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This paper is about identifying those variables that would help an analyst to identify a capital market that could be termed either as a developed or an emerging market. Current literature includes a vast body of reports where the terms developed and emerging are used widely. The basis of the application of the two descriptors has not previously been examined vigorously using quantitative method(s) to verify which characteristics are associated with each. The aim of this paper is to do that, in the hope of identifying those variables that are associated with developed and with emerging capital markets. To achieve this goal, discriminant analysis is applied. The result is a number of characteristics can be identified as discriminating factors. These findings, we believe, help to provide authenticity to the terms – developed and emerging.

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I. Introduction to Literature and Research Issue

Although the terms are widely used, there is no commonly agreed definition of what are the recognisable features of a developed, as opposed to a developing or emerging stock market. The purpose of this paper is to contribute to this discussion through identifying a number of measures that can be used to distinguish between markets in each of these categories. A secondary contribution of this form of analysis is that it may assist regulators who seek to identify which attributes are of most importance, when they put in place the structures to allow a market to develop successfully. It is widely recognised that attaining a developed capital market status will contribute to economic growth to a much greater extent than would an emerging market status because prices forming in developed markets are said to be more information efficient. Also, in sciences, it is common to subject reliability of *categories* by verifying the characteristic of categories using some quantitative analysis.

There is widespread agreement regarding the contribution that a developed stock market will make to a national economy. It is the abundance of capital outlay that differentiates a high-growth economy from one that has low growth. For example, The United Nations Millennium Declaration has highlighted the task of mobilising the financial resources needed to achieve International Development Goals and more generally, to finance the development process of developing countries (The International Conference on Financing for Development, March 2002).

There is considerable evidence that developing countries which have established a stock market early enough, and have nurtured its efficiency, are growing at a considerably faster rate than their comparators that have yet to do so. This evidence is also consistent with the observation that basic economic statistics on income calculation suggest that a unit of capital adds twice as much as a unit of labour to the creation of gross domestic product in most countries. We demonstrate this point in Table 1. We present randomly selected statistics from countries classified by The World Bank as either high-income, upper-middle-income, lower-middle-income, or low-income. The average ratio of Market Capitalisation to GDP for high-income economies is 0.883, the average for upper–income economies is 0.513, the average for lower-middle-income economies is 0.273, whereas the figure for low-income economies is just 0.080. This highlights the scarcity of capital, the original cause being paucity of capital and also lack of financial markets to harvest savings, to generate income growth, at lower stages of development. Although this observation does not indicate a causal relationship, there does appear to be a directional association.

(Insert Table 1)

In this study, we take a quantitative approach to the issue of stock market development, by examining a large sample of markets over a relatively long period. We analyse the link between the development of stock markets, and the components of market structure. In order to do this, we begin by identifying reasonable measures of stock market development. Previous literature indicates that market development is a multi-dimensional concept. Measures that are normally considered include stock

market size, liquidity, volatility, concentration, integration with world capital markets, and the legal environment (regulation and supervision) governing a market. For example, Atje and Jovanovic (1993) test the hypothesis that the stock markets have a positive impact on economic performance. They find significant correlations between economic growth and their measure of stock market development. The measure they use is the ratio of the value of stocks traded to GDP. Levine (1997) uses indicators of stock market development such as stock market size, liquidity, and volatility. De Jong and Semenov (2006) use capitalisation divided by GDP as their measure of stock market development.

There clearly are different measures of stock market development. Demirguc-Kunt and Levine (1996) show that different individual measures and indexes of stock market development are highly correlated. They also claim that greater volatility in market returns is not necessarily a sign of underdevelopment, as high volatility could actually be an indicator of development. Levine and Zervos (1998) find that stock market liquidity is positively and significantly correlated with current and future rates of economic growth, and they consider market liquidity to be a superior measure of market development. Levine (2002) uses market capitalisation as the measure for stock market development. He believes that it is a good proxy for general development because it is less arbitrary than other individual measures and indexes of stock market development. He does however suggest that there are conceptual problems with using market size to gauge market development.

