

# Contextual Fundamental Analysis

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# Introduction

**Value Stocks:** Stocks are belongs to high BM firms.

**Glamour Stocks:** Stocks are belongs to low BM firms.

BM = book value of equity / market value of equity

## Value or High BM firms:

- stocks tend to be neglected and financially distressed
- unpopular in the stock market
- Firms' size are small and
- Voluntary disclosures may not be viewed as credible given their poor recent performances
- stocks are usually associated with below average price earnings (P/E) ratios, low market price/book value
- even though analyst do not recommend buying or selling of high BM's stocks ironically
- but, earnings might be predictable and less volatile stock price

## Glamour or Low BM firms:

- fast growing firms -earnings are growing rapidly
- tend to be strong financial condition
- growth rates are high and firms are usually associated with high P/E and P/B ratios.
- earnings are less predictable
- stocks are more volatile
- Nonfinancial information are available
- Due to fast growing effect glamour firms may be able to attract the concentration of sophisticated market mediators, such as analysts and institutional investors

But all firms are not bad and good for all value and glamour stocks respectively, the value and growth styles both go through good and bad time, there is no clear answer which is better. That's why this study investigated whether and how good (winners) and bad (losers) can be separated using contextual fundamental analysis.

**Contextual Analysis:** context exhibiting strong and unique empirical characteristics (Shen 2001)

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----- more reliable, realistic, selective and effective context

## Motivations

### Lev and Thiagarajan (1993)

Financial Signals have predictive power in explaining contemporaneous stock returns.

### Abarbanell and Bushee (1998)

Investment portfolios formed by longing high-score stocks and shorting low-score stocks based on fundamental signals yields significant positive returns.

### Piotroski (2000) & Mohanram (2005)

A portfolio with higher composite scores earn higher returns for high and low book-to-market (BM) firms.

## Fundamental Analysis to Separate Winners from Losers in Value & Glamour Stocks

## Main Objective

The main objective of this study is to empirically examining whether investors earn maximum returns from value and glamour firms after separating winners from losers, by contextual investment strategy based on historical financial information (F-SCORE and G-SCORE) in the Korean listed firms.

## Literature Review

### Lev and Thiagarajan (1993)

>1974 to 1988. >twelve financial signals. >fundamental financial signals have predicted power in explaining future stock returns.

### Piotroski (2000)

>Sample: High BM firms. >Binary Scores of financial signals: Profitability, Operating Efficiency, and Leverage and Liquidity. >Findings: Higher score stocks earn higher future stock returns than lower score stocks do.

### Mohanram (2005)

>Sample: Low BM firms. >Binary Scores of financial signals: Profitability, Earnings and Growth Stability, and Intensity of R&D. >Findings: Higher score stocks earn higher future stock returns than lower score stocks do.

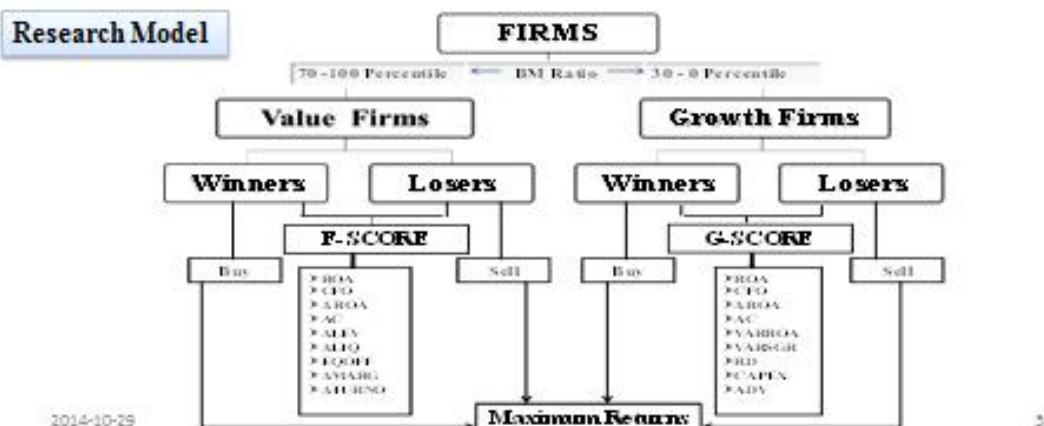
### Tiwagopal and Agarwal (2011)

low (high) BM firms usually earn significant negative (positive) returns, respectively.

