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Evidence from South Korea**

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**Table 1 Variable Definitions**

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<b>Dependent Variable</b>	<b>Sign</b>	<b>Definition</b>
WACC		Weighted average cost of capital
<b>Variables of Interest</b>		
Audit effort	+	Natural logarithm of audit hours
<b>Control Variables</b>		
<b>1. Size</b>		
<i>Firm Size</i>	-	Natural logarithm of total assets
<i>Auditor size</i>	+/-	A dummy variable that takes 1 if an auditor is Big4, 0 otherwise
<b>2. Business Risk</b>		
<i>Market risk</i>	+	Systematic risk proxied by beta
<i>Indebtedness</i>	+	debt ratio (=total liabilities / total assets)
<i>Financial risk (Loss)</i>	+	A dummy variable that takes 1 if a firm's net income is negative, 0 otherwise
<i>Earnings management</i>	+	Absolute value of discretionary accruals, suggested by Kothari et al. (2008)
<b>3. Performance</b>		
<i>CFO (Cash performance)</i>	-	Cashflow from operation / total assets
<i>Crating</i>	-	Credit rating scores
<b>4. Governance Structure</b>		
<i>Bigown</i>	+/-	Biggest shareholder's share holdings(%)
<i>Fore</i>	+/-	Foreign investors' share holdings(%)
<b>5. Fixed effect</b>		
<i>ID</i>		Industry fixed effect
<i>YD</i>		Year fixed effect

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**Table 2 Sample selection****Panel A: WACC and audit hour sample from 2002-2014**

Initial WACC Sample	23,648
Excluding firms with insufficient obs. to compute WACC	(9,184)
Potential Sample	14,464
Excluding firms with no audit hours data available	(3,760)
Final Sample	10,704

**Panel B: audit hour (raw data) by year**

Year	Obs.	Mean audit hour	Year	Obs.	Mean audit hour
2002	721	312.76	2009	833	1052.48
2003	760	713.89	2010	851	1159.87
2004	786	882.29	2011	859	1423.46
2005	802	944.42	2012	860	1448.95
2006	823	1034.07	2013	875	1558.26
2007	827	1066.83	2014	884	1611.72
2008	823	1085.04	Total	10,704	1099.54

**Panel C: WACC by year**

Year	Obs.	Mean WACC	Year	Obs.	Mean WACC
2002	721	8.34	2009	833	6.62
2003	760	7.04	2010	851	6.54
2004	786	6.29	2011	859	6.75
2005	802	6.74	2012	860	6.39
2006	823	6.96	2013	875	5.42
2007	827	6.78	2014	884	5.04
2008	823	7.08	Total	10,704	6.61

**Table 3 Univariate Analysis**

**Descriptive Statistics and Difference Tests (Big4 vs Non-Big4)**

Var	(1) Full				(2) Big4				(3) Non-Big4				Diff (2)-(3)
	Obs.	Mean (Med)	Max (Min)	S.D	Obs.	Mean (Med)	Max (Min)	S.D	Obs.	Mean (Med)	Max (Min)	S.D	t (z)
<i>WACC</i>	10704	6.58 (6.45)	11.70 (3.04)	1.83	5659	6.51 (6.39)	11.15 (3.04)	1.63	5045	6.62 (6.50)	11.70 (3.11)	1.70	-3.79*** (-3.51***)
<i>Audit_effort</i>	10704	6.41 (6.52)	8.96 (1.79)	1.21	5659	6.78 (6.85)	8.96 (2.19)	1.17	5045	6.00 (6.25)	7.61 (1.79)	1.13	35.09*** (45.71***)
<i>Size</i>	10704	18.80 (18.54)	23.93 (13.35)	1.45	5659	19.33 (19.10)	23.93 (16.45)	1.58	5045	18.21 (18.15)	22.25 (13.35)	1.00	42.72*** (39.16***)
<i>Big4</i>	10704	0.53 (1)	1 (0)	0.50	5659				5045				
<i>Market_risk</i>	10704	0.80 (0.77)	5.68 (0.00)	0.41	5659	0.81 (0.78)	5.05 (0.00)	0.42	5045	0.79 (0.76)	5.68 (0.00)	0.42	2.05** (2.80***)
<i>Lev</i>	10704	0.42 (0.42)	8.87 (0.00)	0.22	5659	0.43 (0.43)	0.91 (0.03)	0.21	5045	0.41 (0.41)	8.87 (0.00)	0.23	3.94*** (4.51***)
<i>Loss</i>	10704	0.24 (0)	1 (0)	0.43	5659	0.21 (0)	1 (0)	0.41	5045	0.28 (0)	1 (0)	0.45	-8.13*** (-8.11***)
<i>EM</i>	10704	0.07 (0.05)	0.39 (0.00)	0.08	5659	0.07 (0.05)	0.36 (0.00)	0.07	5045	0.08 (0.05)	0.39 (0.00)	0.08	-5.18*** (-4.53***)
<i>CFO</i>	10704	0.04 (0.04)	0.58 (-6.03)	0.12	5659	0.05 (0.05)	0.51 (-2.85)	0.11	5045	0.03 (0.04)	0.58 (-6.03)	0.14	6.53*** (7.01***)
<i>Crating</i>	10704	5.12 (5)	10 (1)	1.90	5659	5.04 (5)	10 (1)	1.89	5045	5.21 (5)	10 (1)	1.92	-4.36*** (-4.52***)
<i>BigOwn</i>	10704	0.41 (0.41)	0.79 (0.06)	0.17	5659	0.42 (0.42)	0.79 (0.09)	0.17	5045	0.40 (0.40)	0.78 (0.06)	0.17	5.73*** (5.23***)
<i>Foreign</i>	10704	0.07 (0.01)	0.56 (0.00)	0.12	5659	0.09 (0.03)	0.56 (0.00)	0.13	5045	0.04 (0.01)	0.51 (0.00)	0.08	26.45*** (27.85***)

