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1. Introduction

Banks have drastically increased the use of financial derivatives in the last decades: the notional principal amount of financial derivatives held by the U.S. bank holding companies (BHCs) rose from \$7.34 trillion at the end of 1990, to \$231 trillion at the end of 2011. An increased activity in financial derivatives markets was generally looked upon favorably before the global financial crisis 2007-2010. Greenspan (1999) noted that “the value added of derivatives themselves derives from their ability to enhance the process of wealth creation.” Trichet (2007) further explained that “price discovery in the credit derivatives market reduces the risk of mispricing loans.” Recently, however, the perspective has turned around as the risks of financial derivatives have become more evident. The Financial Stability Board (2010) concluded that “the crisis demonstrated the potential for contagion arising from the interconnectedness of OTC derivatives market participants and the limited transparency of counterparty relationships.” The unanswered question then is whether banks use financial derivatives to hedge risk or rather to increase their risk exposures.

In this article we analyze why BHCs use financial derivatives and, more specifically, whether financial derivatives expose BHCs further towards risks. We are interested in whether BHCs employ financial derivatives for hedging or for speculative purposes. In particular, we measure whether the use of financial derivatives is related to the risk exposures of BHCs towards systematic interest rate risk, exchange rate risk and credit risk.

We collect on-balance-sheet, off-balance-sheet financial data and stock price on the publicly traded U.S. BHCs from 1997 to 2011. The financial derivatives activity in the U.S. financial market is dominated by a small group of large financial institutions (i.e., the top 25 BHCs hold 99.8% of the financial derivatives (Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, 2011)). Hence, we split our sample BHCs into large and small BHCs (more vs. less than \$50 million dollars). Figure 1 and Figure 2 depict the notional principal amounts of interest rate, exchange rate and credit derivatives held by large BHCs and small BHCs in our sample.

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Our analysis shows that a BHC’s use of financial derivatives is associated with its higher exposure towards interest rate risk and credit risk and lower exposure toward exchange rate risk. Interestingly, the positive relationship between financial derivatives and systematic risk exposure is more pronounced for large BHCs than it is for small BHCs. These results may indicate that large BHCs with their main operations such as prime brokerage, asset management, proprietary trading and market making primarily use financial derivatives to derive trading related gains and that these activities (and the related involvement in derivatives) expose them further towards systematic risk. In comparison, the results may indicate that small BHCs (with

main operations in deposit taking and commercial lending) to a larger extent employ financial derivatives to hedge against systematic risk.

To further analyze what impact financial derivatives have on systematic risk exposures, we decompose financial derivatives according to their reported purposes. Since March 1995, BHCs are required to report whether their financial derivatives activity is for trading purposes or for purposes other than trading (henceforth, for hedging).¹ In Figure 3 and Figure 4, we report the use of financial derivatives according to their reported purposes in the subsamples of large BHCs and small BHCs.

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Our findings show that financial derivatives held for hedging are negatively and significantly related to BHCs' systematic risk exposures. The above result suggests not only that the use of financial derivatives is aligned with the reported (hedging vs. trading) purposes but also that financial derivatives for hedging are generally used to lower *systematic* risk exposures; that is, nondiversifiable risk exposures that investors cannot trade away on the stock markets.

However, when splitting BHCs into large and small BHCs, this observation becomes slightly more nuanced. That is, the reported purpose of financial derivatives is aligned with their impact on risks especially for large BHCs but not for small BHCs. In particular, the use of financial derivatives for hedging is either statistically insignificantly or even positively related to risks (in the case of exchange rate derivatives for small BHCs). Hence, the reported purpose of financial derivatives seems to match their true purposes for large BHCs but not necessarily for small BHCs.

Many recent regulatory attempts aim at separating commercial banking from more riskily banking activities such as engagement in proprietary trading (see the Volker rule under Dodd–Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and Independent Commission on Banking (2011)).² In this light, regulators aim at separating financial derivatives that are used for hedging from the ones generated in proprietary trading business. The problem that may occur is that it is difficult to determine when financial derivatives are used for trading purposes and when for hedging purposes. Prohibiting financial derivatives for trading purposes may hence give a false sense of safety because the risks may pile in financial derivatives with a declared purpose of hedging. Our analysis shows that this already happens in the case of small BHCs. That is, for

¹ Bank regulatory reports contain information on financial derivatives (interest rate, foreign exchange, commodity and equity derivatives) held for trading purposes and for purposes other than trading, but do not break credit derivatives in this way. In our analysis, we use notional principal amounts on credit derivatives contracts for which the bank is “beneficiary” (credit protection bought) and for which the bank is “guarantor” (credit protection sold) as the variables to evaluate the use of credit derivatives.

² This is understandable in light of huge bank losses in the global financial crisis. During the 2007-2010 financial crisis, large U.S. and European banks lost more than \$1 trillion on toxic assets and from bad loans from January 2007 to September 2009 (IMF, 2009).

small BHCs, engagement into financial derivatives for hedging is associated with higher exposures towards exchange rate risk and credit risk.

We also analyze the impact of the global financial crisis on the use of financial derivatives. In the global financial crisis, the relationship between interest rate derivatives and exchange rate derivatives and risk exposures became stronger than in normal time, and the positive relationship between credit derivatives and credit risk became less pronounced.

Our paper is closely related to Choi and Elyasiani (1997) and Yong, Faff and Chalmers (2009). Choi and Elyasiani (1997) measure the interrelation of derivative exposure and interest rate and exchange rate risks of the U.S. BHCs. They find that the use of financial derivatives further exposes BHCs towards risks and this effect is particularly pronounced for exchange rate risk (see also Choi, Elyasiani and Kopecky (1992) and Hirtle (1997)). More recently, Yong, Faff and Chalmers (2009) investigate the relationship between financial derivative activities and interest rate and exchange rate risks of Asia-Pacific banks, controlling for the influence of a large set of on-balance sheet banking activities. Their findings suggest that the level of interest rate derivative activities is positively associated with long-term interest rate risk exposure but negatively associated with short-term interest rate exposure, and the derivative activity of banks has no significant influence on their exchange rate risk exposure. We extend their analysis by including credit derivatives and exploring the impact of financial derivatives held for trading and hedging purpose on systematic risks.

Chaudhry, et al. (2000) analyze how different types of exchange rate derivatives affect BHCs' exposure towards risks. They find that exchange rate options tend to increase risk whereas swaps are mainly used to mitigate risk exposures. Carter and Sinkey (1998) focus on large community banks that act as end-users of interest rate derivatives. They find that the use of interest rate derivatives is positively associated with interest rate risk. Cyree, Huang and Lindley (2012) show that financial derivatives contributed neither to the increase in bank values in the times of growth nor to the depletion of bank values in the global financial crisis.

The paper is organized as follows. Section 2 briefly reviews the extant literature on the use of financial derivatives by financial institutions. Section 3 presents the data selection and basic data description. Section 4 describes the empirical methodology. Section 5 contains the empirical findings. It analyzes how the use of financial derivatives affects BHCs' risk exposures. Section 6 concludes the paper.

2. Literature Review on Why Banks Use Financial Derivatives

Broadly speaking, banks use financial derivatives to follow two, sometimes conflicting objectives. The first

objective is to use financial derivatives to hedge against the risks whereas the second is to collect revenues and fees related to financial derivatives trading and origination.

