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Information In The African Markets Bolstering Conventional Indices; A Review Of The Theory And Empirical Evidences

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ABSTRACT

The primary goal of this research is to determine whether purchasing a benchmark collection can yield inferior risk/return attributes compared to using the theory of modern portfolios (MPT), or Markowitz, on optimized portfolios. Putting together an investment strategy that outperforms the market over the long term should be the ultimate objective. Finding the way any one of these methods stacks up against the others in the context of producing better results based on utilizing returns and decreasing risks is crucial. Furthermore, it looks at how diversification can be used to minimize risk and maximize gets back on the Africa Stock Trade. Data on the five (5) belongings (organizations) that were selected from different categories by the Nigerian exchanges on a regular ending basis was utilized.

Keywords: Effective management of portfolios, risk, reward, Africa the stock the Exchange, Markowitz.

1. Introduction

After the world's crisis in finance, prudent holding investments has grown in popularity as investors look for ways to improve their financial safety in challenging circumstances and obtain attractive risk/return features. Ultimately, an investor's goal is to purchase instruments that provide higher returns than the standard of excellence at a risk they can afford [1]. In a perfect investment strategy, the prudent investor always aims to reduce risks and increase returns [2]. Since Markowitz's groundbreaking work in economic evaluation and risk mitigation, optimizing a portfolio has been an uphill battle [3]. The scientific long-horizon investment portfolio problem cannot be solved by MPT since it is myopic for a single period [4]. In economics of finance, the problem of deciding on a portfolio comes up frequently [5]. The fundamental premise is that any monetary asset's return can be adequately expressed as an unknown variable, the projected average and difference of which can be reliably determined from past performance. The investment's reward and risk are represented, correspondingly, by the planned mean and variations, or standard deviations. The challenge of optimizing portfolios can be expressed as follows: considering a set of fiscal assets, determine the proper proportion of each asset so that the total portfolio offers the least amount of risk for a specified total return, as indicated by the assets' projected mean and correlation [6,7,8,9]. selecting the "efficient the frontier," or the collection of all feasible holdings that provide an optimal rate of come back for a given degree of risk, is the only remaining task. It is mathematically demonstrated that, for every degree of risk, there is exactly one feasible portfolio that yields the highest annual return with the four-dimensional maximizing the efficiency arrangement.

Buying shares and the projected profit that goes along with it are typically risky endeavors. By allocating funds or different assets, we invest with the hope of earning a profit in the years to come. The majority of shareholders

are worried about how to minimize risk and enhance returns. This has something to do with man's innate aversion to risk. To this end, Markowitz introduced the concept of portfolio diversity as a means of addressing investor worries regarding risk and return in his groundbreaking study. The level of complexity and time-consuming calculations involved in choosing assets for collection inclusion make Markowitz has been diversity challenging. This is so that risk can be decreased without compromising investment outcomes through the use of Markowitz expansion, which combines assets that have imperfectly positive correlations [10]. It has been projected that the Markowitz has been diversity strategy, with its competence, will work better than the typical index investing approach, also known as the "naïve a plan of action Therefore, using the general market index (GMI) as a proxy, the study looked into whether Markowitz outperforms the Inexperienced strategy. This study's main goal is to find out how well the GMI and Markowitz has been approaches to diversification work in the Nigerian stock market. To this end, the research will try to ascertain which of the two approaches is more likely to succeed in the Nigerian stock market. It will also look to clarify how much diversification can lower risk and increase return on a portfolio of investments of instruments in known as Nigerian inventory the marketplace.

