

FIN 557 Evaluation of Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) and Market Performance

Group 14

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1) Introduction

In the realm of finance, Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) serve as pivotal events marking a company's transition from private to public ownership. Understanding the intricacies of IPOs and their subsequent market performance is paramount for investors, analysts, and policymakers alike. This analysis endeavors to delve deep into the world of IPOs, employing a multifaceted approach to dissect data, uncover trends, and draw actionable insights.

Question: Our primary inquiry revolves around the analysis of Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) and their impact on market performance. Specifically, we aim to explore the dynamics surrounding IPOs, understand their implications on various market sectors, and identify trends in stock price evolution post-IPO.

Approach: To address our question comprehensively, we adopted a structured approach encompassing data management, analysis, and regression modeling.

Findings:

Sector Trends: Through ANOVA tests and sector-specific analyses, we identified significant variations in IPO prices across different sectors, shedding light on sectoral dynamics.

Top-Performing Companies: Teladoc emerged as a standout performer with the highest percentage price change over the five-year period, indicative of shifting market trends and consumer preferences.

Regression Insights: Regression analysis unveiled significant correlations between IPO-related variables and cumulative abnormal returns, providing insights into factors influencing post-IPO market performance.

2) Data Management

We used a dataset of Company IPOs Over Time from [Kaggle](#), and we downloaded a corresponding dataset containing financial information of these companies from [WRDS](#). We cleaned, manipulated and formatted both datasets before merging them according to each company's Ticker symbol, and we focused on the data from the year of the IPO to 5 years after the IPO year for each company.

i) Clean ipo_kaggle_data

We established a new dataset, `proj.ipo_kaggle_data_clean`, with specific columns retained and ordered. We renamed columns for improved clarity and formatted financial metrics to enhance readability (e.g., `IPO_Price` in dollar format). To ensure consistency, we simplified market names, consolidating variations of NASDAQ and NYSE. We removed rows with missing State values to ensure that only companies in the US were kept. Additionally, we derived a new `IPO_Year` column from `IPO_Date` to facilitate time-based analysis. Lastly, we only retained necessary columns such as `Company_Name`, `Sector`, `Industry`, `State`, `Ticker`, `Market`, `IPO_Price`, `IPO_Shares`, `IPO_Offer_Amount`, `IPO_Date` and `IPO_Year`.

The processed dataset `proj.ipo_kaggle_data_clean` is the output of these operations. It contains cleaned and organized IPO data with renamed columns, formatted financial metrics, simplified market names, and rows with complete information. The dataset is sorted by `IPO_Year`, making it suitable for further analysis, such as IPO trends over time or sector-specific studies.

