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The Effectiveness of Optimal Risk Reduction in Indian Futures Market

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ABSTRACT

The hedge ratio compares the value of a position protected through the use of a hedge with the size of the entire position itself and hedging effectiveness is the percentage reduction in variance of the hedge portfolio to the unhedged portfolio. The present study is conducted with an objective to estimate optimal hedge ratio and hedging effectiveness of futures contracts on fifteen individual securities traded in NSE using DVEC GARCH model. Using spot returns and futures returns of the selected individual securities for the entire period of stock futures trade in India till 31st March 2018, the study reveals that Indian equity futures contracts provide hedging opportunity for all selected companies. Among the selected companies, Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd., State Bank of India Ltd. and ITC Ltd. have got highest and consistent optimal hedge ratio and hedging effectiveness providing that hedging with the stock futures of these companies provides maximum variance reduction and hedging effectiveness for the hedgers in the Indian equity futures market.

Keywords: Optimal Hedge Ratio, Hedging Effectiveness, National Stock Exchange of India Ltd., Equity Futures, DVEC GARCH, Variance, Covariance.

INTRODUCTION:

Even though it is expected that higher risk results in higher return, risk reduction stands as one of the main concerns of investors. Among different risk management tools, derivative contracts that are born and flourished on the basis of the concept of risk reduction play a vital role in providing an assured minimum return to the investors. The derivative markets came up with the idea of reducing risk using risk management tools like hedging (Hull and Basu, 2010). Hedging protects the investors by creating a fence to keep them away from potential risks involving price risk and basis risk. Hedging transfers the risk from risk averters to risk lovers. Optimal hedge ratio determines how much future contacts are to be bought or sold to secure a position in the spot market (Hull and Basu, 2016). Based on the degree of risk bearning by the investors, the hedging theories are classified as naive hedging, workings hedge theory, portfolio hedge, etc. Conventional hedging calls for an optimal hedge ratio of 1:1, expecting that there will be no risk when the number of futures contracts equals the spot positions (Ederington, 1979). But the non-integration of the spot and futures markets causes the conventional optimal hedge ratio to fail in providing the minimum variance hedge. Workings hedge theory was also criticized on its biased approach that considers the hedgers as risk lovers (Kapil Gupta and Balwinder

Singh, 2009). As of now portfolio hedge theory of hedgers choosing optimum risk return portfolio is considered as efficient. Hedge effectiveness is the extent to which a hedge transaction results in offsetting changes in fair value or cash flow that the transaction was intended to provide (Kapil Gupta and Balwinder Singh, 2009).

Hedging, being one of the legally approved fundamental functions of the derivative market, the intention of this paper is to examine the hedging effectiveness of Indian equity futures and to suggest the individual stocks having the highest hedging effectiveness, that considers the profits of the traders in the equity futures market. The previous literature on the optimal hedge ratio of futures contracts are concentrated on NSE NIFTY index futures with emphasis on comparison of the hedging effectiveness of different hedging models (Kapil Gupta and Balwinder Singh, 2010; Bhaduri and Dhurai, 2007; Rao and Takur, 2008; Kailash Chandra Pradan, 2011; Sah and Panday, 2011; Gurmeet Singh, 2017 and Anjaly Prashad, 2009). Comparatively, only very few studies have been found on optimal hedge ratio and hedging effectiveness of individual stocks traded in Indian market. The objectives of the study are to estimate optimal hedge ratio of individual securities traded in NSE (National Stock Exchange of India Ltd.) using Genralized Autoregressive Conditional Heteroskedasticity (GARCH) model and to estimate the hedging effectiveness of Indian equity futures. The robustness of results is checked by finding the optimal hedge ratio and hedging effectiveness of results is checked by finding the optimal hedge ratio and hedging effectiveness of results is checked by finding the optimal hedge ratio and hedging effectiveness of results is checked by finding the optimal hedge ratio and hedging effectiveness for various sub periods of the entire period of the study.

The rest of the paper is arranged as follows. The coming portion deals with the summary of the empirical literature reviewed in connection with the topic. The next portion is the description of the data and methodology, which is being followed by finding and discussion, the robustness check and conclusion.

REVIEW OF LITERATURE:

There had been number of studies in the field of hedging effectiveness and estimation of optimal hedge ratio. Park, et.al. (1995) estimated risk minimizing futures hedge ratios for three types of stock index futures and also compared the hedging techniques and confirmed that dynamic hedging strategy using bivariate GARCH (B-GRACH) is superior to conventional constant hedging strategy. Christos Floros, et.al. (2006) studied hedging effectiveness in Greek stock index futures market in order to determine whether the methods Error Correction Model (ECM), Vector Error Correction Model (VECM) or B-GARCH provide better results over conventional Ordinary Least Square (OLS) regression in terms of hedging effectiveness and concluded that the hedge ratio obtained from the bivariate co-integration GARCH model generates better results in terms of hedging effectiveness. Dimitris, et.al. (2008) tried to determine appropriate model when estimating optimal hedge ratios using conventional regression model, ECM, GARCH and Exponential GARCH (E-GARCH) and concluded that the S&P 500 stock index futures contract is an effective tool for hedging risk. Saumitra, et.al. (2008) estimated hedge ratio and tested its effectiveness for both in-sample and out-sample data with 1,5,10 and 20 days horizon using simple OLS, VAR, VECM and a class of multivariate GARCH (M-GARCH). The results clearly vote for the time varying hedge ratio derived from the M-GARCH model with higher mean return and higher average variance reduction across hedged and unhedged position.

Brajesh Kumar, et.al. (2008) found that time varying hedge ratio derived from VAR-MGARCH model provide highest variance reduction as compared to the other methods in both in-sample and out-of-sample period for all contracts in India. Anjali Prashad (2009) investigated whether the introduction of index futures trading in the NSE has been an effective risk management instrument for spot market of Nifty portfolio and explored the properties of financial time series on Nifty index and future returns. Kapil Gupta and Balwinder Singh (2010) estimated the optimal hedge ratio in the Indian equity futures market to examine the hedging efficiency of the Indian equity futures. Gurmeet Singh (2017) suggested optimal hedge ratio to Indian investors and traders by examining three main indices of NSE and investigated the hedge effectiveness of selected future indices from Indian market and found that the hedge ratio estimated through E-GARCH and OLS reduced the portfolio variance by maximum extent.

As emphasised, the studies on optimal hedge ratios and hedging effectiveness revolving over comparison of methods of estimating hedging effectiveness. Therefore, the intention of present study is to estimate the optimal hedge ratios and hedging effectiveness of fifteen companies existing from the beginning of Indian Equity futures market by employing Diagonal Vector Error Correction GARCH (DVEC-GARCH) model to estimate the time varying optimal hedge ratio and hedging effectiveness.

DATA AND METHODOLOGY:

The period of the study is from 9th November 2001 to 31st march 2018. The data for includes the daily closing values of the near month futures as well as spot contracts on the shares of fifteen companies. It contains 4078

observations for each company. The whole data period was divided into various sub periods viz. inception period (9th November 2001 to 31st December 2003), pre-financial crisis period (1st January 2004 to 18th January 2008), financial crisis period (21st January 2008 to 18th may 2009), recovery period (19th may 2009 to 25th June 2010), growth period (19th May 2009 to 25th June 2010) and reforms period (7th November 2017 to 31st March 2018). The sub periods are identified for analyzing the real trend of the market from the very first day of its inception and also to have check for the robustness of the results. The variables are spot and futures returns of the selected individual stocks which were listed in NSE from the beginning of futures market in NSE and are included in the NSE Nifty Fifty index. The data series employed in this study consists of daily closing prices and underlying values of near month futures contracts on individual stocks.