Note: t indicates t value for mean-difference test.

z indicates wilcoxon z value for median-difference test.

\*, \*\*, \*\*\* indicate significance level at 10%, 5%, 1% respectively.

See Table 1 for variable definitions.

**Table 4 Pearson Correlations**

	<i>1.</i>	<i>2.</i>	<i>3.</i>	<i>4.</i>	<i>5.</i>	<i>6.</i>
<i>1. WACC</i>	1					
<i>2. Audit_effort</i>	-0.19***	1				
<i>3. Size</i>	-0.13***	0.51***	1			
<i>4. Big4</i>	-0.03***	0.32***	0.38***	1		
<i>5. Market_risk</i>	0.59***	0.05***	0.04***	0.02**	1	
<i>6. Lev</i>	0.02*	0.06***	0.13***	0.03***	0.04***	1
<i>7. Loss</i>	0.17***	-0.01	-0.18***	-0.08***	0.06***	0.22***
<i>8. EM</i>	0.18***	-0.08***	-0.19***	-0.05***	0.09***	0.13***
<i>9. CFO</i>	-0.03***	0.03***	0.13***	0.06***	-0.01	-0.31***
<i>10. Crating</i>	-0.08***	0.03***	-0.02***	-0.05***	0.08***	0.71***
<i>11. BigOwn</i>	-0.24***	-0.03***	0.07***	0.06***	-0.22***	-0.07***
<i>12. Foreign</i>	-0.01	0.25***	0.44***	0.25***	0.02*	-0.12***
	<i>7.</i>	<i>8.</i>	<i>9.</i>	<i>10.</i>	<i>11.</i>	<i>12.</i>
<i>7. Loss</i>	1					
<i>8. EM</i>	0.21***	1				
<i>9. CFO</i>	-0.31***	-0.09***	1			
<i>10. Crating</i>	0.53***	0.20***	-0.36***	1		
<i>11. BigOwn</i>	-0.21***	-0.14***	0.09***	-0.17***	1	
<i>12. Foreign</i>	-0.14***	-0.07***	0.13***	-0.24***	-0.04***	1

Note: \*, \*\*, \*\*\* indicate significance level at 10%, 5%, 1% respectively.

See Table 1 for variable definitions.

**Table 5 Cost of capital and audit effort**

*Hypothesis: Increased audit effort will decrease a firm's required cost of capital*

Model:

$$WACC_{i,t} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Audit\_effort_{i,t} + \beta_2 Size_{i,t} + \beta_3 Big4_{i,t} + \beta_4 Market\_risk_{i,t} + \beta_5 Lev_{i,t} + \beta_6 Loss_{i,t} + \beta_7 EM_{i,t} + \beta_8 CFO_{i,t} + \beta_9 Crating_{i,t} + \beta_{12} BigOwn_{i,t} + \beta_{13} Foreign_{i,t} + ID + YD + \varepsilon_{i,t}$$