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	Company_Name	Sector	Industry	State	Ticker	Market	IPO_Price	IPO_Shares	IPO_Offer_Amount	IPO_Date	IPO_Year
1	GENERIC HOLDINGS INC.	Industrials	Diversified Industrials	WI	GNRC	NYSE	\$13.00	18,750,000	\$243,750,000.00	2010-02-11	2010
2	QUINSTREET, INC.	Technology	Internet Content & Information	CA	QNST	NASDAQ	\$15.00	10,000,000	\$150,000,000.00	2010-02-11	2010
3	TERRENO REALTY CORP	Real Estate	REIT - Industrial	CA	TRNO	NYSE	\$20.00	8,750,000	\$175,000,000.00	2010-02-10	2010
4	PIEDMONT OFFICE REALTY TRUST, INC.	Real Estate	REIT - Office	GA	PDM	NYSE	\$14.50	12,000,000	\$174,000,000.00	2010-02-10	2010
5	IRONWOOD PHARMACEUTICALS INC.	Healthcare	Drug Manufacturers - Specialty & Generic	MA	IRWD	NASDAQ	\$11.25	16,666,667	\$187,500,004.00	2010-02-03	2010
6	SS&C TECHNOLOGIES HOLDINGS INC.	Technology	Software - Infrastructure	CT	SSNC	NASDAQ	\$15.00	10,725,000	\$160,875,000.00	2010-03-31	2010
7	FIRST INTERSTATE BANCYSYSTEM INC.	Financial Services	Banks - Regional - US	MT	FIBK	NASDAQ	\$14.50	10,000,000	\$145,000,000.00	2010-03-24	2010
8	CALIX, INC.	Technology	Communication Equipment	CA	CALX	NYSE	\$13.00	6,328,932	\$82,276,116.00	2010-03-24	2010
9	MAXLINEAR INC.	Technology	Semiconductors	CA	MXL	NYSE	\$14.00	6,444,100	\$90,217,400.00	2010-03-24	2010
10	AVEO PHARMACEUTICALS INC.	Healthcare	Biotechnology	MA	AVEO	NASDAQ	\$9.00	9,000,000	\$81,000,000.00	2010-03-12	2010
11	ALPHA & OMEGA SEMICONDUCTOR LTD.	Technology	Semiconductors	CA	ACSL	NASDAQ	\$18.00	5,085,985	\$91,547,730.00	2010-04-29	2010
12	CODEXIS INC.	Healthcare	Biotechnology	CA	CDXS	NASDAQ	\$13.00	6,000,000	\$78,000,000.00	2010-04-22	2010
13	ALIMERA SCIENCES INC.	Healthcare	Drug Manufacturers - Major	GA	ALIM	NASDAQ	\$11.00	6,550,000	\$72,050,000.00	2010-04-22	2010
14	SPS COMMERCE INC.	Technology	Software - Application	MN	SPSC	NASDAQ	\$12.00	4,096,694	\$49,160,328.00	2010-04-22	2010
15	CHATHAM LODGING TRUST	Real Estate	REIT - Hotel & Motel	FL	CLDT	NYSE	\$20.00	7,500,000	\$150,000,000.00	2010-04-16	2010
16	PRIMERICA, INC.	Financial Services	Insurance - Life	GA	PRI	NYSE	\$15.00	21,360,000	\$320,400,000.00	2010-04-01	2010
17	GENMARK DIAGNOSTICS, INC.	Healthcare	Medical Devices	CA	GNMK	NASDAQ	\$6.00	4,600,000	\$27,600,000.00	2010-05-28	2010
18	EXPRESS, INC.	Consumer Cyclical	Apparel Stores	OH	EXPR	NYSE	\$17.00	16,000,000	\$272,000,000.00	2010-05-13	2010
19	ROADRUNNER TRANSPORTATION SYSTEMS, INC.	Industrials	Trucking	WI	RRTS	NYSE	\$14.00	10,400,444	\$148,409,014.00	2010-05-13	2010
20	TELENAV, INC.	Technology	Internet Content & Information	CA	TNAV	NASDAQ	\$6.00	7,000,000	\$56,000,000.00	2010-05-13	2010
21	DOUGLAS DYNAMICS, INC.	Consumer Cyclical	Auto Parts	WI	PLOW	NYSE	\$11.25	10,000,000	\$112,500,000.00	2010-05-05	2010
22	TESLA, INC.	Consumer Cyclical	Auto Manufacturers	CA	TSLA	NASDAQ	\$17.00	13,300,000	\$226,100,000.00	2010-06-29	2010
23	OASIS PETROLEUM INC.	Energy	Oil & Gas E&P	TX	OAS	NYSE	\$14.00	42,000,000	\$588,000,000.00	2010-06-17	2010
24	GREEN DOT CORP	Financial Services	Credit Services	CA	GDOT	NYSE	\$36.00	4,558,050	\$164,089,800.00	2010-07-22	2010
25	AMERESCO, INC.	Industrials	Engineering & Construction	MA	AMRC	NYSE	\$10.00	8,696,820	\$86,968,200.00	2010-07-22	2010
26	WHITESTONE REIT	Real Estate	REIT - Retail	TX	WSR	NYSE	\$12.00	2,200,000	\$26,400,000.00	2010-08-26	2010
27	ELECTROMED, INC.	Healthcare	Medical Devices	MN	ELMD	NASDAQ	\$4.00	1,700,000	\$6,800,000.00	2010-08-13	2010
28	REALPAGE INC.	Technology	Software - Application	TX	RP	NASDAQ	\$11.00	12,300,000	\$135,300,000.00	2010-08-12	2010
29	AMYRIS, INC.	Basic Materials	Specialty Chemicals	CA	AMRS	NASDAQ	\$16.00	5,300,000	\$84,800,000.00	2010-09-28	2010
30	CORESTIS REALTY CORP	Real Estate	REIT - Office	CO	COR	NYSE	\$16.00	16,900,000	\$270,400,000.00	2010-09-23	2010
31	PACIFIC BIOSCIENCES OF CALIFORNIA, INC.	Healthcare	Diagnostics & Research	CA	PACB	NASDAQ	\$16.00	12,500,000	\$200,000,000.00	2010-10-27	2010
32	VERA BRADLEY, INC.	Consumer Cyclical	Footwear & Accessories	IN	VRA	NASDAQ	\$16.00	11,000,000	\$176,000,000.00	2010-10-21	2010
33	TOWER INTERNATIONAL, INC.	Consumer Cyclical	Auto Parts	MI	TOWR	NYSE	\$13.00	6,250,000	\$81,250,000.00	2010-10-15	2010
34	ELLINGTON FINANCIAL, INC.	Financial Services	Specialty Finance	CT	EFRC	NYSE	\$22.50	4,500,000	\$101,250,000.00	2010-10-08	2010
35	STANDARD AVB FINANCIAL CORP	Financial Services	Banks - Regional - US	PA	STND	Nasdaq Smallcap Market	\$10.00	3,450,000	\$34,500,000.00	2010-10-07	2010
36	KEYW HOLDING CORP	Technology	Software - Application	MD	KEYW	NASDAQ	\$10.00	9,100,000	\$91,000,000.00	2010-10-01	2010

i) Clean stock_data

For the next step, we processed and analyzed stock data from 2008 to 2020. We cleaned and organized the data to produce a final dataset containing cumulative metrics.

We derived new columns from the date variable to extract Year, Month, and Day. We created an intermediate dataset, `stock_intermediate`, to calculate the abnormal return (`abnret`) as the difference between `RET` and `vwret`. This dataset focuses on records with valid Tickers between 2008 and 2020. We then sorted the data by Ticker and Year.