In the spirit of Diamond's (1984) model, banks would use financial derivatives to hedge against the uncontrollable risks, such that they can focus on their core activity: monitoring their borrowers.³ Brewer, Minton and Moser (2000) find that banks that use interest rate derivatives increase commercial and industrial lending faster than banks that do not use interest-rate derivatives. Hirtle (2009) shows that the use of credit derivatives increases the supply of bank credit but mainly for large firms. Banks could by hedging also focus on the activities where they retain a competitive advantage. Schrand and Unal (1998) confirm this view in the case of savings and loan institutions. Minton, Stulz and Williamson (2009) argue that the use of credit derivatives by banks is limited questioning the size of the benefits of credit derivatives used for hedging purposes.

Banks may use financial derivatives to lower the probability of default and in this way avoid the costs of financial distress.⁴ In this view, banks would hedge especially the risks that exacerbate the costs of financial distress (see Smith and Stulz (1985) and Stulz (2003)).⁵ Consistent with this theory, Purnanandam (2007) shows empirically that banks closer to financial distress hedge against interest rate risk more aggressively. Gorton and Rosen (1995) find that banks, especially large dealer banks, use interest rate derivatives mainly to hedge against interest rate risk. Duffee and Zhou (2001) argue that credit derivatives hedge a bank against the financial distress and this additional flexibility allows the bank to avoid lemon problem due to bank information superiority. In recent study, Norden, Buston, and Wagner (2011) also find that banks use credit derivatives to improve their management of credit risks. The notion that banks use financial derivatives to hedge and that banks are risk-averse, however, is not universally accepted: Hirtle (1997), Sinkey and Carter (2000), Gunther and Siems (2002) and Yong, et al. (2009) find that increases in the bank's use of interest-rate derivatives correspond to greater interest rate risk exposure.

Morisson (2005) stresses that hedging by financial derivatives has a dark side. He argues that the informational value of a bank loan ceases to exist if banks can trade in the credit derivatives market. More specifically, when the bank incorporates credit default protection, it is no longer exposed to the borrower's potential default. Consequently, the bank can no longer commit to monitoring and screening its borrowers. In addition, the adverse selection problem may be present as well. The bank may want to buy credit

³ Boot and Thakor (1991) argue that banks with large off-balance sheet activities (e.g., loan commitments) lower their risk exposures compared to banks that lend on a spot market. Their result dwells on observation that a loan commitment locks the bank into the current interest rate which mitigates the asset substitution problem of the borrower if in the future the interest rates rise.

⁴ Bauer and Ryser (2004) formally model how banks use financial derivatives to mitigate the occurrence of bank runs.

⁵ Géczy, Minton and Schrand (1997) show that corporations use exchange rate derivatives to mitigate cash flow variations, such that they are able to exploit profitable growth opportunities. For determinants of corporate hedging, see Nance, Smith Jr and Smithson (1993) and Mian (1996).

protection against the borrowers it perceives as the most risky. This is aligned with empirical evidence from Dahiya, Puri and Saunders (2003) that identifies a significant negative stock price reaction for a borrower when a bank announces the borrower's loan to be sold. Dewally and Shao (2012) find that the use of financial derivatives by BHCs increases their opacity. Well-operating corporate governance can mitigate this effect.

Besides hedging purposes, banks also use financial derivatives for trading purposes. Revenues generated by trading activities drive banks to provide financial derivative products to the small banks and nonfinancial firms. Smith (1993) argues that banks should recognize the benefit of providing financial derivatives products and the related services and make good use of it. Revenues come from generated fee income and stronger customer relationships. If used for hedging purposes, financial derivatives can prevent financial distress for bank customers (e.g., small banks, nonfinancial firms), increasing the stability of bank revenues.

The bank involvement in dealing and trading in financial derivatives markets requires a substantial investment in capital, skilled employees, and good reputation, which all act as entry barriers for small banks. Tufano (1989) analyzes financial innovations and the first-mover advantage in investment banking in light of substantial costs associated with the development of new product. Hunter and Timme (1986) argue that the size and technical efficiencies allow large banks to take a lead in financial innovations. Consequently, trading activities of financial derivatives are limited to a set of large banks, whereas smaller banks have little chance to provide full-size risk management services and a broad range of financial derivatives products to their clients.

3. Data Sources, Sample Selection and Data Description

The data employed in this paper are combined from several sources. For financial derivatives data, we use Call Report data from the BHC database at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, where the firm-level data is collected using the FR Y-9C report from 1997 to 2011.⁶ The Call Report contains quarterly balance sheet, off-balance sheet, and income statement information for all U.S. BHCs. Second, we use historical BHCs' stock prices from the Center of Research of Security Price (CRSP) at the University of Chicago. Macroeconomic data is obtained from the Federal Reserve Board of Governors.⁷ Stock price and macroeconomic data are monthly data between 1997 and 2011. We also split BHCs into large BHCs (whose asset is equal to or higher than \$50 billion) and small BHCs (whose asset is less than \$50 billion).⁸ Table 1

⁶ These data are available at: https://www.chicagofed.org/applications/bhc_data/bhcdata_index.cfm.

⁷ These data are available at: <http://www.federalreserve.gov/econresdata/default.htm>.

⁸ Our decomposition is consistent with the classification of sections 165 and 166 of the Dodd-Frank Act in which BHCs with \$50 billion or more in consolidated asset are automatically considered to be systemically important institutions (Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act and Independent Commission on Banking, 2011). See also <http://www.federalreserve.gov/newsevents/testimony/gibson20120516a.htm>.

presents the variables, their definitions and sources.

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Table 2 summarizes the notional principal amounts of financial derivatives held by U.S. BHCs in the fourth quarter of 2011. Panel A of Table 2 provides a breakdown of financial derivatives by contract types for all U.S. BHCs included in Call Reports (in the first column), the BHCs in our sample (in the second column) and the large BHCs in our sample (in the fourth column). In the fourth quarter of 2011, BHCs with total assets of approximately \$16.5 trillion held nearly \$284 trillion of financial derivative contracts, indicating that financial derivative contracts were more than 17 times of the BHCs' total assets. Interest rate derivative contracts (including futures, forwards, swaps and options) accounted for more than \$243 trillion and nearly 86% of the total amount of financial derivatives. Exchange rate derivative contracts and credit derivative contracts accounted for \$29.5 trillion and \$11.5 trillion, respectively. For the interest rate derivative contracts, swaps were the largest individual derivative contract type, which accounted for more than \$171 trillion and nearly 70% of interest rate contracts. In the case of exchange rate derivative contracts, the exchange rate forwards were the most important individual contract type. The value of exchange rate forwards was \$13.8 trillion, nearly half of all exchange rate derivative contracts. For credit derivatives, 97% of all credit derivatives held by U.S. BHCs were credit default swaps.

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In the second column of Panel A we also summarize the financial derivatives data in our sample BHCs and compare it to the data for the total U.S. BHCs (in third column). The total assets of the BHCs in our sample were almost \$14.3 trillion, which accounted for 87% of the total assets of total reported U.S. BHCs. The financial derivative contracts used by BHCs in our sample were more than \$277 trillion, 95% of the total amount. This indicates that the BHCs in our sample well reflect the U.S. BHCs and the U.S. financial derivatives market.

