THE IMPACT OF CEO CHANGES ON STOCK PRICES

APPLICATIONS OF DATA SCIENCE IN FINANCE
GROUP 22

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EVENT STUDY OBJECTIVE

This event study aims to analyze the impact of CEO changes on the stock prices of major companies in the food and beverage industry, including Starbucks, McDonald's, Chipotle, and others. By examining different CEO changes between 2008 and 2023, the study will evaluate whether the market reacts significantly to these leadership transitions.

EVENT STUDY TEST (APPENDIX A: EVENT DATA)

Null Hypothesis:

There is no statistically significant stock price reaction to CEO changes, implying that the event does not affect the company's market returns in the short term.

Alternate Hypothesis:

There is a statistically significant stock price reaction to CEO changes, indicating that the event impacts the company's market returns in the short term.

Estimation Window: 45 Days (1.5 months)

Event Window: 5 Days (-2 day to event to +2 day to event)

Test: Two-sided test

A two-sided hypothesis test is used as the market return could be in either direction indicating a positive or negative return based on the CEO event change announcement.

KEY METRICS:

The Key metrics used for the CEO Change Event Study are as follows:

- **1. P-value**: measures the probability that the observed results are due to chance rather than a true effect of the CEO change event.
- **2. SCAAR (Standardized Cumulative Average Abnormal Returns)**: provides a normalized view of abnormal returns, allowing comparison across different stocks and events.
- **3. CAAR (Cumulative Average Abnormal Return)**: aggregates abnormal returns over the event window, providing a measure of the overall market reaction.
- **4. Standard Deviation**: assesses the volatility of abnormal returns, indicating how much they deviate from expected returns.
- **5. T-test**: measures whether the observed abnormal returns (CAAR or SCAAR) are significantly different from zero.

TEST ANALYSIS AND TAKEAWAYS: (APPENDIX B, C, D)

- 1. P-value Analysis: The high p-value (0.9388) indicates a lack of statistical significance. Since it exceeds typical alpha levels (0.01, 0.05, or 0.10), we fail to reject the null hypothesis, suggesting insufficient evidence that CEO changes significantly impact stock returns in the short term.
- 2. SCAAR and CAAR Analysis: The mean SCAAR (-0.0387) is close to zero, indicating negligible abnormal returns around CEO changes. Similarly, the CAAR (-0.0021) is essentially zero, reinforcing the null hypothesis that the market reaction to CEO announcements is insignificant.

3. Standard Deviation Analysis:

The event window standard deviation (1.3754) and estimation window standard deviation (1.2366) confirm minimal deviation in abnormal returns. Small standard deviations indicate low volatility, supporting the idea of an efficient market where CEO announcements have no significant impact.

HYPOTHESIS INSIGHTS AND FINDINGS (APPENDIX B, C, D)

- **1. True Null Hypothesis:** The high p-value and near-zero CAAR and SCAAR imply that the null hypothesis is likely correct. CEO changes do not significantly impact the stock returns in the food and beverage sector in the short term.
- **2. Implication for Market Efficiency:** This outcome leans toward market efficiency in the semi-strong form, as it suggests that CEO announcements are quickly and accurately incorporated into stock prices, preventing abnormal gains or losses for investors based on this information alone.
- **3. T-test Analysis:** Based on the t-test results, the CAAR and SCAAR are near zero, indicating no strong directional bias in returns. This implies that market returns were neither significantly positive nor negative following CEO changes, aligning with the idea of an efficient market where such events do not produce notable abnormal returns in either direction.

Interpretation: The study's results suggest that the market efficiently processes CEO changes without significant short-term impact on stock returns. Thus, this supports the null hypothesis, affirming that in the food and beverage industry, these events are not influential in creating significant opportunities for abnormal returns in the market.

COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS:

Python, Excel, and SAS Results (APPENDIX B, C, D)

Results from Python, Excel, and SAS (Appendices B, C, and D) are consistent, showing high p values, near-zero CAAR, and low SCAAR means. Standard deviations and t-tests across all platforms reinforce the conclusion of an insignificant market reaction to CEO changes. Minor variations in t-statistics and standard deviations are due to different rounding or calculation methods, but overall, all tools support the null hypothesis, affirming market efficiency.