None of these studies answer the question as to why one should use one indicator rather than another to measure the development process of stock markets, and neither

do they identify what factors collectively have contributed to development. Existing literature suggests three major factors that assist in indicating the stage of development of a capital market; market depth, market liquidity, and market activity. We contribute to this debate by addressing the research question as to which indicator(s) beyond those documented are more associated with the development process, and can be used to classify a market in terms of its stage of development. To do this, we employ a series of empirical tests, to identify which variables are best able to distinguish between markets at different stages of development.

At initial glance, this debate may seem a straightforward, as per capita Gross Domestic Product is widely used as the single measure of national development. For example, per capita GDP is used to classify developing countries into low income, middle income and high-income categories. As it is a measure of the size of an economy, relative value may be taken as an indicator of the stage of development. However, this clearly is a crude overall measure. As an extreme example, if oil was discovered suddenly in a country and it becomes rich by exploiting it, then per capita GDP may indicate that it is highly developed. However, it would be fallacious to rely on this single measure as an indication that such a country possesses developed financial markets. We therefore select available measures that may be connected to stock market development. These measures represent *depth, liquidity, and activity*. We then test how successfully these variables discriminate between markets that would normally be designated either as developing or developed.

The rest of the paper is organised as follows. In section two, we identify our variables, and we justify their inclusion. Section three presents summary statistical information,

and analysis of these variables. In the following section, we present results of a test of mean differences of these variables, between developed and emerging markets. In section five we offer the results of a discriminant analysis of our variables, and in a final section, we conclude with a discussion of our results.

II. Data and Variables

A good selection of data is available at the websites of the Federation of World Exchanges, the International Organization of Securities Commissions, and other regional federations, or in the websites of exchanges themselves. Data on a population of slightly less than 100 stock markets is available from these sources, and from these we chose our sample of 41 markets. This sample ranges across markets that are at different stages of development. In any case where there is more than one national stock market, the largest market is taken as representative of that country. For every national market, we also take annual GDP values in local currency, from International Financial Statistics. We then convert all currency values to a single currency, the U.S. dollar at the appropriate exchange rates, to facilitate comparisons between the markets. Variables are converted to real values considering the inflation.

Using per capita GDP values at the beginning of the study period, the 41 national markets are ranked, and those above the mean value are designated as developed, and placed in group D (13 of them). Those below this value are designated as developing or emerging, and are placed in group E. As group E contains a much larger number of national markets, it is further sub-divided into two groups of approximately the same number of markets (13 in E1 and 15 in E2), again depending on relative per capita GDP. The national markets included in each group are as follows: Group D – U.S.,

Canada, Netherlands, Finland, U.K., Luxembourg, Sweden, Switzerland, Australia, Hong Kong, Norway, Denmark, Austria; Group E1 – Singapore, Germany, Ireland, Spain, Israel, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, Slovenia, Greece, Malta, Argentina; Group E2 - Peru, South Africa, Chile, Mexico, Thailand, Brazil, Hungary, Turkey, Iran, Poland, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, India, China.

We choose per capita GDP to categorise national stock markets as either developed or emerging, as it is the most widely accepted international measure of national economic development. It is commonly used by both the World Bank, and the International Monetary Fund, IMF. Highly developed economies are more likely to have highly developed stock markets, and vice versa. By choosing this measure to categorise markets, we may be separating the issue of market size from the issue of degree of market development. There is a considerable literature demonstrating that differences in the legal environment and in the level of enforcement across countries determine levels of ownership concentration and the extent to which financing is accessed through stock markets (e.g. La Porta *et al*., 2000). For example, in civil law countries, stock markets are smaller than would otherwise be expected. This is because the legal environment tends to encourage concentrated ownership, so that financial institutions play a more prominent role in providing investment capital. The fact that these markets may be relatively smaller however offers little indication of the extent of their development, and of the extent to which they operate efficiently and effectively. We propose therefore that an indicator of national development will provide a better indicator of market development as a more objective starting point to test our hypotheses.

