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ABSTRACT

This study contributes to the debate around whether fundamental analysis and technical analysis techniques can be used jointly in making investment decisions. Prior studies on fundamental and technical analysis have typically focused on analysing the two techniques independently of one another. In this study we construct a hybrid model that integrates both fundamental and technical analysis variables and then (hybrid model) is va determine whether the hybrid model has explanatory power over and above the two models on which it is based on each of the techniques in isolation. This study is based on a sample of all shares that have been listed on the JSE main board between th Testing rejects the complimentary nature of fundamental and tec by showing that the technical analysis model has no explanatory power over and above the hybrid model and the fundamental analysis model. We also find that South African stocks do not exhibit momentum with respect to short term effects and that fundamental analysis variables that play a significant role in explaining price movements of JSE listed stocks are book value per share, cash flow per share, earnings per share and dividends per share.

Keywords: Fundamental analysis, technical analysis, integration of fundamental analysis and technical analysis

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CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1.1 Introduction

Numerous equity valuation techniques have been developed since the early 1800s[1]. Equity investors often have a preference for certain types of these techniques when selecting stocks to include or remove from their investment portfolios. An extensive amount of theoretical work has been conducted on which valuation techniques, practitioners and academics remain divided on which one best captures stock price movements. There is currently very limited empirical evidence to address this problem, especially in developing markets such as South Africa.

A further problem that remains unanswered is whether using a combination of equity valuation techniques can generate higher returns than using only one individual technique.

Answers to the above problems would not only settle the debate that currently exists amongst practitioners, but would also allow investors to better understand the investment decisions they make and gain more insight into the drivers of asset prices. Attempts to address these challenges in the South African context.

The subsequent sections in this chapter are organised as follows. Section 1.2 provides background to the study to bring the reader up to speed with developments in equity valuation techniques. Section 1.3 discusses the gaps that have been identified in the existing body of knowledge. Furthermore, this section will address how the study will address those gaps. Section 1.4 highlights the significance this study is expected to have.

1.2 Background to the study

There are mainly two distinct philosophies of thought that equity analysts subscribe to, namely Fundamental Analysis and Technical Analysis. Both philosophies aim to identify profitable investment opportunities by approaching the problem from entirely different perspectives. The goal of a fundamental analyst is to determine whether a security is undervalued or overvalued using true value. A technical analyst uses historical price and volume data to predict future price trends of the security (see Edwards, 1966

[1] Rutterford (2004) provides a history of developments in equity valuation

Jackson (2006) noted that technical analysis is an umbrella term for a myriad of technical indicators, chart patterns and technical theories like Dow Theory, Elliot Wave Theory, Gann Theory, Fibonacci Ratios and many other building blocks of technical analysis. Over the years, a number of technical indicators that have been developed in recent times include Following, Breath, Momentum, etc.[2] Each of these indicators have been developed with the purpose of giving a trader a set of tools to analyse the market as noted by Prisinga (1991). No single indicator can ever be expected to signal all the relevant trends, thus the need to use a number of them together to build up a consensus .

Fundamental analysis is the main tool used by practitioners to evaluate stocks. The fundamental value of a stock is the present value of its future cash flows. Any short term market imbalances between the stock's price and its fundamental value is determined by the fundamental analysis that takes into consideration external and internal factors that can influence the future performance of the company. These factors include economy wide dynamics that will affect all companies operating in the economy as well as industry specific factors that will affect all companies operating in a particular industry. The internal factors comprise specific concerns. On the basis of the existence of temporary mispricing, a fundamental analyst would trade the stock in order to profit when the stock price eventually converges towards the fundamental value (see Al-Abduljader-Masrdai-Khi, 2011).

An immense amount of academic literature has been written about the future of technical analysis valuation techniques, with particular reference to risk adjusted profitability.[3] However, the level of market efficiency whether or not the valuation techniques can be consistently used to earn abnormal profits, market prices reflect all available historical price and volume information, and analysts will not be able to provide profitable price forecasts. A market whose prices reflect all publicly available information should display both fundamental and technical analysis. The existing literature has provided mixed results on whether stock markets are efficient or not. The popularity of technical analysis especially among asset ma

[2] Alexander (1961), Kaufman (2005) provide an in depth discussion of these indicators
[3] See e.g. Brock et al (1992), Ready (2002), Lento and Gradojevic (2007)

Menkhoff (2010) points towards the possible inefficiency in the market by reflecting i
in prices.

The existing literature often analyses the two valuation techniques
to consider whether the two techniques are significantly different from one another
can have similar explanatory power or whether these techniques a
considered without reference to one another.

The possibility that fundamental analysis and technical analy
been noted by Lui and Mole (1998) and Menkhoff (2010) based on Hong Kong foreign
exchange dealers. The survey shows that more than 85% of foreign exch
Hong Kong bank use fundamental and technical analysis to forecast
movements. However, technical analysis was substantially more
fundamental analysis was used for longer term forecasts. The
combination of fundamental and technical analysis for short term forecasts.
Taylor & Allen (1992) and Oberlechner & Hocking (2001) conclusions in
conducted in London and European trading centres.

The Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) has long attracted both local and global
investors with over 800 listed securities. Market cap of the JSE is currently the
largest stock exchange on the African continent by market capitalization
ranks as the 20th largest stock among the members of the World Fe
Exchanges[4]. This combination of size and increased importa
of the JSE as a market therefore warrants a more thorough research int
drivers of the equities market.

1.2 Problem Statement

Three gaps in the existing body of knowledge have been identified. Firstly, while ide
are not aware of a study that proves which of the two valu
outperforms the other. This lack of conclusive literature is surprising given that
no indication as to which equity valuation technique can achieve superi
returns.

[4] Sources: www.jse.co.za and http://www.stockmarkets.com/exchanges/africa/johannesb

Secondly, as highlighted by Bettman (2009), within each type of analysis ongoing debate regarding which relevant explanatory variables to use in conduc an equity valuation. An in-depth study is therefore required to examine th the JSE equities market.

Thirdly, the relationship between fundamental and technical two techniques used simultaneously by investors is an area that has covered by existing research and only a few studies have considered relationship to be. To the author's knowledge, studies conducted Bettman (2009) and Waworuntu & Suryanto (2010) on the US , respectively, have considered building models that integrates fundamental factors. There may be some justification for this p that reviews the complimentary nature of technical and fundamental reason is that there are disagreements amongst investors about market. Some market participants believe that fundamentals to explain stock price movements, whereas others perceive psychological in more significant role (see Menkhoff, 2010). Reconciling these challenge.

This lack of insight into the complementary nature of technical and fundamen implies that there is little indication on what the performance integrates both techniques would be. However, should the r both techniques have explanatory power of stock price movements on each technique independently, would suggest that the investor who strategy would be more profitable by utilising each technique separately.

1.4 Purpose of the study

The primary purpose of this study is to determine whether fundamental analysis can be used in a complimentary manner. This study will identify the fundamental and technical variables that explain stock market returns on the JSE. Furthermore, this study will also determine which valuation superior explanatory power between stock prices and fundamental and technical a

1.5 Objectives of the study

In summary, the objectives of this study are analyzed as follows:

(1) To identify the fundamental analysis factors that drive stock prices and their ability to explain prices.

(2) To identify the technical analysis factors that drive stock prices and their ability to explain prices.

(3) To determine which valuation technique has a superior explanatory stock prices between fundamental and technical analysis.

(4) To determine whether a model that integrates both fundamental analysis factors explains prices better than the use of the technique in isolation

1.6 Significance of study

This study aims to contribute new knowledge and add to the valuation tec the context of the investment decision making process. The outcome of this study is expected to be beneficial to financial market participants, specifically those in the investment m area.

In addition, this study will also shed some light on the valuation JSE-listed stocks, during the recent financial crisis. The equity valuation framework developed by Ohlson (1995), which states that st book values per share and earnings per share, lays the foun constructed in this study. This study goes beyond Ohlson (199 framework by incorporating the following additional variables market ratio, cash flow per share and dummy variables that return performances.

Although this study focuses exclusively on the equities market, other applied to other asset classes.