CONCLUSION:

This study concludes that CEO changes in the food and beverage industry (2008-2023) have an insignificant impact on short-term stock returns. High p-values, near-zero CAAR, and SCAAR values across Python, Excel, and SAS consistently support the null hypothesis, indicating no substantial abnormal returns. These results suggest that the market efficiently incorporates information about CEO changes, with no clear bias in returns. This provides evidence of market efficiency, particularly within this industry.

APPENDIX

APPENDIX A:

EVENT DATES (RETURNS OF 23 CEO CHANGE EVENTS ACROSS 8 COMPANIES FOR THE TIMEFRAME OF 2008 - 2023)

APPENDIX B: PYTHON RESULTS

1. KEY METRICS: SCAAR VALUE

```
for i in range(1,12):
    estimation_ret = t.iloc[0:45,i:i+1]
    estimation_mean = np.mean(estimation_ret)
    event_ret = t.iloc[46:50,i:i+1]
    ab = event_ret - estimation_mean
    caar = np.mean(ab)
    event_std = np.std(ab, ddof=1)
    scaar_event_std = caar / (event_std / np.sqrt(4))
    scaar.append(scaar_event_std)
```

```
print(scaar)
[ret1
        0.277336
dtype: float64, ret2 -1.370411
dtype: float64, ret3 -0.504816
dtype: float64, ret4
                    0.608092
dtype: float64, ret5 -0.516346
dtype: float64, ret6 -1.373028
dtype: float64, ret7 0.828769
dtype: float64, ret8
                    4.165346
dtype: float64, ret9 -0.529338
dtype: float64, ret10 -1.852771
dtype: float64, ret11
                      -0.15816
dtype: float64]
```

2. KEY METRICS: CAAR, MEAN-SCAAR AND P-VALUE

```
# p-value for 2-sided test
p_value = 2*stats.t.sf(abs(t), dof)
print(f'P-value: {p_value}')
print(f'Mean SCAAR {mean_scaar}')
print(f'CAAR: {caar}')

P-value: 0.9387516768448106
Mean SCAAR -0.03866616887938618
CAAR: -0.0020755055555555547
```

APPENDIX C: EXCEL RESULTS

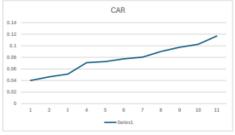
1. EXCEL SUMMARY STATISTICS

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2. EXCEL SUMMARY GRAPHS







APPENDIX D: SAS RESULTS

1. SAS OUTPUT

The CONTENTS Procedure

Data Set Name	FILE.EVENTS	Observations	56
Member Type	DATA	Variables	24
Engine	V9	Indexes	0
Created	11/10/2024 22:40:31	Observation Length	192
Last Modified	11/10/2024 22:40:31	Deleted Observations	0
Protection		Compressed	NO
Data Set Type		Sorted	NO
Label			
Data Representation	SOLARIS_X86_64, LINUX_X86_64, ALPHA_TRU64, LINUX_IA64		
Encoding	utf-8 Unicode (UTF-8)		

Engine/Host Dependent Information			
Data Set Page Size	131072		
Number of Data Set Pages	1		
First Data Page	1		
Max Obs per Page	682		
Obs in First Data Page	56		
Number of Data Set Repairs	0		
Filename	/home/u45026002/events.sas7bdat		
Release Created	9.0401M7		
Host Created	Linux		
Inode Number	12081302673		
Access Permission	rw-r-r-		
Owner Name	u45028002		
File Size	256KB		
File Size (bytes)	262144		

	Alphabetic List of Variables and Attributes						
#	Variable	Type	Len	Format	Informat		
2	ret1	Num	8	BEST12.	BEST32		
3	ret2	Num	8	BEST12.	BEST32		
4	ret3	Num	8	BEST12.	BEST32		
5	ret4	Num	8	BEST12.	BEST32		
6	ret5	Num	8	BEST12.	BEST32		
7	ret6	Num	8	BEST12.	BEST32		
8	ret7	Num	8	BEST12.	BEST32		
9	ret8	Num	8	BEST12.	BEST32		
10	ret9	Num	8	BEST12.	BEST32		
11	ret10	Num	8	BEST12.	BEST32		
12	ret11	Num	8	BEST12.	BEST32		
13	ret12	Num	8	BEST12.	BEST32		
14	ret13	Num	8	BEST12.	BEST32		
15	ret14	Num	8	BEST12.	BEST32		
16	ret15	Num	8	BEST12.	BEST32		
17	ret16	Num	8	BEST12.	BEST32		
18	ret17	Num	8	BEST12.	BEST32		
19	ret18	Num	8	BEST12.	BEST32		
20	ret19	Num	8	BEST12.	BEST32		

