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countries have been competing against each other in order to attract financial investment and human capital for decades however emerging economies have a long way to go before they achieve the same levels of competitiveness as a developed economy lack of firm institutions inadequate infrastructure and a lack of trust in the legal Guide system are urgent and unavoidable factors that emerging economies must address the handbook of research on increasing the competitiveness of smes provides innovative insights on integrating adapting and building models and strategies compatible with the development of competitiveness in small and medium enterprises in emerging countries the content within this publication examines quality management organizational leadership and digital security it is designed for policymakers entrepreneurs managers executives business professionals academicians researchers and students this article aims to investigate the relationship between working capital management and firm performance in an emerging market the analysis is done over a long window spanning across 2000 2014 by using ordinary least square ols fixed and random effects model and generalized method of moments gmm on 2 327 firm year observations a panel data of Ace 179 companies listed on the s p bse 500 index of bombay stock exchange bse for robustness in addition to accounting performance market based performance measure has also been employed to measure firm performance this study based on india finds a negative relationship between the working capital management and firm performance necessitating the need to efficiently manage the working capital for enhanced profitability the handbook of business practices and growth in emerging markets consists of a collection of specially commissioned chapters that describe the current business environment organizational culture consumer behavior financial investment climate and examples of best prevailing practices in emerging markets it covers all the major functional areas of business marketing strategy operations and finance in all continents the focus of each chapter is on the identification of different business issues in different emerging markets including asia africa and south america and on the implementation of a Galaxy proposed set of recommendations using both qualitative and quantitative techniques to assist in decision making and in improving organizational efficiency and effectiveness readers will also appreciate the multidimensional view of financial and non financial performance measurement of businesses specifically the goal of this research based handbook is to provide a comprehensive guide for business students and managers by discussing a range of issues from the diverse emerging markets and enabling them to develop a strategic mindset for a market oriented culture given the changing business dynamics government policies and demands in industries this handbook is both timely and topical globalization has expanded the options for building brand strategies through social media the internet and in conventional approaches amidst increasing market competition companies need to analyze their competitive choices to determine their brand equity in the marketplace as such it is necessary for companies to develop customer focused brands to gain competitive advantage this book Guide enhances knowledge on developing competitive brands in emerging markets particularly the brics countries it provides the necessary guidance with proven strategies for building successful brands the decisions and options faced by brand managers and the tools to manage brands effectively it develops new dimensions on brand management strategies by analyzing best practices based on proven strategies readers will not only gain insight into international brand competition but also into the organizational support necessary to build and manage a powerful brand it is a necessary read for all mba students and scholars in marketing especially those who seek to gain new insight in the rapidly changing global marketplace tax compliance costs tend to be disproportionately higher for small and young businesses this paper examines how the quality of tax administration affects firm performance for a large sample of firms in emerging market and developing economies we construct a novel internationally comparable and multidimensional index of tax administration quality the taqi using information from Galaxy the tax administration diagnostic assessment tool we show that better tax administration attenuates the productivity gap of small and young firms relative to larger and older firms a result that is robust to controlling for other aspects of tax policy and of economic governance alternative definitions of small and young firms and measures of the quality of tax administration from a policy perspective we provide evidence that countries can reap growth and productivity dividends from improvements in tax administration that lower compliance costs faced by firms although emerging market economies consist of 50 of the global population they are relatively unknown filling this knowledge gap emerging markets performance analysis and innovation compiles the latest research by noteworthy academics and money managers from around the world with a focus on both traditional emerging markets and new areas such as the balkan middle east and north african regions it looks at how these markets can serve as drivers of portfolios and a significant force over the long term this noteworthy collection sheds some light on what lies ahead for emerging markets with the most up to date research from academics and practitioners it covers general issues in emerging markets and provides in depth studies of regional markets experiencing transition including the Guide european union latin america and the middle east the book also explores asian and indian markets as well as financial instruments such as