	Pred. sign	Parameter estimate	t-statistic
<i>Intercept</i>	+/-	7.98***	37.90
<b><i>Audit_effort</i></b>	+/-	<b>-0.32***</b>	<b>-25.32</b>
<i>Size</i>	+/-	-0.06***	-4.73
<i>Big4</i>	+/-	0.15***	5.04
<i>Market_risk</i>	+	2.53***	74.51
<i>Lev</i>	+	0.83***	9.02
<i>Loss</i>	+	0.59***	15.02
<i>EM</i>	+	1.57***	8.78
<i>CFO</i>	-	-0.64***	-5.37
<i>Crating</i>	-	-0.13***	-10.52
<i>BigOwn</i>	+/-	-0.68***	-8.05
<i>Foreign</i>	+/-	0.84***	6.50
<i>YD</i>		<i>Included</i>	
<i>ID</i>		<i>Included</i>	
<i>F value</i>		716.21***	
<i>Adj. R2</i>		0.4242	
<i>Obs.</i>		10704	

Note: \*, \*\*, \*\*\* indicate significance level at 10%, 5%, 1% respectively. Refer to Table 1 for variable definitions.

**Table 6 Comparative & Separate analysis: Big4 vs Non-big4**

Model:

$$WACC_{i,t} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Audit\_effort_{i,t} + \beta_2 Big4_{i,t} + \beta_3 Audit\_effort * Big4_{i,t} + \beta_4 Size_{i,t} + \beta_5 Market\_risk_{i,t} + \beta_6 Lev_{i,t} + \beta_7 Loss_{i,t} + \beta_8 EM_{i,t} + \beta_9 CFO_{i,t} + \beta_{10} Crating_{i,t} + \beta_{11} BigOwn_{i,t} + \beta_{12} Foreign_{i,t} + ID + YD + \varepsilon_{i,t}$$

$$WACC_{i,t} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Audit\_effort_{i,t} + \beta_2 Size_{i,t} + \beta_3 Big4_{i,t} + \beta_4 Market\_risk_{i,t} + \beta_5 Lev_{i,t} + \beta_6 Loss_{i,t} + \beta_7 EM_{i,t} + \beta_8 CFO_{i,t} + \beta_9 Crating_{i,t} + \beta_{12} BigOwn_{i,t} + \beta_{13} Foreign_{i,t} + ID + YD + \varepsilon_{i,t}$$

	Pred. sign	Big4 vs Non-Big4	Big4	Non-big4
<i>Intercept</i>	+/-	8.26*** (34.07)	7.61*** (30.13)	8.49*** (20.81)
<b><i>Audit_effort</i></b>	+/-	<b>-0.35*** (-20.33)</b>	<b>-0.31*** (-17.79)</b>	<b>-0.34*** (-18.84)</b>
<i>Big4</i>	+/-	0.19* (1.69)		
<i>Effort*Big4</i>	+/-	0.05** (2.32)		
<i>Size</i>	+/-	-0.06 (-5.11)	-0.05*** (-2.96)	-0.08*** (-3.36)
<i>Market_risk</i>	+	2.58*** (74.46)	2.60*** (56.71)	2.46*** (49.24)
<i>Lev</i>	+	0.82*** (9.02)	0.17 (1.22)	0.91*** (6.96)
<i>Loss</i>	+	0.59*** (14.97)	0.55*** (10.34)	0.59*** (10.11)
<i>EM</i>	+	1.56*** (8.72)	1.48*** (5.95)	1.54*** (5.97)
<i>CFO</i>	-	-0.64*** (-5.36)	1.00*** (5.50)	-1.55*** (-9.26)
<i>Crating</i>	-	-0.12*** (-10.46)	-0.04** (-2.48)	-0.14*** (-8.20)
<i>BigOwn</i>	+/-	-0.67*** (-8.04)	-0.86*** (-7.77)	-0.42*** (-3.25)
<i>Foreign</i>	+/-	0.83*** (6.36)	0.75*** (5.15)	0.81*** (2.99)
<i>YD</i>		<i>Included</i>	<i>Included</i>	<i>Included</i>
<i>ID</i>		<i>Included</i>	<i>Included</i>	<i>Included</i>
<i>F value</i>		657.24***	452.28***	362.65***
<i>Adj. R2</i>		0.4245	0.4447	0.4187
<i>Obs.</i>		10704	5659	5045

Note: \*, \*\*, \*\*\* indicate significance level at 10%, 5%, 1% respectively. Figures in parenthesis indicate t value  
See Table 1 for variable definitions.