The normality of the data is tested using descriptive statistics. The essential time series properties of the data are also tested. Stationarity of the data series have been checked using Augmented Dickey-Fuller test (ADF) and Phillips-Perron test (PP). Auto correlation of the data series is checked using Q statistics. The results of auto correlation reveals the presence of Autoregressive conditional heteroskedasticity (ARCH) effect and the possibility of applying the Bivariate DVEC-GARCH model to estimate variance of spot and futures return and covariance of spot return and futures return. Covariance measures how two random variables change together and variance is the spread of the data set. Since ARCH effects are present, bivariate DVEC-GARCH model is applied to estimate the values of variance and covariance of spot and future prices which are essential to obtain the results of optimal hedge ratio. Time varying hedge ratio is calculated by applying the following formula (Awang, et al., 2014):

$$H= \frac{\text{Covariance of spot and future}}{\text{Variance of futures}}$$
(1)

Where,

H=Time Varying Hedge Ratio

The hedging effectiveness which is the percentage reduction in variance of the hedge portfolio to the unhedged portfolio can be written as (Awang, et al., 2014):

$$HE = \frac{Var (unhedged)-Var (hedged)}{Var (unhedged)}$$
(2)

Where,

HE=Hedging Effectiveness Var (unhedged) = σ_s^2 Var (unhedged) = $\sigma_s^2 + h^2 \sigma_f^2 - 2h\sigma_s^2$

Individual stock with highest percentage of hedging effectiveness is considered good for risk reduction (Awang, et al., 2014).

FINDINGS AND DISCUSSION:

The empirical analysis of the data gives the following results.

Descriptive statistics:

Descriptive statistics, that give the values of Skeweness, Kurtosis and Jarque-Bera (JB) statistics, reveals the basic behaviour of data, whether it is normal or not.

From table no: 1, it is clear that, in all the cases, the values of the skewness, kurtosis and JB Statistics show that the data is skewed, leptokurtic and non normal in its raw form. The descriptive statistics for the sub periods, also give the same result. Therefore, the entire data has been converted to log values to smoothen the data.

| Name | Mean | Median | SD | Skewness | Kurt osis | Jarque- Bera | Prob. | Obser vation |
|----------|---------|---------|-----------|----------|--------------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|
| | | Panel | A: Future | s Return | | | | |
| BPCL | 482.85 | 426.65 | 186.41 | 0.757 | 2.887 | 392.13 | 0.00 | 4078 |
| CIPLA | 476.18 | 381.30 | 270.33 | 1.261 | 3.925 | 1226.71 | 0.00 | 4078 |
| DRREDDY | 1609.61 | 1354.85 | 949.05 | 0.818 | 2.608 | 481.17 | 0.00 | 4078 |
| GRASIM | 2092.97 | 2260.43 | 1103.65 | 0.112 | 2.216 | 112.92 | 0.00 | 4078 |
| HDFC | 1226.33 | 1056.23 | 678.76 | 1.020 | 3.104 | 708.45 | 0.00 | 4078 |
| HINDALCO | 337.26 | 164.85 | 374.48 | 1.705 | 4.518 | 2367.35 | 0.00 | 4078 |

Table No 1: Descriptive statistics of the selected companies for the whole period

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| Name | Mean | Median | SD | Skewness | Kurt osis | Jarque- Bera | Prob. | Obser vation |
|--------------|---------|---------|------------|----------|--------------|-----------------|-------|-----------------|
| HINDPETRO | 380.86 | 325.15 | 175.50 | 2.144 | 8.499 | 8260.64 | 0.00 | 4078 |
| HINDUNILIVER | 428.20 | 264.55 | 313.41 | 1.188 | 3.399 | 986.71 | 0.00 | 4078 |
| INFY | 2462.82 | 2350.75 | 1081.42 | 0.637 | 3.069 | 276.83 | 0.00 | 4078 |
| ITC | 414.16 | 277.70 | 345.02 | 1.958 | 6.353 | 4517.05 | 0.00 | 4078 |
| M&M | 747.48 | 715.55 | 376.20 | 0.077 | 2.220 | 107.37 | 0.00 | 4078 |
| RELIANCE | 1005.18 | 917.43 | 552.13 | 1.343 | 4.920 | 1851.47 | 0.00 | 4078 |
| SBIN | 1183.70 | 957.35 | 870.69 | 0.418 | 1.796 | 365.30 | 0.00 | 4078 |
| TATAMOTORS | 486.06 | 433.20 | 263.95 | 0.917 | 3.551 | 623.68 | 0.00 | 4078 |
| TATASTEEL | 420.17 | 408.10 | 176.62 | 0.292 | 2.892 | 59.85 | 0.00 | 4078 |
| | | Pan | el B: Spot | Return | | | | |
| BPCL | 482.28 | 427.55 | 185.84 | 0.757 | 2.903 | 391.15 | 0.00 | 4078 |
| CIPLA | 474.77 | 379.93 | 269.15 | 1.263 | 3.931 | 1230.81 | 0.00 | 4078 |
| DRREDDY | 1605.99 | 1351.73 | 946.34 | 0.820 | 2.613 | 482.62 | 0.00 | 4078 |
| GRASIM | 2088.83 | 2253.68 | 1100.08 | 0.107 | 2.215 | 112.54 | 0.00 | 4078 |
| HDFC | 1224.92 | 1053.10 | 678.06 | 1.021 | 3.107 | 710.98 | 0.00 | 4078 |
| HINDALCO | 336.72 | 164.50 | 374.20 | 1.705 | 4.516 | 2366.62 | 0.00 | 4078 |
| HINDPETRO | 380.21 | 324.48 | 175.39 | 2.149 | 8.542 | 8359.52 | 0.00 | 4078 |
| HINDUNILIVER | 427.65 | 264.63 | 312.64 | 1.190 | 3.405 | 990.87 | 0.00 | 4078 |
| INFY | 2460.30 | 2352.65 | 1080.24 | 0.637 | 3.070 | 276.89 | 0.00 | 4078 |
| ITC | 414.16 | 277.70 | 345.02 | 1.958 | 6.353 | 4517.05 | 0.00 | 4078 |
| M&M | 746.42 | 715.05 | 375.20 | 0.075 | 2.225 | 105.89 | 0.00 | 4078 |
| RELIANCE | 1002.30 | 915.10 | 550.44 | 1.337 | 4.887 | 1820.44 | 0.00 | 4078 |
| SBIN | 1181.84 | 954.30 | 869.71 | 0.417 | 1.794 | 365.49 | 0.00 | 4078 |
| TATAMOTORS | 486.09 | 433.20 | 264.28 | 0.921 | 3.559 | 629.95 | 0.00 | 4078 |
| TATASTEEL | 419.55 | 406.58 | 176.39 | 0.291 | 2.883 | 59.73 | 0.00 | 4078 |

Source: Computation of the researcher

Stationarity Test:

Stationarity of data series are checked using ADF and PP test. For the analysis purpose first log difference of both variables closing and underlying value are taken. Through the conversion of raw data into first log difference price data series is converted into return series. The values of ADF and PP tests for the whole period are presented in the table no: 2. The stationarity of the data for the sub periods are also tested. The results of both futures return and spot return show that the data series is significant and there is no unit root as the probability values of the series are less than 1 percentage. Both ADF and PP Test show that there is no unit root and the data series are stationary. The same results are for underlying value also and are provided as follows. The table below shows the results for the variable underlying value. From the values of ADF and PP Test it is clear that there is no unit root.

| Table No 2: Results of Stationarity Tests of the Future returns and spot returns of 15 Companies for the |
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| Whole Period |

| | t-statistic | | | | | | | |
|-----------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|--|--|
| Name | Futures | Return | Spot F | Return | | | | |
| | ADF Test | PP Test | ADF Test | PP Test | | | | |
| BPCL | 63.95107*** | 64.16621*** | 64.05455*** | 64.35345*** | | | | |
| CIPLA | 34.68407*** | 61.70658*** | 34.82529*** | 61.81644*** | | | | |
| DRREDDY | 12.96181*** | 58.21691*** | 12.94797*** | 57.97073*** | | | | |
| GRASIM | 28.13866*** | 64.10741*** | 28.01707*** | 63.67658*** | | | | |
| HDFC | 38.26465*** | 63.16769*** | 38.39912*** | 63.18124*** | | | | |
| HINDALCO | 63.22683*** | 63.24341*** | 63.68192*** | 63.70186*** | | | | |
| HINDPETRO | 12.68834*** | 61.48544*** | 12.72610*** | 61.39355*** | | | | |