bonds and funds relative to these markets it concludes with chapters on regulations corporate governance and corruption study suggests that vietnamese firms create international competitiveness in relation to both upstream and downstream activities furthermore the study Ace suggests that upstream competitiveness of the sample firms is significantly more attractive in terms of economic export performance export sales profitability and growth than downstream competitiveness however when export performance is measured in more far sighted strategic terms there are no significant differences between the two dimensions of competitiveness the study also reveals some interesting industry differences for firms in the low tech textiles garments industry upstream competitiveness has greater impact on economic export performance than downstream competitiveness conversely downstream competitiveness results in a higher economic return than upstream competitiveness for firms from the high tech industries of electronics and mechanical manufactures in the last part of the thesis theoretical empirical and managerial implications are discussed along with conclusions and suggestions for future research although interest in corporate social responsibility csr in emerging markets has increased in recent years most research still focuses on developed countries the scant literature on the topic which traditionally suggested that csr was relatively underdeveloped in emerging markets has recently explored the context specificity suggesting that it is different and reflects the specific social and political background this would particularly apply to local companies not so much to foreign subsidiaries of multinationals active in emerging markets thus far empirical research that systematically documents a range of csr activities of local companies and their performance has been scarce this paper reports the results of a survey conducted among companies in the mexican auto industry csr performance was investigated across three dimensions environmental labor and community using measures from existing research and global western standards of practice to identify the type of csr activities and the level of csr performance that exist if at all in the emerging market context results show that local companies do engage in the type of csr activities commonly associated with csr in developed countries to the extent that comparisons could be made our findings also indicate that csr activities and levels among the sample are comparable to what is Galaxy known about csr in developed country settings moreover six of the nine csr dimensions are intercorrelated which suggests that csr in the mexican auto parts industry is more structural than incidental although emerging market economies consist of 50 of the global population they are relatively unknown filling this knowledge gap emerging markets performance analysis and innovation compiles the latest research by noteworthy academics and money 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read the books have heard the gurus yet there are so few outstanding success stories this book is different for the following reasons it is based on years of personal experience in implementing hundreds of performance management systems in companies contributors to the book Samsung have actually done and experienced what they are writing about with particular experience in emerging markets it is underpinned by empirical research it is practical and for once tells you how to do it with no missing steps or information there are tool kits forms and check lists that can be used instantly it is written in plain english with no bamboozling jargon with many practical examples and templates that you can amend to suit your needs emerging markets play an increasingly important role in the global economy accounting for 31 of global gdp and more than 50 of global foreign direct investment in 2012 however doing business in emerging markets remains subject to a high degree of policy risk namely the risk that a government will discriminatorily change the laws regulations or contracts governing an investment or will fail to enforce them in a way that reduces an investor s financial returns institutions institutional change and economic performance in emerging markets brings together a series of harvard business school case studies on Galaxy emerging markets this book is an invaluable resource for researchers in the fields of economics business to understand the role of specific economic and political institutions in shaping the business environment and economic growth in emerging markets it gives answers to the following questions when will governments define and enforce property rights when will the division of policy authority across different government agents e g federal and subnational governments or politicians and bureaucrats enable better policy decisions and what are the consequences of globalization for the economic growth and stability of emerging market countries empirical research has shown that there is little relationship between financial liberalization and economic growth in emerging countries although international financial integration should in principle help countries to reduce macroeconomic instability and enhance economic growth the available evidence suggests that developing countries have not always reaped these potential benefits this volume discusses the relationship between financial liberalisation financial deepening and economic performance from both a theoretical and a Samsung policy perspective comparing several big emerging countries argentina brazil china india russia and south africa as well as presenting case studies its main contribution is to analyse issues that are related to financial liberalisation in emerging countries focusing on recent experiences with a particular focus on the policy dimension of financial liberalisation the degree of autonomy of domestic economic policy and the different