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#### Abstract

With the increased acquaintance and interest in investing, investors are getting more conscious about gaining the knowledge regarding which markets offers the relatively more secure investment opportunities in this volatile and uncertain environment. Therefore this research project pursues to find out and analyze the impact of the four of the most important and discussed variables that can have impact on the stock market returns including currency exchange rate, gold prices, oil prices and interest rates. The data of these variables has been taken from Pakistani market for the period of 2008 to 2015. This paper analyzes the short-term and the long-term impact of these variables on stock returns individually as well as their combined effect.

The study is structured as follows: the first section specifies contextual information about the research study and what has been uncovered by researchers throughout the world in explaining the relationship between the chosen variables and then the variables are discussed; the second section is about the research methodology and a theoretical framework. Then this paper progresses to the results by using some major and basic types of analysis tools of statistics i.e. Correlation, Simple Regression Modelling and Multiple Regression Modelling and Descriptive Statistics, gives an exhaustive investigation and comparison of data gathered with the already prevalent literature in this regard. In the end, our research study settles with the hypothesis testing, with concluding remarks and possible reasoning of the relationship between the variables.

*Keywords*: Correlation, Multiple Regression Model, Stock Market, Interest Rate, Karachi Stock Exchange and KSE-100 Index, Oil returns, Gold returns, Forex returns.

## Introduction

After the bruited financial crises, there had been a lot of investigations on the factors that determine or boost investment portfolio's performance from the researchers around the world. Several approaches of investment have been scrutinized and Gold, Oil, currency and stocks have been

identified as some of the most popular types of investment that yield stable returns even during crises. With this, a debate about their inter-relationship and correlation has also popped up. We'll start with a brief introduction of each of these investment tools:

#### Gold

Gold is considered one of the most old and secure form of investment. It has been most commonly bought as a hedge or anchorage against economic, political, or social and currency crises (including investment market declines, burgeoning national debt, currency devaluation, inflation, war and social unrest or even one's own tight financial condition). The gold prices have always been in news and investors always try to predict it but no solid model has been identified for this purpose, most probable cause of which could be the efficiency of gold market.

The mechanisms for investing in gold are simple and convenient. One option could be the purchase and possession of bullion, or gold coins. But these holdings have holding costs and safety concerns. The prices of gold are very volatile and thus the bid and ask spread may increase so much that the realized return after deducting expenses would be so low. These mechanisms may also result in low yield except when the investor chooses to transact frequently, which then create transaction costs. Another option is investing in gold futures contracts are traded on commodities exchanges. But these contracts require special expertise, capital, and experience than what many retirees could wish to commit to futures trading. And futures trading has just started in Pakistan, it will take time to develop this market to earn higher yields. Other than these, investors can also invest in gold by the two gold-based mutual funds in Pakistan: Atlas Gold Fund and UBL Gold Fund.

A general high demand of gold in Pakistan is due to its security as gold offers a safe haven as long as it is retained by central bank and thus it has no credit risk. Secondly, gold is able to maintain its liquidity even at times of crisis situations like high global inflation or political turbulence. It also offers value in making a diversified portfolio.

But in recent years, the gold prices has been low due to international subdued demand of gold. Internationally, the gold demand has declined in recent years majorly because of India and China; the two dominant players in global gold market. World Gold Council (WGC) has showed in recent



reports that extreme weather patterns in India overshadowed the gold demand in India which had a direct impact on incomes in the rural population, which accounts for more than half of the Indian gold demand. And in China, the reason for lowering demand has been attributed to domestic economic conditions and stock market volatility. (Alam K., 2015).

#### **Crude Oil**

Crude oil is an essential resource in today's world. As we are heading towards energy crisis, crude

oil's importance has increased around the world. It impacts economic condition of companies directly by raising their cost of production (esp. of manufacturing sector) and indirectly through inflation.<sup>1</sup>

In the recent years, oil prices have seen a very volatile trajectory and it is believed to impact various other macro-economic variables. But, as the



case with gold as a commodity, oil prices are determined by international oil prices. In recent years, the oil prices have seen a declining trend internationally, due to a lot of reasons, the most important ones are: the plummeted imports by the largest importer of oil i.e. America as it has now started making its own oil; the continuous high production which has made supply much greater than

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Mabro (2006)

demand; the shift towards using other fuels; the bearish sentiments of the investors. (E.L., 2014). The global oil price trend is shown here from InvestmentMine website. (5 Year Crude Oil Prices and Price Charts, 2016)

There are various mechanisms of investing in crude oil. One is through futures or options contracts but they required special expertise and capital and are very volatile and risky; are thus difficult to be managed by an average investor. Another option is investing in equity market by buying stocks of oil companies. These companies constitute a large amount of our stock exchange and they offer high dividend returns as well as liquidity. A recent launch of Pakistan's Exchange traded funds (ETF) have now added another way to invest in oil sector. (Keeler, 2015)

#### Forex

The forex market is a decentralized global market that is used for currency trading. Around the world, many investors and financial centers take part in it. The buying and selling determine the demand supply basis through which currency spreads are determined. The forex rates depend upon many macroeconomic and political factors<sup>2</sup>.

Investors can indulge in forex investments through various ways: by holding the currencies itself; through foreign currency options, forward and futures contracts, exchange traded funds (ETFs) and exchange traded notes (ETNs), Eurobonds, certificate of deposits, and many others. The forex markets have been known for their high liquidity, returns, leverage, and relatively simpler to understand and learn. There are many forex brokers and dealers in Pakistan and thus, this is one of the relatively developed market here.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> International Business Times (2011) What is Foreign Exchange?"

#### **Interest Rates**

Interest Rate in a country is the rate that its central bank charges commercial banks and other financial institutions for money that the central bank lends to them. The State bank of Pakistan manage and report interest rates. It has seen a declining trend as state bank was trying to cater to inflation and boost consumer spending and to fuel up country's economic growth rate. In 2015, it reached the lowest point since August 1973. (report, 2015)

#### **Stocks**

Pakistani stock market was divided into three main stock exchanges: Karachi Stock Exchange, Islamabad Stock Exchange and Lahore Stock Exchange, until recently when they have been combined to form one stock exchange: Pakistan Stock Exchange; headquartered in the capital, Islamabad. Although the country is still considered as an under-developed economy, its nascent stock market has been rewarding both local and foreign investors with ridiculously high returns. It has given the return of upto 52.20% in 2013.

Stocks are liquid securities and can be easily bought or sold.<sup>3</sup> This makes stock markets very convenient and lucrative investment opportunity. The stocks give returns in both dividends form and capital gains. Stock market is also considered as the driver of economic growth. Hence, analyzing and understanding stock market returns is the core of this study.



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#### **Literature Review**

There is an abundance of literature available on the chosen variables. The relationship between exchange rate and oil has been analyzed by many researchers, together with the correlation between the exchange rate and gold. Furthermore, the relationship between stock market returns and exchange rates, the yields of the stock market and gold and the returns of the stock market and oil has also been investigated in a comprehensive model to explain the relationship these variables share with each other.

#### **Gold and Stock Market**

The natural resources such as gold has always had its significance both in political and business circles (Bernard, et al., 2005). The utilization of gold as a speculation does a reversal to the early ages, finding full points of interest in the legends of Midas and Lydia. Just as of late, on the other hand, analysts have started to research the danger/return characteristics of gold with cutting edge factual strategies. Terence C. Mills examined the factual conduct of the everyday gold returns from 1971 to 2002. He found that gold returns are very volatile and leptokurtic. (Mills, 2003) Due to this volatile nature, gold has been the subject of much research for quite a long time and unpredictability in gold returns has attracted numerous researchers as a variable to ponder. One main study is of (Herbst, 1983), who found that in the period (1800-1976) gold returns essentially failed to meet expectations as a single investment, but, Herbst also concluded that due to its statistical properties (i.e. negative correlation with stock returns), gold might be a sensible interest in an enhanced portfolio. Many other studies have found that the three valuable metals have low relationship with the stock returns and thus recommend that these metals can reduce unsystematic risk. (Chua, Sick, & Woodward, 1990) They likewise found that valuable metals such as gold display some capacity to cover amid times of strange business sector instability. Mishra, Petal (2010) endeavored to investigate causation that can keep running between local gold returns and yields of the securities market in India, considering gold returns and showcase returns on household securities in view of the BSE 100 record for the period between Jan 1991 and Dec 2009. The examination of the variables demonstrated the presence of negative correlation between these variables.

#### **Oil and Stock Market:**

Changes in the oil prices are often viewed as imperative for comprehension of stock market volatility. On October 12th 2006, the Financial Times Newspaper showed solid fixations in worldwide stock exchanges because of a drop in oil prices that day. Regardless of these perspectives broadly held among investors, there is no agreement on the relationship between oil prices and stock returns among financial analysts. Kling (1985), for instance, argued that the expansions in oil spreads are connected with stock returns' decreases. Chen, Roll and Ross (1986), on the other hand, recommended that these two have no significant relationship. Jones and Kaul (1996) reported a steady negative relationship between changes in oil prices and stock returns. Huang, Masulis, and Stoll (1996) also had results in line with Jones and Kaul's study. Hasan and Nasir also did an extensive research on various countries for period of June 1998 to June 2008 and found that oil prices are not statistically significant in determining equity prices in the long run. (Hasan & Nasir, 2009)

A vast literature has been found on the relationship of oil prices and economic growth and productivity in many developed and emerging countries (Gronwald, 2008). The chronicled data of US shows that oil prices vacillations could extraordinarily affect the economy and stock returns. The most well-known conclusions of different investigations demonstrates that a hike in the oil prices prompts a bearish trend in stock markets and vice versa.

