

Ex-post Risk Premia Tests using Individual Stocks: The IV-GMM solution to the EIV problem*

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Abstract

This paper develops an IV-GMM approach that uses past beta estimates and firm characteristics as instruments for estimating ex-post risk premia while addressing the error-in-variables problem in the two-pass cross-sectional regression method. The approach is developed in the context of large cross sections of individual stocks and short time series. We establish the N -consistency of the IV-GMM ex-post risk premia estimator and obtain its asymptotic distribution along with an estimator of its asymptotic variance-covariance matrix. These results are then used to develop new tests for asset pricing model implications. Empirically, we examine a number of popular asset pricing models and find support for the recent q -factor model proposed by Hou, Xue, and Zhang (2015).

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1 Introduction

Asset pricing models suggest that an asset's average return should be related to its exposure to systematic risk. Models differ in the factors they identify as sources of relevant systematic risk. A typical model identifies a small number of pervasive risk factors and postulates that the average return on an asset is a linear function of the factor betas. The quest for the identification of relevant risk factors at the theoretical level can be traced back to the works of Sharpe (1964), Lintner (1965) and Mossin (1966) on the CAPM and Ross (1976) on the APT. On the empirical front, a long line of research on the evaluation of such models has been developed, starting with Black, Jensen, and Scholes (1972) and Fama and MacBeth (1973).

One important aspect of empirical evaluation of an asset pricing model involves determining the cross section of test assets. On standard approach in the literature, introduced by Black, Jensen, and Scholes (1972) and Fama and MacBeth (1973), is to perform the asset pricing tests on a small number of portfolios. Indeed, following Fama and French (1992), it has become standard practice to sort stocks according to some firm characteristic in order to form sets of portfolios, typically deciles, that are subsequently used as test assets. However, as Lewellen, Nagel, and Shanken (2010) and Daniel and Titman (2012) demonstrate, inference regarding the performance of an asset pricing model crucially depends on the choice of test assets.¹ Motivated by this finding, we develop a framework for estimating and evaluating asset pricing factor models using large cross sections of individual stock return data, as originally suggested by Litzenberger and Ramaswamy (1979). We only consider short time horizons so that we can evaluate the implications of asset pricing models locally in time, and, hence, we restrict ourselves to factors that are traded portfolio returns or spreads focusing on ex-post risk premia (see Shanken (1992)).

The existing methodological literature on the estimation and evaluation of asset pricing models mainly focuses the case in which the time-series sample size, T , is large while the size of the cross section of test assets, N , is small. This scenario is suitable when portfolios, as opposed to individual stocks, are used as test assets.² The analysis of linear asset pricing factor

¹The method used to form the test portfolios could affect the inference results in undesirable ways. As Roll (1977) points out, in the process of forming portfolios, important mispricing in individual stocks can be averaged out within portfolios, making it harder to reject the wrong model. Lo and MacKinlay (1990) are concerned about the exact opposite error: if stocks are grouped into portfolios with respect to attributes already observed to be related to average returns, the correct model may be rejected too often.

²The long list of related papers includes, among others, Gibbons (1982), Shanken (1985), Connor and Korajczyk (1988), Lehmann and Modest (1988), Gibbons, Ross, and Shanken (1989), Harvey (1989), Lo and MacKinlay (1990), Zhou (1991), Shanken (1992), Connor and Korajczyk (1993), Zhou (1993), Zhou (1994), Berk (1995), Hansen and Jagannathan (1997), Ghysels (1998), Jagannathan and Wang (1998), Kan and Zhou (1999), Jagannathan and Wang (2002), Chen and Kan (2004), Lewellen and Nagel (2006), Shanken and Zhou (2007), Kan and Robotti (2009), Hou and Kimmel (2010), Lewellen, Nagel, and Shanken (2010), Nagel and Singleton (2011), Ang and Kristensen (2012), Kan, Gospodinov, and Robotti (2013) and

models when the number of test assets N is large has been the subject of a few recent papers. Gagliardini, Ossola, and Scaillet (2012) extend the two-pass cross-sectional methodology to the case of a conditional factor model incorporating firm characteristics. Their asymptotic theory, based on N and T jointly increasing to infinity at suitable rates, facilitates studying time varying risk premia. Chordia, Goyal, and Shanken (2015), building on Shanken (1992), use bias-corrected risk premia estimates in a context with individual stocks and time variation in the betas through macroeconomic variables and firm characteristics. Their focus is the relative contribution of betas and characteristics in explaining cross-sectional differences in conditional expected returns. More closely related to our paper is the recent paper by Jegadeesh, Noh, Pukthuanthong, Roll, and Wang (2015) which employs an instrumental variable approach to deal with the EIV problem in the risk premia estimation using individual stocks, where the instruments are betas estimated over separate time periods. However, they do not offer an estimator of the variance-covariance matrix of the risk premia estimator. Instead, they resort to the original Fama-MacBeth approach for computing standard errors and test statistics, as used in the large T case, and, hence, ignore the error-in-variables (EIV) problem in the estimation of the variance-covariance matrix (Shanken (1992) and Jagannathan and Wang (1998)).

We contribute to the extant literature by developing an instrumental variable-generalized method of moments (IV-GMM) approach for estimating ex-post risk premia when the number of assets, N , tends to infinity while the time-series length T is fixed. In the standard two-pass procedure used for estimating risk premia, the second step is a regression of average returns on estimated betas. As explained in Section 6 in Shanken (1992), when T is fixed and N tends to infinity, the orthogonality condition required for consistency in the second pass is *not* satisfied rendering the two-pass CSR estimator inconsistent. This is a manifestation of the well-known EIV problem which emerges from using beta estimates instead of the true betas. Our approach uses past beta estimates and firm characteristics as instrumental variables in order to deal with the EIV problem. We establish that the overidentified IV-GMM ex-post risk estimator is N -consistent and show that it asymptotically follows a normal distribution. Finally, incorporating a cluster structure for idiosyncratic shock correlations, we obtain an N -consistent estimator of the asymptotic variance-covariance matrix which we use to develop statistics for testing asset pricing model implications. There are significant differences between our paper and the aforementioned paper by Jegadeesh, Noh, Pukthuanthong, Roll, and Wang (2015), on which we elaborate in Section 2. Importantly, in addition to beta estimates from past periods, we use firm characteristics as additional instruments. Furthermore, we provide a fully operational asymptotic theory for the IV-GMM estimator that we use to build asset pricing tests.

Kan, Robotti, and Shanken (2013).

Litzenberger and Ramaswamy (1979) initiated the line of research on N -consistent risk premia estimators which was continued by Shanken (1992) and Jagannathan, Skoulakis, and Wang (2010). However, these papers do not provide inference tools as they do not address the issue of the sampling distribution of risk premia estimators. The recent paper by Kim and Skoulakis (2015), using the regression-calibration approach, obtain the asymptotic distribution of the ex-post risk premia estimator along with an estimator of its variance-covariance matrix based on which they construct asset pricing tests. In this paper, we offer an alternative approach based on the use of instrumental variables for addressing the error-in-variables problem.

We examine the performance of the IV-GMM ex-post risk premia estimator in a number of Monte Carlo simulation experiments. In our empirical investigation, we use the IV-GMM estimator to test the implications of four popular asset pricing model: the CAPM, the Fama and French (1993) three-factor model (FF3), the Hou, Xue, and Zhang (2015) four-factor model (HXZ4) and the Fama and French (2015) five-factor model (FF5). To make them relevant for our empirical exercise, we calibrate our simulations to the CAPM, the FF3 model and the HXZ4 model. The simulation results clearly show the significant bias reduction in the cross-sectional regression intercept and ex-post risk premia estimates achieved by the IV-GMM approach and the good performance of our asset pricing tests for relevant sample sizes. Empirically, we find that the CAPM, the FF3 model and the FF5 model are mostly rejected by the IV-GMM test statistics in our sample. In contrast, we find evidence in favor of the HXZ4 model, for which we find strong support in five out of eight periods under all alternative clustering schemes.

The rest of the paper is organized as follows. In Section 2, we describe the general econometric framework and develop the IV-GMM ex-post risk premia estimator using past beta estimates and firm characteristics as instruments. We further establish the N -consistency of the IV-GMM estimator, obtain its asymptotic distribution, provide an estimator of its asymptotic variance-covariance matrix and develop novel asset pricing tests. In Section 3, we provide Monte Carlo evidence on the finite sample behavior of the IV-GMM estimator and the associated tests. Section 4 presents empirical evidence on four popular asset pricing models. Finally, Section 5 concludes. Proofs are collected in the Appendix and additional results are delegated to the Online Appendix.

2 Econometric Framework

2.1 Model specification

Consider an economy with N traded assets and K factors. Each factor is assumed to be a portfolio return spread. Let $\mathbf{r}_t = [r_{1,t} \ \cdots \ r_{N,t}]'$ be the vector of returns of the N traded assets in excess of the risk-free return and $\mathbf{f}_t = [f_{1,t} \ \cdots \ f_{K,t}]'$ be the vector of factor realizations at time t . We assume that data are available over times 1 through T , where T is finite and fixed, and formally consider the case in which the number of assets, N , tends to infinity. Given that the time-series sample size is fixed, the uncertainty about the factors cannot be resolved. Hence, our analysis is conducted conditionally on the factor realizations.

We refer to the periods covering times 1 through τ_1 and $\tau_1 + 1$ through $T = \tau_1 + \tau_2$ as the pretesting and testing periods, respectively. That is, τ_1 and τ_2 , that are fixed throughout our analysis, are the pretesting and testing time-series sample sizes. We are interested in testing the implications of an asset pricing model over the period from time $\tau_1 + 1$ through $T = \tau_1 + \tau_2$.

The expectations of the excess return \mathbf{r}_t and the factor \mathbf{f}_t are denoted by $\boldsymbol{\mu}_r = E[\mathbf{r}_t]$ and $\boldsymbol{\mu}_f = E[\mathbf{f}_t]$, respectively. Furthermore, the $K \times K$ factor variance-covariance matrix is denoted by $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_f = E[(\mathbf{f}_t - \boldsymbol{\mu}_f)(\mathbf{f}_t - \boldsymbol{\mu}_f)']$, while the $N \times K$ excess return-factor covariance matrix is denoted by $\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{rf} = E[(\mathbf{r}_t - \boldsymbol{\mu}_r)(\mathbf{f}_t - \boldsymbol{\mu}_f)']$. The $N \times K$ beta matrix is then defined by

$$\mathbf{B} \equiv [\boldsymbol{\beta}_1 \ \cdots \ \boldsymbol{\beta}_N]' = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{rf} \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_f^{-1}, \quad (1)$$

where $\boldsymbol{\beta}_i$ denotes the beta vector for the i -th asset, $i = 1, \dots, N$. Given that the factors comprising \mathbf{f}_t belong to the return space, the risk premia vector equals the vector of factor expectations $\boldsymbol{\mu}_f$, and, hence, the corresponding linear beta pricing model implies that $\boldsymbol{\mu}_r = \mathbf{B}\boldsymbol{\mu}_f$.

Defining the residual $\mathbf{u}_t = \mathbf{r}_t - \mathbf{B}\mathbf{f}_t$, we can then write $\mathbf{u}_t = (\mathbf{r}_t - \boldsymbol{\mu}_r) - \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{f}_t - \boldsymbol{\mu}_f)$, which implies $E[\mathbf{u}_t] = \mathbf{0}_N$ and $E[\mathbf{u}_t \mathbf{f}_t'] = E[(\mathbf{r}_t - \boldsymbol{\mu}_r) \mathbf{f}_t' - \mathbf{B}(\mathbf{f}_t - \boldsymbol{\mu}_f) \mathbf{f}_t'] = \boldsymbol{\Sigma}_{rf} - \mathbf{B}\boldsymbol{\Sigma}_f = \mathbf{0}_{N \times K}$, where $\mathbf{0}_N$ and $\mathbf{0}_{N \times K}$ denote the $N \times 1$ vector and $N \times K$ matrix of zeros, respectively. Hence, we obtain the following time-series regression representation:

$$\mathbf{r}_t = \mathbf{B}\mathbf{f}_t + \mathbf{u}_t, \quad \text{with} \quad E[\mathbf{u}_t] = \mathbf{0}_N, \quad E[\mathbf{u}_t \mathbf{f}_t'] = \mathbf{0}_{N \times K}. \quad (2)$$

Over the testing period, covering times $t = \tau_1 + 1, \dots, \tau_1 + \tau_2$, the data generating process

in (2) implies that

$$\bar{\mathbf{r}}_2 = \mathbf{1}_N \lambda_0 + \mathbf{B} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_f + \bar{\mathbf{u}}_2 \quad (3)$$

with

$$\lambda_0 = 0, \quad \boldsymbol{\lambda}_f = \bar{\mathbf{f}}_2 = \frac{1}{\tau_2} \sum_{t=\tau_1+1}^{\tau_1+\tau_2} \mathbf{f}_t,$$

where

$$\bar{\mathbf{r}}_2 = \frac{1}{\tau_2} \sum_{t=\tau_1+1}^{\tau_1+\tau_2} \mathbf{r}_t, \quad \bar{\mathbf{u}}_2 = \frac{1}{\tau_2} \sum_{t=\tau_1+1}^{\tau_1+\tau_2} \mathbf{u}_t. \quad (4)$$

Recall that, since T is finite and fixed, our analysis is conducted conditionally on the factor realizations. Hence, following Shanken (1992), among others, we refer to $\boldsymbol{\lambda}_f$ as the ex-post risk premia. When the linear factor model holds, the vector of ex-post risk premia $\boldsymbol{\lambda}_f$ equals the average factor realization over the testing period, namely $\bar{\mathbf{f}}_2$, given that the factors belong to the return space. The object of our inference is the $(K + 1) \times 1$ vector

$$\boldsymbol{\lambda} = [\lambda_0 \quad \boldsymbol{\lambda}'_f]'. \quad (5)$$

Defining the $N \times (K + 1)$ matrix \mathbf{X} by

$$\mathbf{X} = [\mathbf{1}_N \quad \mathbf{B}], \quad (6)$$

we can rewrite equation (3) as

$$\bar{\mathbf{r}}_2 = \mathbf{1}_N \lambda_0 + \mathbf{B} \boldsymbol{\lambda}_f + \bar{\mathbf{u}}_2 = \mathbf{X} \boldsymbol{\lambda} + \bar{\mathbf{u}}_2. \quad (7)$$

If the true beta matrix \mathbf{B} were known, an N -consistent estimator of $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$ could be obtained by regressing the average excess return vector $\bar{\mathbf{r}}_2$ on a vector of ones and the beta matrix \mathbf{B} , under the reasonable assumption of zero limiting cross-sectional correlation between the betas and the shocks. However, the beta matrix \mathbf{B} is not known and has to be estimated using the available data. Natural proxies for \mathbf{B} are the time-series OLS estimators of \mathbf{B} obtained using data from the pretesting period or the testing period. When τ_1 and τ_2 are fixed, as in our framework, the two-pass CSR approach with either proxy yields an inconsistent estimator. This is a manifestation of the well-known EIV problem as pointed out in Shanken (1992),

Jagannathan, Skoulakis, and Wang (2010), and Kim and Skoulakis (2015).

Various approaches have been advanced in the statistics and econometrics literature for dealing with the EIV problem. One such approach, particularly suitable for the case in which multiple proxies of unobserved quantities are available, is the instrumental variable (IV) approach. Starting with the early works of Wald (1940), Reiersøl (1941), and Geary (1943), a long related literature was subsequently developed.³ Chapter 6 of Carroll, Ruppert, Stefanski, and Crainiceanu (2006) offers a comprehensive account of the IV method, where they state that “One possible source of an instrumental variable is a second, possibly biased, measurement of the (true unobserved) regressor obtained by an independent measuring method.”⁴ The recent paper by Jegadeesh, Noh, Pukthuanthong, Roll, and Wang (2015) also uses an IV approach in the context of asset pricing tests. Our paper differ from the aforementioned paper in a number of important aspects. First, we use beta estimates obtained in the pretesting period and therefore, given that our pretesting and testing periods are non-overlapping and consecutive, our approach is less prone to potential serial correlations in the real data. Second, in addition to past beta estimates, we also use firm characteristics as instruments. As a result, our estimator is an overidentified IV-GMM estimator and not a standard two-stage IV estimator. Third, since we aim to develop asset pricing tests using individual stocks with a focus placed on ex-post risk premia, we exclusively focus on the case of fixed T and large N . Finally, we develop a fully operational asymptotic theory of the IV risk premia estimator. That is, we show its consistency and asymptotic normality as N tends to infinity and, furthermore, construct an estimator of its asymptotic variance-covariance matrix that we finally use to develop novel asset pricing tests.

To develop the IV risk premia estimator, we need to introduce some notation. Define the $N \times \tau_1$ excess return matrix \mathbf{R}_1 and the $K \times \tau_1$ factor realization matrix \mathbf{F}_1 , over the pretesting period, the $N \times \tau_2$ excess return matrix \mathbf{R}_2 and the $K \times \tau_2$ factor realization matrix \mathbf{F}_2 , over the testing period, by

$$\mathbf{R}_1 = [\mathbf{r}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{r}_{\tau_1}], \quad \mathbf{F}_1 = [\mathbf{f}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{f}_{\tau_1}] \quad (8)$$

and

$$\mathbf{R}_2 = [\mathbf{r}_{\tau_1+1} \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{r}_{\tau_1+\tau_2}], \quad \mathbf{F}_2 = [\mathbf{f}_{\tau_1+1} \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{f}_{\tau_1+\tau_2}]. \quad (9)$$

Then, using the quantities defined in (8) and (9), we express the time-series OLS estimators

³Durbin (1954) provides a review of the early EIV literature. Aldrich (1993) offers a historical account of the development of the IV approach to the EIV problem in the 1940s.

