

What Explains ASX 200 Index Volatility? Evidence from Domestic Macroeconomic Indicators and Global Market Performance

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- Hasan and Ratti (2012) studied the effect of oil shock on the return and volatility of ASX 200 index. GARCH-M model is introduced, and the conditional mean equation of returns is consisted of its own lag, old price return, oil price return volatility, and the conditional volatility measure of returns. [3]

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Variance Equation (VECH)

$$\text{vech}(\mathbf{H}_t) = \mathbf{M} + \mathbf{A} \text{vech}(\mathbf{u}_t \mathbf{u}_t') + \mathbf{B} \text{vech}(\mathbf{H}_{t-1})$$

Results: GARCH model

Table: GARCH(1,1) with Exogenous Variables

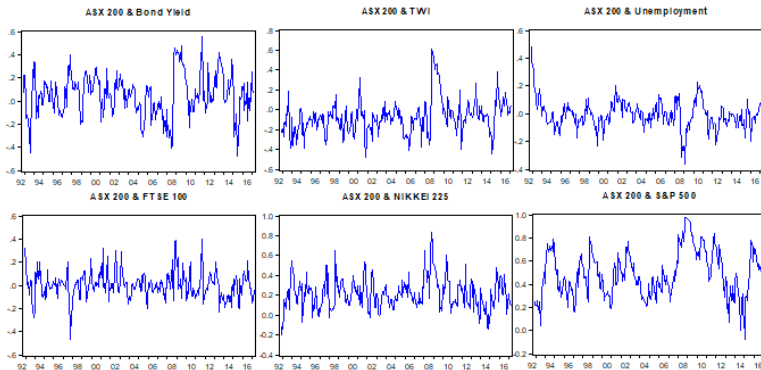
	variable	coefficient	t-statistic
mean equation	Constant	0.766*	4.705
variance equation	Constant	3.638*	8.761
	Resid ²	0.035	1.542
	GARCH(-1)	1.012*	41.10
	TWI	0.038*	0.400
	Bond	-0.027*	3.284
	Unemploy	0.001	0.126
	FTSE 100	-0.064*	2.294
	Nikkei 225	-0.107*	11.16
	S&P 500	0.029*	1.981

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Table: MGARCH coefficients for ASX 200 Index

index	variables	M	A1	B1
(1)	ASX 200	1.875	0.144*	0.713*
(2)	Bond	0.017	0.150*	0.703*
(3)	TWI	-0.215	0.148*	0.657*
(4)	Unemployment	-0.022	0.071	0.723*
(5)	FTSE 100	-0.054	0.127*	0.578
(6)	NIKKEI 225	0.722	0.147	0.512*
(7)	SP 500	0.161	0.165*	0.772*

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- What is your thought?

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