

## Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM) Analysis on the Investment Decisions of Standard Chartered Group (HK2888)

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### Abstract

The Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM) describes the relationship between systematic risk, or the general perils of investing, and expected return for assets, particularly stocks. CAPM evolved as a way to measure this systematic risk. It is widely used throughout finance for pricing risky securities and generating expected returns for assets, given the risk of those assets and cost of capital. This paper mainly analyses the historical data of Standard Chartered Group (HK2888), so as to draw relevant conclusions about its investment decisions. In terms of data, this paper mainly uses the relationship between the monthly data of Standard Chartered Bank from May 2020 to May 2021 and the Hang Seng Index, uses the CAPM model to evaluate Standard Chartered Group, verify hypotheses, and make analysis.

### Keywords

Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM); Investment Decisions; Standard Chartered Group; Development Analysis.

### 1. Background

The basic content of capital asset pricing model (CAPM) is to study the quantitative relationship between the expected return rate of assets and risky assets in the stock market. The practical significance of capital asset pricing model is that it is applied to asset valuation, capital cost budget and resource allocation, etc (Almaainah 2021). It is the pillar of modern financial market price theory's model has been widely recognized in the security theory circle. This model mainly analyses the sensitivity of stock returns and market portfolio returns to help investors decide whether the additional returns they get match the risks.

In the CAPM model, the relationship between the target company's stock return rate and the market index return rate to explore the specific extent can be analysed to which the company's stock return rate is affected by the market. In this way, we can find the expected return rate of the target company through this linear relationship, and we can also look for investment opportunities from the difference between the expected and actual data.

The expected return of an asset at a given risk is calculated by the following Formula 1:

$$R_i = R_f + \beta_i(R_m - R_f) \quad (1)$$

where  $R_i$  is the expected return rate of the stock,  $R_f$  is the risk-free interest rate,  $\beta_i$  is the systematic risk coefficient. When the beta coefficient is greater than 1, it indicates that the

volatility and risk degree of the stock are greater. When compared with the overall market dynamics in the same period, it indicates that the risk of the stock is greater than the market risk, and vice versa.  $(R_m - R_f)$  is the market risk premium. The expected return of the market under the risk-free interest rate can be obtained by multiplying the beta coefficient of the stock by the market risk premium. Through the above formula, investors can calculate the value of assets, so as to make a reasonable and effective investment.

## 2. Data Source

The specific data of Standard Chartered Group from May 2020 to May 2021 is obtained from Yahoo Finance. The data type is past share price, using monthly as the data frequency. Meanwhile, in the CAPM model of Standard Chartered Group, we take the Hang Seng Index as the market index. The 10-year Treasury yield of the United States are also referred as the risk-free rate, because the yield of the 10-year Treasury is more stable and has higher liquidity, and the risk rate of the Treasury is more reflective of the risk-free rate.

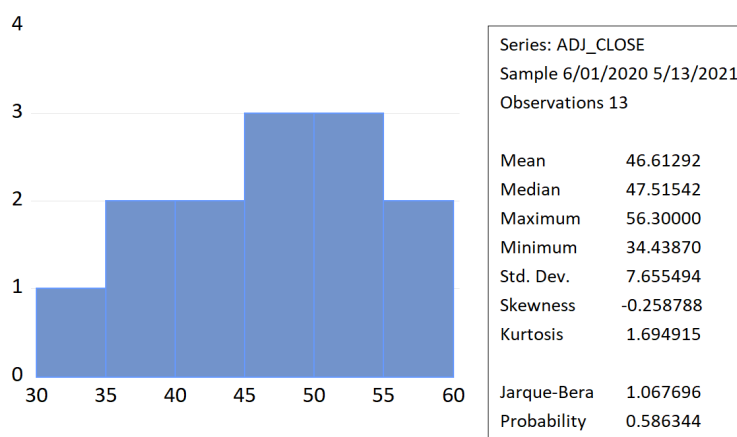


Figure 1. Data source obtained from Standard chartered PLC data.