In the fourth column of Panel A, we summarize the use of financial derivatives by large BHCs in our sample and compare it to the total U.S. BHCs (in the fifth column) and our sample BHCs (in the sixth column). Large BHCs held \$13.2 trillion of total assets, accounting for 80% of the total assets of all U.S. BHCs and 92% of total assets of BHCs in our sample. Large BHCs held more than \$277 trillion of financial derivative contracts, which accounts for 97% of the total BHCs' financial derivative contracts and 99.9% of financial derivative contracts in our sample. This indicates that large BHCs are the main participants in the U.S. financial derivatives market.

Panel B of Table 2 presents the breakdown of financial derivatives with respect to their reported purposes (trading vs. hedging). More than \$277 trillion (out of \$284 trillion held by the BHCs in total) of financial derivative contracts were held for trading, which accounts for over 98% of all financial derivative contracts. The financial derivatives held for trading were mainly (i.e., 98% of them) concentrated in large BHCs. Concentration of financial derivatives in large BHCs was less pronounced for financial derivatives held for hedging purposes. Out of all financial derivatives held for hedging purposes, large BHCs held 85% of them. The implication is that small BHCs in our sample act as end-users in the financial derivatives market and hold financial derivatives mainly for hedging purposes.

Table 3 compares the means of on-balance sheet and off-balance sheet variables for the total sample BHCs and the two subsamples (i.e., large BHCs and small BHCs) in the period from 1997 to 2011. We report the means, the difference in means and *t*-statistics based on unequal group variance. Panel A compares the use of interest rate derivatives. Large BHCs have lower interest margin ratio, more loans and deposit and more interest rate derivatives than small BHCs. Panel B focuses on exchange rate variables. Large BHCs have more foreign currency assets and deposits and are more active in the exchange rate derivatives market than small BHCs. Panel C depicts credit risk variables. Large BHCs have higher market liquidity and funding liquidity, more loan charge offs, more loan provisions and non-performing loans, hold more credit derivatives than small BHCs. Panel D presents control variables. Large BHCs' total assets are 30 times higher than small BHCs, they have lower capital ratio and hold more financial derivatives.

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Table 3 shows that large and small BHCs employ different strategies to engage in financial derivatives markets. Large banks can build on their scale advantage in financial derivatives activities. They act as market makers and provide financial derivatives products to small banks and nonfinancial firm. Large BHCs may focus on trading related activities in financial derivatives business where they contain competitive advantage with respect to small BHCs due to their size. In contrast, small BHCs use financial derivatives products mainly for hedging purposes as end-users.

4. Empirical Methodology

The empirical analysis employs two-stage time-series, cross-section regression model to examine the relationship between risk exposures and the use of financial derivatives. The regression proceeds in two stages (consistent with Fama and French (1992)). In the first-stage, the changes in the market return, interest rate, exchange rate and credit spread are regressed against the stock returns of each BHC. In this way we obtain risk betas that measure the BHC's systematic (i.e., nondiversifiable) exposure towards systematic

market risk, interest rate risk, exchange rate risk and credit risk.⁹ In the second-stage regression, the on-balance sheet variables and financial derivatives variables are regressed against risk betas.

First-stage Regression: The monthly stock returns of publicly traded BHCs are used to measure systematic exposures of each bank towards market risk, interest rate risk, exchange rate risk and credit risk. Such multi-factor model has also been employed by Flannery and James (1984), Choi and Elyasiani (1997) and Hirtle (1997). The first-stage regression is as follows:

$$Stock\ Return_{it} = \alpha_i + \beta_{Market,it} Market\ Return_{it} + \beta_{Interest,it} Interest\ Rate_{it} + \beta_{Exchange,it} Exchange\ Rate_{it} + \beta_{Credit,it} Credit\ Risk_{it} + \varepsilon_{it} \quad (1)$$

where $\beta_{Market,it}$, $\beta_{Interest,it}$, $\beta_{Exchange,it}$, $\beta_{Credit,it}$ are risk exposures of BHC i towards market risk, interest rate risk, exchange rate risk and credit risk exposures at time t , respectively; α_i are constant error terms and ε_{it} are random error terms.

Dependent variable *Stock Return* is the excess rate of stock return over the risk-free rate (i.e., annualized rate on three-month U.S. Treasury bill). Independent variable *Market Return* denotes the excess rate of return on the Standard and Poor's 500 index over the risk-free rate.; *Interest Rate* is defined as the rate of change in the price of three-month U.S. Treasury bill rate, i.e., $(\sqrt[4]{\frac{1+r_t-1}{1+r_t}} - 1)$ where r is annualized rate on three-month U.S. Treasury bill; *Exchange Rate* is the rate of change in the nominal broad dollar index, i.e., $(e_t - e_{t-1})/e_t$ where e is the value of the U.S. dollar against a basket of foreign currencies,¹⁰ *Credit Risk* is defined as the change of BBB bond yield, i.e., $(b_t - b_{t-1})/b_{t-1}$, where b is the BBB bond yield in the U.S. market. All data are calculated on a monthly basis.

To adjust for possible bias due to cross-equation dependencies, the regression equations for each of the BHCs are estimated as a simultaneous equation system, using a modified Seemingly Unrelated Technique (SUR). The modified SUR technique, developed by Chamberlain (1982), MaCurdy (1982) and Choi and Elyasiani (1997), is a variation of the standard SUR method and produces asymptotically efficient estimates without imposing either conditional homoskedasticity or serial independence restrictions on disturbance terms.¹¹

⁹ This approach allows us to disentangle systematic (i.e., undiversifiable) risk into three components: systematic interest rate, exchange rate, and credit risk and analyze the impact of the financial derivatives of the corresponding type. Rodriguez Moreno, Mayordomo and Peña (2013) analyze the impact of financial derivatives on bank systemic risk.

¹⁰ The nominal broad dollar index is a weighted average of the foreign exchange value of the U.S. dollar against the currencies of a broad group of major U.S. trading partners. Weights for the broad index can be found at <http://www.federalreserve.gov/releases/H10/Weights>. For more information on exchange rate indexes for the U.S. dollar, see "Indexes of the Foreign Exchange Value of the Dollar," Federal Reserve Bulletin, 91:1 (Winter 2005), pp. 1-8 (http://www.federalreserve.gov/pubs/bulletin/2005/winter05_index.pdf).

¹¹ The SUR regression has been employed in recent studies by Viale, Kolari and Fraser (2009), Yong, et al. (2009), Ammer, Vega and Wongswan (2010), Białkowski, Etebari and Wisniewski (2012) and Lim, Sum and Khun (2012).

The market model regressions are performed quarterly by using a 4-year rolling window between 1997 and 2011 to estimate quarterly-varying beta coefficients for each BHC. This process results in separate risk betas for each BHC for each quarter in the sample.¹² The values of $\beta_{\text{Market},it}$, $\beta_{\text{Interest},it}$, $\beta_{\text{Exchange},it}$, $\beta_{\text{Credit},it}$ are therefore quarterly and bank-specific data and are treated as panel data in the second-stage regression.

Second-stage Regression: In the second-stage, interest rate risk $\beta_{\text{Interest},it}$, exchange rate risk $\beta_{\text{Exchange},it}$ and credit risk $\beta_{\text{Credit},it}$ generated in the first-stage are regressed in a panel data regression against bank-specific on-balance sheet and off-balance sheet (i.e., financial derivatives) variables.¹³ To increase the accuracy of our estimation in the second-stage, we follow Doidge, Griffin and Williamson (2006) and Chue and Cook (2008) and weight each observation by the inverse of the standard errors of $\beta_{\text{Interest},it}$, $\beta_{\text{Exchange},it}$ and $\beta_{\text{Credit},it}$ obtained in the first-stage. By this procedure, the betas that are estimated more precisely in the first-stage regression receive a heavier weight in the second-stage regression.