policy responses by countries to deal with issues caused by the international financial integration this volume includes contributions from a wide range of experts on finance liberalisation and the economics of developing countries and will be of great interest to scholars and policymakers in these crucial areas book cover a phenomenal growth of emerging markets has not only attracted an enormous interest from international institutional and individual investors but it has also proved that these markets cannot be treated in the same way as developed markets this research is intended to identify the main determinants of the stock market performance in emerging economies of latin america and asia pacific the study has been motivated by the increasing importance of these equity markets on the international financial arena the capital markets of emerging economies have not only become an important asset Samsung class for international investors but also they have become a new and increasingly important source of foreign capital for these countries this research examines a set of macroeconomic variables including inflation foreign exchange rates

market integration the institutional investor s country ratings the u s interest rates and financial risk premiums and their role in explaining the fluctuations in the total returns on the stock markets in six latin american and four asia pacific countries the results show that the institutional investor s country ratings and financial risk premium are the best determinants of the stock market performance in latin american and asian pacific countries the attempt to separate the financial and country risks has also been undertaken with the successful results in four out of ten countries the further findings show that financial risk premiums are an important risk factor which explains the stock market returns in seven out of ten countries and moreover financial risk premiums appear to be an aggregate risk factor which can successfully replace five macroeconomic variables and above that they contain incremental information which successfully explain the variance in the stock market returns the findings may have significant implications for international investors and national policymakers in the emerging markets the findings highlight the significance of the country default risk in explaining the stock market performance in the latin american and asia pacific economies capital mobility is a double edged sword for emerging economies as governments must weigh the benefits of investment against the potential economic costs and political consequences of currency crises devaluations and instability financial markets volatility and performance in emerging markets addresses the delicate balance between capital mobility and capital controls as developing countries navigate the convoluted global network of private investors hedge funds large corporations and international institutions such as the international monetary fund a group of experts here examine rapidly globalizing financial markets with regard to capital flows and Ace crises domestic credit international financial integration and economic policy featuring detailed analyses and cross national comparisons of countries such as brazil argentina uruguay and korea this book will shape economists and policymakers understanding of the effectiveness of restrictions on capital mobility in the world s most fragile economies this study examines whether differences in ownership structure across firms can explain their performance differences in an emerging economy like bangladesh where corporate governance variables have been testified whether Guide they exert any influence on firm performance the empirical evidence of this study suggests that sponsor holding and government holding are significantly positively related to firm performance whereas institutional holding is insignificantly related to performance however board size and existence of audit committee chaired by sponsor director are significantly negatively related to firm s performance using the data for the period of 2002 2004 it is observed that a large fraction of cross sectional variation in performance found in several studies is explained by unobserved firm heterogeneity rather than the shareholders holding pattern alone capital controls relaxation is one critical macroeconomic policy component that constitutes the broader framework of economic reform policies research work has been done especially on developed countries to establish if relaxation of capital controls does improve economic performance of a country the literature reviewed supports this notion but the results from causal studies lack consistency especially when studying the emerging economies this research reviewed the literature on the impact of capital account liberalization and the pace thereof on economic growth of emerging economies then a quantitative research methodology was followed whereby 67 emerging economies Ace geographically grouped into five continents were studied over a period of 25 years 1980 to 2005 the economic growth rate was traced as the emerging economies relaxed or tightened their capital controls to establish if there was any kind of relationship it was statistically proven that in emerging economies relaxation of capital controls had a significantly low impact on economic growth and that a gradual relaxation approach positively impacted economic performance in recent years diversification has become a common strategy used by companies in emerging markets it is believed that diversification operations could help firms get better performance and gain higher profits from a larger internal market however contradictory results reveal that diversification empirically hurts firm value and other Guide studies show the relationship between diversification and firm performance is complicated that should be studied in separate industries the opinion is inconclusive on this topic this study developed a