In addition, the majority of these studies have concentrated on some industrial nations, for the most part the US, Canada, Europe and Japan [Jones and Kaul (1996), Huang et al. (1996) and Sadorsky (1999)]. The drawings of these studies are uncertain. As of late, a few studies have concentrated on European markets, Asian and Latin American. They have demonstrated a huge connection between transient changes in oil returns and these developing securities markets. For instance, Papapetrou (2001) applied modeling error correction vector to study the effect of oil prices on the profitability of the shares of Greece using daily data and variance decomposition. The study recommends a negative impact of oil costs on stock return. Basher and Sadorsky utilized a new multi factorial model and achieve the same conclusion for other developing countries' stock markets (Basher & Sadorsky, 2006). (Sadorsky, 1999) gathered monthly data to explore the relationship between these two variables in the US from January 1947 until April 1996. The

difference disintegration model was used. The discoveries propose that these variables are adversely related in the short term, which implies higher oil returns lead to lower share prices.

Anoruo Mustafa (2007) analyzed the relationship between yields of oil and US stocks taking day by day information, bi-Johansen Co reconciliation variable, and the center blunder rectification. The outcomes demonstrated the long-run relationship in these variables in the US. The vector model estimated error correction (VECM) gave proof of causality of stock returns and oil and not the converse. The tests give proof that both these variables are co- integrated. The researchers noticed this outcome infers that both markets are coordinated and move in opposite direction. Narayan and Narayan (2010) surveyed the relationship between oil costs and stock costs in Vietnam with every day arrangement from 2000 to 2008. Applying the Johansen test, the outcomes give proof of oil returns and share prices for Vietnam share a long haul relationship. Some other studies suggest that there may be a short-term relationship between these two but no long run relationship.

#### **Exchange Rate and Stock Market**

A causal relationship running from trade rates to stock costs is proposed by many studies. In accordance with the methodology used by Granger, Huang and Yang (2000), changes in conversion rate can influence the performance of companies and thus, their income and share returns are influenced. From one viewpoint, local money devaluation causes less expensive exports and vice versa, and prompts a change in demand. As we know, exports have an inverse relationship with currency movements. And such relationship is the inverse for importing firms. Moreover, this additionally applies if loads of imported inputs are utilized as a part of their manufacturing. With currency devaluation, their manufacturing costs rise and benefits may decay. Thus, a fall in their stock returns might result. Specifically, developments of forex rates have impact on company's future payables (or receivables) that are designated in any other currency. The local currency's appreciation would then diminish benefits of the exporter and devaluation of domestic coin would create benefits.

Setting up a relationship between forex rates and stock returns is vital for a few reasons. Gavin (1989) demonstrates that a positive and increasing trend in equity securities induce that country's currency demand. Furthermore, the connection between the two markets can be utilized to anticipate the future trend of forex returns. Multinational undertakings will get benefited by

reducing risks. Thirdly, forex markets are usually involved in investors' portfolio to diversify it. Thus information about the relationship between these two is key to better returns from such funds.

Most studies that attempt to clarify changes in offer costs and trade rates are keen on finding a high recurrence, and a measurable relationship. (Ajayi & Mougoue, 1996) researched the short and long haul relationship between stock costs and trade rates in eight propelled economies like UK and US. They find that an inverse relationship between the two. They concluded that local money devaluation prompts a diminishing trend in stock returns in the short term. Granger, Huang and Yang (2000) gathered data on some of Asian nations and came up with uncertain findings.

Tahir (2004) looks at the observational relationship among four stock records and the conversion scale at Karachi Stock Exchange (KSE). The variables utilized as a part of this archive are non-stationary and stationary at first contrast and the outcomes depend on the system of cointegration Johanson. The outcomes got utilizing this system there is dependably a cointegration relationship between the variables and there is likewise prove that stock lists and trade not move together over the long haul. Another study of Karachi stock exchange (KSE) revealed a linkage between stock market general index and the exchange rate and this linkage is two-sided which means each of these triggers and affect the other one. (Farooq, Keung, & Kazmi, 2011)

#### **Interest rates and stock market**

Both stock markets and interest rates are considered significant factors for driving an economy and a vast literature exists in determining the impact these two have on each other. Mahmudul Alam and Gazi Salah Uddin, for instance, studied this relationship for fifteen developed and developing countries- Australia, Bangladesh, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Germany, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippine, S. Africa, Spain, and Venezuela. Time series and panel regressions were runned and it was found that these variables have significant negative relationship. So, if interest rates are controlled by the government, stock returns can be increased. (Alam & Uddin, 2009). Another research suggested no causality between the two in long term. Monthly U.S. data for 1959–1979 and 1979–1983 was taken in this study and the relationship between conditional mean and conditional variance is reliably positive only at the short end of the term structure. (Campbell, 1987).

(Ali, 2014) suggests an inverse relationship between these two after analyzing Karachi Stock Exchange (KSE) of Pakistan for the period of Jan 2004 to Dec 2013. Correlation, Regression analysis and descriptive analysis were used in this study. Whereas, another research in same region; Pakistan has concluded in no relationship between these two. Data from Karachi Stock Exchange 100 index, and monthly rates of six monthly T-bills for the period of 1994 to 2014 were used for short term interest rates and Granger Casualty test has been conducted. The results came out as neither stock markets affect interest rate nor vice versa. (Hussain, Zaman, & Baloch, 2014)

Another journal article confirms the same results that interest rate have inverse relationship with investment. Data was taken from Pakistan for the span of 1964 to 2012. (Muhammad, Lakhan, Zafar, & Noman, 2013). Abdul Wahab Farooqi explains that increase in interest rate causes decrease in stock prices because required rate of return on stocks rises which causes decrease in stock prices. Co-integration result suggests the existence of negative long-run relationship between interest rate with stock prices. It was then suggested that investors should not invest in stock market when interest rate is highly volatile. (Farooqui, 2015)



## **Expected Relationship**

In the literature, some studies took the same variables like this study has and tested in different markets. For example, Gunes et al.(2010) studied to clarify the ascent gold prices have by taking the oil prices, euro-dollar returns and interest rates as independent variables. The paper illustrated the gold price information for a period of ten years from 2000 to 2009 and took the Granger-Causality test, the outcomes demonstrated that there is no long-run connection between these variables.

Adebiyi, M.A (2009) took oil, exchange rate and stock returns as his study variables in Nigeria for the time period of 1985-2008 and as indicated by the observational consequences of their study, there was a prompt and critical negative between oil and stock returns of Nigeria especially in short term. Besides, the Granger causality test additionally showed that volatility of stock market is due to variation in oil prices.

Another study took similar variables of oil, gold, forex and stock indices and data was taken from European market from 1999 to 2010 (Salazar and Lima, 2010). Results from their study recommended a long-run relationship between usd/eur and other specified variables.

Connections between Oil Price, Gold Price, Exchange Rate and International Stock Markets has been analyzed by yet another paper by, Wang, M. Wang, C. Huang, T (2010), that tried to the effects of vacillations in these variables from the markets of the United States, China, Germany, Taiwan and Japan and in addition the long and transient connections among these variables was scrutinized. The conclusions of the study were that there exists correlation among changes in oil, gold and trade rates and the securities exchanges in Germany, Japan, China and Taiwan in the long haul. While there was no relationship found among these variables in the U.S. securities exchange.

Overall, most of literature found evidence of relationship between gold, oil and forex returns in the short term. Gold and oil returns are proven to be negatively correlated with stock market and forex market, on the other hand, has depicted positive relation. Interest rates' evidence is mostly inconclusive. But, in longer term, we have mixed and unclear conclusions and that is why this study has tried to explore the relationship in both long and short term to have the best guidance for investors.

## **Research Aims & Objectives**

#### **Research Purpose and Problem Statement**

Stock markets have always been very volatile and obscure and no single instrument or formula has proven to be helpful in predicting its movement consistently. With this study, the aim is to come out with some conclusions on which factors explain stock price movements and how much those factors can affect equity markets. Hence, this research mainly aims to explore the correlation between gold prices, oil rates, exchange rate, and interest rates with Karachi stock exchange 100 index; which is the best representator of Pakistani stock market amongst other indices. Also, the interrelationships among these variables have also been tested for both short term and long term to understand it in more depth.

#### **Research objectives**

This study has been run with the following stated objectives:

- To check out any correlation between gold prices and stock prices?
- To check out any correlation between exchange rate and stock prices?
- To check out any correlation between oil prices and stock prices?
- To check out any correlation between interest rates and stock prices?
- To analyze the extent with which all these variables collectively impact the Pakistani stock market?

