93)
Loan Charge-Offs	-1.656 (-1.43)	-1.675 (-1.45)	0.204 (0.20)	-1.712 (-1.48)	-1.710 (-1.48)	-1.655 (-1.43)	-1.663 (-1.44)	-1.714 (-1.48)	-1.715 (-1.48)
Loan Loss Provisions	3.807*** (3.86)	3.820*** (3.87)	2.177** (2.37)	3.859*** (3.91)	3.857*** (3.91)	3.804*** (3.85)	3.804*** (3.85)	3.858*** (3.91)	3.864*** (3.91)
Size	-0.00763 (-0.80)	-0.00796 (-0.79)	0.00684 (0.74)	-0.00757 (-0.79)	-0.00760 (-0.80)	-0.00819 (-0.86)	-0.00798 (-0.80)	-0.00739 (-0.77)	-0.00758 (-0.80)
Capital Ratio	0.00289 (0.45)		-0.00359 (-1.13)	0.00266 (0.42)	0.00266 (0.42)	0.00300 (0.46)		0.00270 (0.43)	0.00265 (0.42)
Tier1 Ratio		-0.0197 (-0.26)					-0.0176 (-0.23)		
GDP Growth	0.000558 (0.67)	0.000629 (0.76)	-0.000365 (-0.48)	0.000603 (0.72)	0.000602 (0.72)	0.000518 (0.62)	0.000609 (0.73)	0.000595 (0.71)	0.000595 (0.71)
Credit Derivatives	0.224*** (4.07)	0.227*** (3.74)	0.0266** (2.44)	0.0189** (2.22)					
Capital Ratio * Credit Derivatives	-1.535*** (-3.82)								
Tier1 Ratio * Credit Derivatives		-3.520*** (-3.44)							
Size * Credit Derivatives			0.00340** (2.43)						
SIFI * Credit Derivatives				-0.00697 (-0.48)					
Gross Credit Protection					0.0122 (1.14)	0.164*** (2.88)	0.184*** (2.62)	0.399 (1.10)	0.00891 (0.67)
Net Credit Protection Bought					0.0234 (0.31)	3.405** (2.12)	2.064 (1.38)	-1.952 (-0.84)	0.391 (0.96)
Capital Ratio * Gross Credit Protection						-1.040** (-2.55)			
Capital Ratio * Net Credit Protection Bought						-28.41** (-2.11)			

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Variable	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Tier1 Ratio * Gross Credit Protection							-2.818**		
							(-2.43)		
Tier1 Ratio * Net Credit Protection Bought							-34.46		
							(-1.39)		
Size * Gross Credit Protection								-0.0182	
								(-1.05)	
Size * Net Credit Protection Bought								0.0937	
								(0.85)	
SIFI * Gross Credit Protection									0.00295
									(0.17)
SIFI * Net Credit Protection Bought									-0.385
									(-0.93)
<i>N</i>	13359	13358	10921	13359	13359	13359	13358	13359	13359
Adjusted-R2	0.0818	0.0819	0.107	0.0809	0.0809	0.0820	0.0821	0.0810	0.0810
Estimation Method	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE

Note. Robustness check by using the change in the difference between BBB bond yield and the risk-free rate in the first-stage regression as an alternative definition of *Credit Risk*. The dependent variable in each Panel is our estimates of risk beta of each BHC i at the start time t of four-year rolling window regression in the first-stage. We weight each observation by the inverse of the standard error of beta coefficients in the first-stage estimation. The regressions included bank-specific fixed effects and yearly dummy variables. Heteroskedasticity-consistent standard errors are used and t statistics are reported in parentheses. * $p < 0.10$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$.

Source: *Financial Statements data from FR Y-9C*; *Risk betas are computed from the four-factor model using data from Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP) database and Federal Reserve monthly Statistical Releases.*

Table A.8. Impact of Financial Crisis on the Determinants of Interest Rate, Exchange Rate, and Credit Risk Betas

Variable	1	2	3	4
Panel A: Interest Rate Risk Beta				
Interest Margin	5.054*** (5.25)	5.050*** (5.25)	4.956*** (5.15)	4.897*** (5.12)
C&I Loans	-1.523*** (-3.21)	-1.527*** (-3.22)	-1.478*** (-3.12)	-1.576*** (-3.34)
Mortgage Loans	0.218 (0.80)	0.227 (0.84)	0.245 (0.91)	0.412 (1.52)
Other Loans	-0.844 (-1.42)	-0.838 (-1.41)	-0.804 (-1.35)	-0.660 (-1.13)
Domestic Deposits	-0.571* (-1.86)	-0.583* (-1.90)	-0.481 (-1.57)	-0.518* (-1.68)
GAP Ratio	-0.00936** (-2.50)	-0.00939** (-2.51)	-0.00871** (-2.32)	-0.00597 (-1.59)
Size	0.482*** (6.53)	0.476*** (6.45)	0.495*** (6.72)	0.469*** (6.52)
Capital Ratio	-0.0252 (-0.24)	-0.0265 (-0.26)	-0.0229 (-0.22)	-0.0289 (-0.29)
GDP Growth	-0.0175*** (-2.79)	-0.0175*** (-2.77)	-0.0179*** (-2.85)	-0.0167*** (-2.66)
Interest Rate Derivatives	0.117*** (3.76)	0.109*** (3.58)		
Crisis	-0.457*** (-9.61)	-0.462*** (-9.71)	-0.453*** (-9.54)	-0.576*** (-11.10)
Crisis * Interest Rate Derivatives		0.0160 (1.32)		
Interest Rate Derivatives for Trading			0.105*** (3.38)	0.0914*** (3.11)
Interest Rate Derivatives for Hedging			0.363*** (3.14)	0.341*** (3.11)
Crisis * Interest Rate Derivatives for Trading				0.00687 (0.69)
Crisis * Interest Rate Derivatives for Hedging				3.832*** (5.50)
<i>N</i>	14128	14128	14132	14132
Adjusted-R ²	0.108	0.108	0.108	0.116
Panel B: Exchange Rate Risk Beta				
Assets in Foreign Currencies	-0.554 (-0.53)	-0.513 (-0.49)	-0.631 (-0.59)	-0.498 (-0.46)
Foreign Exchange Deposits	0.831	0.848	0.950	1.020

Table A.8. Impact of Financial Crisis on the Determinants of Interest Rate, Exchange Rate, and Credit Risk Betas

Variable	1	2	3	4
	(1.32)	(1.35)	(1.52)	(1.63)
Size	-0.0486 (-1.07)	-0.0501 (-1.10)	-0.0545 (-1.20)	-0.0562 (-1.24)
Capital Ratio	-0.0000902 (-0.01)	-0.000312 (-0.02)	-0.000312 (-0.02)	-0.000790 (-0.05)
GDP Growth	0.00670 (1.37)	0.00663 (1.36)	0.00665 (1.36)	0.00655 (1.34)
Exchange Rate Derivatives	0.599*** (6.64)	0.581*** (6.33)		
Crisis	0.160*** (4.23)	0.158*** (4.18)	0.163*** (4.31)	0.164*** (4.32)
Crisis * Exchange Rate Derivatives		0.0264 (0.78)		
Exchange Rate Derivatives for Trading			0.548*** (5.94)	0.527*** (5.62)
Exchange Rate Derivatives for Hedging			2.608*** (5.33)	2.687*** (5.37)
Crisis * Exchange Rate Derivatives for Trading				0.0488 (1.36)
Crisis * Exchange Rate Derivatives for Hedging				-2.889* (-1.71)
<i>N</i>	14136	14136	14136	14136
Adjusted-R2	0.190	0.190	0.190	0.190
Panel C: Credit Risk Beta				
Market Liquidity	-0.121*** (-4.49)	-0.121*** (-4.49)	-0.121*** (-4.49)	-0.121*** (-4.49)
Funding Liquidity	-0.130** (-2.30)	-0.130** (-2.29)	-0.131** (-2.30)	-0.130** (-2.29)
Non-Performing Loans	-1.894*** (-9.93)	-1.894*** (-9.93)	-1.894*** (-9.93)	-1.894*** (-9.93)
Loan Charge-Offs	-1.774 (-1.53)	-1.774 (-1.53)	-1.773 (-1.53)	-1.774 (-1.53)
Loan Loss Provisions	3.725*** (3.77)	3.726*** (3.77)	3.725*** (3.77)	3.726*** (3.77)
Size	-0.0105 (-1.11)	-0.0105 (-1.11)	-0.0105 (-1.11)	-0.0105 (-1.11)
Capital Ratio	0.00134 (0.24)	0.00133 (0.23)	0.00135 (0.24)	0.00133 (0.23)
GDP Growth	0.000520 (0.63)	0.000533 (0.64)	0.000518 (0.63)	0.000531 (0.64)

Table A.8. Impact of Financial Crisis on the Determinants of Interest Rate, Exchange Rate, and Credit Risk Betas

Variable	1	2	3	4
Credit Derivatives	0.0114 (1.12)	0.00501 (0.61)		
Crisis	0.0967*** (12.37)	0.0965*** (12.35)	0.0967*** (12.37)	0.0965*** (12.34)
Crisis * Credit Derivatives		0.00766 (1.26)		
Gross Credit Protection			0.0109 (1.08)	0.00478 (0.59)
Net Credit Protection Bought			0.0297 (0.52)	0.0200 (0.37)
Crisis * Gross Credit Protection				0.00740 (1.17)
Crisis * Net Credit Protection Bought				0.00642 (0.07)
<i>N</i>	13359	13359	13359	13359
Adjusted-R2	0.0891	0.0892	0.0891	0.0892
Estimation Method	FE	FE	FE	FE

Note. Robustness check by using the change in the difference between BBB bond yield and the risk-free rate in the first-stage regression as an alternative definition of *Credit Risk*. The dependent variable in each Panel is our estimates of risk beta of each BHC *i* at the start time *t* of four-year rolling window regression in the first-stage. We weight each observation by the inverse of the standard error of beta coefficients in the first-stage estimation. The regressions included bank-specific fixed effects and yearly dummy variables. Heteroskedasticity-consistent standard errors are used and *t* statistics are reported in parentheses. **p* < 0.10, ***p* < 0.05, ****p* < 0.01.