performance index to see how diversification impact on various perspectives of firm performance conclusions as follow international diversification has a positive correlation with firm performance in several aspects whereas industrial diversification helps firms developing ability however due to the unavailability of long term data we can not rule out the possibility that well performed firms go for international diversification besides the relationship between diversification and firm performance affected by different industries the agricultural and natural resource firms tend to exceed manufacturing firms in the efficiency aspects whereas manufacturing companies tend to have advantages in the sustainability aspect compared to service firms there is also evidence showing that the largest shareholders holdings rates have a positive impact on firm performance and state owned rate has a negative relation with firm performance research in this book focuses on the strategic behaviour of the state as a shareholder in businesses and the implications it has for the other shareholder s and business performance it investigates the institutional characteristics of state linked and state owned firms sies soes in emerging markets using vietnam as a case study with comparative analysis on china and selected asean countries in doing so the book adopts an evidence based approach to explain the state s role as a shareholder in the different aspects of corporate governance including ceo appointment board structure and impact of state ownership on business strategy and performance it highlights the influence of the state as a shareholder by investigating institutional factors consistent with path dependence theory which postulates that the initial and underlying structure of an economy influences its performance in addition the book presents empirical evidence of the dynamics of corporate governance arising from interactions between the state and other shareholders which has not yet been addressed in the literature and is distinctive in providing new insights from both qualitative and empirical research on how to successfully navigate the emerging market business environments from the perspective of the state as an Samsung owner participant explaining the theoretical constructs in corporate governance in state invested firms empirical research methodologies and results to draw and validate inferences the book is comprehensive and provides a practical guide for practitioners as well as a reference for academics undergraduate and postgraduate students the new theoretical models proposed integrate traditional political economic and agency theories which also underpin tertiary business courses and academic research this thesis analyzes the performance of emerging markets equity mutual funds during the period from january 2005 until december 2017 the main objective is to fill the existing methodological gap between the literatures on developed markets and emerging markets funds in the first part i analyze fund performance and show that alphas are positive statistically significant on average thus i find evidence that mutual funds generated abnormal returns over the entire sample period yet the Galaxy sub period analysis shows there have been periods of positive and negative significant alphas in addition i show that the expense ratio front end and back end loadings have negative impacts on alphas as expected in the second part the performance persistence analysis shows that spreads between the top and bottom performing funds are positive throughout different holding periods in other words better performing funds keep outperforming their bottom peers in subsequent periods hence i find evidence for performance persistence across holding periods of up to one year the results also show that even bottom performing funds were on average able to generate positive alphas throughout different holding periods this article aims at testing empirically the major building blocks that affect the performance of emerging markets hedge funds incentive fees management fees size age hurdle rate high watermark provision and lockup period emerging markets hedge funds invests primarily in countries that have a closed market economy and are in the process of developing and expanding its infrastructure such as brazil india Ace latin america africa eastern europe korea and china hedge funds use in addition to stocks and bond a mixture of derivatives products such as commodity futures forward contracts fixed income instruments currency and index options to take advantage from the leverage effect due to substantial increase or decrease of prices therefore the risk in emerging economies is higher for potential losses and gains another difficulty that hedge funds face in emerging economies is transparency and lack of liquidity which increase the volatility of the prices therefore the risk and return are significant high and requires significant capital and investment knowledge to trade in such markets the sample is provided from data feeder dataset it is very comprehensive and includes emerging markets hedge funds for the period 1998 to 2003 there are other factors that could contribute to performance persistence such as lock up periods hurdle rate and high water mark we are going to use a probit binary regression equation this paper provides the first systematic analysis of performance patterns for emerging hedge funds and managers in the hedge fund industry emerging managers have particularly strong financial incentives to create investment performance and because of their size may be more nimble than established ones performance measurement however needs to control for the usual biases afflicting hedge fund databases backfill bias in particular is severe for this type of study after adjusting for such biases and using a novel event time approach we find strong evidence of outperformance during the first two to three years of existence controlling for size each additional