Bartov and Kim(2004), Cho et al.(2014), Nguyen(2003), Sukanjanapong(2007)

## Research Model and Methodology

- The research model is made consistent with Piotroski (2000) and Mohanram (2005).
  - To implement the model, this study used TWO composite scores based on financial signals
    - ◆ F-SCORE – Value Stocks
    - ◆ G-SCORE – Glamour Stocks
  - Both scores are made by 9 fundamental financial signals. A realization of each financial signal is classified as either good or bad depending on its implication to stock future returns, with 0 and 1 score representing bad and good implication, respectively.
- $F\text{-SCORE} = ROA + CFO + \Delta ROA + AC + \Delta LEV + \Delta LIQ + EQOFF + \Delta MARG + \Delta TURNO \quad (1)$
- $G\text{-SCORE} = ROA + CFO + \Delta ROA + AC + VARROA + VARSGR + RD + CAPEX + ADV \quad (2)$



## Stock Returns Calculation and Empirical Results

### 1. Buy-and-Hold Returns

- One-year Ahead and Two-year Ahead Returns
- ❖ Return Period: Starting from the beginning of the fourth month after the fiscal year end and ending at the end of the third month after the following one (two) fiscal year(s).

### 2. Size-Adjusted Buy-and-Hold Returns

(Abraham and Bushnell, 1998) → One-year  
Two-year

$$SAR_{i,t}(h) = \prod_{i=1}^h (1 + BHR_{i,t}) - \prod_{i=1}^{h-1} (1 + BHR_{i,t})$$

(3)

Sample Selection & Data Collection  
Korean listed firms - 2005 - 2010

## Descriptive Statistics

Panel A: Financial Characteristics of Value and Glamour Firms															
Variables	Value or High BM Firms (1519 firms)				Glamour or Low BM Firms (1828 firms)				All Firms (3347 firms)						
	Mean	Std.	Skewness	Kurtosis	Mean	Std.	Skewness	Kurtosis	Mean	Std.	Skewness	Kurtosis			
Market Value of Equity (W billion)	149.036	36.830	792.067	7.567	3887.872	1007.889	114.287	2101.437	7.567	18057.672	328.826	81.802	1781.862	7.347	18937.872
Book Value of Equity (W billion)	238.614	83.391	723.621	7.479	8278.116	302.904	59.903	1371.665	5.303	8173.116	375.372	88.788	1003.319	5.503	8171.319
B/E Ratio	2.328	2.121	0.818	1.203	4.424	0.357	0.334	-0.259	0.123	1.237	1.319	1.118	-0.882	0.323	4.824
ABETTS (W billion)	493.542	144.201	1548.699	14.363	27600.778	1090.363	111.465	3013.333	14.363	17600.738	778.738	122.304	2423.126	14.363	17600.738
SALES (W billion)	398.388	127.462	1344.402	6.306	18877.520	1013.910	89.400	2180.658	4.306	18877.520	889.070	112.389	2181.726	4.306	18877.520
Market value (W billion)	10.463	3.269	87.206	-0.118	1042.812	82.081	4.829	186.715	-0.118	1042.812	34.915	4.132	187.325	-0.118	1042.812

Panel B: Size-Adjusted Buy-and-Hold Returns of Value and Glamour Investment Strategy															
Variables	Value or High BM Firms (1519 firms)				Glamour or Low BM Firms (1828 firms)				All Firms (3347 firms)						
	Mean	Std.	Skewness	Kurtosis	Mean	Std.	Skewness	Kurtosis	Mean	Std.	Skewness	Kurtosis			
SAR 1 Year	0.040	0.016	0.173	1.491	0.029	0.048	-0.178	0.145	-0.082	0.072	0.000	-0.108	0.139	-1.743	2.972
SAR 2 Year	0.044	0.123	0.869	-0.017	-0.548	0.289	-0.133	0.871	-0.153	0.178	0.000	-0.157	0.832	-0.299	4.568