1.7 Outline of study

The remainder of this study is organized as follows. Chapter 2 reviews the relevant literature on the Efficient Market Hypothesis, JSE, market

the fundamental analysis valuation technique, the technical analysis valuation technique and how the two valuation techniques can be integrated into

Chapter 3 presents the methodology adopted including the framework in which the explanatory power of a model that integrates both fundamental analysis and technical analysis factors can be measured relative to models based on only one without reference to the other.

Chapter 4 presents the empirical results analysis of the research. Chapter 5 concludes the report

CHAPTER TWO: LITERATURE REVIEW

2.1 Introduction

This chapter begins by examining the existing literature on t
A brief background of the Efficient Market Hypothesis is provid
literature that focuses on efficiency of the JSE. The level of efficiency of the JSE
to be relevant in this study is further discussed. This is followed by a review of
studies which examine whether the JSE is efficient or not.

The subsequent section of this chapter reviews the existing fundamental
analysis, technical analysis and the integration of these techniques.

2.2 Efficient Market Hypothesis

Fama (1970) defined an efficient market as a market where there a
available information. However this definition is very empirica
tested. Jensen (1978) provided a more appropriate and testable definition as follows

> A market is efficient with respect to information set, θ_t, if it is impossible to m
> economic profits by trading on the basis of information s

Jensen defined three forms of market efficiency: Weak form, Semi-strong form and
Strong form. The differences revolved around the definition of the information set,
by the information set, θ_t.

A market will be weak form efficient if prices reflect all the information contained in
the historical market prices as of time t. This implies that in a weak form efficient market
market participants cannot adjust and profit risk by examining the past
the market.

A semi-strong form efficient market is one in which prices fully reflect all publicly
information at time t. This implies that market participants cannot adjust and
profits by trading on publicly available information, such as information in financial statements.
Since past price history forms a subset of publicly available information, it is implied that a semi-
strong form efficient market is also a weak form efficient

In a strong-form efficient market, prices incorporate all available information, public and private. This implies that investors cannot gain an unfair advantage by trading on information that is not already reflected in prices and would not yield risk-adjusted profits.

A number of academic researchers have found that developed equity markets can be efficient, even strong form efficient. Malkiel (2003) studied the efficiency of the US stock market on the index constituents of the Standard & Poor's 500 index and found that these markets were strong form efficient. Malkiel (2003) also conceded that anomalous behaviour in stock prices may exist, but that it is difficult to exploit as an opportunity that enables investors to earn above extraordinary returns. This is consistent with conclusions on earlier studies that found that abnormal trading opportunities (such as insider trading) can be profitable (Meulbroek, 1999).

Malkiel (2005) analysed the performance of professional investment managers in the US and abroad and found that investment managers do not outperform the market benchmark. This result makes it difficult for actively managed funds to justify the excessive investment management fee involved in active fund management as opposed to passive fund management. Malkiel (2005) provided evidence that markets do appear to reflect all available information.

Given the lack of outperformance of professional investment managers (as per Malkiel's study), French (2008) examined the costs and benefits to investors in the US stock market relative to the cost investors incur when they choose to invest actively rather than passively. He found that investors spend 0.67% of the aggregate value of the market every year in search of superior active returns. This finding implies that even in a developed market such as the US, the investing community does not fully subscribe to the notion of strong form efficiency.

2.2.1 Market efficiency outside the US

Jammine and Hawkins (1974) conducted one of the first studies to test the efficiency of the JSE. The study tested whether stock prices followed a random walk by analysing price changes in successive periods from January 1966 to June 1973. Hawkins (1974) concluded that stock prices on the JSE did not follow a random walk process and that the JSE was not weak form efficient.

Hadassin (1976) used the serial correlations test to test the efficiency of stocks trading on the JSE and found that there was a definite correlation and future share prices but that the exact relationship between This result suggests that the JSE was inefficient.

Gilbertson and Roux (1977) found evidence of deviations from prices. However, they noted that such deviations from efficient market They also found that South African unit trust managers underperformed the market in the period from 1973 to 1976, questioning the value added by management over passive funds. However, Strebel (1977) challenged findings from Gilbertson and Roux (1977) that more than half of the JSE stocks had volumes so low that analysis of their performance was meaningless. Strebel (1977) stated that many of the previous studies that analysed the efficiency of the JSE were of limited use as they did not separate out the low volume

Instead of using the serial correlations test and the runs test used to test the efficiency of the JSE, Klerck (1986) conducted analysis to determine whether there was any systematic relationship activity and share prices. He concludes that share prices on reasonable accuracy. However, Klerck's (1986) forecasting accuracy can be challenged as limited data was used and time lags into the model also have forecasted.

Philpott and Firer (1988) found that share price anomalies of a magnitude direct transaction costs of switching from one share to another anomalies were found to be persistent. Philpott and Firer (1988) also addressed Strebel's (1977) concerns about the low volume effect by splitting into high and low volume shares. Share price anomalies were found to be volume stocks.

Oldfield and Page (1997) investigated the stock picking skills of several South African unit trust managers over the period from 1987 to performance measure. No evidence of superior performance was

consistent with a Chi-Square (1 d.f.) = 0.73). The conclusion also lack of the performance by fund managers. These results are consistent with an efficient mar

Some months have been perceived to have higher returns than others, especia January (Rozeff and Kinney (1976), Gultekin and Gultekin (1983)). Researchers have also found the JSE and evidence of the January effect over the period from 1986 was inconsistent with an earlier finding by Bhana (1990). In addition, Auret and Cline (2011), no evidence was found of the January effect

The efficiency of the JSE, the largest African country's main stock has been et al. (2002) tested the hypothesis that stock market index follows a rando South Africa, Egypt, Kenya, Morocco, Nigeria, Zimbabwe, Botswana and Mauriti hypothesis is rejected for all the markets except for South Africa. This st are also consistent with the weak form efficient market.

In a recent study, Mbululu and Chipeta (2012) tested the effect of the 9 JSE sectors over the period from 1st January 2001 to 31st December 2011. Not day effect was detected f of the nine sectors considered, only the basic materials sector was fou Monday effect. The conclusion from this study is that the JSE was inefficient with respect to the other eight sectors considered was weak form efficient, the basic inefficient.

The debate on the whether the JSE was weak form efficient or not is still ongoing literature has produced results that are mixed. The primary reason for these conclusions appear to be as a result of different methods and theories of investigation. Certain studies appear consistent only with the conclude that the JSE was inefficient, more of the recent studies are finding the JSE to be efficient. This could be an increase market efficiency of the JSE in recent times which can be a speed of information dissemination to investors, as a result of increased However, the fact that some of the recent studies have found that trading strategies that aim to exploit such market inefficiencies and Technical Analysis techniques can be used to profitably trade JSE stocks when ap

2.3 Fundamental Analysis

Lev and Thiagarajan (1993) define a set of fundamental characteristics
the value of corporate securities by a set of quantitative, accounting
earnings, risk, growth and capital structure. The three primary sources of infor
examined by a fundamental analyst are the annual company financial
announcements, industry average movement of the company and so forth

The goal of fundamental analysis is to find out the intrinsic (or fair value)
that can be compared to the market price in order to see whether the
security is undervalued or overvalued. The fundamental analyst believes that the
the security is the correct price and any price variations between the intrinsic
the market value represent profitable buying (selling) opportunities as
when the intrinsic value of the security is above (below) the market value of th

However, if the stock markets are efficient, fundamental ana
yield any adjusted profits. This is because the information analysed b
fundamentalists is publicly available and is already incorporated
prices.