Annual data is gathered over a study period of eight years, from 1995 to 2003. Clearly a longer period is desirable; however this is the longest period over which data for a reasonably large number of measures are available across a sizable range of national markets. All variables have been constructed from the following available market measures: Market capitalisation, Number of listed companies, Total value of shares traded, Value of investment funds, Average value of transactions, Turnover velocity, Capital raised in the market, Number of shares traded, and Number of transactions.

Construction of the variables is summarised in Table 2. When necessary, to allow for relative scale, a variable is adjusted by the appropriate annual national GDP. Variables 1, 2, 3 and 4 offer measures of *market depth*. For variable 1, capitalisation represents total market value, and it equals the total number of shares of domestic companies, multiplied by their respective prices. When divided by GDP, it offers a measure of the relative depth of the market. In variable 2, the number of shares traded includes trading in all shares, domestic and foreign. Trading by investment funds is included. This is divided by the number by number of listed companies, to provide a measure of *corporate depth*. Variable 3 is an indicator of *market size*, as it is the number of shares listed on the specific exchange. Variable 4 is the total value of investment funds, and it again is scaled by GDP, to offer a measure of relative investment capacity.

(Insert Table 2)

Variables 5, 6, and 7 provide measures of *market liquidity*. Variable 5 represents the total value of shares traded, as it equals total number of shares traded, multiplied by

their respective prices. When divided by the number of companies, it gives an annual transaction value per company. For variable 6, the number of transactions is divided by the number of companies, to give a measure of the number of transactions per company. Variable 7 represents transaction liquidity. It equals the total value of shares traded, divided by the number of transactions, to generate an average value of transaction.

Variables 8, 9, and 10 indicate *market activity*. For variable 8, the total amount of capital raised through a new issue of shares is divided by the number of companies, to give a measure of corporate funding. Variable 9 offers a further measure of funding capacity, by dividing the annual amount of capital by national GDP. Variable 10 equals the total annual turnover of shares, divided by their market capitalisation.

III. Descriptive Statistics.

Summary statistical information on three of the four measures of market depth is presented in Table 3 for selected markets. The information is summarised for each group of national markets, and it offers an initial indication on how successfully each measure may discriminate between markets in each designated group. All measures are taken across the full study period. Variable 1 is slightly skewed, with positive kurtosis, however mean values for the D group are greater than for the E groups. This measure does appear to be related to relative levels of development. Relative mean values for E1 and E2 are as expected, however the difference between them is considerably smaller. Variable 2 is a measure of corporate depth; the distribution again is slightly skewed, with positive kurtosis. Average values however are very different, particularly if a comparison is made between the E1 and the E2 groups. An

examination of figures for individual markets indicates that the mean value for E2 is dominated by a few outliers. For example, the number of shares traded per listed company in Turkey is 52,443.83.

Institutional differences may be relevant, as the typical value of 1000 shares in one market may differ considerably from their value in other markets. Although this variable may therefore not successfully discriminate between developed and under-developed markets, the value does fall as level of development increases. Variable 3 is market size, and the average number of companies listed during the study period for D, E1, and E2, are 935, 766, and 283 respectively. The trend is as expected. The fourth variable is public investment capacity. Mean and median values are close, and kurtosis is positive. Also, as expected, the value of investment funds represents a larger percentage of GDP in markets that are more developed.