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Table A.9. The Impact of Financial Derivatives on Scaled Idiosyncratic Risk ($1 - R^2$)

Variable	Total BHCs				Large BHCs			Small BHCs		
Idiosyncratic Risk Size	0.0492*** (9.91)	0.0812*** (10.26)	0.0506*** (10.13)	0.0506*** (10.13)	0.102*** (5.43)	0.108*** (5.46)	0.116*** (6.61)	0.0427*** (8.37)	0.0739*** (8.59)	0.0436*** (8.48)
Capital Ratio	0.00353 (0.65)	0.00674 (1.18)	0.00354 (0.64)	0.00354 (0.64)	0.442** (2.01)	0.147 (0.53)	0.662*** (2.88)	0.00298 (0.63)	0.00636 (1.21)	0.00273 (0.59)
GDP Growth	0.00101* (1.83)	0.00218** (2.52)	0.00106* (1.92)	0.00106* (1.92)	0.00581* (1.91)	0.00393 (1.31)	0.00632** (2.08)	0.000292 (0.53)	0.000829 (0.99)	0.000353 (0.64)
Interest Rate Derivatives	-0.00891*** (-5.02)	-0.00855*** (-4.63)			-0.00896*** (-6.24)	-0.00821*** (-5.48)		0.00962** (2.02)	0.0129* (1.95)	
Exchange Rate Derivatives	-0.0586*** (-5.08)	-0.0742*** (-5.81)			-0.0668*** (-6.25)	-0.0765*** (-6.02)		-0.194*** (-4.94)	-0.199*** (-4.87)	
Credit Derivatives	0.0313*** (3.15)	0.0211** (2.06)			0.00823 (0.77)	0.00748 (0.71)		-0.0510*** (-3.32)	-0.0779*** (-3.68)	
Total Financial Derivatives			-0.00696*** (-4.35)							
Financial Derivatives for Trading				-0.00697*** (-4.32)			-0.00911*** (-6.07)			-0.00846** (-2.18)
Financial Derivatives for Hedging				-0.00545 (-0.60)			-0.0405** (-2.50)			0.00160 (0.17)
<i>N</i>	14263	6189	14263	14263	797	749	797	13466	5440	13466
Adjusted-R2	0.367	0.501	0.364	0.364	0.654	0.670	0.639	0.353	0.482	0.348
Estimation Method	FE	IV	FE	FE	FE	IV	FE	FE	IV	FE

Note. Robustness check by using the change in the difference between BBB bond yield and the risk-free rate in the first-stage regression as an alternative definition of *Credit Risk*. The dependent variable in each Panel is the logistic transformation of $1 - R^2$, which is $\log\left(\frac{1-R^2}{R^2}\right)$. We weight each observation by the inverse of the standard error of beta coefficients in the first-stage estimation. The regressions included bank-specific fixed effects and yearly dummy variables. Heteroskedasticity-consistent standard errors are used and *t* statistics are reported in parentheses. * $p < 0.10$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$.

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Table A.10. The Impact of Financial Derivatives on Market Risk Beta

Variable	Total Sample		Large BHCs		Small BHCs	
Market Risk Beta						
Size	0.254*** (12.77)	0.254*** (7.67)	0.322*** (3.97)	0.355*** (3.87)	0.237*** (11.56)	0.217*** (6.06)
Capital Ratio	0.0245 (1.04)	0.0199 (1.21)	2.638** (2.36)	1.117 (0.80)	0.0208 (1.02)	0.0155 (1.20)
GDP Growth	0.00395* (1.80)	-0.00205 (-0.59)	0.0216* (1.84)	0.0143 (1.19)	0.00108 (0.49)	-0.00883*** (-2.64)
Interest Rate Derivatives	0.0399*** (5.14)	0.0459*** (5.50)	0.0557*** (7.42)	0.0619*** (7.63)	-0.00859 (-0.47)	-0.0269 (-0.95)
Exchange Rate Derivatives	-0.444*** (-11.34)	-0.505*** (-10.37)	-0.599*** (-13.24)	-0.680*** (-10.91)	-0.478*** (-3.93)	-0.407*** (-3.14)
Credit Derivatives	0.00826 (0.17)	-0.0282 (-0.54)	-0.142** (-2.53)	-0.143** (-2.39)	-0.112*** (-2.62)	-0.157** (-2.08)
<i>N</i>	14263	6189	797	749	13466	5440
Adjusted-R2	0.429	0.518	0.665	0.669	0.414	0.493
Estimation Method	FE	IV	FE	IV	FE	IV

Note. Robustness check by using the change in the difference between BBB bond yield and the risk-free rate in the first-stage regression as an alternative definition of *Credit Risk*. The dependent variable in each Panel is our estimates of risk beta of each BHC i at the start time t of four-year rolling window regression in the first-stage. We weight each observation by the inverse of the standard error of beta coefficients in the first-stage estimation. The regressions included bank-specific fixed effects and yearly dummy variables. Heteroskedasticity-consistent standard errors are used and t statistics are reported in parentheses. * $p < 0.10$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$.

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Appendix B: Chapter 2

Table B.1. The Construction of Variables and Data Source

Variable	Definition	Source
lnGL	The logarithm of gross loans	BankScope (2011)
TIER1	Tier 1 capital to total risk-weighted assets ratio	BankScope (2011)
TIER2	Tier 2 capital ratio, computed by subtracting Tier 1 capital ratio from total capital ratio	Own calculations
TCD	The ratio of total customer deposits to total assets	BankScope (2011)
DEP	The ratio of interbank deposit to total assets	BankScope (2011)
TA	The logarithm of total assets representing the proxy for the size, $TA = \log(\text{total asset})$	BankScope (2011)
LLP	The ratio of loan loss provision to gross loans	BankScope (2011)
FA	The ratio of fixed asset to total assets representing proxy for tangibility of bank assets	BankScope (2011)
TAXTA	The ratio of tax to the bank size, $TAXTA = \text{Tax} / \text{TA}$	BankScope (2011)
ROA	The ratio of net income to average total assets in recent two years, $ROA_t = 2 * \text{Net income}_t / (\text{total assets}_t + \text{total assets}_{t-1})$	BankScope (2011)
δ	A dummy variable for crisis, which takes value of 1 for period 2008-2010 and 0 otherwise	
GDP growth	Annual growth rate of GDP at market prices based on constant local currency	World Bank (2012)
Interest rate	The interest rate charged by banks on loans to prime customers.	World Bank (2012)
HHI	Herfindahl–Hirschman Index, defined as the sum of the squares of the market shares of asset of the 3 largest banks in each country	Own calculations
COMPTIER1	The tier 1 capital ratio of the competitor banks: $COMPTIER1 = \sum_{k \neq i}^{N_j} TIER1_{k,j} \frac{a_{k,j}}{A_j}$, Where N_j is the number of banks in country j, $a_{k,j}$ are the total assets of bank k in country j, and $A_j = \sum_k^{N_j} a_{k,j}$ are the total assets of banks in country j.	Own calculations
Overall capital stringency	Measures the extent of regulatory requirements regarding the amount of capital banks must hold	Barth, Caprio, and Levine (2004).
Deposit insurance	Ordinal variable measuring deposit insurance coverage in 2003: 0: 0\$, 1: 1-40,000\$, 2: 40,001-100,000\$, 3: >100,000\$.	Demirgüç-Kunt et al. (2008)
Commercial dummy	Takes value of 1 if the bank is a commercial bank and 0 otherwise	BankScope (2011)
Savings dummy	Takes value of 1 if the bank is a saving bank and 0 otherwise	BankScope (2011)
Government dummy	Takes value of 1 if the bank is a government-owned bank and 0 otherwise	BankScope (2011)
Foreign dummy	Takes value of 1 if the bank is a foreign-owned bank and 0 otherwise	BankScope (2011)
Subsidiary dummy	Takes value of 1 if the bank is a subsidiary bank and 0 otherwise	BankScope (2011)
Bail-out probability	Bail-out probabilities, based on the support ratings provided by the rating agency Fitch/IBCA.	Gropp, Hakenes, and Schnabel (2010).