## Correlation

**Panel A: Spearman Correlation Analysis between One- and Two-Year Size-Adjusted Buy-and-Hold Returns, the Nine Fundamental Signals and the Composite Signal (F-SCORE) for Value or High BM firms**

**Panel B: Spearman's Correlation Analysis between One- and Two-Year Size-Adjusted Buy-and-Hold Returns, the Nine Fundamental Signals and the Composite Signal (G-SCORE) for Glamour or Low EM firms**

	EDDA	ABQ.DA	CFO	ACCESUAL	VASCOA	VASBC	BD	CAPITAL EXP	ADVERTISING	ED-EXPS
ED.DA Year	0.140**	0.000*	0.140**	0.010	-0.166	-0.184	-0.013	-0.030	0.004	0.115**
	0.000	0.033	0.000	0.410	0.000	0.000	0.004	0.004	0.782	0.000
ED.BD Year	0.124**	0.000	0.141**	-0.008	-0.166	-0.160	-0.014	-0.014	0.047**	0.130**
	0.000	0.704	0.000	0.703	0.000	0.000	0.148	0.408	0.004	0.000
ED.A	0.331**	0.400**	0.271**	-0.000	-0.333	0.038**	-0.007	0.037	0.045**	0.414**
	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.010	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
ABQ.DA		0.124**	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.004	0.018	0.003	-0.018	0.244**
		0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.045	0.033	0.033	0.000	0.000
CFO			-0.280	-0.284	-0.333	0.040**	-0.038	0.000	0.047**	0.414**
			0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.011	0.001	0.000	0.000
ACCESUAL				-0.130	-0.044	-0.004	-0.011	-0.011	-0.038	0.037**
				0.000	0.000	0.004	0.000	0.000	0.134	0.000
VASCOA					0.000	0.000**	-0.028	0.004**	-0.020	-0.101
					0.000	0.004	0.004	0.013	0.000	0.000
VASBC						0.000	-0.010	0.008**	-0.171	-0.140
						0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
BD							0.000	0.070**	0.187**	0.224**
							0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
CAPITAL EXP								0.115**	0.273**	0.244**
								0.000	0.000	0.000
ADVERTISING									0.000	0.000
									0.000	0.000

\*\* Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed). \* Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

### Hedge Portfolio Returns

→ Size-Adjusted Buy-and-Hold Returns to Value Investments  
Strategy Based on Financial signals

**Panel A: One-Year Size-Adjusted Buy-and-Hold Returns to an Investment Strategy Based on E-SCORE for Value Stocks**

	Mean	SDa	SDb	Median	Tu	SDc	N
Time	0.040	-0.470	-0.251	-0.074	0.105	0.641	1420
Dose							
0	-0.242	-1.222	-1.140	-0.072	0.738		2
1	-0.133	-0.414	-0.300	-0.130	0.070	0.212	24
2	-0.000	-0.220	-0.193	-0.070	0.137	0.400	132
3	0.043	-0.142	-0.238	-0.047	0.105	0.442	176
4	0.031	-0.232	-0.200	-0.070	0.207	0.732	212
5	0.023	-0.120	-0.220	-0.071	0.217	0.471	217
6	0.023	-0.171	-0.216	-0.031	0.200	0.004	247
7	0.024	-0.140	-0.212	-0.042	0.227	0.422	194
8	0.027	-0.102	-0.200	-0.074	0.160	0.271	44
9	0.021	-0.214	-0.240	-0.181	-0.048		0
a SD	-0.046	-0.434	-0.212	-0.000	0.122	0.634	171
b SD	0.023	-0.142	-0.221	-0.074	0.220	0.422	1121
c Tu	0.041	-0.443	-0.242	-0.040	0.172	0.622	217
d N	0.000			0.007			
e Min - Max	0.012			0.022			
f SD	0.024						

**Panel B: Two-Year Size-Adjusted Buy-and-Hold Returns to an Investment Strategy Based on E-SCORE for Value Firms**

→ Size-Adjusted Buy-and-Hold Returns to Glamour Investment Strategy Based on Financial Signals