#### **Hypothesis**

The hypotheses of this study are:

Ho1: There is no impact of gold prices on stocks in short term.

H<sub>0</sub>2: There is no impact of oil prices on stocks in short term.

 $H_{03}$ : There is no impact of exchange rates on stocks in short term.

H<sub>04</sub>: There is no impact of interest rates on stocks in short term.

**H**<sub>0</sub>**5:** Gold Prices, Oil Prices, Exchange Rate and Interest rates together have no impact on Stock Prices in short term.

H<sub>06</sub>: There is no impact of gold prices on stocks in long term.

 $H_{07}$ : There is no impact of oil prices on stocks in long term.

H<sub>08</sub>: There is no impact of exchange rates on stocks in long term.

 $H_{09}$ : There is no impact of interest rates on stocks in long term.

H<sub>010</sub>: Gold Prices, Oil Prices, Exchange Rate and Interest rates together have no impact on Stock Prices in long term.

## **Research design & Methodology**

This study is based on secondary research, which means that the data for testing has been collected from various Internet sources. To make this study more authentic and accurate, the focus was on collecting all required data from national and governmental portals. The literature review is primarily constructed from the published articles on famous portals e.g. Jstor.

Numerical and quantitative analysis was done on Microsoft Excel. Two types of computations were used: correlation and single and multiple regressions. To understand data characteristics, descriptive statistics were also analyzed. Correlation helps in understanding the dependence between any two variables. Each variable has been analyzed by determining its correlation with the dependent variable.

Multiple regression Model (OLS) was also applied to find out not only direction but also the extent of impact each variable has on the stock market as well as on each other's price.

The analysis has been divided in two parts: short term and long term. Monthly data has been taken for each variable in short term study for the period of 2008-2015; eight years. For long term, annual data has been taken for the same period of 2008-2015. The following analysis has been performed:

- A general trend analysis
- Descriptive statistics
- Correlation analysis
- Regression modelling which include Simple as well as Multiple Regression.

## **Theoretical model:**

Stock prices = f (gold prices, oil prices, exchange rate, interest rate)

$$Y_{t^{sp}} = a + b_1 X_{t^{gp}} + b_2 X_{t^{op}} + b_3 X_{t^{er}} + b_4 X_{t^{ir}} + e_t$$

Where:

Y<sub>t</sub>sp is the Stock returns

 $X_{t gp}$  is gold price returns

Xt op is Old price returns

 $X_{t\,ir}$  is Interest rates

And  $e_t$  is the random forecasting error.



## **Analysis and Discussion**

This study has been divided into two parts; short term analysis of the theoretical model and the long term analysis of it. The basic purpose was to examine the relationships in a deep way so that more helpful generalizations could be made. All variables are same for both the parts but the data points were different. As discussed previously, in the short term study, monthly data points have been gathered and analyzed. In the second part; long term, annual data has been taken. So, for each variable, in part one of the analysis we considered investor returns when investing for a month and in the second part, we took investors return as if the he/she invested at the 1st of January and get off that investment after the end of that year. This section will now proceed by short term analysis of research hypotheses. After that, long term analysis has been undertaken.

# **PART 1: SHORT TERM ANALYSIS**

## **Correlation, Descriptive and Regression Analysis**

	GOLD RETURNS (X1)	OIL RETURNS (X2)	FOREX RETURNS (X3)	INTEREST RATES (X4)	KSE- RETURNS (Y)
GOLD RETURNS (X1)	1				
OIL RETURNS (X2)	0.16745	1			
FOREX RETURNS (X3)	-0.14835	-0.06753	1		
INTEREST RATES (X4)	0.30609	0.09541	-0.12715	1	
KSE- RETURNS (Y)	-0.24683	0.24327	0.19256	-0.10407	1

## **Correlation Analysis:**

Correlation is used to determine how much any two variables are related. The table shown above is a correlation matrix which shows the extent of relationship between entered variables. Here, I have checked the correlation between every single variable so that if there was a significant correlation between the independent variables, necessary steps could be taken to avoid inaccurate and faulty results.

The column 1 of the above table shows that in short term, the gold returns in Pakistani market does not correlate with any of the other chosen variable. A strong correlation lies between 0.7 to 1 or - 0.7 to -1. But, gold returns are negatively correlated with forex returns and KSE stock returns. The

correlation of Oil returns is shown in Column 2. Oil returns are also not significantly related to any of these variables. Similar results are found in column 3 and 4.

Overall, no significant correlation has been found between any of our dependent and independent variables. This low correlation makes gold a useful portfolio diversifier for investors in our market. These results are consistent with the literature.

## **Descriptive Analysis:**

Descriptive analysis is used to understand data characteristics. It is considered to be an essential tool for quantitative analysis of any data. Here, it is being used to evaluate the risk and volatility of all three markets under consideration i.e. gold, oil and forex and debt market (through interest rates).

	X1:Gold Returns	X2: Oil returns	X3: forex returns	X4:Interest rate	Y: Stock Returns
Mean	0.00940	0.00161	-0.45720	0.11005	0.03977
Standard Error	0.00415	0.00891	0.14131	0.00234	0.03807
Median	0.00840	0.01445	-0.19486	0.11150	0.05532
Mode	0.02610	0.05960	#N/A	0.09000	#N/A
Standard Deviation	0.04062	0.08734	1.38456	0.02296	0.37301
Sample Variance	0.00165	0.00763	1.91700	0.00053	0.13914
Kurtosis	0.15817	1.40808	6.29914	-0.70390	20.78781
Skewness	0.44424	-0.72517	-0.99965	-0.36525	-3.35405
Range	0.19130	0.45740	11.00237	0.08950	3.37881
Minimum	-0.06590	-0.25970	-5.98416	0.06000	-2.44585
Maximum	0.12540	0.19770	5.01821	0.14950	0.93296
Sum	0.90192	0.15466	-43.89097	10.56442	3.81802
Count	96.00000	96.00000	96.00000	96.00000	96.00000

The table shows that the data used spreads over a span of eight years starting from January 2008 to December 2015 which makes a count of 96 months. A close to 100 observations would give more reliable generalizations.

The mean is a single value which represents the data over the taken period. Gold, oil and stock returns have been low overall if we consider mean value. Forex returns have been significantly negative because Pakistani currency was continuously depreciating over these 96 months. Interest rate was 11% on average.

Standard deviation shows that Forex market and stock market has been extremely volatile and risky but gold, oil and interest rates have remained consistent. This shows that gold and oil markets are more for investors who want average but fixed returns and on the other hand, forex and stock markets are attractive for investors who are willing to take higher risks for higher returns.

The shape of the data distribution is close to the normal distribution as the skewness of all independent variables is close to zero. However, the skewness of stock returns is less than zero which indicates that their distribution pattern has a tail extended towards the left side of the mean. The tail of oil, forex and interest rate distributions are also extended slightly towards the left side of the mean which means that most of the data points have been below mean. Another measure of distribution, kurtosis, shows that forex returns and more especially the stock returns have extreme values in their data and hence their distribution is relatively peaked.

## **Regression Analysis:**

The Correlation analysis only tells about the strength of relationship between two variables, it does not tells about the magnitude or lead/lag of the relationship whereas regression analysis tells about both. So, in addition to correlation, regression was necessary to be carried out. Both simple regression (for individual relationships) and multiple regression model has been used.

Regression St	tatistics							
Multiple R	0.246834655							
R Square	0.060927347							
Adjusted R Square	0.050937212							
Standard Error	0.363386321							
Observations	96				· · · ·			
ANOVA								
	df	SS	MS	F	Significance F			
Regression	1	0.805337788	0.805338	6.098751	0.015332221			
Residual	94	12.41266412	0.13205					
Total	95	13.21800191						
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	Coefficients	Standard Error	t Stat	P-value	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	ower 95.0%	Upper 95.0%
Intercept	0.061068808	0.038077446	1.603805	0.112112	-0.014534854	0.136672	-0.01453	0.136672471
X1	-2.26692502	0.917945065	-2.46957	0.015332	-4.08952646	-0.44432	-4.08953	-0.444323571

## 1. Gold Return and KSE Stock Returns:

The regression analysis between gold and stock returns in short term showed that only 5.09% of the overall sample of stock price movements can be explained by the gold returns in Pakistan. The t-test has been used here as it is best for simple regression. The coefficient figures show that 1% change in value of gold returns causes a decline of 2.26% in stock returns in Pakistan. The p-value is less than 0.05 (i.e. 0.0153), hence the null hypothesis has been rejected. Which means, that gold returns do impact and helps in determining stock returns but as their adjusted R-square is very low, this impact is low.