2. Literature Review

Diversity is a method of distributing investments over a variety of assets by building a portfolio. Creating variety is a single of the most crucial things to remember from the capital markets theory, as noted [11]. Most people agree that diversity is a good idea, despite the countless academic and empirical arguments over how much beta and other events influence asset returns. Various factors shape choice of investment, as explained [12]. Additionally, reliability encourages investors to reset their balances more frequently and for significantly greater amounts of money [13]. Several make investments in businesses in order to gain control and take advantage of the prestige attached to them. Some spend money flaunting their affluence. Nonetheless, the majority of shareholders are primarily motivated by the desire to maximize their financial gains. Customers will always have to assume certain dangers in order to generate refunds. In accordance with [14], the quantity of investments has no bearing on the overall risk of a mix when we manipulate the typical beta of the element's securities. However, in the case of nonsystematic risk, the quantity of investments involved matters more than the particular variation of the instruments held by the firm. Almost each company-specific hazards can be eliminated with adequate diversification. Comprehending this differentiation is crucial for comprehending the function of diversity in portfolio building. According to [15], diversification refers to the process of distributing an investment among various assets, establishing a series of investments in this manner. They continued by saying that investing through a variety of assets will reduce some of the risks, according to the theory of expansion. As can be seen, keeping equipment with imperfect correlations helps an investor lower risk in the portfolio. Therefore, by maintaining a mix of inventory, the investor can lower their reliance on any one asset. [16] claim that an adequate quantity of risk that is diversifying can be satisfied by investing in 15 stocks. Building balanced accounts serves as an example for building portfolios. advantages of diversity can be found up to roughly 27 investments, according to a study by [17]. It is discovered that the creditor investor has an extensive portfolio with 50 stocks, whereas the one who borrows investor has 30 stocks. Economic counselors would suggest the financial institution savings plans as an insurance policy in conjunction with a securities collection as a winning strategy for investing up until the 1970s. The availability of additional knowledge and entry to a greater range of types of assets distinguishes now from then. Combining these various assets into intricate investment plans is also simpler from a knowledge standpoint. It is important to realize that each and every asset should be evaluated according to its risk and return potential; however, the overall risk and come back of a portfolio can vary depending on the combination of a few stocks [18]. A number of writers, including [19] and [20], have addressed the primary concerns that the investor has when investing; one such concern is determining how to divide supplies within different kinds of assets. Every financial institution faces the same issue—namely, the need to explicitly include the characteristics of the liabilities in the analysis, which adds another layer of struggle. Even though these problems have an alternate framework, we can still categorize them under the concept of portfolio theory. The study of theory of portfolios has seen a great deal of prior research. A paper by [21] compared the performance of collections that were handled actively and passively. The succeeded collection wasn't performing as well as the inactive the norm, according to the research findings. Cowles looked at return but ignored risk, but as stated by the Modern Portfolio Theory (MPT) [22], both risk and return need to be taken into account. This highlights the significance of considering risk when building a collection of assets. [23] contends that danger can be reduced but not eradicated lacking affecting the return on a portfolio. Given the significance of the concept, risk needs to be defined. Investopedia, (2006) offers the following definition: "The possibility that the actual return on a purchase will differ from the one anticipated." This involves the potential for losing the money that was initially invested in part or in full. Typically, the standard deviation of historical goes back or the mean profit of a particular investment are used to determine it [9]. The intellectual antithesis of conventional asset selection is MPT. It is the product of academics, who instead of focusing on what makes every financial possibility distinct, attempt to analyze the marketplace as a whole. One of the main issues of the theory of finances is the asset placement issue, because as stated in [24]. Two essential elements of the MPT are the likelihood and allocation of assets. A statistical description of a purchase is given in terms of its expected volatility over both the short and the long term. The amount of volatility is a proxy for "risk," indicating the

likelihood that an investment's bad years will be significantly worse than average. Finding a portfolio with the maximum expected return for a given level of volatility is the aim after determining a suitable level of tolerance for risk [25]. High returns combined with zero risk is what someone with money would look for in the ideal expenditure. The truth is that it is almost unattainable to find such a sort of investment, as stated in [26]. Not surprisingly, people devote a great deal of time to creating hypotheses and procedures that approximate the "ideal expenditure." However, none is as well-liked or potent as the MPT. It is crucial that individuals in the industry comprehend how to apply the understanding that now exists to create collections that best suit the preferences and risk limitations of clients. Financial experts should also be aware of the factors that influence collection risk and earnings and how to best leverage them. A strong theoretical basis for creating collections that are resilient and closely matched to investors' declared inclinations for risk and return is provided by the MPT. According to MPT, diversifying an asset portfolio can either yield better results at lower risk levels or even boost returns at certain risk levels. Application of the theory use the mixed of risks to be the swings of goes back implied by changes in market prices. It is unquestionably the predominant theory in terms of portfolio management. It is a hypothesis that emphasizes that risk is a necessary component of greater reward and describes how gamblers can build portfolios of work to optimize risk in the markets for anticipated earnings. Diversify is the idea that investors should keep in mind when assembling a less-risky assets [27]. The proverb " avoid put all of your eggs in one basket" is simple to say but harder to follow through on in practice. Harry Markowitz's studies on this area earned him a Nobel Award in Economics, demonstrating the significance of diversity [28]. The complex process of expansion, which takes both return and risk into account at the same time, is explained by the Markowitz, for selection planning. The degree of association within the two bonds determines the risk of the portfolios. As a result, a relationship within stock returns determines how much collection diversity helps an individual.