The equations can be written as follows:

$$\beta_{\text{Interest},it} = \gamma_i + \sum_j \delta_j X_{jit} + \sum_j \eta_j Y_{jit} \quad (2)$$

where X_{jit} are on-balance-sheet variables (including *Interest Margin*, *C&I Loans*, *Mortgage Loans*, *Other Loans*, *Domestic Deposits*) and three control variables (*Size*, *Total Capital Ratio* and *GDP growth*) and Y_{jit} are the notional principal amounts of interest rate derivatives used. In a slightly changed specification, Y_{jit} can be interest rate derivatives and interest rate derivatives for hedging.

$$\beta_{\text{Exchange},it} = \Phi_i + \sum_j \xi_j A_{jit} + \sum_j \varsigma_j B_{jit} \quad (3)$$

where A_{jit} are on balance sheet variables (including *Assets in Foreign Currencies*, *Foreign Exchange Deposits*) and two control variables (*Size*, *Total Capital Ratio* and *GDP growth*) and B_{jit} are the notional principal amounts of exchange rate derivatives used. In a slightly changed specification, B_{jit} can be exchange rate derivatives and exchange rate derivatives for hedging.

$$\beta_{\text{Credit},it} = \Psi_i + \sum_j \mu_j O_{jit} + \sum_j \nu_j P_{jit} \quad (4)$$

¹² Based on the method of sample constructing, a number of BHCs drop out of the sample because of the mergers and failures during our sample period.

¹³ The betas generated in the first stage are used as dependent variables in the second stage, the most recent literatures that use the risk exposure as dependent variable in the second stage can be found in Chue and Cook (2008), Hutson and Stevenson (2009), Choi and Jiang (2009), and Bredin (2011).

where O_{jit} are on balance sheet variables (including *Market Liquidity*, *Funding Liquidity*, *Non-Performing Loans*, *Loan Charge-Offs*, *Loan Loss Provisions*) and two control variables (*Size*, *Total Capital Ratio* and *GDP growth*) and P_{jit} are the notional principal amounts of credit derivatives used. In a slightly changed specification, P_{jit} can be credit derivatives and net credit protection bought.

We also account for the presence of the global financial crisis by adding dummy variable $Crisis_t$ which is one during the financial crisis 2007-2010 and zero in all other periods. We estimate the following regression equations:

$$\beta_{Interest,it} = \gamma_i + \sum_j \delta_j X_{jit} + \sum_j \eta_j Y_{jit} + \theta_i Crisis_t + \sum_j \kappa_j Crisis_t Y_{jit} \quad (5)$$

$$\beta_{Exchange,it} = \Phi_i + \sum_j \xi_j A_{jit} + \sum_j \varsigma_j B_{jit} + \upsilon_i Crisis_t + \sum_j \omega_j Crisis_t B_{jit} \quad (6)$$

$$\beta_{Credit,it} = \psi_i + \sum_j \mu_j O_{jit} + \sum_j \nu_j P_{jit} + \pi_i Crisis_t + \sum_j \rho_j Crisis_t P_{jit} \quad (7)$$

5. Empirical Results

5.1. First-stage Regression Results

In the first-stage, we estimate the beta coefficients of market risk, interest rate risk, exchange rate risk and credit risk for each BHC in each quarter in our sample. We also perform regressions for each group of the BHCs in our sample. Correlations between the first-stage variables are shown in Table 4.

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We observe from Table 4 that excess stock returns are significantly negatively correlated with changes in exchange rate and bond yields but significantly positively correlated with changes in interest rate. Excess stock returns are positively and insignificantly correlated with excess market returns for small BHCs whereas the relationship is insignificant for large BHCs and for the total sample.

In Table 5, we report the results of the multifactor index model based on the entire sample period for the total sample, large BHCs and small BHCs. The results indicate that market risk beta (β_{Market}) and interest rate beta ($\beta_{Interest}$) are statistically significant (at 1% level on two-tail tests) for the total sample and for two subsamples (large BHCs and small BHCs). The exchange rate beta ($\beta_{Exchange}$) is significant for the total sample and small BHCs but not for the large BHCs. The credit risk beta (β_{Credit}) is significant in all cases.

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In Table 5, risk betas can be compared across large and small BHCs. The market risk beta (β_{Market}) is higher for the large BHCs, followed by the total sample and small BHCs. This is consistent with the popular notion that large BHCs, acting as market makers and holding a large proportion of financial derivatives for trading purposes, have higher risks and are more exposed to the market risk (Standard and Poor's, 2011). The results also show that small BHCs are more sensitive to systematic interest rate risk, exchange rate risk and credit risk than large BHCs. Higher sensitivity to systematic interest rate risk and credit risk is aligned with the notion that lending (and associated credit risk) is the core business of small BHCs.

Figure 5 to Figure 8 depict the movement of the average systematic interest rate risk, exchange rate risk, credit risk and market risk for large and small BHCs. Systematic interest rate risk reached the bottom in years 2005 and 2006 and then increased with the start of the global financial crisis. This shows that the BHCs were substantially exposed to higher systematic interest rate risk during the global financial crisis. Similarly, systematic exchange rate risk, credit risk and market risk substantially increased in the global financial crisis. At the end of the global financial crisis, we also observe that large BHCs are exposed to higher systematic interest rate risk, exchange rate risk, credit risk and market risk than small BHCs (see Figure 5, 6, 7, and 8). This observation is consistent with the notion that BHCs are exposed to higher systematic risks during the financial crisis than in normal times and large BHCs are exposed to higher systematic risks than smaller ones.

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5.2. Bank-specific Determinants of Risk Betas: Initial Analysis

In this section we present the weighted instrumental-variable estimator of the second-stage regression using the panel data regression model based on (2), (3) and (4). The dependent variables in the regression are interest rate, exchange rate and credit risk betas generated in the first-stage regression. The independent variables are the on-balance sheet variables and the financial derivatives variables (see Table 3). Three control variables are introduced: the natural log of total assets, the total risk-based capital ratio and the GDP growth. The regressions also include the bank-specific fixed effects and yearly dummy variables to control for macroeconomic factors that may vary over time. All standard errors are heteroskedasticity-consistent.

In the estimation, the financial derivatives variables and the interacted terms between Crisis and financial derivatives variables are instrumented with their one quarter lagged counterparties, exposures variables from trading revenue (interest rate exposures, foreign exchange exposures and credit exposures), and income tax

rate.¹⁴ Following Baum (2006), the GMM estimator is also employed to obtain the consistent and efficient estimation in the presence of non-i.i.d errors.

Instrument variables are statistically significant (at least at 10%) at large in the first-stage of weighted instrument-variable estimation. For the Anderson and Rubin (1949) test of the validity of the instruments, the hypothesis that the instruments are not valid is rejected at the 5% level for all regression model based on (2), (3) and (4). Besides this, the underidentification test (measured by Kleibergen-Paap rk LM statistic, Kleibergen and Paap (2006)), and weak identification test (measured by Cragg-Donald Wald F statistic and Kleibergen-Paap Wald rk F statistic, Cragg and Donald (1993) and Baum, Schaffer and Stillman (2007)) also confirm the validity of instrumental variables.