⁴In the Online Appendix, we illustrate how the IV method can be used in the context of a linear regression model with regressors subject to the EIV problem.

of the beta matrix \mathbf{B} over the pretesting and testing periods, denoted by $\widehat{\mathbf{B}}_1$ and $\widehat{\mathbf{B}}_2$, respectively, as follows:

$$\widehat{\mathbf{B}}_1 = (\mathbf{R}_1 \mathbf{J}_{\tau_1} \mathbf{F}'_1) (\mathbf{F}'_1 \mathbf{J}_{\tau_1} \mathbf{F}_1)^{-1}, \quad (10)$$

$$\widehat{\mathbf{B}}_2 = (\mathbf{R}_2 \mathbf{J}_{\tau_2} \mathbf{F}'_2) (\mathbf{F}'_2 \mathbf{J}_{\tau_2} \mathbf{F}_2)^{-1}, \quad (11)$$

where $\mathbf{J}_m = \mathbf{I}_m - \frac{1}{m} \mathbf{1}_m \mathbf{1}'_m$, with \mathbf{I}_m and $\mathbf{1}_m$ denoting the $m \times m$ identity matrix and the $m \times 1$ vector of ones, respectively, for any positive integer m .⁵

We introduce the $N \times \tau_1$ idiosyncratic shock matrix \mathbf{U}_1 , over the pretesting period, and the $N \times \tau_2$ idiosyncratic shock matrix \mathbf{U}_2 , over the testing period, defined by

$$\mathbf{U}_1 = [\mathbf{u}_1 \ \cdots \ \mathbf{u}_{\tau_1}], \quad (12)$$

$$\mathbf{U}_2 = [\mathbf{u}_{\tau_1+1} \ \cdots \ \mathbf{u}_{\tau_1+\tau_2}]. \quad (13)$$

Alternatively, letting $\mathbf{u}'_{1,[i]}$ and $\mathbf{u}'_{2,[i]}$ denote the i -th row of \mathbf{U}_1 and \mathbf{U}_2 , respectively, for $i = 1, \dots, N$, we can write

$$\mathbf{U}_1 = [\mathbf{u}_{1,[1]} \ \cdots \ \mathbf{u}_{1,[N]}]', \quad (14)$$

$$\mathbf{U}_2 = [\mathbf{u}_{2,[1]} \ \cdots \ \mathbf{u}_{2,[N]}]'. \quad (15)$$

Observe that $\bar{\mathbf{u}}_2$, the disturbance term of the equation in (7), and \mathbf{U}_2 satisfy the following relationship:

$$\bar{\mathbf{u}}_2 = \frac{1}{\tau_2} \mathbf{U}_2 \mathbf{1}_{\tau_2}. \quad (16)$$

Noting that $\mathbf{R}_1 = \mathbf{B} \mathbf{F}_1 + \mathbf{U}_1$ and $\mathbf{R}_2 = \mathbf{B} \mathbf{F}_2 + \mathbf{U}_2$, we can decompose the beta estimators $\widehat{\mathbf{B}}_1$ and $\widehat{\mathbf{B}}_2$, defined in (10) and (11), respectively, into the true beta matrix \mathbf{B} and the corresponding estimation error terms as follows:

$$\widehat{\mathbf{B}}_1 = ((\mathbf{B} \mathbf{F}_1 + \mathbf{U}_1) \mathbf{J}_{\tau_1} \mathbf{F}'_1) (\mathbf{F}'_1 \mathbf{J}_{\tau_1} \mathbf{F}_1)^{-1} = \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{U}_1 \mathbf{G}_1, \quad (17)$$

$$\widehat{\mathbf{B}}_2 = ((\mathbf{B} \mathbf{F}_2 + \mathbf{U}_2) \mathbf{J}_{\tau_2} \mathbf{F}'_2) (\mathbf{F}'_2 \mathbf{J}_{\tau_2} \mathbf{F}_2)^{-1} = \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{U}_2 \mathbf{G}_2, \quad (18)$$

⁵Standard matrix algebra shows that \mathbf{J}_m is a symmetric and idempotent matrix, and that $\text{tr}(\mathbf{J}_m) = m - 1$.

where the $\tau_1 \times K$ matrix \mathbf{G}_1 and the $\tau_2 \times K$ matrix \mathbf{G}_2 are defined by

$$\mathbf{G}_1 = \mathbf{J}_{\tau_1} \mathbf{F}'_1 (\mathbf{F}_1 \mathbf{J}_{\tau_1} \mathbf{F}'_1)^{-1}, \quad (19)$$

$$\mathbf{G}_2 = \mathbf{J}_{\tau_2} \mathbf{F}'_2 (\mathbf{F}_2 \mathbf{J}_{\tau_2} \mathbf{F}'_2)^{-1}. \quad (20)$$

To illustrate the effect of the beta estimation error in the case that we use $\widehat{\mathbf{B}}_2$ as a beta matrix proxy in the second-pass CSR, we observe that equation (7) is reexpressed as $\bar{\mathbf{r}}_2 = \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2 \boldsymbol{\lambda} + (\mathbf{X} - \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2) \boldsymbol{\lambda} + \bar{\mathbf{u}}_2$ or

$$\bar{\mathbf{r}}_2 = \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2 \boldsymbol{\lambda} + \boldsymbol{\omega}, \quad (21)$$

where

$$\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2 = [\mathbf{1}_N \quad \widehat{\mathbf{B}}_2], \quad (22)$$

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = (\mathbf{X} - \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2) \boldsymbol{\lambda} + \bar{\mathbf{u}}_2. \quad (23)$$

Using the equations of (18) and (16), the disturbance term $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ defined in (23) can be expressed as

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = -(\mathbf{U}_2 \mathbf{G}_2) \boldsymbol{\lambda}_f + \bar{\mathbf{u}}_2 = \mathbf{U}_2 \left(\frac{1}{\tau_2} \mathbf{1}_{\tau_2} - \mathbf{G}_2 \boldsymbol{\lambda}_f \right) = \mathbf{U}_2 \mathbf{g}_2, \quad (24)$$

where the $\tau_2 \times 1$ vector of \mathbf{g}_2 is given by

$$\mathbf{g}_2 = \frac{1}{\tau_2} \mathbf{1}_{\tau_2} - \mathbf{G}_2 \boldsymbol{\lambda}_f = \frac{1}{\tau_2} (\mathbf{I}_{\tau_2} - \mathbf{J}_{\tau_2} \mathbf{F}'_2 (\mathbf{F}_2 \mathbf{J}_{\tau_2} \mathbf{F}'_2)^{-1} \mathbf{F}_2) \mathbf{1}_{\tau_2}. \quad (25)$$

It follows from the expressions (18) and (24) that the regressor and disturbance terms in the cross-sectional regression (21) are correlated through the beta estimation error contained in $\widehat{\mathbf{B}}_2$. Hence, ignoring the error-in-variables problem, one would obtain an inconsistent ex-post risk premia estimator. We develop an instrumental variable approach to deal with the error-in-variables problem using past beta estimates and firm characteristics as instruments. Next, we explain that, under mild assumptions, $\widehat{\mathbf{B}}_1$ can serve as an instrumental variable for constructing an N -consistent estimator of $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$ using the cross-sectional regression (21).

Assumption 1 (i) As $N \rightarrow \infty$, $\frac{1}{N} \mathbf{U}' \mathbf{1}_N \xrightarrow{p} \mathbf{0}_T$ and $\frac{1}{N} \mathbf{U}' \mathbf{B} \xrightarrow{p} \mathbf{0}_{T \times K}$, where $\mathbf{U} = [\mathbf{U}_1 \quad \mathbf{U}_2]$. (ii) As $N \rightarrow \infty$, $\frac{1}{N} \mathbf{U}'_1 \mathbf{U}_2 \xrightarrow{p} \mathbf{0}_{\tau_1 \times \tau_2}$. (iii) As $N \rightarrow \infty$, $\frac{1}{N} \mathbf{B}' \mathbf{1}_N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \boldsymbol{\beta}_i \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\mu}_\beta$. (iv) As $N \rightarrow \infty$, $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_\beta)(\boldsymbol{\beta}_i - \boldsymbol{\mu}_\beta)' \rightarrow \mathbf{V}_\beta$, where \mathbf{V}_β is a symmetric and positive definite

matrix.

Assumption 1(i) states that, at each time t , the cross-sectional average of the shocks $u_{i,t}$ converges to zero, and the limiting cross-sectional correlation between the shocks $u_{i,t}$ and the betas β_i is also zero, as the number of assets N tends to ∞ . For $1 \leq t \leq \tau_1$ and $\tau_1 + 1 \leq t' \leq \tau_1 + \tau_2$, Assumption 1(ii) states that the limiting cross-sectional correlation between $u_{i,t}$ and $u_{i,t'}$ vanishes. That is, the pretesting-period and the testing-period shocks are assumed to be cross-sectionally uncorrelated in the limit $N \rightarrow \infty$.⁶ Assumption 1(iii) states that the limiting cross-sectional average of the betas β_i exists while Assumption 1(iv) states that the limiting cross-sectional variance of the betas β_i exists and is a symmetric and positive definite matrix.

In light of equations (17) and (18), it follows from Assumption 1 that $\widehat{\mathbf{B}}_1$ is correlated with the explanatory variable $\widehat{\mathbf{B}}_2$ in the cross-sectional regression (21), in the sense that $\widehat{\mathbf{B}}_1' \widehat{\mathbf{B}}_2 / N$ converges in probability to $\mathbf{M}_\beta = \mathbf{V}_\beta + \boldsymbol{\mu}_\beta \boldsymbol{\mu}'_\beta$, which is symmetric and positive definite, and hence invertible matrix, as $N \rightarrow \infty$. Furthermore, based on equations (17) and (24), Assumptions 1(i) and 1(ii) imply that the proposed instrumental variable $\widehat{\mathbf{B}}_1$ is uncorrelated with the disturbance term $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ in the cross-sectional regression (21), in the sense that $\widehat{\mathbf{B}}_1' \boldsymbol{\omega} / N \xrightarrow{p} \mathbf{0}_K$, as $N \rightarrow \infty$. These properties are formally established in Theorem 1 below, where we establish the N -consistency of the proposed IV-GMM estimator.

In addition to the beta estimates obtained in the pretesting period, we also employ firm characteristics as instrumental variables. We elaborate on the validity of the chosen characteristics as instruments on a model by model basis in the empirical application. For the purposes of the theoretical development, we make the following assumption. Let \mathbf{C}_1 denote the $N \times L$ matrix of characteristics observed in the pretesting period, and $\mathbf{c}'_{1,i}$ be the i -th row of \mathbf{C}_1 , $i = 1, \dots, N$.

Assumption 2 (i) As $N \rightarrow \infty$, $\mathbf{C}'_1 \mathbf{U}_1 / N \xrightarrow{p} \mathbf{V}_{cu}$, where \mathbf{V}_{cu} is an $L \times \tau_1$ matrix. (ii) As $N \rightarrow \infty$, $\mathbf{C}'_1 \mathbf{U}_2 / N \xrightarrow{p} \mathbf{0}_{L \times \tau_2}$. (iii) As $N \rightarrow \infty$, $\mathbf{C}'_1 \mathbf{1}_N / N = \frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{c}_{1,i} \rightarrow \boldsymbol{\mu}_c$. (iv) As $N \rightarrow \infty$, $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N (\mathbf{c}_{1,i} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_c)(\mathbf{c}_{1,i} - \boldsymbol{\mu}_c)' \rightarrow \mathbf{V}_c$, where \mathbf{V}_c is a symmetric and positive definite matrix. (iv) As $N \rightarrow \infty$, $\mathbf{C}'_1 \mathbf{B} / N \xrightarrow{p} \mathbf{M}_{c\beta}$, where $\mathbf{M}_{c\beta}$ is an $L \times K$ matrix.

Assumptions 2(i) and 2(ii) state that firm characteristics observed in the pretesting period are potentially correlated with idiosyncratic shocks in the pretesting period but not with those in the testing period. In light of equation (24), Assumption 2(ii) states that \mathbf{C}_1 is uncorrelated with the disturbance term $\boldsymbol{\omega}$. Assumptions 2(iii) and 2(iv) state that the first two cross-sectional

⁶As long as the pretesting and testing periods do not overlap and the shocks over the two periods are cross-sectionally uncorrelated when $N \rightarrow \infty$, the IV approach would provide valid inference. In our analysis, we consider the two periods to be consecutive so as to mitigate the effect of potential serial correlation in the real data.

moments of the firm characteristics are well defined. Finally, Assumption 2(v) states that the firm characteristics observed in the pretesting period are correlated with the true betas.

In our empirical applications, the factors are returns on spread portfolios constructed after sorting stocks with respect to a certain firm characteristic, such as size and book-to-market ratio. In this context, it is expected that characteristics and betas with respect to the corresponding spread are highly correlated. We indeed provide evidence that this is the case in Section 4, where we empirically evaluate a number of popular asset pricing models.

Under the aforementioned assumptions, and in particular Assumptions 1 (ii) and 2 (ii), the past beta estimates $\widehat{\mathbf{B}}_1$ and the characteristics \mathbf{C}_1 can be used as instruments in the estimation of ex-post risk premia, giving rise to the following overidentified IV-GMM estimator:

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{IV}^{GMM} = \left[(\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2' \widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1) \widehat{\mathbf{W}} (\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1' \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2) \right]^{-1} (\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2' \widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1) \widehat{\mathbf{W}} (\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1' \bar{\mathbf{r}}_2), \quad (26)$$

where the $N \times (1 + K + L)$ instrument matrix $\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1$ is defined by

$$\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1 = [\mathbf{1}_N \quad \widehat{\mathbf{B}}_1 \quad \mathbf{C}_1], \quad (27)$$

and $\widehat{\mathbf{W}}$ is a $(1 + K + L) \times (1 + K + L)$ symmetric weighting matrix of full rank which can be computed using the available data. The weighting matrix $\widehat{\mathbf{W}}$ is assumed to converge to a symmetric and positive definite matrix \mathbf{W} , as $N \rightarrow \infty$. Note that, if we only use the past beta estimates as instruments, i.e., if $\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1 = \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_1 = [\mathbf{1}_N \quad \widehat{\mathbf{B}}_1]$, then the weighting matrix is irrelevant and the estimator assumes the usual exactly identified IV form: $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{IV} = (\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_1' \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2)^{-1} (\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_1' \bar{\mathbf{r}}_2)$. We will establish the N -consistency and asymptotic normality of the estimator $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{IV}^{GMM}$ for a generic weighting matrix and then show how to obtain the efficient IV-GMM estimator by suitably selecting \mathbf{W} and $\widehat{\mathbf{W}}$. Note that equation (21) implies

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{IV}^{GMM} = \boldsymbol{\lambda} + \left[\left(\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2' \widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1 / N \right) \widehat{\mathbf{W}} \left(\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1' \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2 / N \right) \right]^{-1} \left(\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2' \widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1 / N \right) \widehat{\mathbf{W}} \left(\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1' \boldsymbol{\omega} / N \right). \quad (28)$$

The next theorem shows that, as $N \rightarrow \infty$, $\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1' \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2 / N$ converges to a full-rank $(1 + K + L) \times (1 + K)$ matrix and that $\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1' \boldsymbol{\omega} / N$ converges to $\mathbf{0}_{1+K+L}$, and hence N -consistency of $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{IV}^{GMM}$ is established.

Theorem 1 *Under Assumptions 1 and 2, the IV-GMM ex-post risk premia estimator $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{IV}^{GMM}$, defined in (26), is an N -consistent estimator of $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$.*

Having established the N -consistency of the proposed IV-GMM estimator $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{IV}^{GMM}$, in the next two subsections we proceed to (i) determine its asymptotic distribution and (ii) provide an N -consistent estimator of its asymptotic variance-covariance matrix incorporating idiosyncratic

shock cross-sectional correlations. Combining these results, we finally develop novel asset pricing tests.

2.2 Asymptotic distribution of the IV ex-post risk premia estimator

Note that equation (28) yields

$$\sqrt{N} \left(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{GMM}} - \boldsymbol{\lambda} \right) = \left[\left(\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2' \widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1 / N \right) \widehat{\mathbf{W}} \left(\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1' \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2 / N \right) \right]^{-1} \left(\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2' \widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1 / N \right) \widehat{\mathbf{W}} \left(\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1' \boldsymbol{\omega} / \sqrt{N} \right). \quad (29)$$

It is shown in the proof of Theorem 1 that, as $N \rightarrow \infty$, $\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1' \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2 / N \xrightarrow{p} \boldsymbol{\Omega}$, where $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$ is the full-rank $(1 + K + L) \times (1 + K)$ matrix defined by

$$\boldsymbol{\Omega} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \boldsymbol{\mu}'_{\beta} \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\beta} & \mathbf{M}_{\beta} \\ \boldsymbol{\mu}_c & \mathbf{M}_{c\beta} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (30)$$

where $\mathbf{M}_{\beta} = \mathbf{V}_{\beta} + \boldsymbol{\mu}_{\beta} \boldsymbol{\mu}'_{\beta}$. Since \mathbf{V}_{β} is positive definite it follows from Theorem 7.1 in Schott (1997) that $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$ has full rank equal to $1 + K$. To determine the asymptotic distribution of $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{GMM}}$, one needs to determine the asymptotic distribution of $\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1' \boldsymbol{\omega} / \sqrt{N}$. Let $\widehat{\mathbf{z}}_{1,[i]}$ denote the i -th row of $\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1$ defined in (27) and ω_i denote the i -th element of $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ defined in (23) so that

$$\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1 = [\widehat{\mathbf{z}}_{1,[1]} \quad \cdots \quad \widehat{\mathbf{z}}_{1,[N]}]' \quad (31)$$

and

$$\boldsymbol{\omega} = [\omega_1 \quad \cdots \quad \omega_N]'. \quad (32)$$

To invoke the central limit theorem, we express $\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1' \boldsymbol{\omega}$ in summation form as

$$\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1' \boldsymbol{\omega} = \sum_{i=1}^N \widehat{\mathbf{z}}_{1,[i]} \omega_i. \quad (33)$$

In the proof of Theorem 2, which we state next, we show that $\widehat{\mathbf{z}}_{1,[i]} \omega_i$ equals $\boldsymbol{\Pi} \mathbf{e}_i$ (see equation (66) in the Appendix), where $\boldsymbol{\Pi}$ is a suitable matrix (see equation (67) in the Appendix) and \mathbf{e}_i is the \mathcal{T} -dimensional random vector defined by

$$\mathbf{e}_i = \left[\mathbf{u}'_{2,[i]} \quad \mathbf{u}'_{2,[i]} \otimes \mathbf{u}'_{1,[i]} \quad \mathbf{u}'_{2,[i]} \otimes \boldsymbol{\beta}'_i \quad \mathbf{u}'_{2,[i]} \otimes \mathbf{c}'_{1,i} \right]', \quad (34)$$

where $\mathcal{T} = (1 + \tau_1 + K + L)\tau_2$. Note that Assumption 1(i), Assumption 1(ii), and Assumption 2(ii) imply that $\frac{1}{N} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{e}_i \xrightarrow{p} \mathbf{0}_{\mathcal{T}}$, as $N \rightarrow \infty$.

In order to obtain the asymptotic distribution of $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{IV}^{GMM}$, we make the following mild assumption, where \xrightarrow{d} denotes convergence in distribution, postulating that \mathbf{e}_i satisfies a cross-sectional central limit theorem.

Assumption 3 *As $N \rightarrow \infty$, $\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{e}_i \xrightarrow{d} N(\mathbf{0}_{\mathcal{T}}, \mathbf{V}_e)$, where \mathbf{V}_e is a symmetric and positive definite $\mathcal{T} \times \mathcal{T}$ matrix.*

The following theorem establishes the asymptotic distribution of the estimator $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{IV}^{GMM}$.

Theorem 2 *Under Assumptions 1, 2 and 3, as $N \rightarrow \infty$, $\sqrt{N} \left(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{IV}^{GMM} - \boldsymbol{\lambda} \right) \xrightarrow{d} N(\mathbf{0}_{K+1}, \mathbf{V}_{\lambda})$, where*

$$\mathbf{V}_{\lambda} = (\boldsymbol{\Omega}' \mathbf{W} \boldsymbol{\Omega})^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Omega}' \mathbf{W} (\boldsymbol{\Pi} \mathbf{V}_e \boldsymbol{\Pi}') \mathbf{W} \boldsymbol{\Omega} (\boldsymbol{\Omega}' \mathbf{W} \boldsymbol{\Omega})^{-1}, \quad (35)$$

the matrix $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$ defined in (30), the matrix $\boldsymbol{\Pi}$ is defined by equation (67) in the Appendix, and the matrix \mathbf{V}_e is defined in Assumption 3.

It follows from a standard argument, typically employed in a GMM context, that the optimal (most efficient) IV-GMM estimator is obtained when the weighting matrix is $\mathbf{W}^* = (\boldsymbol{\Pi} \mathbf{V}_e \boldsymbol{\Pi}')^{-1}$, in which case we obtain $\mathbf{V}_{\lambda} = (\boldsymbol{\Omega}' (\boldsymbol{\Pi} \mathbf{V}_e \boldsymbol{\Pi}')^{-1} \boldsymbol{\Omega})^{-1}$.⁷ In the following subsection, we obtain an N -consistent estimator of $\boldsymbol{\Pi} \mathbf{V}_e \boldsymbol{\Pi}'$, based on which an N -consistent estimator of \mathbf{V}_{λ} is readily constructed using equation (35). As expected, the optimal IV-GMM estimator $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{IV}^{GMM}$ is at least as efficient as the IV estimator $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{IV}$. We formally establish this property in the Online Appendix.

