

Volume 3 | No. 3| December 2017

SALU-Commerce & Economics Review www.cer.salu.edu.pk

# **Ownership, Governance and Firm Performance in Pakistan.**

Muhammad Khalid Rashid<sup>1</sup> Associate Professor of Economics, Government College of Science, Lahore.

> Asif Ali PhD Scholar The University of Lahore, Lahore.

> > Habibullah Magsi

Associate Professor of Agri. Economics, Sindh Agriculture University, Tandojam.

## Abstract:

Corporate governance is frequently viewed as a frail connection in Asia's organization performance. The greater parts of the studies try to discover the connection between the ownership and firm value. This paper endeavor to explore the intercede relationship as took after the reviews done in Malaysia by Tam and Tan 2007 that has been over looked in the past reviews. The study analyzes this issue by looking at the connection between ownership types and firm performance by inspecting the governance implementation and their effect on performance. This review demonstrates the distinctive sort of dominant part shareholders exhibits the conspicuous substance of conduct and inclinations for corporate governance in a domain of various grouping of shareholding. Also, this paper is on a developing nation like Pakistan where great governance only exists.

*Keywords:* Ownership, corporate governance practices, Pakistan stock exchange

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> E-mail: krkhan55@hotmail.com

#### 1.0 Introduction

Corporate governance is just how an organization is coordinated or controlled. Corporate governance thought about contemplates organization partners as legislative members, the standard members being shareholders, organization administration, and the top managerial staff. Additional individuals may fuse agents and suppliers, accessories, customers, regulatory and capable affiliation controllers, and the group in which the undertaking has proximity. Since there are such an expansive number of contributed people, it's inefficient to allow them to control the association particularly or maybe, the association works under a game plan of bearings that allow accomplices to have a voice in the organization identical with their stake, yet allow the endeavor to continue working profitably. Corporate governance moreover considers survey technique remembering the ultimate objective to screen results and how almost they hold quickly to goals and to induce the relationship by and large to advance toward corporate targets. By using corporate governance approach precisely and sharing results, an endeavor can goad all accomplices to move toward the organization's targets by showing the points of interest, to accomplices, of the association's flourishing. Corporate governance does matters with respect to monetary issues extraordinarily when there is an extension in capital streams to the capital market. The possibility of corporate governance was delivered after the impressive East Asian crisis in making countries. In such way the OECD has developed a course of action of corporate governance norms in 1999, which are valuable in studying the countries' corporate administration. The fundamental question about the governance is that, the how to guarantee the lenders to get the arrival on their speculation? By recalling the question and agency problem we done this review corporate governance part are money related and legitimate association that vacillates according to political process. Agency theory communicates that shareholders intrigue requires protection by division of holding of control of parts of board chair and CEO. Our results of an exact test disregard to bolster Agency theory and give some support to stewardship theory (Donaldson and Davis, 1991). Corporate governance game plans related to takeover resistances and shareholders rights vary extensively transversely over firms. As the audit done by the (Gompers, Ishi, and Metrick, 2001) illuminated weaker shareholders rights are connected with lower benefits, cut down deals development, high capital uses, and high measure of corporate acquisitions. They use the events of 24 unmistakable plans to make a "governance file" for around 1500 firms for consistently and after that dissected the association among record and execution measures in the midst of 1990. They cleared up that the associations with more grounded shareholders rights would have earned unpredictable advantage 8.5 percent consistently.

A part of the key theories of corporate governance start with an appreciated photograph of a firm with for the most part scattered ownership, yet for all intents and purposes, the theoretical model of diffuse possession faces issues. Exactly when an association is controlled by different little shareholders, it can be troublesome for them to get information about the organization's operations, inferring that a considerable measure of the veritable control rests with organization; the chief operator issue develops and association execution can continue, to the burden of the proprietors (the shareholders). This would seem to battle for a more focused proprietorship framework, and frankly, the world over us see that diffuse possession is definitely the exclusion, not the run the show. Corporate administration is as often as possible seen as a slight association in Asia's association execution. This paper exhibits that assorted sorts of bigger part proprietors indicate unmistakable qualities of lead and slants for corporate organization sharpens in an area of unavoidable centralization of shareholding. Such organization sharpens and distinctive firm ascribes are found to influence firm execution (Tam and Tan, 2007).