Correlations among the variables used in the second-stage estimation are presented in Table 6. Correlations among on-balance sheet variables and off-balance sheet variables related to interest rate risk (in Panel A) are generally low, while the correlations among BHCs' size and interest rate derivatives variables (interest rate derivatives for trading, interest rate derivatives for hedging, and interest rate derivatives) are generally higher (above 0.2). This indicates that there is no multicollinearity problem between the on-balance sheet variables and that a BHC's size is an important driver of the use of interest rate derivatives.

The correlations between variables related to exchange rate risk and credit risk are presented in Panel B and Panel C of Table 6 respectively.

<Insert Table 6 here>

Figure 9 to Figure 11 provide the first inspection of the impact of the use of financial derivatives (i.e., interest rate derivatives, exchange rate derivatives and credit derivatives) on systematic risk sensitivities. BHCs are split in quartiles according to how intensively they use financial derivatives (interest rate derivatives/total assets, exchange rate derivatives/total assets and credit derivatives/total assets). Figure 9 shows that the fourth quartile of BHCs (i.e., the BHCs with the most intensive use of interest rate derivatives) is exposed to the highest systematic interest rate risk during the global financial crisis. The quartile of BHCs with the most intensive use of credit derivatives is exposed to the highest systematic credit risk sensitivity during the global financial crisis (see Figure 11). In contrast, the quartile of BHCs with the most intensive use of exchange rate derivatives is exposed to the lowest systematic exchange rate risk sensitivity during the global financial crisis (see Figure 10).

<Insert Figure 9 to Figure 11 here>

Table 7 provides the weighted instrumental-variable regression results. Panel A analyzes the exposure

¹⁴ Ashcraft (2008) uses corporate income tax rates as an instrument for the mix of debt in regulator capital.

towards systematic interest rate risk. The results show that commercial and industrial loans, and mortgage loans are positively and significantly associated with systematic interest rate risk for the large BHCs. On the other hand, domestic deposits are negatively associated with systematic interest rate risk for the total sample (but this relationship is statistically significant only for the small BHCs). This may indicate that especially small BHCs with higher lending activities are exposed to higher systematic interest rate risk.

<Insert Table7 here>

Panel A in Table 7 shows the use of interest rate derivatives is positively (and significantly at 1% for the total sample) associated with systematic interest rate risk. This indicates that interest rate derivatives are not successfully used for hedging purposes. Rather, they may be used for fee generating business such as trading. This result is consistent with the previous studies (e.g., Hirtle (1997); Reichert and Shyu (2003); Yong, et al. (2009)).

Panel A in Table 7 also shows that higher GAP ratio and higher Total risk-based capital ratio are associated with higher interest rate risk for large BHCs. The size of a BHC has a significant and positive impact on systematic interest rate risk for the total sample and for small BHCs. This is consistent with previous findings by Elyasiani and Mansur (1998, 2004), Saporoschenko (2002), Reichert and Shyu (2003), and Faff, Hodgson and Kremmer (2005). GDP growth has a significant and positive impact on systematic interest rate risk for large BHCs. In contrast, the relation between GDP growth and interest rate risk is negative for the small BHCs.

Panel B in Table 7 analyzes systematic exchange rate risk of BHCs. The use of exchange rate derivatives is negatively (and significantly at 1%) associated with systematic exchange rate risk for the total sample, large BHCs, and small BHCs. This demonstrates that BHCs are less exposed to systematic exchange rate risk the more they use exchange rate derivatives. The interaction term between the dummy variable *Large* and exchange rate derivatives is positive and statistically significant at 5%. In addition, the economic impact of exchange rate derivatives on systematic exchange rate risk is more pronounced for small BHCs than for large BHCs, indicating that the hedging purpose of exchange rate derivatives is especially strong for small BHCs.

Panel B in Table 7 also shows that foreign exchange deposits are positively associated with systematic exchange rate risk for small BHCs whereas assets in foreign currencies are positively associated with systematic exchange rate risk for the total sample and large BHCs but negatively for small BHCs. The explanation may be that small BHCs naturally combine foreign exchange deposit-taking with lending in same foreign currencies and better hedge against exchange rate risk than large BHCs. We also see that total assets are negatively and significantly associated with systematic exchange rate risk (for large BHCs). This

may suggest that especially large BHCs have powers to expand in assets in foreign currencies and collect foreign exchange deposits and, by doing this, they expose themselves to systematic exchange rate risk.

Panel C of Table 7 depicts the credit risk exposures of BHCs. The use of credit derivatives is positively and significantly related to systematic credit risk for the total sample, large BHCs, and small BHCs. The relationship is stronger for large BHCs than for the total sample or small BHCs. In addition, the interaction term between dummy variable *Large* and *Credit derivatives* is positive and statistically significant at 1%. This indicates that especially large BHCs use credit derivatives predominantly not to hedge but to further expose themselves towards systematic credit risk.

Market liquidity is negatively and significantly at 1% associated with systematic credit risk for the total sample and small BHCs but not for large BHCs. The explanation may be that liquid funds help BHCs to mitigate their exposure towards systematic credit risk. Loan charge offs are positively associated with credit risk but the relationship is statistically significant (at 1%) only for the total sample. In the case of large BHCs, loan loss provisions are negatively and significantly (at 5%) associated with systematic credit risk. The size of a BHC is positively (and statistically significant at 1%) related to systematic credit risk.

In short, the use of interest rate derivatives and credit derivatives is positively and significantly related to systematic interest rate and credit risk. In contrast, the use of exchange rate derivatives is negatively and significantly associated with systematic exchange rate risk. Small BHCs better use financial derivatives to hedge (that is, to lower their systematic risk exposures more successfully) than large BHCs.

5.3. Reported Purposes of Financial Derivatives and Risks

To further depict the relationship between risks and financial derivatives, we analyze how financial derivatives for hedging purposes affect systematic interest rate risk, exchange rate risk, and credit risk.¹⁵

<Insert Table 8 here>

Panel A in Table 8 shows that interest derivatives for hedging are negatively and significantly related to systematic interest rate risk for the total sample and large BHCs, whereas interest rate derivatives for hedging have no significant effect on systematic interest rate risk of small BHCs. The results suggest that the reported purpose of financial derivatives is aligned with their impact on systematic exposure of a BHC. That is, BHCs

¹⁵ BHCs reports do not break credit derivatives into credit derivatives held for trading and for hedging purpose. Hence, we use the net credit protection bought, which is the difference between the notional principal of credit derivatives on which the bank is the beneficiary (credit protection bought) and the notional principal amount of credit derivatives on which the bank is guarantor (credit protection sold). See also Minton, Stulz and Williamson (2009) and Hirtle (2009).

with a higher proportion of interest rate derivatives for hedging are less exposed towards systematic interest rate risk than BHCs with a lower proportion of interest rate derivatives for hedging. The negative impact of interest rate derivatives for hedging on risk is stronger for large BHCs than small BHCs.

Panel B in Table 8 reports results for exchange rate derivatives and exchange rate derivatives for hedging. The direct effect of increased exchange rate derivatives is negative and significant for total sample, large BHCs and small BHCs. For total BHCs and large BHCs, exchange rate derivatives for hedging have a significant effect on systematic exchange rate risk: exchange rate risk appears to decline as the amount of exchange rate derivatives for hedging increases. Exchange rate risk to small BHCs appears to increase as the exchange rate derivatives for hedging rise.

Panel C in Table 8 shows that net credit protection bought is negatively related to credit risk for total BHCs and large BHCs (only significant for large BHCs at 1%), whereas the sign is positive and insignificant for small BHCs.

