

Online Appendix (not for publication)

A Coverage Ratio for Key Variables: KISVALUE vs. Aggregate Data

Table 12: Coverage Ratios of KISVALUE Dataset

| Coverage Ratio (%)* | | | | | |
|---------------------|--|---------|---------|------|--------------|
| Year | Cash | ST Debt | LT Debt | AR | Total Assets |
| 2001 | No aggregate data available from Bank of Korea | | | | |
| 2002 | No aggregate data available from Bank of Korea | | | | |
| 2003 | No aggregate data available from Bank of Korea | | | | |
| 2004 | 37.8 | 65.0 | 86.9 | 59.9 | 71.3 |
| 2005 | 41.3 | 62.8 | 77.4 | 55.3 | 68.9 |
| 2006 | 39.5 | 67.1 | 95.8 | 56.3 | 68.9 |
| 2007 | 73.4 | 57.4 | 99.5 | 57.6 | 73.2 |
| 2008 | 61.9 | 58.4 | 74.4 | 50.3 | 66.0 |
| 2009 | 59.2 | 50.7 | 47.9 | 52.5 | 56.7 |
| 2010 | 60.0 | 56.0 | 51.1 | 56.6 | 59.2 |
| 2011 | 62.3 | 59.5 | 53.3 | 56.8 | 61.8 |
| 2012 | 63.9 | 59.7 | 60.5 | 56.9 | 63.8 |
| 2013 | 61.5 | 59.6 | 64.1 | 54.4 | 63.1 |
| 2014 | 60.6 | 57.9 | 65.9 | 56.3 | 65.2 |
| 2015 | 62.3 | 58.8 | 69.9 | 54.9 | 65.8 |
| 2016 | 59.8 | 58.0 | 70.8 | 53.9 | 64.3 |
| 2017 | 57.8 | 58.0 | 65.5 | 54.4 | 63.6 |

Notes: The coverage ratio is defined as the KISVALUE aggregate across firm in a particular year divided by the aggregate data from Bank of Korea in the same year.

B Summary Statistics

Table 13: Summary Statistics of Firm-level Variables

| Variable | % of firm year observation |
|--|----------------------------|
| Firms with debt | 0.75 |
| Firms with ST debt | 0.57 |
| Firms with LT debt | 0.65 |
| Firms with FC debt | 0.12 |
| Firms with FC ST debt | 0.09 |
| Firms with FC LT debt | 0.05 |
| Variable | Average |
| FC Share of ST Debt, conditional on non zero FC ST debt | 0.33 |
| FC Share of LT Debt, conditional on non zero FC LT debt | 0.42 |
| FC Share of Debt, conditional on non zero FC debt | 0.30 |

Table 14: Summary Statistics of Firm-level Variables, Conditional on Positive FC Debt

| Variable | Mean | Standard deviation | 25% tile | Median | 75%tile |
|-------------------------------|-------|--------------------|----------|--------|---------|
| LC Total/TA(t-1) | 0.28 | 0.19 | 0.13 | 0.24 | 0.38 |
| LC Cash/TA(t-1) | 0.049 | 0.076 | 0.0055 | 0.021 | 0.060 |
| LC Short-term FI/TA(t-1) | 0.045 | 0.085 | 0.00004 | 0.012 | 0.050 |
| LC AR/TA(t-1) | 0.18 | 0.16 | 0.07 | 0.15 | 0.26 |
| FC Total/TA(t-1) | 0.05 | 0.10 | 0 | 0.0055 | 0.061 |
| FC Cash/TA(t-1) | 0.01 | 0.035 | 0 | 0 | 0.0044 |
| FC Short-term FI/TA(t-1) | 0.001 | 0.01 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FC AR/TA(t-1) | 0.043 | 0.091 | 0 | 0.0005 | 0.05 |
| ST FC debt/TA(t-1) | 0.076 | 0.11 | 0 | 0.03 | 0.10 |
| LT FC debt/TA(t-1) | 0.005 | 0.11 | 0 | 0 | 0.04 |
| ST total debt/TA(t-1) | 0.25 | 0.19 | 0.09 | 0.21 | 0.37 |
| LT total debt/TA(t-1) | 0.14 | 0.17 | 0.01 | 0.08 | 0.21 |
| $\frac{OS_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 0.001 | 0.11 | 0 | 0 | 0.012 |

Table 15: Summary Statistics of Firm-level Variables

| Variable | Mean | Standard deviation | 25% tile | Median | 75%tile |
|-------------------------------|-------|--------------------|----------|--------|---------|
| LC Total Liquid/TA(t-1) | 0.31 | 0.24 | 0.11 | 0.26 | 0.46 |
| LC Cash/TA(t-1) | 0.079 | 0.12 | 0.0075 | 0.031 | 0.095 |
| LC Short-term FI/TA(t-1) | 0.053 | 0.11 | 0 | 0.007 | 0.05 |
| LC AR/TA(t-1) | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.043 | 0.15 | 0.30 |
| FC Total Liquid/TA(t-1) | 0.026 | 0.080 | 0 | 0 | 0.003 |
| FC Cash/TA(t-1) | .007 | 0.033 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FC Short-term FI/TA(t-1) | .0007 | 0.012 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FC AR/TA(t-1) | .018 | 0.065 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ST FC debt/TA(t-1) | .010 | 0.051 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| LT FC debt/TA(t-1) | 0.007 | 0.047 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ST total debt/TA(t-1) | 0.18 | 0.21 | 0 | 0.11 | 0.29 |
| LT total debt/TA(t-1) | 0.16 | 0.22 | 0 | 0.05 | 0.24 |
| $\frac{OS_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | .0057 | 0.10 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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Table 16: FC Debt and Liquid Assets (Equation (1))

| | Local Currency Liquid Assets | | | | Foreign Currency Liquid Assets | | | |
|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Sum | Cash | Short-term FI | AR | Sum | Cash | Short-term FI | AR |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| $\frac{ST\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 16.0*** (3.0) | 7.7*** (1.5) | 10.0*** (1.0) | -0.4 (2.3) | 12.1*** (1.8) | 2.6*** (0.4) | 0.5*** (0.2) | 9.7*** (1.6) |
| $\frac{LT\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -8.4*** (2.2) | -0.1 (0.9) | -0.2 (0.7) | -9.0*** (1.5) | 4.4*** (1.1) | 1.5** (0.6) | 0.3* (0.2) | 2.8*** (0.6) |
| $\frac{ST\ debt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -20.9*** (1.5) | -12.0*** (1.1) | -9.5*** (0.5) | -1.7** (0.8) | -1.1** (0.4) | -1.2*** (0.2) | -0.1*** (0.0) | 0.2 (0.3) |
| $\frac{LT\ debt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -23.2*** (3.1) | -7.9*** (1.1) | -7.8*** (0.4) | -9.7*** (2.1) | -3.1*** (0.5) | -1.2*** (0.2) | -0.1*** (0.0) | -1.8*** (0.4) |
| $lnTA_{i,t-1}$ | -3.8*** (0.4) | -1.8*** (0.1) | -0.4*** (0.1) | -2.5*** (0.3) | 0.5*** (0.1) | 0.0 (0.0) | 0.0 (0.0) | 0.5*** (0.1) |
| $\frac{OS_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 9.5*** (1.4) | 10.8*** (0.8) | 0.0 (0.0) | -3.9*** (1.1) | 0.0* (0.0) | 0.0 (0.0) | 0.0 (0.0) | 0.0*** (0.0) |
| Adjusted R^2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Within R^2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| N | 237500 | 255320 | 256267 | 237633 | 256485 | 256680 | 256710 | 256602 |

Notes: The table show results from annual panel regressions. The sample period is 2001-2017. The dependent variables are described as the column headers (normalized by total assets at $t - 1$), which are cash and cash equivalents, short-term financial instruments, accounts receivables and other receivables, and the sum of the three in local currency (LC) and foreign currency (FC). TA is total assets and OS is the cashflow from other sources. All regressions include sector and year fixed effects. The coefficients are scaled up by 100 for presentation. The estimated beta can be interpreted as the amount of won increase per 100 won of debt proceeds. Standard errors in parentheses are clustered at the sector level. * $p < 0.1$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$.