We established a new dataset, `yearly_averages`, to compute yearly averages for metrics like `avg_PRC` (average price), `avg_VOL` (average volume), and `avg_abnret` (average abnormal return). To calculate these averages, we accumulated sums for each year and divided them by the count of records. We also formatted them accordingly for readability. In the final dataset,

proj.cum_stock, we calculated cumulative abnormal returns (Cum_AbnRet) by accumulating avg_abnret for each year. The cumulative sum is reset at the start of each Ticker.

The processed output is stored as proj.cum_stock. This dataset contains cumulative stock metrics, including cumulative abnormal returns, sorted by Year and Ticker. The cleaned dataset can be used for further analysis, such as assessing stock performance trends or comparing cumulative returns across different years and tickers.

Total rows: 5208 Total columns: 6

	TICKER	Year	avg_PRC	avg_VOL	avg_abnret	Cum_AbnRet
1	AAOI	2013	12.72	16570.50	0.08	0.0794
2	AAOI	2014	18.55	53414.58	-0.00	-0.0039
3	AAOI	2015	16.68	67772.75	0.05	0.0483
4	AAOI	2016	16.71	83939.00	0.03	0.0341
5	AAOI	2017	54.78	521182.3	0.07	0.0719
6	AAOI	2018	30.76	271117.6	-0.04	-0.0424
7	AAOI	2019	11.38	146671.4	-0.03	-0.0287
8	AAOI	2020	10.08	169332.3	-0.03	-0.0269
9	AAT	2011	21.05	64685.67	0.00	0.0014
10	AAT	2012	24.93	31776.42	0.02	0.0170
11	AAT	2013	31.37	41056.50	-0.01	-0.0090
12	AAT	2014	35.24	33520.25	0.01	0.0146
13	AAT	2015	40.70	40142.00	0.00	0.0016
14	AAT	2016	41.08	40440.42	0.00	0.0026
15	AAT	2017	40.62	50910.92	-0.02	-0.0230
16	AAT	2018	37.00	54157.75	0.01	0.0128
17	AAT	2019	46.11	71778.42	-0.01	-0.0085
18	AAT	2020	29.12	76715.00	-0.04	-0.0383
19	ABAT	2008	3.81	99424.36	0.03	0.0318
20	ABAT	2009	3.39	184814.6	0.02	0.0211
21	ABAT	2010	3.65	182113.2	-0.02	-0.0165
22	ABAT	2011	.	367349.8	-0.09	-0.0922
23	ABC	2008	39.16	356971.3	0.02	0.0218
24	ABC	2009	27.13	556718.8	0.01	0.0105
25	ABC	2010	30.32	764275.4	0.01	0.0105
26	ABC	2011	38.91	563254.3	0.01	0.0095
27	ABC	2012	39.28	545449.3	0.00	0.0019
28	ABC	2013	57.54	418287.5	0.02	0.0207
29	ABC	2014	75.82	357486.2	0.01	0.0147
30	ABC	2015	103.69	430192.2	0.01	0.0148
31	ABC	2016	81.80	534898.8	-0.03	-0.0292
32	ABC	2017	87.17	373652.4	0.00	0.0024
33	ABC	2018	87.86	324870.8	-0.01	-0.0084
34	ABC	2019	82.84	279044.8	-0.01	-0.0081
35	ABC	2020	94.60	271714.8	-0.00	-0.0048
36	ABTX	2015	23.70	14742.00	-0.01	-0.0109

iii) Merge ipo_kaggle_data_clean and cum_stock

In the final step of data preparation we merged both datasets, creating a comprehensive dataset with related metrics.

We used PROC SQL to create a new table, and merged data by performing a left join on proj.ipo_kaggle_data_clean (the IPO dataset) and proj.cum_stock (the stock dataset). The join was based on the Ticker column and included stock data from the IPO year to five years after.

This merged dataset contains information from both the IPO and stock data, including company details, financial metrics, and cumulative stock returns.

The resulting dataset, proj.final_merged_data, integrates IPO information with stock metrics, providing a broader view of the financial landscape around IPOs. The data merge is designed to explore stock performance relative to IPO events, allowing for further analysis of trends and correlations.