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| | t-statistic | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Name | Futures | Return | Spot Return | | | | | | |
| | ADF Test | PP Test | ADF Test | PP Test | | | | | |
| HINDUNILEVER | 30.69280*** | 63.75789*** | 31.46828*** | 65.06577*** | | | | | |
| INFOSYS | 38.26576*** | 63.39723*** | 38.48490*** | 63.48941*** | | | | | |
| ITC | 46.62974*** | 63.70036*** | 46.61133*** | 63.37605*** | | | | | |
| M&M | 23.84818*** | 63.20791*** | 23.97173*** | 63.02125*** | | | | | |
| RELIANCE | 22.74898*** | 62.10502*** | 14.53452*** | 61.73203*** | | | | | |
| SBIN | 38.07963*** | 61.52088*** | 60.64963*** | 60.64963*** | | | | | |
| TATAMOTORS | 12.10743*** | 61.46969*** | 12.09519*** | 60.77398*** | | | | | |
| TATASTEEL | 20.95197*** | 63.22077*** | 21.15644*** | 61.96096*** | | | | | |

Source: Computation of the researcher

*** denotes level of significance at 1%

Auto correlation:

Auto correlation of the data series is checked using Q statistics. The results of auto correlation reveals that there is ARCH effect and it is possible to apply the Bivariate DVEC-GARCH model to estimate variance of spot and futures return and covariance of spot return and futures return.

Optimal Hedge Ratio and Hedging Effectiveness:

Since there is ARCH effect, DVEC-GARCH model is applied to estimate the values of variance of the futures return and spot returns and covariance among the futures and spot returns, which are essential to obtain dynamic hedge ratio using Equation (1). The optimal hedge ratio is determined by taking the average of time varying hedge ratios are computed and given as optimal hedge ratio of all selected companies for the whole period under study in table no: 3.

| Name | Optimal Hedge Ratio | Hedging effectiveness |
|--------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| BPCL | 2.0475 | 0.5007 |
| CIPLA | 0.9976 | 0.9997 |
| DRREDDY | 0.9907 | 0.9972 |
| GRASIM | 0.8518 | 0.959 |
| HDFC | 0.4406 | 0.6574 |
| HINDALCO | 1.0591 | 0.9963 |
| HINDPETRO | 0.7843 | 0.9397 |
| HINDUNILEVER | 0.9895 | 0.9822 |
| INFOSYS | 1.8913 | 0.5652 |
| ITC | 1.0063 | 0.9956 |
| M&M | 0.9968 | 0.9998 |
| RELIANCE | 0.9973 | 0.9997 |
| SBIN | 0.9980 | 0.9985 |
| TATAMOTORS | 0.9935 | 0.9752 |
| TATASTEEL | 0.9977 | 0.9973 |

Table No 3: Optimal Hedge Ratio and Hedging Effectiveness of the selected Companies for the whole period

Source: Computation of the researchers

According to theory when optimal hedge ratio is 1, it provides the perfect hedge of positions held in futures market which depends on the underlying assets in futures (Ederington, 1979). Through the analysis it is found that the futures contracts on the stock of ITC Ltd., Hindalco Industries Ltd. and Infosys Ltd. provide the perfect risk protection in the whole period by ensuring 100 percentage hedging of positions in futures. Futures contracts on stocks of all other companies provide the risk protection in whole period except that of HDFC Bank Ltd., Hindustan Petrolium Corporation Ltd. and Grasim Industries Ltd., as they do not provide complete hedging opportunities to its traders in the whole period. However in case of Bharat Petrolium Corporation Ltd., more

number of contracts are to be used to protect a futures position. Among all the companies ITC Ltd. has got the perfect optimal hedge ratio.

Hedging effectiveness, as computed using Equation (2), shows the extent to which risk can be reduced through hedging futures contracts. The result shows that all companies except Bharat Petrolium Corporation Ltd , Infosys Ltd., and HDFC Bank Ltd. have got more than 95 percentage of hedging effectiveness in the whole period. Among all the 15 companies Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd. has got the highest hedging effectiveness, i.e., 99.98 percentage. Least hedging effectiveness is for Bharat Petrolium Corporation Ltd. which is consistent with its optimal Hedge ratio in its whole period. The findings of the study are consistent with results of Gurmeet Singh (2017).

ROBUSTNESS ANALYSIS:

In order to test the robustness of the results of the whole period under study, optimal hedge ratios and hedging effectiveness are estimated for the sub periods. The results are given in table no: 4. Analysis of the sub periods proves that through the recent years all companies are able to provide almost perfect hedge for its stocks. In the growth and reforms period from 28th June 2010 to 28th March 2018 all fifteen companies are able to provide almost perfect hedge to its stocks. At the time of financial crisis and pre-financial crisis futures contracts on stocks of all companies, except Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd. and Cipla Indistries Ltd., are able to provide hedging opportunities for their stocks respectively. During the inception period, except Hindalco Industies Ltd., futures contracts on stocks of all other companies are able to provide hedging opportunities to investors.

| Name | Inception | Pre-Fin. Crisis | Fin. Crisis | Recovery | Growth | Reforms |
|--------------|-----------|------------------|-----------------|----------|--------|---------|
| | | Panel A - Optima | al Hedge Ratio |) | | I |
| BPCL | 0.9311 | 0.9963 | 1.0098 | 0.9709 | 1.0152 | 0.9933 |
| CIPLA | 0.9689 | 0.7418 | 0.9890 | 0.9949 | 0.9901 | 1.0268 |
| DRREDDY | 0.9707 | 0.9922 | 0.5314 | 0.9968 | 1.0159 | 1.0489 |
| GRASIM | 1.0044 | 1.0044 | 0.9637 | 1.0173 | 0.9943 | 0.9901 |
| HDFC | 1.0117 | 1.1282 | 0.9942 | 1.0086 | 0.9965 | 1.0174 |
| HINDALCO | 0.8232 | 1.0276 | 1.0033 | 0.9953 | 0.9975 | 0.9929 |
| HINDPETRO | 0.9879 | 1.0412 | 1.0070 | 0.9841 | 0.4482 | 0.9987 |
| HINDUNILEVER | 1.0376 | 1.0112 | 0.9681 | 0.9958 | 1.0205 | 1.0355 |
| INFOSYS | 1.0200 | 0.9999 | 0.9986 | 0.9656 | 0.9964 | 0.9950 |
| ITC | 1.0200 | 1.1704 | 0.9901 | 1.0358 | 0.9946 | 1.0353 |
| M&M | 0.9949 | 1.0038 | 1.0927 | 0.9987 | 0.9974 | 0.9956 |
| RELIANCE | 0.9303 | 0.9953 | 0.9960 | 0.8066 | 0.9997 | 1.0314 |
| SBIN | 0.9925 | 1.1093 | 1.0325 | 1.0103 | 1.0464 | 0.9935 |
| TATAMOTORS | 0.9526 | 1.0006 | 1.8250 | 0.9728 | 0.9975 | 0.9993 |
| TATASTEEL | 1.0201 | 0.9905 | 1.0206 | 1.0008 | 0.9981 | 1.5265 |
| | • | Panel B - Hedgin | ng effectivenes | S | • | |
| BPCL | 0.8599 | 0.9837 | 0.9967 | 0.9940 | 0.9994 | 0.9641 |
| CIPLA | 0.9687 | 0.9090 | 0.9927 | 0.9959 | 0.9994 | 0.9865 |
| DRREDDY | 0.9936 | 0.9956 | 0.6371 | 0.9973 | 0.9966 | 0.9938 |
| GRASIM | 0.9991 | 0.9991 | 0.9917 | 0.9940 | 0.9946 | 0.9966 |
| HDFC | 0.9944 | 0.6712 | 0.9986 | 0.9961 | 0.9939 | 0.9971 |
| HINDALCO | 0.9170 | 0.9980 | 0.9972 | 0.9970 | 0.9982 | 0.9959 |
| HINDPETRO | 0.9943 | 0.9956 | 0.9960 | 0.9882 | 0.5619 | 0.9889 |
| HINDUNILEVER | 0.9732 | 0.9894 | 0.9832 | 0.9899 | 0.9975 | 0.9835 |
| INFOSYS | 0.9933 | 0.9993 | 0.9986 | 0.9924 | 0.9998 | 0.9950 |

| Table No 4: Optimal Hedge Ratios and Hedging Effectiveness of the selected companies for the different |
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| Sub Periods |