Graham and Dodd's 1934 seminal work on US stocks laid
development of fundamental analysis (see also Chandy and Stace, 1993), a myriad of st
have been conducted to determine variables that have a significant influence o
price. Chan et al (1993) studied the effect of earnings yield, market compa
ratio and cash yield on Japanese stock prices over the period
et al (1993) found a significant relationship between the return
the four fundamental variables. The ratio found to be most
variable, statistically and economically, is the high book-to-market ratios significan
outperformed firms with low book-to-market ratios. Fama and French (199
same book-to-market effect when US stocks are
Gordon and Shapiro (1956) emphasize the importance of dividend as a firm's
market value where the Dividend Discount Model is used. Recent studies have a
confirmed the relation between dividends and stock prices (
Gunasekarage and Power, 2006). The extended Gordon (1956) Shapiro

Dividend Discount Model: Value of stock is the present value of future dividends. Value of stock is the present value of future average earnings minus current book value, not book value. The value of dividends are subtracted because a dollar of dividends displaces a dollar of book value. Ohlson (1995) models a firm's market value as the present value of future earnings minus the clean surplus relation, which states that change in book value equals earnings minus dividends. Ohlson (1995) also states that book value is one of the estimators of market values in that the expectations of future earnings will be affected by the book value. Collins et al. (1997) applied the framework developed by Ohlson (1995) and Ohlson and Juettner-Nauroth (2005) to test the value relevance of book value and earnings. Collins et al. (1997) concluded that stock prices are dependent on both book value and earnings.

Based on the literature above, a conceptual framework is developed to analyse and extend the valuation framework developed by Ohlson (1995). The variables that are included in our fundamental analysis are book value per share, earnings per share, dividend per share, market value per share and cash flow per share.

2.4 Technical Analysis

Levy (1966) defines technical analysis as the art of predicting future trading of equities, and deducing price trends from this historical information. Technical analysis was popularized by Charles Dow, the editor of the Wall Street Journal in the late 19th century and developed Dow Theory. Dow Theory laid the foundation for much of which technical analysis techniques are mostly used by practitioners. Neely and Weller (2011) summarize the three principles that guide technical analysts. The first principle is that market action (prices and volume) discounts everything. This implies that market prices incorporate all the relevant information, therefore historical prices move in trends. The third principle states that history repeats itself with respect to movements.

Brock et al. (1992) highlighted that technical analysis is the original form of analysis as it came into widespread use before the period of extensive disclosed financial statements which led to fundamental analysis to develop

However technical analysis has not been widely accepted a securities as much as fundamental analysis, mainly because academia against technical analysis is captured by Malkiel (1981, pp. 132

Obviously I am biased against the chartist. This is not only professional one as well. This is natural. Any threat to the academic wor pick on it. Our bullying tactics are prompted by two conside false; and it's easy to pick on. And while it may seem a bit target, just remember it is only our money we are trying to save

Several studies have been conducted to test whether technical analysis significant value to an investor. These studies have, however, produced mixed results thus far. Jensen and Bennington (1970) and Fama and Blume (1966) analyse profitability of various technical trading rules relative to a b found that the technical rules could not outperform a buy and

Brock et al. (1992) test the profitability of the Moving Average and Breakout trading rules using data from the period from 1897 to 1986 for the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA). Contrary to the early studies, Brock et al. (1992) concluded that the trading rules have the ability to forecast future stock prices. However, Ready (2002) found that the Brock et al. (1992) performed poorly after 1986. The results from the study cond Lento and Grandojevic (2007) extended the work of Brock et al. (1992) by testing the validity of the Moving Average and Breakout trading rules using data from the period from 1995 to 2005. While the exact reason for the existence of contradictory findings i trading opportunities could have been arbitraged away by the

The extensive amount of studies that have been conducted on the emergence of two investment strategies that have come to be regarded as contrarian and momentum investment strategies. These strategies focus on the difference between whether the market reacts correctly to information. Jegadeesh and Titman (1993) state that if stock prices underreact to information, then profitable trading strategies that select sto will exist.

2.4.1 Momentum investment strategies

Jegadeesh and Titman (1993) investigated the profitability of trading strategies in stocks based on their past returns. They found that trading strategies that buy past winners and sell past losers were able to generate significant abnormal returns over a holding period of three to twelve months. Rouwenhorst (1998) found evidence supporting the momentum effect in investigating twelve European countries between June 1980 and June 1995. The momentum effect to be present in both winner and loser stocks. Testing whether momentum trading strategies are profitable.

To provide further insight on the existence of momentum, Moskowitz and Grinblatt (1999) found that once the industry momentum is controlled, the momentum in stocks become less significant (Chan et al. 1996). Finding that the profitability of momentum strategies will start becoming low as new market capitalization firms or stocks that have low analyst coverage.

2.4.2 Contrarian investment strategies

In contrast to the studies that support momentum investment strategies, De Bondt and Thaler (1985) found that a portfolio of past losers over a three to five year period outperformed prior winners over the same three to five year holding period. This study was conducted using data from 1926 to 1982 on US stocks.

Page and Way (1992) tested the profitability of contrarian strategies using the same methodologies employed by De Bondt and Thaler (1985). Page and Way (1992) results show that a portfolio of prior losers significantly outperformed a three year holding period over the period from 1974 to 1989.

This study formulated technical analysis tests to determine whether lagged stock prices and dummy variables based on the past returns of the portfolio in the study. The presence of dummy variables in the model will help determine if momentum or contrarian effect is present on the JSE.

2.5 Integration of Fundamental and Technical Analysis

Bettman et al. (2009) were among the first to explore the complementary nature of fundamental and technical analysis. They constructed a model that integrates both

techniques. The model developed by Bao (2009) is based on the framework established by Ohlson (1995).

Bettman et al (2009) constructed in their study with only fundamental analysis factors, one with only technical analysis factors and the other with both the fundamental and technical factors. The fundamental analysis factors in Bettman et al (2009) model analyses book value per share, earnings per share. The technical analysis factors analyses the lagged price and two momentum dummy variables, one reflecting extremely positive the other reflected extremely negative returns

Bettman et al (2009) concluded that the model that included both fundamental and technical factors had a superior stock picking ability over the market higher adjusted R^2 values and lower Akaike Information Criterion values as compared to models that examined fundamental and technical factors in isolation

The testing done by Bettman et al (2009) was based on US listed stocks over the 1983 to 2002. A similar study conducted by Waworuntu and Indonesian market confirmed the complementary nature of fundamental and technical analysis techniques

This study seeks to apply the models developed by Bettman et al (2009) to JSE listed stocks and also to extend the models to include book-to-market ratio, dividend per share and cash flow per share.

2.6 Chapter Summary

This chapter has presented the relevant literature and evidence on the equities market, how the fundamental and technical analysis is performed in practice. Empirical studies on how well the two competing valuation techniques are also considered.

The literature reveals that although the efficiency of the JSE is debated by market practitioners, recent studies indicate that there has been increasing efficiency.

Ohlson (1995)'s valuation model provided a rigorous framework which in this study include other relevant variables beyond the earnings variables considered by Ohlson (1995). Empirical tests conducted earnings and book value variables, the significant relationships cash flows, market ratio, historical share price performance prices. The models developed in this paper takes into consideration additional

The following chapter presents the data sources and methodology of selection process used in the study. data sample that underpins this study.

Chapter 3: METHODOLOGY

3.1 Introduction

Numerous valuation models have been developed in recent lite determining the market value of developed markets (see Ohlso Bettman, 2009). However, only a few studies have been exten markets such as South Africa. This study seeks to extend the mo (1995) and Bettman et al (2009) to determine whether fu explanatory variables are relevant in explaining share price on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange.

In this chapter we develop valuation models which linear regression with several explanatory variables and investigate their significa The primary of fundamental analysis explanatory variables, earnings per share, book value per share, dividend per share, book to market ratio and cash fl movements as in Ohlson (1995).

The second model seeks to examine how well technical expl market prices. The technical analysis variables include the histor variable and momentum/contrarian dummy variables that de return performance.

The third model integrates both the fundamental and technic single model with sole purpose of determining whether the hybr superior explanatory power of stock prices.

3.2 Data and Data Sources

3.2.1 Data sources

The data required for this study are monthly share prices for the end of month the financial year end), earnings per share, book value per share, cash flow figures, dividends, historical return performances and other individual shares outstanding for all the firms under consideration.

The sample period covers the 2002 financial year to the 2012 f year data set). This study includes all the stocks that have b

in the periods between the 2002 and 2012 fiscal years, bot
delisted shares.

The list of firms that have been listed on the JSE s main boa
between 2002 and 2012 was generously provided by the
department. The other data for each firm was obtained from
Service (henceforth, Bloomberg) database and from publicly av
of the firms.