Total rows: 1995 Total columns: 17

	Company_Name	Sector	Industry	State	Ticker	Market		IPO_Price	IPO_Shares	IPO_Offer_Amount	IPO_Date		IPO_Year	Stock_Start_Year
1	APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INC.	Technology	Semiconductors	TX	AAOI	NASDAQ		\$10.00	3,400,000	\$34,000,000.00	2013-09-26		2013	2011
2	APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INC.	Technology	Semiconductors	TX	AAOI	NASDAQ		\$10.00	3,400,000	\$34,000,000.00	2013-09-26		2013	2011
3	APPLIED OPTOELECTRONICS, INC.	Technology	Semiconductors	TX	AAOI	NASDAQ		\$10.00	3,400,000	\$34,000,000.00	2013-09-26		2013	2011
4	AMERICAN ASSETS TRUST, INC.	Real Estate	REIT - Retail	CA	AAT	NYSE		\$20.50	27,500,000	\$563,750,000.00	2011-01-13		2011	2009
5	AMERICAN ASSETS TRUST, INC.	Real Estate	REIT - Retail	CA	AAT	NYSE		\$20.50	27,500,000	\$563,750,000.00	2011-01-13		2011	2009
6	AMERICAN ASSETS TRUST, INC.	Real Estate	REIT - Retail	CA	AAT	NYSE		\$20.50	27,500,000	\$563,750,000.00	2011-01-13		2011	2009
7	ALLEGIANCE BANCSHARES, INC.	Financial Services	Banks - Regional - US	TX	ABTX	NASDAQ		\$21.00	2,400,000	\$54,600,000.00	2015-10-08		2015	2013
8	ALLEGIANCE BANCSHARES, INC.	Financial Services	Banks - Regional - US	TX	ABTX	NASDAQ		\$21.00	2,400,000	\$54,600,000.00	2015-10-08		2015	2013
9	ALLEGIANCE BANCSHARES, INC.	Financial Services	Banks - Regional - US	TX	ABTX	NASDAQ		\$21.00	2,400,000	\$54,600,000.00	2015-10-08		2015	2013
10	ACACIA COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	Technology	Communication Equipment	MA	ACIA	NASDAQ		\$23.00	4,500,000	\$103,500,000.00	2016-05-13		2016	2014
11	ACACIA COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	Technology	Communication Equipment	MA	ACIA	NASDAQ		\$23.00	4,500,000	\$103,500,000.00	2016-05-13		2016	2014
12	ACACIA COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	Technology	Communication Equipment	MA	ACIA	NASDAQ		\$23.00	4,500,000	\$103,500,000.00	2016-05-13		2016	2014
13	ACM RESEARCH, INC.	Technology	Semiconductor Equipment & Materials	CA	ACMR	NASDAQ		\$5.60	2,000,000	\$11,200,000.00	2017-11-03		2017	2015
14	ACM RESEARCH, INC.	Technology	Semiconductor Equipment & Materials	CA	ACMR	NASDAQ		\$5.60	2,000,000	\$11,200,000.00	2017-11-03		2017	2015
15	ACM RESEARCH, INC.	Technology	Semiconductor Equipment & Materials	CA	ACMR	NASDAQ		\$5.60	2,000,000	\$11,200,000.00	2017-11-03		2017	2015
16	ACLARIS THERAPEUTICS, INC.	Healthcare	Biotechnology	PA	ACRS	NASDAQ		\$11.00	5,000,000	\$55,000,000.00	2015-10-07		2015	2013
17	ACLARIS THERAPEUTICS, INC.	Healthcare	Biotechnology	PA	ACRS	NASDAQ		\$11.00	5,000,000	\$55,000,000.00	2015-10-07		2015	2013
18	ACLARIS THERAPEUTICS, INC.	Healthcare	Biotechnology	PA	ACRS	NASDAQ		\$11.00	5,000,000	\$55,000,000.00	2015-10-07		2015	2013
19	ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS INC	Healthcare	Medical Devices	CA	ACRX	NASDAQ		\$5.00	8,000,000	\$40,000,000.00	2011-02-11		2011	2009
20	ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS INC	Healthcare	Medical Devices	CA	ACRX	NASDAQ		\$5.00	8,000,000	\$40,000,000.00	2011-02-11		2011	2009
21	ACELRX PHARMACEUTICALS INC	Healthcare	Medical Devices	CA	ACRX	NASDAQ		\$5.00	8,000,000	\$40,000,000.00	2011-02-11		2011	2009
22	ADAMAS PHARMACEUTICALS INC	Healthcare	Drug Manufacturers - Specialty & Generic	CA	ADMS	NASDAQ		\$16.00	3,000,000	\$48,000,000.00	2014-04-10		2014	2012
23	ADAMAS PHARMACEUTICALS INC	Healthcare	Drug Manufacturers - Specialty & Generic	CA	ADMS	NASDAQ		\$16.00	3,000,000	\$48,000,000.00	2014-04-10		2014	2012
24	ADAMAS PHARMACEUTICALS INC	Healthcare	Drug Manufacturers - Specialty & Generic	CA	ADMS	NASDAQ		\$16.00	3,000,000	\$48,000,000.00	2014-04-10		2014	2012
25	ADOMANI, INC.	Consumer Cyclical	Auto Parts	CA	ADOM	NASDAQ		\$5.00	2,852,275	\$14,261,375.00	2017-06-15		2017	2015
26	ADOMANI, INC.	Consumer Cyclical	Auto Parts	CA	ADOM	NASDAQ		\$5.00	2,852,275	\$14,261,375.00	2017-06-15		2017	2015
27	ADOMANI, INC.	Consumer Cyclical	Auto Parts	CA	ADOM	NASDAQ		\$5.00	2,852,275	\$14,261,375.00	2017-06-15		2017	2015
28	ADURO BIOTECH, INC.	Healthcare	Biotechnology	CA	ADRO	NASDAQ		\$17.00	7,000,000	\$119,000,000.00	2015-04-15		2015	2013
29	ADURO BIOTECH, INC.	Healthcare	Biotechnology	CA	ADRO	NASDAQ		\$17.00	7,000,000	\$119,000,000.00	2015-04-15		2015	2013
30	ADURO BIOTECH, INC.	Healthcare	Biotechnology	CA	ADRO	NASDAQ		\$17.00	7,000,000	\$119,000,000.00	2015-04-15		2015	2013
31	ADVANCED DISPOSAL SERVICES, INC.	Industrials	Waste Management	FL	ADSW	NYSE		\$18.00	19,250,000	\$346,500,000.00	2016-10-06		2016	2014
32	ADVANCED DISPOSAL SERVICES, INC.	Industrials	Waste Management	FL	ADSW	NYSE		\$18.00	19,250,000	\$346,500,000.00	2016-10-06		2016	2014
33	ADVANCED DISPOSAL SERVICES, INC.	Industrials	Waste Management	FL	ADSW	NYSE		\$18.00	19,250,000	\$346,500,000.00	2016-10-06		2016	2014
34	AERIE PHARMACEUTICALS INC	Healthcare	Drug Manufacturers - Major	NC	AERI	NASDAQ		\$10.00	6,720,000	\$67,200,000.00	2013-10-25		2013	2011
35	AERIE PHARMACEUTICALS INC	Healthcare	Drug Manufacturers - Major	NC	AERI	NASDAQ		\$10.00	6,720,000	\$67,200,000.00	2013-10-25		2013	2011
36	AERIE PHARMACEUTICALS INC	Healthcare	Drug Manufacturers - Major	NC	AERI	NASDAQ		\$10.00	6,720,000	\$67,200,000.00	2013-10-25		2013	2011