#### **1.1.** Corporate governance in Pakistan

In Pakistan, the distribution of the SECP Corporate Governance Code 2002 for freely recorded associations has made it a basic scope of research of corporate division. A corporate Governance system contains distinctive sections like practices and associations of accounting models and laws considering the financial disclosure. More over authority compensation, size and arrangement of sheets additionally frame the governance framework. A corporate Governance system describes who guarantees the firm, and coordinates the standards by which money related returns are appropriated among shareholders, delegates, executives, and different partners. In light of current circumstances, a district's corporate organization has significant repercussions for firm affiliation, work systems, trading associations, and capital markets. Thus, changes in Pakistani game plan of corporate organization are most likely going to have basic outcomes for the structure and lead of country business. The issue of Corporate Governance of banks has moreover real centrality for rising Economies. SBP modified the regulatory framework controlling the business keeping cash industry and issued a couple rules for corporate governance.

## **1.2.** Corporate ownership and control in Pakistan

The present undertaking structure relies on upon the standard theory of partition of ownership from its organization. After the distribution of the Modern association and private property by Berle and Means (1932), colossal written work has been brought about on ownership separation theory of principal and agent. Starting now and into the foreseeable future, the investigators have endeavored to research the potential disagreeable aftereffects of concentrated control of the executives. In an extensive segment of developing markets including Pakistan, the immovably held firms (family or state-controlled firms or firms held by associations and by cash related foundations) lead the financial scene.

Measures of corporate governance utilized are board estimate, board structure, and CEO/seat duality. Effect of shareholding on financing choices has likewise been inspected by utilizing administrative shareholding and institutional shareholding. Besides the impacts of control factors like firm size and profitability on the organizations' financing component is additionally explored. The review uncovers that board estimate and administrative shareholding is fundamentally adversely corresponded with obligation to value proportion. The impact by CEO/Chair duality and the nearness of non-official executive on the board was not found. However the control factors like firm size and profit for resources are found have huge impact on capital structure. Along these lines comes about propose that corporate governance factors like size and possession structure and administrative shareholding assume essential part in assurance of monetary blend of the organizations (Butt and Hassan, 2009).

## 2.0. Literature review

East Asian financial crisis and corporate dissatisfaction like Enron have passed on to light the noteworthiness of a suitable institutional framework. Remembering the ultimate objective to the upgrade estimation of the corporate governance for back improvement of a country thought must be given to strengthen the institutional framework. That strong institutional structure would help in convincing corporate governance and for creating propelled capital markets that extends shareholder regard and overhaul corporate governance. The impact of corporate governance and ownership structure on procuring organization practices in Pakistan was reviewed. The surveys exhibits that there is a monotonically in the discretionary collections with the ownership rate of organization's administrators, their life partners, kids and other relative. It moreover, help in view to those troughs who are more introduced in the firm can affect more viably the corporate decisions and accounting figures in a way that may serve their favorable position. The survey can't find any affirmation that CEO duality, the degree of assessing firms, the amount of people on the top administrative staff and ownership center effect discretionary social events. What's more the revelations clear up that associations having more productive or creating can manage their wage viably, while it lessens with the season of firm (Kamran and Shah, 2014).

Ownership concentration, while the individual shareholders have the most diminished with controlling variable CEO duality. On correlation with the individual shareholders they are by and by included in the administration and administration of the organization in this way, there is high occurrence discovered CEO-Chairman Duality. The structure of corporate governance is the biggest, there is need to bolster the usage of corporate resources in gainfully in both way remotely and inside. The course of action of excitement of individuals, association and society is a test for corporate governance. As demonstrated by (Imam and Malik, 2007), remote holding is insistently and inside and out related to the firm execution. In our audit ownership obsession has been considered as a convincing instrument for corporate controlled. Our survey in like manner clears up that the associations with high institutional ownership pay high benefit payout and with concentrated proprietorship pay less benefit payout.

During the discourse of corporate governance ownership, and performance of firms, here is question that does the ownership make a difference?

The studies clarify the appropriate response of this question. There is negative relationship between the legal protection and ownership concentration in Arab firms. Neither the less focused ownership appears to have a noteworthy impact of Arab firms nor does the partition between the seat individual and CEO positions. Additionally, Q – ratios has a tendency to be emphatically identified with concentrated proprietorship, nearness of square holders and conflation of CEO and director positions (Omran, Bolbol, and Fatheldin, 2008).

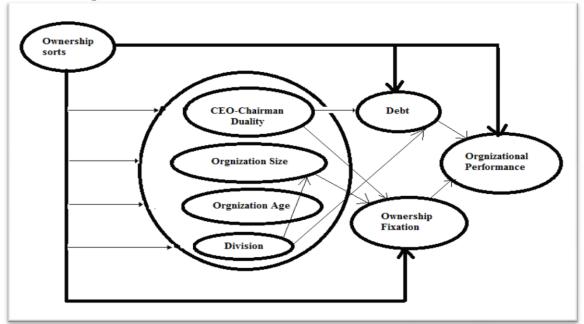
(Wolf, 2008), investigated the presence of ownership in the oil and gas industry. The examination was on the National Oil Companies (NOCs) and private oil companies worldwide. The outcome uncovered the underperformance of non OPEC national oil companies in their private area as to work and capital effectiveness, income era and benefit. Additionally, think about demonstrates that quite a bit of these distinctions create because of progress in possession. OPEC makers indicate higher proficiency measurements than the private part.