The relationships between on-balance sheet variables, control variables and risk betas are similar as reported in Table 7. These results point to the different impact of financial derivatives for hedging across different types of BHCs. Large BHCs are more likely use the exchange rate derivatives in international financial markets whereas small BHCs are mainly focus on the domestic market. The different impact of financial derivatives for hedging on risks for large BHCs and small BHCs can also be observed: the negative impact of financial derivatives for hedging is significantly higher for large BHCs.

In brief, Table 8 confirms that financial derivatives for hedging are negatively related to risks of total sample and large BHCs. This is aligned with the view that financial derivatives held for hedging will reduce risks. In the second column of Table 8 we can also see that the interaction term between the dummy variable *Large* (indicating large BHCs) and the proportion of financial derivatives used for hedging is consistently negative. This indicates that large BHCs report the purpose of derivatives (i.e., hedging vs. trading) more consistently with its impact on systematic risk.

We now analyze whether the relationship between risks and financial derivatives has changed in the global financial crisis 2007-2010.

5.4. The Global Financial Crisis and Financial Derivatives

Table 9 analyzes the role of financial derivatives in the global financial crisis. The global financial crisis

denoted by dummy variable *Crisis* has a significantly positive (at 1%) impact on systematic interest rate risk of the total sample and small BHCs. The coefficients of the interaction terms between *Crisis* and interest rate derivatives are negative and significant (for the total sample and large BHCs), which suggests that the positive impact of interest rate derivatives on systematic interest rate risk is stronger during the financial crisis than in normal times (Panel A). While the dummy variable *Crisis* has no direct significant effect on systematic exchange rate risk and credit risk, the coefficients of the interaction terms between *Crisis* and exchange rate derivatives (for large BHCs and small BHCs) and between *Crisis* and credit derivatives (for total sample and large BHCs) are negative and significant, which suggests that the impact of exchange rate derivatives on systematic exchange rate risk is higher during the crisis than in normal time (Panel B), whereas the impact of credit derivatives on credit risk is lower during the crisis than in normal times (Panel C).

<Insert Table 9 here>

Table 9 depicts the impact of the global financial crisis on systematic interest rate, exchange rate, and credit risk. The positive relationship between interest rate derivatives and systematic interest rate risk becomes more pronounced during the global financial crisis, whereas the negative relationship between exchange rate derivatives and systematic exchange rate risk also becomes stronger during the global financial crisis. The global financial crisis seems to lower the positive impact of credit derivatives on systematic credit risk for total sample and large BHCs, whereas its impact in the case of small BHCs was not statistically significant.

In Table 10 we further examine financial derivatives based on their reported purposes (for hedging vs. trading). For the total sample, interest rate derivatives are positively related to systematic interest rate risk and the global financial crisis further exacerbates this positive relation. In contrast, interest rate derivatives for hedging (ie. the proportion of interest rate derivatives for hedging in all interest derivatives) are negatively related to systematic interest rate risk for the total sample and the global financial crisis has no significant effect on the relationship between interest rate derivatives for hedging and systematic interest rate risk. For large BHCs and small BHCs, the global financial crisis has a significantly positive effect on the relationship between interest rate derivatives for hedging and systematic interest rate risk.

<Insert Table10 here>

The impact of the global financial crisis on systematic exchange rate risk is positive and statistically significant at 1% for large BHCs. For the total sample, the interaction terms between *Crisis* and exchange rate derivatives and exchange rate derivatives for hedging are statistically and negatively significant. This indicates that the negative relationship between exchange rate derivatives (and exchange rate derivatives for hedging) and systematic exchange rate risk is stronger during the global financial crisis than in normal times.

The global financial crisis negatively and significantly (at 1%) affects systematic credit risk. For the total sample and for large BHCs, the global financial crisis decreases the positive relationship between credit derivatives and credit risk. The global financial crisis has no significant impact on the relation between net credit protection bought and credit risk.

In summary, Table 10 shows that for total sample and large BHCs, the global financial crisis increases the positive (negative) relationship between financial derivatives and systematic interest rate risks (systematic exchange rate risk), whereas the global financial crisis decreases the positive relation between credit derivatives and systematic credit risk. For small BHCs, the global financial crisis only increases the negative relationship between exchange rate derivatives and systematic exchange rate risks.

The impact of the global financial crisis can be explained in the following way. During the global financial crisis, the risks associated with financial derivatives increased, which in turn increased the impact of financial derivatives on risks sensitivity of BHCs. In addition, large BHCs may have increased the use financial derivatives for trading (indicating speculative purposes). In contrast, small BHCs may have used financial derivatives even more for hedging purposes which lowered their risk exposures during the global financial crisis.

6. Conclusions

In this paper, we examine whether financial derivatives magnify or mitigate systematic interest rate risk, exchange rate risk, and credit risk sensitivities of the publicly traded U.S. BHCs in the period from 1997 to 2011. The regression proceeds in two stages. In the first stage, the changes in the excess market returns, risk-free interest rates, exchange rates, and interest rates on BBB rated bonds are regressed against the stock returns of each bank. We apply a modified seeming unrelated simultaneous regression that adjusts for cross-equation dependencies as well as heteroskedasticity and serial correlation. In this way, we obtain betas that measure systematic market risk, interest rate risk, exchange rate risk, and credit risk. In the second-stage regression, we employ the weighted instrumental-variables estimation to regress the on-balance sheet variables and financial derivatives variables against systematic risk betas generated in the first stage.

The sample included in this paper accounts for more than 86% of the total assets of U.S. BHCs and more than 95% of the financial derivatives held by BHCs. Hence, the results well reflects the characteristic of BHCs and U.S. financial derivatives market. Also, in order to examine the differences between BHCs that act as dealers and the ones that act as end-users, we divide the sample into large BHCs and small BHCs. In addition,

we divide derivatives with respect to their reported purposes (i.e., trading vs. hedging).

Our empirical results provide evidence that the use of financial derivatives have significant effects on the risk exposures. For BHCs in our sample, we find that the higher use of interest rate derivatives and credit derivatives corresponds to greater systematic interest rate risk and credit risk, whereas more pronounced use of exchange rate derivatives is associated with lower systematic exchange rate risk. By examining the effect of financial derivatives for hedging on risk sensitivities, we find that the use of financial derivatives for hedging purposes is negatively related to risk sensitivities of BHCs (especially for large BHCs). During the global financial crisis, the relationship between interest rate and exchange rate derivatives and systematic risk sensitivities became stronger than in normal times, and the positive relationship between credit derivatives and systematic credit risk became less pronounced.

Policy implications immediately follow. Our analysis shows that caution is needed when limiting or even banning the use of financial derivatives across BHCs (through e.g. the Volker rule in the Dodd-Frank Wall Street Reform and Consumer Protection Act). We show that use of exchange rate derivatives generally lowers systematic exchange rate risk of BHCs. In this light, banning the use of financial derivatives for trading may make bank risk management less efficient (see also Thakor, 2012). In addition, financial derivatives with a reported purpose of hedging decrease systematic risks especially in the case of large BHCs but not in the case of small BHCs. This indicates that financial derivatives may increase systematic risks even though the declared purpose of financial derivatives is hedging. Hence, to break the interconnection between financial derivatives and systematic risks it may not be enough to allow BHCs to only use financial derivatives for hedging purposes.