**Table 7 Investment grade vs Non-investment grade firms**

Model:

$$WACC_{i,t} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Audit\_effort_{i,t} + \beta_2 IG_{i,t} + \beta_3 Audit\_effort * IG_{i,t} + \beta_4 Size_{i,t} + \beta_5 Big4_{i,t} + \beta_6 Market\_risk_{i,t} + \beta_7 Lev_{i,t} + \beta_8 Loss_{i,t} + \beta_9 EM_{i,t} + \beta_{10} CFO_{i,t} + \beta_{11} Crating_{i,t} + \beta_{12} BigOwn_{i,t} + \beta_{13} Foreign_{i,t} + ID + YD + \varepsilon_{i,t}$$

$$WACC_{i,t} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Audit\_effort_{i,t} + \beta_2 Size_{i,t} + \beta_3 Big4_{i,t} + \beta_4 Market\_risk_{i,t} + \beta_5 Lev_{i,t} + \beta_6 Loss_{i,t} + \beta_7 EM_{i,t} + \beta_8 CFO_{i,t} + \beta_9 Crating_{i,t} + \beta_{12} BigOwn_{i,t} + \beta_{13} Foreign_{i,t} + ID + YD + \varepsilon_{i,t}$$

	Pred. sign	IG vs NIG	IG	NIG
<i>Intercept</i>	+/-	7.90*** (33.10)	6.95*** (32.79)	7.29*** (17.26)
<b><i>Audit_effort</i></b>	+/-	<b>-0.35*** (-19.30)</b>	<b>-0.32*** (-26.18)</b>	<b>-0.33*** (-13.67)</b>
<i>IG</i>	+/-	-0.15 (-1.06)		
<i>Effort*IG</i>	+/-	0.05** (2.17)		
<i>Size</i>	+/-	-0.06*** (-4.65)	-0.02** (-1.97)	-0.05** (-2.28)
<i>Big4</i>	+	0.15*** (4.95)	0.13*** (4.45)	0.19*** (3.38)
<i>Market_risk</i>	+	2.53*** (74.46)	3.05*** (91.24)	1.89*** (30.03)
<i>Lev</i>	+	0.83*** (9.13)	-0.77*** (-7.05)	1.51*** (9.74)
<i>Loss</i>	+	0.61*** (15.22)	0.26*** (4.98)	0.61*** (10.03)
<i>EM</i>	+	1.56*** (8.71)	1.21*** (6.17)	1.52*** (5.00)
<i>CFO</i>	-	-0.62*** (-5.26)	0.56*** (3.36)	-0.64*** (-3.44)
<i>Crating</i>	-	-0.09*** (-6.38)	-0.06*** (-4.09)	0.01 (0.24)
<i>BigOwn</i>	+/-	-0.68*** (-8.04)	-0.30*** (-3.63)	-1.10*** (-7.03)
<i>Foreign</i>	+/-	0.82*** (6.26)	0.83*** (7.51)	0.23 (0.68)
<i>YD</i>		<i>Included</i>	<i>Included</i>	<i>Included</i>
<i>ID</i>		<i>Included</i>	<i>Included</i>	<i>Included</i>
<i>F value</i>		607.86***	974.02***	165.69***
<i>Adj. R2</i>		0.4250	0.6293	0.2944
<i>Obs.</i>		10704	6324	4380

Note: \*, \*\*, \*\*\* indicate significance level at 10%, 5%, 1% respectively. Figures in parenthesis indicate t value  
See Table 2 for variable definition



**Table 8 Relatively larger firms vs smaller firms**

Model:

$$WACC_{i,t} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Audit\_effort_{i,t} + \beta_2 Market_{i,t} + \beta_3 Audit\_effort * Market_{i,t} + \beta_4 Size_{i,t} + \beta_5 Big4_{i,t} + \beta_6 Market\_risk_{i,t} + \beta_7 Lev_{i,t} + \beta_8 Loss_{i,t} + \beta_9 EM_{i,t} + \beta_{10} CFO_{i,t} + \beta_{11} Crating_{i,t} + \beta_{12} BigOwn_{i,t} + \beta_{13} Foreign_{i,t} + ID + YD + \varepsilon_{i,t}$$

$$WACC_{i,t} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Audit\_effort_{i,t} + \beta_2 Size_{i,t} + \beta_3 Big4_{i,t} + \beta_4 Market\_risk_{i,t} + \beta_5 Lev_{i,t} + \beta_6 Loss_{i,t} + \beta_7 EM_{i,t} + \beta_8 CFO_{i,t} + \beta_9 Crating_{i,t} + \beta_{12} BigOwn_{i,t} + \beta_{13} Foreign_{i,t} + ID + YD + \varepsilon_{i,t}$$