Table 17: FC Debt and Liquid Assets: Current Portion of Long-term Debt

| | Local Currency Liquid Assets | | | | Foreign Currency Liquid Assets | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Sum | Cash | Short-term FI | AR | Sum | Cash | Short-term FI | AR |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| $\frac{ST\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 16.1*** (3.0) | 7.7*** (1.5) | 10.0*** (1.0) | -0.4 (2.3) | 12.1*** (1.8) | 2.6*** (0.4) | 0.5*** (0.2) | 9.7*** (1.6) |
| $\frac{Current\ LT\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -34.5*** (4.0) | -6.2*** (1.5) | -9.8*** (1.5) | -21.1*** (3.1) | 4.0** (1.6) | 1.1 (0.9) | -0.0 (0.1) | 3.8*** (1.3) |
| $\frac{Rest\ of\ LT\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -1.6 (2.8) | 1.5 (1.2) | 2.2*** (0.8) | -5.8*** (1.8) | 4.5*** (1.2) | 1.6*** (0.6) | 0.4* (0.2) | 2.5*** (0.6) |
| $\frac{ST\ debt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -20.9*** (1.5) | -12.0*** (1.1) | -9.5*** (0.5) | -1.7** (0.8) | -1.1** (0.4) | -1.2*** (0.2) | -0.1*** (0.0) | 0.2 (0.3) |
| $\frac{LT\ debt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -23.4*** (3.1) | -7.9*** (1.1) | -7.8*** (0.4) | -9.8*** (2.2) | -3.1*** (0.5) | -1.2*** (0.2) | -0.1*** (0.0) | -1.8*** (0.4) |
| $lnTA_{i,t-1}$ | -3.8*** (0.4) | -1.8*** (0.1) | -0.4*** (0.1) | -2.5*** (0.3) | 0.5*** (0.1) | 0.0 (0.0) | 0.0 (0.0) | 0.5*** (0.1) |
| $\frac{OS_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 9.6*** (1.4) | 10.8*** (0.8) | 0.0 (0.0) | -3.9*** (1.1) | 0.0* (0.0) | 0.0 (0.0) | 0.0 (0.0) | 0.0*** (0.0) |
| Adjusted R^2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Within R^2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| N | 237500 | 255320 | 256267 | 237633 | 256485 | 256680 | 256710 | 256602 |

Notes: The table show results from annual panel regressions. The sample period is 2001-2017. The dependent variables are described as the column headers (normalized by total assets at $t - 1$), which are cash and cash equivalents, short-term financial instruments, accounts receivables and other receivables, and the sum of the three in local currency (LC) and foreign currency (FC). TA is total assets and OS is the cashflow from other sources. All regressions include sector and year fixed effects. The coefficients are scaled up by 100 for presentation. The estimated beta can be interpreted as the amount of won increase per 100 won of debt proceeds. Standard errors in parentheses are clustered at the sector level. * $p < 0.1$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$.

Table 18: FC Debt and Liquid Assets: Listed vs. Non-Listed Firms

| | Local Currency Liquid Assets | | | | Foreign Currency Liquid Assets | | | |
|--|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Sum | Cash | Short-term FI | AR | Sum | Cash | Short-term FI | AR |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| $\frac{ST\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 13.8*** (2.9) | 6.7*** (1.5) | 10.3*** (1.0) | -2.2 (2.2) | 11.5*** (1.8) | 2.6*** (0.4) | 0.5*** (0.2) | 9.1*** (1.5) |
| $\frac{ST\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ $\times Listed$ | 17.7*** (4.9) | 7.0*** (2.3) | -3.1 (2.6) | 14.5*** (5.4) | 4.5 (3.6) | -0.5 (0.6) | -0.2 (0.2) | 4.9 (3.4) |
| $\frac{LT\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -8.1*** (2.3) | 0.1 (1.0) | 0.0 (0.8) | -9.1*** (1.6) | 4.0*** (1.2) | 1.5** (0.6) | 0.3* (0.2) | 2.4*** (0.6) |
| $\frac{LT\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ $\times Listed$ | -1.9 (5.3) | -0.3 (2.0) | -2.6 (3.0) | 2.0 (4.5) | 4.4 (2.9) | -0.1 (0.8) | -0.4* (0.2) | 4.6* (2.6) |
| $\frac{ST\ debt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -20.8*** (1.5) | -11.8*** (1.1) | -9.5*** (0.5) | -1.6** (0.8) | -1.1** (0.4) | -1.2*** (0.2) | -0.1*** (0.0) | 0.1 (0.3) |
| $\frac{LT\ debt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -23.1*** (3.0) | -7.8*** (1.1) | -7.7*** (0.4) | -9.7*** (2.1) | -3.1*** (0.5) | -1.2*** (0.2) | -0.1*** (0.0) | -1.8*** (0.4) |
| $lnTA_{i,t-1}$ | -3.9*** (0.4) | -1.9*** (0.2) | -0.5*** (0.1) | -2.5*** (0.3) | 0.6*** (0.1) | 0.0* (0.0) | 0.0* (0.0) | 0.5*** (0.1) |
| $\frac{OS_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 9.6*** (1.4) | 10.7*** (0.8) | 0.0 (0.0) | -3.8*** (1.1) | 0.0* (0.0) | 0.0 (0.0) | 0.0 (0.0) | 0.0*** (0.0) |
| Listed | 1.1 (0.8) | 1.5*** (0.3) | 1.0*** (0.3) | 0.2 (0.7) | -0.3 (0.3) | -0.1** (0.1) | -0.0 (0.0) | -0.1 (0.2) |
| Adjusted R^2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Within R^2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| N | 237500 | 255320 | 256267 | 237633 | 256485 | 256680 | 256710 | 256602 |

Notes: The table show results from annual panel regressions. The sample period is 2001-2017. The dependent variables are described as the column headers (normalized by total assets at $t - 1$), which are cash and cash equivalents, short-term financial instruments, accounts receivables and other receivables, and the sum of the three in local currency (LC) and foreign currency (FC). TA is total assets and OS is the cashflow from other sources. All regressions include sector and year fixed effects. The coefficients are scaled up by 100 for presentation. The estimated beta can be interpreted as the amount of won increase per 100 won of debt proceeds. Standard errors in parentheses are clustered at the sector level. * $p < 0.1$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$.

Table 19: FC Debt and Interest Income (Equation (2))

| Gross Interest Rate Income | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| (1) | |
| $\frac{ST\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 0.415*** (0.072) |
| $\frac{LT\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 0.026 (0.066) |
| $\frac{ST\ debt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -0.523*** (0.045) |
| $\frac{LT\ debt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -0.602*** (0.045) |
| $\ln TA_{i,t-1}$ | -0.044*** (0.012) |
| $\frac{OS_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 0.369*** (0.039) |
| Adjusted R^2 | 0.103 |
| Within R^2 | 0.025 |
| N | 188478 |

Notes: The table show results from annual panel regressions. The sample period is 2001-2017. The dependent variable is gross interest income from the cash flow statement. TA is total assets and OS is the cashflow from other sources. All regressions include sector and year fixed effects. Standard errors in parentheses are clustered at the sector level. * $p < 0.1$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$.

Table 20: FC Debt and LC Liquid Assets: Carry Trades and Interest Rate Differential (Equation (3))

| | Local Currency Liquid Assets | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | Sum | Cash | Short-term FI | AR |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| $\frac{ST\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 14.8*** (2.7) | 7.5*** (1.5) | 9.5*** (1.0) | -0.8 (2.6) |
| $\frac{LT\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -6.8*** (2.2) | 0.4 (0.9) | 0.7 (0.8) | -8.3*** (1.6) |
| $\frac{ST\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}} \times \frac{i_t^{diff}}{3mFXvol_t}$ | 8.1 (6.1) | 4.6* (2.6) | 6.1 (3.9) | -0.2 (6.2) |
| $\frac{ST\ debt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -21.3*** (1.3) | -12.5*** (1.0) | -8.7*** (0.5) | -1.8** (0.9) |
| $\frac{LT\ debt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -24.2*** (2.6) | -8.1*** (0.9) | -6.9*** (0.4) | -11.1*** (1.8) |
| $\ln TA_{i,t-1}$ | -4.1*** (0.3) | -1.9*** (0.1) | -0.5*** (0.1) | -2.7*** (0.3) |
| $\frac{OS_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 9.0*** (1.4) | 10.7*** (0.9) | 8.0*** (0.6) | -4.3*** (1.2) |
| Adjusted R^2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 |
| Within R^2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| N | 188478 | 202743 | 203431 | 188380 |

Notes: The table show results from annual panel regressions. The sample period is 2001-2017. The dependent variables are described as the column headers (normalized by total assets at $t - 1$), which are cash and cash equivalents, short-term financial instruments, accounts receivables and other receivables in local currency (LC), and the sum of three. $i_t^{diff} = i_t^{KRW} - i_t^{USD}$ is the money market interest rate differential. $3mFXvol$ is the implied volatility imputed from 3-month at-the-money exchange rate options. TA is total assets and OS is the cashflow from other sources. All regressions include sector and year fixed effects. The coefficients are scaled up by 100 for presentation. The estimated beta can be interpreted as the amount of won increase per 100 won of debt proceeds. Standard errors in parentheses are clustered at the sector level. * $p < 0.1$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$.