Explanation of variables in final_merged_data

Company_Name: The name of the company.

Sector: The sector that the company belongs to.

Industry: The industry that the company belongs to.

State: The US state that the company is located in.

Ticker: The stock ticker symbol for the company.

Market: The market the company is listed on.

IPO_Price: The initial offering price of the company's shares at the time of the IPO.

IPO_Shares: The total number of shares offered in the IPO.

IPO_Offer_Amount: The total monetary value of the IPO

IPO_Date: The date when the IPO occurred.

IPO_Year: The year in which the IPO took place, derived from IPO_Date.

avg_PRC: The average stock price within the specified time frame.

avg_VOL: The average trading volume within the specified time frame.

avg_abnret: The average abnormal return; the deviation of the stock's return from an expected return.

Cum_AbnRet: The cumulative abnormal return.

Year: The year of each company's financial information, up to five years after the year of IPO for each company.

3) Data Analysis

We're examining companies that went public in 2015 to analyze sector trends. We're identifying the top companies in each sector with the highest average prices to understand sector performance. Then, we're evaluating the average stock price for these companies in 2020 to assess how their stock prices have changed over 5 years. Finally, we're determining how each sector has performed between 2015 and 2020 based on the performance of these companies and identifying the best-performing sector.

i) Calculated Descriptive statistics

We use the PROC MEANS procedure to calculate summary statistics for variables from the merged_dataset. Specifically, we compute the count (N), mean, standard deviation (stddev), minimum, and maximum values for the variables IPO_Price, avg_PRC, avg_VOL, avg_abnret, and Cum_AbnRet. This analysis helps in summarizing the distribution and central tendency of the specified variables, providing insights into their overall characteristics within the dataset.

The MEANS Procedure

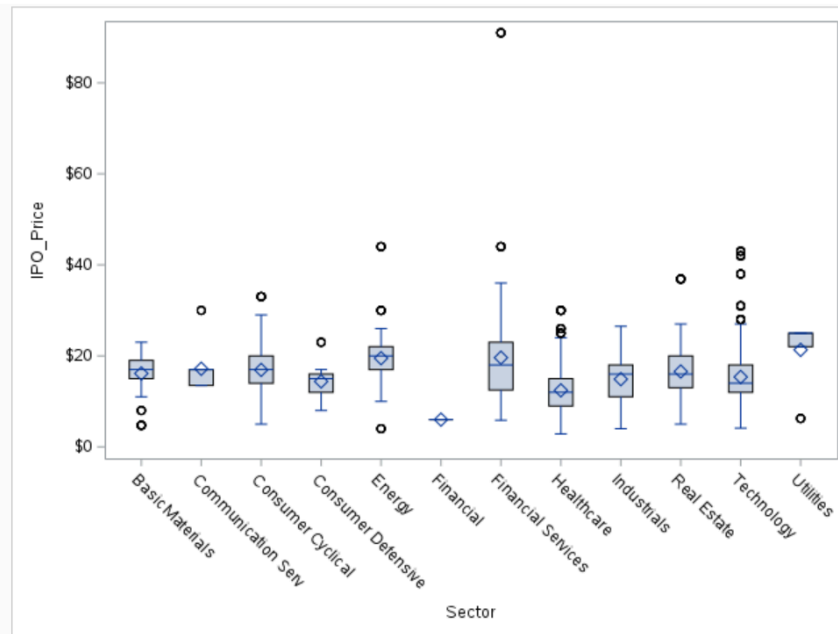
Variable	N	Mean	Std Dev	Minimum	Maximum
IPO_Price	4704	15.5748278	6.8743584	2.8500000	91.0000000
avg_PRC	4558	25.8074552	33.8022817	-0.3525000	713.2208383
avg_VOL	4691	221057.46	600975.48	317.5000000	12595815.25
avg_abnret	4704	0.0036777	0.0586334	-0.2783756	1.2506945
Cum_AbnRet	4704	0.0036777	0.0586334	-0.2783756	1.2506945

ii) Performed ANOVA test

Performed ANOVA test and generated box plot to determine if there are statistically significant differences in IPO prices across different sectors or industries.

