

Table 2: **Bootstrap Robustness Analysis: Quantile Regression (1,000 Iterations)**

To test the stability of the structural signal in quantile regression, we performed a bootstrap analysis with 1,000 resamples (with replacement) from the 1970–2025 dataset. The table reports the distribution of the relative improvement in Pseudo- R^2 for tail-risk prediction when adding the CARIA_Peak signal to the baseline volatility model.

Statistic	Value
Iterations	1,000
Positive Improvement Probability	100.0%
Mean Improvement (ΔR^2)	+26.3%
95% Confidence Interval	[12.2%, 45.7%]