Table 21: FC Debt and FC Liquid Assets: FX Risk Buffers and FX Volatility (Equation (4))

| | Foreign Currency Liquid Assets | | | |
|--|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Sum | Cash | Short-term FI | AR |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| $\frac{ST\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 11.8*** (1.9) | 2.6*** (0.4) | 0.3** (0.1) | 9.7*** (1.7) |
| $\frac{LT\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 4.8*** (1.2) | 1.7** (0.6) | 0.3* (0.2) | 2.9*** (0.6) |
| $\frac{ST\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}} \times (3mFXvol_t)$ | -0.0 (0.5) | 0.5*** (0.1) | 0.1 (0.1) | -0.5 (0.5) |
| $\frac{LT\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}} \times (1yFXvol_t)$ | -0.7 (0.4) | -0.1 (0.3) | 0.0 (0.0) | -0.6* (0.3) |
| $\frac{ST\ debt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -0.9* (0.5) | -1.2*** (0.2) | -0.1** (0.0) | 0.3 (0.4) |
| $\frac{LT\ debt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -3.2*** (0.5) | -1.2*** (0.2) | -0.1*** (0.0) | -1.9*** (0.4) |
| $\ln TA_{i,t-1}$ | 0.5*** (0.1) | -0.0 (0.0) | 0.0 (0.0) | 0.5*** (0.1) |
| $\frac{OS_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 1.3*** (0.3) | 0.9*** (0.2) | 0.0 (0.0) | 0.4** (0.2) |
| Adjusted R^2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Within R^2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| N | 203615 | 203775 | 203799 | 203713 |

Notes: The table show results from annual panel regressions. The sample period is 2001-2017. The dependent variables are described as the column headers (normalized by total assets at $t - 1$), which are cash and cash equivalents, short-term financial instruments, accounts receivables and other receivables in foreign currency (FC), and the sum of three. $1yFXvol$ and $3mFXvol$ are the implied volatility imputed from at-the-money exchange rate options. TA is total assets and OS is the cashflow from other sources. All regressions include sector and year fixed effects. The coefficients are scaled up by 100 for presentation. The estimated beta can be interpreted as the amount of won increase per 100 won of debt proceeds. Standard errors in parentheses are clustered at the sector level. * $p < 0.1$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$.

Table 22: FC Debt and FC Liquid Assets: FX Risk Buffers and Sectoral Exposure to FX Risk (Equation (5))

| | Foreign Currency Liquid Assets | | | |
|---|--------------------------------|---------|---------------|---------|
| | Sum | Cash | Short-term FI | AR |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| $\frac{ST\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 9.6*** | 2.0*** | 0.8** | 7.2*** |
| | (2.3) | (0.4) | (0.4) | (1.9) |
| $\frac{ST\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}} \times SectorFXBeta_c$ | -3.0* | -0.6** | 0.5 | -3.1* |
| | (1.7) | (0.3) | (0.3) | (1.6) |
| $\frac{LT\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 4.9*** | 1.8*** | 0.2 | 3.2*** |
| | (1.4) | (0.6) | (0.1) | (0.9) |
| $\frac{LT\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}} \times SectorFXBeta_c$ | 0.6 | 0.3 | -0.1 | 0.5 |
| | (1.0) | (0.3) | (0.1) | (0.7) |
| $\frac{ST\ debt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -1.1*** | -1.2*** | -0.1*** | 0.2 |
| | (0.4) | (0.2) | (0.0) | (0.3) |
| $\frac{LT\ debt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -3.1*** | -1.2*** | -0.1*** | -1.8*** |
| | (0.5) | (0.2) | (0.0) | (0.4) |
| $\ln TA_{i,t-1}$ | 0.5*** | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5*** |
| | (0.1) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.1) |
| $\frac{OS_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 0.0* | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0*** |
| | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.0) |
| Adjusted R^2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Within R^2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| N | 256485 | 25668 | 25671 | 256602 |

Notes: The table show results from annual panel regressions. The sample period is 2001-2017. The dependent variables are described as the column headers (normalized by total assets at $t - 1$), which are cash and cash equivalents, short-term financial instruments, accounts receivables and other receivables in foreign currency (FC), and the sum of three. $SectorFXBeta_c$ is the sensitivity of each sector's sales to the exchange rate, the KRW price of USD. TA is total assets and OS is the cashflow from other sources. All regressions include sector and year fixed effects. The coefficients are scaled up by 100 for presentation. The estimated beta can be interpreted as the amount of won increase per 100 won of debt proceeds. Standard errors in parentheses are clustered at the sector level. * $p < 0.1$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$.

Table 23: FC Debt and Liquid Assets: Sectoral Financial Dependence (Equation (6))

| | Local Currency Liquid Assets | | | | Foreign Currency Liquid Assets | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Sum | Cash | Short-term FI | AR | Sum | Cash | Short-term FI | AR |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| $\frac{ST\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -0.1 (1.9) | 0.5 (0.7) | 0.7 (0.6) | -1.4** (0.6) | 1.1** (0.4) | 0.1 (0.1) | 0.7*** (0.0) | 0.4 (0.4) |
| $\frac{ST\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}} \times FinDep_c$ | 16.2*** (3.3) | 7.8*** (1.5) | 9.7*** (1.2) | 0.5 (2.3) | 10.8*** (1.8) | 2.5*** (0.4) | -0.4*** (0.1) | 9.2*** (1.6) |
| $\frac{LT\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -6.8*** (2.2) | 0.4 (0.9) | 0.7 (0.8) | -8.3*** (1.6) | 4.8*** (1.2) | 1.7*** (0.6) | 0.3 (0.2) | 2.9*** (0.6) |
| $\frac{ST\ debt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -21.3*** (1.3) | -12.5*** (1.0) | -8.7*** (0.5) | -1.8** (0.9) | -0.9* (0.5) | -1.2*** (0.2) | -0.1** (0.0) | 0.3 (0.4) |
| $\frac{LT\ debt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -24.2*** (2.6) | -8.1*** (0.9) | -6.9*** (0.4) | -11.1*** (1.8) | -3.2*** (0.5) | -1.2*** (0.2) | -0.1*** (0.0) | -1.9*** (0.4) |
| $lnTA_{i,t-1}$ | -4.1*** (0.3) | -1.9*** (0.1) | -0.5*** (0.1) | -2.7*** (0.3) | 0.5*** (0.1) | -0.0 (0.0) | 0.0 (0.0) | 0.5*** (0.1) |
| $\frac{OS_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 9.0*** (1.4) | 10.7*** (0.9) | 8.0*** (0.6) | -4.3*** (1.2) | 1.3*** (0.3) | 0.9*** (0.2) | 0.0 (0.0) | 0.4** (0.2) |
| Adjusted R^2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Within R^2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| N | 188478 | 202743 | 203431 | 188380 | 203615 | 203775 | 203799 | 203713 |

Notes: The table show results from annual panel regressions. The sample period is 2001-2017. The dependent variables are described as the column headers (normalized by total assets at $t - 1$), which are cash and cash equivalents, short-term financial instruments, accounts receivables and other receivables, and the sum of the three in local currency (LC) and foreign currency (FC). $FinDep_c$ is sectoral financial dependence ratio constructed as in [Rajan and Zingales \(1998\)](#). TA is total assets and OS is the cashflow from other sources. All regressions include sector and year fixed effects. The coefficients are scaled up by 100 for presentation. The estimated beta can be interpreted as the amount of won increase per 100 won of debt proceeds. Standard errors in parentheses are clustered at the sector level. * $p < 0.1$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$.

Table 24: FC Debt and Liquid Assets: Sectoral Export and Import Shares (Equation (7))

| | Local Currency Liquid Assets | | | | Foreign Currency Liquid Assets | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| | Sum | Cash | Short-term FI | AR | Sum | Cash | Short-term FI | AR |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| $\frac{ST\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 12.7** (5.0) | 7.2*** (1.8) | 11.9*** (1.6) | -5.7 (4.4) | 0.8 (2.8) | 1.7** (0.8) | 0.0 (0.2) | -0.1 (2.6) |
| $\frac{ST\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ $\times ExportShare_c$ | 26.9 (21.2) | 10.9 (9.1) | 8.5 (9.1) | 17.0 (16.6) | 40.9*** (12.3) | 2.6 (2.6) | -0.3 (1.5) | 40.2*** (11.4) |
| $\frac{ST\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ $\times ImportShare_c$ | -4.4 (22.5) | -4.1 (10.2) | -18.0** (7.0) | 16.8 (18.5) | 30.9 (20.4) | 3.6 (3.6) | 2.1 (1.4) | 22.2 (17.4) |
| $\frac{LT\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -6.9*** (2.2) | 0.3 (0.9) | 0.7 (0.8) | -8.4*** (1.6) | 4.6*** (1.1) | 1.6*** (0.6) | 0.3* (0.2) | 2.7*** (0.6) |
| $\frac{ST\ debt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -21.3*** (1.3) | -12.5*** (1.0) | -8.7*** (0.5) | -1.8** (0.9) | -0.9* (0.5) | -1.2*** (0.2) | -0.1** (0.0) | 0.3 (0.4) |
| $\frac{LT\ debt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -24.1*** (2.6) | -8.1*** (0.9) | -6.9*** (0.4) | -11.1*** (1.8) | -3.1*** (0.5) | -1.2*** (0.2) | -0.1*** (0.0) | -1.9*** (0.4) |
| $lnTA_{i,t-1}$ | -4.1*** (0.3) | -1.9*** (0.1) | -0.5*** (0.1) | -2.7*** (0.3) | 0.5*** (0.1) | -0.0 (0.0) | 0.0 (0.0) | 0.5*** (0.1) |
| $\frac{OS_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 9.0*** (1.4) | 10.7*** (0.9) | 8.0*** (0.6) | -4.3*** (1.2) | 1.3*** (0.3) | 0.9*** (0.2) | 0.0 (0.0) | 0.4** (0.2) |
| Adjusted R^2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Within R^2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| N | 188478 | 202743 | 203431 | 188380 | 203615 | 203775 | 203799 | 203713 |