3.2.2 Data selection

In maintaining consistency with existing literature such as B
and Suryanto (2010), the data set was refined to exclude firms with book valu
per share equal to or less than zero, as these firms are considered to have
of 90 days from the end of the calendar year. Firms whose annual financial informati
are also excluded.

However, in contrast to Bettman et al (2009) and Waworuntu and
with missing observations and firms that have been delisted were
not removed from the study. Instead, where there were missing observa
zero was assigned to the data point. This missing observation
ensures that the sample size for the study is as large as po
also ensures that there is no selection bias in the study as only know
the JSE and that the data sample is comprehensive.

3.3 Research Design

The following linear regression model is used to evaluate the
fundamental accounting variables.

$$P_{t+0.25} = \alpha + \beta_1 + \beta_2 + \beta_3 + \beta_4 + \beta_5 / \beta_6 + \varepsilon \quad (1)$$

Where:

$P_{t+0.25}$ = stock price three months after the end of year t

$BVPS_t$ = book value per share at the end of fiscal year

EPS_t = earnings per share during year t

$CFPS_{it}$ = cash flow per share of firm i at time t

DPS_{it} = dividend per share of firm i at time t

B/M_{it} = book to market ratio of firm i at time t

μ_t = error term

$\pm$ = intercept term

The next model is the technical analysis model. This model includes technical analysis variables used by technical analysts. The model is similar to that of Bao (2009) and Waworuntu & Suryanto (2010), where the model leads a function of prices history to return performance. The technical analysis model is designed as follows:

$$. = + . + + + \quad (2)$$

Where:

P_{t-25} = lagged price of firm i prior to time t

D_{tup} = dummy variable equal to 1 if the firm's 6 month return for the period commencing 1 year before the price is extremely positive and placed in the highest performance quintile, 0 otherwise

D_{tdown} = dummy variable equal to 1 if the firm's 6 month return for the period commencing 1 year before the price is extremely negative and placed in the lowest performance quintile, 0 otherwise

μ_t = error term

β = intercept term

The third model is the hybrid model that integrates both the fundamental and technical analysis variables. This is to integrates model (1) and model (2). The model is presented as follows:

$$. = + + + + + / + . + + + \quad (3)$$

The coefficient of determination (R^2) is the goodness of fit statistic employed this study to measure the adequacy of the models used in explaining s movement. The student's t test is used to determine the value of each of t explanatory variables in the models.

3.3 Specification of the explanatory variables

The International Accounting Standard (IAS) Framework states that the objective of financial statements is to provide information about the fina changes in financial position of an enterprise that is useful making economic decisions. Decisions on the financial statements include components that a financial analyst could explore in order to arr the financial prospects of firms. The role of a financial analyst is thus determine which accounting variables are relevant in the firm's equity. In thi study, five fundamental accounting variables are identified that are relevant in explaining market prices based on empirical studies. These are dividend per share, cash per share, book value per share, earnings per share and book to market ratio. The follow section states how each of the variables specified in the models study and highlights how these variables have been tested in the existing literature.

3.4.1 Dividends per share variable

The importance of dividend policy variables to the information content of dividends has been established by Miller & Modigliani (1961). The hypothesis states that managers use dividend announcements to signal their belief, as both they often possess privileged information. This proposition is further supported by Graham (1934) who stated that investors scrutinize companies divid management's thinking about the durability of profit rather than cash flow

The results of a study carried out by Black (1976) on NYSE listed companies p support for the information content of dividends. The study was conducted data from the period 1968 to 1970.

Given the strong support in the information content hypothesis, we therefore expect that:

> H_1: The firm's dividend per share positively and significantly affects share price.

The dividend per share is calculated as the sum of the dividends paid to the ordinary shareholders divided by the outstanding number of ordinary shares in issue. Any other forms of dividends, such as cash dividends are not considered in this study.

3.4.2 Cash flow per share variable

The inclusion of the cash flow per share variable is based on studies that have found that cash flows are also significantly correlated with stock prices (see for example Kwon 2009 and Al-Shubiri 2010). We thus posit that:

> H_2: The firm's cash flow per share positively and significantly affects share price.

The cash flow per share is calculated as the net cash flow from operating activities divided by the outstanding number of shares in issue. For companies in Kenya that do not state cash flows from operations explicitly in the financial statements, this is estimated as the sum of profit after tax, depreciation and amortization.

3.4.3 Earnings per share variable

In maintaining consistency with previous studies (e.g. Elliot & Hanna 1996), core earnings are used in this study. Core earnings are earnings that are generated from principal business activities and excludes gains or losses from nonrecurring items.

The primary reason for using core earnings which take out the effect of nonrecurring items is to account for the evidence which suggests that nonrecurring activities can adversely affect the value relevance of earnings (see Elliot & Hanna 1996 and Elliot and Hanna (1996) examined the information content of earnings in the presence of large nonrecurring items. The underlying concept is to demonstrate that the investment community places less weight on earnings that earnings response coefficients generally are lower for nonrecurring items. Elliott and Hanna (1996) also noted an increasing frequency

items are being reported across time. Taking into account a
items should be excluded from the analysis in order to
information content derived from the earnings variable.

As this study pools together both profitable and loss making
in order to estimate the information content of earnings, thi
the estimated earnings response coefficient. A study conduct
firms reporting negative earnings have lower earnings respo
firms. Hayn (1995) also states that the reporting of negative
very frequent.

With regards to the earnings per share variable, we are i
following hypothesis:

> H_3: The firm's earnings per share positively and signific
> share price.

The earnings per share variable is calculated as the core earnings o
the income statement divided by the total number of shares o

3.4.4 Book value per share variable

A vast amount of literature has been written on the relative value releva
between book values and earnings (see Ball and Brown 1968, Beaver 1968 and
Collins et al 1997). The studies appear to unanimously conclude th
important in explaining market prices when earnings are negative
non-recurring items, we expect that:

> H_4: The firm's book value per share positively and signif
> share price.

The book value per share variable is defined as equity (valued as
minus liabilities) as the financial year end balance sheet fi
shares outstanding in year t.

3.4.5 Book-to-market variable

The question of whether the market to book can be a viable or irrelevan
explaining market prices has attracted attention from academ

researchers (see Rosenberg et al 1985, Chan et al 1991, Fama & French 1992 and 1980). A study conducted by Fama and French (1992) based firms with high book-to-market ratios have higher returns than firms market ratios. Based on the framework developed by Fama and Fre Sinclaire (2006) applied the framework to stocks listed on the Johannesburg Stock Exchange were consistent with Fama and French (1992). We therefore expect that:

H_6: The firm-to-book-market ratio positively and significantly in share price.

The book-to-market ratio is defined as the ratio of the book value of equity as per the latest balance sheet figures to the financial year end divided by the market value of equity (market capitalisation of the firm).

3.4.6 Momentum/contrarian dummy variables

Following Bettman et al (2009) methodology, we rank shares according to past return performance in the six month period ending exactly one year before the measurement of $R_{t+0.25}$ and then assigned to performance deciles. The top performing shares (top decile) are allocated a momentum (D_{up}) dummy equal to 1. Shares in the remaining deciles are assigned a value equal to 0.

When the momentum effect (D_{up} or D_{down}) is present, it is expected to be significant positive (negative) when performance is measured over the short term. Similarly, the contrarian effect is also expected to be significant, but expected to be negative (positive) in the long term. The technical analysis model pursued by Jegadeesh and Titman (1993), Bettman et al (2009) and by Wayworth (2010) and Suryan

Given the vast amount of literature that supports the existence of contrarian effects on various markets[5], including the JSE, we expect that:

H_6: Either firms that outperformed (underperformed) in the past continue to outperform (underperform) in future in the presence of the momentum effect, or firms that outperformed (underperformed) in the past now underperform (outperform) in future in the presence of the contrarian e

[5] See Jegadeesh and Titman (1993), Rouwenhorst (1998), Liu et al (1999), and Way (1992) etc.

3.4.7 Lagged historical price variable

The dependent variable ($P_{t+0.25}$) is defined as the price three months after end. This ensures that the market has had sufficient time to dissect an and that the new information has been fully incorporated int ahead bias therefore circumvents concerns where the data used in the s available but not yet known. This approach is consistent with th used by Collins (1997).