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| Name | Inception | Pre-Fin. Crisis | Fin. Crisis | Recovery | Growth | Reforms |
|------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------|----------|--------|---------|
| ITC | 0.9933 | 0.9668 | 0.9840 | 0.9934 | 0.9959 | 0.9809 |
| M&M | 0.9795 | 0.9965 | 0.9855 | 0.9983 | 0.9975 | 0.9995 |
| RELIANCE | 0.9851 | 0.9955 | 0.9996 | 0.9148 | 0.9956 | 0.9872 |
| SBIN | 0.9956 | 0.9738 | 0.9965 | 0.9969 | 0.9950 | 0.9973 |
| TATAMOTORS | 0.9963 | 0.9964 | 0.5956 | 0.9931 | 0.9986 | 0.9974 |
| TATASTEEL | 0.9937 | 0.9985 | 0.9990 | 0.9982 | 0.9967 | 0.7825 |

Source: Computation of the researchers

Through the analysis of sub periods, it is found that all companies except Hindustan Petrolium Corporation Ltd. and Tata Steel Ltd. are have hedging effectiveness more than 98 percentage in the growth and reforms period respectively. From the robustness analysis using sub periods, it is clear that all selected companies provide perfect hedging opportunity for its investors in the Indian equity futures market in the recent period and the company ITC Ltd. has got the perfect hedge ratio with a hedging effectiveness of 99.56 percentage. Hedging effectiveness is highest for Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd. and its optimal Hedge ratio is 0.9968 which is near to perfect hedging. The results of the study are similar to the results of Anjaly Prasad (2009) which demonstrated that hedging effectiveness is highest for those companies having better optimal hedge ratios.

CONCLUSION:

From the analysis, it is clear that Indian equity futures market provide hedging opportunity for the investors in Indian equity market, even though the hedging effectiveness varies for the companies during the various sub periods. The companies ITC Ltd., Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd., Hindustan Unilever Ltd., State Bank of India Ltd., Tata Motors Ltd. and Tata Steel Ltd. provide the satisfactory hedging opportunity for its investors and among these companies Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd., State Bank of India Ltd. and ITC Ltd. provide almost perfect hedging opportunities. The companies ITC Ltd., Mahindra and Mahindra and Mahindra Ltd., Hindustan Unilever Ltd., State Bank of India Ltd., Cipla Industries Ltd., Grasim Industries Ltd., Hindalco Industries Ltd. and Reliance Industries Ltd. provide the satisfactory hedging effectiveness for its stocks and among these companies Mahindra Ltd., State Bank of India Ltd., and TC Ltd. have got highest and consistent optimal hedge ratio and hedging effectiveness and therefore hedging with futures contracts on the stocks of these companies provides maximum variance reduction and hedging effectiveness for the investors in the Indian equity market.

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APPENDIX:

Table No A1: Descriptive Statistics of the Futures Returns of the Sub periods

| Name | Mean | Median | SD | Skew ness | Kurt osis | Jarque Bera | Prob. | Obser vation | | |
|----------------------------|---------|---------|--------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------|-----------------|--|--|
| Panel A - Inception Period | | | | | | | | | | |
| BPCL | 265.68 | 265.58 | 59.03 | 0.56 | 2.86 | 28.78 | 0.00 | 538 | | |
| CIPLA | 954.67 | 951.10 | 155.31 | -0.06 | 2.32 | 10.77 | 0.00 | 538 | | |
| DRREDDY | 987.69 | 960.73 | 152.90 | 0.71 | 3.44 | 49.01 | 0.00 | 538 | | |
| GRASIM | 415.65 | 320.73 | 190.11 | 1.72 | 4.76 | 335.15 | 0.00 | 538 | | |
| HDFC | 537.44 | 591.93 | 123.99 | -0.43 | 1.61 | 60.34 | 0.00 | 538 | | |
| HINDALCO | 736.50 | 701.80 | 201.63 | 1.51 | 4.83 | 279.03 | 0.00 | 538 | | |
| HINDPETRO | 283.83 | 292.23 | 68.62 | -0.35 | 2.92 | 11.31 | 0.00 | 538 | | |
| HINDUNILEVER | 186.02 | 181.48 | 24.90 | 0.41 | 2.69 | 17.59 | 0.00 | 538 | | |
| INFY | 3887.42 | 3838.20 | 626.83 | 0.21 | 2.45 | 10.63 | 0.00 | 538 | | |
| ITC | 710.66 | 683.73 | 88.36 | 1.39 | 4.48 | 223.07 | 0.00 | 538 | | |
| M&M | 143.20 | 110.75 | 77.58 | 1.78 | 4.93 | 366.94 | 0.00 | 538 | | |
| RELIANCE | 319.78 | 295.48 | 73.71 | 1.45 | 4.13 | 216.87 | 0.00 | 538 | | |
| SBIN | 302.11 | 274.13 | 94.42 | 0.89 | 2.41 | 78.27 | 0.00 | 538 | | |