Table B.2. Number of Observations in Sample Countries, 2001-2010

Country	Sample	Country	Sample	Country	Sample	Country	Sample
Afghanistan	99	Ecuador	748	Liberia	44	Saint Lucia	44
Albania	165	Egypt	440	Libyan Arab Jamahir	121	San Marino	66
Algeria	220	El Salvador	220	Liechtenstein	33	Sao Tome & Principe	33
Andorra	44	Equatorial Guinea	22	Lithuania	165	Saudi Arabia	22
Angola	143	Eritrea	22	Luxembourg	1848	Senegal	143
Anguilla	22	Estonia	154	Macau	110	Serbia	737
Antigua and Barbuda	110	Ethiopia	132	Macedonia (FYROM)	242	Seychelles	66
Argentina	1463	Fiji	44	Madagascar	66	Sierra Leone	121
Armenia	275	Finland	341	Malawi	99	Singapore	495
Australia	1155	France	5137	Malaysia	583	Slovakia	385
Austria	3729	Gabon	55	Maldives	22	Slovenia	451
Azerbaijan	231	Gambia	77	Mali	121	South Africa	539
Bahamas	374	Georgia Rep. Of	165	Malta	132	Spain	3993
Bahrain	165	Germany	28776	Mauritania	88	Sri Lanka	176
Bangladesh	396	Ghana	429	Mauritius	264	St. Kitts and Nevis	22
Barbados	55	Gibraltar	22	Mexico	693	St. Vincent	22
Belarus	385	Greece	517	Micronesia, Federal	11	Sudan	165
Belgium	1188	Grenada	33	Moldova Rep. Of	308	Supranational	22
Belize	55	Guatemala	561	Monaco	44	Suriname	22
Benin	99	Guinea	55	Mongolia	99	Swaziland	66
Bhutan	33	Guinea-Bissau	11	Montenegro	121	Sweden	1485
Bolivia	187	Guyana	33	Morocco	187	Switzerland	6237
Bosnia-Herzegovina	418	Haiti	33	Mozambique	209	Syria	165
Botswana	165	Honduras	440	Myanmar Union of	44	Taiwan	605
Brazil	2244	Hong Kong	946	Namibia	154	Tajikistan	55
Brunei Darussalam	11	Hungary	528	Nauru	44	Tanzania	539
Bulgaria	418	Iceland	396	Nepal	275	Thailand	341

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Country	Sample	Country	Sample	Country	Sample	Country	Sample
Burkina Faso	110	India	1067	Netherlands	880	Togo	77
Burundi	88	Indonesia	1210	Netherlands Antille	132	Tonga	22
Cambodia	187	Iraq	121	New Zealand	264	Trinidad and Tobago	99
Cameroon	143	Ireland	506	Nicaragua	231	Tunisia	220
Canada	297	Israel	187	Niger	77	Turkey	1133
Cape Verde	66	Italy	16797	Nigeria	891	Turkmenistan	11
Cayman islands	385	Ivory Coast	165	Norway	2134	Tuvalu	11
Central African Rep	22	Jamaica	253	Oman	165	Uganda	242
Chad	55	Japan	9614	Pakistan	363	Ukraine	913
Chile	418	Jordan	66	Palestinian Territo	11	United Arab Emirate	77
China People's Rep	1947	Kazakhstan	363	Panama	1430	United Kingdom	3828
Colombia	572	Kenya	616	Papua New Guinea	88	Uruguay	990
Congo	33	Kiribati	11	Paraguay	517	USA	114917
Congo, Democratic	132	Korea Rep. Of	506	Peru	506	Uzbekistan	220
Costa Rica	946	Korea, Dpr.	11	Philippines	1155	Vanuatu	22
Croatia	726	Kuwait	66	Poland	1166	Venezuela	836
Cuba	66	Kyrgyzstan	121	Portugal	638	Vietnam	528
Cyprus	297	Laos	77	Qatar	44	Western Samoa	33
Czech Republic	550	Latvia	352	Romania	506	Yemen	121
Denmark	1738	Lebanon	638	Russian Federation	14300	Zambia	176
Djibouti	22	Lesotho	44	Rwanda	88	Zimbabwe	418
Dominican Republic	627						

Note. Summary of the observations in each country in the total sample for 2001-2010

Table B.3. Estimation Result of Commercial Banks

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)
Bank specific variables															
Intercept	2.929*** (5.56)	3.189*** (5.68)	2.924*** (5.53)	2.997*** (5.23)	2.432*** (3.01)										
$\Delta \log GL_{i,t-1}$											-0.275 (-1.30)	-0.339* (-1.78)	-0.293 (-1.38)	-0.407 (-1.58)	-0.307* (-1.79)
TIER1 _{i,t-1}	0.469*** (3.61)	0.462*** (3.52)	0.477*** (3.66)	0.429*** (3.00)	0.587*** (3.09)	0.653 (1.48)	0.492 (1.19)	0.68 (1.53)	0.538 (1.16)	0.455 (0.84)	0.0225 (0.03)	0.11 (0.14)	0.0372 (0.04)	-0.227 (-0.23)	0.128 (0.55)
TIER1 _{i,t-1} * δ_{t-1}	0.469*** (5.90)	0.472*** (6.05)	0.443*** (5.52)	0.489*** (6.29)	0.521*** (6.30)	0.331*** (3.73)	0.344*** (4.07)	0.303*** (3.36)	0.369*** (4.44)	0.335*** (4.17)	0.534** (2.45)	0.515** (2.30)	0.497** (2.25)	0.595** (2.12)	0.229* (1.96)
TIER2 _{i,t-1}	0.890* (1.85)	0.890* (1.87)	0.839* (1.72)	1.021** (2.19)	1.537** (2.51)	0.505 (0.93)	0.382 (0.72)	0.447 (0.81)	0.829* (1.82)	0.84 (1.53)	1.156** (1.98)	1.180** (2.09)	1.144* (1.95)	1.025 (1.45)	0.569 (0.80)
TIER2 _{i,t-1} * δ_{t-1}	0.612 (1.02)	0.388 (0.61)	0.764 (1.25)	0.665 (0.98)	0.0725 (0.09)	0.537 (0.79)	0.359 (0.52)	0.743 (1.06)	0.382 (0.59)	-0.302 (-0.36)	0.0129 (0.02)	-0.317 (-0.52)	0.052 (0.09)	-0.0308 (-0.04)	0.256 (0.45)
TCD _{i,t-1}	0.0647 (0.38)	0.0495 (0.29)	0.0715 (0.42)	-0.00235 (-0.01)	0.0293 (0.13)	0.148 (0.77)	0.106 (0.55)	0.164 (0.85)	0.0294 (0.15)	-0.0826 (-0.35)	0.0354 (0.15)	0.0544 (0.23)	0.0552 (0.23)	-0.0453 (-0.15)	-0.027 (-0.13)
TCD _{i,t-1} * δ_{t-1}	0.261*** (4.16)	0.256*** (4.09)	0.233*** (3.47)	0.324*** (4.19)	0.285*** (3.49)	0.254*** (3.33)	0.267*** (3.59)	0.226*** (2.62)	0.277*** (2.96)	0.327*** (2.79)	0.199** (2.12)	0.204** (2.17)	0.156 (1.54)	0.284** (2.09)	0.256*** (2.65)
DEP _{i,t-1}	0.205 (1.01)	0.193 (0.95)	0.208 (1.03)	0.375* (1.68)	0.157 (0.69)	0.231 (1.05)	0.175 (0.81)	0.242 (1.10)	0.406* (1.68)	-0.0153 (-0.05)	-0.00369 (-0.01)	0.0697 (0.20)	0.0166 (0.05)	0.233 (0.54)	-0.145 (-0.61)
DEP _{i,t-1} * δ_{t-1}	0.0709 (0.56)	0.0619 (0.50)	0.0666 (0.52)	0.00115 (0.01)	0.0501 (0.27)	0.0956 (0.64)	0.117 (0.81)	0.0868 (0.57)	-0.0202 (-0.12)	0.128 (0.55)	0.02 (0.12)	-0.0313 (-0.19)	-0.0119 (-0.07)	-0.00382 (-0.02)	-0.0164 (-0.06)
TA _{i,t-1}	-0.199*** (-6.39)	-0.215*** (-6.55)	-0.199*** (-6.37)	-0.202*** (-6.09)	-0.156*** (-3.51)	-0.155*** (-4.02)	-0.185*** (-4.50)	-0.153*** (-3.90)	-0.156*** (-3.76)	-0.138*** (-3.29)	-0.342*** (-5.15)	-0.339*** (-5.04)	-0.337*** (-5.00)	-0.325*** (-4.58)	-0.255*** (-3.12)
TA _{i,t-1} * δ_{t-1}	0.00492 (0.69)	0.00794 (1.08)	-0.00233 (-0.28)	0.0112* (1.74)	0.00408 (0.45)	-0.00237 (-0.27)	0.00161 (0.18)	-0.00937 (-0.90)	0.00532 (0.74)	0.00101 (0.09)	0.0193* (1.89)	0.0242** (2.41)	0.0134 (1.21)	0.0311*** (2.82)	-0.0109 (-1.15)
LLP _{i,t-1}	-1.132 (-1.41)	-1.134 (-1.43)	-1.133 (-1.41)	-1.233 (-1.52)	-0.407 (-0.49)	-0.4 (-0.40)	-0.598 (-0.63)	-0.397 (-0.40)	-0.618 (-0.59)	0.15 (0.16)	-0.919 (-0.69)	-0.757 (-0.59)	-0.889 (-0.67)	-1.126 (-0.75)	-0.412 (-1.21)
FA _{i,t-1}	0.608 (0.88)	0.596 (0.89)	0.594 (0.85)	0.828 (1.14)	2.149** (2.16)	1.016 (1.21)	1.146 (1.41)	0.979 (1.16)	1.281 (1.48)	2.261** (2.42)	0.333 (0.36)	0.135 (0.15)	0.305 (0.33)	0.512 (0.53)	1.833* (1.66)
ROA _{i,t-1}	0.399 (0.60)	0.411 (0.63)	0.403 (0.60)	0.397 (0.58)	0.707 (0.93)	0.594 (0.79)	0.22 (0.31)	0.592 (0.79)	0.536 (0.68)	0.577 (0.87)	0.104 (0.17)	0.22 (0.37)	0.129 (0.21)	0.187 (0.27)	0.935 (1.13)
δ_{t-1}	-0.290** (-2.29)	-0.278** (-2.14)	-0.169 (-1.15)	-0.363*** (-2.73)	-0.235 (-1.36)	-0.161 (-1.00)	-0.158 (-1.00)	-0.0466 (-0.25)	-0.259* (-1.78)	-0.192 (-0.83)	-0.501** (-2.37)	-0.503** (-2.32)	-0.389* (-1.69)	-0.697*** (-2.95)	0.0268 (0.14)
Macroeconomic variables															
GDP growth _{i,t}	0.923*** (5.86)	1.014*** (6.34)	0.961*** (5.96)	0.950*** (5.65)	0.697*** (3.49)	0.907*** (5.25)	1.069*** (5.92)	0.946*** (5.26)	0.880*** (4.66)	0.804*** (3.96)	0.872*** (4.33)	0.885*** (4.35)	0.890*** (4.35)	0.994*** (4.55)	0.617*** (3.29)
Interest rate _{i,t}	-0.559*** (-3.66)	-0.593*** (-3.59)	-0.557*** (-3.64)	-0.572*** (-3.57)	-0.384** (-2.33)	-0.396** (-2.37)	-0.543*** (-3.08)	-0.391** (-2.31)	-0.376** (-2.14)	-0.146 (-0.92)	-0.305** (-2.02)	-0.329** (-2.09)	-0.303** (-1.99)	-0.256 (-1.48)	-0.164 (-1.16)