With regards to the lagged price variable, in line with the following hypothesis:

> H_7: The firm's lagged price positively and significantly price movements.

The lagged price variable is defined as the firm's share price 6 months prior to $P_{t+0.25}$. This approach is consistent with previous studies (Lo & Lys, 1999) such Waworuntu & Suryanto (2010).

3.5 Panel Data Approach

In order to determine the most appropriate form of each whether we should use a model with cross-sectional and/or period effects. Whilst employing a pooled data approach is relative to the panel data approach, this approach does not sectional relationships as might be the case of sample and also ignore of time when estimating the regression (Baltagi, 2005).

Furthermore, employing a panel data approach instead of a further advantages to the estimation process (Gujarati, 2003). Firstly, by Bo range of issues can be addressed and tackled with panel da pure time series or pure cross-sectional data approach. Secondly, by com sectional and time series data, one can increase the number of degrees of freed thus the power of the test. One can therefore test the dynam of variables at the same time. Employing the panel data ap problems associated with, which may arise if time series individually.

For each model, we conduct the redundant fixed effects t
ascertain the most appropriate form of each model. We use t
to determine which cross-sectional and/or period effects are suppor
sample instead of simply using a pooled data sample.

The redundant fixed effects test is conducted by imposing restrictions
determine whether these are supported by the data. Three sets of restrictions
are imposed. Cross-section effects are restricted to zero; Period fixe
to zero and finally both cross-section effects and period fixed effec
zero. For each restriction, F-test and Chi-square statistic values
are calculated.

Provided the cross-sectional and/or period effects are supported by
Hausman test to determine whether fixed effects or random effects

Brooks (2008) sheds some light on the difference between r
random effects. For simplicity, consider a model with fixed effects (
no period effects) versus a model with random effects. Brooks (20
clarifies the difference as follows: both models will allow the
firm, however, the difference with the random effects model
cross-sectional firm is assumed to arise from the intercept (which is the
cross-sectional firms and over time) plus a random term whic
deviation of each firm's intercept from the common intercept
the common intercept and have a zero mean, are independent
observation error terms, have constant variance and are inc
variables. A fixed effects model on the other hand, captures
introducing dummy variables for each firm's intercept.

3.6 Data Characteristics

In order to ascertain any concerns about the possibility of the price variab
containing a unit root, we employ the testing procedure developed by Im
(2003) hence forth, IPS which extends the Dickey-Fuller and Augmented Dickey
accommodate panel data. The data we use the IPS testing procedure was

empirical studies that have proved to be superior to available techniques in modelling heterogeneous relationships (Hsiao and McNown, 2006).

The IPS procedure accommodates panel data by averaging the statistics across individual cross-sectional units.

The IPS begins by first testing the null hypothesis of unit roots in individual cross-sectional units based on the following data generating process:

$$\Delta y_{it} = a_i + b_i y_{i,t-1} + \sum_{j=1}^{p_i} r_{ij} \Delta y_{i,t-j} + e_{it}, \quad t = 1, 2, \ldots T \qquad (4)$$

The null hypothesis of unit roots is then defined as:

$$H_0: \beta_i = 0 \text{ for all } i$$

The alternative hypothesis is:

$$H_A: \beta_i < 0 \text{ for } i = 1, \ldots N_0 \text{ for } i = N_0 + 1, \ldots N$$

The alternative hypothesis assumes that the fraction of individuals is non-zero, but less than one. In other words, the alternative hypothesis allows some cross-sectional units to have unit roots, but not all.

After estimating the model for each of the N cross-sectional units, an average of the statistics from each of the N equations is computed as follows:

$$= \frac{1}{N} \sum \qquad (5)$$

Im, Pesaran, and Shin (2003) show that when the average is standardised, it follows a standard normal distribution as T and N approach infinity using the Central Limit Theorem.

3.7 Chapter Summary

The purpose of this chapter is to present the framework with which the joint relevance of both fundamental and technical variables can be tested, unlike that consider the two types of variables in isolation.

The chapter will begin with a brief introduction of the chapter. In the next section, the research design for the study is discussed. This section presented the regression models for the fundamental analysis, technical an

In the third section, the definition and measurement of each variable was provided as well as their a summary of the existing literature to justify the inclusion in this study. Section four discusses the data sources used, sample and the criteria used to select the data. The panel approach used to analyse the data is discussed in section four.

Chapter PRESENTATION AND ANALYSIS OF RESULTS

4.1 Introduction

Initially, we first present the descriptive statistics and the correlation coefficients from the data sample. We then show that the independent price variable in the methodology developed by Peasnell, Pope and Young (2000) and is suitable for linear regression model.

We then present the main results for the fundamental model, technical analysis model and the hybrid combining both fundamental analysis and technical analysis explanatory variables. We conclude the chapter by comparing the statistics of the fitted models to determine which explanatory variable may explain the movements of stock prices-if not the stock returns.

4.2 Descriptive Statistics and Correlation Coefficients

The final-year cross-sectional sample comprises of 2,547 firm-year observations. Table 4.1 shows that the data samples used in this study are comprehensive and have stock prices of the stocks included in the study ranging from RM0.01 to RM1,280.00 over the period from 2002 to 2012.

Table 4.1 also shows that stocks illustrated an optimistic, but not overvalued consistent with the data selection criteria for the study.

Table 4.1 Descriptive Statistics

Variable	Mean	Median	Maximum	Minimum	Std. Dev.	Skewness	Kurtosis
$P_{t+0.25}$	34.485	8.9500	2480.0	0.0057	92.565	11.987	237.50
$P_{t-0.25}$	32.843	8.5000	2299.0	0.0048	87.473	11.700	227.48
$BVPS_t$	14.270	5.2435	940.96	0.0002	35.463	14.058	294.64
$CFPS_t$	3.3242	0.8614	381.26	-30.567	10.654	18.692	604.65
EPS_t	2.4030	0.7273	270.30	-22.450	7.7498	19.092	576.90
DPS_t	0.9745	0.2100	57.200	0.0000	2.7689	10.810	166.64
B/M_t	0.9014	0.6260	34.602	0.0003	1.4968	13.365	251.02

The notation used in the above table: $P_{t+0.25}$ refers to stock price three months after the fiscal year end, $P_{t-0.25}$ refers to stock price three months before the fiscal year end, $BVPS_t$ refers to the book value per share at fiscal year end, $CFPS_t$ refers cash flow per share at fiscal year end and EPS_t refers to the earnings per share. DPS_t refers to the sum of the

interim and final dividends declared during the year, DPS_t refers to the book value divide
market price at end of fiscal year

A relatively high correlation coefficient (0.9841) between R_{t+3} and R_{t-3} is observed
4.2 below, which could indicate near multicollinearity. However,
from the literature review for the inclusion of both these var
variable bias, none of the variables were dropped from the m
given that the presence of near multicollinearity does not a
the ordinary least squares estimators (i.e. unbiased, consistent, ef
presence of multicollinearity is satisfied the model as long as the r
adequate.

Table 4.2 Correlation Matrix

	R_{t+3}	R_{t-3}	$BVPS_t$	$CFPS_t$	$ERPS_t$	DPS_t	B/M_t
R_{t+3}	1.0000						
R_{t-3}	0.9841	1.0000					
	(0.00*0						
$BVPS_t$	0.8180	0.8364	1.0000				
	(0.000	(0.000					
$CFPS_t$	0.7484	0.7511	0.7394	1.0000			
	(0.000	(0.000	(0.000				
$ERPS_t$	0.7492	0.7466	0.7697	0.8294	1.0000		
	(0.000	(0.000	(0.000	(0.000			
DPS_t	0.5477	0.5397	0.4571	0.5343	0.5451	1.0000	
	(0.000	(0.000	(0.000	(0.000	(0.000		
B/M_t	-0.1089	-0.1080	-0.0351	-0.0819	-0.0860	-0.0986	1.0000
	(0.000	(0.000	(0.068	(0.000	(0.000	(0.000	

* Values bracketed show the correlation coefficients represent p

** = insignificant at the 5% significance level

Table 4.2 above presents the correlation coefficients calculated from
analysis. The notation used is as follows: $R_{t+0.25}$ refers to stock price three months
year and $R_{t-0.25}$ refers to the stock price three months before the end of fiscal

the book value per share reported at the fiscal year end, $CFPS_t$ refers to the cash flow per share reported at the fiscal ye EPS_t refers to the earnings per share reported at the end of the year, DPS_t refers to the sum of the inter final dividends declared during the fiscal year, $BVPS_t$ refers to the book value divided by the at fiscal year end t.