	Pred. sign	KOSPI vs KOSDAQ	KOSPI	KOSDAQ
<i>Intercept</i>	+/-	8.25*** (32.04)	6.88*** (21.67)	10.62*** (27.50)
<b><i>Audit_effort</i></b>	+/-	<b>-0.32*** (-17.96)</b>	<b>-0.36*** (-19.24)</b>	<b>-0.27*** (-15.59)</b>
<i>Market</i>	+/-	0.12 (0.83)		
<i>Effort*Market</i>	+/-	-0.00 (-0.13)		
<i>Size</i>	+/-	-0.08*** (-5.54)	0.00 (0.03)	-0.22*** (-9.77)
<i>Big4</i>	+	0.14*** (4.80)	0.10** (2.21)	0.18*** (5.07)
<i>Market_risk</i>	+	2.56*** (72.27)	2.37*** (41.43)	2.68*** (61.31)
<i>Lev</i>	+	0.83*** (9.05)	0.37** (2.23)	0.72*** (6.59)
<i>Loss</i>	+	0.59*** (15.05)	0.66*** (10.49)	0.49*** (9.89)
<i>EM</i>	+	1.61*** (8.95)	1.89*** (6.07)	1.48*** (7.03)
<i>CFO</i>	-	-0.62*** (-5.16)	1.07*** (4.69)	-1.34*** (-9.66)
<i>Crating</i>	-	-0.13*** (-10.55)	-0.03 (-1.55)	-0.16*** (-10.27)
<i>BigOwn</i>	+/-	-0.67*** (-7.87)	-0.86*** (-6.96)	-0.37*** (-3.30)
<i>Foreign</i>	+/-	0.85*** (6.50)	0.78*** (4.65)	0.82*** (3.74)
<i>YD</i>		<i>Included</i>	<i>Included</i>	<i>Included</i>
<i>ID</i>		<i>Included</i>	<i>Included</i>	<i>Included</i>
<i>F value</i>		607.20***	242.88***	478.50***
<i>Adj. R2</i>		0.4248	0.3340	0.4958
<i>Obs.</i>		10704	5339	5365

Note: \*, \*\*, \*\*\* indicate significance level at 10%, 5%, 1% respectively. Figures in parenthesis indicate t value  
See Table 1 for variable definitions.

**Table 9 Cost of equity and cost of debt**

Model:

$$WACC_{i,t} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Audit\_effort_{i,t} + \beta_2 Size_{i,t} + \beta_3 Big4_{i,t} + \beta_4 Market\_risk_{i,t} + \beta_5 Lev_{i,t} + \beta_6 Loss_{i,t} + \beta_7 EM_{i,t} + \beta_8 CFO_{i,t} + \beta_9 Crating_{i,t} + \beta_{12} BigOwn_{i,t} + \beta_{13} Foreign_{i,t} + ID + YD + \varepsilon_{i,t}$$

$$Cost\ of\ Equity_{i,t} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Audit\_effort_{i,t} + \beta_2 Size_{i,t} + \beta_3 Big4_{i,t} + \beta_4 Market\_risk_{i,t} + \beta_5 Lev_{i,t} + \beta_6 Loss_{i,t} + \beta_7 EM_{i,t} + \beta_8 CFO_{i,t} + \beta_9 Crating_{i,t} + \beta_{12} BigOwn_{i,t} + \beta_{13} Foreign_{i,t} + ID + YD + \varepsilon_{i,t}$$

$$Cost\ of\ debt_{i,t} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Audit\_effort_{i,t} + \beta_2 Size_{i,t} + \beta_3 Big4_{i,t} + \beta_4 Market\_risk_{i,t} + \beta_5 Lev_{i,t} + \beta_6 Loss_{i,t} + \beta_7 EM_{i,t} + \beta_8 CFO_{i,t} + \beta_9 Crating_{i,t} + \beta_{12} BigOwn_{i,t} + \beta_{13} Foreign_{i,t} + ID + YD + \varepsilon_{i,t}$$