Summary values of the three variables indicating market liquidity are also presented in Table 3. Variable 5 is transaction value. Measures of standard deviation suggest a wide distribution, as is also evidenced by the considerable gap between mean and median values, which is most obvious in the D group. This may be due to outlying values. As expected, average transaction values are related to the level of development. Variable 6 is similar, as it is a measure of the number of transactions per company. Values clearly are more widely distributed in the less developed markets, as is evidenced by the standard deviations and the increasing gap between mean and median values. Variable 7 offers a direct measure of liquidity, as it indicates average value per trade. As mean and median values are reasonably close, the

distribution is close to normal, but with positive skewness and kurtosis. As expected, levels of liquidity are related to category of development.

(Insert Table 3)

A final set of measures indicate the level of market activity. Summary statistical information is presented in last rows of Table 3. Variable 8, the level of corporate funding, appears to be relatively close to a normal distribution, as mean and median values are close to each other. Skewness is low, and there is positive kurtosis. As expected, values for the developing groups are lower, however average E2 values are greater than average values for E1. Variable 9 indicates funding capacity of the national market, relative to the overall size of the economy. As expected, there is greater capacity in the more developed markets. Statistical measures indicate that this variable behaves in a similar manner to most others; however there is evidence of excess skewness and kurtosis in the E2 group. The final variable (no. 10), turnover velocity, again is close to a normal distribution. However, it may not discriminate successfully between the three groups, as average values and standard deviations for E1 are greater than for the other two groups.

(Insert Table 4)

To further investigate normality of the distribution of each variable, we present results of the Komolgrov-Smirnov D-test in Table 4. A null hypothesis is that the variable is not normally distributed. Summary test results for each variable are presented. Test

results indicate that, in all cases, a null hypothesis is rejected, and therefore that all variables are normally distributed, despite a casual look at the skewness suggests.

IV. Tests of mean differences

In most cases, an examination of these variables indicates that they do appear to distinguish successfully between developing (we are using a broader term for emerging) and developed stock markets. Most variables also appear to successfully distinguish between the degrees of development represented by the two subsidiary groups, E1 and E2.

However, it is not possible to definitively interpret the results in this way, as many of these variables clearly are related to each other, so that they could effectively be substitutes for each other. Further, looking at each variable at a time does not take into account the joint effects of all variables. The net contribution of each variable is open to question. Also, the direction of relationship between each variable and market development is not constant, as some increase when indicating greater development, whereas others decrease.

Considering the construction of these variables, this is to be expected. To examine this issue in greater depth, we provide tests of the mean differences between each variable, in each group. A 't' test statistic provides evidence of significant differences in the mean values. A non-parametric Mann-Whitney 'U' test statistic also is presented, as this test requires no assumption regarding the distribution of the variables. Also, because of differences in the number of markets allocated to each group, there are differences in the number of observations of any variable in each

group. Clearly, the inclusion of a non-parametric test is desirable. For both tests, a null hypothesis is that the mean values do not differ between groups. We also present the 'Z' statistics.

We present tests on the differences between the D group of markets, and the E1 group. We also examine differences between the E1 group and the E2 group. A further test is for differences between the D group and the entire E group, which represents a combination of the markets allocated to both E1 and E2 (as developing). A null hypothesis is that there is no significant difference between an individual variable coming from the two groups. Rejection of the hypothesis would indicate that there is a significant difference. Test statistics are presented in Table 5. Significance is tested at the 0.05 probability level. A significant result indicates rejection of the hypothesis, confirming a difference between the values of variables from each group.

(Insert Table 5)

Variables 1, 2, 3 and 4 offer measures of market depth. A test of differences between group D and group E1 indicates significant differences in three variables. The only exception is variable 2, the measure of corporate depth. As noted in earlier discussions, this variable indicates the number of shares traded per company, so it may be affected by institutional differences that are not related to the level of development. An examination of differences between the E1 and E2 groups provides a similar result. In the case of variable 2, a significant 't' test value is not confirmed by the 'U' test statistic. An examination of differences between the D group and the combined E group (developing) is able to confirm significant differences between the

values of variables 1, 3, and 4. Thus, there is discrimination between the developed and the emerging group, but no discrimination between E1 and E2 groups of emerging markets.