4.3 Diagnostic tests

Table 4.3 presents the results of the unit root test for the price variable us IPS methodology. The null hypothesis of the IPS test is that the price varia stationary and the alternative hypothesis is that series is stationary. The p-value of the test (0.0247) is less than 0 reject the null hypothesis of a unit root at the 5% significance level alternative hypothesis. We therefore conclude that the price variabl

Table 4.3 Panel Unit Root Test: Im, Pesaran and Shin (IPS)

Method	Statistic	Prob.
Im, Pesaran and Shin	-1.964	0.024

4.4 Fundamental Analysis Model

The primary focus of this paper is to determine whether fundamental and technical analysis factors can have a high prices compared to models that consider each of the factors this analysis examine how well each model explains stock

In order to determine whether time period fixed effects are su the data instead of simply employing a pooled or fixed effects, tests conducted.

4.4.1 Redundant Fixed Effects Test

Table 4.4 below presents the results of the redundant fixed effec analysis model.

Table 4.4 Redundant fixed effects tests fundamental analysis model

Effects Test	Statistic	d.f.	Prob.

Cross-section F	7.841824	(465,222)	0.0000
Cross-section Chi-square	2626.396	465	0.0000
Period F	9.353741	(10,222)	0.0000
Period Chi-square	111.4084	10	0.0000
Cross-Section/Period F	7.762006	(475,222)	0.0000
Cross-Section/Period Chi-square	2645.010	475	0.0000

The p-values for all three tests for both F-statistic and Chi-square equal to zero to four decimal places. This implies that the restriction of the cross-sectional intercepts to be zero is not supported by the data. This then implies that the least squares model in effects and pooled sample is more appropriate than a pooled sample.

Given that the appropriate model is one that allows for intercepts over time and across firms, we also test for each firm in the data sample, we also test whether the phenomenon can best be captured by a model with fixed effects or random effects.

4.4.2 Hausman Test

One of the requirements of a valid random effects framework is that the component of the model should be independent of the explanatory variables (Brooks, 2008). This independence assumption is tested using the Hausman test.

The null hypothesis of the test is that the random effects model is consistent and the explanatory variables and thus the random effects model is appropriate. The fundamental analysis model follows a Chi-square distribution with 5 degrees of freedom. The results of the Hausman test are presented below.

Table 45: Hausman's test for the fundamental analysis model

Test Summary	Chi-Sq. Statistic	Chi-Sq. d.f.	Prob.
Cross-section random	95.781306	5	0.0000

The p-value of Hausman's test is equal to zero to four decimal places. This implies that the model with random effects is rejected and that fixed effects is appropriate.

The redundant fixed effects tests and the Hausman test conducted for the f
analysis model have shown that the panel approach is one where
the intercept varies for each firm is more appropriate to use in the model
utilising a pooled method. Finally, a model with fixed effects than random
effects should be preferred.

4.4.3 Estimation results for the fundamental analysis model

A model that satisfies the above criterion is estimated. The below
model is estimated with cross-sectional fixed effects and period fixed e

Table 4.6 Estimation results for the fundamental analysis model

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Variable	Coefficie	Std. Error	t-Statisti	Prob.
Intercept	13.99673	1.312273	10.6660	0.000
BVPS	0.818468	0.075271	10.8735	0.000
CFPS	1.460429	0.137543	10.6180	0.000
EPS	1.376841	0.182309	7.55222	0.000
DPS	1.539106	0.365862	4.20679	0.000
B/M	-0.878452	0.817134	-1.07504	0.282
Adjusted R-squared	0.876674	Mean depend		34.482
S.E. of regr	32.48381	S.D. depend		92.499
Sum squared	2350982.	Akaike info c		9.9589
Log likelih	-13008.46	Schwarz cri		11.007
F-statistic	41.10438	Hannan-Quinn c		10.338
Prob(F-statist	0.000000	Durbin-Watson		1.6223

The notation used in this: $P_{it+0.25}$ refers to the stock price of firm i t
after the fiscal year; BVPS refers to the book value per-share at fiscal yea
cash flow per share and EPS refers to the earnings per-share at fiscal
refers to the sum of the interim and final dividends declared during
book value divided by the market price at fiscal year-end that captures
sectional effects but does not vary over time; α_i is the intercept that is consta
sectional unit; ε_{it} is a remainder disturbance term.

The estimations show that price is indeed highly dependent on th
share and earnings per share. This is in line with the clean surplus
relation. Explanations that have been put forward for the positi
stock prices and book value per share and earnings per sha
share represents the liquidation value of the company while earnings per share s
a proxy for the company's value (see e.g. Bettman, 2009). These results are
consistent with Ohlson (1995) who found the value of book values
earnings per share to be important. These estimated results are supp
hypothesis and H hypothesis, that is the earnings per share and the book
variables to be significant and positively related to market prices.

The results in Table 4.6 also consistent with Gordon and Shapiro (19
the early pioneers of equity valuation with their findings of this p
had also found a significant relationship between dividends and mar
relationship that laid the foundation for the Dividend Discount Model.
finding therefore, supports the hypothesis H2 the importance of di
share in explaining stock price movements.

However, the results in Table 4.6 at odds with Chan (1991) regarding the
importance of book-to-market ratios in equity valuations. Both study
market ratio be an insignificant factor in explaining market, principally that we reje
hypothesis H5. This result is at odds with Auret and Sinclaire (2006
market ratio effect to be significant in the JSE over the same period
(1993) also found book-to-market ratios to be the most significant va
and economically in the Japanese market. The results in this paper
Fama and French (1992) finding. Fama and French (1992) found a positi
between book-to-market ratios and US stocks.

The results in Table 4.6 consistent with hypothesis H4 that the c
flow per share positively and significantly influence stock price movements
result is consistent with findings by Cheng et al (1997) and Kwon (200
Korean stock markets, respectively.

Table 4.5 presents the goodness of fit statistics on the fundamental analy
modeling. The only statistically significant coefficient is the constant. The joint hypothesis
that all the coefficients of the explanatory variables are zer
($\beta_1 = \beta_2 = \beta_3 = \beta_4 = \beta_5 = \beta_6 = 0$) is equal to zero to 3 decimal places. The adjusted R^2 of the model is 8
percent.

4.5 Technical Analysis Model

In a similar approach to the above section on the fundame
perform the redundant fixed effects test to determine whethe
should be constant or it should vary with time or across firms in
the data sample. Lastly, we will perform Hausman's test to
random effects would be suitable.

4.5.1 Redundant Fixed Effects Test

Table 4.7 below shows that the restriction of the cross-section effects is also well
supported by the data. The null hypothesis is that the effects are
equal to zero is not rejected by the Chi-square test and the F-test. This implies th
the intercept term in the analysis will not be allowed to vary with the firm
data sample.

Since the cross-section effects are insignificant, it suggests that a combination o
cross-section and period effects will also be insignificant.

Table 4.7 Redundant fixed effects test for the technical analysis

Effects Test	Statist	d.f.	Prob
Cross-section F	0.4596	(466,23	1.00
Cross-section Chi-square	246.718	466	1.00
Period F	11.0163	(10,23!	0.00
Period Chi-square	129.576	10	0.00
Cross-Section/Period F	0.6849	(476,23	1.00
Cross-Section/Period Chi-square	367.506	476	0.99

However, the period effects are highly significant in the two-Four de
test and the equation. Chi-Square Test. means that the intercept of the techni
will only be allowed to vary over time and will remain fixed
data sample.

4.5.2 Hausman Test

The results of Hausman's test are presented in Table 4.8. The null hypothesis tha
appropriate model is one with random effects-value of the test
test (0.8177) the 5% level of significance by far.