The matter of governance in Spanish banks taking after the fundamental issues (1) does the poor economic performance lead to governance intervention? (2) Does the connection between governance mediation and financial execution change from the responsibility for bank? Our examination uncovers that there is negative connection between performance and intervention of governance for banks yet the outcome change for each type of possession and each kind of mediation. The outcomes for business banks and sparing banks were diverse in the Spanish. Inside control components for free business were

more grounded and for sparing banks were weaker. For mergers there is importance between performances and governance intervention (Cresp. et.al, 2004).

(Core.et.al, 1999) examined that the signs of the coefficients on the board and ownership structure factors recommend that CEOs procure more noteworthy remuneration when governance structures are less powerful. They in like manner find that measures of board and ownership structure illuminate a considerable measure of cross sectional variety in CEO compensation. (Kang and Anil Shivdasani, 1995) examined the piece of corporate governance in Japanese organization. They checked it in the midst of the turnover of top executives in Japanese firms. Their data was contained with the U.S. data the likelihood of non-routine turnover. It was inside and out related industry adjusted balanced profit for resources, overabundance stock returns and negative working pay, yet it was not identified with industry execution. Likewise, it was broke down that outside movement in Japan is more plausible for firms with broad shareholders and a standard bank relationship. Regardless (Kuznetsov and Muravyev, 2001), battled that real shareholders affect the decision by using their strength to evacuate the private favorable circumstances. Manhandle of the minority shareholders is occurred by the setting up family routine sharp activities. These moral threat conflicts are examined -whether the setting up families as far reaching undiversified piece holders endeavor to lessen the firm specific peril by affecting the affiliation's improvement and capital structure decision (Anderson and Reeb, 2003).

Certain sorts of shareholders will probably put resources into specific divisions. Gov-Score is produced in light of another informational collection gave by the institutional shareholder administrations. This file was a composite measure of 51 elements enveloping eight corporate governance classifications: audit, board of directors, charters/by laws, director education, executive and director compensation, ownership, progressive practices and the state of incorporation.



## 2.1. Conceptual Framework:

The above figure shows the hypothetical relation among firm performance, ownership structure, and corporate governance (On Kit Tam, 2007).

Debt and equity based firm in an unexpected way. Other than value obligation financing is considered as a corporate administration instrument. Obligation financing assumes an imperative part on corporate administration and has a huge connection between obligation financing and market valuation of the organizations (Hui, 2003). (Baek, Kang, and Park, 2004), analyzed amid the Korean money related emergency that organizations have higher possession focus by unaffiliated outside speculators bore a littler decrease in their share esteem. Firms having outside financing additionally endured misfortune. Then again chaebol firms with concentrated proprietorship by controlling family shareholders encountered an extensive drop in the estimation of their value.

H1: Ownership focus is most elevated in firms where singular shareholders are the biggest shareholders.

H2: CEO–Chairman duality is most noticeable in firms where singular shareholders are the biggest shareholders

## 3. Methodology

The data of the sample companies was taken from Pakistan stock exchange. Time period of the data was taken five years from 2011 to 2015.

Firms attributes are broke down through firm size (measured by the market capitalization) firm age (years of consolidation) and industry division as indicated by PSE. Return of aggregate resources (ROA) measures distinctive parts of firm operation and suggestions for the business choice. Time arrangement normal is utilized on the budgetary data from the years 2011 to 2015 to decrease the serial relationship.

## 4. **Results**

Variables	Mean	Median	Min	25th percentil	75th percentile	Max	n
Ownership fixation	33	33.28	9.57	21.03	42.88	56.72	145
Ownership sorts	2.09	-	1	-	-	4	145
CEO–Chairman duality	1	-	0	-	-	1	145
Age of firm (years	43	43	9	27.77	37.89	90	145
Division	4.26	-	1	-	-	6	145
Ln market capitalization	5.85	7.61	0.1	8	9.37	11.45	145
ROA	0.25	0.25	0.03	0.11	0.15	0.37	145
Dt/Eq	5.35	3.89	1.23	3.27	3.79	2.89	145

#### Table No. 1: Descriptive Statistics

	ownership			
	Individual - owned	State owned firms	Foreign owned	Total (%)
Structure Incomplete	10.6	8.0	12.6	7.8
CEO-Chairman by one Person	24.3	8.0	6.1	23.0
CEO-Chairman by different	65.1	84.0	81.3	69.2
Total	100	100	100	100

Table No. 2. Cross-Tabulation for CEO–Chairman Duality According To Ownership Types

 $\rho 0.05 \text{ n} = 145$ 

Table No. 3. Correlations For All Variables.