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Regression St	atistics							
Multiple R	0.243272265							
R Square	0.059181395							
Adjusted R Square	0.049172686							
Standard Error	0.363723974							
Observations	96							
ANOVA								
	df	SS	MS	F	Significance F			
Regression	1	0.78225979	0.78226	5.91299	0.016924394			
Residual	94	12.43574212	0.132295					
Total	95	13.21800191						
	Coefficients	Standard Error	t Stat	P-value	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	Lower 95.0%	Upper 95.0%
Intercept	0.038097173	0.037128804	1.026081	0.307486	-0.035622938	0.1118173	-0.0356229	0.11181728
X2	1.039020085	0.427287676	2.431664	0.016924	0.190630389	1.8874098	0.19063039	1.88740978

#### 2. Oil Return and KSE Stock Returns:

Regression analysis shows that oil returns only explains the stock returns by 4.917% (as indicated by adjusted R-square value). The p-value is 0.016 which is less than 0.05, thus the null hypothesis has been rejected and these variables do impact each other but that effect is insignificant. Every 1% change in oil returns causes 1.03% change in stock returns in Pakistani market.

## 3. Forex Returns and KSE Stock Returns:

Forex returns only explain 2.68% of the changes in stock returns. The P-value is higher than 0.05 (i.e. 0.06) which means that the null hypothesis has been accepted in this case. So, in short term, forex returns do not determine stock returns in Pakistan.

Regression St	atistics							
Multiple R	0.19256009							
R Square	0.03707939							
Adjusted R Square	0.02683555							
Standard Error	0.36797153							
Observations	96							
ANOVA								
	df	SS	MS	F	Significance F			
Regression	1	0.490115434	0.490115	3.619678	0.060160915			
Residual	94	12.72788647	0.135403					
Total	95	13.21800191						
	Coefficients	Standard Error	t Stat	P-value	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	Lower 95.0%	Upper 95.0%
Intercept	0.06348913	0.039570977	1.604437	0.111973	-0.015079971	0.1420582	-0.01508	0.142058236
Х3	0.05187713	0.027267224	1.902545	0.060161	-0.002262588	0.1060168	-0.0022626	0.106016838

## 4. Interest Rates and KSE Stock Returns:

Regression St	tatistics						<u> </u>	(
Multiple R	0.104068435						1 1	
R Square	0.010830239							
Adjusted R Square	0.000307157							
Standard Error	0.372953248							
Observations	96			,	,			1
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ANOVA								
	df	SS	MS	F	Significance F			
Regression	1	0.143154122	0.143154	1.029189	0.312953418			
Residual	94	13.07484779	0.139094					
Total	95	13.21800191						
	Coefficients	Standard Error	t Stat	P-value	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	Lower 95.0%	Upper 95.0%
Intercept	0.225824755	0.187304935	1.205653	0.230977	-0.146073584	0.5977231	-0.14607358	0.597723094
X4	-1.69069058	1.666543287	-1.01449	0.312953	-4.999651348	1.6182702	-4.99965135	1.618270178

The t-test has been used here as well. The regression results show that the interest rate and stock returns have no relationship and interest rates cannot be used to forecast future stock prices as the p-value is greater than 0.05; our null hypothesis has been accepted.

Rearession St	atistics							
Multiple R	0.41735339							
R Square	0.17418386							
Adjusted R Square	0.13788425							
Standard Error	0.34634099							
Observations	96							
ANOVA								
	df	SS	MS	F	Significance F			
Regression	4	2.302362538	0.575591	4.798505	0.001475093			
Residual	91	10.91563937	0.119952					
Total	95	13.21800191						
	Coefficients	Standard Error	t Stat	P-value	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	Lower 95.0%	Upper 95.0%
Intercept	0.13641442	0.180230001	0.756891	0.451071	-0.221590338	0.49441918	-0.2215903	0.494419177
X1	-2.41255381	0.934506961	-2.58163	0.011431	-4.268837089	-0.5562705	-4.2688371	-0.556270532
X2	1.28849957	0.413480774	3.116226	0.002451	0.467170811	2.10982834	0.46717081	2.109828336
X3	0.04581035	0.026070667	1.75716	0.082254	-0.005975831	0.09759652	-0.0059758	0.097596524
X4	-0.50077994	1.633358328	-0.3066	0.759852	-3.745245608	2.74368573	-3.7452456	2.743685728

## 5. Gold Returns, Oil Returns, Forex Returns and KSE Stock Returns:

In the end, the combined regression analysis of all the independent variables with the dependent variable i.e. stock returns has also been carried out. Results shows that together all of the chosen independent variables only explain 13.78% of the movements in stock prices. This shows that all of these variables do not help much in forecasting stock returns.

Here, F-test has been used as t-test can only determine one co-efficient at a time; f-test is more reliable in multiple regression. The significance F-value is approves the alternate hypothesis. Gold and oil returns changes stock returns of Pakistan by -2.412% and 1.288% respectively by a change of 1%.

# **PART 2: LONG TERM ANALYSIS**

## **Correlation, Descriptive and Regression Analysis**

## **Correlation Analysis:**

	GOLD RETURNS (X1)	OIL RETURNS (X2)	FOREX RETURNS (X3)	INTEREST RATES (X4)	KSE- RETURNS (Y)
GOLD RETURNS (X1)	1				
OIL RETURNS (X2)	0.48937	1			
FOREX RETURNS (X3)	-0.54706	-0.47076	1		
INTEREST RATES (X4)	0.24309	0.44382	-0.41775	1	
KSE- RETURNS (Y)	-0.71406	-0.52055	0.67808	-0.37157	1

In the long term, gold returns had a relatively strong correlation with stock returns but it is negative which means that investors can diversify their portfolio and maximize return by investing in both markets. The oil returns are also intermediately correlated with stock returns. But oil market is also proven to be a good diversifier for portfolio as it has a negative correlation with stocks. The forex returns, however, has a slightly strong positive correlation with stock market in Pakistan.

None of the independent variables is highly correlated with other independent variables which is good as we don't have to deal with multicollinearity.

Interest rates have a quite weak relationship with our dependent variable; stock returns as compared to its relationship with other variables.

Overall, in the long term, it has been proven that gold and oil markets can be used to hedge against a stock investment. And forex movements come in tandem with stock price movements.

	X1: Gold returns	X2: Oil returns	X3: Forexreturns	X4:Interest rates	Y: Stock returns
Mean	0.009395005	0.001836854	-0.062215943	0.11004599	0.191425
Standard Error	0.006309346	0.011809683	0.019741861	0.008021434	0.101777818
Median	0.014083333	0.009154167	-0.057901668	0.113677708	0.2227
Mode	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A	#N/A
Standard Deviation	0.017845526	0.033402829	0.055838414	0.022688041	0.287871141
Sample Variance	0.000318463	0.001115749	0.003117928	0.000514747	0.082869794
Kurtosis	-1.180776368	0.03092538	-1.222530642	-0.479659248	2.711115207
Skewness	-0.28179231	0.167298627	-0.425237683	-0.632299858	-1.39349728
Range	0.051808333	0.106320318	0.152943828	0.06475	0.9392
Minimum	-0.017966667	-0.047386984	-0.146952155	0.07	-0.4172
Maximum	0.033841667	0.058933333	0.005991673	0.13475	0.522
Sum	0.075160039	0.014694834	-0.497727542	0.880367917	1.5314
Count	8	8	8	8	8

## **Descriptive Analysis**:

The long term analysis constitute a yearly data for the period of 2008-2015; eight years. The mean tells that the gold and oil returns have remained low i.e. 0.9% and 0.1% respectively and interest rate has remained around 11%. Forex returns have been negative (-6.2%) on average but stock returns were 19%. But, on the other hand, stock market has been the most volatile amongst these as shown by std. deviation.

Skewness shows that except stock returns which had most of the data points on the left side of mean, all other variables had a normal distribution. The kurtosis re-affirms the same that stock returns distribution is peaked and it has extreme values.

Overall, the distributions has been quite normal and thus we can rely on the data and results. Stock market has been the high-risk, high-return opportunity and all other markets have almost remained stable.

## **Regression Analysis:**

## 1. Gold Return and KSE Stock Returns:

The long term regression analysis in Pakistani market explored that the gold returns explain 42.8% of the changes in stock returns. Again, the t-test has been used. The p-value (of 0.046) approves our alternate hypothesis that these two are inter-related. The coefficient value, which is negative, points that every 1% increase in gold returns causes 11.5% decrease in stock returns.

Regression Statistics								
Multiple R	0.714057708							
R Square	0.50987841							
Adjusted R Square	0.428191478							
Standard Error	0.217682462							
Observations	8							
ANOVA								
	df	SS	MS	F	Significance F			
Regression	1	0.29577463	0.295775	6.24186	0.046630861			
Residual	6	0.284313925	0.047386					
Total	7	0.580088555						
	Coefficients	Standard Error	t Stat	P-value	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	Lower 95.0%	Upper 95.0%
Intercept	0.299642901	0.088314373	3.392912	0.014623	0.083545414	0.51574039	0.08354541	0.515740388
X1	-11.5186636	4.610468682	-2.49837	0.046631	-22.80007408	-0.2372532	-22.8000741	-0.23725316

## 2. Oil Return and KSE Stock Returns:

The Pakistani Oil market returns can only explain 14.9% of the changes in stock returns as indicated by the adjusted R-square figure. The p-value (of 0.185) shows that our null hypothesis has been accepted; thus the oil returns do not impact or determine stock returns in the long term.