Table 4.8 Hausman's test for the estimated model analys

Test Summa	Chi-Sq. Statis	Chi-Sq. d.	Prob
Period rand	0.931922	3	0.817

The results of Hausman's test suggest that an appropriate t
should contain random effects rather than fixed effects.

The redundant fixed effects test suggested that an appropriat
one with only period effects (i.e. intercept will vary over tim
cross-sectional Taking into consideration the results of the
test and Hausman's test, the appropriate technical analysis
random effects. The estimation results of this model are pres

4.5.3 Estimation results for the technical analysis model

Table 4.9 presents the estimation results for the technical analys

Table 4.9 Estimation results of the technical analysis model

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Variable	Coeffi	Std. Error	t-Statis	Prob
Intercept	0.528	1.189146	0.4443	0.65
P .	1.038	0.003205	324.01	0.00
D_{UP}	-1.172	0.985321	-1.190	0.23
D_{DOWN}	-0.334	0.990253	-0.337	0.73

Adjusted R-squared	0.9738	Mean dependent var	8.846
S.E. of regression	15.744	S.D. dependent var	97.41
F-statistic	35264	Sum squared resid	7027
Prob(F-statistic)	0.0000	Durbin-Watson stat	2.105

The notation used in the above table refers to the closing stock price of firm i six months after the end of fiscal year t. $P_{t+0.25}$ refers to the stock price of firm i three months after the end of fiscal year t. D_{up} is a dummy variable equal to 1 if the holding period return of firm i in the 6 month period commencing 1 year before $t_{+0.25}$ is extremely positive and placed in the highest performance decile, and equal to 0 otherwise. D_{down} is a dummy variable equal to 1 if the holding period return of firm i in the 6 month period commencing 1 year before $t_{+0.25}$ is extremely negative and placed in the lowest performance decile, and equal to 0 otherwise. μ_i is a constant that measures the time-invariant firm specific intercept from the global mean, and ε_{it} is the idiosyncratic error term that varies over time by each cross-sectional firm's observation.

Test results in Table 4.9 show that lagged price is the most significant variable in explaining future stock prices. This result supports hypothesis 1, which states that lagged prices are the most important variable in regards to the importance of lagged price in explaining future stock prices. The significance of the lagged price variable is in accordance with studies conducted by Leung and Mack (2009) and Waworuntu and Seryanto (2011). The significance of this result is that it is able to produce reasonably accurate forecasts of future stock prices. This result contradicts the random walk hypothesis which states that price changes are independent of each other (Dunham, 2007).

Notably, both dummy variables representing extreme return performance are significant. This result suggests that extreme returns in the prior 6 month holding period tend to show a persistence in return performance into the next 6 month period. This result is significant for investors in the JSE equities market. This is because investors who were winners in previous periods or sell losers in previous periods cannot expect to outperform the market strategy as a whole. The insignificance of the dummy variables means that there is also no evidence of a contrarian or momentum effect. It is important to note that this result alone does not confirm that the

The lack of momentum/contrarian effect found in this study contrast with a num of studies that have been conducted on momentum variants and co markets including the JSE.

Jegadeesh and Titman (1993), Rouwenhorst (1998) and Chui et al (2010) found the momentum effect to be present in the US, European and UK s

Some of the previous studies on the contrarian effect contrasts incl Bondt and Thaler (1985) who found that stocks that underperformed the prior three year period outperformed the prior winners over the subsequent three year period. Another US stock market study by Poterba and Weisbenner (2001) using the same met concluded that the effect existed on the JSE equities market o 1974 to 1984.

One possible explanation for the lack of momentum/contrarian effects opposed to earlier studies is attributed to the findings from a study conducted by Mabhunu (2004). Mabhunu (2004) found the efficiency of the the period from 1999 to 2003, particularly with regards to contributing factors improved after the introductions of the SEN Exchange News Service) and STRATE (Share Transactions T JSE.

The technical analysis model has an adjusted R^2 of 97.39 percent, which that the model fits the data fairly well.

4.6 Integration of the fundamental and technical analysis m

In this section we present results for model that integrates both t and fundamental analysis factors. In order to establish the a employ, we use the redundant fixed effects test and Hausman s the preceding sections.

4.6.1 Redundant Fixed Effects Test

The results of the hypothesis test are shown in Table 4.1 below.

Table 4.7 Redundant fixed effects test for the Hybrid model

Effects Test	Statist	d.f.	Prob
Cross-section F	0.3154	(446,2)	1.00
Cross-section Chi-square	165.639	446	1.00
Period F	11.1888	(10,2)	0.00
Period Chi-square	132.552	10	0.00
Cross-Section/Period F	0.5591	(456,2)	1.00
Cross-Section/Period Chi-square	292.868	456	1.00

The cross-sectional effects are highly insignificant and therefore the both the test. The combination of cross-section and period effects is significant. The suggest that the appropriate form of the hybrid model is one

4.6.2 Hausman Test

Hausman's test helps us determine whether we should use r in the model. The results of Hausman's test for the hybrid mo below.

Table 4.8 Hausman's test for the hybrid model

Test Summ	Chi-Sq. Stati	Chi-Sq. d	Prob.
Period ran	16.317575	8	0.0381

The results of Hausman's test in Table 4.8 show that the period random effec significant at the 5% significance level. This implies that th model is one with only period fixed effects. This model is est

4.6.3 Estimation results for the hybrid model

The estimation results for the hybrid model are shown in Table 4.9 below.

Table 4.2 Estimation results for the hybrid model

$$r_{i,t+0.25} = \alpha + \beta_1 BVPS_{it} + \beta_2 CFPS_{it} + \beta_3 EPS_{it} + \beta_4 DPS_{it} + \beta_5 B/M_{it} + \beta_6 P_{it-0.25} + \beta_7 D_{UP} + \beta_8 D_{DOWN} + v_{it} \quad (3)$$

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
Intercept	0.331200	0.419674	0.789300	0.430
$BVPS_{it}$	-0.102000	0.017583	-5.803900	0.000
$CFPS_{it}$	-0.011700	0.056012	-0.209300	0.834
EPS_{it}	0.491850	0.080049	6.144400	0.000
DPS_{it}	0.581500	0.138604	4.195900	0.000
B/M_{it}	0.050900	0.215184	0.236600	0.813
$P_{it-0.25}$	1.035500	0.007152	144.7900	0.000
D_{UP}	-1.305700	1.036009	-1.260400	0.207
D_{DOWN}	0.103600	1.087076	0.095300	0.924

Adjusted R-squared	0.971000	Mean dependent var	34.91000
S.E. of regression	15.90500	S.D. dependent var	93.45000
Sum squared resid	659765.0	Akaike info criterion	8.378000
Log likelihood	-10986.00	Schwarz criterion	8.420000
F-statistic	4891.800	Hannan-Quinn criter.	8.393000
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000000	Durbin-Watson stat	2.309000

The notation used in this table is as follows: $P_{it-0.25}$ refers to the stock price of firm i three months after the end of the second year, $BVPS_{it}$ refers to the book value per-share at fiscal year end t, $CFPS_{it}$ refers to the cash flow per share at fiscal year end t, EPS_{it} refers to the earnings per-share at fiscal year end t, DPS_{it} refers to the sum of the interim and final dividends declared during year t, B/M_{it} refers to the book value divided by the market price at fiscal year end t, $P_{it-0.25}$ refers to the stock price of three months before the end of fiscal year t, D_{UP} is a dummy variable equal to 1 if the holding period return of firm i in the 6 month period commencing 1 year before the measurement of $r_{i,t+0.25}$ is extremely positive and placed in the highest performance decile, D_{DOWN} is a dummy variable equal to 1 if the holding period return of firm i in the year before the measurement of $r_{i,t+0.25}$ is extremely negative and placed in the lowest decile, equal to 0 otherwise. α is the term that varies cross-sectionally and measures the random deviation of each firm's intercept from the global intercept, and the error term v_{it} is the individual observation error term.