Table B.3. Estimation Result of Commercial Banks

	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(9)	(10)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(14)	(15)
Industry structure variables															
HHI _{i,t-1}		-0.888*					-1.827***					-0.715			
		(-1.87)					(-2.66)					(-1.12)			
HHI _{i,t-1} * δ_{t-1}		0.276					0.475*					0.183			
		(1.23)					(1.70)					(0.77)			
COMPTIER1 _{i,t-1}		0.488***					0.676***					0.686***			
		(3.04)					(4.28)					(3.20)			
COMPTIER1 _{i,t-1} * δ_{t-1}		-0.637***					-0.876***					-0.755***			
		(-3.45)					(-4.60)					(-3.75)			
Bank type variables															
Government dummy * δ_{t-1}			0.0514**					0.0468*					0.0512*		
			(2.38)					(1.72)					(1.86)		
Foreign dummy * δ_{t-1}			-0.0913*					-0.126**					-0.0324		
			(-1.78)					(-2.27)					(-0.76)		
Subsidiary dummy * δ_{t-1}			0.0147					0.0607*					0.0138		
			(0.53)					(1.84)					(0.38)		
Regulation variables															
Overall capital stringency * δ_{t-1}				-0.0226**					-0.0127					-0.0193	
				(-2.33)					(-1.11)					(-1.10)	
Deposit insurance * δ_{t-1}				0.0454*					0.0272					0.0137	
				(1.92)					(1.05)					(0.51)	
Bail-out probability * δ_{t-1}					-0.0763**					-0.0788*					-0.0533
					(-2.05)					(-1.93)					(-1.07)
N	3849	3848	3849	3256	1822	2796	2796	2796	2315	1461	2382	2382	2382	2024	1236
Adjusted-R2	0.189	0.201	0.191	0.218	0.269										
Hansen J Statistic (p-value)						5.525(0.06)	8.351(0.04)	5.969(0.05)	3.179(0.2)	2.672(0.3)	20.73(0.05)	29.27(0.004)	21.25(0.06)	17.13(0.1)	19.45(0.1)
Estimation Method	FE	FE	FE	FE	FE	IV	IV	IV	IV	IV	GMM	GMM	GMM	GMM	GMM

Note. The dependent variable is $\Delta \log GL_{i,t}$. Estimation methods are FE, IV and GMM. T-values are reported in parentheses. Superscripts ***, **, * indicate significance levels of 1%, 5%, and 10% respectively.

Appendix C: Chapter 3

Table C.1. Summary of Empirical Analysis on Clearing and Settlement Institutions (Chronologically)

Author(year)	Sample	Research Question	Method	Indicator	Findings
Bauer and Ferrier (1996)	1990-1994, The Federal Reserve Payments system	Scale Economies, Cost Efficiencies, and Technological Change in Federal Reserve Payments Processing	Cross-section Analysis	Technical Changes, Input Prices, Scale, Cost Efficiency	Significant scale economies are found in all three ACH processing sites and Cost Efficiencies can be improved.
Hancock, Humphrey, and Wilcox (1999)	1979-1996, Fedwire Payment Processing	Potential Effects of Consolidation on Fedwire Operations	Cross-section Analysis	Technical Changes, Scale, Cost Effects	The Fedwire funds transfer operation exhibited large scale economies but little technical advance beyond that already embodied in the technology-adjusted input prices of data processing and telecommunication inputs. The consolidation of Fedwire into fewer offices contributed around one-fourth of the overall reduction in Fedwire average cost.
Hasan and Malkamäki (2001)	1989-1998, 38 Exchanges in 32 Countries	Investigates the Existence and Extent of Economies of Scale and Scope Among the Stock Exchanges	Cross-section Analysis	Economies of Scale, Economies of Scope,	The largest exchanges show an increasing trend of cost effectiveness. The exchanges in North America and Europe report substantially higher economies of scale relative to the exchanges in the Asia-Pacific regions.
Lannoo and Levin (2002)	Securities Settlement Systems in EU and U.S.	Verify Whether the Costs for Cross-border Securities Settlement were Indeed as High as Often Assumed.	Panel Analysis	Cost/Income Structure	The operating costs of securities settlement are higher in the EU than in the U.S. Cross-border settlement is much more costly than its domestic counterpart.
Hasan, Malkamäki, and Schmiedel (2003)	1989-1998, 49 Stock Exchanges	The Productivity of Stock Exchanges over Time and Across Different Types and Groups of Exchanges	Cross-section Analysis	Revenue and Cost Efficiency, Technological Development	The findings indicate significant variability in productivity–revenue and cost efficiency – across these exchanges. North American exchanges are found to be most cost and revenue efficient. European exchanges have improved the most, in respect of cost efficiency, while exchanges in South America and Asia-Pacific are found to be lagging as regards both cost and revenue estimations. Investment in technology-related developments effectively influenced cost and revenue efficiency. Organizational structure and market competition are found to be significantly associated with both cost and revenue efficiency for