Notes: The table show results from annual panel regressions. The sample period is 2001-2017. The dependent variables are described as the column headers (normalized by total assets at $t - 1$), which are cash and cash equivalents, short-term financial instruments, accounts receivables and other receivables, and the sum of the three in local currency (LC) and foreign currency (FC). $ExportShare_c$ and $ImportShare_c$ are sectoral export and import share of output constructed from Bank of Korea data. TA is total assets and OS is the cashflow from other sources. All regressions include sector and year fixed effects. The coefficients are scaled up by 100 for presentation. The estimated beta can be interpreted as the amount of won increase per 100 won of debt proceeds. Standard errors in parentheses are clustered at the sector level. * $p < 0.1$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$.

Table 25: FC Debt and Liquid Assets: Pre- and Post-2008

| | Local Currency Liquid Assets | | | | Foreign Currency Liquid Assets | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Sum | Cash | Short-term FI | AR | Sum | Cash | Short-term FI | AR |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) | (7) | (8) |
| $\frac{ST\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 14.3*** (3.2) | 10.8*** (1.5) | 8.5*** (1.2) | -1.2 (2.9) | 10.3*** (1.4) | 2.3*** (0.7) | 0.3** (0.2) | 8.7*** (1.4) |
| $\frac{ST\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ × Post2008 | 2.8 (3.3) | -4.2*** (1.3) | 3.3** (1.5) | 0.6 (2.4) | 2.5 (2.0) | 0.7 (0.7) | -0.1 (0.3) | 1.4 (1.9) |
| $\frac{LT\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -6.0** (2.4) | 0.8 (1.0) | 0.6 (1.0) | -7.0*** (1.6) | 4.1*** (1.0) | 1.0*** (0.4) | 0.2 (0.2) | 2.9*** (0.6) |
| $\frac{LT\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ × Post2008 | -6.2** (2.6) | -2.5* (1.3) | -1.5 (1.6) | -4.6** (1.9) | 1.3 (1.1) | 1.3 (0.8) | 0.3** (0.1) | 0.1 (0.7) |
| $\frac{ST\ debt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -15.2*** (1.3) | -11.4*** (0.9) | -6.3*** (0.5) | 0.6 (1.1) | -0.7 (0.4) | -0.6*** (0.1) | -0.1** (0.0) | -0.1 (0.3) |
| $\frac{ST\ debt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ × Post2008 | -9.8*** (2.0) | -1.9** (0.9) | -4.0*** (0.8) | -4.0*** (1.0) | -0.3 (0.4) | -1.0*** (0.2) | -0.0 (0.0) | 0.6* (0.3) |
| $\frac{LT\ debt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -20.3*** (1.8) | -6.9*** (0.7) | -5.1*** (0.3) | -10.5*** (1.6) | -2.5*** (0.4) | -0.7*** (0.1) | -0.0** (0.0) | -1.9*** (0.3) |
| $\frac{LT\ debt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ × Post2008 | -5.6*** (1.7) | -1.7** (0.7) | -2.7*** (0.4) | -0.9 (1.2) | -0.9** (0.4) | -0.7*** (0.2) | -0.1*** (0.0) | -0.1 (0.3) |
| $lnTA_{i,t-1}$ | -4.0*** (0.3) | -1.9*** (0.1) | -0.5*** (0.1) | -2.7*** (0.3) | 0.5*** (0.1) | -0.0 (0.0) | 0.0 (0.0) | 0.5*** (0.1) |
| $\frac{OS_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 9.9*** (1.4) | 10.9*** (0.9) | 8.4*** (0.6) | -4.0*** (1.2) | 1.3*** (0.3) | 1.0*** (0.2) | 0.0* (0.0) | 0.4** (0.2) |
| Adjusted R^2 | 0.3 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.3 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| Within R^2 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| N | 188478 | 202743 | 203431 | 188380 | 203615 | 203775 | 203799 | 203713 |

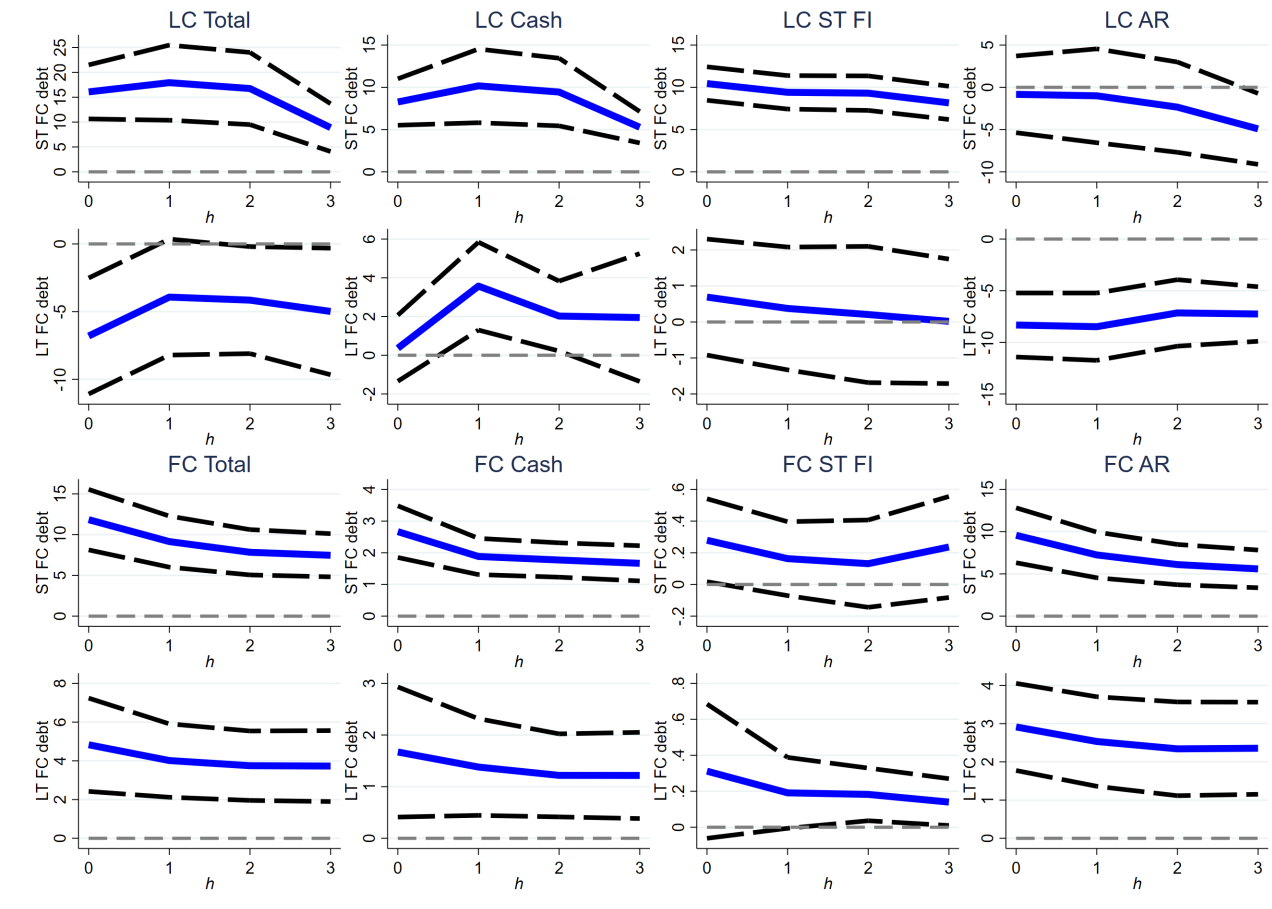
Notes: The table show results from annual panel regressions. The sample period is 2001-2017. The dependent variables are described as the column headers (normalized by total assets at $t - 1$), which are cash and cash equivalents, short-term financial instruments, accounts receivables and other receivables, and the sum of the three in local currency (LC) and foreign currency (FC). TA is total assets and OS is the cashflow from other sources. All regressions include sector and year fixed effects. The coefficients are scaled up by 100 for presentation. The estimated beta can be interpreted as the amount of won increase per 100 won of debt proceeds. Standard errors in parentheses are clustered at the sector level. * $p < 0.1$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$.