A measure of market liquidity is provided by variables 5, 6, and 7. An examination of these test statistics indicates that in the case of variables 5 and 7, there are clear differences between all groups. These two variables clearly distinguish between groups D and E1, between groups E1 and E2, and also between group D and the combined group, E. This confirms that, in all cases, there are significant differences between the values of variables 5 and 7. All results also indicate that variable 6, the number of transactions per listed company, does not discriminate between the various groups of markets. The 'U' test statistic indicates significant differences between group D, and group E, the combined group of those stock markets designated as developing markets. However, as this difference is not confirmed by the 't' test result, it is unlikely that variable 6 fully discriminates between even these groups.

The final three variables offer measures of market activity. Test statistics on the differences between the mean values of these variables indicate that variable 9 clearly discriminates between all of groups of markets. However, variable 10, a measure of turnover velocity, does not discriminate between group D, the group containing the most developed markets, and either E1 or the combination of E1 and E2, representing all markets designated as developing markets. Variable 8, a measure of the amount of capital raised per company, does differ between the developed group and the combined group of developing companies; however average values in each of the developing groups (E1 and E2) are not significantly different.

In summary, tests of mean differences do support the general proposition that national stock markets categorised into three separate groups do exhibit significantly different measures of market depth, market liquidity, and market activity. So the descriptor "developed" and "emerging" has distinguishing characteristics; also that weakly, there are two groups of emerging, *older-emerging* and *newly-emerging.* Most variables offering a measure of one of these attributes distinguish successfully between the three groups. Relative levels of per capita GDP were used to allocate markets to one of these groups, under the assumption that it provides a good or objective criterion, though it may be an imperfect indication of level of development of a national equity market. A reasonable conclusion is that these measures provide a further indication of level of market development. The common nomenclature emerging as one group based on GDP size in the current finance literature is invalid as the emerging markets actually consist of *two distinct sub-groups* (there are close to 70 such markets in the world). However, as many of these measures are related to each other, there will be a high degrees of correlation among them. They therefore will differ in the extent to which they contribute towards the classification of markets in terms of their degree of development.

V. Discriminant Analysis

We conclude this paper with a discriminant function analysis, to determine which variables best discriminate between the groups of developed and developing stock markets. We therefore apply a linear equation of the form:

$$\text{Group} = a\, x_1 + b\, x_2 + c\, x_3 + d\, x_4 + \ldots + e \qquad (1)$$

where X_1, X_2, etc represent the study variables, and a, b, *etc*. are the relevant coefficients for the pooled annual observations in each of these variables. The subscripts are not shown for the markets. In order to determine the contribution that each variable makes towards discriminating between the groups of markets, we present the following output values: Wilk's lambda; the Canonical correlation; Eigen value, and Chi-square value.

Considering the results of tests of mean differences between the groups of developed and developing markets, we restrict this analysis to an examination of differences between the D and E groups of markets. We make this restriction because earlier tests of mean differences indicate a relatively weak difference between the two subsidiary groups of markets, E1 and E2. We therefore combine these groups to form a larger group of markets, designated as developing (instead of emerging), and we test the power of the included variables to discriminate between the *developed* and the *developing* groups of markets. We categorise our dependent variable (group) as equal to one for national markets in the developed group, and equal to zero for all markets assigned to the developing group.

Initial discriminant test results allow us to examine the ability of each variable to distinguish between the two groups of markets. Statistical test values are presented in Table 6. If the four study variables representing market depth are considered, variable 1, the ratio of market capitalisation to GDP, clearly has greatest discriminatory power. This is not unexpected, as the markets were initially assigned to either the developed or the developing group on the basis of relative per capita GDP (finance scholars use this variable). Those markets located in nations with a per capita GDP above the mean

value of the entire group of 41 have been assigned to the developed group, and vice versa. Of the remaining variables, the number of listed companies (No. 3) also has strong discriminatory power. Values of Wilk's Lambda, and of Canonical correlation, together with a highly significant chi-square value, confirm this. Of the remaining variables representing market depth, the measure of public investment capacity also discriminates, but variable 2 does not.