	Own S	Own F	CEO	Divisio	Estimate	Age	ROA	Dt/TA	Dt/Eq
Own S	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Own F	0.510**	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
CEO	0.077	0.65	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Division	0.067	0.041	-0.41	1	-	-	-	-	-
Estimate	0.182*	.186*	0.087	-0.171	1	-	_	-	-
Age	0.066	-0.052	-0.56	0.231	-0.212	1	_	-	
ROA	0.377**	0.22	0.076	-0.54	0.346**	0.298*	1	-	-
Dt/TA	0.064	-0.39	_	-0.118	0.311	0.035	.533**	1	-
Dt/Eq	0.005	-0.019	-0.33	0.27	0.111	0.133	0.199**	.575**	1

Notes: \*\*Significant at 1% level, \*significant at 5% level.

#### Table No. 4. Univariate analysis of variance

	Age	Estimate	ROA**	Dt/TA	Dt/Eq
Individual	42.98	6.0544	0.204	-0.9198	4.4511
State	25.65	7.3451	0.131	-0.8819	4.6785
Foreign	48.76	6.5453	0.435	-0.9324	4.3273
Total	43.30	6.1459	0.151	-0.8641	4.0251

Notes: Age = year of consolidation, estimate = ln market capitalization (PKR million), Dt/TA =debt/total assets, Dt/Eq= debt/equity. \*\*Significant at 1% level, outcomes lead to Hypothesis 2.

Table no. 4 demonstrates that firm execution fluctuates fundamentally among possession sorts. Remote Firms perform best in both intermediaries while state firms have the poorest execution in ROA This review does not bolster past outcomes found by (Anderson and Reeb, 2003) that family firms beat non-family firms. This is potentially created by the distinctions in the structure of the money related and value advertise and the critical contrast as far as financial specialist assurance amongst Bumiputera and Non-Bumiputera IND. CEO–Chairman duality has no huge effect on any factors.

#### 8. Conclusion

The outcomes of this paper highlight the intricate connections between corporate ownership, governance and firm performance. To begin with, they show how distinctive controlling shareholder impacts the arrangement of ownership and governance structures. Second, ownership sorts have coordinate effect on firm Performance, while the immature monetary framework which neglects to give satisfactory flagging impact still can't seem to play out a powerful checking part over governance. Ultimately, this review demonstrates that ownership focus is conspicuous and settled in Pakistan paying little mind to ownership sorts. The essential to exercise control through concentrating shareholding is to possess a huge pool of capital. Family assets and resources are probably going to have been depleted in the underlying business set-up. Posting their organizations at a later phase of improvement is a financing choice for business development without bearing full dangers. Then again, with the juvenile monetary and equity market in Pakistan, IND are typically more dependent on bank fund, which they would be wary to utilize to maintain a strategic distance from danger of default.

Control through board portrayal requires individual interest and administrative abilities. At the point when IND endeavors to ensure their interests through CEO/Chairman duality or self/family portrayal on directorate, the limit of soundness is extended. Organization cost and data asymmetry is diminished when the proprietor turns into the director (Jensen and Meckling 1976). An unmistakable notoriety with extended discernment limit additionally enhances arranging force and responsibility. Conversely, the connection between institutional shareholder and the named supervisor/executive is typically not individual. Multi-level and cross-firm contracting suggests that organization connections turn out to be more entangled and can bring about higher expenses. Data sharing and auspicious flow can subsequently be hurt. As CEO– Chairman duality in non-IND firms makes more space for managers' evading, it is better for non-IND proprietors to exercise control through ownership fixation instead of CEO– Chairman duality.

The great ownership concentration and solid relationship with CEO–Chairman duality by IND verify this conduct. Findings of this paper demonstrate that the advantage of holding control and self-overseeing exceeds organization costs in IND firms, which perform superior to anything state firms. Notwithstanding, foreign firms advantage from administrative know-how and aptitude from foreign markets and connection, which balance their detriment in an exceptionally arranged market and social condition.