Table 26: FC Debt, and Investment and Dividend

| | CapEx | Dividend Payout |
|---------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | (1) | (2) |
| $\frac{ST\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -3.3*** (0.7) | -0.1 (0.1) |
| $\frac{LT\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 6.8*** (2.1) | -0.2** (0.1) |
| $\frac{ST\ debt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 5.2*** (0.5) | -0.5*** (0.0) |
| $\frac{LT\ debt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 14.8*** (1.5) | -0.4*** (0.0) |
| $\ln TA_{i,t-1}$ | -0.7*** (0.1) | 0.1*** (0.0) |
| $\frac{OS_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -8.2*** (1.7) | 1.6*** (0.3) |
| Adjusted R^2 | 0.2 | 0.1 |
| Within R^2 | 0.1 | 0.0 |
| N | 172799 | 203791 |

Notes: The table show results from annual panel regressions. The sample period is 2001-2017. The dependent variables are described as the column headers (normalized by total assets at $t - 1$), which are capital expenditure (CapEx) and dividend payout. TA is total assets and OS is the cashflow from other sources. All regressions include sector and year fixed effects. The coefficients are scaled up by 100 for presentation. The estimated beta can be interpreted as the amount of won increase per 100 won of debt proceeds. Standard errors in parentheses are clustered at the sector level. * $p < 0.1$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$.

Figure 5: FC Debt and Liquid Assets: Dynamic Relationship via Local Projections (Equation (8))



Notes: The table show results from annual panel regressions. The sample period is 2001-2017. The dependent variables are described as the column headers (normalized by total assets at $t - 1$), which are cash and cash equivalents, short-term financial instruments, accounts receivable and other receivables, and the sum of the three in local currency (LC) and foreign currency (FC). The regression control for lagged log total assets and cashflow from other sources (normalized by total assets at $t - 1$). The coefficients are scaled up by 100 for presentation. The estimated beta can be interpreted as the amount of won increase per 100 won of debt proceeds. All regressions include sector and year fixed effects. 95% confidence interval from standard errors clustering at sector level are displayed as black dash lines.

D Carry Trade Returns with Longer Maturity Debt

To illustrate the relative attractiveness of conducting carry trade is decreasing with the debt maturity, we report the averages and the standard deviations of *quarterly holding period return* of saving in KRW one-year liquid assets financed by borrowing in USD at one-year, three-year and five-year maturities abstracting away from exchange rate changes.²¹

Specifically, we use the KRW interest rates of Korean government bonds and the USD interest rates of US government bonds across maturities, and compute the quarterly log holding period returns at the monthly date t of n -quarter Korean and U.S. government bonds, both denominated in their local currency. The annualized interest rate on a Korean government bond at the monthly date t of n -quarter maturity are denoted as $y_{n,t}^{KRW}$, and are collected from [Du and Schreger \(2017\)](#) dataset. The annualized interest rate on a U.S. government bond at the monthly date t of n -quarter maturity are denoted as $y_{n,t}^{USD}$, and are collected from the Bloomberg Terminal. The quarterly holding period (3-month period) returns at the monthly date t are computed as:

$$r_{n,t}^{KRW} = \tau_{n,t} y_{n,t}^{KRW} - (\tau_{n,t} - \frac{1}{4}) y_{n-1,t+3}^{KRW}, \text{ and } r_{n,t}^{USD} = \tau_{n,t} y_{n,t}^{USD} - (\tau_{n,t} - \frac{1}{4}) y_{n-1,t+3}^{USD},$$

where $\tau_{n,t}$ is the duration of the KRW or USD bond in years.²² We then compare the quarterly log holding period returns of one-year Korean government bonds minus that of one-year ($r_{4,t}^{KRW} - r_{4,t}^{USD}$), 3-year ($r_{4,t}^{KRW} - r_{12,t}^{USD}$) or 5-year ($r_{4,t}^{KRW} - r_{20,t}^{USD}$) U.S. government bonds. In [Figure 6](#), we clearly see that the average of quarterly holding returns is lower and the standard deviation is higher when one borrows in USD at a longer-term maturity. For instance, the mean of the quarterly holding period returns of one-year Korean government bonds minus that of one-year U.S.

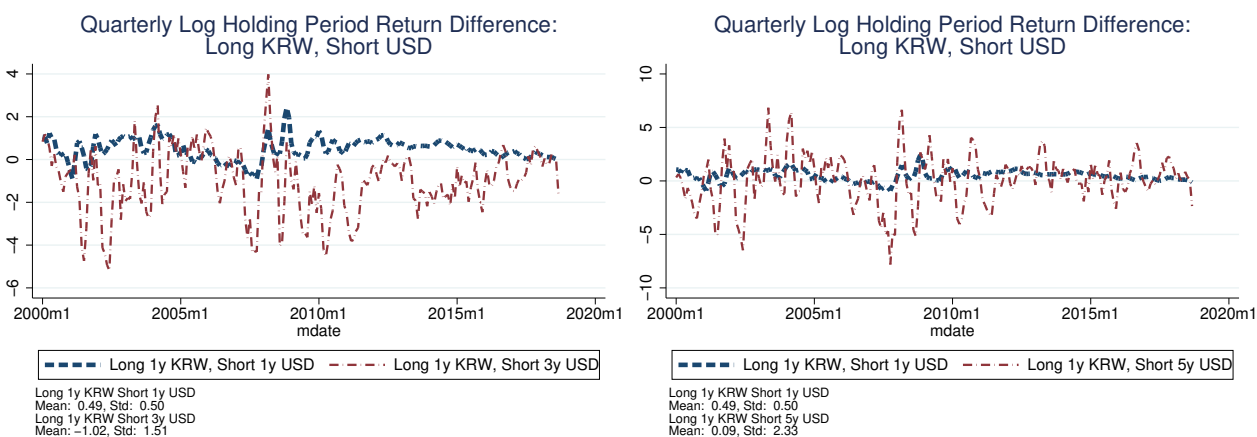
²¹We have not included neither ex-post nor ex-ante quarterly exchange rate changes when computing the quarterly holding returns as they do not affect the relative attractiveness of USD financing at different maturities; all financing options face the same exchange rate changes (both ex-ante and ex-post) over the same quarter.

²²In practice, following [Du et al. \(2016\)](#), we approximate $y_{n-1,t+3}$ by $y_{n,t+3}$ for the quarterly holding period (3-month period). We also make an approximation that $\tau_{n,t}$ is $\frac{n}{4}$.

government bonds, $r_{4,t}^{KRW} - r_{4,t}^{USD}$, has a mean of 0.49 and a standard deviation of 0.50 in 2000m1-2018m12, while the quarterly holding period returns of one-year Korean government bonds minus that of 3-year U.S. government bonds $r_{4,t}^{KRW} - r_{12,t}^{USD}$, has a lower mean of -1.02 and a higher standard deviation of 1.51 in 2000m1-2018m12.

In sum, we find that using longer-term instruments to finance firms' saving in KRW liquid assets is not ideal as the quarterly returns are on average lower and more volatile when the liability maturity increases. In other words, the Sharpe ratio of carry trade using longer maturity FC debt is much lower. We believe this is the reason that firms do not use long-term FC debt to conduct their carry trade.

Figure 6: Differences in Quarterly Holding Period Returns of KRW Liquid Assets and USD Liquid Assets Across Maturities

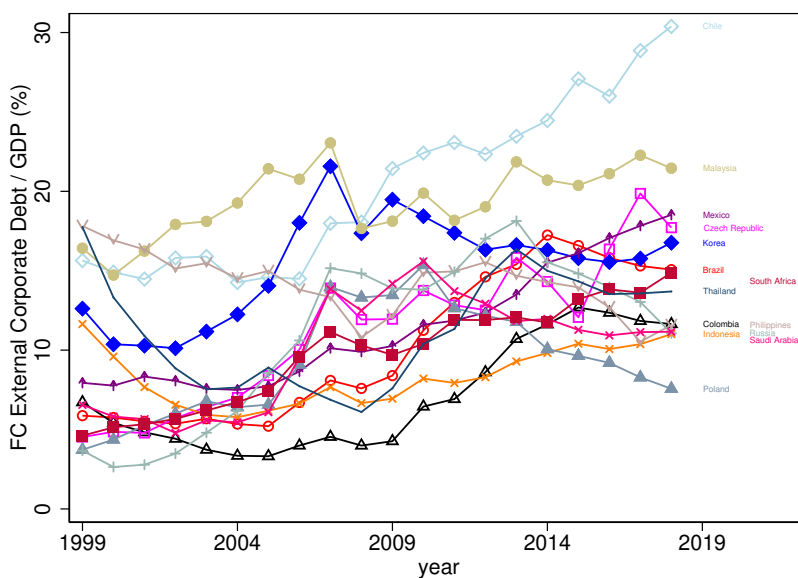


Notes: The figures show the quarterly log holding period return differences between (i) one-year KRW Korean government bonds and one-year U.S. government bonds; and (ii) one-year KRW Korean government bonds and three-year U.S. government bonds; and (iii) one-year KRW Korean government bonds and five-year U.S. government bonds. The mean and the standard deviation of each of time series are reported. We have not included neither ex-post nor ex-ante quarterly exchange rate changes when computing as it does not affect the relative attractiveness of USD financing at different maturities as they all face the same exchange rate changes (both ex-ante and ex-post) over a quarter.