2.3 Estimation of the asymptotic variance-covariance matrix \mathbf{V}_{λ}

According to equation (35), the variance-covariance matrix \mathbf{V}_{λ} involves the matrix \mathbf{V}_e which, according to Assumption 3, is limiting variance-covariance matrix of $\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{e}_i$. Hence, the structure of \mathbf{V}_{λ} depends on the structure of \mathbf{V}_e which, in turn, depends on potential cross-sectional correlations of the shocks \mathbf{e}_i . Note that in the return generating process described by (2), the disturbance vector \mathbf{u}_t could potentially exhibit cross-sectional correlation due to economic links such as industry effects. In that case, the vectors \mathbf{e}_i would be correlated across

⁷Note that $\mathbf{1}'_{\tau_2} \mathbf{g}_2 = 1$ which implies that $\mathbf{g}_2 \neq \mathbf{0}_{\tau_2}$. Hence, it follows from equation (67) in the Appendix that $\boldsymbol{\Pi}$ has full rank equal to $1 + K + L$ and so $\boldsymbol{\Pi} \mathbf{V}_e \boldsymbol{\Pi}'$ is invertible, given that \mathbf{V}_e is positive definite according to Assumption 3.

firms as it follows from definition (34). To incorporate such correlations, we use a clustering approach that we describe next.⁸

We assume that there are M_N clusters and that the m -th cluster consists of N_m stocks, for $m = 1, \dots, M_N$, so that $\sum_{m=1}^{M_N} N_m = N$. For all N , we assume that the cluster sizes N_m , $m = 1, \dots, M_N$ are bounded. As $N \rightarrow \infty$, the number of clusters, M_N , is assumed to increase so that $\frac{N}{M_N} \rightarrow G$, where G is to be interpreted as the limiting average cluster size. For $m = 1, \dots, M_N$, let I_m be the set of all indices i for which the i -th stock belongs to the m -th cluster, and define the aggregate cluster shocks

$$\boldsymbol{\eta}_m = \sum_{i \in I_m} \mathbf{e}_i. \quad (36)$$

In the next assumption, we postulate that the central limit theorem applies to the random sequence $\boldsymbol{\eta}_m$, $m = 1, 2, \dots$

Assumption 4 *The aggregate cluster shocks $\boldsymbol{\eta}_m$ are independent across clusters and, as $N \rightarrow \infty$, $\frac{1}{\sqrt{M_N}} \sum_{m=1}^{M_N} \boldsymbol{\eta}_m \xrightarrow{d} N(\mathbf{0}_{\mathcal{T}}, \mathbf{V}_{\eta})$, where*

$$\mathbf{V}_{\eta} = p\text{-lim} \frac{1}{M_N} \sum_{m=1}^{M_N} \boldsymbol{\eta}_m \boldsymbol{\eta}_m'. \quad (37)$$

Utilizing Assumption 4, we obtain

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{N}} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{e}_i = \sqrt{\frac{M_N}{N}} \frac{1}{\sqrt{M_N}} \sum_{m=1}^{M_N} \boldsymbol{\eta}_m \xrightarrow{d} N(\mathbf{0}_{\mathcal{T}}, \mathbf{V}_{\eta}/G),$$

and so it follows that $\mathbf{V}_e = \frac{1}{G} \mathbf{V}_{\eta}$. Hence, in light of expression (35), to estimate the asymptotic variance-covariance matrix \mathbf{V}_{λ} , it suffices to obtain an estimator of the matrix

$$\boldsymbol{\Theta} = \mathbf{\Pi} \mathbf{V}_{\eta} \mathbf{\Pi}'. \quad (38)$$

To construct an estimator of $\boldsymbol{\Theta}$, we need to introduce some additional notation. Define the cluster selection $M_N \times N$ matrix \mathbf{C} with (m, i) element given by

$$\mathbf{C}(m, i) = \mathbf{1}_{[i \in I_m]}, \quad m = 1, \dots, M_N, \quad i = 1, \dots, N, \quad (39)$$

⁸Our empirical applications, following standard economic intuition, we use an industry classification to determine the clusters. In addition, for robustness purposes, we consider clusters based on firm characteristics such as size and book-to-market ratio.

the $N \times \mathcal{T}$ matrix of \mathbf{E} , stacking the firm shocks \mathbf{e}_i in (34), by

$$\mathbf{E} = [\mathbf{e}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \mathbf{e}_N]', \quad (40)$$

and the $M_N \times \mathcal{T}$ matrix of \mathcal{H} , stacking the cluster aggregate shocks $\boldsymbol{\eta}_m$ in (36), by

$$\mathcal{H} = [\boldsymbol{\eta}_1 \quad \cdots \quad \boldsymbol{\eta}_{M_N}]'. \quad (41)$$

It follows from the proof of Theorem 2 that $\widehat{\mathbf{z}}_{1,[i]}\omega_i$ equals $\mathbf{\Pi}\mathbf{e}_i$ (see equation (66)), which implies that

$$\text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\omega})\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1 = [\widehat{\mathbf{z}}_{1,[1]}\omega_1 \quad \cdots \quad \widehat{\mathbf{z}}_{1,[N]}\omega_N]' = \mathbf{E}\mathbf{\Pi}', \quad (42)$$

where $\text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\omega})$ denotes the $N \times N$ diagonal matrix with (i, i) element equal to ω_i , for $i = 1, \dots, N$. Furthermore, note that $\mathcal{H} = \mathbf{C}\mathbf{E}$. Hence, if $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ were observed, one could consistently estimate Θ by

$$\tilde{\Theta} = \frac{1}{M_N} (\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1' \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \mathbf{C}' \mathbf{C} \text{diag}(\boldsymbol{\omega}) \widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1). \quad (43)$$

Indeed, as $N \rightarrow \infty$, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \tilde{\Theta} &= \frac{1}{M_N} (\mathbf{\Pi}\mathbf{E}'\mathbf{C}'\mathbf{C}\mathbf{E}\mathbf{\Pi}') = \mathbf{\Pi} \left(\frac{1}{M_N} \mathcal{H}'\mathcal{H} \right) \mathbf{\Pi}' = \mathbf{\Pi} \left(\frac{1}{M_N} \sum_{m=1}^{M_N} \boldsymbol{\eta}_m \boldsymbol{\eta}_m' \right) \mathbf{\Pi}' \\ &\xrightarrow{p} \mathbf{\Pi}\mathbf{V}_\eta \mathbf{\Pi}' = \Theta, \end{aligned}$$

where, in the last step, we make use of definition (37).

To make the above estimator operational, we need an observable proxy of the disturbance $\boldsymbol{\omega}$. Proceeding in the traditional fashion, we define the residual vector

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{\omega}} = \bar{\mathbf{r}}_2 - \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2 \widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{IV}^{\text{GMM}}. \quad (44)$$

Replacing $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ by $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\omega}}$ in (43) and incorporating the standard degrees-of-freedom adjustment,⁹ we

⁹The degrees-of-freedom adjustment does not affect the asymptotic properties of $\widehat{\Theta}$ but, following standard econometric practice, we use it to improve the finite sample behavior of the estimator.

propose estimating Θ by

$$\widehat{\Theta} = \frac{1}{M_N - K - 1} (\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1' \text{diag}(\widehat{\omega}) \mathbf{C}' \mathbf{C} \text{diag}(\widehat{\omega}) \widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1), \quad (45)$$

and establish that $\widehat{\Theta}$ is indeed an N -consistent estimator of Θ .

To this end, for each $i = 1, \dots, N$, we define the vector \mathbf{d}_i by

$$\mathbf{d}_i = \left[1 \quad \mathbf{u}'_{1,[i]} \quad \mathbf{u}'_{2,[i]} \quad \mathbf{u}'_{2,[i]} \otimes \mathbf{u}'_{1,[i]} \quad \beta'_i \quad \mathbf{c}'_{1,i} \quad \beta'_i \otimes \beta'_i \quad \beta'_i \otimes \mathbf{c}'_{1,i} \quad \beta'_i \otimes \mathbf{u}'_{1,[i]} \quad \mathbf{u}'_{2,[i]} \otimes \beta'_i \quad \mathbf{u}'_{2,[i]} \otimes \mathbf{c}'_{1,i} \right]'. \quad (46)$$

Then, for each cluster $m = 1, \dots, M_N$, we define

$$\boldsymbol{\delta}_m = \sum_{i \in I_m} \mathbf{d}_i, \quad (47)$$

and make the following mild regularity assumption.

Assumption 5 *As $N \rightarrow \infty$, $\frac{1}{M_N} \sum_{m=1}^{M_N} \boldsymbol{\delta}_m \boldsymbol{\delta}'_m$ converges in probability to a finite matrix.*

It follows from the proof of Theorem 1 (see equation (60)), that

$$\widehat{\Omega} = \frac{1}{N} \widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1' \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2 \quad (48)$$

is an N -consistent estimator of Ω . The following theorem provides an N -consistent estimator of the asymptotic variance-covariance matrix \mathbf{V}_λ .

Theorem 3 *Under Assumptions 1-5, as $N \rightarrow \infty$,*

$$\widehat{\mathbf{V}}_\lambda = \frac{M_N}{N} (\widehat{\Omega}' \widehat{\mathbf{W}} \widehat{\Omega})^{-1} \widehat{\Omega}' \widehat{\mathbf{W}} \widehat{\Theta} \widehat{\mathbf{W}} \widehat{\Omega} (\widehat{\Omega}' \widehat{\mathbf{W}} \widehat{\Omega})^{-1} \xrightarrow{p} \mathbf{V}_\lambda,$$

where the matrices $\widehat{\Theta}$ and $\widehat{\Omega}$ are defined in (45) and (48), respectively.

Combining Theorems 2 and 3 we can readily obtain statistics for testing the implications of the asset pricing model that form our null hypothesis $H_0 : [\lambda_0 \quad \boldsymbol{\lambda}'_f]' = [0 \quad \vec{\mathbf{f}}'_2]'$. The first statistic is the quadratic form

$$J(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = N \left(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{GMM}} - \boldsymbol{\lambda} \right)' \widehat{\mathbf{V}}_\lambda^{-1} \left(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{GMM}} - \boldsymbol{\lambda} \right) \quad (49)$$

which, under the null hypothesis, asymptotically follows a χ^2 distribution with $K + 1$ degrees of freedom. Denoting by $\widehat{\lambda}_0$ the first element of $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{GMM}}$ and by $\widehat{v}_{\lambda,0}$ the (1,1) element of $\widehat{\mathbf{V}}_\lambda$, we

can also use

$$t(\lambda_0) = \frac{\widehat{\lambda}_0}{\sqrt{\widehat{v}_{\lambda,0}/N}}, \quad (50)$$

which, under the null hypothesis, asymptotically follows a standard normal distribution. Similarly, for $k = 1, \dots, K$, denoting by $\widehat{\lambda}_k$ the $(k+1)$ -th element of $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{GMM}}$ and by $\widehat{v}_{\lambda,k}$ the $(k+1, k+1)$ element of $\widehat{\mathbf{V}}_\lambda$, we can use

$$t(\lambda_k) = \frac{\widehat{\lambda}_k - \bar{f}_{k,2}}{\sqrt{\widehat{v}_{\lambda,k}/N}}, \quad (51)$$

which, under the null hypothesis, also asymptotically follows a standard normal distribution.

According to the simulation evidence presented in the next section, the joint test statistic $J(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$ typically overrejects the null hypothesis of correct model specification exhibiting poor performance for empirically relevant finite sample sizes. It appears that the reason causing this behavior is that the variance-covariance matrix estimator $\widehat{\mathbf{V}}_\lambda$ can be ill-conditioned in small samples. Motivated by this observation, we propose an additional test based on the following quadratic form

$$J_d(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = N \left(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{GMM}} - \boldsymbol{\lambda} \right)' \widehat{\mathbf{D}}_\lambda^{-1} \left(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{GMM}} - \boldsymbol{\lambda} \right), \quad (52)$$

where $\widehat{\mathbf{D}}_\lambda$ is the $(K+1) \times (K+1)$ diagonal matrix with $(1,1)$ element equal to $\widehat{v}_{\lambda,0}$ and $(k+1, k+1)$ element equal to $\widehat{v}_{\lambda,k}$, $k = 1, \dots, K$. Note that $J_d(\boldsymbol{\lambda}) = t(\lambda_0)^2 + \sum_{k=1}^K t(\lambda_k)^2$. While the test statistic $J_d(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$ does not asymptotically follow a standard distribution, such as χ^2 , under the null hypothesis, one can easily compute p -values associated with $J_d(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$ using simulation. Let \mathbf{Q}_λ be the Cholesky factor of the variance-covariance matrix \mathbf{V}_λ so that $\mathbf{V}_\lambda = \mathbf{Q}_\lambda \mathbf{Q}'_\lambda$. Then, the asymptotic distribution of $J_d(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$ is the same as the distribution of the quadratic form $\zeta = \boldsymbol{\zeta}' [\mathbf{Q}'_\lambda \mathbf{D}_\lambda^{-1} \mathbf{Q}_\lambda] \boldsymbol{\zeta}$, where \mathbf{D}_λ is the $(K+1) \times (K+1)$ diagonal matrix with (j, j) element equal to the (j, j) element of \mathbf{V}_λ , for $j = 1, \dots, K+1$, and $\boldsymbol{\zeta}$ follows a $(K+1)$ -dimensional standard normal distribution. The matrix $\mathbf{P}_\lambda = \mathbf{Q}'_\lambda \mathbf{D}_\lambda^{-1} \mathbf{Q}_\lambda$ can be N -consistently estimated by $\widehat{\mathbf{P}}_\lambda = \widehat{\mathbf{Q}}'_\lambda \widehat{\mathbf{D}}_\lambda^{-1} \widehat{\mathbf{Q}}_\lambda$, where $\widehat{\mathbf{Q}}_\lambda$ is the Cholesky factor of $\widehat{\mathbf{V}}_\lambda$ so that $\widehat{\mathbf{V}}_\lambda = \widehat{\mathbf{Q}}_\lambda \widehat{\mathbf{Q}}'_\lambda$. Let $\{\boldsymbol{\zeta}_i : i = 1, \dots, I\}$ be a large sample of simulated draws from $N(\mathbf{0}_{K+1}, \mathbf{I}_{K+1})$ and define $\zeta_i = \boldsymbol{\zeta}'_i \widehat{\mathbf{P}}_\lambda \boldsymbol{\zeta}_i$, $i = 1, \dots, I$. It follows by the Monte Carlo principle that the distribution function of ζ , $F_\zeta(a) = \text{P}[\zeta \leq a]$, can be approximated by $\frac{1}{I} \sum_{i=1}^I 1_{[\zeta_i \leq a]}$, with the approximation becoming better as N and I increase. In our simulation exercises and empirical tests, we use $I = 100,000$.

The above test statistics could be used for inference for any generic weighting matrix.

However, as discussed in Subsection 2.2, selecting $\mathbf{W}^* = (\mathbf{\Pi}\mathbf{V}_e\mathbf{\Pi}')^{-1}$ yields the efficient IV-GMM estimator. We follow standard GMM practice and obtain the two-step estimator as follows. First, we set $\widehat{\mathbf{W}} = \mathbf{I}_{1+K+L}$ to obtain an initial N -consistent estimator of $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$, say $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{I}}$. Then, using $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{I}}$, we obtain an N -consistent estimator of $\boldsymbol{\Theta}$ from (45) which then provides an N -consistent estimator of \mathbf{W}^* , say $\widehat{\mathbf{W}}^*$. Using $\widehat{\mathbf{W}}^*$ as a weighting matrix in the second step, we obtain the two-step IV-GMM estimator of $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$ which is efficient. In addition, we obtain the iterated IV-GMM estimator by repeating the above process of successively obtaining estimators of the risk premia and the asymptotic variance-covariance matrix, in an alternate fashion, till the sequence of risk premia estimators converges. In practice, we stop the iteration when the L_1 -norm of the difference between two successive risk premia estimates becomes less than 10^{-6} . We denote the two-step and iterated IV-GMM estimators by $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{TS}}$ and $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{IT}}$, respectively, and use both of them in our simulations and empirical applications.

3 Monte Carlo Simulation Evidence

In this section, we investigate the properties of the IV-GMM ex-post risk premia estimators and the associated asset pricing tests for empirically relevant finite sample sizes through a number of Monte Carlo simulation experiments. We illustrate the importance of the EIV correction offered by the IV-GMM approach in terms of bias reduction and efficiency enhancement by comparing two efficient versions of our IV-GMM estimator with two other ex-post risk premia estimators without EIV correction. The first alternative estimator, denoted by $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_1$, ignores the EIV problem and regresses average excess returns over the testing period on a constant and beta estimates obtained by standard time series regression over the pretesting period, that is $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_1 = (\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_1'\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_1)^{-1}\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_1'\bar{\mathbf{r}}_2$, where $\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_1 = [\mathbf{1}_N \quad \widehat{\mathbf{B}}_1]$. Similarly, the second alternative estimator, denoted by $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_2$, also ignores the EIV problem but uses beta estimates from the testing period, that is $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_2 = (\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2'\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2)^{-1}\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2'\bar{\mathbf{r}}_2$. We report the bias as well as the root mean square error of all four estimators. Furthermore, we investigate the finite sample performance of the test statistics $J(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$ and $J_d(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$, defined in (49) and (52), respectively, and the t -statistics $t(\lambda_0)$ and $t(\lambda_k)$, defined in (50) and (51), respectively. As we explain below, we use three widely used asset pricing models in our calibration.

Next, we provide the details of our simulation design. To make our simulation exercise relevant for our empirical applications, we consider all stocks in the CRSP universe from 2005 to 2014 with price above 1 dollar and select the 1,000 stocks with the longest time series histories. We jointly calibrate the betas and the idiosyncratic shock variances of those 1,000 stocks in order to simulate excess return data according to the data generating process (2).

Our calibration is based on the following three linear asset pricing models: the single-

factor CAPM, the three-factor model of Fama and French (1993) and the four-factor model of Hou, Xue, and Zhang (2015). The factors in the second model, which we refer to as the FF3 model, are the market excess return (MKT), the small size minus big size spread portfolio return (SMB), and the high book-to-market minus low book-to-market spread portfolio return (HML).¹⁰ The factors in the third model, which we refer to as the HXZ4 model, are the market excess return (MKT), the difference between the return on a portfolio of small size stocks and the return on a portfolio of big size stocks (ME), the difference between the return on a portfolio of low investment stocks and the return on a portfolio of high investment stocks (I/A), and the difference between the return on a portfolio of high profitability (return on equity) stocks and the return on a portfolio of low profitability stocks (ROE).¹¹ In the case of the CAPM, we do not use any characteristics as instruments, and therefore the IV-GMM estimator becomes the standard exactly identified IV estimator, which we denote by $\widehat{\lambda}_{IV}$. For the FF3 and HXZ4 models, we use the average of firm characteristics over the pretesting period of 2005-2009 as instrumental variables. Specifically, for the FF3 model, we use the logarithm of size and book to market ratio.¹² For the HXZ4 model, we use the logarithms of size, investment over asset, and return on equity.¹³ We provide empirical evidence illustrating that these characteristics are suitable instruments in Section 4. For both the FF3 and HXZ4 models, we consider the two-step IV-GMM estimator, $\widehat{\lambda}_{IV}^{TS}$, as well as the iterated IV-GMM estimator, $\widehat{\lambda}_{IV}^{IT}$.

We pay particular attention to the following two aspects of the simulation design: (i) the number of clusters in the stock universe and (ii) the correlation structure among stock returns within clusters. Due to space limitations, we only consider clusters of equal size and assume that correlations within clusters are constant. In the first part of the simulation exercise, that focuses on the bias and the mean square error of the IV-GMM estimators, we set the number of clusters, M_N , equal to 50 and the pairwise correlation ρ , within each cluster, equal to 0.10. In the second part of the simulation exercise, that focuses on the finite sample behavior of the various asset pricing test statistics, we let the number of clusters M_N take the values 50 and 100 and the within-cluster correlation take the values 0, 0.10, and 0.20. In the empirical investigation of Section 4, we consider clustering based on the 49-industry classification of Kenneth French.¹⁴ Following this classification, we estimate an average correlation within industries around 0.10 based on an industry residual model for the shocks, in the spirit of Ang, Liu, and Schwarz

¹⁰The data on the three factors of the Fama and French (1993) model are obtained from Kenneth French's data library.