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| Name | Mean | Median | SD | Skew | Kurt | Jarque | Prob. | Obser |
|--------------|---------|-------------|------------------|------------|--------|---------|-------|--------|
| Ivaille | Wiean | Meulali | | ness | osis | Bera | 1100. | vation |
| TATAMOTORS | 186.52 | 156.38 | 87.92 | 1.60 | 4.45 | 277.80 | 0.00 | 538 |
| TATASTEEL | 165.89 | 136.15 | 83.30 | 1.62 | 4.52 | 286.91 | 0.00 | 538 |
| | | Panel B - P | re-financia | l Crisis I | Period | | | |
| BPCL | 382.35 | 370.80 | 52.95 | 0.47 | 2.42 | 51.77 | 0.00 | 1017 |
| CIPLA | 366.83 | 260.80 | 290.06 | 2.47 | 7.87 | 2036.90 | 0.00 | 1017 |
| DRREDDY | 871.29 | 761.80 | 255.56 | 1.37 | 3.69 | 336.54 | 0.00 | 1017 |
| GRASIM | 1870.08 | 1431.60 | 825.43 | 0.77 | 2.41 | 115.94 | 0.00 | 1017 |
| HDFC | 1238.52 | 1122.20 | 617.26 | 1.08 | 3.64 | 216.52 | 0.00 | 1017 |
| HINDALCO | 606.19 | 189.60 | 533.94 | 0.43 | 1.28 | 157.18 | 0.00 | 1017 |
| HINDPETRO | 317.86 | 313.20 | 61.25 | 1.29 | 5.11 | 472.17 | 0.00 | 1017 |
| HINDUNILIVER | 185.53 | 190.00 | 42.71 | 0.16 | 2.21 | 31.07 | 0.00 | 1017 |
| INFY | 2554.13 | 2162.50 | 1099.94 | 1.73 | 4.88 | 658.28 | 0.00 | 1017 |
| ITC | 630.26 | 191.10 | 560.02 | 0.58 | 1.73 | 125.67 | 0.00 | 1017 |
| M&M | 596.45 | 567.60 | 148.07 | 0.39 | 2.12 | 58.32 | 0.00 | 1017 |
| RELIANCE | 1050.17 | 794.40 | 656.49 | 1.48 | 4.52 | 468.91 | 0.00 | 1017 |
| SBIN | 962.71 | 871.50 | 477.32 | 1.48 | 4.81 | 511.74 | 0.00 | 1017 |
| TATAMOTORS | 628.31 | 642.80 | 177.49 | 0.23 | 1.69 | 81.99 | 0.00 | 1017 |
| TATASTEEL | 470.10 | 431.10 | 155.04 | 1.24 | 4.10 | 314.21 | 0.00 | 1017 |
| | 1 | | Financial | Crisis Pe | riod | | | |
| BPCL | 357.83 | 362.10 | 49.80 | -0.49 | 3.12 | 12.99 | 0.00 | 319 |
| CIPLA | 206.93 | 206.90 | 18.71 | 0.06 | 2.14 | 10.06 | 0.00 | 319 |
| DRREDDY | 538.82 | 543.35 | 88.34 | 0.05 | 1.91 | 15.97 | 0.00 | 319 |
| GRASIM | 1865.96 | 1798.00 | 596.98 | 0.30 | 2.03 | 17.28 | 0.00 | 319 |
| HDFC | 2046.05 | 2096.35 | 490.93 | 0.06 | 1.76 | 20.75 | 0.00 | 319 |
| HINDALCO | 112.13 | 121.65 | 57.16 | 0.10 | 1.38 | 35.28 | 0.00 | 319 |
| HINDPETRO | 246.86 | 248.40 | 30.77 | -0.23 | 2.42 | 7.26 | 0.02 | 319 |
| HINDUNILIVER | 235.73 | 238.45 | 16.43 | -0.84 | 3.48 | 40.57 | 0.00 | 319 |
| INFY | 1480.64 | 1465.85 | 227.94 | 0.22 | 1.94 | 17.70 | 0.00 | 319 |
| ITC | 187.48 | 187.35 | 16.40 | 0.39 | 2.66 | 9.41 | 0.00 | 319 |
| M&M | 488.97 | 523.50 | 141.57 | -0.26 | 1.65 | 27.78 | 0.00 | 319 |
| RELIANCE | 1894.83 | 2021.40 | 518.87 | -0.18 | 1.56 | 29.10 | 0.00 | 319 |
| SBIN | 1422.91 | 1336.05 | 335.65 | 0.96 | 3.38 | 50.65 | 0.00 | 319 |
| TATAMOTORS | 382.22 | 394.05 | 209.21 | 0.28 | 1.61 | 29.80 | 0.00 | 319 |
| TATASTEEL | 481.76 | 530.35 | 262.50 | 0.07 | 1.37 | 35.76 | 0.00 | 319 |
| | | | D – Recove | | | | | |
| BPCL | 531.20 | 530.73 | 55.05 | -0.11 | 2.44 | 4.23 | 0.12 | 276 |
| CIPLA | 302.00 | 313.03 | 35.39 | -0.47 | 2.17 | 18.13 | 0.00 | 276 |
| DRREDDY | 1044.05 | 1109.33 | 225.61 | -0.14 | 1.90 | 14.76 | 0.00 | 276 |
| GRASIM | 2499.83 | 2569.85 | 298.96 | -0.83 | 3.12 | 32.05 | 0.00 | 276 |
| HDFC | 2586.15 | 2624.00 | 192.05 | -0.32 | 2.32 | 10.10 | 0.00 | 276 |
| HINDALCO | 134.12 | 138.23 | 31.55 | -0.28 | 1.99 | 15.31 | 0.00 | 276 |
| HINDPETRO | 349.23 | 348.05 | 29.22 | 0.20 | 2.42 | 5.79 | 0.05 | 276 |
| HINDUNILIVER | 255.44 | 260.15 | 18.82 | -0.08 | 1.90 | 14.17 | 0.00 | 276 |
| INFY | 2335.69 | 2409.95 | 351.70 | -0.66 | 2.32 | 25.10 | 0.00 | 276 |
| ITC | 2333.05 | 250.50 | 26.20 | -0.66 | 3.14 | 20.07 | 0.00 | 276 |
| M&M | 833.80 | 843.83 | 202.23 | -0.12 | 1.75 | 18.67 | 0.00 | 276 |
| RELIANCE | 1537.54 | 1121.10 | 516.98 | 0.12 | 1.13 | 41.13 | 0.00 | 276 |
| SBIN | 2045.10 | 2093.70 | 234.96 | -0.34 | 1.83 | 21.08 | 0.00 | 276 |
| TATAMOTORS | 611.82 | 670.10 | 173.63 | -0.52 | 1.83 | 26.12 | 0.00 | 276 |
| TATASTEEL | 522.44 | 522.30 | 86.54 | -0.06 | 2.12 | 8.99 | 0.00 | 276 |

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| | | Panel | E – Growt | h Period | | | | |
|--------------|---------|---------|------------|-----------|------|---------|------|------|
| BPCL | 617.19 | 643.98 | 182.51 | 0.03 | 2.33 | 34.83 | 0.00 | 1830 |
| CIPLA | 463.01 | 417.10 | 128.93 | 0.34 | 1.72 | 160.10 | 0.00 | 1830 |
| DRREDDY | 2438.44 | 2425.38 | 760.04 | 0.38 | 2.12 | 103.31 | 0.00 | 1830 |
| GRASIM | 2738.33 | 2740.08 | 947.41 | -0.19 | 2.74 | 15.99 | 0.00 | 1830 |
| HDFC | 1044.69 | 900.40 | 421.83 | 2.11 | 9.98 | 5082.00 | 0.00 | 1830 |
| HINDALCO | 145.05 | 137.25 | 44.93 | 0.55 | 2.66 | 99.77 | 0.00 | 1830 |
| HINDPETRO | 471.49 | 411.20 | 219.91 | 1.27 | 4.43 | 647.70 | 0.00 | 1830 |
| HINDUNILIVER | 645.77 | 605.28 | 256.99 | 0.25 | 2.18 | 69.86 | 0.00 | 1830 |
| INFY | 2257.80 | 2417.18 | 935.08 | -0.16 | 1.73 | 131.13 | 0.00 | 1830 |
| ITC | 280.83 | 293.60 | 62.16 | -0.40 | 2.00 | 125.74 | 0.00 | 1830 |
| M&M | 1029.25 | 975.98 | 267.42 | -0.02 | 1.48 | 176.93 | 0.00 | 1830 |
| RELIANCE | 950.64 | 929.40 | 167.51 | 1.64 | 6.75 | 1896.50 | 0.00 | 1830 |
| SBIN | 1441.50 | 1770.73 | 1023.00 | -0.10 | 1.40 | 199.31 | 0.00 | 1830 |
| TATAMOTORS | 499.00 | 422.58 | 284.29 | 1.52 | 4.31 | 835.53 | 0.00 | 1830 |
| TATASTEEL | 426.45 | 410.03 | 119.32 | 0.35 | 2.46 | 60.70 | 0.00 | 1830 |
| | | Panel | F – Reform | ns Period | 1 | | | |
| BPCL | 479.96 | 485.08 | 33.79 | -0.24 | 1.90 | 5.94 | 0.05 | 98 |
| CIPLA | 597.36 | 602.38 | 20.58 | -1.12 | 3.71 | 22.51 | 0.00 | 98 |
| DRREDDY | 2287.27 | 2281.03 | 125.09 | 0.21 | 1.91 | 5.59 | 0.06 | 98 |
| GRASIM | 1155.94 | 1141.63 | 51.04 | 0.32 | 2.16 | 4.53 | 0.10 | 98 |
| HDFC | 1775.63 | 1777.48 | 78.28 | 0.53 | 2.51 | 5.63 | 0.05 | 98 |
| HINDALCO | 248.96 | 249.90 | 17.61 | -0.39 | 2.44 | 3.86 | 0.14 | 98 |
| HINDPETRO | 400.06 | 411.15 | 27.43 | -0.47 | 2.20 | 6.29 | 0.04 | 98 |
| HINDUNILIVER | 1326.27 | 1329.68 | 37.62 | -0.27 | 2.19 | 3.92 | 0.14 | 98 |
| INFY | 1078.12 | 1089.75 | 79.08 | -0.13 | 1.42 | 10.48 | 0.00 | 98 |
| ITC | 264.75 | 264.10 | 6.58 | 0.48 | 2.65 | 4.22 | 0.12 | 98 |
| M&M | 968.84 | 758.30 | 320.56 | 0.75 | 1.61 | 17.18 | 0.00 | 98 |
| RELIANCE | 924.25 | 923.73 | 21.09 | 0.28 | 2.87 | 1.39 | 0.50 | 98 |
| SBIN | 298.15 | 307.45 | 28.19 | -0.59 | 2.10 | 9.12 | 0.01 | 98 |
| TATAMOTORS | 396.48 | 404.60 | 33.29 | -0.51 | 2.03 | 8.04 | 0.01 | 98 |
| TATASTEEL | 692.19 | 697.58 | 53.93 | -0.37 | 2.72 | 2.59 | 0.27 | 98 |