Regression S	Statistics							
Multiple R	0.520552149							
R Square	0.27097454							
Adjusted R Square	0.149470296							
Standard Error	0.265486762							
Observations	8							
ANOVA								
	df	SS	MS	F	ignificance F	-		
Regression	1	0.157189229	0.157189	2.230165	0.18595169			
Residual	6	0.422899326	0.070483					
Total	7	0.580088555						
	Coefficients	Standard Error	t Stat	P-value	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	Lower 95.0%	Upper 95.0%
Intercept	0.199665505	0.094025802	2.123518	0.077904	-0.0304073	0.4297384	-0.030407345	0.429738354
X2	-4.486205058	3.004073814	-1.49337	0.185952	-11.836909	2.8644988	-11.83690888	2.86449876

### 3. Forex Return and KSE Stock Returns:

The table shows the regression analysis for long term. R-square indicates that exchange rates changes help 36.9% in explaining the changes in stock prices. Similarly, the coefficient values suggest that a 1% change in forex returns would cause 3.49% change in stock returns. But, the p-value approves our null hypothesis as it is greater than 0.05. Hence, we'll conclude that in longer term, stock prices do not get affected much by forex returns.

Regression St	tatistics							
Multiple R	0.678075964							
R Square	0.459787013							
Adjusted R Square	0.369751516							
Standard Error	0.22853569							
Observations	8							
ANOVA								
	df	SS	MS	F	Significance F			
Regression	1	0.266717184	0.266717	5.10673	0.064565206			
Residual	6	0.313371371	0.052229					
Total	7	0.580088555						
	Coefficients	Standard Error	t Stat	P-value	Lower 95%	Upper 95%	Lower 95.0%	Upper 95.0%
Intercept	0.408917904	0.12566414	3.254054	0.017378	0.10142883	0.716407	0.10142883	0.716406977
X3	3.495774454	1.54693455	2.259808	0.064565	-0.289438028	7.2809869	-0.28943803	7.280986937

## 4. Interest rates and KSE Stock Returns:

The interest rates do not impact stock returns of Pakistan in the long term as illustrated by p-value.

Regression St	atistics							
Multiple R	0.104068435							
R Square	0.010830239							
Adjusted R Square	0.000307157							
Standard Error	0.372953248							
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#### 1. Gold Returns, Oil Returns, Forex Returns, Interest rates and KSE Stock Returns:

The combined regression analysis for long term has shown that all of these variables don't impact and cannot determine stock returns as the *Significance F* value is greater than 0.05. Among these variables, the gold returns and interest rates play a relatively bigger role in explaining the sample and population of stock market returns.

Regression St	atistics							
Multiple R	0.41735339							
R Square	0.17418386							
Adjusted R Square	0.13788425							
Standard Error	0.34634099							
Observations	96							
ANOVA								
	df	SS	MS	F	Significance F			
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X3	0.04581035	0.026070667	1.75716	0.082254	-0.005975831	0.09759652	-0.0059758	0.097596524
X4	-0.50077994	1.633358328	-0.3066	0.759852	-3.745245608	2.74368573	-3.7452456	2.743685728

## **Limitations and Areas for Future Research**

Like every research, there are many limitations because of time, scope and data unavailability constraints. From this study, I have tried to include most of the important variables that can help explain the stock market behavior but other variables like commodities futures, GDP rate and other can be taken for future research purposes as this study has found out that gold, oil and forex markets and interest rates do not help much in explaining stock returns. Also, this study was specifically confined to Pakistani market; more markets could be considered for comparison purposes. And to get more accurate generalizations. Then, the data taken was just eight years, more years could also be taken.

#### **Conclusion and Recommendations**

This study took data from after 2008 financial crisis to find out the recent trends of stock market, after the crisis. The results show that forex market and stock markets follow a very peculiar and volatile trend while gold and oil markets are more for savvy investors who want consistent returns. In Pakistani market, the gold, oil and forex markets have very little impact on stock market in short term but they do have a weak relationship. In short term, the gold and oil returns have the most significant impact on stocks but they also do not help much in predicting future stock returns. However, in the long run, all of these factors combined do not impact stock returns much and even in the long term, gold returns have the relatively most significant impact on stock market returns. This could be due to the fact that investors and general public have always used gold when stock markets go through downward trajectory. Both of these (gold and stock) can be taken to optimize portfolio returns as they have negative correlation.

The results also show that forex returns have remained negative on average in both short and long term; hence Pakistani currency might not be a good investment tool. Money market funds can be a good opportunity for stable and positive returns. Talking about their relationship with stock returns, a strong long term correlation has been found between the two but the exchange rate does not help in determining stock returns; they might have an opposite relationship i.e. stock returns affecting forex returns but nothing can be said about that. In short term, they share a weak relationship.

It is mostly argued that as the interest rates keep on falling, there is an even more bright opportunity to invest in stocks as they have a negative correlation. But, this study has found no significant long term or short term relationship between the two. But they do have an inverse relationship.

From the correlation analysis, we can conclude that there is an opportunity for investors to diversify their portfolios by investing in all these markets (gold, oil, forex and debt) because these markets do not significantly impact each other.

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## APPENDIX

# Exhibit 1: Data for Short term Analysis

# of Obs Time perio		GOLD RETURNS	OIL RETURNS	FOREX RETURNS	<b>INTEREST RATES</b>	<b>KSE- RETURNS</b>	
# of Obs	Time period	<b>X</b> 1	<b>X</b> 2	<b>X</b> 3	<b>X</b> 4	Y	
1	1/1/2008	10.76%	1.55%	100.00%	10.00%	-0.6911%	
2	2/1/2008	3.68%	3.23%	-40.21%	10.31%	33.8003%	
3	3/1/2008	5.20%	8.83%	-20.96%	10.49%	6.5235%	
4	4/1/2008	-2.39%	11.27%	-126.75%	10.80%	-3.9513%	
5	5/1/2008	3.92%	19.77%	-598.42%	11.30%	-102.9655%	
6	6/1/2008	-0.55%	6.43%	51.24%	11.78%	10.0098%	
7	7/1/2008	11.12%	6.00%	-472.21%	12.25%	-62.4071%	
8	8/1/2008	-6.05%	-9.04%	-498.44%	12.70%	-65.8609%	
9	9/1/2008	2.61%	-10.10%	-372.46%	13.15%	-1.4629%	
10	10/1/2008	0.96%	-23.95%	-406.09%	13.60%	0.2098%	
11	11/1/2008	-6.07%	-25.97%	63.70%	14.30%	0.2298%	
12	12/1/2008	6.03%	-24.03%	126.73%	14.95%	-244.5850%	
13	1/1/2009	5.45%	5.96%	-20.47%	14.50%	-40.0036%	
14	2/1/2009	10.28%	-4.50%	-45.68%	14.00%	35.3613%	
15	3/1/2009	-0.99%	13.57%	-98.09%	14.00%	93.2961%	
16	4/1/2009	-3.52%	7.28%	-19.93%	14.00%	25.2481%	
17	5/1/2009	4.49%	15.74%	-16.27%	14.00%	5.7396%	
18	6/1/2009	2.40%	19.64%	-53.19%	13.35%	-6.3185%	
19	7/1/2009	0.18%	-5.16%	-127.89%	13.00%	33.5243%	
20	8/1/2009	2.42%	11.66%	-92.47%	13.00%	61.0624%	
21	9/1/2009	5.03%	-4.49%	-9.00%	13.00%	37.9826%	
22	10/1/2009	5.13%	8.80%	-44.63%	12.50%	-7.6617%	
23	11/1/2009	8.37%	5.02%	-28.34%	12.50%	3.9575%	
24	12/1/2009	1.37%	-2.80%	-65.25%	12.00%	9.8282%	
25	1/1/2010	-0.88%	3.62%	-61.09%	12.00%	12.2506%	
26	2/1/2010	-1.63%	-2.73%	-44.84%	12.00%	2.6481%	
27	3/1/2010	1.01%	5.47%	65.10%	12.50%	24.2706%	
28	4/1/2010	2.61%	5.52%	49.02%	12.50%	11.1973%	
29	5/1/2010	5.43%	-9.80%	-46.63%	12.50%	-52.2121%	
30	6/1/2010	3.48%	0.09%	-111.70%	12.50%	19.8113%	
31	7/1/2010	-2.98%	-0.01%	-25.58%	12.50%	36.1514%	
32	8/1/2010	2.01%	1.92%	-12.14%	12.93%	-30.6580%	
33	9/1/2010	4.76%	0.52%	-18.05%	13.00%	10.3604%	
34	10/1/2010	5.78%	7.56%	-20.93%	13.44%	27.2181%	
35	11/1/2010	1.59%	2.95%	46.49%	12.80%	32.7567%	
36	12/1/2010	1.72%	6.77%	-19.04%	12.00%	32.4908%	
37	1/1/2011	-2.48%	2.85%	3.43%	13.80%	13.5874%	
38	2/1/2011	0.76%	5.01%	42.63%	13.60%	-47.0101%	
39	3/1/2011	3.75%	11.19%	-2.80%	13.80%	21.1871%	
40	4/1/2011	3.04%	6.16%	83.92%	14.00%	10.0798%	
41	5/1/2011	2.87%	-6.41%	-68.58%	14.00%	2.7848%	
42	6/1/2011	1.80%	-1.44%	-66.87%	14.00%	14.0080%	
43	7/1/2011	3.14%	2.21%	-27.26%	14.00%	-11.6002%	
44	8/1/2011	12.54%	-6.24%	-69.34%	13.50%	-44.6644%	
45	9/1/2011	1.75%	1.34%	-97.56%	13.50%	31.1241%	
46	10/1/2011	-6.59%	-1.56%	58.52%	13.50%	5.3251%	
47	11/1/2011	4.39%	5.45%	3.90%	12.00%	-14.8804%	
48	12/1/2011	-2.86%	1.76%	-269.60%	12.00%	-7.6242%	
49	1/1/2012	1.63%	3.54%	-88.26%	11.60%	21.2441%	
50	2/1/2012	5.97%	5.96%	-53.29%	11.75%	38.8356%	