¹¹We thank the authors for providing the data on the four factors of the Hou, Xue, and Zhang (2015) model.

¹²We divide the market capitalization of individual stocks by the contemporaneous aggregate market capitalization for normalization.

¹³I/A is defined as change in inventory, property, plant and equipment (PP&E) over the previous year's total asset. ROE is defined as (IB - DVP + TXDI) over book value of equity where IB is the total earnings before extraordinary items, DVP is the preferred dividends (if available), and TXDI is the deferred taxes (if available).

¹⁴The classification is available at <http://mba.tuck.dartmouth.edu/pages/faculty/ken.french/Data-Library/det-49->

(2010) (see their Appendix F.2). Hence, the range of correlation values that we employ in our simulation is empirically relevant.

First, we illustrate the importance of the IV-GMM approach in dealing with the EIV problem by comparing the IV-GMM estimators to the two alternative estimators, $\hat{\lambda}_1$ and $\hat{\lambda}_2$, in terms of finite sample bias. We compute the bias of all four estimators as the average of estimation errors over 50,000 Monte Carlo repetitions. We consider pretesting and testing periods that consist of 60 months and, to provide a comprehensive picture, we repeat the exercise over eight testing periods from 1975-1979 to 2010-2014. In the baseline scenario, the idiosyncratic shocks are assumed to follow a normal distribution. The results, reported in Table 1 in annualized basis points (bps), clearly illustrate the bias reduction gains provided by the IV-GMM estimators. Specifically, for the CAPM, the absolute biases of the IV estimator $\hat{\lambda}_{IV}$, averaged over the eight periods, are 2.3 and 2.1 annualized bps for λ_0 and λ_{MKT} , respectively. In contrast, for the estimator $\hat{\lambda}_1$ ($\hat{\lambda}_2$) that ignores the EIV problem, the corresponding values are 359.9 (371.3) and 365.1 (376.7) for λ_0 and λ_{MKT} , respectively. Similar results hold for the FF3 model, for which the average absolute biases of $\hat{\lambda}_{IV}^{TS}$ ($\hat{\lambda}_{IV}^{IT}$) are 4.6 (4.9), 4.3 (4.3), 1.7 (1.7), and 2.9 (3.4) annualized bps for λ_0 , λ_{MKT} , λ_{SMB} , and λ_{HML} , respectively. The corresponding values for $\hat{\lambda}_1$ ($\hat{\lambda}_2$) are 552.0 (538.5), 412.2 (414.0), 293.7 (299.1), and 358.0 (288.5) for λ_0 , λ_{MKT} , λ_{SMB} , and λ_{HML} , respectively. For the HXZ4 model, the bias becomes even more severe for the estimators that ignore the EIV problem. The average absolute biases of $\hat{\lambda}_1$ ($\hat{\lambda}_2$) are 757.7 (727.4), 475.3 (469.7), 437.0 (350.9), 370.4 (309.0), and 484.7 (473.2) annualized bps for λ_0 , λ_{MKT} , λ_{ME} , $\lambda_{I/A}$, and λ_{ROE} , respectively. When $\hat{\lambda}_{IV}^{TS}$ ($\hat{\lambda}_{IV}^{IT}$) is used, the corresponding values are 39.1 (44.6), 16.9 (19.7), 29.2 (32.1), 21.3 (25.0), and 37.0 (42.9) annualized bps. We repeat the same exercise under the assumption that the idiosyncratic disturbances follow a Student- t distribution with 6 degrees of freedom. The results, reported in Table A1 in the Online Appendix, are almost identical. Hence, our conclusions regarding the superior performance of the IV-GMM estimators in terms of bias reduction is robust to the assumption of normally distributed disturbances.

Next, we compare the IV-GMM estimators to the alternative estimators in terms of mean square error. The purpose of this exercise is to examine whether the gain in bias reduction comes at the cost of a higher variance and perhaps efficiency loss. We compute the root mean square error (RMSE) of each estimator as the square root of the sample mean of squared estimation errors over 50,000 Monte Carlo simulations. The simulation setup is identical to the one used above to examine the finite sample bias. In Table 2, we report, in units of annualized bps, the RMSE of the IV-GMM estimators along with those of the alternative estimators $\hat{\lambda}_1$ and $\hat{\lambda}_2$. The results clearly illustrate that the IV-GMM estimators achieve much lower mean square errors in comparison with the alternative estimators. For the CAPM, the RMSEs of $\hat{\lambda}_{IV}$, averaged over the eight periods, are 231.1 and 239.8 annualized bps for λ_0 and λ_{MKT} , respectively. As already

seen above in the examination of bias, the two estimators that ignore the EIV problem perform very poorly. The average RMSEs of $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_1$ ($\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_2$) are 408.8 (418.6) and 411.9 (421.7) annualized bps for λ_0 and λ_{MKT} , respectively. The results for the FF3 model are similar. The average RMSEs of $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{TS}}$ ($\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{IT}}$) are 322.7 (323.3), 284.8 (285.4), 191.1 (191.0), and 230.4 (231.1) annualized bps for λ_0 , λ_{MKT} , λ_{SMB} , and λ_{HML} , respectively. The corresponding values for $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_1$ ($\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_2$) are 585.4 (578.5), 471.1 (466.2), 328.3 (328.7), and 383.6 (316.1) for λ_0 , λ_{MKT} , λ_{SMB} , and λ_{HML} , respectively. The results for the HXZ4 model reinforce our findings from the first two models. The average RMSEs of $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_1$ ($\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_2$) are 785.1 (755.6), 521.2 (514.1), 465.5 (386.5), 385.6 (324.7), and 499.4 (488.6) annualized bps for λ_0 , λ_{MKT} , λ_{ME} , $\lambda_{\text{I/A}}$, and λ_{ROE} , respectively. When $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{TS}}$ ($\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{IT}}$) is used, the corresponding values are 471.3 (472.7), 378.9 (379.8), 335.2 (334.5), 296.8 (298.2), and 458.9 (461.2) annualized bps. We repeat the same exercise under the assumption that the idiosyncratic shocks follow a Student- t distribution with 6 degrees of freedom. Table A2 in the Online Appendix reports the results that are almost identical to the ones obtained under the assumption of normally distributed shocks. Collectively, the simulation evidence, which is robust across different factor model specifications and distributional assumptions, illustrates that the IV-GMM estimators exhibit superior performance in terms of bias reduction without sacrificing efficiency.

In our final simulation exercise, we investigate the behavior of the asset pricing test statistics based on the IV-GMM estimators and the associated variance-covariance matrix estimators. Specifically, we focus on the empirical rejection frequencies of the joint test statistics $J(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$ and $J_d(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$ as well as the t statistics $t(\lambda_0)$ and $t(\lambda_k)$, $k = 1, \dots, K$. The pretesting and testing periods cover the years 2001 to 2005 and 2006 to 2010, consisting of $\tau_1 = 60$ and $\tau_2 = 60$ observations, respectively. Using the given factor realizations and the calibrated pairs of betas and idiosyncratic shock variances, we simulate individual stock returns using the data generating process (2) for $t = 1, \dots, 120$. Since the asymptotic variance of the IV-GMM estimators crucially depends on the cluster structure, we consider a number of difference scenarios. Specifically, we let the number of clusters M_N take the values 50 and 100 and assume that, within each cluster, pairwise correlations are equal to ρ which takes the following three values: 0, 0.10, and 0.20. We consider three nominal levels of significance, 1%, 5%, and 10%, and compute the corresponding empirical rejection frequencies from 50,000 Monte Carlo repetitions.

The simulation exercise is first performed for idiosyncratic shocks following a normal distribution and the results are reported in Table 4. We first observe that the joint chi-square test statistic $J(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$ tends to overreject the null hypothesis of correct model specification. For example, with $M_N = 50$ and $\rho = 0.1$, the empirical rejection frequencies of the $J(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$ for $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{TS}}$ are 9.2 (15.7) and 10.4 (17.2) percent for the FF3 and HXZ4 model, respectively, when the nominal significance level is 5 (10) percent. The rejection frequencies for $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{IT}}$ show similar levels of over-rejection. In contrast, the $J_d(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$ and the t statistics yield empirical rejection frequencies

that are reasonably close to the corresponding nominal levels of significance for both $\widehat{\lambda}_{IV}^{TS}$ and $\widehat{\lambda}_{IV}^{IT}$. Based on these findings, we will put more emphasis on the $J_d(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$ and the t statistics in our empirical investigation. The simulation is repeated for shocks following a Student- t distribution with 6 degrees of freedom and the results, reported in Table A3 in the Online Appendix, are again almost identical. The conclusions hold for all three asset pricing factor models considered and under both distributional assumptions.

4 Empirical Evidence

In this section, we use the IV-GMM approach developed in Section 2 to empirically evaluate a number of popular factor models that have been proposed in the asset pricing literature. Specifically, we focus on four models: (i) the standard single-factor CAPM, (ii) the three-factor Fama and French (1993) model (FF3), (iii) the four-factor Hou, Xue, and Zhang (2015) model (HXZ4), and (iv) the five-factor Fama and French (2015) model (FF5). The factors involved in the CAPM, FF3, and FF5 models are obtained from Kenneth French’s website. In particular, the market excess return (MKT) is used by all three aforementioned models; the small size minus big size spread portfolio return (SMB) and the high book-to-market minus low book-to-market spread portfolio return (HML) are used by both the FF3 and FF5 models;¹⁵ and, finally, the robust minus weak spread portfolio return (RMW) and conservative minus aggressive spread portfolio return (CMA) are used by FF5. The four factors involved in the HXZ4 q -factor model are the market excess return (MKT), the difference between the return on a portfolio of small size stocks and the return on a portfolio of big size stocks (ME), the difference between the return on a portfolio of low investment stocks and the return on a portfolio of high investment stocks (I/A), and the difference between the return on a portfolio of high profitability (return on equity) stocks and the return on a portfolio of low profitability stocks (ROE).¹⁶ We use individual stock data at the monthly frequency covering the time period between 1970 and 2014 from the CRSP universe and apply the following filters: (i) we require that the share code (SHRCD) is equal to 10 or 11 to keep only ordinary common shares, (ii) we require that the exchange code (EXCHCD) is equal to 1, 2, or 3 to keep only stocks traded at NYSE, AMEX, or NASDAQ, and (iii) we keep a stock in the sample only for the months in which its price (PRC) is at least 1 dollar. When we use clustering based on the 49-industry classification of Kenneth French for estimating the variance-covariance matrix of the IV-GMM estimators, we

¹⁵ The SMB factor used by the FF3 model is slightly different from the SMB factor used by the FF5 model. Details on how the SMB factor is constructed for each model are provided in Kenneth French’s data library website.

¹⁶ We are grateful to the authors for providing the data on the factors of the Hou, Xue, and Zhang (2015) model.

further we require that stocks have a Standard Industry Classification (SIC) code.¹⁷

Our pretesting and testing periods consist of five years ($\tau_1 = \tau_2 = 60$ months) resulting in 8 non-overlapping testing periods from 1975 to 2014. The cross section of our test assets consists of all stocks with full histories over both the pretesting and testing periods. Our empirical evidence consists of (i) estimates of $\boldsymbol{\lambda} = [\lambda_0 \ \boldsymbol{\lambda}'_f]'$, where $\boldsymbol{\lambda}_f = [\lambda_1 \ \cdots \ \lambda_K]'$ is the vector of ex-post factor risk premia for the CAPM, FF3, HXZ4, and FF5 models, which they employ $K = 1$, $K = 3$, $K = 4$, and $K = 5$ factors, respectively, and (ii) various test statistics for evaluating the implications of each model and their corresponding p -values.

When estimating ex-post risk premia for the FF3, HXZ4, and FF5 models, in addition to past beta estimates, we employ as instrumental variables the firm characteristics based on which the various factors are constructed. Specifically, for the FF3 model, we use market capitalization (SIZE) and book-to-market ratio (BTM) as firm characteristics. For the HXZ4 model, we use SIZE, investment over asset (I/A), and return on equity (ROE) as firm characteristics. Lastly, for the FF5 model, we use SIZE, BTM, operating profitability (OP) and asset growth (AG) as firm characteristics. Next, we describe how the above characteristics are computed. The SIZE characteristic for month m is defined as the ratio of the market capitalization a given firm at the end of month $m - 1$ to the aggregate market capitalization at the end of month $m - 1$. The BTM characteristic from July of year $y + 1$ till June of year $y + 2$ is defined as the ratio of book equity (BE) in the accounting data of fiscal year y to the market capitalization at the end of year y . BE is computed following the method in Kenneth French's database, i.e., BE is defined the book value of stockholders equity (SEQ), plus balance sheet deferred taxes and investment tax credit (TXDITC, if available), minus the book value of preferred stock.¹⁸ The I/A characteristic from July of year $y + 1$ till June of year $y + 2$ is defined as change in inventory, property, plant and equipment (PP&E) from year $y - 1$ to year y over the year $y - 1$ total assets. The ROE characteristic from July of year $y + 1$ till June of year $y + 2$ is defined as the ratio of (IB - DVP + TXDI) for the year y over BE of year y , where IB is the total earnings before extraordinary items, DVP is the preferred dividends (if available), and TXDI is the deferred taxes (if available). The OP characteristic from July of year $y + 1$ till June of year $y + 2$ is defined as the ratio of (REV - COGS - XINT - XSGA) for year y over BE of year y , where REV is revenue, COGS is cost of goods sold, XINT is interest expense, and XSGA is selling, general and administrative expenses. Finally, the AG characteristic from July of year $y + 1$ till June of year $y + 2$ is defined as the ratio of change in the total assets from year $y - 1$ to year y over the year $y - 1$ total assets. With the exception of I/A, the cross-sectional

¹⁷SIC codes are obtained from Compustat. If the SIC code does not exist in Compustat, it is obtained from CRSP.

¹⁸For a more detailed description, the reader is referred to the definition of BE at Kenneth French's website http://mba.tuck.dartmouth.edu/pages/faculty/ken.french/Data_Library/variable_definitions.html.

distributions of these characteristics are highly skewed. Hence, for all characteristics except I/A, we follow standard practice and use the logarithm of the average characteristics over the pretesting period as instrumental variables.¹⁹

The asset pricing models under examination employ factors that are constructed as differences between returns on top and bottom portfolios, or vice versa, after sorting according to a particular firm characteristic. As a result, we expect a firm characteristic to be cross-sectionally correlated with the beta with respect to the corresponding spread factor. This provides a clear rationale for using firm characteristics as instrumental variables, in addition to past beta estimates. In Table 5, we provide evidence supporting this rationale. Specifically, for each characteristic, we consider decile portfolios sorted according to that characteristic and estimate their betas with respect to the related spread factor within the context of each model that we evaluate. For each asset pricing model, the portfolio betas are estimated jointly for all factors using data from 07/1970 to 12/2014. As illustrated in Table 5, there is a clear monotonic pattern in the betas for each spread factor within each model. This evidence justifies our choice of firm characteristics as instruments in the estimation of ex-post risk premia.

We present our empirical results in Tables 6 through 9. According to our simulation evidence the joint test statistic $J(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$ given in (49) tends to overreject the null hypothesis in small samples. Hence, when interpreting our empirical findings, we put more emphasis on the joint test statistics $J_d(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$ given in (52) and the t -statistics given in (50) and (51). In our discussion of the results, we consider both of the conventional 5% and 10% levels of significance. The results for the CAPM, based on the IV estimator $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{IV}$ and using past beta estimates as instruments, are reported in Table 6. Overall, our evidence points to rejection of the CAPM. The $J_d(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$ joint statistic rejects the null hypothesis in five out of eight testing periods at the 5% or 10% level of significance, respectively. Similarly, the $t(\lambda_0)$ statistic rejects the null hypothesis in five (five) out of eight testing periods at the 5% and 10% level of significance, respectively. Finally, the $t(\lambda_{MKT})$ rejects the null hypothesis in five and seven out of eight testing periods at the 5% and 10% level of significance, respectively. These finding is not very surprising given that the CAPM has been frequently rejected in the literature using portfolios of stocks.

The results for the FF3 model, based on the two-step and iterated IV-GMM estimators, i.e., $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{IV}^{TS}$ and $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{IV}^{IT}$, and using SIZE and BTM as instruments in addition to past beta estimates, are reported in Table 7. The two IV-GMM estimators overall yield similar results. Based on the $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{IV}^{TS}$ estimator, the $J_d(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$ joint statistic rejects the null hypothesis in five and eight out of eight testing periods at the 5% and 10% level of significance, respectively. When the $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{IV}^{IT}$ estimator is used, the $J_d(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$ joint statistic rejects the null hypothesis in six and seven out of eight testing periods at the 5% and 10% level of significance, respectively. The t statistics exhibit similar

¹⁹For AG, we use the logarithm of one plus average of asset growth.

behavior except the t statistic associated with the HML factor. Consistent with the findings in Kim and Skoulakis (2015), the $t(\lambda_{\text{HML}})$ statistic rejects the null hypothesis only in one and three of eight periods for 5% and 10% level of significance, respectively, when the $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{TS}}$ estimator is used.

In Table 8, we report the results for the HZX4 model, based on the two-step and iterated IV-GMM estimators, i.e., $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{TS}}$ and $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{IT}}$, and using SIZE, I/A, and ROE as instruments in addition to past beta estimates. Based on either $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{TS}}$ or $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{IT}}$, the $J_d(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$ joint statistic rejects the null hypothesis only in three out of eight testing periods at the 5% or 10% level of significance. Importantly, the $t(\lambda_0)$ statistic rejects the null hypothesis only in two out of eight testing periods at the 10% level of significance. The additional t statistics point to similar conclusions. When $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{IT}}$ is used, the $t(\lambda_{\text{MKT}})$, $t(\lambda_{\text{ME}})$, $t(\lambda_{\text{I/A}})$, and $t(\lambda_{\text{ROE}})$ statistics reject the null hypothesis in one, three, three, and two out of eight testing periods, respectively, at the 10% level of significance.

The results for the FF5 model, based on the two-step and iterated IV-GMM estimators, i.e., $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{TS}}$ and $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{IT}}$, and using SIZE, BTM, OP, and AG as instruments in addition to past beta estimates, are reported in Table 9. Once again, the two IV-GMM estimators overall yield similar results. Based on the $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{TS}}$ estimator, the $J_d(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$ joint statistic rejects the null hypothesis in five and six out of eight testing periods at the 5% and 10% level of significance, respectively. When the $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{IT}}$ estimator is used, the $J_d(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$ joint statistic rejects the null hypothesis in six and seven out of eight testing periods at the 5% and 10% level of significance, respectively. Overall, the evidence suggests that the FF5 model is mostly rejected in our sample.

Collectively, our results show that the CAPM, the FF3 and the FF5 models are mostly rejected by the IV-GMM test statistics. In contrast, we find evidence in favor of the HZX4 model, for which we find strong support in five out of the eight time periods. In the Online Appendix, we report the test statistics and the corresponding p -values for the four models examined above using alternative clustering schemes and price filters. Tables A4– A7 contain the results based on 49 industry clusters and a \$3 price filter. Tables A8– A11 contain the results based on 49 industry clusters and a \$5 price filter. Finally, tables A12– A15 contain the results based on 30 industry clusters and a \$1 price filter. The results of our tests remain very similar under all alternative scenarios.

5 Conclusion

A linear asset pricing factor model characterizes the average return of an asset as a linear function of its factor betas with the risk premia being the slopes. In theory, such a relationship is supposed to be valid for all individual assets. However, the majority of empirical tests of

asset pricing models are based on portfolios. One of the main reasons for this practice is that individual stock beta estimates are plagued by significant sampling error giving rise to the well-known error-in-variables (EIV) problem. When the size of the cross section N is large, while the time series sample size T is small and fixed, the EIV problem is so severe that it renders the standard two-pass cross-sectional regression (CSR) risk premia estimator inconsistent. To deal with the EIV problem, we develop a modification of the two-pass CSR approach that employs past beta estimates and firm characteristics as instrumental variables and yields an IV-GMM ex-post risk premia estimator. We contribute to the literature by providing a novel method for estimating ex-post risk premia and devising associated tests for evaluating linear factor models using individual stock data over short time horizons. We establish that the ex-post risk premia estimator is N -consistent and asymptotically follows a normal distribution. Furthermore, using a cluster structure for idiosyncratic shock correlations, we provide an estimator of its asymptotic variance-covariance matrix that we then use to construct asset pricing tests focusing on ex-post risk premia.