Source: Computation of the researcher

Table No A2: Descriptive Statistics of the Spot Returns of the Sub periods

| Name | Mean | Median | SD | Skew ness | Kurt osis | Jarque Bera | Prob. | Obser vation |
|--------------|---------|---------|-------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-------|-----------------|
| | | Panel | A - Incepti | on Perio | d | | | |
| BPCL | 264.86 | 264.65 | 59.01 | 0.57 | 2.91 | 28.99 | 0.00 | 538 |
| CIPLA | 950.68 | 945.60 | 154.47 | -0.05 | 2.33 | 10.44 | 0.00 | 538 |
| DRREDDY | 984.58 | 957.88 | 151.42 | 0.71 | 3.52 | 51.81 | 0.00 | 538 |
| GRASIM | 414.09 | 320.05 | 189.02 | 1.72 | 4.75 | 333.05 | 0.00 | 538 |
| HDFC | 537.16 | 593.60 | 123.45 | -0.43 | 1.61 | 59.76 | 0.00 | 538 |
| HINDALCO | 734.25 | 699.68 | 199.41 | 1.52 | 4.85 | 283.06 | 0.00 | 538 |
| HINDPETRO | 282.66 | 291.18 | 68.65 | -0.33 | 0.95 | 10.03 | 0.00 | 538 |
| HINDUNILEVER | 185.96 | 181.05 | 24.65 | 0.46 | 2.83 | 19.99 | 0.00 | 538 |
| INFY | 3881.72 | 3828.45 | 621.61 | 0.19 | 2.42 | 10.80 | 0.00 | 538 |
| ITC | 709.03 | 683.05 | 87.60 | 1.38 | 4.49 | 221.25 | 0.00 | 538 |
| M&M | 142.67 | 110.15 | 77.08 | 1.77 | 4.91 | 362.52 | 0.00 | 538 |
| RELIANCE | 319.78 | 295.48 | 73.71 | 1.45 | 4.13 | 216.87 | 0.00 | 538 |
| SBIN | 300.39 | 270.50 | 93.69 | 0.88 | 2.39 | 78.17 | 0.00 | 538 |
| TATAMOTORS | 185.98 | 155.75 | 87.22 | 1.61 | 4.46 | 280.03 | 0.00 | 538 |

| Name | Mean | Median | SD | Skew | Kurt | Jarque | Prob. | Obser |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-----------|-------------|-----------|------|---------|-------|--------|
| | | | | ness | osis | Bera | 1100. | vation |
| TATASTEEL | 165.22 | 135.68 | 82.60 | 1.62 | 4.51 | 286.20 | 0.00 | 538 |
| Panel B - Pre-financial Crisis Period | | | | | | | | |
| BPCL | 383.22 | 371.75 | 52.51 | 0.48 | 2.44 | 52.82 | 0.00 | 1017 |
| CIPLA | 366.23 | 260.30 | 289.16 | 2.47 | 7.88 | 2044.20 | 0.00 | 1017 |
| DRREDDY | 870.52 | 761.50 | 255.11 | 1.37 | 3.68 | 335.45 | 0.00 | 1017 |
| GRASIM | 1868.19 | 1425.45 | 821.99 | 0.76 | 2.38 | 114.68 | 0.00 | 1017 |
| HDFC | 1238.65 | 1126.15 | 615.45 | 1.08 | 3.63 | 213.52 | 0.00 | 1017 |
| HINDALCO | 606.11 | 188.10 | 534.20 | 0.43 | 1.27 | 157.55 | 0.00 | 1017 |
| HINDPETRO | 317.61 | 313.55 | 60.87 | 1.31 | 5.15 | 485.99 | 0.00 | 1017 |
| HINDUNILIVER | 185.69 | 189.55 | 42.76 | 0.15 | 2.18 | 32.33 | 0.00 | 1017 |
| INFY | 2553.71 | 2163.70 | 1102.16 | 1.73 | 4.85 | 651.71 | 0.00 | 1017 |
| ITC | 631.05 | 190.80 | 561.09 | 0.58 | 1.73 | 125.51 | 0.00 | 1017 |
| M&M | 596.28 | 577.50 | 147.12 | 0.38 | 2.11 | 57.35 | 0.00 | 1017 |
| RELIANCE | 1046.32 | 793.55 | 652.72 | 1.47 | 4.48 | 458.62 | 0.00 | 1017 |
| SBIN | 959.24 | 869.10 | 474.11 | 1.48 | 4.80 | 506.27 | 0.00 | 1017 |
| TATAMOTORS | 628.04 | 641.05 | 176.90 | 0.22 | 1.67 | 83.64 | 0.00 | 1017 |
| TATASTEEL | 470.10 | 431.05 | 155.04 | 1.24 | 4.10 | 314.21 | 0.00 | 1017 |
| | | Panel C - | Financial (| Crisis Pe | riod | | | |
| BPCL | 357.90 | 360.65 | 50.05 | -0.39 | 3.03 | 7.99 | 0.01 | 319 |
| CIPLA | 206.69 | 206.95 | 18.56 | 0.05 | 2.14 | 9.95 | 0.00 | 319 |
| DRREDDY | 538.94 | 541.70 | 88.80 | 0.06 | 1.94 | 15.23 | 0.00 | 319 |
| GRASIM | 1866.29 | 1800.45 | 594.62 | 0.29 | 2.03 | 16.97 | 0.00 | 319 |
| HDFC | 2042.93 | 2085.50 | 489.91 | 0.07 | 1.77 | 20.44 | 0.00 | 319 |
| HINDALCO | 112.10 | 121.35 | 57.11 | 0.09 | 1.38 | 35.23 | 0.00 | 319 |
| HINDPETRO | 246.55 | 248.20 | 30.95 | -0.19 | 2.41 | 6.48 | 0.03 | 319 |
| HINDUNILIVER | 236.10 | 238.30 | 15.74 | -0.80 | 3.58 | 38.60 | 0.00 | 319 |
| INFY | 1480.80 | 1467.90 | 229.54 | 0.25 | 1.97 | 17.48 | 0.00 | 319 |
| ITC | 187.53 | 187.10 | 16.46 | 0.38 | 2.64 | 9.24 | 0.00 | 319 |
| M&M | 489.99 | 522.85 | 141.25 | -0.27 | 1.66 | 27.90 | 0.00 | 319 |
| RELIANCE | 1891.34 | 2018.55 | 517.49 | -0.17 | 1.56 | 28.91 | 0.00 | 319 |
| SBIN | 1425.39 | 1335.20 | 334.63 | 0.96 | 3.38 | 51.10 | 0.00 | 319 |
| TATAMOTORS | 385.20 | 397.00 | 209.66 | 0.26 | 1.59 | 29.98 | 0.00 | 319 |
| TATASTEEL | 482.14 | 526.35 | 262.47 | 0.07 | 1.36 | 36.21 | 0.00 | 319 |
| | | Panel 1 | D – Recove | ry Perio | d | | | |
| BPCL | 530.49 | 530.33 | 54.61 | -0.13 | 2.48 | 3.94 | 0.13 | 276 |
| CIPLA | 301.41 | 312.58 | 35.30 | -0.48 | 2.20 | 18.20 | 0.00 | 276 |
| DRREDDY | 1042.72 | 1108.15 | 225.32 | -0.14 | 1.91 | 14.66 | 0.00 | 276 |
| GRASIM | 2500.28 | 2581.10 | 299.67 | -0.88 | 3.17 | 35.71 | 0.00 | 276 |
| HDFC | 2585.62 | 2615.18 | 193.00 | -0.32 | 2.35 | 9.62 | 0.00 | 276 |
| HINDALCO | 134.04 | 138.13 | 31.45 | -0.28 | 1.99 | 15.36 | 0.00 | 276 |
| HINDPETRO | 348.47 | 347.68 | 29.11 | 0.17 | 2.42 | 5.24 | 0.07 | 276 |
| HINDUNILIVER | 255.79 | 259.68 | 18.56 | -0.07 | 1.97 | 12.49 | 0.00 | 276 |
| INFY | 2336.49 | 2410.05 | 353.28 | -0.66 | 2.31 | 25.17 | 0.00 | 276 |
| ITC | 244.97 | 250.30 | 26.41 | -0.59 | 3.09 | 15.91 | 0.00 | 276 |
| M&M | 833.87 | 841.98 | 202.21 | -0.11 | 1.76 | 18.13 | 0.00 | 276 |
| RELIANCE | 1535.19 | 1121.30 | 516.12 | 0.16 | 1.13 | 41.16 | 0.00 | 276 |
| SBIN | 2046.41 | 2092.98 | 235.84 | -0.32 | 1.82 | 20.77 | 0.00 | 276 |
| TATAMOTORS | 614.99 | 672.73 | 173.88 | -0.55 | 1.95 | 26.48 | 0.00 | 276 |
| TATASTEEL | 523.61 | 522.43 | 86.25 | -0.03 | 2.13 | 8.73 | 0.00 | 276 |