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Table 1 Description of Variables

Variable	Definition	Data Sources
First-Stage Variables		
Stock Return	Measured by the excess rate of return of stock price over the risk-free rate	Center of Research of Security Price
Market Return	Measured by the excess rate of return on market portfolio S&P 500 over the risk-free rate	Center of Research of Security Price
Interest Rate	Measured by the percentage changes of the price of three-month U.S. Treasury bill	H.15, Federal Reserve Board of Governors
Exchange Rate	Measured by the change in nominal broad dollar index	G.5, Federal Reserve Board of Governors
Credit Risk	Measured by the change of BBB bond yield	Center of Research of Security Price
Interest Rate Risk Variables		
Interest Margin	(Interest margin) / average interest earning assets	FR Y-9C, BHCK4074/earning assets)
Commercial & Industrial Loans	Commercial and industrial loans /total assets	FR Y-9C, (BHCK1763+BHCK1764)/ total assets
Mortgage Loans	Mortgage loans/total assets	FR Y-9C, (BHCK1410+BHCK1590)/ total assets
Other Loans	(Loans-commercial & industrial loans-mortgage loans)/total assets	FR Y-9C, (BHCK2122-BHCK1766-BHCK1410-BHCK1590)/ total assets
Domestic Deposits	Domestic deposits /total assets	FR Y-9C, (BHDM6631+BHDM6636)/ total assets
GAP Ratio	Interest sensitive assets that are repricable within one year or mature within one year/ interest rate-sensitive liabilities that are repricable within one year or mature within one year	FR Y-9C, BHCK3197/ BHCK3296
Interest Rate Exposures	Interest rate exposures/ total assets	FR Y-9C, BHCK8757/ total assets
Interest Rate Derivatives for Trading	Notional principal amounts of interest rate contracts for trading purposes/total assets	FR Y-9C, BHCK A126/ total assets
Interest Rate Derivatives for Hedging	Notional principal amounts of interest rate contracts for other-than trading purposes/total assets	FR Y-9C, BHCK 8725/ total assets
Interest Rate Derivatives	Notional principal amounts of interest rate contracts/ total assets	FR Y-9C, (BHCK A126+ BHCK 8725)/ total assets
Exchange Rate Risk Variables		
Assets in Foreign Currencies	Assets in foreign offices/total assets	FR Y-9C, (BHCK0397+BHCK1742+BHCK1746+BHCK2081+BHCK1296)/ total assets
Foreign Exchange Deposits	Deposits denominated in foreign currencies and in foreign offices/total assets	FR Y-9C, (BHFN6631+BHFN6636)/ total assets
Foreign Exchange Exposures	Foreign exchange exposures/ total assets	FR Y-9C, BHCK8758/ total assets
Exchange Rate Derivatives for Trading	Notional principal amounts of exchange rate contracts for trading purposes/total assets	FR Y-9C, BHCK A127/ total assets
Exchange Rate Derivatives for Hedging	Notional principal amounts of exchange rate contracts for other-than trading purposes/total assets	FR Y-9C, BHCK 8726/ total assets
Exchange Rate Derivatives	Notional principal amounts of exchange rate contracts /total assets	FR Y-9C, (BHCK A127+ BHCK 8726)/ total assets
Credit Risk Variables		
Market Liquidity	(Cash+ securities + fed funds lent)/total assets	FR Y-9C, (BHCK0081+BHCK0395+BHCK0397+BHCK1754+BHCK1773)/ total assets
Funding Liquidity	(Federal funds sold + securities purchased under agreements)/total assets	FR Y-9C, (BHDMB987+BHCKB989)/ total assets
Non-Performing Loans	(Total amount of loans classified as non-performing)/total assets	FR Y-9C, (BHCK5524+BHCK5525+BHCK5526)/ total assets
Loan Charge-Offs	Loan charge-offs/total assets	FR Y-9C, BHCK4635/ total assets
Loan Loss Provisions	Loan loss provisions/total assets	FR Y-9C, BHCK4230/ total assets
Credit Exposures	Credit exposures/ total assets	FR Y-9C, F186/ total assets
Credit Protection Sold	Notional principal amounts of credit risk protection sold/total assets	FR Y-9C, (BHCKC968+BHCKC970+BHCKC972+BHCKC974) / total assets
Credit Protection Bought	Notional principal amounts of credit risk protection bought/total assets	FR Y-9C, (BHCKC969+BHCKC971+BHCKC973+BHCKC975) / total assets
Net Credit Protection Bought	(Credit risk protection bought - Credit risk protection sold)/total assets	FR Y-9C, ((BHCKC969+BHCKC971+BHCKC973+BHCKC975)-(BHCKC968+BHCKC970+BHCKC972+BHCKC974)) / total assets
Credit Derivatives	(Credit risk protection bought + Credit risk protection sold)/total assets	FR Y-9C, ((BHCKC969+BHCKC971+BHCKC973+BHCKC975)+(BHCKC968+BHCKC970+BHCKC972+BHCKC974)) / total assets
Control Variables		
Natural Log of Total Assets	log (total assets)	FR Y-9C, log (BHCK2170)
Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio	Total capital ratio	FR Y-9C, BHCK7205
GDP Growth	The GDP growth in each state	http://www.bea.gov/regional/
Income Tax Rate	Corporate income tax rates in each state, as the data before 2000 is missing, we use the income tax rate in 2000 to measure the corporate income tax rates from 1997-1999	www.taxfoundation.org
Crisis	Equals to 1 if the growth rate of the quarterly net operate income for the whole banking system in the U.S. is negative during the financial crisis 2007-2010, and 0 otherwise.	
Large	Equals to 1 if the asset of the BHCs is larger or equal to \$50 billion, and 0 otherwise.	

Table 2 Financial Derivatives Used by the U.S. BHCs (Notional principal amounts, \$ billions)

	Total U.S. BHCs	BHCs in our sample		Large BHCs in our sample		
Panel A: Types of Financial Derivatives						
	Value	Value	% of Total	Value	% of Total	% of sample
Interest Rate Contracts	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Futures	5980	5710	95.48	5700	95.32	99.82
Forwards	31000	30300	97.74	30200	97.42	99.67
Exchange-traded Option	3760	3660	97.34	3660	97.34	100.00
OTC	5230	5150	98.47	5150	98.47	100.00
Swaps	171000	168000	98.25	168000	98.25	100.00
Total Interest Rate Contracts	243000	238000	97.94	237890	97.94	99.95
Exchange Rate Contracts						
Futures	87	86	98.28	86	98.28	100.00
Forwards	13800	13000	96.38	13300	96.38	100.00
Exchange-traded Contracts	34	34	100.00	34	100.00	100.00
OTC	3100	3080	99.35	3080	99.35	100.00
Swaps	10300	10000	98.06	10100	98.06	100.00
Total Exchange Rate Contracts	29500	28300	96.95	28300	96.95	100.00
Credit Derivatives						
Credit Default Swaps	11100	10800	97.30	10800	100.00	100.00
Total Return Swaps	179	131	73.18	131	100.00	100.00
Credit Options	97	97	100.00	97	100.00	99.69
Other Credit Derivatives	103	103	100.00	103	100.00	99.03
Total Credit Derivatives	11479	11131	96.96	11131	100.00	100.00
Total Assets	16500	14300	86.67	13200	80.00	92.31
Total Financial Derivatives	283979	277431	95.18	277321	97.65	99.96
Panel B: Financial Derivatives for Different Purposes						
Interest Rate Contracts Held For Trading	238000	234000	98.32	234000	98.32	100.00
Foreign Exchange Contracts Held For Trading	28800	28000	97.22	28000	97.22	100.00
Credit Protection Sold	11000	10700	97.27	10700	97.27	100.00
Interest Rate Contracts Held for Hedging	4970	4240	85.31	4190	84.31	98.82
Foreign Exchange Contracts Held for Hedging	710	680	95.77	679	95.63	99.85
Credit Protection Bought	11300	10900	97.88	10900	97.88	100.00

Source: The financial data is for 4th quarter 2011 from Financial Statements data from Call Reports (FR Y-9Cs).