The good performance of the IV-GMM estimator and the associated variance-covariance matrix estimator for empirically relevant finite sample sizes is illustrated through a number of Monte Carlo simulations. Using three different asset pricing models for calibration, we show that (i) the IV-GMM approach leads to significant bias reduction in the cross-sectional regression intercept and ex-post risk premia estimates without sacrificing efficiency, and (ii) the associated asset pricing test statistics yield empirical rejection frequencies very close to the desired levels of significance. In our empirical investigation, we estimate and evaluate four popular linear asset pricing factor models: the CAPM, the three-factor model of Fama and French (1993), the q -factor model of Hou, Xue, and Zhang (2015), and the five-factor model of Fama and French (2015). We find that all models are rejected for the majority of our testing periods with the exception of the Hou, Xue, and Zhang (2015) model, for which we find strong support in five out of the eight time periods under all clustering schemes under consideration.

A Proofs

A few facts from matrix algebra are used in the main text and/or in the subsequent proofs. We collect them here for the convenience of the reader. In terms of notation, vec denotes the column-stacking operator and \otimes denotes the Kronecker product.

(F1) For column vectors \mathbf{x} and \mathbf{y} , we have $\text{vec}(\mathbf{xy}') = \mathbf{y} \otimes \mathbf{x}$.

(F2) For conformable matrices \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{B} and \mathbf{C} , we have $\text{vec}(\mathbf{ABC}) = (\mathbf{C}' \otimes \mathbf{A}) \text{vec}(\mathbf{B})$.

(F3) For conformable matrices \mathbf{A} , \mathbf{B} , \mathbf{C} , and \mathbf{D} , we have $(\mathbf{AC}) \otimes (\mathbf{BD}) = (\mathbf{A} \otimes \mathbf{B})(\mathbf{C} \otimes \mathbf{D})$.

The facts (F1), (F2), (F3) follow from Theorem 7.14, Theorem 7.16, and Theorem 7.7 in Schott (1997), respectively.

Proof of Theorem 1: Recall from equation (28) that

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{GM}} = \boldsymbol{\lambda} + \left[\left(\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2' \widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1 / N \right) \widehat{\mathbf{W}} \left(\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1' \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2 / N \right) \right]^{-1} \left(\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2' \widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1 / N \right) \widehat{\mathbf{W}} \left(\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1' \boldsymbol{\omega} / N \right). \quad (53)$$

Thus, to prove the theorem, it suffices to show that, as $N \rightarrow \infty$, $\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1' \boldsymbol{\omega} / N$ converges to a vector of zeros and $\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1' \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2 / N$ converges to a full-rank matrix. Using equations (27), (17), and (24), and invoking Assumption 1(i), Assumption 1(ii), and Assumption 2(ii), we obtain that, as $N \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1' \boldsymbol{\omega} / N = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{1}'_N \boldsymbol{\omega} / N \\ \widehat{\mathbf{B}}_1' \boldsymbol{\omega} / N \\ \mathbf{C}'_1 \boldsymbol{\omega} / N \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (\mathbf{1}'_N \mathbf{U}_2 / N) \mathbf{g}_2 \\ (\mathbf{B}' \mathbf{U}_2 / N) \mathbf{g}_2 + \mathbf{G}'_1 (\mathbf{U}'_1 \mathbf{U}_2 / N) \mathbf{g}_2 \\ (\mathbf{C}'_1 \mathbf{U}_2 / N) \mathbf{g}_2 \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{p} \mathbf{0}_{1+K+L}. \quad (54)$$

Moreover, in light of equations (17) and (18), it follows from Assumptions 1 and 2 that, as $N \rightarrow \infty$,

$$\widehat{\mathbf{B}}_1' \mathbf{1}_N / N = \mathbf{B}' \mathbf{1}_N / N + \mathbf{G}'_1 (\mathbf{U}'_1 \mathbf{1}_N / N) \xrightarrow{p} \boldsymbol{\mu}_\beta, \quad (55)$$

$$\widehat{\mathbf{B}}_2' \mathbf{1}_N / N = \mathbf{B}' \mathbf{1}_N / N + \mathbf{G}'_2 (\mathbf{U}'_2 \mathbf{1}_N / N) \xrightarrow{p} \boldsymbol{\mu}_\beta, \quad (56)$$

$$\widehat{\mathbf{B}}_1' \widehat{\mathbf{B}}_2 / N = \mathbf{B}' \mathbf{B} / N + \mathbf{G}'_1 (\mathbf{U}'_1 \mathbf{B} / N) + (\mathbf{B}' \mathbf{U}_2 / N) \mathbf{G}_2 + \mathbf{G}'_1 (\mathbf{U}'_1 \mathbf{U}_2 / N) \mathbf{G}_2 \xrightarrow{p} \mathbf{M}_\beta, \quad (57)$$

where $\mathbf{M}_\beta = \mathbf{V}_\beta + \boldsymbol{\mu}_\beta \boldsymbol{\mu}'_\beta$, and

$$\mathbf{C}'_1 \mathbf{1}_N / N \xrightarrow{p} \boldsymbol{\mu}_c, \quad (58)$$

$$\mathbf{C}'_1 \widehat{\mathbf{B}}_2 / N = \mathbf{C}'_1 \mathbf{B} / N + (\mathbf{B}' \mathbf{U}_2 / N) \mathbf{G}_2 \xrightarrow{p} \mathbf{M}_{c\beta}. \quad (59)$$

It then follows from definitions (27) and (22) and the probability limits in (55)-(59) that

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Omega}} \equiv \widehat{\mathbf{Z}}'_1 \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2 / N = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{1}'_N \widehat{\mathbf{B}}_2 / N \\ \widehat{\mathbf{B}}'_1 \mathbf{1}_N / N & \widehat{\mathbf{B}}'_1 \widehat{\mathbf{B}}_2 / N \\ \mathbf{C}'_1 \mathbf{1}_N / N & \mathbf{C}'_1 \widehat{\mathbf{B}}_2 / N \end{bmatrix} \xrightarrow{p} \boldsymbol{\Omega}, \quad (60)$$

where the matrix $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$ is defined by (30). Combining the expression (53) and the probability limits in (54) and (60) yields the N -consistency of $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{GM}}$ completing the proof of the theorem. ■

Proof of Theorem 2: First note that equation (29) yields

$$\sqrt{N} \left(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{GM}} - \boldsymbol{\lambda} \right) = \left[\left(\widehat{\mathbf{X}}'_2 \widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1 / N \right) \widehat{\mathbf{W}} \left(\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}'_1 \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2 / N \right) \right]^{-1} \left(\widehat{\mathbf{X}}'_2 \widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1 / N \right) \widehat{\mathbf{W}} \left(\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}'_1 \boldsymbol{\omega} / \sqrt{N} \right). \quad (61)$$

According to the probability limit in (60), $\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}'_1 \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2 / N \xrightarrow{p} \boldsymbol{\Omega}$, where $\boldsymbol{\Omega}$ is defined in (30). Hence, to obtain the asymptotic distribution of $\sqrt{N} \left(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{GM}} - \boldsymbol{\lambda} \right)$, it suffices to obtain the asymptotic distribution of $\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}'_1 \boldsymbol{\omega} / \sqrt{N}$. Letting ω_i denote the i -th element of $\boldsymbol{\omega}$ and $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}'_{1,i}$ denote the i -th row of $\widehat{\mathbf{B}}_1$, we obtain

$$\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}'_1 \boldsymbol{\omega} = \sum_{i=1}^N \widehat{\mathbf{z}}_{1,[i]} \omega_i = \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{i=1}^N \omega_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^N \widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}'_{1,i} \omega_i \\ \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{c}_{1,i} \omega_i \end{bmatrix}. \quad (62)$$

It follows from equation (24) that

$$\omega_i = \mathbf{u}'_{2,[i]} \mathbf{g}_2 = \mathbf{g}'_2 \mathbf{u}_{2,[i]}. \quad (63)$$

Hence, using the decomposition (17) and equation (24), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\boldsymbol{\beta}}'_{1,i} \omega_i &= \boldsymbol{\beta}_i \mathbf{u}'_{2,[i]} \mathbf{g}_2 + \mathbf{G}'_1 \mathbf{u}_{1,[i]} \mathbf{u}'_{2,[i]} \mathbf{g}_2 \\ &= (\mathbf{g}'_2 \otimes \mathbf{I}_K) (\mathbf{u}_{2,[i]} \otimes \boldsymbol{\beta}_i) + (\mathbf{g}'_2 \otimes \mathbf{G}'_1) (\mathbf{u}_{2,[i]} \otimes \mathbf{u}_{1,[i]}), \end{aligned} \quad (64)$$

and

$$\mathbf{c}_{1,i}\omega_i = \mathbf{c}_{1,i}\mathbf{u}'_{2,[i]}\mathbf{g}_2 = (\mathbf{g}'_2 \otimes \mathbf{I}_L)(\mathbf{u}_{2,[i]} \otimes \mathbf{c}_{1,i}), \quad (65)$$

where we use facts (F1), (F2), and (F3). Combining (62) with (63), (64), and (65), we obtain that

$$\widehat{\mathbf{z}}_{1,[i]}\omega_i = \mathbf{\Pi}\mathbf{e}_i, \quad (66)$$

where \mathbf{e}_i is defined by (34) and $\mathbf{\Pi}$ is the $(1 + K + L) \times (1 + \tau_1 + K + L)\tau_2$ matrix defined by

$$\mathbf{\Pi} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{g}'_2 & \mathbf{0}'_{\tau_1\tau_2} & \mathbf{0}'_{K\tau_2} & \mathbf{0}'_{L\tau_2} \\ \mathbf{0}_{K \times \tau_2} & \mathbf{g}'_2 \otimes \mathbf{G}'_1 & \mathbf{g}'_2 \otimes \mathbf{I}_K & \mathbf{0}_{K \times (L\tau_2)} \\ \mathbf{0}_{L \times \tau_2} & \mathbf{0}_{L \times (\tau_1\tau_2)} & \mathbf{0}_{L \times (K\tau_2)} & \mathbf{g}'_2 \otimes \mathbf{I}_L \end{bmatrix}. \quad (67)$$

It follows from (66) that

$$\widehat{\mathbf{z}}'_1\boldsymbol{\omega} = \mathbf{\Pi} \sum_{i=1}^N \mathbf{e}_i. \quad (68)$$

Finally, combining (61) with (68) and (60) and invoking Assumption 3 yields the desired result and completes the proof of the theorem. ■

Proof of Theorem 3: The N -consistency of $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Omega}}$ is already established in the proof of Theorem 1 (see equation (60)). Moreover, as $N \rightarrow \infty$, $M_N/N \rightarrow 1/G$. Hence, it suffices to show that, as $N \rightarrow \infty$, $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Theta}} = \frac{1}{M_N - K - 1}(\widehat{\mathbf{X}}'_1 \text{diag}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\omega}}) \mathbf{C}' \mathbf{C} \text{diag}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\omega}}) \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_1) \xrightarrow{p} \boldsymbol{\Theta} = \mathbf{\Pi} \mathbf{V}_\eta \mathbf{\Pi}'$. For each cluster $m = 1, \dots, M_N$, we define

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_m = \sum_{i \in I_m} \widehat{\mathbf{z}}_{1,[i]}\widehat{\omega}_i \quad (69)$$

so that $\widehat{\mathbf{z}}'_1 \text{diag}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\omega}}) \mathbf{C}' = [\widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_1 \ \dots \ \widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_{M_N}]$ which, in turn, implies

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{\Theta}} = \frac{1}{M_N - K - 1} \sum_{m=1}^{M_N} \widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_m \widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}'_m. \quad (70)$$

From definition (44) and equation (21), we have $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\omega}} = \boldsymbol{\omega} - \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2 \left(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{GMM}} - \boldsymbol{\lambda} \right)$. Let $\widehat{\omega}_i$ denote the i -th element of $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\omega}}$ so that $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\omega}} = [\widehat{\omega}_1 \ \dots \ \widehat{\omega}_N]'$. It follows that $\widehat{\omega}_i = \omega_i - \widehat{\mathbf{x}}'_{2,[i]} \left(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{GMM}} - \boldsymbol{\lambda} \right)$ and so the i -th

column of the matrix $\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1' \text{diag}(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\omega}})$ is expressed as

$$\widehat{\mathbf{z}}_{1,[i]} \widehat{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_i = \widehat{\mathbf{z}}_{1,[i]} \boldsymbol{\omega}_i - \widehat{\mathbf{z}}_{1,[i]} \widehat{\mathbf{x}}_{2,[i]}' \left(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{GMM}} - \boldsymbol{\lambda} \right). \quad (71)$$

It follows from facts (F1) and (F2) that

$$\begin{aligned} \widehat{\mathbf{z}}_{1,[i]} \widehat{\mathbf{x}}_{2,[i]}' \left(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{GMM}} - \boldsymbol{\lambda} \right) &= \left(\left(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{GMM}} - \boldsymbol{\lambda} \right)' \otimes \mathbf{I}_{1+K+L} \right) \text{vec} \left(\widehat{\mathbf{z}}_{1,[i]} \widehat{\mathbf{x}}_{2,[i]}' \right) \\ &= \left(\left(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{GMM}} - \boldsymbol{\lambda} \right) \otimes \mathbf{I}_{1+K+L} \right)' \left(\widehat{\mathbf{x}}_{2,[i]} \otimes \widehat{\mathbf{z}}_{1,[i]} \right). \end{aligned} \quad (72)$$

It follows from (17) and (18) that $\widehat{\mathbf{Z}}_1 = [\mathbf{1}_N \quad \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{U}_1 \mathbf{G}_1 \quad \mathbf{C}_1]$ and $\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2 = [\mathbf{1}_N \quad \mathbf{B} + \mathbf{U}_2 \mathbf{G}_2]$ and so

$$\widehat{\mathbf{z}}_{1,[i]} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \boldsymbol{\beta}_i + \mathbf{G}'_1 \mathbf{u}_{1,[i]} \\ \mathbf{c}_{1,i} \end{bmatrix}, \quad \widehat{\mathbf{x}}_{2,[i]} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \boldsymbol{\beta}_i + \mathbf{G}'_2 \mathbf{u}_{2,[i]} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Hence,

$$\widehat{\mathbf{x}}_{2,[i]} \otimes \widehat{\mathbf{z}}_{1,[i]} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ \boldsymbol{\beta}_i + \mathbf{G}'_1 \mathbf{u}_{1,[i]} \\ \mathbf{c}_{1,i} \\ \boldsymbol{\beta}_i + \mathbf{G}'_2 \mathbf{u}_{2,[i]} \\ (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i + \mathbf{G}'_2 \mathbf{u}_{2,[i]}) \otimes (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i + \mathbf{G}'_1 \mathbf{u}_{1,[i]}) \\ (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i + \mathbf{G}'_2 \mathbf{u}_{2,[i]}) \otimes \mathbf{c}_{1,i} \end{bmatrix}.$$

Moreover, using fact (F3), we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &(\boldsymbol{\beta}_i + \mathbf{G}'_2 \mathbf{u}_{2,[i]}) \otimes (\boldsymbol{\beta}_i + \mathbf{G}'_1 \mathbf{u}_{1,[i]}) \\ &= \boldsymbol{\beta}_i \otimes \boldsymbol{\beta}_i + (\mathbf{G}'_2 \otimes \mathbf{I}_K)(\mathbf{u}_{2,[i]} \otimes \boldsymbol{\beta}_i) + (\mathbf{I}_K \otimes \mathbf{G}'_1)(\boldsymbol{\beta}_i \otimes \mathbf{u}_{1,[i]}) + (\mathbf{G}'_2 \otimes \mathbf{G}'_1)(\mathbf{u}_{2,[i]} \otimes \mathbf{u}_{1,[i]}) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$(\boldsymbol{\beta}_i + \mathbf{G}'_2 \mathbf{u}_{2,[i]}) \otimes \mathbf{c}_{1,i} = \boldsymbol{\beta}_i \otimes \mathbf{c}_{1,i} + (\mathbf{G}'_2 \otimes \mathbf{I}_L)(\mathbf{u}_{2,[i]} \otimes \mathbf{c}_{1,i}).$$

It follows from the last three equations that

$$\widehat{\mathbf{x}}_{2,[i]} \otimes \widehat{\mathbf{z}}_{1,[i]} = \mathbf{\Phi} \mathbf{d}_i, \quad (73)$$

where \mathbf{d}_i is defined in (46) and the matrix $\mathbf{\Phi}$ is defined by

$$\mathbf{\Phi} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \mathbf{0}'_{\tau_1} & \mathbf{0}'_{\tau_2} & \mathbf{0}'_{\tau_1 \tau_2} & \mathbf{0}'_K & \mathbf{0}'_L & \mathbf{0}'_{K^2} & \mathbf{0}'_{KL} & \mathbf{0}'_{K\tau_1} & \mathbf{0}'_{K\tau_2} & \mathbf{0}'_{L\tau_2} \\ \mathbf{0}_K & \mathbf{G}'_1 & \mathbf{0}_{K \times \tau_2} & \mathbf{0}_{K \times \tau_1 \tau_2} & \mathbf{I}_K & \mathbf{0}_{K \times L} & \mathbf{0}_{K \times K^2} & \mathbf{0}_{K \times KL} & \mathbf{0}_{K \times K\tau_1} & \mathbf{0}_{K \times K\tau_2} & \mathbf{0}_{K \times L\tau_2} \\ \mathbf{0}_L & \mathbf{0}_{L \times \tau_1} & \mathbf{0}_{L \times \tau_2} & \mathbf{0}_{L \times \tau_1 \tau_2} & \mathbf{0}_{L \times K} & \mathbf{I}_L & \mathbf{0}_{L \times K^2} & \mathbf{0}_{L \times KL} & \mathbf{0}_{L \times K\tau_1} & \mathbf{0}_{L \times K\tau_2} & \mathbf{0}_{L \times L\tau_2} \\ \mathbf{0}_K & \mathbf{0}_{K \times \tau_1} & \mathbf{G}'_2 & \mathbf{0}_{K \times \tau_1 \tau_2} & \mathbf{I}_K & \mathbf{0}_{K \times L} & \mathbf{0}_{K \times K^2} & \mathbf{0}_{K \times KL} & \mathbf{0}_{K \times K\tau_1} & \mathbf{0}_{K \times K\tau_2} & \mathbf{0}_{K \times L\tau_2} \\ \mathbf{0}_{K^2} & \mathbf{0}_{K^2 \times \tau_1} & \mathbf{0}_{K^2 \times \tau_2} & \mathbf{G}'_2 \otimes \mathbf{G}'_1 & \mathbf{0}_{K^2 \times K} & \mathbf{0}_{K^2 \times L} & \mathbf{I}_{K^2} & \mathbf{0}_{K^2 \times KL} & \mathbf{I}_K \otimes \mathbf{G}'_1 & \mathbf{G}'_2 \otimes \mathbf{I}_K & \mathbf{0}_{K^2 \times L\tau_2} \\ \mathbf{0}_{KL} & \mathbf{0}_{KL \times \tau_1} & \mathbf{0}_{KL \times \tau_2} & \mathbf{0}_{KL \times \tau_1 \tau_2} & \mathbf{0}_{KL \times K} & \mathbf{0}_{KL \times L} & \mathbf{0}_{KL \times K^2} & \mathbf{I}_{KL} & \mathbf{0}_{KL \times K\tau_1} & \mathbf{0}_{KL \times K\tau_2} & \mathbf{G}'_2 \otimes \mathbf{I}_L \end{bmatrix}.$$