	Alphabetic List of Variables and Attributes						
#	Variable	Туре	Len	Format	Informat		
21	ret20	Num	8	BEST12.	BEST32.		
22	ret21	Num	8	BEST12.	BEST32.		
23	ret22	Num	8	BEST12.	BEST32.		
24	ret23	Num	8	BEST12.	BEST32.		
1	time	Num	8	BEST12.	BEST32.		

ttest		std_scaar		std_mean_scaar	
0.7091531	2.0252982	1.0008128	1.1629369	0.2086839	0.2424891

2. SAS CODE

```
/* Generated Code (IMPORT) */
/* Source File: event study dataset.csv */
/* Source Path: /home/u45026002 */
/* Code generated on: 11/10/24, 1:14 AM */
%web_drop_table(file.events);
FILENAME REFFILE '/home/u45026002/event study dataset.csv';
PROC IMPORT DATAFILE=REFFILE
    DBMS=CSV
    OUT=file.events;
    GETNAMES=YES;
RUN;
PROC CONTENTS DATA=file.events; RUN;
%web_open_table(file.events);
proc iml;
use file.events;
read all into returns;
do i=1 to 23;
estimation_ret =returns[1:45,i+1];
estimation mean=estimation ret[:];
estimation_std=std(estimation_ret);
ab= returns[46:50,i+1]-estimation_mean;
event_std=std(ab);
caar=ab[:];
scaar_event_std=caar/(event_std/sqrt(nrow(ab)));
scaar_estimation_std=caar/(estimation_std/sqrt(nrow(ab)));
collect=collect//( scaar_event_std || scaar_estimation_std );
end;
std scaar=std(collect);
std mean scaar=std(collect)/sqrt(nrow(collect));
ttest=collect[:,]/std mean scaar;
print ttest std scaar std mean scaar;
prob_t=2*(1-probt(ttest,nrow(collect-1)));
print prob t
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3. SAS LOG

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          /* Generated Code (IMPORT) */
          /* Source File: event_study_dataset.csv */
          /* Source Path: /home/u45026002 */
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          /* Code generated on: 11/10/24, 1:14 AM */
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74 %web_drop_table(file.events);
NOTE: Table FILE.EVENTS has been dropped.
NOTE: PROCEDURE SQL used (Total process time):
                         0.00 seconds
0.00 seconds
     real time
     user cpu time
     system cpu time
                       0.00 seconds
                        205.75k
     OS Memory
                         24488.00k
                         11/11/2024 03:40:30 AM
      Timestamp
                                      60 Switch Count 2
      Step Count
     Page Faults
                                      14
      Page Reclaims
      Page Swaps
      Voluntary Context Switches
                                      19
     Involuntary Context Switches
Block Input Operations
      Block Output Operations
75
          FILENAME REFFILE '/home/u45026002/event_study_dataset.csv';
77
78
          PROC IMPORT DATAFILE=REFFILE
79
80
          DBMS=CSV
          OUT=file.events;
          GETNAMES=YES;
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83
NOTE: Unable to open parameter catalog: SASUSER.PARMS.PARMS.SLIST in update mode. Temporary parameter values will be saved to
WORK.PARMS.PARMS.SLIST.
          84
           * PRODUCT: SAS
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               VERSTON-
86
                         9.4
           * CREATOR: External File Interface
87
           + DATE:
                          11NOV24
88
           + DESC:
                          Generated SAS Datastep Code
89
          * TEMPLATE SOURCE: (None Specified.)
90
             data FILE.EVENTS
              %let _EFIERR_ = 0; /* set the ERROR detection macro variable */
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94
              infile REFFILE delimiter = ',' MISSOVER DSD firstobs=2;
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                 informat time best32. ;
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                 informat ret1 best32.
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                 format ret4 best12.;
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