	Pred. sign	DV: WACC	DV: Cost of equity	DV: Cost of debt
<i>Intercept</i>	+/-	7.98*** (37.90)	5.59*** (54.54)	6.42*** (8.43)
<b><i>Audit_effort</i></b>	+/-	<b>-0.32*** (-25.32)</b>	<b>-0.39*** (-63.72)</b>	<b>-0.15*** (-3.18)</b>
<i>Size</i>	+/-	-0.06*** (-4.73)	0.05*** (8.61)	-0.07 (-1.59)
<i>Big4</i>	+	0.15*** (5.04)	0.18*** (12.69)	-0.23** (-2.19)
<i>Market_risk</i>	+	2.53*** (74.51)	3.41*** (207.79)	-0.08 (-0.70)
<i>Lev</i>	+	0.83*** (9.02)	0.33*** (7.49)	1.70*** (5.14)
<i>Loss</i>	+	0.59*** (15.02)	-0.08*** (-4.58)	1.12*** (7.80)
<i>EM</i>	+	1.57*** (8.78)	0.52*** (5.95)	3.76*** (5.80)
<i>CFO</i>	-	-0.64*** (-5.37)	0.19*** (3.29)	-1.73*** (-4.03)
<i>Crating</i>	-	-0.13*** (10.52)	-0.01** (-1.96)	0.24*** (5.51)
<i>BigOwn</i>	+/-	-0.68*** (-8.05)	-0.02 (-0.43)	-2.74*** (-8.97)
<i>Foreign</i>	+/-	0.84*** (6.50)	0.32*** (5.08)	-0.39 (-0.84)
<i>YD</i>		<i>Included</i>	<i>Included</i>	<i>Included</i>
<i>ID</i>		<i>Included</i>	<i>Included</i>	<i>Included</i>
<i>F value</i>		716.21***	4556.24***	87.30***
<i>Adj. R2</i>		0.4242	0.8224	0.0824
<i>Obs.</i>		10704	10704	10704

Note: \*, \*\*, \*\*\* indicate significance level at 10%, 5%, 1% respectively. Figures in parenthesis indicate t value  
See Table 1 for variable definitions.

**Table 10 Audit hours vs Audit fees (Incremental effect analysis)**

Model:

$$WACC_{i,t} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 Audit\_effort_{i,t} + \beta_2 Size_{i,t} + \beta_3 Big4_{i,t} + \beta_4 Market\_risk_{i,t} + \beta_5 Lev_{i,t} + \beta_6 Loss_{i,t} + \beta_7 EM_{i,t} + \beta_8 CFO_{i,t} + \beta_9 Crating_{i,t} + \beta_{12} BigOwn_{i,t} + \beta_{13} Foreign_{i,t} + ID + YD + \varepsilon_{i,t}$$

	Model1	Model2	Model3
<i>Intercept</i>	7.98*** (37.90)	8.89*** (34.25)	7.12*** (27.28)
<b><i>Audit_hours</i></b>	<b>-0.32*** (-25.32)</b>		<b>-0.35*** (-25.77)</b>
<b><i>Audit_fees</i></b>		<b>-0.12*** (-3.51)</b>	<b>0.19*** (5.54)</b>
<i>Size</i>	-0.06*** (-4.73)	-0.15*** (-8.75)	-0.11*** (-7.16)
<i>Big4</i>	0.15*** (5.04)	0.05 (1.62)	0.13*** (4.44)
<i>Market_risk</i>	2.53*** (74.51)	2.53*** (72.25)	2.51*** (74.06)
<i>Lev</i>	0.83*** (9.02)	0.93*** (9.91)	0.79*** (8.64)
<i>Loss</i>	0.59*** (15.02)	0.55*** (13.49)	0.58*** (14.63)
<i>EM</i>	1.57*** (8.78)	1.65*** (8.97)	1.55*** (8.63)
<i>CFO</i>	-0.64*** (-5.37)	-0.56*** (-4.61)	-0.63*** (-5.37)
<i>Crating</i>	-0.13*** (-10.52)	-0.13*** (-10.68)	-0.12*** (-10.51)
<i>Bigown</i>	-0.68*** (-8.05)	-0.57*** (-6.55)	-0.61*** (-7.17)
<i>Fore</i>	0.84*** (6.50)	0.79*** (5.93)	0.77*** (5.95)
<i>ID</i>	<i>Included</i>	<i>Included</i>	<i>Included</i>
<i>YD</i>	<i>Included</i>	<i>Included</i>	<i>Included</i>
<i>f value</i>	716.21***	622.15***	661.03***
<i>Adj. R2</i>	0.4242	0.3904	0.4261
<i>Obs.</i>	10704	10704	10704
<i>Mean vif</i>	1.58	1.85	1.87