**Strategy Based on Financial Signals**  
 Panel A: DCC-based dynamic model receives an investment strategy based on DCC-GARCH for the current period. The strategy is based on the information contained in the last 100 observations. Panel B: DCC-based dynamic model receives an investment strategy based on DCC-GARCH for the current period. The strategy is based on the information contained in the last 100 observations. Panel C: DCC-based dynamic model receives an investment strategy based on DCC-GARCH for the current period. The strategy is based on the information contained in the last 100 observations. Panel D: DCC-based dynamic model receives an investment strategy based on DCC-GARCH for the current period. The strategy is based on the information contained in the last 100 observations. Panel E: DCC-based dynamic model receives an investment strategy based on DCC-GARCH for the current period. The strategy is based on the information contained in the last 100 observations.

**Panel A: One-Year Size-Adjusted Buy-and-Hold Returns to an investment strategy based on G-SCORE for glamour firms**

	Mean	10%	25%	Median	75%	90%	N
	-0.044	-0.324	-0.272	-0.182	0.142	0.287	112
G	-0.131	-0.401	-0.347	-0.264	-0.167	0.142	12
I	-0.016	-0.702	-0.512	-0.238	0.210	0.344	24
S	-0.030	-0.431	-0.362	-0.232	0.047	0.704	122
T	-0.070	-0.320	-0.260	-0.180	0.000	0.211	102
A	-0.072	-0.284	-0.208	-0.172	0.133	0.381	241
Z	-0.014	-0.213	-0.150	-0.122	0.127	0.402	258
R	-0.017	-0.162	-0.100	-0.062	0.170	0.460	270
F	-0.010	-0.101	-0.050	-0.110	0.181	0.430	170
E	-0.038	-0.107	-0.042	-0.030	0.184	0.304	32
C	0.080	-0.237	-0.234	0.000	0.204	0.234	12
Sum G-F	-0.043	-0.437	-0.344	-0.241	0.241	0.744	332
Sum M-A-2-E	-0.087	-0.325	-0.266	-0.189	0.127	0.431	348
Sum T-C	-0.024	-0.412	-0.300	-0.200	0.165	0.412	330

**Panel B: Two-Year Size-Adjusted Buy-and-Hold Returns to an investment strategy based on G-Score for glamour firms**

Panel C: Summary One-Year Size-Adjusted Returns of Value and glamour firms based on F-SCORE and G-SCORE

Score/Firms	Value Firms	Score/Firms	Glamour Firms	
Low F-SCORE	-0.064	Low G-SCORE	-0.062	High F-SCORE - Low F-SCORE
High F-SCORE	0.061	High G-SCORE	-0.054	High F-SCORE - Low G-SCORE
				High G-SCORE - Low G-SCORE
				High F-SCORE - High G-SCORE
				High F-SCORE - 1L-G-SCORE & -E-SCORE - 1L-G-SCORE

## Returns to an Investment Strategy Based on F-SCORE and G-SCORE in Value and Glamour Firms Respectively by Partitions

Panel A1: One-Year Size-Adjusted Buy-and-Hold Returns to an investment strategy based on F-SCORE for value firms by size partitions												Panel A2: One-Year Size-Adjusted Buy-and-Hold Returns to an investment strategy based on G-SCORE for glamour firms by size partitions												
	Small firms			Medium firms			Large firms			Small firms			Medium firms			Large firms			Small firms			Medium firms		
	Mean	Median	N	Mean	Median	N	Mean	Median	N	Mean	Median	N	Mean	Median	N									
All Firms	0.062	-0.045	513	0.058	-0.055	513	0.040	-0.043	513	-0.070	-0.218	609	-0.069	-0.196	610	-0.019	-0.099	609	-0.027	-0.165	609	-0.015	-0.096	609
Low 0-2	0.056	-0.016	72	0.051	-0.012	51	0.018	-0.049	48	-0.101	-0.291	172	-0.082	-0.192	82	-0.055	-0.255	27	-0.025	-0.201	78	-0.012	-0.113	612
Middle 2-6	0.058	-0.076	289	0.058	-0.059	293	0.042	-0.050	269	-0.082	-0.196	401	-0.067	-0.158	453	-0.038	-0.113	412	-0.019	0.160	0.055	0.017	-0.046	170
High 7-9	0.071	-0.070	52	0.062	-0.050	69	0.045	0.006	96	-0.081	-0.151	36	-0.050	-0.175	76	0.017	-0.046	170	0.019	0.160	0.055	0.071	0.209	209
High - Low	0.015	-0.056		0.008	-0.058		0.032	0.055		-0.067	-0.055		-0.057	-0.055		-0.038	-0.055		-0.047	-0.055		-0.038	-0.055	
t-Statistic (P-Value)	1.678 (0.007)			2.661 (0.015)			2.732 (0.002)			1.687 (0.045)			2.138 (0.002)			2.758 (0.000)								