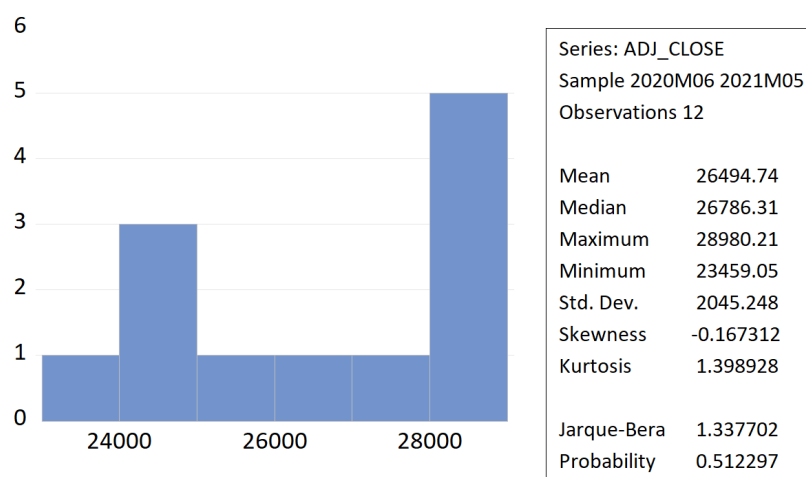


Figure 2. Data source obtained from the HANG SENG index.

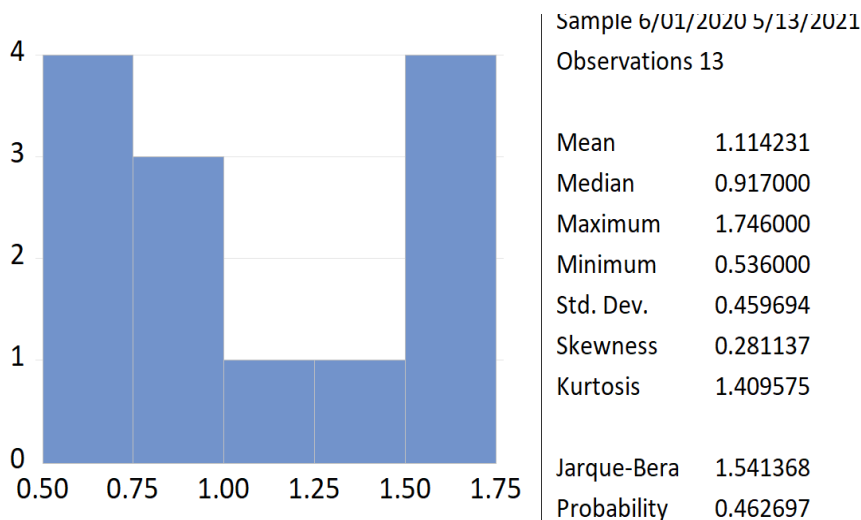


Figure 3. Data source obtained from the Treasury Bonds.

### 3. Analytical Methodology and Results

The analytical method may follow the following steps:

**Step1:** Calculate  $R_f$ , market return rate ( $R_m$ ) and stock return rate respectively through the above data, and then convert the excess return rate into the model for hypothesis test. Then calculate the monthly  $R_f$ , market rate of return ( $R_m$ ) and stock rate of return in a year by logarithmic rate of return algorithm (Table 1 and Table 2).

Since the risk-free rate does not fluctuate much, we can use the average monthly yield of the US 10-year Treasury bond as the total risk-free rate. From the summary from Table 1 to Table 4, the average of  $R_f$  = The average yield on 10 - year US Treasury bonds = 0.0342 (Li et al. 2020).

Table 1. Logarithmic rate of return

Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Adj Close	Volume	Rm
2020/6/1	23539.91	25303.78	23539.91	24427.19	24427.19	4.01E+10	LOG(F2)
2020/7/1	24563.57	26782.62	24526.91	24595.35	24595.35	4.87E+10	0.010152
2020/8/1	24566.81	25847.11	24167.79	25177.05	25177.05	3.53E+10	-0.03069
2020/9/1	25085.67	25254.14	23124.25	23459.05	23459.05	3.86E+10	0.01184

Table 2. Values for corresponded  $R_m$  (Average value of  $R_f$  = The average yield on 10-year US Treasury bonds = 0.0342).

Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Adj Close	Volume	Rm
2020/6/1	23539.91	25303.78	23539.91	24427.19	24427.19	4.01E+10	0.002979
2020/7/1	24563.57	26782.62	24526.91	24595.35	24595.35	4.87E+10	0.010152
2020/8/1	24566.81	25847.11	24167.79	25177.05	25177.05	3.53E+10	-0.03069
2020/9/1	25085.67	25254.14	23124.25	23459.05	23459.05	3.86E+10	0.01184
2020/10/1	24039.39	24970.59	23674.52	24107.42	24107.42	3.78E+10	0.03849
2020/11/1	24274.83	27040.41	24232.66	26341.49	26341.49	5.62E+10	0.014425
2020/12/1	26422.71	27340.99	25998.87	27231.13	27231.13	5.46E+10	0.016471
2021/1/1	27087.13	30191.16	27079.24	28283.71	28283.71	7.34E+10	0.010565
2021/2/1	28457.85	31183.36	28382.26	28980.21	28980.21	5.59E+10	-0.00911
2021/3/1	29457.89	29912	27505.08	28378.35	28378.35	6.79E+10	0.005271
2021/4/1	28594.55	29405.12	28274.27	28724.88	28724.88	3.91E+10	-0.00753
2021/5/1	28659.91	28884.03	27897.47	28231.04	28231.04	1.69E+10	

**Table 3.** Average value of  $R_i$ .

Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Adj Close	Volume	$R_i$
2020/6/1	36	46	36	41.1	41.02697	74576664	-0.00585
2020/7/1	41.1	44.85	39.85	40.55	40.47795	41677255	-0.00811
2020/8/1	39.95	44.2	37.7	39.8	39.72928	38450321	-0.06206
2020/9/1	39.95	40.15	33.3	34.5	34.4387	34404136	0.012409
2020/10/1	34.5	40.25	34.5	35.5	35.43692	38005804	0.127379
2020/11/1	35.5	49.75	35.5	47.6	47.51542	67234857	0.013475
2020/12/1	47.15	51.35	47	49.1	49.01275	24511617	-0.01622
2021/1/1	49.1	54.45	47	47.3	47.21595	30995201	0.033135
2021/2/1	47.3	55.8	46.4	51.05	50.95929	37217759	0.021574
2021/3/1	51.5	54.6	49.75	53.65	53.55467	27036598	0.021711
2021/4/1	53.7	56.85	51.2	56.3	56.3	13395210	-0.00582
2021/5/1	56.2	56.7	54.5	55.55	55.55	5079802	-0.0063
2021/5/13	55.55	55.55	54.7	54.75	54.75	257736	

**Table 4.** Average value of  $R_f$ .

Date	Open	High	Low	Close	Adj Close	Volume	$R_f$
2020/6/1	0.667	0.957	0.619	0.653	0.653	0	-0.08575
2020/7/1	0.681	0.724	0.528	0.536	0.536	0	0.111568
2020/8/1	0.559	0.746	0.504	0.693	0.693	0	-0.01014
2020/9/1	0.72	0.729	0.606	0.677	0.677	0	0.10391
2020/10/1	0.701	0.872	0.653	0.86	0.86	0	-0.00816
2020/11/1	0.854	0.975	0.748	0.844	0.844	0	0.036027
2020/12/1	0.857	0.986	0.857	0.917	0.917	0	0.076251
2021/1/1	0.935	1.187	0.907	1.093	1.093	0	0.125733
2021/2/1	1.079	1.614	1.06	1.46	1.46	0	0.077691
2021/3/1	1.451	1.765	1.403	1.746	1.746	0	-0.02959
2021/4/1	1.705	1.745	1.529	1.631	1.631	0	0.016716
2021/5/1	1.651	1.695	1.471	1.695	1.695	0	-0.00386
2021/5/13	1.69	1.7	1.68	1.68	1.68	0	

**Step 2:** The arithmetic works out the Beta Value. Calculate the covariance of stock return rate and market return rate = 0.000577.

$$\sigma_{im} = Cov(r_i, r_m) \tag{2}$$

Calculate the variance of the market return rate = 0.00028 via Formula 2 (Ding et al. 2020).

$$\sigma_m^2 = Var(r_m) \tag{3}$$

Beta Value = 0.8443 / 0.9455 = 2.06 via Formula 3..