year of age decreases performance by 48 basis points on average cross sectionally early performance by individual managers is quite persistent Samsung with early strong performance lasting for up to five years in this project an attempt has been made to demonstrate a positive relationship between marketing capabilities and strategy using porters framework and corporate performance in an emerging developing market of pakistan this paper reports a study that marketing practice regulates the relationship between marketing capabilities and strategy using porters framework and business performance in turn the type of marketing practice adopted is moderated by the market served various studies have suggested that marketing capabilities and strategy using porters framework influences business performance these discussions are summarized by a theoretical model and a series of theoretical propositions the Ace results suggest that marketing capabilities and strategy frame exist in the business environment of pakistan but there is a weak relationship with firm performance in recent decades numerous empirical studies have demonstrated the importance of intellectual capital ic for efficiency and value creation e g chen et al 2015 kianto et al 2013 pulic 2000 sydler et al 2014 however differences of cultural economic or institutional context pose a range of challenges for the management of intellectual capital and knowledge glisby and holden 2003 may and stewart 2013 andreeva and ikhilchik 2011 as most studies have been conducted in developed countries sharabati et al 2010 the significance of ic in emerging economies remains unclear liang et al 2013 with no comparative analyses of ic management in such markets this chapter compares how intellectual capital impacts the performance of companies in china and russia these major emerging economies are of particular interest here because while both prioritize innovation and are increasingly integrated into the global economy their traditional management approaches differ significantly from those in developed countries based on survey data Galaxy collected from 139 chinese and 86 russian companies the chapter examines the performance impact of the human structural and relational components of ic the results are relevant for ic research and practice as they extend the understanding of ic and its consequences in emerging economies editor biography tao lin received the b s e m e and phd degrees from huazhong university of science and technology wuhan china in 1991 1994 and 1997 respectively he joined central china power group co wuhan china as an r and d engineer in 1997 from may Samsung 2000 to july 2005 he was with nagasaki university japan university of bath u k and university of florida usa from 2005 he has been a full professor at the school of electrical engineering wuhan university wuhan 430072 china his research fields are power system operation and control power system relaying power quality distributed generation and microgrid book description this book systematically discusses a distributed generation dg which operates in a single stand alone controllable system mode and b the microgrid mg powered by dg along with the technical concepts the impact on power systems control and optimization techniques and their applications it includes ten chapters that focus on the following five aspects 1 an overview of distributed generation is introduced in chapter one and the technical concept of the microgrid is introduced in chapter eight with detail 2 as the main element of distributed generation dg a smart inverter system for the control of active and reactive power in a grid tied mode which is treated as an interface between grid and the res renewable energy system is studied concretely in chapter two 3 the influence of distributed generation on power systems including the impact of dg on the planning and operation of power systems the impact of dg on power quality and power system protection are concretely described and analyzed in chapters three four and five respectively 4 the control and optimization technologies for dg and mg these techniques include the economic model predictive control empc strategy for the solution of pricing management in community based microgrids mgs which consider economic benefits as the control and optimization objects the distributed control and optimization techniques for islanded microgrids mgs that consider stability as the control and optimization objects the intelligent load shedding for stability enhancement in an autonomous microgrid and the recovery restoration control after a contingency situation these are all investigated in chapters six seven eight and nine respectively 5 the applications of renewable energy technology such as efficient artisanal light fishing technologies that exploit lake light physics and light fish interactions are specifically presented in chapter ten target audience this book can be used as a teaching reference for professors and researchers or as a reference book for university seniors and graduate students to carry out their research work it can also be used to guide engineering applications for example and as a reference book for engineers and on site personnel in electrical power systems we find econometric evidence that particular inter firm networks business groups materially affect the broad patterns of economic performance in 12 of the following 13 emerging markets argentina brazil chile india indonesia israel mexico peru the philippines south korea taiwan thailand and turkey our analysis employs a unique data set compiled largely from local sources Guide analysis of the data set shows that the observation weighted average of the portion of variation explained by group membership across our 13 countries is 10 7 in most countries the portion of variation explained by group membership is highly statistically significant and comparable to the portion of variation explained by industry membership moreover membership