51	3/1/2012	-3 86%	4 59%	-10 46%	11 75%	32 0280%
52	4/1/2012	-1.53%	-3.52%	8.72%	11.50%	8.1055%
53	5/1/2012	-2.98%	-7.90%	-68.59%	11.00%	-6.1180%
54	6/1/2012	3.80%	-10.01%	-303.31%	11.00%	0.8107%
55	7/1/2012	-0.36%	6.85%	-27.84%	10.50%	25.0694%
56	8/1/2012	2.62%	8.90%	-9.33%	10.50%	30.3589%
57	9/1/2012	7.15%	1.11%	-12.87%	10.00%	1.9393%
58	10/1/2012	0.92%	-1.96%	-79.81%	9.60%	14.2487%
59	11/1/2012	-0.76%	-1.48%	-67.08%	9.00%	19.5590%
60	12/1/2012	-0.91%	1.26%	-122.90%	9.00%	9.9616%
61	1/1/2013	-0.48%	4.12%	-29.24%	9.50%	10.1058%
62	2/1/2013	-2.17%	3.00%	-50.70%	9.50%	27.8052%
63	3/1/2013	-2.01%	-4.59%	-9.36%	9.50%	-3.0702%
64	4/1/2013	-6.37%	-3.42%	-25.57%	9.50%	23.2621%
65	5/1/2013	-4.90%	0.58%	-42.56%	9.50%	64.0132%
66	6/1/2013	-4.79%	0.62%	0.00%	9.50%	-18.4302%
67	7/1/2013	-2.34%	7.65%	-177.66%	9.00%	45.7291%
68	8/1/2013	7.65%	5.15%	-230.02%	9.00%	-27.4765%
69	9/1/2013	2.06%	2.98%	-219.34%	9.00%	-6.2114%
70	10/1/2013	-1.57%	-2.25%	-95.06%	9.50%	22.7407%
71	11/1/2013	-1.99%	-1.62%	-124.50%	10.00%	34.5411%
72	12/1/2013	-4.65%	2.41%	61.08%	10.00%	18.5721%
73	1/1/2014	0.34%	-4.52%	140.52%	10.00%	26.7960%
74	2/1/2014	4.12%	2.20%	26.21%	9.80%	-19.6884%
75	3/1/2014	-2.37%	-5.75%	501.82%	9.80%	25.1063%
76	4/1/2014	-4.95%	-1.35%	254.15%	9.80%	28.8810%
77	5/1/2014	0.32%	1.83%	-107.48%	9.70%	1.2728%
78	6/1/2014	-0.55%	2.30%	0.15%	9.80%	-0.2860%
79	7/1/2014	2.47%	-2.72%	-0.21%	9.60%	2.2310%
80	8/1/2014	0.00%	-3.37%	-1.68%	9.40%	-5.7610%
81	9/1/2014	-2.02%	-2.09%	-2.02%	9.00%	4.0558%
82	10/1/2014	-1.02%	-9.87%	-0.35%	9.00%	2.1871%
83	11/1/2014	-4.44%	-11.40%	0.98%	9.00%	2.7042%
84	12/1/2014	0.75%	-22.13%	0.99%	9.00%	2.9915%
85	1/1/2015	4.18%	-21.72%	0.07%	9.00%	7.1973%
86	2/1/2015	-1.22%	16.55%	-0.69%	8.00%	-2.3570%
87	3/1/2015	-3.40%	-3.50%	-0.32%	8.00%	-10.1040%
88	4/1/2015	1.71%	8.59%	0.10%	7.50%	11.5635%
89	5/1/2015	-0.07%	8.95%	-0.12%	7.50%	-1.9960%
90	6/1/2015	-1.42%	-1.96%	0.07%	6.50%	4.0599%
91	7/1/2015	-4.40%	-11.26%	2.78%	6.50%	3.9032%
92	8/1/2015	-0.43%	-15.45%	-2.98%	6.50%	-2.8400%
93	9/1/2015	2.39%	3.13%	-0.62%	6.50%	-7.0240%
94	10/1/2015	3.19%	1.69%	0.19%	6.00%	6.1144%
95	11/1/2015	-5.60%	-7.37%	0.17%	6.00%	-5.8560%
96	12/1/2015	-2.36%	-4.20%	1.20%	6.00%	1.5583%

## Exhibit 2: Data for Long-term Analysis

# of	Time nation	GOLD RETURNS	OIL RETURNS	FOREX RETURNS	INTEREST RATES	KSE- RETURNS
Obs	nine period	<b>X</b> 1	<b>X</b> 2	<b>X</b> 3	<b>X</b> 4	Y
1	2008	2.44%	-3.00%	-12.976%	12.14%	10.77%
2	2009	3.38%	5.89%	-14.695%	13.32%	-41.72%
3	2010	1.91%	1.82%	-4.014%	12.56%	35.74%
4	2011	1.84%	1.69%	-1.295%	13.48%	28.53%
5	2012	0.97%	0.61%	-8.069%	10.60%	10.45%
6	2013	-1.80%	1.22%	-7.566%	9.46%	52.20%
7	2014	-0.61%	-4.74%	0.599%	9.49%	41.16%
8	2015	-0.62%	-2.03%	-1.757%	7.00%	16.01%

Data Sources:

(Bullion-rates.com, 2016)

(Finance.yahoo.com, 2016)

(Financehub.pk, 2016)

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(Usforex.com, 2016)

# Normal Probability Plot of Regression between Gold returns and Stock returns



01	Duralistady	Destationals		0.0004-0005-		61	0.071950048	0.029107677
Obs.	Predicted Y	Residuals	27	0.038172865	0.204532745	62	0.110261081	0.167791291
1	-0.18285232	0.175940848	28	0.001902065	0.110071077	63	0.106634001	-0.13733609
2	-0.02235403	0.360356942	29	-0.06202522	-0.46009604	64	0.205471932	0.027148707
-	0.05001120	0.1000000012	30	-0.01782018	0.215933182	65	0.172148134	0.467984107
3	-0.05681129	0.122046423	31	0.128623174	0.232890709	66	0.169654516	-0.35395657
4	0.115248316	-0.15476097	32	0.015503615	-0.32208319	67	0.114114853	0.343176452
5	-0.02779465	-1.00186045	33	-0.04683682	0.150440806	68	-0.11235096	-0.16241361
6	0 073536896	0 026561118	34	-0.06995946	0.342140259	69	0.014370153	-0.07648397
	0.10101025	0.4220501110	35	0.0250247	0.302542337	70	0.096659531	0.13074767
/	-0.19101325	-0.43305732	36	0.022077698	0.30283005	71	0.106180616	0.239229993
8	0.198217772	-0.85682708	37	0.117288549	0.018585818	72	0.166480821	0.019239768
9	0.001902065	-0.01653093	38	0.043840178	-0.5139409	73	0.053361263	0.21459866
10	0 030306338	-0 03720821	39	-0.02394088	0.235811639	74	-0.0323285	-0.16455525
10	0.033300328	-0.03720021	40	-0.00784571	0.108643464	75	0.114794931	0.136268446
11	0.1986/115/	-0.19637363	41	-0.00399194	0.031840225	76	0.173281596	0.115528887
12	-0.07562677	-2.37022359	42	0.020264158	0.119815916	77	0.053814648	-0.04108631
13	-0.06247861	-0.3375577	43	-0.01011264	-0.10588918	/8	0.073526452	-0.07638645
1/	_0 17107108	0 525582776	44	-0.22320359	-0.22344012	79	0.004969703	0.017340297
14	-0.1/19/108	0.323383770	45	0.02139762	0.289843879	80	0.001040238	-0.11605024
15	0.083511366	0.849449987	46	0.210459167	-0.15720783	81	0.10077143	-0.06241998
16	0.140864569	0.111616185	47	-0.0384492	-0.11035493	83	0.161656276	-0.13461428
17	-0.04071613	0.098111989	48	0.125902864	-0.20214512	84	0.044095013	-0.01418001
19	0 006662608	-0.0608/17/16	49	0.02411793	0.188323531	85	-0.03365853	0.105631525
10	0.000002008	-0.00384740	50	-0.07426662	0.462622691	86	0.088735489	-0.11230549
19	0.056988343	0.278254989	51	0.148572114	0.171708386	87	0.138248396	-0.2392884
20	0.006209223	0.604414332	52	0.095752761	-0.01469745	88	0.022213296	0.093421704
21	-0.05295752	0.432783887	53	0.128623174	-0.18980329	89	0.062707781	-0.08266778
22	0.05522445	0 02120257	54	-0.02507434	0.033181335	90	0.09328223	-0.05268323
22	-0.03322443	-0.02139237	55	0.069229738	0.181464393	91	0.1608284	-0.1217964
23	-0.12867282	0.168247623	56	0.001675373	0.30191353	92	0.070815786	-0.09921579
24	0.030011935	0.068270516	57	-0.10101633	0.1204093	93	0.006956183	-0.07719618
25	0.081017748	0.041488532	58	0.040213098	0.102274008	94	-0.0112069	0.072350895
20	0.009010696	0.07152075	59	0.078297438	0.117292846	95	0.187907975	-0.24646798
26	0.038013080	-0.0/1538/5	60	0.081697826	0.017918155	96	0.114546308	-0.09896331