Methodology

In accordance with the project's direction, goal, and overview of the literature, we gather data on the closing prices per day of five (5) distinct securities from the Nigeria Stock Exchange's various markets (to observe the impact of diversity across the various market categories) and contrast it to the comparisons (GMI). The seventy most emphasized stocks in the market comprise the following five assets: 7up Bottling Company, Ashaka Cement Plc, Julius Berger Nigeria Plc, and Flourmill Plc. The data covers the period from 2007 to 2009, which includes the volatile 2008 global economic downturn. The goal is to determine how effective the Markowitz has been strategy is at decreasing risks and promoting returns relative to a standard. This paper's a different light is limited to the strength and successful outcome of the Nigerian capital market due to time and financial constraints that prevent it from examining each factor when assessing the portfolio's achievement. In addition, this paper ignores transaction fees, tax efficacy, and both advantageous and adverse leverage; instead, it focuses on the portfolio's raw result. The holdings will not contain any real financial investments. Rather, the portfolio's success will be shown as a proportion in order to provide the investor with a more thorough and understandable analysis of the results. The broader market performance index of the Nigerian equity market serves as an international sale index. This index replicates the general shift of the market. The difficulty comes from the fact that the expected risk and return of different securities fluctuate as prices do. Owing to the ever-changing market dynamics, only a small portion of market history—which includes both prosperous and poor market conditions—can be utilized. In order to assess the technique's updated effectiveness, the portfolio's composition is also rebalanced quarterly [29]. Third-party sources are the main types of data used. The mean, average, standard deviation, coefficients of variability, optimizing engine, and variability of comeback are somewhat the results of the tools for analysis used in this study.
Equation 1 is used to determine the amount of come back for distinct assets:

$$r_t = \frac{p_t - p_{t-i}}{p_{t-i}} \quad (1)$$

where Pt is the average price for shares at time t.
Pt-1 is the share's price at time t-1.
An assortment of n investments is called a portfolio, for short. Equation 2 gives the rate of return on the holdings *Rp*, which is an average of the gets back on every one of the instruments.

$$Rp = \sum x_i R_i \quad (2)$$

where *Pt* is the average price for shares at time t.
Pt-1 is the percentage price at time t-1.
An assortment of n investments is called a stock portfolio. Equation 2 gives the rate of return on the holdings *Rp*, which is an average of the gets back on every one of the instruments.

$$a_i = ER_i \tag{3}$$

and

$$\sigma_{ij} = E(R_i - a_i)(R_j - a_j) \tag{4}$$

Equations 5 and 6, correspondingly, provide expressions for the anticipated profit of the collection ap and the coefficient of variation of the hourly earnings of the collection when using both of these the symbols:

$$a_p = \sum x_i a_i = \boldsymbol{X^T a} \tag{5}$$

and

$$\sigma_p^2 = \sum\sum x_i \sigma_{ij} x_j = \boldsymbol{X^T \sum X} \tag{6}$$

Here, we applied calculation 7's definition of the vector machine and matrix syntax:

$$\boldsymbol{a} = \begin{matrix} a^1 \\ \vdots \\ a^n \end{matrix} \quad \boldsymbol{X} = \begin{matrix} x^1 \\ \vdots \\ x^n \end{matrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \sum = \begin{bmatrix} \sigma^{11}, & \cdots & \sigma^{1n} \\ \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \sigma^{n1} & \cdots & \sigma^{nn} \end{bmatrix} \tag{7}$$