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| Panel E – Growth Period | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------|---------|---------|-------|-------|---------|------|------|
| BPCL | 615.69 | 642.83 | 182.40 | 0.03 | 2.34 | 33.91 | 0.00 | 1830 |
| CIPLA | 461.56 | 415.50 | 128.68 | 0.34 | 1.72 | 161.36 | 0.00 | 1830 |
| DRREDDY | 2432.26 | 2411.98 | 758.46 | 0.38 | 2.12 | 103.66 | 0.00 | 1830 |
| GRASIM | 2730.67 | 2722.10 | 944.08 | -0.19 | 2.74 | 15.93 | 0.00 | 1830 |
| HDFC | 1042.36 | 895.70 | 421.35 | 2.12 | 10.02 | 5124.96 | 0.00 | 1830 |
| HINDALCO | 144.60 | 136.80 | 44.82 | 0.55 | 2.66 | 100.38 | 0.00 | 1830 |
| HINDPETRO | 470.69 | 412.43 | 219.86 | 1.28 | 4.45 | 657.41 | 0.00 | 1830 |
| HINDUNILIVER | 644.51 | 604.95 | 256.65 | 0.25 | 2.18 | 70.32 | 0.00 | 1830 |
| INFY | 2254.00 | 2415.35 | 933.13 | -0.16 | 1.73 | 130.93 | 0.00 | 1830 |
| ITC | 280.00 | 292.80 | 61.91 | -0.41 | 2.00 | 126.51 | 0.00 | 1830 |
| M&M | 1027.09 | 975.43 | 266.82 | -0.01 | 1.47 | 177.77 | 0.00 | 1830 |
| RELIANCE | 950.64 | 929.40 | 167.51 | 1.64 | 6.75 | 1896.59 | 0.00 | 1830 |
| SBIN | 1439.19 | 1767.00 | 1021.44 | -0.10 | 1.40 | 199.32 | 0.00 | 1830 |
| TATAMOTORS | 498.43 | 421.08 | 285.05 | 1.53 | 4.33 | 845.11 | 0.00 | 1830 |
| TATASTEEL | 425.86 | 409.00 | 118.98 | 0.35 | 2.44 | 61.45 | 0.00 | 1830 |
| | Panel F – Reforms Period | | | | | | | |
| BPCL | 481.74 | 488.80 | 32.81 | -0.37 | 2.18 | 4.99 | 0.08 | 98 |
| CIPLA | 595.89 | 601.30 | 20.59 | -1.08 | 3.57 | 20.33 | 0.00 | 98 |
| DRREDDY | 2280.47 | 2275.63 | 124.81 | 0.25 | 1.93 | 5.74 | 0.05 | 98 |
| GRASIM | 1152.89 | 1139.88 | 50.88 | 0.33 | 2.15 | 4.72 | 0.09 | 98 |
| HDFC | 1772.44 | 1768.85 | 79.17 | 0.49 | 2.43 | 5.17 | 0.07 | 98 |
| HINDALCO | 248.24 | 249.65 | 17.40 | -0.40 | 2.44 | 3.94 | 0.13 | 98 |
| HINDPETRO | 400.40 | 410.68 | 26.82 | -0.59 | 2.45 | 6.97 | 0.03 | 98 |
| HINDUNILIVER | 1323.38 | 1325.90 | 38.53 | -0.32 | 2.25 | 3.95 | 0.13 | 98 |
| INFY | 1076.95 | 1089.45 | 79.51 | -0.15 | 1.45 | 10.21 | 0.00 | 98 |
| ITC | 264.11 | 263.23 | 6.68 | 0.54 | 2.72 | 5.10 | 0.07 | 98 |
| M&M | 966.49 | 757.08 | 319.92 | 0.76 | 1.62 | 17.16 | 0.00 | 98 |
| RELIANCE | 922.01 | 921.08 | 21.69 | 0.30 | 2.92 | 1.52 | 0.46 | 98 |
| SBIN | 297.34 | 306.43 | 28.06 | -0.60 | 2.10 | 9.12 | 0.01 | 98 |
| TATAMOTORS | 395.46 | 403.63 | 33.24 | -0.51 | 2.02 | 8.19 | 0.01 | 98 |
| TATASTEEL | 691.16 | 694.43 | 53.89 | -0.37 | 2.77 | 2.43 | 0.29 | 98 |

Source: Computation of the researcher

Table No A3: Results of Stationarity Tests of 15 Companies for the sub periods

| Name | Inception | Pre-Fin. Crisis | Fin. Crisis | Recovery | Growth | Reforms | |
|--|-----------|-----------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|----------|--|
| Panel A - ADF t-statistics of the spot returns | | | | | | | |
| BPCL | 22.94*** | 30.65*** | 17.108*** | 17.119*** | 43.054*** | 9.534*** | |
| CIPLA | 20.95*** | 30.88*** | 9.2633*** | 17.427*** | 43.473*** | 9.736*** | |
| DRREDDY | 17.55*** | 32.15*** | 13.856*** | 15.436*** | 37.735*** | 8.129*** | |
| GRASIM | 4.72*** | 32.41*** | 17.763*** | 10.379*** | 42.774*** | 9.540*** | |
| HDFC | 25.08*** | 8.714*** | 9.7248*** | 8.3994*** | 43.687*** | 8.878*** | |
| HINDALCO | 20.84*** | 32.00*** | 16.852*** | 16.065*** | 43.70*** | 10.11*** | |
| HINDPETRO | 22.05*** | 12.06*** | 8.7905*** | 16.314*** | 41.307*** | 10.45*** | |
| HINDUNILEVER | 22.28*** | 30.29*** | 14.10*** | 16.277*** | 20.583*** | 9.548*** | |
| INFOSYS | 20.69*** | 32.47*** | 9.589*** | 11.087*** | 42.415*** | 7.653*** | |
| ITC | 17.65*** | 31.57*** | 13.691*** | 9.5928*** | 23.189*** | 9.458*** | |
| M&M | 3.37*** | 30.28*** | 15.982*** | 16.591*** | 13.646*** | 9.581*** | |
| RELIANCE | 23.45*** | 6.992*** | 16.291*** | 16.364*** | 42.685*** | 4.777*** | |
| SBIN | 5.87*** | 22.92*** | 15.552*** | 15.94*** | 25.712*** | 10.52*** | |
| TATAMOTORS | 8.81*** | 30.57*** | 17.702*** | 16.186*** | 7.716*** | 10.98*** | |
| TATASTEEL | 9.99*** | 23.04*** | 17.108*** | 17.021*** | 43.021*** | 9.140*** | |