This paper displays a coordinated model taken after by (On Kit Tam, March 2007) that clarifies how firm execution is influenced when diverse proprietors (individual, state, and remote) use ownership structure, concentrating ownership and CEO–Chairman duality as controlling systems to shield their own particular advantages. IND firms are found to have the most elevated proprietorship fixation, while foreign shareholders have the least. As IND shareholders have the most grounded motivators to be actually required in the administration and administration of the organization, the most noteworthy frequency of CEO–Chairman duality is in this manner found. Ownership sorts apply huge effect on firm performance. The effect fluctuates as per execution intermediary, with the principal business conditions and financial approach affecting the conveyance of proprietorship and riches in Pakistan. Customary governance instruments, for example, the governing

body and obligation structure, have neglected to go about as compelling screens, rather getting to be

Component used by substantial shareholders to control their organizations. The discoveries of this paper show that corporate governance in Pakistan should be better ready to examine and maybe limit the energy of huge shareholders to secure the Interests of minority shareholders. Clearly Malaysia requires the improvement of more prominent straightforwardness and responsibility in the connection between legislative issues and business, vast shareholder and the top managerial staff, and the governing body and administration. With more successful administration courses of action, financial specialist assurance can be upheld, showcase instruments can work intensely and minority shareholders' interests are protected.

#### References

Anderson, R. C., & Reeb, D. M. (2003, October). Founding-Family Ownership, Corporate Diversification, and Firm Leverage. *The Journal of Law and Economics*, 58, 1301-1328.

Baek., J. S., Kang, J. K., & Park, K. S. (2004, February). Corporate governance and firm value: evidence from the Korean financial crisis. *Journal of Financial Economics*, *71*(2), 265-313.

Brown, L. D., & Caylor, M. L. (2004, December 7). *Corporate Governance and Firm Performance*. Retrieved from SSRN: http://ssrn.com/abstract=586423

Butt, S. A., & Hasan, A. (2009, February). Impact of Ownership Structure and Corporate Governance on Capital Structure of Pakistani Listed Companies. *International Journal of Business and Management*, 50-57.

Core, et.al, J. E. (1999). Corporate governance, chief executive officer compensation, and firm performance. *Journal of Financial Economics*, *51*, 371-406.

Cresp et. al. (2004). Governance mechanisms in Spanish banks. Does ownership matter? *Journal of Banking & Finance*, 2311–2330.

Donaldson & Davis. (1991, June 1). Stewardship Theory or Agency Theory: CEO Governance and Shareholder returns. *Australian Journal of Management*, *16*, 49-65.

Gompers, ishiii, & Metrick. (2001). corporate governance and equity prices. *Quarterly Journal of Economics*, 118(1), Pp. 107-156.

Hui, W. (2003). Debt Financing, Corporate Governance and Market Valuation of Listed Companies. *Economic research journal*, 2003-08.

Imam, M. O., & Malik, M. (2007, October 4). Firm Performance and Corporate Governance Through Ownership Structure Evidence from Bangladesh Stock Market. *International Review of Business Research Papers*, *3*, 88-110.

Jensen, M. C., & Meckling, W. H. (1976). Theory of the Firm: managerial behavior, agency costs and ownership structure. *Journal of Financial Economics*, *3*, 305-360. Kamran, & Shah, A. (2014). The Impact of Corporate Governance and Ownership Structure on Earnings Management Practices: Evidence from Listed Companies in Pakistan. *The Lahore Journal of Economics*, *19*(2), 27–70.

Kang, J. K., & Anil Shivdasani, B. (1995). Firm performance, corporate governance, and top executive turnover in Japan. *Journal of Financial Economics, 38*, 29-58.

Omran, M. M., Bolbol, A., & Fatheldin, A. (2008). Corporate governance and firm performance in Arab equity markets: Does ownership concentration matter? *International Review of Law and Economics*, 28, 32-45.

On Kit Tam, M. G.-S. (March 2007). *Ownership, Governance and Firm performance in Malaysia*. Corporate Governance An International Review.

P. Kuznetsov, & Muravyev, A. (2001). Ownership Structure and Firm Performance in Russia: The Case of Blue Chips of the Stock Market. Economic Education and Research Consortium. Working paper 01/10.

Prowse. (1999). Corporate Governance in East Asia: a framework for analysis, ESCAP.

Shleifer, & Vishny. (1997, June). A Survey of Corporate Governance. *The Journal of Finance, LII* (2), 737-783.

Tam, O. K., & Tan, M. G. (2007, march). Ownership, Governance and Firm Performance in Malaysia. *Corporate Governance An International Review*, 15(2), 208-222.

Wolf, C. (2008). *Does ownership matter? The performance and efficiency of state oil VS. private oil.* University of Cambridge, Judge Business School.