E FC Debt Across Countries

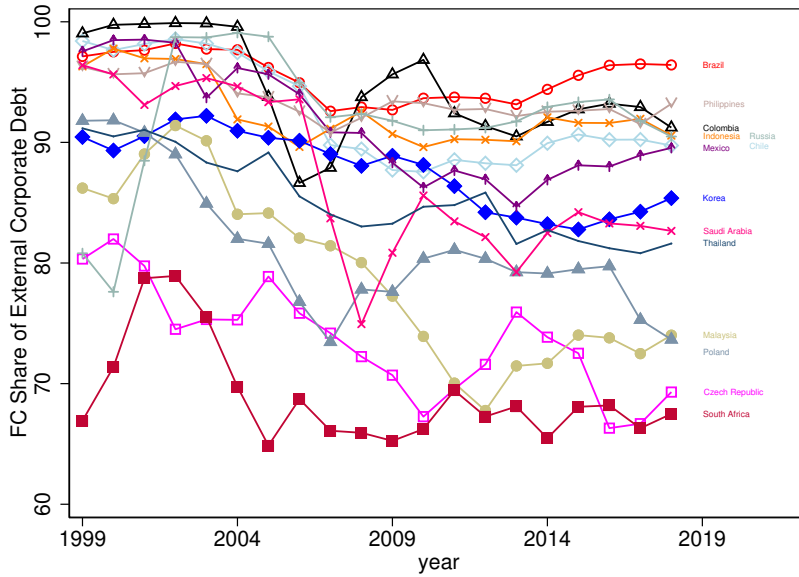
We use the BIS data to construct the time series of FC external debt for 14 countries: Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Czech Republic, Indonesia, Korea, Malaysia, Mexico, Philippines, Poland, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Thailand. We report FC external corporate debt to GDP in Figure 7 and FC share of external corporate debt – FC external corporate debt / (FC external corporate debt + LC external corporate debt) – in Figure 8. As shown in Figure 7, we observe a significant presence of FC external corporate debt in other emerging economies and show that FC borrowing is not a particular phenomenon in Korea. Compared to Korea – depicted in blue, the majority of countries show a similar or even higher level of FC external debt to GDP ratios. It reaffirms that many emerging economies are as dollarized as Korea. In terms of the currency composition of external corporate debt, Korea is at the median with 85%, and most of countries have the average FC share of external corporate debt higher than 80%. Overall, this provides external validation to our analysis that Korea is representative in this group of countries.

Figure 7: Cross-Country Analysis: FC External Corporate Debt/GDP



Notes: The data are from the Bank of International Settlements. The dataset includes external debt denominated in foreign currency. The time series for 14 countries are plotted, and that of Korea is colored in blue. The time series show the FC debt to GDP ratios from 1999 to 2018 for each country.

Figure 8: Cross-Country Analysis: FC Share of External Corporate Debt



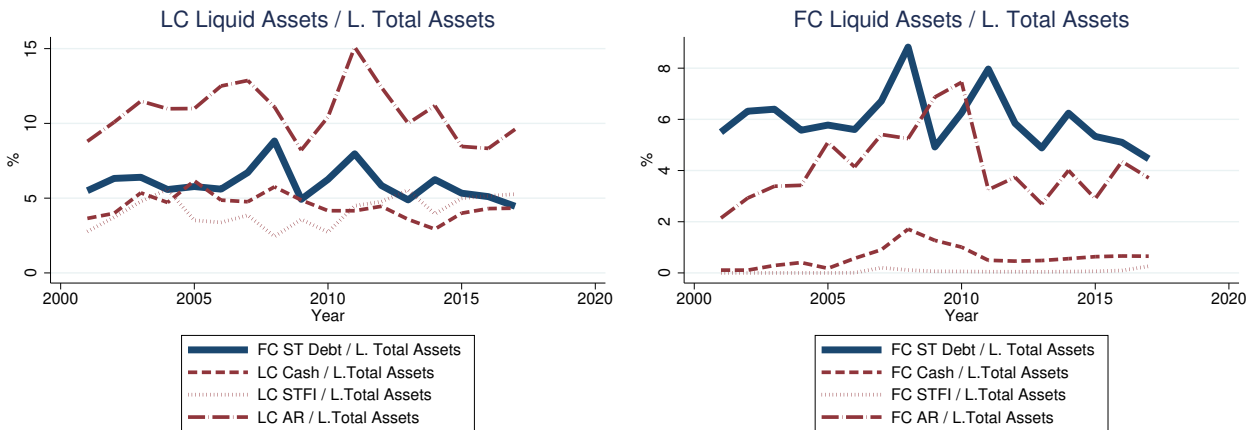
Notes: The data are from the Bank of International Settlements. The dataset includes external debt denominated in foreign currency. The time series for 14 countries are plotted, and that of Korea is colored in blue. The time series show the FC share of external corporate debt from 1999 to 2018 for each country.

F Other Figures: FC Debt

Similar to Figure 3, we show that the quantitative magnitude of foreign currency borrowing is fairly similar to that of LC and FC liquid assets on firms' balances sheets.

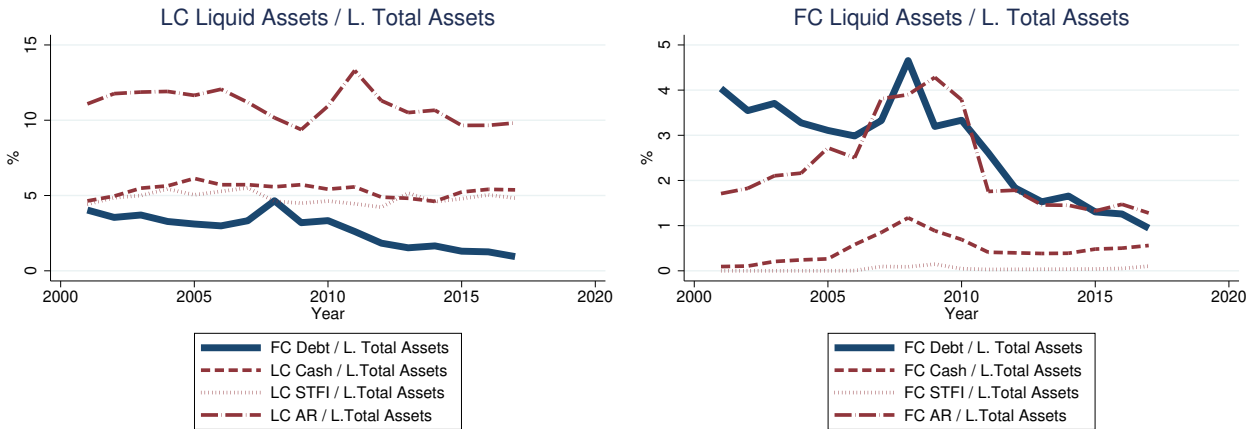
Figure 9 uses a subsample of firms with positive FC short-term debt when aggregating firm-level variables. Conditional on positive holdings of FC short-term debt, the average FC short-term debt as a ratio of aggregate total assets in the previous year is around 6 to 8%, and they are fairly comparable to the size of each instrument of FC or LC liquid assets. Figure 10 shows two subfigures: (i) the aggregate FC debt (blue solid line) and the aggregate LC liquid assets by instruments (red lines), and (ii) the aggregate FC debt (blue solid line) and the aggregate FC liquid assets by instrument (red lines). Figure 11 depicts the same patterns but uses a subsample of firms with positive FC debt.