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Author(year)	Sample	Research Question	Method	Indicator	Findings
Schmiedel (2001)	1985-1999, Exchanges in European	The Existence and Extent of Technical Inefficiencies of Financial Exchanges in Europe.	Cross-section Analysis	Technical Inefficiencies Scores	the exchanges studied, whereas market size and quality are related only to revenue efficiency. Size of exchange; market concentration and quality; structural reorganizations of exchange governance; diversification in trading service activities; and adoption of automated trading systems significantly influence the efficient provision of trading services in Europe. European exchanges notably improved their ability to efficiently manage their production and input resources
NERA (2004)	Clearing and Settlement Systems in EU and U.S.	Investigates the Direct Costs of Clearing and Settling an Equity Transaction in Europe and in the U.S.	Panel Analysis	Cost Structure	There is a significant gap between the costs of clearing and settlement in the U.S. and Europe. Cost differentials between the U.S. and Europe are higher for non-domestic than for domestic transactions. Costs differ very significantly within Europe.
Rosati and Secola (2006)	1999-2002, Payment System TARGET and EURO1	Distribution of the TARGET Cross-border Interbank Payment Flows	Time-series analysis	Trading Volumes, Location,	That bilateral payment flows reflects an organization of interbank trading between countries in which the size of the banking sector, geographic proximity and cultural similarities play a significant role. The payment traffic in TARGET is strongly affected by technical market deadlines.
Schmiedel et al. (2006)	1993-2000, 16 Settlement Institutions	Investigates the Existence and Extent of Economies of Scale in Depository and Settlement Systems	Cross-section Analysis	Economies of Scale, Technological Development	The degree of economies differs by size of settlement institution and region. While smaller settlement service providers reveal a high potential of economies for scale, larger institutions show an increasing trend toward cost effectiveness. Clearing and settlement systems in countries in Europe and Asia report substantially larger economies of scale than those of the U.S. system. European cross-border settlement seems to be more cost intensive than that on a domestic level, reflecting chiefly complexities of EU international securities settlement systems and differences in the scope of international settlement service providers. Investments in implementing new systems and upgrades of settlement technology continuously improved cost effectiveness over the sample period
Milne (2007b)	1997-2000, 16 Securities Settlement		Cross-section Analysis		Identified substantial economies of both scale and scope and important interactions with trading platforms.

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Author(year)	Sample	Research Question	Method	Indicator	Findings
	Institutions in Europe and U.S.				
Van Cayseele and Wuyts (2007)	1997-2004, 10 Settlement Institutions in Europe	Cost Efficiency in the European Securities Settlement and Depository Industry	Cross-section Analysis	Cost Efficiency, Economies of Scale, Economies of Scope	The findings indicate that especially the smaller institutions still can realize many scale economies. This constitutes a rationale for further consolidation. Separating settlement from issuance services, and hosting them in different entities will entail efficiency losses and cost increases.
Beijnen and Bolt (2009)	1990-2005, 8 Institutions in Europe	The Existence and Extent of Economies of Scale in the European Payment Processing Industry.	Cross-section Analysis	Economies of Scale,	The existence of significant economies of scale. Ownership structure is an important factor to explain cost differences across European processing centers
Nielsson (2009)	2000, Merger Events in Euronext	How Exchange Consolidation has Affected Stock Liquidity and How the Effect Varies with Firm Type	Panel Analysis	Liquidity, Merger	Asymmetric liquidity gains from the stock exchange merger, where the positive effects are concentrated among big firms and firms with foreign sales. The merger is associated with an increase in Euronext's market share, where the increase is drawn from the London Stock Exchange.
Hasan, Schmiedel, and Song (2012)	2000-2008, 15 Public Stock Exchanges in 12 Countries	Investigate Short-run Share Price of Stock Exchanges Responses to the Formation of M&As and Alliances	Cross-section Analysis	Merger, Cumulative Return, Technological Integration	The average stock price responses for M&As and alliances are positive. M&As create more value than alliances. For alliances, joint ventures generate more value than non-equity alliances. More value accrues when the integration is horizontal than when it is vertical. Cross-border integration creates more value than domestic integration. Finally, the findings indicate that when the partnering exchange is located in a country with better shareholder protection, accounting standards, and capital market development, more shareholder value accrues to our sample exchange. These patterns are consistent when we examine the exchanges' long-run performance.

Table C.2. Empirical Evidence on the Use of Panzar-Rosse Model and Lerner Index (Chronologically)

Author (Year)	Sample	Financial Indicators	Dependent Variable	Scaling	Key Findings
Shaffer (1982)	1979, New Year banks	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	ln II	ln TA	Monopolistic Competition
Nathan and Neave (1989)	1982-1984, Canadian banks	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	ln TI	ln TA	1982: perfect competition; 1983 and 1984: monopolistic Competition
Shaffer (1993)	1965-1989, Canadian Banks	Lerner Index			Perfect competition
Molyneux et al. (1994)	1986-1989, France, Germany, Italy, Spain and UK	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	ln II	ln TA	Monopoly: Italy; Monopolistic Competition: France, Germany, Spain, UK
Vesala and Pankki (1995)	1985-1992, Finland	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	ln II	ln TA	Monopoly: 1989-1990; Monopolistic Competition: 1985-1988, 1991-1002
Molyneux et al. (1996)	1986-1988, Japan	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	ln II	ln TA, ln TD	Monopoly: 1986; Monopolistic Competition: 1987-1988
Coccorese (1998)	1988-1996, Italy	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	ln TI	ln TA, ln TD	Monopolistic Competition
Shaffer (1999)	1984-1993, U.S.	Lerner Index			Monopolistic Competition
Hondroyannis et al. (1999)	1993-1995, Greece	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	ln (TI/TA)	ln TA	Monopolistic Competition
Bikker and Groeneveld (2000)	1989-1996, 15 EU countries	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	ln (II/TA)	ln TA	Monopolistic Competition
De Bandt and Davis (2000)	1992-1996, France, Germany and Italy	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	ln II; ln TI	ln EQ	Monopolistic Competition: Large Banks; Small Banks in Italy; Monopoly: Small Banks in France and Germany.
Levine et al. (2000)	1960-1995, 74 countries,	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	GDP growth		Legal and accounting reforms that strengthen creditor rights, contract enforcement, and accounting practices can boost financial development and accelerate economic growth.
Hempell (2002)	1993-1998, Germany	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	ln (TI/TA)		Monopolistic Competition
Bikker and Haaf (2002)	1988-1998, 23 OECD Countries	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	ln (II/TA)	ln TA	Monopolistic Competition
Shaffer (2002)	1985-2000, U.S. banks	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	ln TI	ln TA	Monopolistic Competition
Murjan and Ruza (2002)	1993-1997, Arab Middle East	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	ln II	ln TA	Monopolistic Competition

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Collender and Shaffer (2003)		Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic			
Yeyati and Micco (2003)	1993-2002, Latin America	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	ln (TI/TA)	ln TA	Monopolistic Competition: Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Costa Rica, Peru, El Salvador; Perfect Competition: Chile.
Coccorese (2004)	1997-199, Italy	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	ln II; ln TI	ln TA	Monopolistic Competition
Claessens and Leaven (2004)	1994-2001, 50 Countries,	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	ln (TI/TA); ln (II/TA)	ln TA	Monopolistic Competition
Jiang et al. (2004)	1992-2002, Hong Kong	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	(1) ln (TI/TA) (2) ln TI/	(1) None (2) ln TA	Perfect Competition
Shaffer (2004b)	1984-1994, U.S. Banks	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	ln TI	ln TA	Monopolistic Competition
Drakos and Konstantinou (2005)	1992-2000, Former Soviet Union	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	ln TI	ln TA	Monopolistic Competition
Mkrtchyan (2005)	1998-2002, Armenia	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	ln II	ln TA	Monopolistic Competition
Casu and Girardone (2006)	1997-2003, EU 15	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	ln (TI/TA)	ln TA	Monopolistic Competition
Lee and Lee (2005)	1992-2002, Korea	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	(1) ln (II/TA); (2) ln (TI/TA); (3) ln II; (4) ln TI	(1) None; (2) None; (3) ln TA (4) ln TA	Monopolistic Competition
Mamatzakis et al. (2005)	1998-2002, South-Eastern European Countries	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	ln (TI/TA)		Monopolistic Competition
Al-Muharrami et al. (2006)	1993-2002, Arab GCC countries,	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	ln TI	ln TA	Perfect Competition: Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, UAE; Monopolistic Competition: Bahrian, Qatar, Monopoly: Oman
Günalp and Çelik (2006)	1990-2000, Turkey	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	ln TI	ln TA	Monopolistic Competition
Staikouras and Koutsomanoli - Fillipaki (2006)	1998-2002, EU 10 vs EU 15	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	ln (TI/TA)		Monopolistic Competition
Yildirim and	1993-2000,	Panzar-Rosse	ln (TI/TA)	ln TA,	Monopolistic Competition