It follows from equations (72) and (73) that

$$\widehat{\mathbf{z}}_{1,[i]} \widehat{\mathbf{x}}'_{2,[i]} \left(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{IV}^{\text{GMM}} - \boldsymbol{\lambda} \right) = \mathbf{\Upsilon} \mathbf{d}_i, \quad (74)$$

where

$$\mathbf{\Upsilon} = \left(\left(\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{IV}^{\text{GMM}} - \boldsymbol{\lambda} \right) \otimes \mathbf{I}_{1+K+L} \right)' \mathbf{\Phi}. \quad (75)$$

Hence, combining (71), (66), and (74), we obtain

$$\widehat{\mathbf{z}}_{1,[i]} \widehat{\boldsymbol{\omega}}_i = \mathbf{\Pi} \mathbf{e}_i - \mathbf{\Upsilon} \mathbf{d}_i,$$

which, according to definitions (69), (36), and (47), yields

$$\widehat{\boldsymbol{\theta}}_m = \mathbf{\Pi} \boldsymbol{\eta}_m - \mathbf{\Upsilon} \boldsymbol{\delta}_m. \quad (76)$$

Combining equations (70) and (76) yields

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{M_N - K - 1}{M_N} \widehat{\boldsymbol{\Theta}} &= \mathbf{\Pi} \left(\frac{1}{M_N} \sum_{m=1}^{M_N} \boldsymbol{\eta}_m \boldsymbol{\eta}'_m \right) \mathbf{\Pi}' + \mathbf{\Upsilon} \left(\frac{1}{M_N} \sum_{m=1}^{M_N} \boldsymbol{\delta}_m \boldsymbol{\delta}'_m \right) \mathbf{\Upsilon}' \\ &\quad - \mathbf{\Upsilon} \left(\frac{1}{M_N} \sum_{m=1}^{M_N} \boldsymbol{\delta}_m \boldsymbol{\eta}'_m \right) \mathbf{\Pi}' - \mathbf{\Pi} \left(\frac{1}{M_N} \sum_{m=1}^{M_N} \boldsymbol{\delta}_m \boldsymbol{\eta}'_m \right)' \mathbf{\Upsilon}'. \end{aligned} \quad (77)$$

Inspection of definitions (34), (36), (46), and (47) reveals that $\boldsymbol{\eta}_m$ is a subvector of $\boldsymbol{\delta}_m$, and so Assumption 5 implies that, as $N \rightarrow \infty$, both $\frac{1}{M_N} \sum_{m=1}^{M_N} \boldsymbol{\delta}_m \boldsymbol{\delta}'_m$ and $\frac{1}{M_N} \sum_{m=1}^{M_N} \boldsymbol{\delta}_m \boldsymbol{\eta}'_m$ converge in probability to some finite matrices. Moreover, according to Theorem 1, $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{IV}^{\text{GMM}} \xrightarrow{p} \boldsymbol{\lambda}$ and so it follows from definition (75) that $\mathbf{\Upsilon} \xrightarrow{p} \mathbf{0}_{(1+K+L) \times ((1+K)(1+L+\tau_1+\tau_2)+K^2+(L+\tau_1)\tau_2)}$. Hence, using equation (37), it follows from

equation (77) above that $\widehat{\Theta} \xrightarrow{p} \mathbf{\Pi V}_\eta \mathbf{\Pi}' = \Theta$ and thus the proof of the theorem is complete. ■

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Table 1: **Bias in the estimation of λ with normally distributed shocks: the role of the EIV correction through the IV-GMM approach.** This table presents simulation results on the absolute bias, in annualized basis points, in the estimation of $\lambda = [\lambda_0 \ \lambda_f']'$, where $\lambda_f = [\lambda_1 \ \dots \ \lambda_K]'$ is the vector of ex-post risk premia and K is the number of factors. The shocks u_{it} are assumed to follow a normal distribution and the factor realizations are kept fixed throughout. The number of individual stocks, N , is equal to 1,000 and the number of clusters, M_N , is set equal to 50. The pairwise correlation of shocks, assumed to be constant within each cluster, is set equal to 0.10. The simulation is calibrated to the following three linear asset pricing models: the single-factor CAPM, the three-factor Fama and French (1993) model (FF3), and the four-factor Hou, Xue, and Zhang (2015) model (HXZ4). For the CAPM, $K = 1$ and λ_{MKT} is the ex-post risk premia of MKT. For FF3, $K = 3$ and λ_{MKT} , λ_{SMB} , and λ_{HML} are the ex-post risk premia of MKT, SMB, and HML, respectively. For HXZ4, $K = 4$ and λ_{MKT} , λ_{ME} , $\lambda_{\text{I/A}}$, and λ_{ROE} are the ex-post risk premia of MKT, ME, I/A, and ROE, respectively. For the CAPM, we consider the IV estimator $\widehat{\lambda}_{\text{IV}}$, while for the FF3 and HXZ4 models, we consider both the two-step and iterated IV-GMM estimators, i.e., $\widehat{\lambda}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{TS}}$ and $\widehat{\lambda}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{IT}}$. In addition, we consider two alternative estimators $\widehat{\lambda}_1 = (\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_1' \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_1)^{-1} \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_1' \widehat{\mathbf{r}}_2$ and $\widehat{\lambda}_2 = (\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2' \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2)^{-1} \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2' \widehat{\mathbf{r}}_2$ that ignore the EIV problem. The results are based on 50,000 Monte Carlo repetitions.

CAPM								
Pretesting Period	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-99	00-04	05-09
Testing Period	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-99	00-04	05-09	10-14
Average Factor Realizations								
\bar{f}_{MKT}	1118.2	453.0	1248.8	483.0	2069.4	-310.0	-43.4	1552.4
$\widehat{\lambda}_{\text{IV}}$								
λ_0	1.4	0.9	2.2	1.3	4.3	1.3	2.0	4.7
λ_{MKT}	0.3	0.1	2.5	0.6	5.1	1.2	2.3	4.6
$\widehat{\lambda}_1$								
λ_0	358.8	178.2	465.6	160.1	1000.4	131.4	13.9	570.8
λ_{MKT}	365.0	181.6	471.6	163.1	1013.4	133.2	13.8	578.8
$\widehat{\lambda}_2$								
λ_0	441.4	169.3	415.1	233.0	880.4	106.6	15.6	709.3
λ_{MKT}	448.7	172.6	420.5	237.0	891.8	108.1	15.5	719.3

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FF3 Model								
Pretesting Period	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-99	00-04	05-09
Testing Period	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-99	00-04	05-09	10-14
Average Factor Realizations								
\bar{f}_{MKT}	1118.2	453.0	1248.8	483.0	2069.4	-310.0	-43.4	1552.4
\bar{f}_{SMB}	1576.0	470.2	-451.6	158.0	-369.4	1002.4	131.4	149.2
\bar{f}_{HML}	651.0	931.4	251.8	269.4	-549.4	1510.8	210.8	-88.0
$\hat{\lambda}_{IV}^{TS}$								
λ_0	0.6	5.4	7.6	5.7	8.6	6.8	0.9	1.2
λ_{MKT}	1.7	3.1	6.5	4.3	8.7	4.6	2.2	3.1
λ_{SMB}	3.3	2.5	0.8	1.1	1.7	2.2	1.1	0.7
λ_{HML}	1.5	3.3	3.1	2.2	3.0	3.9	2.6	4.0
$\hat{\lambda}_{IV}^{IT}$								
λ_0	0.7	5.6	8.2	5.9	8.8	8.0	0.9	1.1
λ_{MKT}	1.5	3.0	6.8	4.3	8.7	5.5	2.2	2.8
λ_{SMB}	3.5	2.5	0.9	1.0	1.6	2.4	1.1	0.9
λ_{HML}	1.5	3.9	3.7	2.7	3.4	4.9	2.7	4.0
$\hat{\lambda}_1$								
λ_0	778.4	388.4	632.8	371.0	831.9	754.7	80.7	577.7
λ_{MKT}	298.1	120.8	741.3	230.6	1136.7	77.9	4.6	687.6
λ_{SMB}	594.7	148.3	340.1	108.3	374.2	657.5	77.0	49.1
λ_{HML}	498.3	509.1	207.2	239.9	227.2	912.6	99.8	169.6
$\hat{\lambda}_2$								
λ_0	600.9	684.4	553.5	380.8	789.2	593.4	11.6	694.2
λ_{MKT}	157.1	333.5	622.6	276.5	1013.5	35.4	75.0	798.5
λ_{SMB}	683.3	306.1	293.4	76.3	309.1	567.7	83.4	73.8
λ_{HML}	281.5	537.9	240.5	191.5	110.9	717.6	112.6	115.8

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HXZ4 Model								
Pretesting Period	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-99	00-04	05-09
Testing Period	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-99	00-04	05-09	10-14
Average Factor Realizations								
\bar{f}_{MKT}	1115.2	404.8	1212.8	455.0	2014.4	-244.8	37.6	1420.2
\bar{f}_{ME}	1726.6	420.2	-391.4	225.4	-436.2	1435.6	258.2	188.4
$\bar{f}_{\text{I/A}}$	302.8	875.4	657.4	364.4	75.4	1113.4	-56.6	362.6
\bar{f}_{RDE}	359.8	1022.8	921.0	1116.4	731.8	593.2	348.0	186.4
$\hat{\lambda}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{TS}}$								
λ_0	33.3	26.3	50.3	55.6	54.4	36.8	17.9	38.6
λ_{MKT}	7.9	1.2	20.5	13.3	31.2	22.8	11.5	27.0
λ_{ME}	41.9	28.9	32.3	57.3	30.1	19.8	11.8	11.8
$\lambda_{\text{I/A}}$	12.0	39.1	41.4	33.1	19.4	10.2	2.8	12.3
λ_{RDE}	45.2	23.0	36.8	83.5	45.6	17.7	16.7	27.2
$\hat{\lambda}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{IT}}$								
λ_0	37.4	30.5	57.3	62.2	63.2	42.0	20.7	43.8
λ_{MKT}	9.2	2.5	23.7	15.9	36.7	26.1	13.4	30.0
λ_{ME}	46.3	30.7	35.2	61.3	33.6	22.3	13.4	13.9
$\lambda_{\text{I/A}}$	13.9	45.7	48.3	38.2	23.9	12.4	2.8	14.7
λ_{RDE}	52.5	27.2	43.0	95.5	52.1	21.4	19.8	31.9
$\hat{\lambda}_1$								
λ_0	1061.6	577.5	731.2	516.7	1147.6	942.9	172.0	912.1
λ_{MKT}	454.7	126.6	675.1	232.5	1251.8	170.3	102.7	789.1
λ_{ME}	952.1	457.9	179.6	315.1	293.4	1089.4	141.9	66.8
$\lambda_{\text{I/A}}$	328.7	698.7	493.5	309.9	114.8	679.6	56.8	281.7
λ_{RDE}	440.4	621.4	487.9	849.5	460.8	473.4	215.7	328.2
$\hat{\lambda}_2$								
λ_0	851.5	662.4	776.8	549.2	1270.7	698.1	169.6	841.2
λ_{MKT}	264.0	250.0	662.1	287.1	1272.0	196.6	58.2	767.3
λ_{ME}	963.3	421.4	102.1	289.5	96.2	710.5	208.5	16.1
$\lambda_{\text{I/A}}$	234.9	621.7	535.8	276.4	96.4	452.1	38.5	215.9
λ_{RDE}	432.3	642.4	644.5	854.0	551.5	189.6	268.9	202.2

Table 2: **Root mean square error in the estimation of λ with normally distributed shocks: the role of the EIV correction through the IV-GMM approach.** This table presents simulation results on the root mean square error (RMSE), in annualized basis points, in the estimation of $\lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_0 & \lambda_f \end{bmatrix}'$, where $\lambda_f = [\lambda_1 \ \cdots \ \lambda_K]'$ is the vector of ex-post risk premia and K is the number of factors. The shocks u_{it} are assumed to follow a normal distribution and the factor realizations are kept fixed throughout. The number of individual stocks, N , is equal to 1,000 and the number of clusters, M_N , is set equal to 50. The pairwise correlation of shocks, assumed to be constant within each cluster, is set equal to 0.10. The simulation is calibrated to the following three linear asset pricing models: the single-factor CAPM, the three-factor Fama and French (1993) model (FF3), and the four-factor Hou, Xue, and Zhang (2015) model (HXZ4). For the CAPM, $K = 1$ and λ_{MKT} is the ex-post risk premia of MKT. For FF3, $K = 3$ and λ_{MKT} , λ_{SMB} , and λ_{HML} are the ex-post risk premia of MKT, SMB, and HML, respectively. For HXZ4, $K = 4$ and λ_{MKT} , λ_{ME} , $\lambda_{\text{I/A}}$, and λ_{ROE} are the ex-post risk premia of MKT, ME, I/A, and ROE, respectively. For the CAPM, we consider the IV estimator $\widehat{\lambda}_{\text{IV}}$, while for the FF3 and HXZ4 models, we consider the two-step and iterated IV-GMM estimators, i.e., $\widehat{\lambda}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{TS}}$ and $\widehat{\lambda}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{IT}}$. In addition, we consider two alternative estimators $\widehat{\lambda}_1 = (\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_1' \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_1)^{-1} \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_1' \widehat{\mathbf{r}}_2$ and $\widehat{\lambda}_2 = (\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2' \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2)^{-1} \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2' \widehat{\mathbf{r}}_2$ that ignore the EIV problem. The results are based on 50,000 Monte Carlo repetitions.

CAPM								
Pretesting Period	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-99	00-04	05-09
Testing Period	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-99	00-04	05-09	10-14
Average Factor Realizations								
\bar{f}_{MKT}	1118.2	453.0	1248.8	483.0	2069.4	-310.0	-43.4	1552.4
$\widehat{\lambda}_{\text{IV}}$								
λ_0	217.1	228.3	227.4	215.0	273.1	236.1	217.2	234.5
λ_{MKT}	226.3	237.2	236.4	223.7	281.7	244.8	225.3	243.2
$\widehat{\lambda}_1$								
λ_0	389.2	230.0	488.6	218.4	1010.9	194.8	148.9	590.0
λ_{MKT}	394.4	230.3	493.3	219.4	1022.5	192.2	146.2	596.9
$\widehat{\lambda}_2$								
λ_0	465.0	223.8	441.5	272.0	892.9	182.0	147.4	724.1
λ_{MKT}	470.7	224.4	446.0	271.5	903.0	181.4	144.1	732.5

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FF3 Model								
Pretesting Period	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-99	00-04	05-09
Testing Period	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-99	00-04	05-09	10-14
Average Factor Realizations								
\bar{f}_{MKT}	1118.2	453.0	1248.8	483.0	2069.4	-310.0	-43.4	1552.4
\bar{f}_{SMB}	1576.0	470.2	-451.6	158.0	-369.4	1002.4	131.4	149.2
\bar{f}_{HML}	651.0	931.4	251.8	269.4	-549.4	1510.8	210.8	-88.0
$\hat{\lambda}_{IV}^{TS}$								
λ_0	308.2	280.9	336.6	324.2	358.2	397.4	305.6	270.3
λ_{MKT}	273.5	266.2	289.7	267.8	314.7	335.1	267.1	264.6
λ_{SMB}	189.1	190.2	194.0	189.0	202.0	200.3	169.5	194.3
λ_{HML}	228.2	234.4	223.8	243.9	241.9	251.7	196.0	223.5
$\hat{\lambda}_{IV}^{IT}$								
λ_0	309.0	281.3	337.3	324.7	359.2	398.4	306.4	270.4
λ_{MKT}	274.1	266.3	290.4	268.4	315.2	336.1	267.9	264.7
λ_{SMB}	189.3	190.0	193.6	188.8	201.9	200.2	169.8	194.0
λ_{HML}	229.1	235.3	224.4	244.4	242.8	252.5	196.7	224.0
$\hat{\lambda}_1$								
λ_0	797.3	423.5	653.2	405.0	847.6	771.5	181.7	603.6
λ_{MKT}	342.3	196.4	757.9	282.6	1146.9	176.8	161.3	704.8
λ_{SMB}	608.3	183.8	356.3	149.9	390.1	669.7	153.6	114.3
λ_{HML}	512.9	520.4	238.8	259.1	252.5	919.9	161.1	203.8
$\hat{\lambda}_2$								
λ_0	625.6	703.5	577.4	412.6	804.4	617.3	172.7	714.4
λ_{MKT}	223.5	369.4	644.2	313.7	1025.3	170.8	170.3	812.0
λ_{SMB}	692.4	323.9	311.8	130.6	333.4	584.2	132.2	121.3
λ_{HML}	302.3	551.0	260.2	219.8	160.0	729.5	157.9	147.8

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HXZ4 Model								
Pretesting Period	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-99	00-04	05-09
Testing Period	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-99	00-04	05-09	10-14
Average Factor Realizations								
\bar{f}_{MKT}	1115.2	404.8	1212.8	455.0	2014.4	-244.8	37.6	1420.2
\bar{f}_{ME}	1726.6	420.2	-391.4	225.4	-436.2	1435.6	258.2	188.4
$\bar{f}_{\text{I/A}}$	302.8	875.4	657.4	364.4	75.4	1113.4	-56.6	362.6
\bar{f}_{RDE}	359.8	1022.8	921.0	1116.4	731.8	593.2	348.0	186.4
$\hat{\lambda}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{TS}}$								
λ_0	442.5	410.5	477.8	485.9	540.7	517.6	427.5	468.2
λ_{MKT}	348.7	358.5	399.8	371.4	446.6	404.0	350.2	351.7
λ_{ME}	324.1	348.3	354.4	374.6	358.4	328.1	251.7	341.7
$\lambda_{\text{I/A}}$	257.7	391.9	331.3	336.5	323.9	255.3	191.0	287.2
λ_{RDE}	420.2	506.3	479.8	509.5	518.9	476.7	318.7	441.3
$\hat{\lambda}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{IT}}$								
λ_0	444.4	410.5	478.7	486.3	543.4	519.7	429.1	469.8
λ_{MKT}	349.9	358.3	399.8	371.3	448.5	406.2	351.5	352.5
λ_{ME}	325.1	346.7	352.9	373.1	357.2	327.9	252.0	341.3
$\lambda_{\text{I/A}}$	259.5	393.5	333.3	337.0	325.1	256.6	192.3	288.5
λ_{RDE}	423.8	507.1	481.0	513.0	521.0	478.8	320.5	444.2
$\hat{\lambda}_1$								
λ_0	1077.9	609.4	756.8	549.6	1161.1	958.5	238.7	928.9
λ_{MKT}	487.5	209.5	697.5	290.7	1261.3	234.0	184.2	805.0
λ_{ME}	961.5	474.0	213.5	331.9	314.8	1097.4	201.0	130.0
$\lambda_{\text{I/A}}$	340.0	701.5	499.6	317.9	136.8	685.3	112.3	291.0
λ_{RDE}	455.8	631.6	501.4	855.3	471.1	483.5	251.7	344.9
$\hat{\lambda}_2$								
λ_0	873.1	690.6	800.3	576.6	1282.1	719.1	241.8	861.0
λ_{MKT}	311.2	305.6	685.9	325.7	1282.0	253.2	166.7	782.1
λ_{ME}	970.7	437.0	148.2	310.7	162.5	726.1	235.1	101.7
$\lambda_{\text{I/A}}$	242.8	626.6	540.7	286.1	130.9	463.0	80.7	226.5
λ_{RDE}	446.4	652.7	652.5	859.5	560.0	232.3	288.1	216.9

Table 3: **Efficiency Gain : Root mean square error in the estimation of λ with normally distributed shocks: the role of the EIV correction through the IV-GMM approach.** This table presents simulation results on the root mean square error (RMSE), in annualized basis points, in the estimation of $\lambda = \begin{bmatrix} \lambda_0 & \lambda_f \end{bmatrix}'$, where $\lambda_f = [\lambda_1 \ \cdots \ \lambda_K]'$ is the vector of ex-post risk premia and K is the number of factors. The shocks u_{it} are assumed to follow a normal distribution and the factor realizations are kept fixed throughout. The number of individual stocks, N , is equal to 1,000 and the number of clusters, M_N , is set equal to 50. The pairwise correlation of shocks, assumed to be constant within each cluster, is set equal to 0.10. The simulation is calibrated to the following three linear asset pricing models: the single-factor CAPM, the three-factor Fama and French (1993) model (FF3), and the four-factor Hou, Xue, and Zhang (2015) model (HXZ4). For the CAPM, $K = 1$ and λ_{MKT} is the ex-post risk premia of MKT. For FF3, $K = 3$ and λ_{MKT} , λ_{SMB} , and λ_{HML} are the ex-post risk premia of MKT, SMB, and HML, respectively. For HXZ4, $K = 4$ and λ_{MKT} , λ_{ME} , $\lambda_{\text{I/A}}$, and λ_{ROE} are the ex-post risk premia of MKT, ME, I/A, and ROE, respectively. For the CAPM, we consider the IV estimator $\widehat{\lambda}_{\text{IV}}$, while for the FF3 and HXZ4 models, we consider the two-step and iterated IV-GMM estimators, i.e., $\widehat{\lambda}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{TS}}$ and $\widehat{\lambda}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{IT}}$. In addition, we consider two alternative estimators $\widehat{\lambda}_1 = (\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_1' \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_1)^{-1} \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_1' \bar{\mathbf{r}}_2$ and $\widehat{\lambda}_2 = (\widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2' \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2)^{-1} \widehat{\mathbf{X}}_2' \bar{\mathbf{r}}_2$ that ignore the EIV problem. The results are based on 50,000 Monte Carlo repetitions.