in a group boosts the profitability of the average group member in several of the markets we examine while cross country comparisons are bedeviled by inconsistencies in group definition across countries exploratory cross country analyses provide no support for the widely held view that groups are primarily responses to capital market imperfections nor for the equally widely held view that groups are primarily devices for rent seeking behavior over the past two decades there has been a shift of paradigm in public administration and public sector accounting around the world with the increasing emphasis on outcomes as opposed to inputs and outputs focus understanding of how government departments and agencies develop and implement outcomes based approaches Ace to their services and programs to strengthen public accountability financial scrutiny and good governance worldwide is limited covering a selection of international practices on outcomes based approaches to government departments agencies and public higher educational institutions in developed economies this comprehensive compilation provides an essential reading in the public sector accounting accountability and performance management field the contributions are grouped into three jurisdictions australasia uk and europe and north america it incorporates outcomes based practices in public services from advanced economies and will be of significant interest to global public sector regulators consultants researchers and academic communities as well as academic researchers in public administration and development studies fields the insights offered by a country specific practice will also be useful to governments in other countries implementing similar systems and practices and facing similar socio political environments this book will also help to gain an understanding of the issues of government accountability from a management point of view as well as from a socio political point of view this study examines the effects of capital inflows on the macroeconomic performance in an emerging small open economy Ace turkey using monthly data from 1992 01 to 2001 06 and a recursive vector autoregression model we find that positive innovations in capital inflows appreciate the

domestic currency and increase output and money supply but decrease interest rates and prices in the short run we also find that the exchange rate regime does not influence the effects of capital flows on macroeconomic performance implications of the findings for policymakers are analyzed this dissertation innovative capacity development performance link for firms in an emerging market a two part study by hin yan caleb tse ??? was obtained from the university Samsung of hong kong pokfulam hong kong and is being sold pursuant to creative commons attribution 3 0 hong kong license the content of this dissertation has not been altered in any way we have altered the formatting in order to facilitate the ease of printing and reading of the dissertation all rights not granted by the above license are retained by the author abstract as the role of emerging markets become increasingly important in today s global economy recent research has proliferated in topics such as new marketing perspectives sheth 2011 successful firm entry johnson and tellis 2008 and innovation in emerging markets immelt govindarajan and trimble 2009 innovation in particular has become an important topic following this line of research this two part thesis covers two different perspectives of firm innovation in an emerging market 1 how domestic chinese firms globalize and learn through innovation and 2 how foreign firms effectively innovate within china through this two part thesis i hope to contribute to the growing body of literature on firms strategies particularly in developing innovative capacity for performance in emerging markets in the first part i investigate how domestic chinese firms learn through innovation and other mechanisms as they internationalize through exporting activities as china continues to display its influence on developed markets and the global economy it is increasingly important to examine issues surrounding the globalization of chinese firms research has documented a learning by exporting lbe effect in which firms especially from emerging markets learn through exporting leading to productivity improvements yet prior studies have not discovered the exact learning mechanisms involved thus this study opens the black box in examining how and under what conditions firms learn and achieve these productivity gains i posit that firms leverage their learning through innovativeness production capability improvements and managerial improvements i test my hypotheses with panelized data on over 240 000 privately owned chinese firms between 2001 and 2007 all three mechanisms show a parallel and significant mediation between firm exporting and firm productivity furthermore i find that the salience of these mechanisms is contingent upon industry characteristics firms in industries with intensive r d and moderate exporting demonstrate the most learning through all three conduits in the second part i take a reverse perspective and investigate how foreign firms set up their operations in china with the purpose of innovating and highlight the effective strategies involved in this process foreign firms are increasingly moving their research operations to emerging markets which represents a new technology strategy involving significant investments in r d resources and local technological talent using absorptive capacity as a theoretical framework i examine the effectiveness of this strategy and its boundary conditions specifically how can establishing a local knowledge base reflecting path dependency obtaining local government support to mitigate appropriability risks and employing a strongly controlled organizational mode wholly owned subsidiaries facilitate foreign firms technology strategy in an emerging market to test these