Figure 9: Short-term FC Debt, and LC and FC Liquid Assets, Conditional on Positive Short-term FC Debt



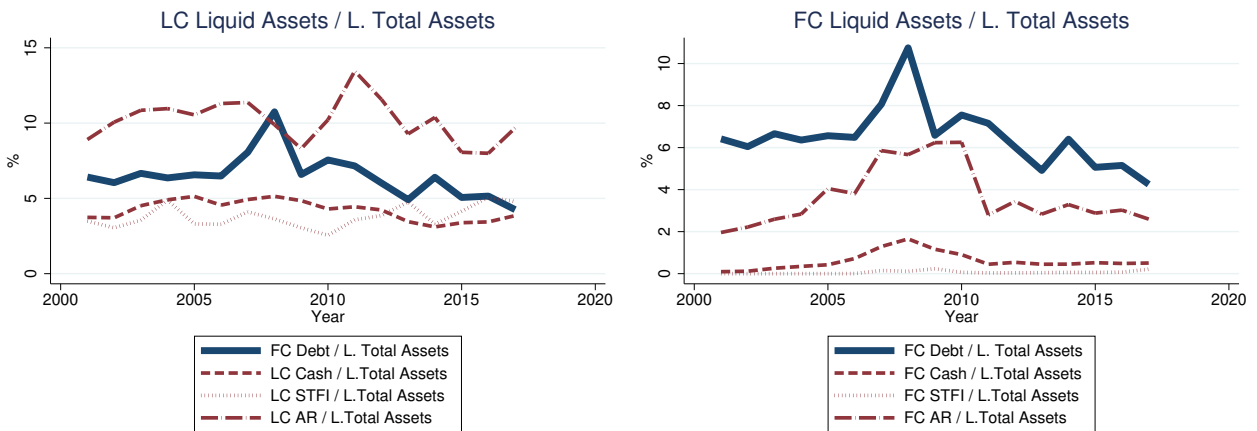
Notes: All the data come from the KISVALUE dataset. All the variables are normalized by the aggregate total assets in the previous year. The LHS figure shows the aggregate FC short-term debt (blue solid line) and the aggregate LC liquid assets by instruments (red lines), using a subsample of firms with positive FC short-term debt. The RHS figure shows the aggregate FC short-term debt (blue solid line) and the aggregate FC liquid assets by instrument (red lines), using a subsample of firms with positive FC short-term debt.

Figure 10: FC Debt, and LC and FC Liquid Assets



Notes: All the data come from the KISVALUE dataset. All the variables are normalized by the aggregate total assets in the previous year. The LHS figure shows the aggregate FC debt (blue solid line) and the aggregate LC liquid assets by instruments (red lines). The RHS figure shows the aggregate FC debt (blue solid line) and the aggregate FC liquid assets by instruments (red lines).

Figure 11: FC Debt, and LC and FC Liquid Assets, Conditional on Positive FC Debt

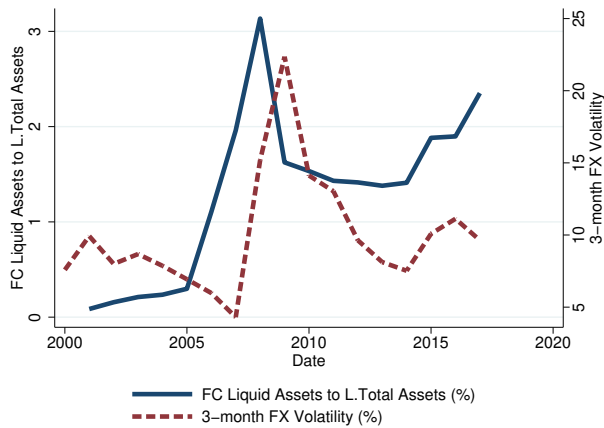


Notes: All the data come from the KISVALUE dataset. All the variables are normalized by the aggregate total assets in the previous year. The LHS figure shows the aggregate FC debt (blue solid line) and the aggregate LC liquid assets by instruments (red lines), using a subsample of firms with positive FC debt. The RHS figure shows the aggregate FC debt (blue solid line) and the aggregate FC liquid assets by instruments (red lines), using a subsample of firms with positive FC debt. All the series are normalized by the aggregate total assets in the previous year.

For each year, we first compute the cross-sectional average of firm-level ratios of total FC liquid assets to lagged total assets across firms with *positive* short-term FC debt. Figure 12 plots it against the 3-month implied exchange rate volatility of KRW. The correlation is 0.46, positive and high. It shows that firms borrow in short-term FC debt on average hold more FC liquid assets in a

times of heightened FX volatility. This strong positive correlation affirms our view that a positive correlation of FC liquid assets and FC short-term borrowing is associated with firms' saving against FX risk.

Figure 12: FC Liquid Assets and FX Volatility



Notes: The figure shows the 3-month implied FX volatility from the Bloomberg Terminal as a red dashed line. For each year, we compute the cross-sectional average of firm-level ratios of total FC liquid assets to lagged total assets, employing a subsample of firms with positive short-term FC debt, and it's depicted as a blue solid line.

G Robustness Checks

G.1 Alternative Specification for Interest Income from Carry Trades

As a different illustration of the results shown in 3.4, we construct a measure of the predicted carry trade income. We first estimate Equation (1) with a dependent variable, $\frac{\text{Sum LC LiquidAssets}_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ where *Sum LC LiquidAssets* is the sum of three items of LC liquid assets. We then compute the predicted LC liquid assets that a firm holds when borrowing in short-term FC debt, $\hat{\beta}^{STFC} \frac{ST FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$. It captures the regression-implied average size of LC liquid assets that goes to carry trades. The fitted values are then multiplied by the average short-term Korea interest rate, which gives us a predicted regression-implied carry trade income ($\text{Predicted } GII_{\text{carrytrade}} = \hat{\beta}^{STFC} \frac{ST FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}} \times i^{KR}$). We then compare the predicted carry trade income with the gross interest income, $GII_{i,t}$, on cash flow statements. We perform the following regression and control for the other debt financing and other sources of income:

$$\begin{aligned}
 GII_{i,t} = & \beta_1 \text{Predicted } GII_{\text{carrytrade}} + \beta^{STLC} \frac{ST LCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}} \\
 & + \beta^{LTFC} \frac{LT FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}} + \beta^{LTL} \frac{LT LCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}} \\
 & + \gamma_1 \frac{OS_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}} + \gamma_2 \ln TA_{i,t-1} + \alpha + \alpha_c + \alpha_t + \varepsilon_{i,t}
 \end{aligned} \tag{9}$$

If the predicted carry trade return is a good proxy, we should expect $\beta_1 = 1$. Table 27 reports the estimates of regression (9). We find that β_1 is estimated to be 0.913 with a standard error of 0.15. This result means that 91% of the predicted carry trade income is reflected on the cash flow statement as gross interest rate income.

G.2 General Uncertainty Index

In this subsection, we conduct an exercise that is similar to subsection 4.2. We use an alternative measure of uncertainty to show that the FC liquid asset accumulation is related to FX volatility, rather than general uncertainty. Specifically, we use the Korean World Uncertainty Index, con-

Table 27: Gross Interest Income and Predicted Carry Trade Income

| Gross Interest Income | |
|---|----------------------|
| | (1) |
| <i>Predicted</i> $GII_{carrytrade,i,t}$ | 0.913*** (0.150) |
| $\frac{LT\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 0.065 (0.060) |
| $\frac{ST\ debt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -0.274*** (0.031) |
| $\frac{LT\ debt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -0.416*** (0.029) |
| $\ln TA_{i,t-1}$ | -0.037*** (0.007) |
| $\frac{OS_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 0.178*** (0.048) |
| Adjusted R^2 | 0.11 |
| Within R^2 | 0.11 |
| N | 108209 |

Notes: The table show results from annual panel regressions. The sample period is 2001-2017. The dependent variable is gross interest income from the cash flow statement. TA is total assets and OS is the cashflow from other sources. Regressions are restricted to firm-year observations with positive increase in debt level. All regressions include sector and year fixed effects. The coefficients are scaled up by 100 for presentation. The estimated beta can be interpreted as the amount of won increase per 100 won of debt proceeds. Standard errors in parentheses are clustered at the sector level. * $p < 0.1$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$.

structured by [Ahir et al. \(2022\)](#). We standardize the variable by its mean and variance so that the standardized variable has zero mean and unit variance. We then perform our baseline regression but include the interaction term of the uncertainty measure with both FC debt and total debt variables. The regression result is reported in [Table 28](#). The coefficients on $\frac{ST\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}} \times (normal_WUI_{i,t})$ and $\frac{LT\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}} \times (normal_WUI_{i,t})$ are both *non-positive*. This result indicates a rise in general uncertainty or volatility of the economy doesn't result in larger FC liquid asset accumulation when borrowing in FC, in contrast with what we have documented in [subsection 4.2](#). On the other hand, the accumulation of FC liquid assets is positively associated with *total* debt issuance when uncertainty is high. We believe this finding is consistent with a general precautionary saving motive, but is different from the incentives to set aside FX risk buffers that we emphasize in this paper.