(Insert Table 6)

When the measures of market liquidity are considered, two factors can be identified as discriminators. Variables 5 (value of shares traded per company) and 7 (average value of transaction) are clearly significant. A relatively lower value of Wilk's Lambda confirms that variable 5 is the more powerful discriminator. An insignificant chi-square indicates that variable 6, the number of transactions per company, does not discriminate successfully. The final three variables offer a measure of market activity. Chi square values show that variables 8 and 9 do have discriminatory power. Very low lambda values together with highly insignificant test values indicate that variable 10, the measure of turnover velocity, has no power. We conclude this initial analysis with a combined discriminant test. This is done by entering the ten variables for one run in the test. All test values indicate that this combination possesses the greatest power. Both lambda and chi-square test values confirm this. This result indicates that all studied variables contribute towards the identification of a market either as developed or developing, even though an individual analysis indicates that three variables are not significant *thus 7 are relevant for classification*.

Results of the individual discriminatory tests can also be used to assess the relative power of each variable. We rank each individual measure by Wilk's Lambda, starting with the lowest value, which indicates greatest power. The ranking produced by this measure is very similar to that produced by relative chi-square values, where the highest value indicates greatest significance. For reasons of comparison we also show this ranking. We then compare these rankings with the ranking produced from the 'U' test of differences in means of study variables between the developed group D and the developing group E (note columns six and seven of Table 5). Table 7 lists the study variables, ranked using Wilk's lambda. To facilitate a comparison with the other measures, we also indicate the rankings produced by relative chi square values, and by relative 'U' test values. A rank correlation test confirms that the rankings produced by each measure are highly correlated.

(Insert Table 7)

We note the similarity of rankings of explanatory variables produced by each measure. This strong finding offers a clear indication of the relative importance of these variables, when classifying markets either as developed or developing. It is unsurprising that variable 1 dominates all three lists. As a measure of relative market depth, it is computed as market capitalisation divided by national GDP. As relative per capita GDP is the original measure used to designate markets as members of either Group D or Group E, its relative importance is expected. It is of considerable interest however to note the prominence of variables 3 and 5, and to a lesser extent 7. National per capita GDP is not an input measure to any of these variables, yet they remain important in distinguishing between developing and developed markets. They

indicate the importance of including measures of market depth and market liquidity, when determining a degree of development. Variables 2, 6, and 10 clearly are the least useful, as they receive low rankings from all three measures. Both the difference of means tests and results of a discriminant analysis question the value of including these measures, however it is of interest to note that all of them appear to contribute to the combined discriminant test.

VI Summary and Conclusions

In this paper, we identify a series of measures or explanatory variables, which we propose will be of value to regulators, as well as we the finance researchers, as we seek to identify the features associated with a developed stock market, and with an "emerging" market that is progressing towards a developing status. These explanatory measures will facilitate the identification of those features – to correctly adopt the nomenclature used yet verified - most typically associated with stock markets that have developed successfully. Considering how a well functioning market can contribute a very significant proportion of the development capital that a growing economy requires, there is widespread agreement regarding the potential value of successful stock market. National regulators clearly will therefore wish to identify those specific factors associated with a developed market, and to ensure the establishment of an environment in which they will be encouraged to progress.

We specify three main attributes of a market, and we identify the explanatory variables that will best represent these attributes. From the relevant literature, it is clear that (i) market depth, (ii) market liquidity, and (iii) market activity will be important elements of a developed market; not just the GDP per capita as used

presently. Using these general categories, we identify a series of ten variables, which we believe will successfully distinguish between developing and developed markets. An important feature of each of these variables is that they can be constructed on an annual basis, using generally available market information. As measures of market performance covering a wide range of national stock markets, this data is only available relatively recently, so we limit our measures to 41 markets, over an eight year period from 1995 to 2003. This data was also sourced with difficulty, and was hand-collected, and verified.

