2. ASSESSMENT CRITERIA The criteria are listed below. We will give you feedback under these headings. There are no Öxed weights attached to them and projects di§er very much in the balance between them.

2.1. Writing and Scholarly conventions   
Is there: a clear structure overall; clarity in individual paragraphs and sentences; logical arguments; and careful use of evidence? Are spelling and grammar correct? Are any technical terms or abbreviations explained? The word limit is short so make every word count. Are sources of ideas and quotations properly acknowledged? Is there a list of references? Are data sources properly documented? Is the project written in an academic (as opposed to, say, journalistic) style? Copy the styles of articles in economics/Önance journals.

2.2. Originality/interest.   
Most topics can be made interesting if presented su¢ ciently well, but it is harder to Önd something interesting to say about a standard topic, than about a slightly more unusual topic.

**2.3. Analysis.**   
Does the work indicate a good understanding of the relevant context and literature? Does it use the appropriate concepts from relevant economic or Önance theory. Is there a a logical argument and e§ective use of evidence to support the argument? Did it answer the question posed?

2.4. Data collection/presentation  
Has the appropriate data been collected (given time limitations)? Have the data been checked? Does the work show understanding of what the data actually measure and the limitations of the data? If students indicate that they put an unusual amount of work into collecting data, they will get some credit for it. Does the work demonstrate the ability to summarize and present data in a clear and e§ective way? 4

2.5. Statistical Methods.   
Are the appropriate statistical methods used? Have any conclusions been suitably qualiÖed? Does the work show understanding of the methods.

2.6. Interpretation.   
How does the report answer the question it posed?