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Author (Year)	Sample	Financial Indicators	Dependent Variable	Scaling	Key Findings
Philippatos (2007)	11 Latin American Countries.	<i>H</i> -Statistic		ln EQ, ln FA	
Bikker et al. (2007)	1986-2005, 101 countries,	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	(1) ln II; (2) ln (II/TA) (3) ln II (4) ln TI (5) ln (TI/TA) (6) ln TI	(1) None; (2) None; (3) ln TA (4) None; (5) None; (6) ln TA	
Matthews, Murinde, and Zhao (2007)	1980-2004, 12 U.K. banks	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	ln(TI/TA), ln(II/TA)	ln TA	The results confirm the consensus finding that competition in British banking is most accurately characterized by the theoretical model of monopolistic competition. There is evidence that the intensity of competition in the core market for bank lending remained approximately unchanged throughout the 1980s and 1990s. However, competition appears to have become less intense in the non-core (off-balance sheet) business of British banks.
Delis, Staikouras, and Varlagas (2008)	1993-2004, Greece, Spain, Latvia	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	ln TI		Monopolistic Competition
Lee and Nagano (2008)	1993-2005, Korea, Japan	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	ln(II/TA)		High levels of banking market competitiveness are detected after mergers in both the Korean and Japanese metropolitan areas. Although the level of market competition remains low throughout Japanese local cities, it is competitive compared with the metropolitan area of Korea. This paper concludes that market concentration brought about by bank mergers does not always result in low competitiveness.
Carbó et al. (2009)	1995-2001, 14 EU countries	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	ln TI	ln TA	
Coccoresse (2009)	1998-2005, Italy	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	ln TI	ln TA	
Gischer and Stiele (2009)	1993-2002, Germany	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	ln II;	ln EQ	Monopolistic Competition
Goddard and Wilson (2009)	2001-2007, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, United Kingdom, United States	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	(1) ln II; (2) ln TI	(1) None, (2) ln TA	
Schaeck et al.	1980-2005,	Panzar-Rosse	ln (II/TA)		

Table C.2. Empirical Evidence on the Use of Panzar-Rosse Model and Lerner Index (Chronologically)

Author (Year)	Sample	Financial Indicators	Dependent Variable	Scaling	Key Findings
(2009)	45 countries	<i>H</i> -Statistic			
Turk-Ariss (2010)	1999-2005, 60 developing countries: including Africa, East/South Asia and Pacific, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Latin America and Caribbean, and the Middle East.	Lerner index and funding adjusted Lerner index			The conventional Lerner figures show varying degrees of market power across countries, but the figures are generally closely aligned across all regions (around 30% price mark-up over marginal costs) except for Latin America and the Caribbean where the conventional Lerner is as low as 17%. The estimated efficiency and funding-adjusted Lerner indices also vary across countries and regions.
Olivero et al. (2011)	1996-2006, 10 Asian countries and 10 Latin American countries	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic			Most estimates are positive and less than 1 indicates that banks in Latin American and Asian countries seem to operate in a monopolistically competitive environment. Exceptions include India, Korea, and China from Asia and Venezuela from Latin America which are shown to have negative values of the H statistics. This implies a potential monopolistic environment or the presence of a structural disequilibrium in their banking markets. Banking industries in Latin America seem to be more competitive than those in Asia.
Stavarek and Repkova (2011)	2001-2009, Czech Republic	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic			Highly competitive market in period 2001-2005 and monopolistic competition in 2005-2009.
Cipollini and Fiordelisi (2012)	1996-2009, European countries: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Ireland, Italy, Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom	Lerner index			The mean value of the Lerner index suggests monopolistic competition
Casu and Girardone (2006)	2000-2005, European countries: France, Germany, Italy, Spain, UK	Lerner index			Values of both indices are diversified across time and across countries, and suggest monopolistic competition. Spanish and Italian banking industries seem to be the most competitive, with Lerner index close to 0.
Bikker et al. (2012)	1986-2004.67 countries	Panzar-Rosse <i>H</i> -Statistic	(1) $\ln II$; (2) $\ln (II/TA)$	(1) None; (2) None;	

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Author (Year)	Sample	Financial Indicators	Dependent Variable	Scaling	Key Findings
			(3) ln II (4) ln TI (5) ln (TI/TA) (6) ln TI.	(3) ln TA (4) None; (5) None; (6) ln TA	
Beck et al. (2013)	1994-2009, 79 countries	Lerner index			The values of the index are positive and suggest monopolistic competition
Fu et al. (2014)	2003-2010, Asia Pacific countries: Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, Pakistan, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Thailand	Lerner index and efficiency adjusted Lerner index			Values of both indices are diversified across time and across countries, and suggest monopolistic competition. The trend for the Lerner index (non-structural measure) is descending between 2005 and 2008 suggesting a decrease in pricing power. The Lerner index exhibits varying degrees of market power across countries. Singapore has the highest efficiency adjusted Lerner index value (0.44), whereas Taiwan has the lowest value (0.22).

Note. II = interest income, TA = total assets, EQ = equity, FA = fixed assets, TD = total deposits, TI = total income,

Table C.3. Discriminatory power of H-statistic

Values of H	Competitive Environment Test
$H \leq 0$	Monopoly Equilibrium: each institution operates independently as under monopoly profit maximization conditions (H is a decreasing function of the perceived demand elasticity) or perfect cartel
$0 < H < 1$	Monopolistic competition: free entry equilibrium (H is an increasing function of the perceived demand elasticity)
$H = 1$	Perfect competition: free entry equilibrium with full efficient capacity utilization

Source: *Molyneux et al. (1994)*.

Appendix D: Chapter 4

Table D.1. Summaries of the Hypotheses and Findings in Chapters 1, 2, and 3.

Chapter (Title) Hypothesis	Main Findings
Chapter 1: The Use of Financial Derivatives and Risks of U.S. Bank Holding Companies	
Hypothesis 1.1: Financial derivatives impact (systematic interest rate, exchange rate and credit) risks of a BHC.	The use of interest rate derivatives, exchange rate derivatives and credit derivatives is positively and significantly related to systematic interest rate, exchange rate and credit risk.
Hypothesis 1.1a: Financial derivatives for hedging impact risks of a BHC.	Both financial derivatives for hedging and financial derivatives for trading impact systematic risks of BHCs. This relationship is positive and highly statistically significant.
Hypothesis 1.1b: Financial derivatives for trading impact risks of a BHC.	
Hypothesis 1.2: The relationship between financial derivatives and risks is affected by a BHC's capital strength.	High capital reinforces the positive relationship between financial derivatives for trading and systematic risks, but weakens the positive relationship between financial derivatives for hedging and systematic risk.
Hypothesis 1.3: The positive relationship between financial derivatives and risks intensifies for larger BHCs.	The positive relationship between financial derivatives and systematic risks is stronger for larger BHCs (especially for <i>Exchange rate derivatives</i> and <i>Credit derivatives</i>)
Chapter 2: Quality of Bank Capital and Bank Lending Behavior during the Global Financial Crisis	
Hypothesis 2.1: Tier 1 capital positively affects credit growth. This effect was more pronounced during the global financial crisis.	The results find a positive relationship between the highest quality bank capital and the credit growth , and the interaction term constructed as a product of the tier 1 ratio and crisis dummy also demonstrates a positive relationship with loan growth. This supports the notion of tier 1 serving as a buffer and not an incentive mechanism for banks
Hypothesis 2.2: Tier 2 capital positively affects loan growth during normal times. During the global financial crisis, tier 2 capital negatively affected loan growth.	We find some evidence that tier 2 positively affects lending growth in normal times . Contrary to Hypothesis 2.2, tier 2 capital had no significant effect on credit growth during the global financial crisis .
Hypothesis 2.3: The decline in bank lending during the global financial crisis was higher for banks with higher levels of interbank deposits and lower levels of customer deposits.	Customer deposits positively and significantly affected bank lending during the global financial crisis . Interbank lending is positively associated with bank lending during normal times and negatively during the global financial crisis .
Hypothesis 2.4a: Higher market concentration (HHI) is associated with lower lending during normal times, but was associated with higher lending during the global financial crisis.	We observe a negative effect of the concentration index ($HHI_{i,t-1}$) on credit growth (although mostly insignificant) during normal times.
Hypothesis 2.4b: Higher tier 1 capital ratios of competing banks	Competitors' tier 1 capital ratios have a significantly positive impact on loan growth during normal