Panel B1: One-Year Size-Adjusted Buy-and-Hold Returns to an investment strategy based on F-SCORE for value firms by trading volume partitions												Panel B2: One-Year Size-Adjusted Buy-and-Hold Returns to an investment strategy based on G-SCORE for glamour firms by trading volume partitions												
	Low Volume			Medium Volume			High Volume			Low Volume			Medium Volume			High Volume			Low Volume			Medium Volume		
	Mean	Median	N	Mean	Median	N	Mean	Median	N	Mean	Median	N	Mean	Median	N									
All Firms	0.034	-0.077	513	0.065	-0.057	513	0.022	-0.097	513	-0.027	-0.165	609	-0.015	-0.128	610	-0.096	-0.218	609	-0.027	-0.165	609	-0.015	-0.096	609
Low 0-2	0.023	-0.083	66	-0.107	-0.097	51	-0.056	-0.099	48	-0.025	-0.201	78	-0.007	-0.120	78	-0.122	-0.221	126	-0.049	-0.127	66	-0.006	-0.116	621
Middle 2-6	0.021	-0.073	279	0.032	-0.058	293	0.027	-0.055	269	-0.025	-0.127	401	-0.019	-0.128	411	-0.028	-0.218	399	-0.014	0.064	0.055	0.028	-0.057	399
High 7-9	0.049	-0.102	90	0.018	-0.001	69	0.066	-0.110	96	0.012	-0.011	36	0.026	-0.057	76	0.048	-0.145	170	0.014	0.160	0.055	0.071	0.209	209
High - Low	0.026	-0.019		0.125	0.097		0.032	-0.055		-0.067	-0.055		-0.057	-0.055		-0.038	-0.055		-0.047	-0.055		-0.038	-0.055	
t-Statistic (P-Value)	1.879 (0.016)			1.312 (0.012)			2.891 (0.024)			1.761 (0.070)			2.365 (0.009)			2.021 (0.006)								

Panel C1: One-Year Size-Adjusted Buy-and-Hold Returns to an investment strategy based on F-SCORE for value firms by share price partitions												Panel C2: One-Year Size-Adjusted Buy-and-Hold Returns to an investment strategy based on G-SCORE for glamour firms by share price partitions												
	Low Volume			Medium Volume			High Volume			Low Volume			Medium Volume			High Volume			Low Volume			Medium Volume		
	Mean	Median	N	Mean	Median	N	Mean	Median	N	Mean	Median	N	Mean	Median	N									
All Firms	0.034	-0.064	513	0.035	-0.075	513	0.020	-0.085	513	-0.076	-0.239	609	-0.019	-0.125	610	-0.021	-0.098	609	-0.076	-0.239	609	-0.019	-0.098	609
Low 0-2	-0.010	-0.094	65	-0.001	-0.014	51	-0.128	-0.134	51	-0.086	-0.238	78	-0.092	-0.222	78	-0.062	-0.187	126	-0.116	-0.234	66	-0.037	-0.114	399
Middle 2-6	0.116	-0.055	282	0.077	-0.076	293	-0.037	-0.083	276	-0.025	-0.127	401	-0.021	-0.126	411	-0.028	-0.114	399	-0.014	0.064	0.055	0.028	-0.057	399
High 7-9	0.085	-0.076	66	-0.020	-0.109	67	0.042	-0.058	64	0.091	-0.151	36	0.079	-0.120	76	0.079	-0.145	170	0.091	-0.151	170	0.079	-0.145	170
High - Low	0.095	0.010		-0.029	-0.095		0.125	0.097		0.171	0.151		0.162	0.141		0.171	0.151		0.171	0.151		0.171	0.151	
t-Statistic (P-Value)	1.828 (0.007)			0.956 (0.097)			1.264 (0.078)			1.217 (0.001)			1.244 (0.002)			1.288 (0.000)								