In the presence of technical analysis factors, cash flow per share now become an insignificant explanator of share prices. This finding is in contrast to Mi technical analysis factors were not included. The presence therefore diminishes the importance of cash flow per share as an explanator of st

In accordance with findings from Mohamad (2009), the market to book ratio still rema insignificant.

The presence of fundamental analysis variables does not app level of significance of the technical analysis variables. The lagge significant whilst the momentum/contrarian effects dummy va

The hybrid model is significant and the explanatory variables explain t stock well as shown by the adjusted R-squared value of 97.1 percent (Table 4.12)

4.7 Comparison of the models

The previous sections have thus far focused on the ability of explaining stock prices in isolation. We now examine whet complementary with technical analysis. We achieve this by statistics of the individual and in particular the adjusted R-squared statistic.

The technical analysis model has an adjusted R-squared figure of 97.3 percent fundamental analysis model has an adjusted R-squared of 89.8 percent (Table 4.13). This important result suggests that technical analysis is better suited in explaining st than fundamental analysis when stocks are looked in isolation. The adjusted R squared value for technical analysis is in line with findings from similar studies Bettman et al (2009) and Waworuntu and Suryanto (2010) in the U markets, respectively.

Table 4.13 below further shows that the hybrid model has a higher explan the fundamental analysis model as shown by the adjusted R-squared value (i.e. 97.1 percent vs. 89.8 percent). This result suggests that by integr analysis factors into a fundamental analysis model, one c explanatory power of a valuation model.

However, the adjusted R of the technical analysis model is hig
hybrid model. This result implies that by integrating a fundam
technical analysis does not necessarily produce The technical mo
analysis model is therefore fundamental analysis model, and t
fundamental analysis factors does not enhance the explanat
only serve to reduce it. This finding is at odds with previous research (Bettman et al., 2009)
and Waworuntu and Suryanto (2010), who found the hybrid
explanatory power than both the fundamental analysis and te

Table 4.13 Comparison of models

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$$P \quad = ± + ² P \quad + ² D \quad + ² D \quad + \mu + v \qquad (2)$$

$$\quad = \quad + \quad + \quad + \quad + \quad / \quad + \quad . \quad + \quad + \quad + \quad + \qquad (3)$$

Variable	Fundamental Ana (1)	Technical Anal (2)	Hybrid Mo (3)
Intercep	13.99673	0.528445***	0.331260*
BVPS	0.818468		-0.102050
CFPS	1.460429		-0.011726*
EPS	1.376841		0.491855
DPS	1.539106		0.581583
B/M	-0.878452***		0.050921*
Rt-0.25		1.038498	1.035580
DUP		-1.172772**	-1.305792*
DDOWN		-0.334109**	0.103616*
Adjusted R-squa	0.876674	0.973874	0.971035
S.E. of reg	32.48381	15.74416	15.90527
F-statisti	41.10438	35264.60	4891.839
Prob(F-statist	0.000000	0.000000	0.000000

*** = Insignificant coefficient

The notation used in this Table refers as follows: $P_{t+0.25}$ is the stock price of firm i three months after the fiscal year end. $BVPS_t$ refers to the book value per-share of firm i at fiscal year end t. $CFPS_t$ refers to the cash flow per share and EPS_t refers to the earnings per-share at fiscal year end t. DPS_t refers to the sum of the interim and final dividends declared during fiscal year end t. B/M_t refers to the book value divided by the market price of firm i at fiscal year end t. $P_{t+0.25}$ refers to the stock price of firm i three months after the fiscal year end. $Dum_{i,t+0.25}$ is a dummy variable equal to 1 if the holding period return of firm i in the 6 month period commencing 1 year before the measurement of $P_{t+0.25}$ is extremely positive and placed in the highest performing decile, Dum_{Growth} is a dummy variable equal to 1 if the holding period return of firm i in the year before the measurement of $P_{t+0.25}$ is extremely negative and placed in the lowest performing decile, equal to 0 otherwise.

4.8 Chapter Summary

A number of notable results have been demonstrated throughout the analysis. A brief overview of the main findings are summarised below.

One, we demonstrated the fundamental analysis variables that play a role in explaining stock price movements on the JSE. The following: book value per share, cash flow per share, earnings per share and dividends.

Two, we found no evidence of a momentum/contrarian effect. That is, stocks that outperform (underperform) in one period do not continue to outperform (underperform) in subsequent periods.

Three, we found the technical analysis model to possess a higher explanatory power than its fundamental analysis counterpart. This result indicates that technical analysis is better suited to explaining the volatility in JSE listed stocks.

Finally, we found the technical analysis model to be superior to the fundamental analysis model in explaining stock prices. This dismisses the idea that technical analysis could be complementary in nature when considering

Chapter 5: CONCLUSION

5.1 Introduction

Extant literature on equity valuation techniques has not sufficie
of equity valuation techniques that are essential to a succes
of the most important questions in equity valuation is that h
whether fundamental analysis and technical analysis are com
different way, this question can be asked: what is the best equity analyst that uses a com
fundamental analysis and technical analysis can outperform an analyst that uses only one of the valuation techniques.

Furthermore, each of the valuation techniques has its own g
theoretical foundations or otherwise. Each group of propo
valuation technique is more superior to the other. However, ve
has been conducted to evaluate these assertions, more esp
context.

This paper makes a contribution to the key question: Is JSE listed stocks for the benefit of market participants. Over and above thi
also consolidates work that has been done on drivers of stoc
the value relevance of several fundamental analysis and technical analysis variables.

This chapter is organised as follows: Section 5.2 discusses
5.3 concludes the study.

5.2 Discussion

The results indicate that technical analysis and fundamenta
complimentary in nature when considering JSE listed stocks. The superiority of the
hybrid model having a lower explanatory power than the te
measured by the adjusted R^2 statistic. The technical analysis model a
explanatory power than the fundamental analysis model. This significantly implies that
technical analysis techniques are best suited in explaining
stocks. The superiority of the technical analysis model relative to the fundamental analysis

model is consistent with Bettman et al (2009) and Waworu
However the lack of evidence in support of the complementar
techniques is in direct contrast to Bettman et al (2009) and Waworuntu (2009) and Suryantu
who found the valuation techniques to be complimentary in
markets, respectively.

We also found evidence of a momentum or contrarian effect on t
stocks that had extreme performances in a previous periods did no
a persistence in extreme returns. A possible explanation for
finding as suggested by Mabhunu (2004) is that the JSE has
periods and trading opportunities from market inefficiencies
away. This finding is at odds with Pagie and Ways (1992) who found that the
contrarian effect existed on the JSE over the period from 19
results also contrasts several studies conducted on internati
either the momentum or contrarian effects (see Jegadeesh and
(1998), Liu et al (1999) and Lee and Swaminathan (2000)).

With regards to fundamental work prices, we find book value per share
dividends per share, cash flow per share and lagged prices t
prices. The significance of book values per share and earni
Ohlson (1995)'s clean surplus framework, as well as Collins
Waworuntu and Suryantu (2010). Significance of the divid
consistent with the renowned Dividend Discount Model framework
of the cash flow per share is supported by Chan et al (1993)
stock market. The significant ability of the lagged price variable t
consistent with Lo and MacKinlay (1988).

However, we do not find that the market to book ratio does not play a signi
in explaining price movements of stocks on the JSE. The presence of integrat
and fundamental analysis variables does not alter this finding
study conducted by Auret and Sinclaire-Ross (2006) that found that both
significantly related to JSE stock prices.

5.3 Conclusion

The primary goal of this study was to examine whether fundamental analysis techniques are complementary or substitutes. While on the one hand, the valuation techniques can explain share price movements fairly well in isolation, however, on the other hand, the technical analysis results show that when considering the JSE, the two techniques complement each other.

The empirical results show that technical analysis has a higher explanatory power than the fundamental analysis model in isolation and as well as the combined valuation techniques.

The prominence of the technical analysis model thus challenges the efficient market hypothesis with regards to the JSE. Notwithstanding the above, the results show that technical analysts have not been able to rely on momentum or contrarian strategies to consistently search for abnormal risk-adjusted returns as no evidence of these effects was found.

Furthermore, in South Africa, the best predictors of stock price movements were found in this study to be the book value, earnings, dividends and the

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