Table 28: FC Debt and FC Liquid Assets:Interaction with General Uncertainty Measure

| | Foreign Currency Liquid Assets | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------|---------|---------------|---------|
| | Sum | Cash | Short-term FI | AR |
| | (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) |
| $\frac{ST\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 12.6*** | 3.2*** | 0.3** | 9.8*** |
| | (2.0) | (0.5) | (0.1) | (1.8) |
| $\frac{LT\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 5.2*** | 2.0*** | 0.3* | 3.2*** |
| | (1.3) | (0.8) | (0.2) | (0.6) |
| $\frac{ST\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -1.7 | -0.5 | 0.1 | -0.7 |
| $\times(normal_WUI_{i,t})$ | (1.2) | (0.4) | (0.1) | (1.1) |
| $\frac{LT\ FCdebt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -1.1** | -0.8** | -0.0 | -0.8* |
| $\times(normal_WUI_{i,t})$ | (0.5) | (0.4) | (0.1) | (0.4) |
| $\frac{ST\ debt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -0.2 | -0.7*** | -0.1* | 0.5* |
| | (0.3) | (0.1) | (0.0) | (0.3) |
| $\frac{LT\ debt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | -3.0*** | -0.9*** | -0.1*** | -2.1*** |
| | (0.5) | (0.1) | (0.0) | (0.3) |
| $\frac{ST\ debt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 0.1 | 0.2*** | -0.0 | -0.1 |
| $\times(normal_WUI_{i,t})$ | (0.1) | (0.1) | (0.0) | (0.1) |
| $\frac{LT\ debt_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 0.3* | 0.2*** | 0.0 | 0.1 |
| $\times(normal_WUI_{i,t})$ | (0.2) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.1) |
| $\ln TA_{i,t-1}$ | 0.6*** | -0.0 | 0.0 | 0.5*** |
| | (0.1) | (0.0) | (0.0) | (0.1) |
| $\frac{OS_{i,t}}{TA_{i,t-1}}$ | 0.4 | 0.6*** | 0.1*** | -0.3 |
| | (0.3) | (0.2) | (0.0) | (0.2) |
| Adjusted R^2 | 0.115 | 0.050 | 0.006 | 0.102 |
| Within R^2 | 0.034 | 0.012 | 0.001 | 0.031 |
| N | 116660 | 116751 | 116755 | 116695 |

Notes: The table show results from annual panel regressions. The sample period is 2001-2017. The dependent variables are described as the column headers (normalized by total assets at $t - 1$), which are cash and cash equivalents, short-term financial instruments, accounts receivables and other receivables in foreign currency (FC), and the sum of three. $1yFXvol$ and $3mFXvol$ are the implied volatility imputed from at-the-money exchange rate options. TA is total assets and OS is the cashflow from other sources. Regressions are restricted to firm-year observations with positive increase in debt level. All regressions include sector and year fixed effects. The coefficients are scaled up by 100 for presentation. The estimated beta can be interpreted as the amount of won increase per 100 won of debt proceeds. Standard errors in parentheses are clustered at the sector level. * $p < 0.1$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$.

H Sector Matching with Input-Output Matrix

In this section, we provide detailed information on the matching of the KISVALUE sectors with the Bank of Korea input-output matrix sectors. In the KISVALUE dataset, there are two sector definitions. The MiddleGrouping (67 sectors) and the NarrowGrouping (189 sectors). We make use of the MiddleGrouping in the sectoral heterogeneity (section 5) to construct sector specific financial dependence and export import exposure.

Table 29: KISVALUE Sectors and Bank of Korea Sectors

| KISVALUE MidGrouping sector | Bank of Korea sector |
|--|--|
| A01000/Agriculture | Crops |
| A02000/Forestry | Forest products |
| A03000/Fishing | Fishery products |
| B05000/Mining of Coal, Crude Petroleum and Natural Gas | Mining of coal, crude petroleum and natural gas |
| B06000/Mining of Metal Ores | Metal ores |
| B07000/Mining of Non-metallic Minerals, Except Fuel | Non-metallic minerals |
| B08000/Mining support service activities | Mining of coal, crude petroleum and natural gas |
| C10000/Manufacture of Food Products | Other food products |
| C11000/Manufacture of Beverages | Beverages |
| C12000/Manufacture of Tobacco Products | Tobacco products |
| C13000/Manufacture of Textiles, Except Apparel | Apparels and other textiles |
| C14000/Manufacture of wearing apparel, Clothing Accessories and Fur Articles | Leather and fur products |
| C15000/Tanning and Dressing of Leather , Manufacture of Luggage and Footwear | Leather and fur products |
| C16000/Manufacture of Wood and of Products of Wood and Cork ; Except Furniture | Wood and wooden products |
| C17000/Manufacture of Pulp, Paper and Paper Products | Pulp and paper |
| C18000/Printing and Reproduction of Recorded Media | Printing and reproduction of recorded media |
| C19000/Manufacture of Coke, hard-coal and lignite fuel briquettes and Refined Petroleum Products | Coke and hard-coal |
| C20000/Manufacture of chemicals and chemical products (except pharmaceuticals, medicinal chemicals) | Basic chemical products |
| C21000/Manufacture of Pharmaceuticals, Medicinal Chemicals and Botanical Products | Drugs, cosmetics, and soap |
| C22000/Manufacture of Rubber and Plastic Products | Plastic products, Rubber products |
| C23000/Manufacture of Other Non-metallic Mineral Products | Other nonmetallic mineral products |
| C24000/Manufacture of Basic Metal Products | Pig iron and crude steel, Primary iron and steel products, Nonferrous metal ingots and primary nonferrous metal products |
| C25000/Manufacture of Fabricated Metal Products, Except Machinery and Furniture | Fabricated metal products except machinery and furniture |
| C26000/Manufacture of Electronic Components, Computer, Radio, Television and Communication Equipment and Apparatuses | Electronic components and accessories, Audio, video and communications equipment Computer and office equipment |
| C27000/Manufacture of Medical, Precision and Optical Instruments, Watches and Clocks | Precision instruments |
| C28000/Manufacture of electrical equipment | Electrical equipment, and supplies |
| C29000/Manufacture of Other Machinery and Equipment | Machinery and equipment of general purpose, Machinery and equipment of special purpose |
| C30000/Manufacture of Motor Vehicles, Trailers and Semitrailers | Motor vehicles and parts |
| C31000/Manufacture of Other Transport Equipment | Other transportation equipment |
| C32000/Manufacture of Furniture | Furniture |

Table 30: KISVALUE Sectors and Bank of Korea Sectors (continued)

| KISVALUE MidGrouping sector | Bank of Korea sector |
|---|---|
| C33000/Other manufacturing | Other manufactured products |
| D35000/Electricity, gas, steam and air conditioning supply | Electric utilities, Gas and water supply |
| D36000/Water Supply | Gas and water supply |
| E37000/Sewage, Wastewater and Human Waste Treatment Services | Sanitary services |
| E38000/Waste Collection, Disposal and Materials Recovery | Sanitary services |
| E39000/Remediation activities and other waste management services | Sanitary services |
| F41000/General Construction | Building construction and repair |
| F42000/Special Trade Construction | Civil engineering |
| G45000/Sale of Motor Vehicles and Parts | Wholesale and retail trade |
| G46000/Wholesale Trade and Commission Trade, Except of Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles | Wholesale and retail trade |
| G47000/Retail Trade, Except Motor Vehicles and Motorcycles | Wholesale and retail trade |
| H49000/Land Transport ; Transport Via Pipelines | Land transport |
| H50000/Water Transport | Water and air transport |
| H51000/Air Transport | Water and air transport |
| H52000/Storage and support activities for transportation | Storage and support activities for transportation |
| I55000/Accommodation | Accommodation and food services |
| I56000/Food and beverage service activities | Accommodation and food services |
| J58000/Publishing activities | Publishing and cultural services |
| J59000/Motion picture, video and television programme production, sound recording and music publishing activities | Publishing and cultural services |
| J60000/Broadcasting | Broadcasting |
| J61000/Telecommunications | Communications services |
| J62000/Computer programming, System Integration and Management Services | Business services |
| J63000/Information service activities | Business services |
| L68000/Real Estate Activities | Real estate |
| L69000/Renting and leasing; except real estate | Other business services |
| M70000/Research and Development | Research and development |
| M71000/Professional Services | Other business services |
| M72000/Architectural, Engineering and Other Scientific Technical Services | Other business services |
| M73000/Professional, Scientific and Technical Services, n.e.c. | Other business services |
| N74000/Business Facilities Management and Landscape Services | Other business services |
| N75000/Business Support Services | Other business services |
| P85000/Education | Education |
| Q87000/Social Work Activities | Social work activities |
| R90000/Creative, Arts and Recreation Related Services | Publishing and cultural services |
| R91000/Sports activities and amusement activities | Amusement and sports activities |
| S95000/Maintenance and Repair Services | Other services |
| S96000/Other Personal Services Activities | Other services |