For the code segment, we employ the PROC SGPlot procedure to generate a vertical box plot (vbox) using the dataset. Specifically, we create a box plot of IPO_Price grouped by the variable Sector. This visualization aids in understanding the distribution of IPO prices across different sectors.

In the Anova test, it is evident that there is least price variation in communication services, consumer defensive & utilities sectors.



iii) Top companies with highest average price at the time of IPO (Year = 2015)

For this step, we aim to identify the top company in each sector with the highest average price at the time of IPO for the year 2015.

We begin by filtering the dataset to exclusively encompass IPOs that took place in the year 2015. Subsequently, we calculate the average price (avg_PRC) for each company within every sector, utilizing the filtered dataset.

Following this, we sort the dataset by sector and average price in descending order to pinpoint the company with the highest average price in each sector. We employ the "if first.Sector" condition to single out the first record for each sector. We then present the resulting dataset, which delineates the top company in each sector alongside its average price.

Subsequently, to ensure data integrity and avoid redundancy, we eliminate the initial row of data for each sector. Furthermore, we update the company name for the "Consumer Defensive" sector to "OLLIE'S BARGAIN OUTLET HOLDINGS, INC" in accordance with the provided code.

This process enables us to identify and present the top company in each sector with the highest average price at the time of IPO for the year 2015.

Obs	Sector	Company_Name	Avg_PRC
1	Basic Materials	ENVIVA PARTNERS, LP	28.03
2	Consumer Cyclical	WINGSTOP INC.	57.53
3	Consumer Defensive	OLLIE'S BARGAIN OUTLET HOLDINGS, INC	52.37
4	Energy	GREEN PLAINS PARTNERS LP	14.98
5	Financial Services	HOULIHAN LOKEY, INC.	39.20
6	Healthcare	PENUMBRA INC	111.06
7	Industrials	TRANSUNION	31.55
8	Real Estate	COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE TRUST INC	29.56
9	Technology	TELADOC HEALTH, INC.	62.22

iv) Average price of stocks for same companies in the year 2020

In this step, we analyze the price of these company stocks after 5 years, specifically in 2020.

First, we extract data from the dataset, filtering for records from the year 2020. Additionally, we narrow down the selection to include only specific companies using their tickers (Ticker) such as 'PEN', 'EVA', 'WING', 'GPPE', 'HLI', 'TRU', 'CHCT', 'TDOC', and 'OLLI'. We retain the variables Sector, Company_Name, and Avg_PRC for analysis. Next, we present the resulting dataset, using the PROC PRINT procedure. This dataset contains information about the top companies in each sector with the highest average price in the year 2020.

This analysis provides insights into the performance of selected companies' stock prices five years after their initial public offering (IPO) and facilitates the identification of trends or standout performers in the market.

Top Company in Each Sector with Highest Average Price (Year 2020)

Obs	Sector	Company_Name	avg_PRC
1	Real Estate	COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE TRUST INC	43.78
2	Basic Materials	ENVIVA PARTNERS, LP	38.42
3	Financial Services	HOULIHAN LOKEY, INC.	58.15
4	Consumer Defensive	OLLIE'S BARGAIN OUTLET HOLDINGS, INC.	79.35
5	Healthcare	PENUMBRA INC	192.88
6	Technology	TELADOC HEALTH, INC.	181.58
7	Industrials	TRANSUNION	85.78
8	Consumer Cyclical	WINGSTOP INC.	122.30

v) Top company and sector with highest percentage price change over 5 years (2015-2020)

In the final step, we aim to identify the top company and sector with the highest percentage price change over a span of 5 years, from 2015 to 2020.

Initially, we merge the datasets based on Company_Name and Sector using PROC SQL, creating a new dataset named price_comparison. This dataset combines company price information from 2015 and 2020. Next, we calculate the percentage change for each company's stock price over the 5-year period. This involves computing the percentage change between the prices in 2015 and 2020. We

handle cases where the Price_2015 is zero to prevent division by zero and assign a missing value (.) in such instances.

After computing the percentage change, we sort the data to identify the companies with the highest percentage change. Finally, we present the resulting dataset using PROC PRINT, showcasing the top companies along with their respective sectors, prices in 2015 and 2020, and the calculated percentage price change over the specified period.

This analysis provides insights into significant price fluctuations over the 5-year period, aiding in the identification of potential market trends and investment opportunities.