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Chapter (Title) Hypothesis	Main Findings
<p>are positively associated with bank lending during normal times but were negatively associated during the global financial crisis.</p> <p>Hypothesis 2.5a: Government owned banks sustained lending better during the global financial crisis than non-government owned banks.</p> <p>Hypothesis 2.5b: Foreign ownership was associated with weaker lending during the global financial crisis.</p> <p>Hypothesis 2.5c: The subsidiary status of banks was associated with stronger credit growth during the global financial crisis.</p>	<p>times, but this coefficient reversed during the global financial crisis. This provides support only for Hypothesis 2.4b.</p> <p>We find a significant and positive effect of government ownership on credit growth in the global financial crisis. This corresponds to direct support of governments through ownership participation in banks and also confirms our Hypothesis 2.5a.</p> <p>We find some limited support for the negative effect of foreign ownership on lending growth during the global financial crisis. This is in line with Hypothesis 2.5b.</p> <p>We find limited evidence that credit growth during the global financial crisis was affected by the organizational structure of the bank. That is, we find that a subsidiary bank cut back on lending less during the global financial crisis than a stand-alone entity. This is in line with Hypothesis 2.5c.</p>
Chapter 3: Competition in the Clearing and Settlement Industry	
<p>Hypothesis 3.1: Competition between clearing and settlement institutions during the financial crises is higher than in normal time.</p>	<p>The H-statistic significantly increased during the global financial crisis.</p> <p>The negative Boone indicator during the financial crisis is lower than in normal times, Dummy variable of the global financial crisis is negatively and statistically significantly associated with Lerner index.</p> <p>Competition between clearing and settlement institutions is higher during the financial crises period than in normal times.</p>
<p>Hypothesis 3.2: ICSDs are exposed to the higher level of competition than CSDs.</p>	<p>The regression coefficient of the interaction terms between H-statistics and ICSD is statistically significantly positive.</p> <p>The negative coefficient of the interaction term between International CSDs and marginal cost indicates that the negative Boone indicator of International CSDs is lower than CSDs and international CSDs face higher competition than domestic CSDs.</p> <p>ICSD is negatively and highly statistically significantly associated with Lerner index.</p>
<p>Hypothesis 3.3: The size of clearing and settlement institutions positively affects the level of competition between clearing and settlement institutions.</p>	<p>The regression coefficient of the interaction terms between H-statistics and institution size is statistically significantly positive.</p> <p>The result of Boone indicator shows the interaction term between institution size and marginal cost is negatively and statistically significantly associate with the profit of clearing and settlement institutions.</p> <p>Lerner index is negatively related to the size of a clearing and settlement institution. Hence, larger institutions are exposed to higher competition.</p>

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Chapter (Title) Hypothesis	Main Findings
Hypothesis 3.4: Mergers between CSDs are associated with higher competition between clearing and settlement institutions.	<p>The regression coefficient of the interaction term between the <i>H-statistics</i> and dummy variable Merger is statistically significantly positive.</p> <p>The interaction term between merger and marginal cost is negatively related to the profit, although it is insignificant, which indicates the negative Boone indicator of merged clearing and settlement institutions is lower than not merged institutions.</p> <p>Merger is negatively but mostly insignificantly related to the Lerner index. This provides some but limited support that mergers between clearing and settlement institutions improve competition.</p>
Hypothesis 3.5: Technological development increases competition between clearing and settlement institutions.	<p>ICT ratio is statistically significantly positively associated with <i>H-statistic</i>.</p> <p>The ICT ratio has a negative and significant effect on Boone indicator and technological development increases competition between clearing and settlement institutions.</p> <p>Variables ICT ratio and Time are negatively and significantly related to Lerner index.</p> <p>We conclude that technological development increases competition between clearing and settlement institutions.</p>
Hypothesis 3.6: Competition between clearing and settlement institutions in the U.S. market is higher than in the Europe.	<p><i>H-statistic</i> is higher in the U.S. market than in Europe.</p> <p>Boone indicator of the clearing and settlement institutions in U.S. marker is lower than in the European market.</p> <p>Dummy variable USregion is negatively and statistically significantly related to Lerner index.</p> <p>These results indicate that competition between clearing and settlement institutions is higher in the U.S. market than in the European market.</p>

Appendix E: Summary in Slovenian language / Daljši povzetek disertacije v slovenskem

To poglavje se osredotoča na najpomembnejše ugotovitve disertacije. Glavni cilj pričujoče disertacije je ovrednotenje vloge izvedenih finančnih instrumentov, bančnega kapitala ter storitev obračuna in poravnave v normalnih razmerah in med svetovno finančno krizo. Poglavje je sestavljeno iz štirih delov: najprej na kratko povzame ugotovitve vsakega poglavja disertacije in poda sistematični pregled ugotovitev, sledi obravnava glavnih vseobsegajočih teoretičnih in empiričnih prispevkov, na koncu pa še kratek zaključek disertacije.

Povzetek najpomembnejših ugotovitev

Prvo poglavje, ki temelji na razširjenem štirifaktorskem modelu, analizira razmerje med uporabo izvedenih finančnih instrumentov in sistematično izpostavljenostjo tveganju ameriških bančnih holdingov. Rezultati potrjujejo, da je uporaba izvedenih finančnih instrumentov bančnih holdingov povezana z večjo izpostavljenostjo sistematičnemu obrestnemu, tečajnemu in kreditnemu tveganju (t.i. 'nerazpršljivem' tveganju, ki se mu investitorji na finančnih trgih ne morejo izogniti). Zanimivo je to, da je pozitivno razmerje med izvedenimi finančnimi instrumenti in izpostavljenostjo sistematičnemu tveganju močnejše pri večjih bančnih holdingih kot pri manjših. Tako izvedeni finančni instrumenti za trgovanje kot tudi instrumenti za varovanje pred tveganjem so pozitivno in močno povezani z izpostavljenostjo bančnih holdingov sistematičnemu tveganju (v primerih obrestnih, tečajnih in kreditnih izvedenih finančnih instrumentov). V času svetovne finančne krize so postala razmerja med obrestnimi in tečajnimi izvedenimi finančnimi instrumenti ter izpostavljenostjo sistematičnemu tveganju močnejša kot v normalnih razmerah, pozitivno razmerje med kreditnimi finančnimi instrumenti in sistematičnim kreditnim tveganjem pa manj izrazito.

Drugo poglavje preučuje, če in kako različne vrste bančnega kapitala vplivajo na bančna posojila. Analizira tudi vpliv velikosti bank in drugih razsežnosti, ki lahko vplivajo na upad kreditne rasti med finančno krizo. Rezultati kažejo na pozitiven vpliv deleža kapitala prvega reda na rast bančnih posojil med svetovno finančno krizo. Zdi se, da je vpliv bolj izrazit pri manjših bankah in bankah držav nečlanic OECD ter držav BRIK, prav tako pa so depoziti strank pozitivno vplivali na bančna posojila v času svetovne finančne krize. Poleg tega je delež kapitala drugega reda skupaj z medbančni vlogami pozitivno vplival na rast posojil v normalnih razmerah, v času svetovne krize pa so medbančne vloge negativno vplivale na rast bančnih posojil. Medtem ko so kapital prvega reda in depoziti strank predstavljali stabilen vir financiranja med svetovno finančno krizo, pa so kapital drugega reda in medbančne vloge spodbudile bančna posojila v normalnih razmerah, vendar ne tudi v času krize. V normalnih razmerah je bilo bančnih posojil več, če je bil delež kapitala prvega reda konkurenčnih bank visok, v času svetovne finančne krize pa so banke dajale več posojil, če je bil delež kapitala prvega reda konkurenčnih bank nizek. Vladno lastništvo je pomagalo bankam pri ohranjanju kreditne rasti med svetovno finančno krizo, učinek pa je bil statistično pomemben le v državah nečlanicah OECD in državah BRIK, ne pa tudi v državah članicah OECD.

Tretje poglavje skuša analizirati konkurenčno okolje v industriji obračuna in poravnave. Natančneje, to poglavje uporablja model Panzar-Rosse (1982, 1987), Lernerjev indeks (1934) in Boonov indikator (2001, 2008) pri preučevanju konkurenčnih pogojev v industriji obračuna in poravnave ter pri preizkušanju, kako na konkurenco vpliva več dejavnikov. Empirični rezultati kažejo na obstoj monopolnega ravnovesja v industriji obračuna in poravnave. Model Panzar-Rosse, Boonov indikator in Lernerjev indeks potrjujejo naslednje sklepe: v času svetovne finančne krize je raven konkurence med institucijami obračuna in poravnave višja kot v normalnih razmerah. Mednarodne centralne depotne družbe (CDD) se soočajo z večjo konkurenco kot CDD na lokalnih trgih. Dokazi prav tako nakazujejo na to, da se konkurenca skozi čas nenehno povečuje, kar je mogoče pripisati tehnološkemu napredku in izvajanju novih sistemov obračuna in poravnave. Rezultati razkrivajo, da se konkurenca povečuje z velikostjo institucij obračuna in poravnave ter združitvami in prevzemi med le-temi. Ugotovitve tudi kažejo na to, da je konkurenca med institucijami obračuna in poravnave večja na ameriškem trgu kot na evropskem, kar pa kaže na to, da bo potrebno obnoviti pobudo za povečanje konkurence med evropskimi institucijami obračuna in poravnave.

Tabela 4.1 povzema raziskovalna vprašanja in glavne ugotovitve vsakega poglavja ter predstavi metodologije raziskave in prispevek k obstoječi literaturi.