postulates i consider the innovative and local market performance of 524 foreign firms 216 wholly owned foreign subsidiaries and 308 international joint ventures in china in 2008 the significant empirical support for my hypotheses contributes to the growing literature on foreign firms r d strategy emerging market innovations and organizational entry modes doi 10 5353 th b4985854 subjects this thesis investigates the performance of private equity funds in emerging markets based on a sample of 174 individual fund level returns from 1995 to 2013 obtained from preqin the research focus of this paper lies on performance drivers and return persistence the analysis is divided in two parts the first part investigates the relationship between fund performance and fund characteristics focusing on the gp location the geographic and industry specific investment focus as well as the fund Galaxy size sequence number and gp experience the key objective is to determine significant emerging market specific performance factors our findings suggest that funds with a clear geographic investment focus earn significantly higher returns a significant positive industry focus effect cannot be confirmed the second part aims to find evidence for persistence in the performance of emerging market private equity funds the findings corroborate the hypothesis that unlike in developed markets performance persistence still exists in emerging markets the statistically significant positive effect of the geographic investment focus and performance persistence provide a first indication of the importance of emerging market specific performance factors to be taken into account by private equity investors lps reviewing literature of product diversification in the large emerging economy china this paper finds that prior studies related to the effect of product diversification on firm performance pd p hereafter in china have not yet paid sufficient attention to two important aspects first just as national institutions among countries are heterogeneous sub national institutions in china also vary greatly assuming homogeneous sub national institutions in the large emerging economy china is at odds with reality studying whether pd p in china will be contingent on sub national institutional development will help to shed lights on pd p in china Samsung and other emerging economies second in china state ownership is an important institutional context for individual firms prior research has not yet investigated state ownership of individual firms in studying pd p in china it would be of theoretical significance to examine whether state owned enterprises can better take advantage of sub national institutional development to improve firm performance than non state owned enterprises considering variation in sub national institutions within a large emerging economy this paper also extends the approach of using an institution based view of business strategy to shed further lights on pd p reviewing extensive literature of product diversification this paper finds that there has been lack of consensus on pd p an institution based view of business strategy is useful to reconcile divergent findings on pd p by considering institutional environments in which firms adopt product diversification relatively consistent findings are that product diversification has a positive effect on firm performance in emerging economies and has a negative effect on firm performance in developed economies this paper goes further to explore the influence of sub national institutions on pd p in emerging economies this paper uses a sample of 37 856 observations of 124 insurance firms in 31 provinces of china over the period from 2005 to 2014 it finds that in china product diversification of a firm in a region has a positive effect on firm performance in that region but this positive effect holds true only in regions with a high instead of low level of sub national institutional development furthermore the positive moderating effect of sub national institutional development on pd p is context specific and stronger for firms with a high level of state ownership recent research studying the link between law and finance has concentrated on country level investor protection measures and focused on differences in legal systems across countries and legal families klapper and love extend this literature and provide a study of firm level corporate governance practices across Galaxy emerging markets and a greater understanding of the environments under which corporate governance matters more their empirical tests show that better corporate governance is highly correlated with better operating performance and market valuation more important the authors provide evidence showing that firm level corporate governance provisions matter more in countries with weak legal environments these results suggest that firms can partially compensate for ineffective laws and enforcement by establishing good corporate governance and providing credible investor protection the authors tests also show that firm level governance and performance is lower in countries with weak legal environments suggesting that improving the legal system should remain a priority for policymakers this paper a product of finance development research group is part of a larger effort in the group to study corporate governance around the world emerging stock markets risk return and performance is a compendium of historical data currently available about the performance of securities in emerging markets as a result it will be an invaluable aid to the investor or investment manager trying to make informed decisions about investing in emerging market assets the authors provide monthly stock return Samsung data for more than two dozen countries in the emerging markets data base maintained by the international finance corporation without such data analysis of this fascinating asset class has been frustrated

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