Investment risk is defined as the variability or average difference of a return in the portfolio [30]. The goal of the collection challenge of achieving the lowest risk and highest desired return is to determine the percentages of the portfolios as indicated by calculation 8:

$$\boldsymbol{X} = (x_1, x_2 \ldots x_n)^T \text{ to minimize } \boldsymbol{X^T \sum X} \quad \text{subject to } \boldsymbol{X^T a} \geq \boldsymbol{a}_{required} \tag{8}$$

and potentially added weight restraints

$$\boldsymbol{X} = (x_1, x_2 \ldots x_n)^T$$

Equation 9 lists standard furtherance restrictions.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} x = P, \text{ or } \sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i = 1 \tag{9}$$

where x_i is the amount of money invested in security I, and $w_i = x_i/P$

This means that calculation 10 requires the full value P (everyone) to be put forth.

$$0 \leq x_i \leq zP, \quad i = 1,2, \ldots n \tag{10}$$

This indicates that only long spots are permitted and that the maximum amount that can be contributed in one stock is the percentage 0 ≤ x_i≤ P of the total value. Furthermore, the necessary extra profit on the investment must not be beneath 0.01%.

$$\sum_{i=1}^{n} w_i \not\in \geq 0.01\%$$

A limited portfolio is frequently the outcome of efficiency. This could result in amount risks and being subjected to risks the fact that the algorithm won't be able to accurately estimate, like fraud (like in the Enron, or case), natural disasters (like a disaster striking an organization's main office or the location of companies), and other similar risks. We use those limitations along with the coefficient matrix as inputs for the portfolio efficiency action with an excel solver to attempt to force a certain degree of diversity in request to shield a mix towards such dangers [31].

3. Result Analysis

The ensuing graphs and charts provide an understanding of the different calculations made in order to provide a reliable assessment of the Markowitz, for and GMI approaches.

3.1. The Efficient Frontier

By maintaining an equal return and avoiding the normative variance, the frontier of efficiency is created. Table 1 lists every return along with the average deviation that corresponds to it. For each circumstance, there is a weight assigned to attaining an optimal dangerous ratio.

Mean return	Standard deviation	7up bottling plc	Ashaka cement plc	Julius Berger Nig. ltd	Fluormil Nigeria plc	Mobil oil plc
0.06%	0.98%	62.15%	24.56%	0.00%	13.29%	0.00%
0.10%	0.98%	63.37%	23.15%	0.00%	13.47%	0.00%
0.50%	0.96%	75.63%	9.08%	0.00%	15.29%	0.00%
0.96%	0.98%	70.51%	0.00%	1.17%	28.33%	0.00%
1.42%	1.07%	49.30%	0.00%	7.16%	43.54%	0.00%
1.88%	1.17%	28.09%	0.00%	13.15%	58.76%	0.00%
2.43%	1.29%	2.74%	0.00%	20.31%	76.95%	0.00%

Table 1: Index of the median return and average deviation, as of January 1, 2007.

Testing each potential asset tandem that yields the desired return helps solve the proportions. A collection of assets is deemed productive if the weights produce the smallest average variance for the given come back. Equation (9), which shows a productive frontier, which was is the outcome of presenting each useful a mix as a point of data.