Vseobsegajoči teoretični in empirični prispevki

Pomemben metodološki prispevek prvega poglavja disertacije je uporaba razširjenega modela Fame in Frencha (1992) in hkratna razmejitev sistematičnega ('nerazpršljivega') tveganja na tri komponente: sistematično obrestno, menjalno in kreditno tveganje. To nam omogoča, da skupno analiziramo vpliv obrestnih, menjalnih in kreditnih izvedenih finančnih instrumentov na ustrezna sistematična tveganja. Rezultati kažejo na to, da izvedeni finančni instrumenti pozitivno in močno vplivajo na izpostavljenost bančnih holdingov sistematičnemu tveganju. Večja uporaba obrestnih, menjalnih in kreditnih izvedenih finančnih instrumentov ustreza večjemu sistematičnemu obrestnemu, menjalnemu in kreditnemu tveganju. Sistematična tveganja pozitivno vplivajo tako na izvedene finančne instrumente za varovanje pred tveganjem, kot tudi na tiste za trgovanje.

Na razmerje med izvedenimi finančnimi instrumenti in sistematičnim tveganjem bančnih holdingov vpliva več dejavnikov. Finančni instrumenti izpostavljajo velike holdinge višji stopnji sistematičnega tveganja v primerjavi z malimi holdingi. Visok delež kapitala okrepi pozitivno razmerje med izvedenimi finančnimi instrumenti za trgovanje in sistematičnimi tveganji, a negativno vpliva na razmerje med finančnimi instrumenti za varovanje pred tveganjem in sistematičnim tveganjem. V času svetovne finančne krize je postalo razmerje med obrestnimi in menjalnimi izvedenimi finančnimi instrumenti ter izpostavljanju sistematičnemu tveganju močnejše kot v normalnih razmerah, pozitivno razmerje med kreditnimi izvedenimi finančnimi instrumenti in sistematičnim kreditnim tveganjem pa manj izrazito.

Tabela 4.1. Povzetek Glavnih Ugotovitev in Prispevkov v Poglavjih 1, 2 in 3.

Poglavje (naslov)	Vzorec	Glavni vir podatkov	Metodologija	Glavne ugotovitve	Prispevek
Poglavje 1: Uporaba izvedenih finančnih instrumentov in tveganja ameriških bančnih holdingov	1997-2012, bančni holdingi	FR Y-9C; CRSP; Svet guvernerjev Centralne banke	Model fiksnih učinkov; IV model; GMM model.	Izvedeni finančni instrumenti so pozitivno in močno povezani s sistematičnim tveganjem bančnih holdingov. Tako instrumenti za trgovanje kot tudi instrumenti za varovanje pred tveganjem so pozitivno in močno povezani z izpostavljenostjo sistematičnemu tveganju bančnih holdingov. V času svetovne finančne krize so postala razmerja med obrestnimi in tečajnimi izvedenimi finančnimi instrumenti ter izpostavljenostjo sistematičnemu tveganju močnejša kot v normalnih razmerah, pozitivno razmerje med kreditnimi instrumenti in sistematičnim kreditnim tveganjem pa manj izrazito.	Uporaba razširjenega štirifaktorskega modela za pridobitev dejavnikov sistematičnega tveganja, vključno s sistematičnim kreditnim tveganjem; diferenciacija izvedenih finančnih instrumentov, ki se uporabljajo za trgovanje kot tudi za varovanje pred tveganjem.
Poglavje 2: Kvaliteta bančnega kapitala in ravnanje bank s posojili med svetovno finančno krizo	2000-2010, banke po svetu	Bankscope	Model fiksnih učinkov; Model IV; Model GMM.	Visoko kakovostni viri bančnega financiranja (t.j. bančni kapital prvega reda in vloge na drobno) in prevladujoča vladna podpora so bili ključnega pomena za neprekinjena bančna posojila med krizo. Večja uporaba kapitala drugega reda in medbančnih depozitov bi lahko bila pomembna pri povečanju posojil v normalnih razmerah, kar pa ni podprlo aktivnosti dajanja posojil med krizo.	Ločene ocene vpliva strukture kapitala (deleža kapitala prvega in drugega reda) na bančna posojila v normalnih razmerah in med svetovno finančno krizo.
Poglavje 3: Konkurenca v industriji obračuna in poravnave	1989-2012, Institucije obračuna in poravnave	Bankscope; Letna poročila; Svetovna banka.	Model Panzar-Rosse, Lernerjev indeks; Boonov indikator.	Industrija obračuna in poravnave deluje pod pogoji monopolnega ravnovesja. Med svetovno finančno krizo je raven konkurence med institucijami obračuna in poravnave višja kot v normalnih razmerah. Mednarodne centralne depotne družbe (CDD) se soočajo z večjo konkurenco kot CDD na lokalnih trgih. Konkurenca se skozi čas nenehno povečuje, kar je mogoče pripisati tehnološkemu napredku in izvajanju novih sistemov obračuna in poravnave. Konkurenca se povečuje z velikostjo institucij obračuna in poravnave ter združitvah in prevzemih med le-temi. Konkurenca med institucijami obračuna in poravnave na ameriškem trgu je znatno večja na kot na evropskem;	To je prva obširna študija o konkurenčnih pogojih v industriji obračuna in poravnave; analiza dejavnikov, ki vplivajo na konkurenco v obračunu in poravnavi.

Prispevek drugega poglavja disertacije je vpogled v razlike med kapitalom prvega in drugega reda, depoziti strank in medbančnimi depoziti kot viri bančnega financiranja in ovrednotenje njihovega razmerja z bančnimi posojili. Rezultati kažejo, da višja kakovost banke, ki se financira z visokim deležem bančnega kapitala prvega reda in depozitov strank, ustrežnejše podpira izdajo bančnih posojil v času krize. Nasprotno pa kapital drugega reda ne predstavlja ustrezne podpore za bančna posojila med finančno krizo.

Empirična analiza v drugem poglavju razkriva, da so dejavniki, ki vključujejo različne vrste depozitov in lastništev pomembni pri oblikovanju ravnanja bank s posojili v normalnih razmerah in med finančno krizo. Medbančni depoziti so negativno vplivali na bančna posojila med krizo, banke pa so to skušale nadomestiti z obračanjem na bolj stabilne vire financiranja, kot na primer vloge na drobno (Evropska centralna banka, 2011). Depoziti strank pa so medtem pozitivno vplivali na rast posojil med svetovno finančno krizo, kar nakazuje na to, da so bile vloge strank stabilne in so služile kot stabilen vir financiranja tudi med krizo. Poleg tega so bile banke v času svetovne finančne krize deležne široke podpore s strani vlad, kar jim je pomagalo reševati težave refinanciranja. To pa nakazuje na prednosti vladnega lastništva pri zmanjševanju kreditnega krča.

Prispevek tretjega poglavja te študije je sestavljen iz treh delov in vključuje pomemben doprinos k področju konkurenčne literature, s posebnim poudarkom na industriji obračuna in poravnave, medtem ko so se prejšnje študije osredotočale na ekonomije obsega, stroškovno učinkovitost in učinkovitost prihodkov ter tehnološkim napredkom v industriji obračuna in poravnave. Na primer, Schmiedel, Malkamaki in Tarkka (2006) se osredotočajo na dejavnike ekonomij obsega in na tehnološki razvoj. Van Cayseele in Wuyts (2007) ugotavljata, da ekonomije obsega obstajajo v evropskem obračunu in poravnavi, vendar še zdaleč ne pokrivajo celotnega evropskega trga. Disertacija analizira konkurenčne pogoje v industriji obračuna in poravnave predvsem z uporabo modela Panzar-Rosse, Lernerjevega indeksa in Boonovega indikatorja pri preučevanju konkurence institucij obračuna in poravnave. Model Panzar-Rosse, Lernerjev indeks in Boonov indikator so v preteklosti v velikem obsegu uporabljali pri analizi narave konkurence v bančnih sistemih, vendar ne tudi pri analizi institucij obračuna in poravnave. Na koncu analiza primerja tudi konkurenco v industriji obračuna in poravnave v ZDA in Evropi.

Zaključek

Disertacija analizira vlogo izvedenih finančnih instrumentov, bančnega kapitala (in drugih virov financiranja bank) ter dejavnosti obračuna in poravnave v normalnih razmerah in v času svetovne finančne krize. Disertacija prav tako analizira razmerje med uporabo izvedenih finančnih instrumentov in tveganj in raziskuje povezavo med kvaliteto bančnega kapitala in rastjo bančnih posojil. Poleg tega preučuje konkurenčne pogoje v industriji obračuna in poravnave in testira vpliv več dejavnikov na konkurenčne pogoje v industriji obračuna in poravnave.

Metodologije, ki so bile uporabljene v pričujoči analizi, zapolnjujejo pomembno vrzel v obstoječi literaturi in dajejo napreden vpogled v delovanje finančnih institucij, kar bo pomagalo

upravnim skupnostim in oblikovalcem politike k boljšemu razumevanju delovanja le-teh. Z vidika upravljanja lahko finančne institucije izboljšajo učinkovitost z boljšim razumevanjem, na kakšen način izvedeni finančni instrumenti pripomorejo k izpostavljenosti tveganju, kako bi lahko odločitve o strukturi bančnega kapitala vplivale na kreditno rast in kako različni dejavniki vplivajo na konkurenčne pogoje v obračunu in poravnavi.