| Panel B - ADF t-statistics of the future returns | | | | | | |
|--|-----------|--------------------|-------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| BPCL | 22.786*** | 29.949*** | 17.002*** | 17.083*** | 17.119*** | 4.3642*** |
| CIPLA | 21.08*** | 30.771*** | 9.07045*** | 17.351*** | 17.427*** | 9.7340*** |
| DRREDDY | 11.062*** | 32.227*** | 13.775*** | 15.865*** | 15.436*** | 8.1728*** |
| GRASIM | 4.5576*** | 6.7029*** | 18.048*** | 10.515*** | 10.379*** | 9.3822*** |
| HDFC | 24.631*** | 6.2017*** | 9.5946*** | 8.2785*** | 8.3994*** | 8.4905*** |
| HINDALCO | 20.57*** | -31.78*** | 20.572*** | 16.255*** | 16.065*** | 10.295*** |
| HINDPETRO | 21.753*** | 8.0058*** | 17.409*** | 16.610*** | 16.314*** | 7.1296*** |
| HINDUNILEVER | 21.477*** | 31.071*** | 9.9255*** | 12.293*** | 16.277*** | 9.252*** |
| INFOSYS | 20.548*** | 32.53*** | 14.200*** | 14.302*** | 11.087*** | 5.0760*** |
| ITC | 17.572*** | 31.743*** | 4.1393*** | 13.293*** | 9.5928*** | 9.4622*** |
| M&M | 3.4324** | 30.598*** | 14.608*** | 16.807*** | 16.591*** | 9.6327*** |
| RELIANCE | 23.580*** | 7.0587*** | 16.196*** | 16.46*** | 16.364*** | 4.697*** |
| SBIN | 5.9889*** | 11.513*** | 16.782*** | 16.483*** | 15.942*** | 10.44*** |
| TATAMOTORS | 8.6492*** | 31.690*** | 15.589*** | 16.197*** | 16.186*** | 10.955*** |
| TATASTEEL | 21.752*** | 30.919*** | 18.289*** | 10.627*** | 17.021*** | 9.1664*** |
| | Pa | nel C - PP t-stat | istics of the spo | ot returns | | |
| BPCL | 22.94*** | 30.665*** | 17.105*** | 17.144*** | 43.24*** | 9.533*** |
| CIPLA | 20.85*** | 30.958*** | 18.854*** | 17.502*** | 43.488*** | 9.7359*** |
| DRREDDY | 21.39*** | 32.151** | 19.771*** | 15.608*** | 37.671*** | 8.1690*** |
| GRASIM | 19.81*** | 32.410*** | 17.916*** | 15.76*** | 42.774*** | 9.5406*** |
| HDFC | 25.19*** | 30.921*** | 15.262*** | 17.227*** | 43.680*** | 8.8763*** |
| HINDALCO | 20.89*** | 32.007*** | 16.801*** | 16.066*** | 43.839*** | 10.114*** |
| HINDPETRO | 22.03*** | 28.587*** | 21.494*** | 16.362*** | 41.283*** | 11.204*** |
| HINDUNILEVER | 22.27*** | 30.274*** | 17.319*** | 16.295*** | 43.740*** | 9.5985*** |
| INFOSYS | 20.79*** | 32.537*** | 20.354*** | 14.809*** | 42.414*** | 8.6745*** |
| ITC | 23.00*** | 31.576*** | 13.473*** | 17.90*** | 42.684*** | 9.7833*** |
| M&M | 20.46*** | 30.252*** | 15.919*** | 16.592*** | 43.926*** | 9.5803*** |
| RELIANCE | 23.45*** | 29.978*** | 16.169*** | 16.4118*** | 42.773*** | 8.4427*** |
| SBIN | 23.23*** | 29.50*** | 15.555*** | 15.951*** | 40.91*** | 10.595*** |
| TATAMOTORS | 23.03*** | 30.55*** | 17.703*** | 16.201*** | 40.816*** | 10.945*** |
| TATASTEEL | 22.16*** | 29.928*** | 17.105*** | 17.019*** | 43.021*** | 9.1404*** |
| | | el D - PP t-statis | | | | , |
| BPCL | 22.783*** | 29.904*** | 16.959*** | 17.121*** | 17.144*** | 9.9752*** |
| CIPLA | 21.08*** | 30.82*** | 19.099*** | 17.396*** | 17.502**** | 9.7336*** |
| DRREDDY | 21.694*** | 32.227*** | 13.856*** | 16.002*** | 15.608*** | 8.213*** |
| GRASIM | 19.475*** | 32.726*** | 18.157*** | 15.992*** | 15.765*** | 9.382*** |
| HDFC | 24.685*** | 30.958*** | 15.135*** | 17.117*** | 17.227*** | 8.485*** |
| HINDALCO | 20.53*** | 31.78*** | 20.53*** | 16.256*** | 16.066*** | 10.28*** |
| HINDPETRO | 21.734*** | 29.480*** | 17.485*** | 16.652*** | 16.36*** | 10.53*** |
| HINDUNILEVER | 21.417*** | 31.071*** | 21.236*** | 15.722*** | 16.295*** | 9.267*** |
| INFOSYS | 20.402*** | 32.585*** | 17.542*** | 10.729*** | 14.809*** | 8.868*** |
| ITC | 22.841*** | -31.74*** | 20.239*** | 17.552*** | 17.908*** | 9.531*** |
| M&M | 20.576*** | 30.580*** | 14.471*** | 16.808*** | 16.592*** | 9.632*** |
| RELIANCE | 23.58*** | 30.453*** | 16.15*** | 16.518*** | 16.411*** | 8.596*** |
| SBIN | 23.459*** | 30.702*** | 16.694*** | 16.490*** | 15.951*** | 10.507*** |
| TATAMOTORS | 23.10*** | -31.70*** | 15.595*** | 16.196*** | 16.201*** | 10.937*** |
| TATASTEEL | 21.812*** | 30.934*** | 18.283*** | 17.587*** | 17.019*** | 9.1664*** |

*** denotes level of significance at 1%

Source: Computation of the researcher

| Sl. No. | Symbol / Abbreviation | Name of the Company |
|---------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1 | BPCL | Bharat Petroleum Corporation Ltd. |
| 2 | CIPLA | CIPLA industries Ltd. |
| 3 | DRREDDY | Dr. Reddy's Laboratories Ltd. |
| 4 | GRASIM | Grasim Industries Ltd. |
| 5 | HDFC | The HDFC Bank Ltd. |
| 6 | HINDALCO | Hindalco Industries Ltd. |
| 7 | HINDPETRO | Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Ltd. |
| 8 | HINDUNILEVER | Hindustan Unilever Ltd. |
| 9 | INFOSYS | Infosys Ltd. |
| 10 | ITC | ITC Ltd. |
| 11 | M&M | Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd. |
| 12 | RELIANCE | Reliance Industries Ltd. |
| 13 | SBIN | The State Bank of India Ltd. |
| 14 | TATAMOTORS | Tata Motors Ltd. |
| 15 | TATASTEEL | Tata Steel Ltd. |

Table No A4: List of Companies Selected for the Study

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