**Step 3:** Use least squares to estimate the parameters of the CAMP model by Eviews (Figure 4) (Jennifer 2020).

Dependent Variable: RI-0.0342  
 Method: Least Squares  
 Date: 05/13/21 Time: 22:18  
 Sample (adjusted): 2020M06 2021M04  
 Included observations: 11 after adjustments

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.036511	0.017969	2.031899	0.0727
RM-0.0342	2.062290	0.544016	3.790863	0.0043
R-squared	0.614901	Mean dependent var		-0.022235
Adjusted R-squared	0.572113	S.D. dependent var		0.046119
S.E. of regression	0.030168	Akaike info criterion		-4.001108
Sum squared resid	0.008191	Schwarz criterion		-3.928764
Log likelihood	24.00610	Hannan-Quinn criter.		-4.046711
F-statistic	14.37064	Durbin-Watson stat		1.925055
Prob(F-statistic)	0.004277			

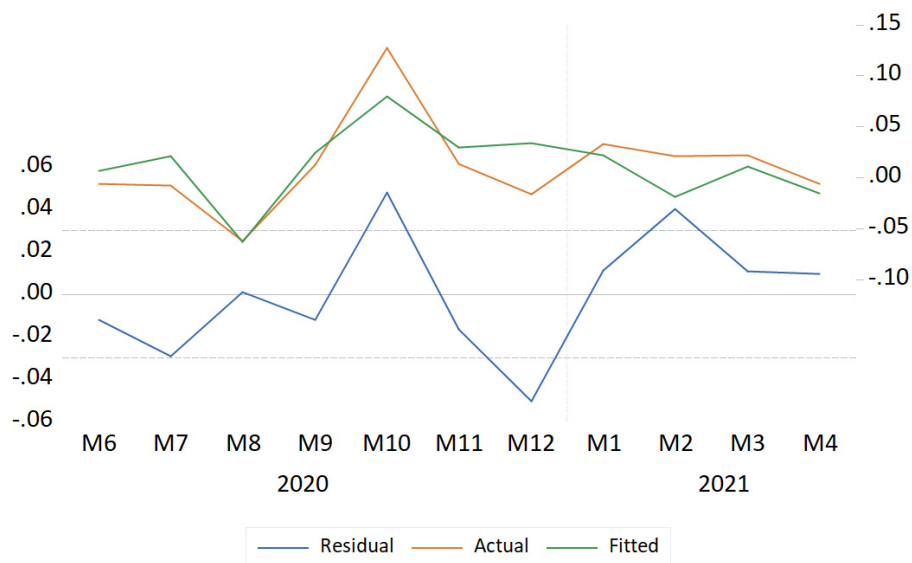
**Figure 4.** Parameter settings for the CAMP model by Eviews

From the above regression output table, we can get the whole regression model, and according to the relevant statistical indicators of the whole model, it can help to verify and analyse the specific content and statistical significance of the whole model (Fu et al. 2020).

The regression model is as follows:

$$R_i - 0.0342 = 0.036 + 2.06 \times (R_m - 0.0342) \tag{4}$$

**Step 4:** Diagnostic checking. The purpose of this step is to verify that the error term of the CAMP model is the white noise disturbance term.



**Figure 5.** Residual figure of the raw data

The CAPM and the SML make a connection between a stock’s beta and its expected risk. Beta is found by statistical analysis of individual, daily share price returns compared with the market’s daily returns over precisely the same period (Harada et al. 2021). A higher beta means more risk, but a portfolio of high-beta stocks could exist somewhere on the CML where the tradeoff is acceptable, if not the theoretical ideal (Li et al. 2021).

The ideal residuals should be uniformly distributed on both sides of 0, and the smaller the offset, the better result it might indicate (Figure 5). However, some residuals in this figure exceed the confidence interval, indicating the possibility of heteroscedasticity. Therefore, White's test is used to test the heteroscedasticity (Zolmax 2021).