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## Regression for One-Year Buy-and-Hold Returns for Value and Glamour Firms

Panel A: Coefficients from Pooled Regressions for Value firms  
 $BHR_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 SIZE_i + \beta_2 BM_i + \beta_3 MOM_i + \beta_4 ACCRUAL_i + \beta_5 EOFF_i + \beta_6 F-SCORE_i + \epsilon$  (5)

Panel B: Coefficients from Pooled Regressions for Glamour firms  
 $BHR_i = \beta_0 + \beta_1 SIZE_i + \beta_2 BM_i + \beta_3 MOM_i + \beta_4 ACCRUAL_i + \beta_5 EOFF_i + \beta_6 G-SCORE_i + \epsilon$  (6)

	SIZE	BM	MOM	ACCRUAL	EOFF	F-SCORE	G-SCORE
-0.168	0.015	0.210	0.060	-0.299	-0.021	0.025	
(-1.989)	(1.029)	(5.791)	(1.668)	(-4.972)	(-1.067)		
-0.181	0.009	0.108	0.037	-0.237	-0.029	0.018	0.019

Relationship between Fundamental Signals and Observed Returns				Effectiveness of Fundamental Analysis			
ROA of value and glamour firms based on F-SCORE and G-SCORE respectively				Panel A and B: Distribution of one-year size-adjusted buy-and-hold returns for G-SCORE portfolios in value firms and F-SCORE portfolios in glamour firms respectively			
Value Firms		Glamour Firms		Panel A: Value Firms		Panel B: Glamour Firms	
Mean EOFF	N	Mean EOFF	N	Mean	Median	N	Mean
0.017	1239	0.017	1239	0.017	0.017	1239	0.017
0	-0.026	0	-0.026	10	-0.102	17	-0.320
1	-0.113	2	-0.113	72	-0.102	72	-0.123
2	-0.023	123	-0.023	123	-0.000	192	-0.020
3	-0.012	276	-0.012	276	-0.001	399	-0.009
4	0.006	212	0.006	212	0.004	269	0.002
5	0.001	217	0.001	217	0.000	270	0.000
6	0.000	267	0.000	267	0.000	399	0.000
7	0.070	146	0.070	146	0.070	170	0.070
8	0.078	6	0.078	6	0.103	22	0.030
9	0.102	9	0.102	9	0.124	12	0.102
Low 0-2	-0.071	171	Low 0-2	-0.102	171	Low 0-2	-0.102
Middle 2-6	0.012	1121	Middle 2-6	0.022	1121	Middle 2-6	0.022
High 7-9	0.070	217	High 7-9	0.101	217	High 7-9	0.101
High - All	0.029	216	High - All	0.029	216	High - All	0.029
High - Low	0.107	High - Low	0.107	High - Low	0.107	High - Low	0.107
t-Value	17.090 (0.000)	t-Value	22.102 (0.000)	t-Value	22.102 (0.000)	t-Value	22.102 (0.000)
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## Summary

- Value firm outperform glamour firm → BM effect exist in Korean Stock Market.
- Firms with higher composite score earn higher one-year and two-year size-adjusted returns than do firms with lower composite score *without additional risk.*  
→ Fundamental variables do separate winners from losers
- A portfolio of longing high score stocks (winners) and shorting low score stocks (losers) earn positive size-adjusted returns (12.4%).
- Historical accounting information can be used to predict future stock returns after separating winners from losers in Korean value & glamour stock.



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