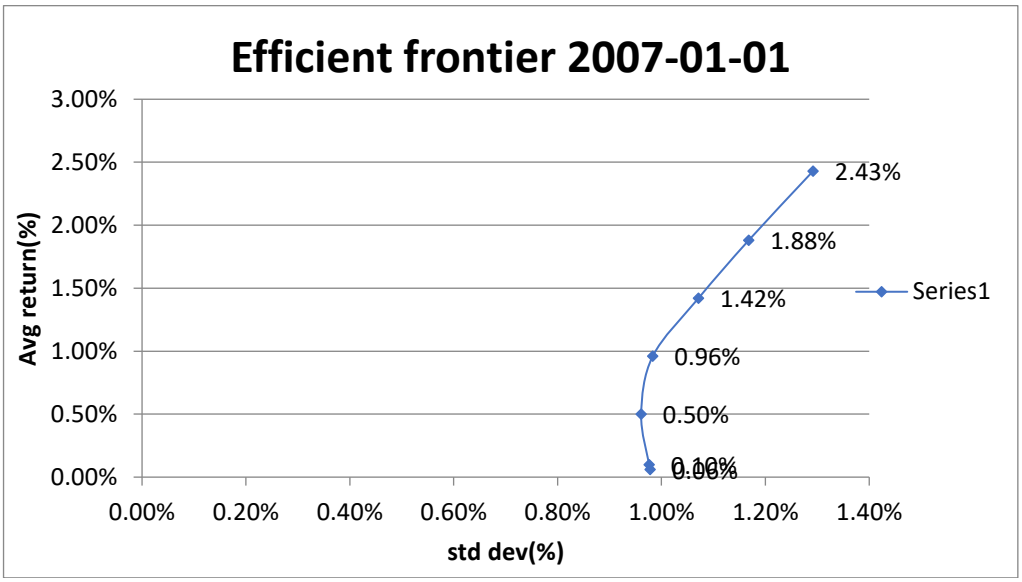

Figure 1: Effective the Frontier, January 1, 2007

Figure 1 shows the plot of the productive the limits using information from Table 1. A collection of securities (series) for each point on the optimal frontier can be created by bringing together the assets using various stock the weights in the optimizing engine (excel solver). No, a mix is located above the optimal frontier, as the above figure shows, and all collections below the frontier of effectiveness are subpar compared to those on the edge of efficiency. A distinct yet effective the portfolio is represented by each of the points on the efficient frontier. The shareholder obtains the maximum the end for the specified risk when they purchase an effective collection.

dates	portfolio	GMI
30/04/07	0.92%	6.96%
31/08/07	-1.43%	1.44%
31/12/07	4.03%	3.96%
30/04/08	3.68%	0.82%
31/08/08	-1.09%	5.19%
31/12/08	-7.46%	9.64%
30/04/09	-12.86%	7.50%
31/08/09	6.61%	3.44%
31/12/09	5.18%	2.98%

Table 2: portfolio and GMI returns

dates	portfolio	GMI
30/04/07	2.72%	5.66%
31/08/07	2.31%	4.17%
31/12/07	4.43%	4.17%
30/04/08	6.01%	7.39%
31/08/08	8.72%	5.51%
31/12/08	5.76%	8.22%
30/04/09	9.43%	19.24%
31/08/09	12.23%	23.23%
31/12/09	7.62%	1.57%

Table 3: Portfolio and GMI risks

We create the chart that compares the portfolio and the GMI's risks and earnings employing Tables 2 and 3. As demonstrated by today's portfolio theory in Figure 2, the GMI initially surpassed its own returns, but over time—particularly during the tumultuous 2008 global financial crisis—the collection demonstrated greater efficacy in maximizing returns. In the area of risk, a reduction figure 3 makes it very evident that the GMI is far behind the Markowitz collection.