Heteroskedasticity Test: White  
Null hypothesis: Homoskedasticity

F-statistic	1.868073	Prob. F(1,9)	0.2049
Obs*R-squared	1.890749	Prob. Chi-Square(1)	0.1691
Scaled explained SS	0.939980	Prob. Chi-Square(1)	0.3323

Test Equation:  
Dependent Variable: RESID^2  
Method: Least Squares  
Date: 05/13/21 Time: 23:00  
Sample: 2020M06 2021M04  
Included observations: 11

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob.
C	0.000481	0.000336	1.430083	0.1865
RM^2	0.845019	0.618257	1.366775	0.2049
R-squared	0.171886	Mean dependent var		0.000745
Adjusted R-squared	0.079874	S.D. dependent var		0.000952
S.E. of regression	0.000913	Akaike info criterion		-10.99672
Sum squared resid	7.50E-06	Schwarz criterion		-10.92437
Log likelihood	62.48194	Hannan-Quinn criter.		-11.04232
F-statistic	1.868073	Durbin-Watson stat		2.652966
Prob(F-statistic)	0.204863			

**Figure 6.** Parameter settings for the CAMP model by White’s test.

The statistical data of White Test appears in the model window to test the existence of heteroscedasticity. The F statistic and R squared of the test statistic both give the same conclusion, indicating that there is no heteroscedasticity because the p value is much greater than 0.05 (Hui et al. 2020).

Still, several assumptions behind the CAPM stimulation have been shown not to hold up in reality. Modern financial theory rests on two assumptions: investment markets are very competitive and efficient (Li et al. 2022), These markets are dominated by rational, risk-averse investors, who seek to maximize satisfaction from returns on their investments. As a result, it’s not entirely clear whether CAPM works. The big sticking point is beta. When professors Eugene Fama and Kenneth French looked at share returns on the New York Stock Exchange, the

American Stock Exchange, and Nasdaq, they found that differences in betas over a lengthy period did not explain the performance of different stocks. The linear relationship between beta and individual stock returns also breaks down over shorter periods of time (Chohra 2019). These findings seem to suggest that CAPM may be wrong. Despite these issues, such CAPM result and formula are still valid enough because it is simple and allows for easy comparisons of investment alternative (D'Amato et al. 2020).

#### 4. Conclusion and Positions

Considering the critiques of the CAPM and the assumptions behind its use in portfolio construction, it might be difficult to see how it could be useful. However, using the CAPM as a tool to evaluate the reasonableness of future expectations or to conduct comparisons can still have some value (Li et al. 2022). The values of beta coefficient obtained by the calculation method and CAPM regression method are roughly the same, both of which are 2.06. When the beta value  $>1$ , it belongs to the cyclical stock, and the fluctuation range of its return rate is larger than the market average return rate. At the same time, the Beta is 2.06, meaning that the Hang Seng yield increases by 10%, the Standard Chartered stock yield should increase by 20.6%, and vice versa (Zolmax 2021). The p value of Beta is 0.0043, close to 0, indicating that Beta has statistical validity as a system risk factor.

In addition, the R square of the model is equal to 0.614901, indicating that 61.5% of the changes in the stock return rate of Standard Chartered Group can be explained by the changes in the market index return rate, and the remaining 38.5% of the fluctuations are determined by the factors of Standard Chartered Group itself. This also shows that CAPM model has empirical significance for stock earnings forecast (Li et al. 2021).

We can also assess the value of the purchase by calculating the actual and projected return of Standard Chartered Bank. Calculations are made using the closing prices for the first and last two months of the entire year, May 2020 and May 2021. The predicted rate of return needs to be put into the CAPM formula (Clavis. 2022). The index of Hang Seng in that year is 0.1557, and the predicted rate of return is 0.32. The actual rate of return =  $(55.55-41.1) / 41.1=0.35$ , which is not much different from the predicted value of CAPM model.

The investor could use this observation to reevaluate how their portfolio is constructed and which holdings may not be on the SML (Birch et al. 2012). This could explain why the investor's portfolio is to the right of the CML. If the holdings that are either dragging on returns or have increased the portfolio's risk disproportionately can be identified, then the investor can make changes to improve returns. Not surprisingly, the CAPM contributed to the rise in the use of indexing, or assembling a portfolio of shares to mimic a particular market or asset class, by risk-averse investors. This is largely due to the CAPM message that it is only possible to earn higher returns than those of the market as a whole by taking on higher risk (beta) (Zolmax 2021).

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