FF3 Model								
Pretesting Period	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-99	00-04	05-09
Testing Period	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-99	00-04	05-09	10-14
Average Factor Realizations								
\bar{f}_{MKT}	1118.2	453.0	1248.8	483.0	2069.4	-310.0	-43.4	1552.4
\bar{f}_{SMB}	1576.0	470.2	-451.6	158.0	-369.4	1002.4	131.4	149.2
\bar{f}_{HML}	651.0	931.4	251.8	269.4	-549.4	1510.8	210.8	-88.0
$\widehat{\lambda}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{TS}}$								
λ_0	308.2	280.9	336.6	324.2	358.2	397.4	305.6	270.3
λ_{MKT}	273.5	266.2	289.7	267.8	314.7	335.1	267.1	264.6
λ_{SMB}	189.1	190.2	194.0	189.0	202.0	200.3	169.5	194.3
λ_{HML}	228.2	234.4	223.8	243.9	241.9	251.7	196.0	223.5
$\widehat{\lambda}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{IT}}$								
λ_0	309.0	281.3	337.3	324.7	359.2	398.4	306.4	270.4
λ_{MKT}	274.1	266.3	290.4	268.4	315.2	336.1	267.9	264.7
λ_{SMB}	189.3	190.0	193.6	188.8	201.9	200.2	169.8	194.0
λ_{HML}	229.1	235.3	224.4	244.4	242.8	252.5	196.7	224.0
$\widehat{\lambda}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{STD}}$								
α	342.6	328.7	383.6	387.4	410.0	462.0	326.3	297.7
λ_{MKT}	343.9	391.6	379.9	320.7	414.3	406.5	303.9	392.8
λ_{SMB}	253.8	311.7	319.0	317.0	319.3	273.5	208.0	346.6
λ_{HML}	265.6	282.5	267.7	339.5	302.2	316.7	224.8	281.1

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HXZ4 Model								
Pretesting Period	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-99	00-04	05-09
Testing Period	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-99	00-04	05-09	10-14
Average Factor Realizations								
\bar{f}_{MKT}	1115.2	404.8	1212.8	455.0	2014.4	-244.8	37.6	1420.2
\bar{f}_{ME}	1726.6	420.2	-391.4	225.4	-436.2	1435.6	258.2	188.4
$\bar{f}_{\text{I/A}}$	302.8	875.4	657.4	364.4	75.4	1113.4	-56.6	362.6
\bar{f}_{ROE}	359.8	1022.8	921.0	1116.4	731.8	593.2	348.0	186.4
$\hat{\lambda}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{TS}}$								
λ_0	442.5	410.5	477.8	485.9	540.7	517.6	427.5	468.2
λ_{MKT}	348.7	358.5	399.8	371.4	446.6	404.0	350.2	351.7
λ_{ME}	324.1	348.3	354.4	374.6	358.4	328.1	251.7	341.7
$\lambda_{\text{I/A}}$	257.7	391.9	331.3	336.5	323.9	255.3	191.0	287.2
λ_{ROE}	420.2	506.3	479.8	509.5	518.9	476.7	318.7	441.3
$\hat{\lambda}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{IT}}$								
λ_0	444.4	410.5	478.7	486.3	543.4	519.7	429.1	469.8
λ_{MKT}	349.9	358.3	399.8	371.3	448.5	406.2	351.5	352.5
λ_{ME}	325.1	346.7	352.9	373.1	357.2	327.9	252.0	341.3
$\lambda_{\text{I/A}}$	259.5	393.5	333.3	337.0	325.1	256.6	192.3	288.5
λ_{ROE}	423.8	507.1	481.0	513.0	521.0	478.8	320.5	444.2
$\hat{\lambda}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{STD}}$								
α	484.2	466.6	573.1	756.7	647.5	560.0	492.2	635.0
λ_{MKT}	396.0	520.8	491.5	475.1	564.3	456.2	430.0	538.0
λ_{ME}	425.5	597.5	622.9	902.3	578.1	393.7	278.2	560.5
$\lambda_{\text{I/A}}$	296.6	508.4	426.8	580.3	415.2	286.2	208.3	359.1
λ_{ROE}	495.1	678.0	617.8	821.7	724.2	554.5	376.4	673.7

Table 4: **Empirical rejection frequencies of IV-GMM asset pricing tests with normally distributed shocks.** This table presents simulation results on the finite-sample performance of the asset pricing tests based on the IV-GMM estimators of $\lambda = [\lambda_0 \ \lambda_f']'$, where $\lambda_f = [\lambda_1 \ \dots \ \lambda_K]'$ is the vector of ex-post risk premia and K is the number of factors. For the CAPM, we consider the IV estimator $\widehat{\lambda}_{IV}$, while for the FF3 and HXZ4 models, we consider both the two-step and iterated IV-GMM estimators, i.e., $\widehat{\lambda}_{IV}^{IS}$ and $\widehat{\lambda}_{IV}^{IT}$. Reported are empirical rejection frequencies, in percentages, of the $J(\lambda)$ and $J_d(\lambda)$ statistics defined in (49) and (52), respectively, for testing the joint hypothesis $\lambda_0 = 0$ and $\lambda_f = \bar{\lambda}_2$ and the t statistics defined in (50) and (51), respectively, for testing the simple hypotheses $\lambda_0 = 0$ and $\lambda_k = \bar{f}_{k,2}$, for $k = 1, \dots, K$. The shocks u_{it} are assumed to follow a normal distribution and the factor realizations are kept fixed throughout. We set the number of individual stocks, N , equal to 1,000 and consider two possible values for the number of clusters, M_N , namely 50 and 100. The pairwise correlation of shocks, assumed to be constant within each cluster, is denoted by ρ and takes three values, namely 0, 0.10, and 0.20. Three nominal levels of significance are considered: 1%, 5%, and 10%. The simulation is calibrated to the following three linear asset pricing models: the single-factor CAPM, the three-factor Fama and French (1993) model (FF3), and the four-factor Hou, Xue, and Zhang (2015) model (HXZ4). For the CAPM, $K = 1$ and λ_{MKT} is the ex-post risk premia of MKT. For FF3, $K = 3$ and λ_{MKT} , λ_{SMB} , and λ_{HML} are the ex-post risk premia of MKT, SMB, and HML, respectively. For HXZ4, $K = 4$ and λ_{MKT} , λ_{ME} , $\lambda_{I/A}$, and λ_{ROE} are the ex-post risk premia of MKT, ME, I/A, and ROE, respectively. The pretesting and testing periods, both consisting of 60 months, are from 2001 to 2005 and from 2006 to 2010, respectively. The results are based on 50,000 Monte Carlo repetitions.

		CAPM																	
		0				0.10				0.20									
		50		100		50		100		50		100							
Nominal Size (%)		1	5	10	1	5	10	1	5	10	1	5	10						
$J(\lambda)$		1.5	5.8	11.1	1.2	5.5	10.8	1.4	5.8	11.1	1.2	5.4	10.8	1.7	6.3	11.6	1.2	5.4	10.4
$J_d(\lambda)$		1.2	5.4	10.5	1.1	5.2	10.5	1.2	5.4	10.5	1.1	5.3	10.4	1.3	5.6	10.9	1.1	5.2	10.3
$t(\lambda_0)$		1.1	5.4	10.4	1.1	5.1	10.4	1.2	5.3	10.3	1.1	5.2	10.3	1.2	5.5	10.7	1.0	5.1	10.0
$t(\lambda_{MKT})$		1.2	5.3	10.5	1.1	5.3	10.5	1.2	5.4	10.5	1.1	5.3	10.4	1.3	5.7	10.9	1.1	5.2	10.3

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FF3 Model																		
ρ	0			0.10			0.20											
M_N	50	100	50	50	100	100	50	50	100									
Nominal Size (%)	1	5	10	1	5	10	1	5	10	1	5	10						
$\widehat{\lambda}_{IV}^{TS}$																		
$J(\lambda)$	2.8	9.1	15.6	1.7	7.1	13.0	2.8	9.2	15.7	1.7	7.1	12.9	3.0	9.6	16.2	1.8	7.1	13.1
$J_d(\lambda)$	1.4	6.0	12.0	1.1	5.6	11.0	1.4	6.2	12.0	1.0	5.5	11.0	1.4	6.2	12.1	1.2	5.5	11.1
$t(\lambda_0)$	1.4	5.8	11.2	1.1	5.4	10.6	1.4	5.9	11.3	1.1	5.4	10.8	1.4	5.8	11.3	1.2	5.5	10.7
$t(\lambda_{WGT})$	1.3	5.8	11.2	1.1	5.4	10.7	1.3	6.0	11.3	1.1	5.4	10.6	1.4	6.0	11.3	1.2	5.4	10.7
$t(\lambda_{SFB})$	1.4	6.0	11.5	1.2	5.5	10.7	1.4	5.9	11.2	1.2	5.5	10.8	1.6	6.4	11.7	1.2	5.6	10.9
$t(\lambda_{HKL})$	1.5	6.1	11.6	1.3	5.7	11.3	1.6	6.4	11.8	1.3	5.8	11.1	1.6	6.3	11.7	1.3	6.0	11.4
$\widehat{\lambda}_{IV}^{IT}$																		
$J(\lambda)$	2.9	9.3	15.8	1.7	7.1	13.0	2.9	9.3	15.9	1.7	7.1	13.0	3.1	9.8	16.4	1.8	7.1	13.1
$J_d(\lambda)$	1.4	6.2	12.2	1.1	5.6	11.0	1.4	6.2	12.2	1.1	5.5	11.1	1.5	6.3	12.3	1.1	5.5	11.1
$t(\lambda_0)$	1.4	6.0	11.3	1.1	5.4	10.7	1.4	6.0	11.4	1.1	5.4	10.8	1.4	5.9	11.4	1.2	5.5	10.7
$t(\lambda_{WGT})$	1.4	5.9	11.3	1.2	5.4	10.8	1.4	6.0	11.3	1.1	5.4	10.7	1.4	6.1	11.4	1.2	5.4	10.7
$t(\lambda_{SFB})$	1.4	6.0	11.5	1.2	5.5	10.7	1.4	6.0	11.3	1.2	5.5	10.8	1.6	6.4	11.8	1.2	5.6	10.9
$t(\lambda_{HKL})$	1.5	6.2	11.8	1.4	5.8	11.4	1.7	6.5	12.0	1.3	5.8	11.2	1.6	6.4	11.9	1.3	5.9	11.4

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HXZ4 Model																		
ρ	0			0.10			0.20											
M_N	50	100	100	50	100	100	50	100	100									
Nominal Size (%)	1	5	10	1	5	10	1	5	10	1	5	10						
	$\widehat{\lambda}_{IV}^{TTS}$																	
$J(\lambda)$	3.0	9.7	16.6	1.7	6.9	12.8	3.4	10.4	17.2	1.8	7.0	13.0	3.3	10.0	17.0	1.8	7.0	12.8
$J_d(\lambda)$	1.0	5.2	10.8	0.8	4.7	9.8	1.0	5.1	10.5	0.8	4.5	9.9	1.0	5.0	10.3	0.8	4.5	9.6
$t(\lambda_0)$	1.1	5.4	10.6	0.9	4.8	10.2	1.1	5.1	10.1	0.9	4.9	10.3	1.0	5.0	10.2	0.9	4.8	9.9
$t(\lambda_{MKT})$	1.1	5.5	10.8	0.9	4.8	10.0	1.1	5.3	10.3	0.9	4.9	10.1	1.1	5.1	10.3	0.9	4.8	9.9
$t(\lambda_{ME})$	1.0	5.1	10.4	0.9	4.8	9.9	1.1	5.1	10.3	0.9	4.8	9.9	1.1	5.3	10.5	0.9	4.7	9.8
$t(\lambda_{I/A})$	1.2	5.5	10.8	1.0	5.4	10.7	1.2	5.8	11.3	1.0	5.2	10.4	1.3	5.8	11.0	1.0	5.1	10.3
$t(\lambda_{ROE})$	1.2	5.4	10.6	1.0	5.0	10.3	1.2	5.5	10.8	0.9	4.9	10.0	1.0	5.3	10.5	1.0	5.1	10.3
	$\widehat{\lambda}_{IV}^{IT}$																	
$J(\lambda)$	3.2	10.1	17.1	1.8	7.0	12.9	3.7	10.8	17.7	1.8	7.1	13.1	3.5	10.5	17.6	1.8	7.1	12.9
$J_d(\lambda)$	1.1	5.5	11.1	0.8	4.7	9.9	1.1	5.4	10.9	0.8	4.6	10.1	1.0	5.2	10.6	0.8	4.5	9.8
$t(\lambda_0)$	1.2	5.5	10.8	0.9	4.8	10.2	1.2	5.3	10.3	1.0	4.9	10.3	1.1	5.2	10.4	0.9	4.9	10.0
$t(\lambda_{MKT})$	1.2	5.7	10.9	0.9	5.0	10.0	1.1	5.4	10.5	0.9	5.0	10.1	1.1	5.2	10.5	0.9	4.9	9.9
$t(\lambda_{ME})$	1.0	5.3	10.5	0.9	4.8	9.9	1.1	5.3	10.5	0.9	4.9	9.9	1.1	5.4	10.6	0.9	4.7	9.8
$t(\lambda_{I/A})$	1.3	5.8	11.2	1.0	5.5	10.7	1.3	6.1	11.5	1.0	5.3	10.5	1.4	6.0	11.3	1.0	5.1	10.4
$t(\lambda_{ROE})$	1.3	5.6	11.0	1.0	5.1	10.3	1.2	5.7	11.2	0.9	5.0	10.1	1.0	5.5	10.9	1.0	5.1	10.4

Table 5: **Betas of Decile Portfolios Sorted by Characteristics.** In this table, we consider decile portfolios sorted on a characteristic and present the beta estimates of these portfolios with respect to the corresponding spread factor within the context of the three asset pricing models we empirically examine: the FF3 model, the HXZ4 model, and the FF5 model. For each asset pricing model, the decile portfolio betas are estimated jointly for all factors using data from 07/1970 to 12/2014.

			Decile Portfolios Sorted by Characteristic									
Model	Factor	Characteristic	LOW									HIGH
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
FF3	SMB	SIZE	1.19	1.10	0.92	0.81	0.69	0.49	0.38	0.28	0.07	-0.29
	HML	BTM	-0.50	-0.10	0.04	0.28	0.33	0.36	0.52	0.69	0.69	0.96
HXZ4	ME	SIZE	1.04	1.00	0.86	0.79	0.66	0.48	0.37	0.26	0.08	-0.27
	I/A	I/A	0.37	0.45	0.29	0.14	0.11	-0.03	-0.12	-0.30	-0.56	-0.42
	ROE	ROE	-0.33	-0.25	0.01	0.01	-0.15	0.06	0.09	0.10	0.23	0.32
FF5	SMB	SIZE	1.12	1.06	0.92	0.83	0.69	0.50	0.38	0.25	0.06	-0.28
	HML	BTM	-0.43	-0.19	-0.06	0.22	0.24	0.35	0.44	0.70	0.69	0.97
	RMW	OP	-0.90	-0.41	-0.27	-0.16	0.01	-0.05	0.07	0.21	0.35	0.43
	CMA	AG	0.63	0.67	0.68	0.27	0.22	0.10	0.04	-0.14	-0.62	-0.53

Table 6: **Testing the CAPM: empirical results for 5-year testing periods from 1975 to 2014 using 49 industry clusters.** This table presents the point estimates of $\boldsymbol{\lambda} = [\lambda_0 \ \lambda_{\text{MKT}}]'$ and the various statistics along with the corresponding p -values for testing the implications of the CAPM. We consider 8 non-overlapping 5-year testing periods from 1975 to 2014. For each testing period, the pretesting period consists of the preceding five years. We report point estimates, in annualized percentages, based on the IV estimator $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}$. The null hypothesis implied by the CAPM is $\lambda_0 = 0$ and $\lambda_{\text{MKT}} = \bar{f}_{\text{MKT}}$. We report the $J(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$ and $J_d(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$ joint test statistics given by (49) and (52), respectively, as well as the $t(\lambda_0)$ and $t(\lambda_{\text{MKT}})$ test statistics given by (50) and (51), respectively. The corresponding p -values are reported in square brackets below the test statistics.

Pretesting Period	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-99	00-04	05-09
Testing Period	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-99	00-04	05-09	10-14
Number of Test Assets								
N	1204	1736	1706	1942	1967	2098	1999	1926
Average Factor Realizations								
\bar{f}_{MKT}	11.18	4.53	12.49	4.83	20.69	-3.10	-0.43	15.52
Estimates of $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$: $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}$								
λ_0	-3.22	4.85	25.10	0.24	4.02	18.65	-8.49	13.44
λ_{MKT}	20.33	4.72	-14.57	9.16	12.13	0.07	11.10	4.10
Test Statistics								
$J(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$	135.37	15.54	36.33	39.19	17.31	730.75	73.28	92.46
p -value	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]
$J_d(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$	25.68	4.84	51.92	6.03	17.61	121.99	4.38	165.34
p -value	[0.000]	[0.110]	[0.000]	[0.079]	[0.002]	[0.000]	[0.138]	[0.000]
$t(\lambda_0)$	-1.48	2.20	4.82	0.15	2.11	10.90	-0.96	9.59
p -value	[0.139]	[0.028]	[0.000]	[0.878]	[0.035]	[0.000]	[0.337]	[0.000]
$t(\lambda_{\text{MKT}})$	4.85	0.10	-5.35	2.45	-3.63	1.81	1.86	-8.57
p -value	[0.000]	[0.918]	[0.000]	[0.014]	[0.000]	[0.071]	[0.063]	[0.000]

Table 7: **Testing the FF3 model: empirical results for 5-year testing periods from 1975 to 2014 using 49 industry clusters.** This table presents the point estimates of $\boldsymbol{\lambda} = [\lambda_0 \ \lambda_{\text{MKT}} \ \lambda_{\text{SMB}} \ \lambda_{\text{HML}}]'$ and the various statistics along with the corresponding p -values for testing the implications of the FF3 model. We consider 8 non-overlapping 5-year testing periods from 1975 to 2014. For each testing period, the pretesting period consists of the preceding five years. We report point estimates, in annualized percentages, based on the two-step and iterated IV-GMM estimators, i.e., $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{TS}}$ and $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{IT}}$. The null hypothesis implied by the FF3 model is $\lambda_0 = 0$, $\lambda_{\text{MKT}} = \bar{f}_{\text{MKT}}$, $\lambda_{\text{SMB}} = \bar{f}_{\text{SMB}}$, and $\lambda_{\text{HML}} = \bar{f}_{\text{HML}}$. We report the $J(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$ and $J_d(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$ joint test statistics given by (49) and (52), respectively, as well as the $t(\lambda_0)$ test statistics given by (50) and $t(\lambda_{\text{MKT}})$, $t(\lambda_{\text{SMB}})$, and $t(\lambda_{\text{HML}})$ test statistics given by (51). The corresponding p -values are reported in square brackets below the test statistics.