We present descriptive statistics on each of these explanatory variables. We also present a series of statistical tests on the ability of each variable to distinguish successfully between developed and developing national stock markets. A number of tests of mean differences are followed by a discriminant analysis of each variable, and a combined discriminant analysis of all explanatory variables. Results of all tests are surprisingly similar, and allow us to identify those measures or variables that tend to be most different between developed and developing markets. In terms of relative importance, we identify that variable 1, the measure of relative market depth, as the most important: market depth has been promoted for long time. It also is of considerable interest to note the prominence of size of market, transaction value, and to a lesser extent transaction liquidity. The latter three measures are of particular interest, as none of them is directly impacted on by the measure of GDP. A measure of relative per capita GDP had originally been used to designate a market either as developed or developing. Also, it is of interest to note that while the first two elements of a developed market, market *depth* and market *liquidity* are important, the

last element, market *activity*, is of less importance when distinguishing between stock

markets at their different stages of development

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Table 1. Market capitalisation and economic growth as at 2002

Countries	GDP	Capitalisation of listed companies	Cap to GDP	Economic growth %
Australia	409.0 billion	381.0 billion	0.93	2.7
Japan	4.0 trillion	2.1 trillion	0.53	0.3
UK	1.6 trillion	1.9 trillion	1.19	1.8
Malaysia	94.9 billion	124.0 billion	1.31	4.2
Poland	191.3 billion	28.7 billion	0.15	1.0
Lebanon	18.3 billion	1.4 billion	0.08	2.2
Egypt	89.9 billion	26.1 billion	0.29	3.2
China	1.3 trillion	463.0 billion	0.36	8.0
Indonesia	173.0 billion	30.0 billion	0.17	3.7
Nigeria	41.5 billion	5.7 billion	0.14	1.5
Zambia	3.7 billion	217.0 million	0.06	3.3
Tanzania	9.4 billion	398.0 million	0.04	6.3

Note: Source is World Bank financial indicators

Table2. Variables used in the Study

No.	Market characteristics and variables	How computed
	(A) Market depth	
1	Relative depth of market	Capitalisation / GDP
2	Corporate depth	No. of shares traded / No. of companies listed
3	Size of the market	No. of listed companies
4	Public investment capacity	Value of investment fund / GDP
	(B) Market liquidity	
5	Transaction value	Value of shares traded / No. of companies
6	Transactions	No. of transactions / No. of companies
7	Transaction liquidity	Value of shares traded / No. of transactions
	(C) Market activities	
8	Corporate funding	Capital raised / No. of companies
9	Fund capacity	Capital raised / GDP
10	Turnover velocity	Turnover of shares traded / Capitalisation

Table 3. Relative values of study variables, 1995-2003

Variable	Group	Mean	Median	St. Dev.	Kurtosis	Skewness
1	D	1.473	1.276	0.606	3.280	1.715
	E1	0.536	0.486	0.143	1.492	1.122
	E2	0.213	0.211	0.083	4.165	0.123
2	D	212.398	79.052	480.933	12.239	3.463
	E1	365.324	57.972	1029.499	12.738	3.557
	E2	5091.188	12.069	14320.030	33.790	3.084
4	D	0.013	0.010	0.014	5.442	2.167
	E1	0.006	0.001	0.009	2.319	1.738
	E2	0.002	0.000	0.004	10.348	1.781
5	D	712.726	335.392	857.827	5.266	2.112
	E1	298.417	253.079	311.197	2.500	1.610
	E2	139.481	89.774	194.643	33.984	2.743
6	D	22.389	13.666	27.505	9.458	2.906
	E1	25.858	7.432	42.759	8.140	2.738
	E2	50.085	7.584	96.962	28.856	2.108
7	D	43.681	26.849	43.231	4.901	2.043
	E1	28.821	20.210	34.296	6.466	2.340
	E2	10.999	6.396	12.902	31.046	1.675
8	D	18.389	11.971	17.715	2.116	1.753
	E1	9.386	9.961	5.409	1.870	1.093
	E2	11.963	8.031	11.554	2.607	1.413
9	D	0.039	0.022	0.033	2.961	1.832
	E1	0.020	0.015	0.016	5.634	2.178
	E2	0.017	0.011	0.027	25.290	3.322
10	D	0.579	0.593	0.255	0.915	-0.650
	E1	0.733	0.583	0.552	1.168	1.307
	E2	0.522	0.411	0.452	0.760	1.385