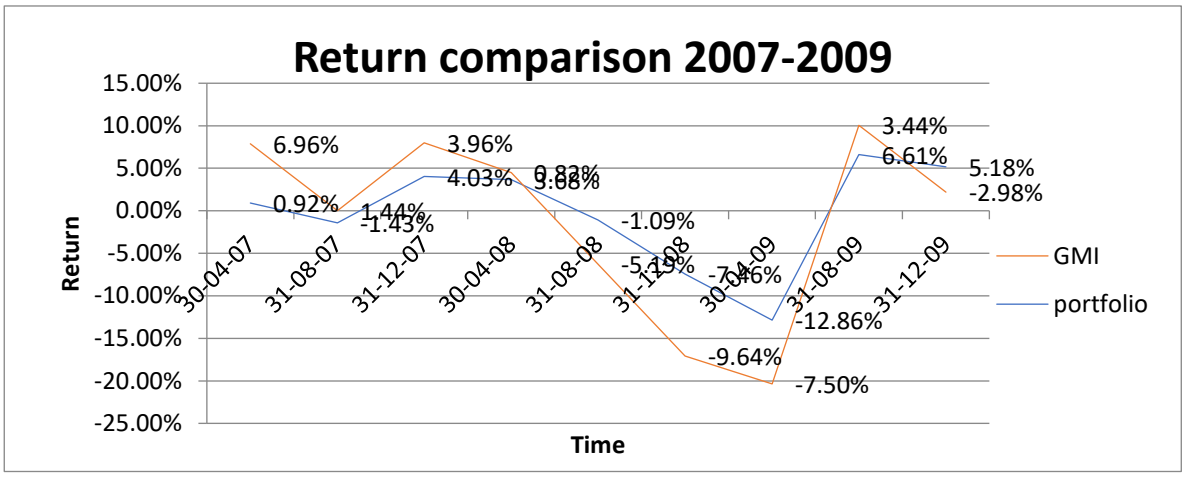

Figure 2: Return Comparison

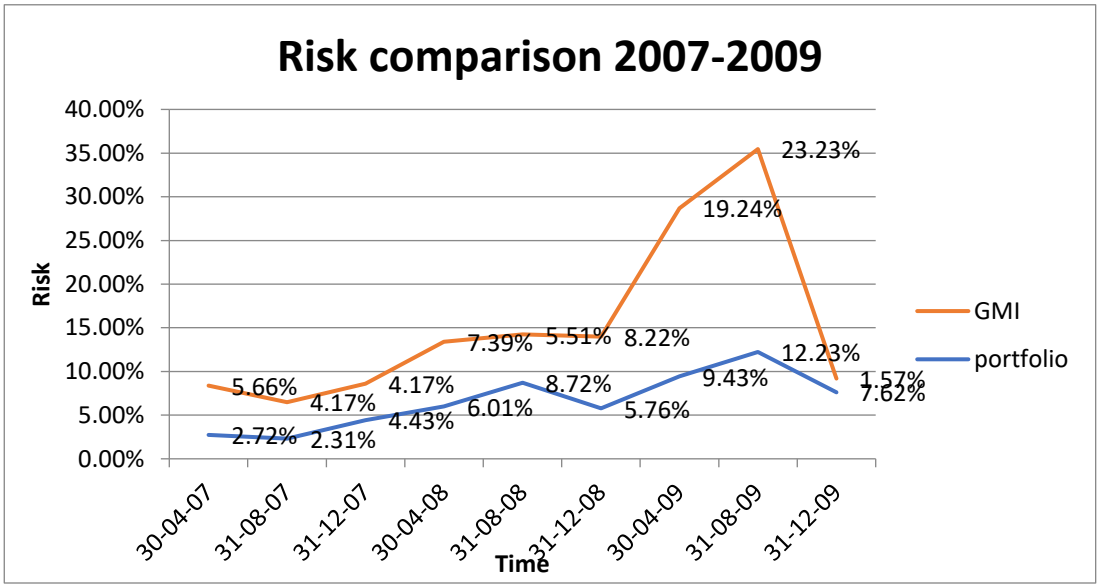

Figure 3: Examination of the danger (equipped variance)

examining the results, we can state with confidence that, in the Nigeria Stock Exchange is where Markowitz diversifying approach (low uncertainty strategy) offers investors better risk/return qualities than investing in an actively managed index, particularly during the tumultuous 2008 financial meltdown, as shown in Table 2 and Figure 2. The GMI leads the holdings with favorable returns in the beginning, as was to be expected, but over time the portfolio beat the index, demonstrating the value of diversified portfolios across several Nigerian investment sectors. However, over the entire period we have selected, as demonstrated by Table 3 and Figure 3, the GMI falls well short of the a mix in terms of risk minimizing it. In conclusion, our research indicates that low uncertainty putting effort would produce more desirable risk/return attributes than utilizing the naïve approach of conventional index investing, provided that a careful and exceptional indistinguishable selection of assets is made across various sectors of the Nigerian Wealth Market.

1. Suggestions for future research

We found this kind of research to be very intriguing, and the results satisfied us. To obtain a more valid and trustworthy finalization declaration it seems intriguing to conduct an identical study with multiple in progress portfolios of work in contrast to various index types. Additionally, each of the variables can be examined independently while maintaining the same goal of outperforming the index, and these could make a fantastic addition to our research. Since the study only uses previous information, it would be more engaging to bring out the benefits and drawbacks of human impact by including an attribute that takes investor tastes into account. An ideal risky collection should be fully diverse, and this requires taking the world view into account. Research

has indicated [32] that an investor will benefit from even greater possibilities for diversity when their holdings is globally diversifies. As such, it would be worthwhile to look into whether a portfolio that consists of property that are globally diverse would exhibit an alternate pattern of performance.

Data Availability

The authors solemnly declare that the data and literature of our papers named **Information in the African Markets Bolstering Conventional Indices; A Review of the Theory and Empirical Evidences** are from published literature. We are responsible for the authenticity of the data. This article is completely open to readers without confidentiality. The author agrees with the information in the paper and agrees that the author of the communication will make a decision on behalf of all the authors without controversy.

Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare that they have no conflicts of interest.

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