Pretesting Period	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-99	00-04	05-09
Testing Period	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-99	00-04	05-09	10-14
Number of Test Assets								
N	1204	1733	1704	1941	1959	2090	1994	1920
Average Factor Realizations								
\bar{f}_{MKT}	11.18	4.53	12.49	4.83	20.69	-3.10	-0.43	15.52
\bar{f}_{SMB}	15.76	4.70	-4.52	1.58	-3.69	10.02	1.31	1.49
\bar{f}_{HML}	6.51	9.31	2.52	2.69	-5.49	15.11	2.11	-0.88
Estimates of $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$: $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{TS}}$								
λ_0	6.13	-1.02	14.31	2.31	6.14	14.09	-9.57	11.34
λ_{MKT}	6.26	4.31	-3.54	3.15	8.90	-9.33	6.02	2.67
λ_{SMB}	15.43	8.06	-1.91	5.15	4.66	22.61	10.39	5.84
λ_{HML}	1.97	12.10	6.35	-1.97	-6.26	10.05	7.24	1.94
Estimates of $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$: $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{IT}}$								
λ_0	5.73	0.42	18.51	2.32	6.16	17.64	-8.32	11.62
λ_{MKT}	6.66	2.99	-2.46	2.61	8.88	-12.69	4.82	2.46
λ_{SMB}	15.39	8.58	-3.75	4.96	4.68	23.99	10.75	5.80
λ_{HML}	1.96	11.46	-6.86	-0.59	-6.28	9.19	7.87	2.11

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Pretesting Period	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-99	00-04	05-09
Testing Period	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-99	00-04	05-09	10-14
Test Statistics: $\widehat{\lambda}_{IV}^{TS}$								
$J(\lambda)$	14.72	10.28	39.41	23.09	46.42	177.04	43.95	191.35
p -value	[0.005]	[0.036]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]
$J_d(\lambda)$	11.63	8.96	19.65	26.03	49.29	69.85	7.82	179.22
p -value	[0.059]	[0.105]	[0.009]	[0.001]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.132]	[0.000]
$t(\lambda_0)$	2.17	-0.22	2.50	1.38	1.51	4.86	-1.43	9.78
p -value	[0.030]	[0.826]	[0.012]	[0.169]	[0.131]	[0.000]	[0.152]	[0.000]
$t(\lambda_{MKT})$	-1.83	-0.05	-3.12	-1.12	-3.86	-2.97	0.93	-8.71
p -value	[0.068]	[0.957]	[0.002]	[0.263]	[0.000]	[0.003]	[0.350]	[0.000]
$t(\lambda_{SMB})$	-0.29	2.92	1.65	4.27	5.66	5.81	1.99	2.53
p -value	[0.774]	[0.003]	[0.099]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.047]	[0.011]
$t(\lambda_{HML})$	-1.87	0.60	0.96	-2.16	-0.32	-1.93	0.98	1.16
p -value	[0.061]	[0.547]	[0.338]	[0.030]	[0.748]	[0.053]	[0.329]	[0.245]
Test Statistics: $\widehat{\lambda}_{IV}^{IT}$								
$J(\lambda)$	15.04	15.27	55.88	20.26	46.52	170.02	41.37	265.91
p -value	[0.005]	[0.004]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]
$J_d(\lambda)$	10.65	11.87	30.88	24.09	49.42	83.32	7.09	207.81
p -value	[0.071]	[0.056]	[0.001]	[0.001]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.162]	[0.000]
$t(\lambda_0)$	2.04	0.09	3.82	1.40	1.52	5.35	-1.17	10.70
p -value	[0.042]	[0.928]	[0.000]	[0.162]	[0.130]	[0.000]	[0.242]	[0.000]
$t(\lambda_{MKT})$	-1.69	-0.38	-3.38	-1.54	-3.86	-4.02	0.72	-9.24
p -value	[0.090]	[0.701]	[0.001]	[0.123]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.473]	[0.000]
$t(\lambda_{SMB})$	-0.32	3.39	0.81	4.14	5.67	5.85	2.02	2.52
p -value	[0.749]	[0.001]	[0.417]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.043]	[0.012]
$t(\lambda_{HML})$	-1.88	0.47	-2.06	-1.61	-0.33	-2.09	1.06	1.22
p -value	[0.060]	[0.641]	[0.039]	[0.108]	[0.743]	[0.037]	[0.289]	[0.221]

Table 8: **Testing the HXZ4 model: empirical results for 5-year testing periods from 1975 to 2014 using 49 industry clusters.** This table presents the point estimates of $\boldsymbol{\lambda} = [\lambda_0 \ \lambda_{\text{MKT}} \ \lambda_{\text{ME}} \ \lambda_{\text{I/A}} \ \lambda_{\text{ROE}}]'$ and the various statistics along with the corresponding p -values for testing the implications of the HXZ4 model. We consider 8 non-overlapping 5-year testing periods from 1975 to 2014. For each testing period, the pretesting period consists of the preceding five years. We report point estimates, in annualized percentages, based on the two-step and iterated IV-GMM estimators, i.e., $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{TS}}$ and $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{IT}}$. The null hypothesis implied by the HXZ4 model is $\lambda_0 = 0$, $\lambda_{\text{MKT}} = \bar{f}_{\text{MKT}}$, $\lambda_{\text{ME}} = \bar{f}_{\text{ME}}$, $\lambda_{\text{I/A}} = \bar{f}_{\text{I/A}}$, and $\lambda_{\text{ROE}} = \bar{f}_{\text{ROE}}$. We report the $J(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$ and $J_d(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$ joint test statistics given by (49) and (52), respectively, as well as the $t(\lambda_0)$ test statistics given by (50) and $t(\lambda_{\text{MKT}})$, $t(\lambda_{\text{ME}})$, $t(\lambda_{\text{I/A}})$, and $t(\lambda_{\text{ROE}})$ test statistics given by (51). The corresponding p -values are reported in square brackets below the test statistics.

Pretesting Period	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-99	00-04	05-09
Testing Period	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-99	00-04	05-09	10-14
Number of Test Assets								
N	1059	1598	1527	1709	1627	1740	1610	1560
Average Factor Realizations								
\bar{f}_{MKT}	11.15	4.05	12.13	4.55	20.14	-2.45	0.38	14.20
\bar{f}_{ME}	17.27	4.20	-3.91	2.25	-4.36	14.36	2.58	1.88
$\bar{f}_{\text{I/A}}$	3.03	8.75	6.57	3.64	0.75	11.13	-0.57	3.63
\bar{f}_{ROE}	3.60	10.23	9.21	11.16	7.32	5.93	3.48	1.86
Estimates of $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$: $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{TS}}$								
λ_0	1.55	3.19	6.85	2.77	16.50	17.98	-0.20	13.72
λ_{MKT}	11.26	0.80	6.83	2.21	0.17	-5.10	2.97	2.50
λ_{ME}	17.48	7.01	-0.66	6.29	1.30	27.86	8.05	0.96
$\lambda_{\text{I/A}}$	0.26	11.20	3.12	-3.49	-8.82	0.37	1.56	14.81
λ_{ROE}	2.22	-5.49	9.91	-0.41	-5.24	11.35	2.97	0.92
Estimates of $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$: $\widehat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{IT}}$								
λ_0	2.52	5.51	4.19	6.84	6.98	16.25	1.12	13.92
λ_{MKT}	10.16	-1.87	9.69	-3.00	7.06	-4.68	-1.12	2.35
λ_{ME}	18.12	8.30	-0.53	3.11	4.00	38.52	11.14	0.77
$\lambda_{\text{I/A}}$	-0.09	8.42	2.68	-5.25	-4.83	0.72	1.16	14.79
λ_{ROE}	2.53	-5.06	11.87	-6.83	-5.84	16.85	-1.23	0.42

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Pretesting Period	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-99	00-04	05-09
Testing Period	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-99	00-04	05-09	10-14
Test Statistics: $\widehat{\lambda}_{IV}^{TS}$								
$J(\lambda)$	7.24	49.55	45.64	150.08	113.06	331.54	113.43	70.23
p -value	[0.204]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]
$J_d(\lambda)$	0.85	4.25	5.34	4.07	33.76	24.60	4.32	71.27
p -value	[0.867]	[0.362]	[0.310]	[0.367]	[0.003]	[0.006]	[0.408]	[0.000]
$t(\lambda_0)$	0.40	0.34	0.71	0.55	1.63	4.13	-0.04	4.97
p -value	[0.687]	[0.733]	[0.476]	[0.585]	[0.104]	[0.000]	[0.968]	[0.000]
$t(\lambda_{MKT})$	0.03	-0.27	-0.56	-0.40	-2.28	-0.84	0.44	-6.32
p -value	[0.979]	[0.786]	[0.577]	[0.689]	[0.022]	[0.401]	[0.658]	[0.000]
$t(\lambda_{ME})$	0.13	1.13	1.58	0.67	2.16	1.69	1.84	-0.30
p -value	[0.896]	[0.257]	[0.115]	[0.501]	[0.030]	[0.091]	[0.065]	[0.765]
$t(\lambda_{I/A})$	-0.81	0.21	-1.42	-1.52	-2.61	-1.80	0.84	2.54
p -value	[0.420]	[0.831]	[0.156]	[0.128]	[0.009]	[0.071]	[0.400]	[0.011]
$t(\lambda_{ROE})$	-0.16	-1.65	0.16	-0.92	-3.79	0.87	-0.12	-0.17
p -value	[0.876]	[0.099]	[0.875]	[0.357]	[0.000]	[0.386]	[0.905]	[0.869]
Test Statistics: $\widehat{\lambda}_{IV}^{IR}$								
$J(\lambda)$	8.41	60.43	39.40	109.25	98.46	307.05	115.89	70.65
p -value	[0.135]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]
$J_d(\lambda)$	1.84	7.72	5.70	8.88	34.23	21.21	8.44	73.93
p -value	[0.691]	[0.209]	[0.288]	[0.175]	[0.003]	[0.011]	[0.167]	[0.000]
$t(\lambda_0)$	0.69	0.67	0.44	1.29	0.78	3.06	0.26	5.03
p -value	[0.492]	[0.505]	[0.661]	[0.197]	[0.434]	[0.002]	[0.793]	[0.000]
$t(\lambda_{MKT})$	-0.26	-0.56	-0.26	-1.32	-1.85	-0.62	-0.30	-6.47
p -value	[0.798]	[0.574]	[0.797]	[0.186]	[0.065]	[0.538]	[0.765]	[0.000]
$t(\lambda_{ME})$	0.55	1.91	1.57	0.15	3.25	2.70	2.57	-0.36
p -value	[0.583]	[0.056]	[0.117]	[0.884]	[0.001]	[0.007]	[0.010]	[0.718]
$t(\lambda_{I/A})$	-0.99	-0.03	-1.63	-1.82	-1.66	-1.28	0.62	2.56
p -value	[0.322]	[0.974]	[0.102]	[0.069]	[0.097]	[0.202]	[0.538]	[0.010]
$t(\lambda_{ROE})$	-0.13	-1.82	0.56	-1.46	-4.11	1.61	-1.14	-0.25
p -value	[0.896]	[0.069]	[0.574]	[0.143]	[0.000]	[0.108]	[0.252]	[0.799]

Table 9: **Testing the FF5 model: empirical results for 5-year testing periods from 1975 to 2014 using 49 industry clusters.** This table presents the point estimates of $\boldsymbol{\lambda} = [\lambda_0 \ \lambda_{\text{MKT}} \ \lambda_{\text{SMB}} \ \lambda_{\text{HML}} \ \lambda_{\text{RMW}} \ \lambda_{\text{CMA}}]'$ and the various statistics along with the corresponding p -values for testing the implications of the FF5 model. We consider 8 non-overlapping 5-year testing periods from 1975 to 2014. For each testing period, the pretesting period consists of the preceding five years. We report point estimates, in annualized percentages, based on the two-step and iterated IV-GMM estimators, i.e., $\hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{TS}}$ and $\hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{IT}}$. The null hypothesis implied by the FF5 model is $\lambda_0 = 0$, $\lambda_{\text{MKT}} = \bar{f}_{\text{MKT}}$, $\lambda_{\text{SMB}} = \bar{f}_{\text{SMB}}$, $\lambda_{\text{HML}} = \bar{f}_{\text{HML}}$, $\lambda_{\text{RMW}} = \bar{f}_{\text{RMW}}$, and $\lambda_{\text{CMA}} = \bar{f}_{\text{CMA}}$. We report the $J(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$ and $J_d(\boldsymbol{\lambda})$ joint test statistics given by (49) and (52), respectively, as well as the $t(\lambda_0)$ test statistics given by (50) and $t(\lambda_{\text{MKT}})$, $t(\lambda_{\text{SMB}})$, $t(\lambda_{\text{HML}})$, $t(\lambda_{\text{RMW}})$, and $t(\lambda_{\text{CMA}})$ test statistics given by (51). The corresponding p -values are reported in square brackets below the test statistics.

Pretesting Period	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-99	00-04	05-09
Testing Period	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-99	00-04	05-09	10-14
Number of Test Assets								
N	1193	1719	1692	1882	1811	2049	1956	1885
Average Factor Realizations								
\bar{f}_{MKT}	11.18	4.53	12.49	4.83	20.69	-3.10	-0.43	15.52
\bar{f}_{SMB}	17.33	4.14	-4.82	1.57	-5.30	12.78	1.63	1.54
\bar{f}_{HML}	6.53	9.35	2.57	2.70	-5.51	15.00	2.08	-0.93
\bar{f}_{RMW}	0.10	4.04	5.51	4.70	0.94	10.23	4.73	0.71
\bar{f}_{CMA}	1.72	6.24	5.22	1.74	-1.69	13.93	-0.28	2.90
Estimates of $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$: $\hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{TS}}$								
λ_0	1.28	7.42	20.42	3.41	4.38	10.94	-4.57	8.73
λ_{MKT}	9.51	-3.67	-6.31	0.16	11.06	-7.54	7.99	6.28
λ_{SMB}	18.39	5.56	-5.84	7.29	3.44	27.70	1.15	5.87
λ_{HML}	2.16	4.65	3.76	0.05	-6.44	4.32	8.24	-0.53
λ_{RMW}	-3.36	-0.09	-4.50	-5.67	-2.48	4.27	-5.95	-6.37
λ_{CMA}	-2.09	6.72	-2.06	-5.37	-4.47	3.64	-7.43	6.53
Estimates of $\boldsymbol{\lambda}$: $\hat{\boldsymbol{\lambda}}_{\text{IV}}^{\text{IT}}$								
λ_0	2.04	4.23	31.58	3.91	3.45	10.93	0.12	8.64
λ_{MKT}	9.26	-2.46	-13.05	-0.89	11.67	-7.38	3.43	6.38
λ_{SMB}	16.79	8.28	-11.77	6.51	3.74	26.93	3.17	6.85
λ_{HML}	1.84	-1.73	6.57	1.82	-6.53	4.52	13.55	-1.33
λ_{RMW}	-2.24	0.83	-8.68	-4.33	-2.18	3.95	-6.53	-8.44
λ_{CMA}	-1.14	7.84	-6.35	-4.75	-3.80	2.97	-4.37	6.22

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Pretesting Period	70-74	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-99	00-04	05-09
Testing Period	75-79	80-84	85-89	90-94	95-99	00-04	05-09	10-14
Test Statistics: $\hat{\lambda}_{IV}^{TS}$								
$J(\lambda)$	49.00	7.86	26.70	56.51	46.16	222.33	145.50	170.52
p -value	[0.000]	[0.249]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]
$J_d(\lambda)$	5.74	6.16	17.31	59.11	29.92	45.86	12.64	91.55
p -value	[0.345]	[0.354]	[0.052]	[0.000]	[0.002]	[0.000]	[0.103]	[0.000]
$t(\lambda_0)$	0.24	1.17	1.94	1.58	0.88	4.35	-0.93	6.37
p -value	[0.811]	[0.243]	[0.052]	[0.115]	[0.377]	[0.000]	[0.354]	[0.000]
$t(\lambda_{MKT})$	-0.34	-1.22	-1.99	-1.95	-2.50	-2.10	1.73	-5.46
p -value	[0.733]	[0.224]	[0.046]	[0.051]	[0.013]	[0.036]	[0.084]	[0.000]
$t(\lambda_{SMB})$	0.72	1.13	-0.31	4.33	4.47	2.82	-0.14	2.75
p -value	[0.470]	[0.259]	[0.760]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.005]	[0.889]	[0.006]
$t(\lambda_{HML})$	-1.83	-0.99	0.31	-1.08	-0.41	-2.93	1.14	0.28
p -value	[0.067]	[0.322]	[0.755]	[0.279]	[0.683]	[0.003]	[0.254]	[0.779]
$t(\lambda_{RMW})$	-0.88	-1.02	-2.60	-4.03	-1.47	-2.21	-2.24	-2.95
p -value	[0.378]	[0.310]	[0.009]	[0.000]	[0.142]	[0.027]	[0.025]	[0.003]
$t(\lambda_{CMA})$	-0.96	0.18	-1.62	-4.08	-0.78	-1.01	-1.56	2.19
p -value	[0.338]	[0.861]	[0.105]	[0.000]	[0.438]	[0.312]	[0.118]	[0.029]
Test Statistics: $\hat{\lambda}_{IV}^{IF}$								
$J(\lambda)$	54.42	29.72	16.69	46.56	45.54	223.34	183.06	204.85
p -value	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.010]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.000]
$J_d(\lambda)$	7.74	16.46	14.20	56.53	30.12	46.19	12.32	88.97
p -value	[0.249]	[0.049]	[0.092]	[0.000]	[0.002]	[0.000]	[0.112]	[0.000]
$t(\lambda_0)$	0.43	0.68	1.66	1.96	0.74	4.36	0.02	5.94
p -value	[0.665]	[0.498]	[0.096]	[0.049]	[0.458]	[0.000]	[0.984]	[0.000]
$t(\lambda_{MKT})$	-0.43	-1.07	-1.53	-2.59	-2.47	-2.12	0.74	-5.28
p -value	[0.664]	[0.283]	[0.127]	[0.010]	[0.013]	[0.034]	[0.462]	[0.000]
$t(\lambda_{SMB})$	-0.44	3.06	-1.22	3.81	4.59	2.70	0.46	3.27
p -value	[0.663]	[0.002]	[0.222]	[0.000]	[0.000]	[0.007]	[0.645]	[0.001]
$t(\lambda_{HML})$	-2.45	-2.12	0.76	-0.38	-0.45	-2.93	2.31	-0.30
p -value	[0.014]	[0.034]	[0.448]	[0.700]	[0.655]	[0.003]	[0.021]	[0.767]
$t(\lambda_{RMW})$	-0.71	-0.79	-2.12	-3.75	-1.36	-2.37	-2.32	-3.37
p -value	[0.475]	[0.429]	[0.034]	[0.000]	[0.172]	[0.018]	[0.020]	[0.001]
$t(\lambda_{CMA})$	-0.82	0.61	-1.59	-4.16	-0.61	-1.10	-0.93	1.92
p -value	[0.414]	[0.541]	[0.111]	[0.000]	[0.539]	[0.273]	[0.353]	[0.055]