# Normal Probability Plot of Regression between Oil returns and Stock returns



Obs	Predicted Y	Residuals	31	0.037993271	0.323520612	66	0.044539098	-0.228841152
1	0.054201985	-0.06111346	32	0.058046359	-0.364625932	67	0.11758221	0.339709096
2	0.071657522	0.266345388	33	0.043500078	0.060103906	68	0.091606708	-0.366371277
3	0.129842647	-0.064607517	34	0.116647092	0.15553371	69	0.069059972	-0.131173792
4	0 155194737	-0 194707391	35	0.068748266	0.258818771	70	0.014719221	0.212687979
	0.133134737	-1 272166545	36	0.108438833	0.216468915	71	0.021265048	0.324145561
S	0.243311444	-1.273100343	37	0.067709246	0.068165121	72	0.063137557	0.122583032
0	0.104906165	-0.004808151	38	0.090152079	-0.5602528	73	-0.00886653	0.276826457
/	0.100438378	-0.724508952	39	0.154363521	0.057507239	74	0.060955615	-0.257839369
8	-0.05583024	-0.602779064	40	0.10210081	-0.001303059	75	-0.02164648	0.272709858
9	-0.06684386	0.052214991	41	-0.02650401	0.050552299	76	0.024070402	0.264740082
10	-0.21074814	0.212846259	42	0.023135284	-0 177061332	77	0.057111241	-0.044382904
11	-0.23173634	0.234033866	43	-0.02673768	-0.177001332	78	0.061982692	-0.064842692
12	-0.21157935	-2.234271007	44	0.052073708	0 259221457	79	0.009884081	0.012425919
13	0.10002277	-0.50005908	46	0.02188846	0.031362879	80	0.003096497	-0.060706497
14	-0.00865873	0.362271423	47	0.094723768	-0.243527898	81	0.016364681	0.024193319
15	0 179092199	0 753869154	48	0.056383927	-0.132626179	82	-0.06443075	0.08630175
16	0 113737835	0 138742918	49	0.074878484	0.137562977	83	-0.08034643	0.107388426
17	0.201628025	0.130742310	50	0.10002277	0.288333306	84	-0.19184128	0.221756281
10	0.201036933	-0.14424507	51	0.085788195	0.234492304	85	-0.18757799	0.259550989
18	0.242160718	-0.305345574	52	0.001523666	0.079531649	86	0.210054997	-0.233624997
19	-0.01551626	0.350759596	53	-0.04398541	-0.017194708	87	0.00173147	-0.10277147
20	0.159246915	0.45137664	54	-0.06590874	0.07401573	88	0.127348999	-0.011713999
21	-0.00855483	0.388381196	55	0.109270049	0.141424082	89	0.131089471	-0.151049471
22	0.129530941	-0.206147952	56	0.130569961	0.173018942	90	0.01773238	0.02286662
23	0.090255981	-0.050681174	57	0.049630296	-0.030237327	91	-0.07889649	0.117928488
24	0.009004611	0.089277841	58	0.01773238	0.124754727	92	-0.12243143	0.09403143
25	0.0757097	0.04679658	59	0.022719676	0.172870608	93	0.070618502	-0.140858502
26	0.009731925	0.016749011	60	0.051188826	0.048427154	94	0.055656613	0.005487387
27	0.094931572	0.147774038	61	0.080904801	0.020152925	95	-0.03847861	-0.020081393
27	0.095451082	0.01652206	62	0.069267776	0.208784597	96	-0.00554167	0.02112467
20	0.053431082	0.01032200	63	-0.00959385	-0.021108239			
29	-0.0057208	-0.436394403	64	0.002562686	0.230057953			
30	0.039032291	0.159080708	65	0.04412349	0.596008751			

# Normal Probability Plot of Regression between Forex returns & Stock returns



31	0.05021956	0.31129432	66	0.06348913	-0.247791187
32	0.05719195	-0.363771523	67	-0.0286757	0.485967021
33	0.0541265	0.049477487	68	-0.0558363	-0.218928307
34	0.05263246	0.219548343	69	-0.0502956	-0.011818231
35	0.08760543	0.239961605	70	0.01417243	0.21323477
36	0.05361065	0.271297098	71	-0.0010991	0.346509681
37	0.06526689	0.070607476	72	0.09517386	0.090546731
38	0.08560522	-0.555705939	73	0.13638778	0.13157214
39	0.0620346	0.149836155	74	0.07708864	-0 273972396
40	0.10702561	-0.006227854	75	0.37381070	-0.07275591
41	0.02791008	-6.17902E-05	75	0.105222	0.002/3331
42	0.02879847	0.111281608	70	0.195555	0.09347748
43	0.04934559	-0.165347404	77	0.00772938	0.00499895
44	0.02751513	-0.474158838	78	0.06356551	-0.06642551
45	0.01288017	0.298361328	79	0.06337775	-0.04106774
46	0.09384921	-0.040597875	80	0.062619	-0.120229003
47	0.06551154	-0.214315673	81	0.06244042	-0.02188242
48	-0.076371	0.000128785	82	0.06330551	-0.04143453
49	0.0177048	0.194736665	83	0.06399594	-0.036953937
50	0.03584416	0.352511917	84	0.06400433	-0.034089334
51	0.05806033	0.262220173	85	0.06352667	0.00844633
52	0.06801244	0.013042879	86	0.0631312	-0.0867012
53	0.02790416	-0.089084282	87	0.06332196	-0.164361957
54	-0.0938585	0.101965529	88	0.06353938	0.05209562
55	0.04904418	0.201649952	89	0.06342793	-0.083387934
56	0.05865015	0.244938749	90	0.06352376	-0.02292476
57	0.05681258	-0.037419613	01	0.06/9338/	-0.025901924
58	0.02208513	0.120401973	91	0.06104279	0.0023301030
59	0.02869205	0.16689823	92	0.06194278	-0.09034278
60	-0.0002672	0.099883208	93	0.06316601	-0.133406015
61	0.04832281	0.052734911	94	0.06358593	-0.002441925
62	0.0371874	0.240864968	95	0.06357732	-0.122137324
63	0.05863135	-0.089333442	96	0.06411166	-0.048528658
64	0.0502255	0.18239514			

Obs	Predicted Y	Residuals
1	0.11536626	-0.122277733
2	0.04262981	0.295373098
3	0.05261607	0.012619056
4	-0.0022646	-0.037248066
5	-0.2469521	-0.782703049
6	0.0900729	0.010025115
7	-0.1814806	-0.442590023
8	-0.1950859	-0.463523396
9	-0.12973	0.115101103
10	-0.1471794	0.149277526
11	0.09653647	-0.094238949
12	0.12923144	-2.575081799
13	0.05287218	-0.452908487
14	0.03979272	0.313819975
15	0.01260402	0.920357334
16	0.05314982	0.199330937
17	0.05504841	0.002347458
18	0.03589499	-0.099079849
19	-0.0028575	0.338100835
20	0.01551745	0.595106105
21	0.05881804	0.321008331
22	0.04033818	-0.116955191
23	0.04878973	-0.009214917
24	0.02963939	0.068643057
25	0.03179948	0.090706795
26	0.04022789	-0.013746958
27	0.0972606	0.14544501
28	0.08891726	0.023055884
29	0.03930043	-0.561421684
30	0.00554465	0.192568354

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# Normal Probability Plot of Regression between Interest rates & Stock returns