Table 4. Test results of normality using Komolgorov-Smirnov D-test

Variable	Komolgorov-Smirnov Statistic	df	Significance.	Shapiro-Wilk Statistic	df	Significance
1	.284	25	.000	.538	25	.000
2	.479	25	.000	.243	25	.000
3	.276	25	.000	.646	25	.000
4	.348	25	.000	.417	25	.000
5	.299	25	.000	.590	25	.000
6	.343	25	.000	.526	25	.000
7	.245	25	.000	.678	25	.000
8	.285	25	.000	.724	25	.000
9	.321	25	.000	.598	25	.000
10	.199	25	.012	.825	25	.001

Table 5. Test results of difference in means between groups

Variable	D and E1 t- value	D and E1 u- value	E1 and E2 t- value	E1 and E2 u- value	D and E t- value	D and E u- value
1	7.733*	515.000*	13.586*	1403.000*	7.733*	560.000*
2	-1.304	5396.000	-2.426*	4928.000	-1.373	11015.000
3	4.592*	2561.000*	6.623*	4269.500*	4.592*	4493.000*
4	2.599*	1097.000*	2.151*	1259.000*	2.771*	2052.500*
5	4.129*	4412.000*	5.579*	4669.000*	4.110*	7734.000*
6	-0.745	4188.000	-0.240	3890.000	-0.543	7746.000*
7	5.024*	3368.500*	3.963*	2816.500*	4.806 *	5076.000*
8	3.280*	4104.000*	1.358	5923.000	3.280*	8469.000*
9	5.370*	3492.500*	2.746*	5013.500*	5.370*	6274.000*
10	-1.608	6161.500	3.077*	3730.500*	-1.674	9753.000*

* indicates significance at the .05 level

Table 6. Findings from discriminant analysis of groups D and E

Variable	Eigen value	Canonical correlation	Wilk's Lambda	Chi-square
1	0.440	0.553	0.694	131.855* (0.000)
2	0.011	0.103	0.989	3.410 (0.065)
3	0.232	0.434	0.812	65.316* (0.000)
4	0.077	0.267	0.929	13.597* (0.000)
5	0.154	0.365	0.867	50.715* (0.000)
6	0.003	0.053	0.997	0.834 (0.361)
7	0.101	0.302	0.909	27.824* (0.000)
8	0.033	0.180	0.968	10.763 * (0.001)
9	0.099	0.300	0.910	32.907 * (0.000)
10	0.000	0.009	1.000	0.027 (0.871)
All	1.895	.809	0.345	137.118 * (0.000)

* indicates significance at the .05 level

Table 7. Relative rank of study variables using various measures

Variable (No.)	Wilk's lambda	Chi square	'U' value
Relative depth of market (1)	1	1	1
Size of market (3)	2	2	3
Transaction value (5)	3	3	6
Transaction liquidity (7)	4	5	4
Fund Capacity (9)	5	4	5
Public investment capacity (4)	6	6	2
Corporate funding (8)	7	7	8
Corporate depth (2)	8	8	10
Transactions (6)	9	9	7
Turnover velocity (10)	10	10	9