Percentage Price Change from 2015 to 2020 for Top Companies					
Obs	Company_Name	Sector	Price_2015	Price_2020	Percent_Change
1	TELADOC HEALTH, INC.	Technology	62.22	181.58	191.832
2	TRANSUNION	Industrials	31.55	85.78	171.881
3	WINGSTOP INC.	Consumer Cyclical	57.53	122.30	112.592
4	PENUMBRA INC	Healthcare	111.06	192.88	73.678
5	HOULIHAN LOKEY, INC.	Financial Services	39.20	58.15	48.360
6	COMMUNITY HEALTHCARE TRUST INC	Real Estate	29.56	43.78	48.129
7	ENVIVA PARTNERS, LP	Basic Materials	28.03	38.42	37.051

Compared stock prices of top performing companies in 2015 to their prices in 2020. We see that Teladoc has the highest percentage change compared to the other top performing IPOs of 2015. This may be due to Teladoc's rise in popularity during the pandemic where people could not visit doctors in person.

In conclusion, by comparing average stock prices in 2015 and 2020, we identified the top companies in each sector and their performance over five years. Teladoc demonstrated the highest percentage price change, indicating significant growth, likely due to increased demand for virtual healthcare during the pandemic. These results highlight sector-specific trends, with notable growth in particular industries and companies, guiding our understanding of the best-performing sectors and investment opportunities over the five-year period.

4)Regression Analysis

i) Data Selection

Firstly, we defined a vector named variables that selects a subset of relevant variables for our regression model. These chosen variables relate to Initial Public Offerings (IPOs), encompassing state, IPO price, number of IPO shares (IPO_Shares) , IPO issue amount (IPO_Offer_Amount), average price (avg_PRC), average trading volume (avg_VOL), and cumulative abnormal returns (Cum_AbnRet). This selection includes key data points that we often analyze in financial and investment scenarios to gain insights into IPO performance, market trends, and broader economic outcomes.

Our goal is to lay the groundwork for building a regression model that can predict or explain specific outcomes based on these selected variables.

```
# read data
```

```
IPO.df <- read.csv("final.csv")
```

```
head(IPO.df)
```



```
# Load the required libraries
library(dplyr)
# Select relevant variables for the regression model
variables<-c("State","IPO_Price","IPO_Shares","IPO_Offer_Amount","avg_PRC","avg_VOL","Cum_AbnRe")
```

ii) Data Processing

In this step, we processed the data by handling missing values, converting categorical variables, and transforming text-based financial metrics into numeric format.

First, we removed rows with missing values using `na.omit()`, ensuring only complete data for analysis. Next, the State variable was converted into a factor with `as.factor(data$State)`, categorizing it for later use.

To prepare for quantitative analysis, we used `gsub()` to remove non-numeric characters from IPO_Price, IPO_Shares, and IPO_Offer_Amount, converting them into numeric values with `as.numeric()`.

```
# Filter out any missing values
data <- na.omit(IPO.df[, variables])
sum(is.na(data))
str(data)
data$State <- as.factor(data$State)
# Convert chr to num
data$IPO_Price <- as.numeric(gsub("[^0-9]", "", data$IPO_Price))
data$IPO_Shares <- as.numeric(gsub("[^0-9]", "", data$IPO_Shares))
data$IPO_Offer_Amount <- as.numeric(gsub("[^0-9]", "", data$IPO_Offer_Amount))
```

iii) Regression Model

Finally, the function is used to build a linear regression model to observe the effect of different variables on cumulative abnormal returns (Cum_abnret).

We constructed a linear regression model to investigate the effects of various variables on cumulative abnormal returns (Cum_AbnRet).

Our model `<- lm(Cum_AbnRet ~ ., data = data)` establishes a linear relationship between the dependent variable, Cum_AbnRet, and all other variables in the dataset, indicated by the period (`~ .`). By including all variables, we aim to explore which factors significantly impact cumulative abnormal returns.

This regression model helps us assess the strength and direction of the relationships between Cum_AbnRet and our predictors. Analyzing this model allows us to identify which variables play a crucial role in influencing cumulative abnormal returns.

iv) Regression Analysis

Use function `summary()` to get the result of the regression model as below:

Coefficients:

	Estimate	Std. Error	t value	Pr(> t)					
(Intercept)	1.732e-01	4.101e-02	4.224	2.52e-05 ***	StateMO	-2.141e-01	5.297e-02	-4.042	5.51e-05 ***
StateAZ	-1.776e-01	4.218e-02	-4.211	2.66e-05 ***	StateMT	-1.908e-01	6.411e-02	-2.976	0.002958 **
StateCA	-1.882e-01	3.925e-02	-4.796	1.74e-06 ***	StateNC	-1.596e-01	4.146e-02	-3.848	0.000123 ***
StateCO	-2.083e-01	4.019e-02	-5.182	2.42e-07 ***	StateNE	-1.429e-01	6.410e-02	-2.230	0.025866 *
StateCT	-1.778e-01	4.131e-02	-4.305	1.76e-05 ***	StateNH	-1.801e-01	5.286e-02	-3.406	0.000672 ***
StateDC	-1.741e-01	6.412e-02	-2.715	0.006681 **	StateNJ	-1.905e-01	4.051e-02	-4.702	2.76e-06 ***
StateFL	-1.406e-01	4.096e-02	-3.432	0.000613 ***	StateNV	-1.885e-01	4.680e-02	-4.028	5.86e-05 ***
StateGA	-1.272e-01	4.120e-02	-3.088	0.002043 **	StateNY	-2.057e-01	3.960e-02	-5.194	2.28e-07 ***
StateHI	-1.608e-01	6.365e-02	-2.527	0.011576 *	StateOH	-1.687e-01	4.366e-02	-3.864	0.000115 ***
StateIA	-1.618e-01	4.923e-02	-3.286	0.001033 **	StateOK	-1.834e-01	4.178e-02	-4.390	1.20e-05 ***
StateID	-2.118e-01	5.284e-02	-4.008	6.36e-05 ***	StateOR	-1.774e-01	6.411e-02	-2.768	0.005701 **
StateIL	-1.835e-01	4.053e-02	-4.528	6.31e-06 ***	StatePA	-1.898e-01	4.048e-02	-4.689	2.93e-06 ***
StateIN	-1.621e-01	4.470e-02	-3.627	0.000294 ***	StateRI	-1.477e-01	6.536e-02	-2.260	0.023911 *
StateKS	-1.472e-01	4.501e-02	-3.270	0.001094 **	StateSC	-2.064e-01	5.265e-02	-3.920	9.17e-05 ***
StateKY	-9.495e-02	4.881e-02	-1.945	0.051881 .	StateSD	-1.290e-01	6.398e-02	-2.015	0.044010 *
StateLA	-1.666e-01	6.414e-02	-2.598	0.009453 **	StateTN	-1.492e-01	4.133e-02	-3.610	0.000314 ***
StateMA	-1.906e-01	3.948e-02	-4.827	1.49e-06 ***	StateTX	-1.877e-01	3.921e-02	-4.788	1.82e-06 ***
StateMD	-1.863e-01	4.161e-02	-4.476	8.05e-06 ***	StateUT	-2.024e-01	4.319e-02	-4.687	2.96e-06 ***
StateMI	-1.938e-01	4.373e-02	-4.431	9.93e-06 ***	StateVA	-1.799e-01	4.325e-02	-4.160	3.32e-05 ***
StateMN	-1.759e-01	4.378e-02	-4.018	6.11e-05 ***	StateWA	-1.550e-01	4.190e-02	-3.699	0.000222 ***
					StateWI	-1.699e-01	4.170e-02	-4.074	4.82e-05 ***
IPO_Price	-3.293e-03	3.948e-04	-8.341	< 2e-16 ***					
IPO_Shares	2.450e-10	2.509e-10	0.976	0.329038					
IPO_Offer_Amount	-1.949e-11	8.042e-12	-2.424	0.015446 *					
avg_PRC	3.278e-03	1.515e-04	21.635	< 2e-16 ***					
avg_VOL	1.526e-08	5.388e-09	2.833	0.004662 **					

The p value smaller than the significance level means the coefficient of the variable is statistically significant. In other words, this explanatory variable has a significant impact on the dependent variable. The “***” means $p < 0.001$, the “**” means $p < 0.01$ and the “*” means $p < 0.05$ and no stars means this coefficient is not statistically significant.

The result shows that most of the state variables have significant impact besides the state KY. The variables IPO_Price, IPO_Offer_Amount, avg_PRC and avg_VOL are significant. However, the IPO_Shares is not significant for the p-value is larger than 0.05.

The value of adjusted R squared is 0.2242 which means this regression model has poor fitting ability. Besides, the p-value for F-statistic is very small and lower than 0.001, so this model is still significant and reasonable.

Residual standard error: 0.08825 on 1920 degrees of freedom
Multiple R-squared: 0.2419, Adjusted R-squared: 0.2242
F-statistic: 13.62 on 45 and 1920 DF, p-value: < 2.2e-16

The max residual is relatively large which might indicate that there are some outliers. The low value of adjusted R squared might be caused by the non-linear relationship between some of the variables.

Residuals:

Min	1Q	Median	3Q	Max
-0.29445	-0.03911	-0.00217	0.03210	1.24539

In summary, our linear regression model reveals significant correlations between specific variables and cumulative abnormal returns (Cum_AbnRet).

We found that State, IPO_Price, and IPO_Offer_Amount had significant negative correlations with cumulative abnormal returns. This suggests that certain states, along with higher IPO prices and offer amounts, are associated with lower returns, indicating that these factors might impact performance negatively.

On the other hand, avg_PRC and avg_VOL showed significant positive correlations with cumulative abnormal returns. This implies that higher average prices and trading volumes tend to be linked with increased returns, pointing toward stronger market trends or greater investor engagement.

5) Summary

Our report delves into the intricacies of Initial Public Offerings (IPOs) and their profound impact on market performance. By meticulously managing, analyzing, and modeling data, we uncovered significant insights into sector trends, top-performing companies, and the relationships between IPO-related variables and cumulative abnormal returns. Notably, Teladoc emerged as a standout performer, reflecting the evolving market landscape. Our findings underscore the importance of understanding IPO dynamics for informed decision-making in the dynamic realm of finance.