RESIDUA	AL OUTPUT		31	0.014488432	0.347025451	66	0.06520915	-0 249511204
			32	0.007302997	-0.31388257	67	0.073662602	0.383628703
Obs	Predicted Y	Residuals	33	0.006034979	0.097569004	68	0.073662602	-0.348427172
1	0.056755697	-0.063667172	34	-0.00140406	0.273584861	60	0.073662602	0.125776422
2	0.051446928	0.286555982	35	0.00941636	0.318150677	09	0.073662602	-0.135776423
3	0.048429045	0.016806085	36	0.022941885	0.301965863	70	0.06520915	0.162198051
4	0.043314706	-0.08282736	37	-0.00749055	0.143364912	/1	0.056/5569/	0.288654912
5	0.034776719	-1.06443182	38	-0.00410916	-0.465991556	72	0.056755697	0.128964893
6	0.026745939	0.073352075	39	-0.00749055	0.219361305	73	0.056755697	0.211204226
7	0.018715158	-0.642785733	40	-0.01087193	0.111669678	74	0.060137078	-0.257020832
8	0.011107051	-0.669716357	41	-0.01087193	0.038720212	75	0.060137078	0.190926299
9	0.003498943	-0.018127807	42	-0.01087193	0.150952	76	0.060137078	0.228673406
10	-0.00410916	0.006207286	43	-0.01087193	-0.105129888	77	0.061827768	-0.049099432
11	-0.015944	0.018241522	44	-0.00241847	-0.444225234	78	0.060137078	-0.062997078
12	-0.02693349	-2.418916873	45	-0.00241847	0.313659974	79	0.063518459	-0.041208459
13	-0.01932538	-0.38071093	40	-0.00241847	-0.171746015	80	0.06689984	-0.12450984
14	-0.01087193	0.36448462	47	0.022941885	-0.099184138	81	0.073662602	-0.033104602
15	-0.01087193	0.94383328	49	0.029704647	0.182736814	82	0.073662602	-0.051791602
16	-0.01087193	0.26335268	50	0.027168611	0.361187465	83	0.073662602	-0.046620602
17	-0.01087193	0.068267791	51	0.027168611	0.293111888	83	0.072662602	0.042747602
18	0.000117562	-0.063302418	52	0.031395338	0.049659978	04	0.073002002	-0.043747002
19	0.006034979	0.329208353	53	0.039848791	-0.101028912	65	0.073662602	-0.001689602
20	0.006034979	0.604588576	54	0.039848791	-0.031741799	86	0.090569508	-0.114139508
21	0.006034979	0.373791388	55	0.048302244	0.202391887	8/	0.090569508	-0.191609508
22	0.014488432	-0.091105443	56	0.048302244	0.255286659	88	0.099022961	0.016612039
23	0.014488432	0.025086376	57	0.056755697	-0.037362727	89	0.099022961	-0.118982961
24	0.022941885	0.075340567	58	0.063518459	0.078968648	90	0.115929867	-0.075330867
25	0.022941885	0.099564395	59	0.073662602	0.121927682	91	0.115929867	-0.076897867
26	0.022941885	0.003539051	60	0.073662602	0.025953378	92	0.115929867	-0.144329867
27	0.014488432	0.228217178	61	0.06520915	0.035848576	93	0.115929867	-0.186169867
28	0.014488432	0.09748471	62	0.06520915	0.212843223	94	0.12438332	-0.06323932
29	0.014488432	-0.53660969	63	0.06520915	-0.095911237	95	0.12438332	-0.18294332
30	0.014488432	0 183624568	64	0.06520915	0.16/411489	96	0 12438332	-0 10880032
	0.014400432	0.103024308	65	0.06520915	0.574923091	50	0.12400002	0.10000032



# Normal Probability Plot of Combined Regression in Short term

RESIDUAL OUTPUT		31	0.13386442	0.22764946	66	0.21239035	-0.396692404	
			32	0.04237471	-0.348954288	67	0.16498159	0.292309719
Ohs	Predicted V	Residuals	33	-0.04509206	0.148696041	68	-0.13222928	-0.142535289
1	0 10747227	0 100560700	34	0.01748751	0.254693287	69	-0.02043524	-0.041678575
2	-0.10747227	0.100300799	35	0.09326173	0.234305303	70	0.05417683	0.173230374
2	0.01918061	0.318822302	36	0.11333308	0.211574668	71	0.05643763	0.288972983
3	0.06259029	0.002644839	37	0.16543022	-0.029555851	72	0.25755237	-0.071831778
4	0.22716502	-0.266677676	38	0.13405648	-0.604157205	73	0.08426706	0.183692859
5	-0.03414605	-0.995509053	39	0.11973469	0.092136065	74	0.02829687	-0.225180625
6	0.19704207	-0.09694406	40	0.11078026	-0.009982507	75	0.30031259	-0.049249211
7	-0.3322188	-0.291851778	41	-0.11694615	0.144794433	76	0.30579002	-0.016979532
8	-0.12604143	-0.532567875	42	-0.0263089	0.166388969	77	0.05445922	-0.041730881
9	-0.29316731	0.278538451	43	0.00653735	-0.12253917	78	0.13028404	-0.133144044
10	-0.44947969	0.451577809	44	-0.34589451	-0.100749197	79	-0.00644911	0.028759111
11	-0.09419582	0.096493345	45	-0.00083516	0.312076657	80	0.04514401	-0.102754011
12	-0 33550156	-2 110348798	46	0.23450545	-0.181254108	81	0.11210612	-0.071548119
12	-0.00026363	-0 300772676	47	0.04241884	-0.19122297	82	-0.01124988	0.033120879
14	0.26061202	-0.399772070	48	0.04449326	-0.120735511	83	0.0519579	-0.024915901
14	-0.26061302	0.014225711	49	0.04418212	0 168259336	84	-0.21141409	0.241329087
15	0.22010456	0.712856796	50	-0.01407414	0.402430215	85	-0.28929742	0.361270416
16	0.23589971	0.016581046	51	0 22504555	0.09523/9/9	08	0.33872664	-0.362296637
17	0.15333777	-0.095941906	52	0.07437594	0.006679376	88	0.15524457	-0.234284371
18	0.24035318	-0.30353804	52	0.07437334	-0.081187903	80	0.21586686	-0.235826856
19	-0.05810386	0.393347197	54	-0 27827385	0.286380839	90	0.11292254	-0 072323545
20	0.12080665	0.489816906	55	0 16802/25	0.280380833	91	0.06622264	-0.027190639
21	-0.11201689	0.491843262	55	0.12102600	0.172561000	92	-0.08620184	0.057801844
22	0.04299732	-0.119614329	50	0.13102099	0.007147556	93	0.08631957	-0.156559572
23	-0.07641153	0.115986339	57	-0.07773439	0.097147330	94	0.05131	0.009834004
24	-0.02270032	0.120982775	50	0.00432740	0.13613903	95	0.14647048	-0.205030483
25	0 11621129	0 006294992	59	0.05988211	0.135706173	96	0.1097133	-0.094130296
26	0.05992847	-0 03344753	60	0.0732332	0.020382783			
20	0.03552047	0.00052402	61	0.14011408	-0.03905635			
2/	0.14973312	0.092932492	62	0.15662186	0.121430511			
28	0.10442888	0.007544264	63	0.07390084	-0.10460293			
29	-0.20481766	-0.31/3036	64	0.1867408	0.045879837			
30	-0.06014846	0.258261455	65	0.19503012	0.445102123			



Normal Probability Plot of Regression between Gold returns and Stock returns

<b>RESIDUAL OUTPUT</b>		
Observation	Predicted Y	Residuals
1	0.019163442	0.088536558
2	-0.09016787	-0.327032126
3	0.079828403	0.277571597
4	0.087411524	0.197888476
5	0.187431919	-0.082931919
6	0.50659489	0.01540511
7	0.370125021	0.041474979
8	0.371012675	-0.210912675





<b>RESIDUAL OUTPUT</b>		
Observation	Predicted Y	Residuals
1	0.334289042	-0.226589042
2	-0.064721513	-0.352478487
3	0.117867033	0.239532967
4	0.123699099	0.161600901
5	0.172224884	-0.067724884
6	0.144971188	0.377028812
7	0.412253233	-0.000653233
8	0.290817035	-0.130717035

# Normal Probability Plot of Regression between Forex returns and Stock returns



<b>RESIDUAL OUTPUT</b>		
Observation	Predicted Y	Residuals
1	-0.04470954	0.152409541
2	-0.10479369	-0.312406314
3	0.268583895	0.088816105
4	0.363657451	-0.078357451
5	0.126854639	-0.022354639
6	0.144429571	0.377570429
7	0.429863439	-0.018263439
8	0.347514234	-0.187414234

## Normal Probability Plot of Regression between Interest rates and Stock returns



<b>RESIDUAL OUTPUT</b>		
Observation	Predicted Y	Residuals
1	0.138106384	-0.030406384
2	0.082225471	-0.499425471
3	0.118311258	0.239088742
4	0.07495724	0.21034276
5	0.210499933	-0.105999933
6	0.264324133	0.257675867
7	0.262752624	0.148847376
8	0.380222958	-0.220122958



# Normal Probability Plot of Combined Regression in Long term

<b>RESIDUAL OUTPUT</b>		
Observation	Predicted Y	Residuals
1	0.051232292	0.056467708
2	-0.29028256	-0.126917438
3	0.167688742	0.189711258
4	0.331353457	-0.046053457
5	0.098458745	0.006041255
6	0.488795998	0.033204002
7	0.550812949	-0.139212949
8	0.133340379	0.026759621







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