Table 3 Difference in Means: Financial Characteristics of the Sample BHCs, Large BHCs and Small BHCs

Variable	Group Means			Difference in Means		
	Total Sample	Large (L) BHCs	Small (S) BHCs	L-S	t-Statistic	p-value
Panel A: Interest Rate Variables						
Interest Margin Ratio	0.021	0.019	0.021	-0.003	-8.768***	0.0000
Commercial & Industrial Loans	0.109	0.143	0.107	0.036	14.828***	0.0000
Mortgage Loans	0.473	0.304	0.484	-0.180	-46.138***	0.0000
Other Loans	0.075	0.146	0.070	0.076	31.598***	0.0000
Domestic Deposits	0.732	0.546	0.744	-0.198	-35.160***	0.0000
GAP Ratio	0.048	0.313	0.030	0.283	3.085***	0.0021
Interest Rate Options Bought	0.040	0.251	0.026	0.225	12.730***	0.0000
Interest Rate Options Written	0.034	0.250	0.020	0.230	12.567***	0.0000
Interest Rate Forwards & Futures	0.055	0.431	0.030	0.402	13.569***	0.0000
Interest Rate Swaps	0.210	1.939	0.093	1.846	12.622***	0.0000
Interest Rate Derivatives for Trading	0.290	2.673	0.129	2.543	12.369***	0.0000
Interest Rate Derivatives for Hedging	0.039	0.156	0.031	0.125	19.687***	0.0000
interest Rate Derivatives	0.340	2.878	0.169	2.709	13.095***	0.0000
Panel B: Exchange Rate Variables						
Assets in Foreign Currencies	0.004	0.033	0.002	0.031	14.959***	0.0000
Foreign Currency Deposits	0.010	0.071	0.006	0.065	20.657***	0.0000
Exchange Rate Options Bought	0.005	0.036	0.003	0.032	12.522***	0.0000
Exchange Rate Options Written	0.006	0.036	0.003	0.033	12.465***	0.0000
Exchange Rate Forwards & Futures	0.042	0.405	0.018	0.387	15.743***	0.0000
Exchange Rate Swaps	0.008	0.073	0.004	0.069	12.320***	0.0000
Spot Exchange Rate	0.005	0.036	0.002	0.033	15.665***	0.0000
Exchange Rate Derivatives for Trading	0.060	0.535	0.027	0.508	16.351***	0.0000
Exchange Rate Derivatives for Hedging	0.002	0.011	0.001	0.010	15.482***	0.0000
Exchange Rate Derivatives	0.061	0.547	0.029	0.518	16.622***	0.0000
Panel C: Credit Risk Variables						
Market Liquidity	0.261	0.244	0.263	-0.019	-5.024***	0.0000
Funding Liquidity	0.015	0.028	0.014	0.014	8.9975***	0.0000
Non-Performing Loans	0.018	0.017	0.018	-0.001	2.582***	0.0099
Loan Charge-Offs	0.003	0.004	0.003	0.001	9.388***	0.0000
Loan Loss Provisions	0.003	0.004	0.003	0.001	5.274***	0.0000
Credit Protection Sold	0.008	0.067	0.004	0.063	8.438***	0.0000
Credit Protection Bought	0.009	0.073	0.004	0.069	8.807***	0.0000
Credit Derivatives	0.017	0.141	0.009	0.132	8.646***	0.0000
Panel D: Control Variables						
Total Assets (\$ billions)	24.2	262	8.41	253.59	19.932***	0.0000
Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio (%)	13.95	12.60	14.04	-1.44	-9.282***	0.0000
GDP Growth (%)	2.02	1.85	1.82	0.03	0.333	0.7391
Income Tax Rate (%)	41.96	42.15	41.90	0.26	3.877***	0.0001

Note: The *t*-statistics are in parentheses. * $p < 0.10$ ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$.

Source: The financial data is between 1997 and 2011 and from Financial Statements data from Call Reports (FR Y-9Cs). The *t*-statistics are based on unequal group variances. Variables used are described in Table 1.

Table 4 Correlation Coefficients Between Macroeconomic Factors

This table indicates the extent of multicollinearity, if any, between the various variables used to determine the interest rate, exchange rate, and CREDIT sensitivities for all bank holding companies(BHCs), the top group BHCs, the median group BHCs, and the bottom BHCs in Panel A, B, C, and D, respectively. The variables are the excess stock returns (SR), the excess market return (MKT), the changes on the price of three-month US Treasury bills (IR), the change in the nominal broad dollar index (FX), and the change in the BBB bond yield (CREDIT).

Panel A: Total Sample					
	SR	IR	MKT	FX	CREDIT
SR	1				
IR	0.246***	1			
MKT	0.00444	-0.169***	1		
FX	-0.135***	-0.491***	0.0537***	1	
CREDIT	-0.0871***	-0.265***	-0.0193***	0.417***	1
Panel B: Large Group					
	SR	IR	MKT	FX	CREDIT
SR	1				
IR	0.506***	1			
MKT	-0.0116	-0.173***	1		
FX	-0.283***	-0.506***	0.0642***	1	
CREDIT	-0.132***	-0.269***	-0.00869	0.432***	1
Panel C: Small Group					
	SR	IR	MKT	FX	CREDIT
SR	1				
IR	0.367***	1			
MKT	0.0712***	-0.204***	1		
FX	-0.228***	-0.582***	0.112***	1	
CREDIT	-0.0535***	-0.316***	0.0357***	0.480***	1

Note: The *t* statistics are in parentheses. * $p < 0.10$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$

Sources: Various risks exposures are computed from the four-factor model using data from Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP) database and Federal Reserve monthly Statistical Releases.

Table 5 First-stage Estimation of Risks Betas

Estimates of beta coefficients for the Sample Period of between 1997 and 2011 for BHCs in our sample are given below. These are systematic market risk (β_{Market}), interest rate risk (β_{Interest}), exchange rate risk (β_{Exchange}), and credit risk (β_{Credit}). Estimates for the total sample BHCs, the large BHCs, and the small BHCs are obtained using a seemingly unrelated robust estimation and pooled monthly data across the sample period.

Panel A: Regression Results

	Intercept	β_{Market}	β_{Interest}	β_{Exchange}	β_{Credit}
Total Sample BHCs	0.00238** (2.46)	1.006*** (40.91)	0.757*** (15.17)	-0.315*** (-4.10)	0.171*** (7.63)
Large BHCs	0.00276* (1.87)	1.145*** (31.53)	0.505*** (6.48)	-0.186 (-1.60)	0.0776** (2.20)
Small BHCs	0.00205 (1.62)	0.922*** (28.28)	0.876*** (13.68)	-0.428*** (-4.26)	0.216*** (7.51)

Panel B: Regression Statistics

	Total Sample BHCs	Large BHCs	Small BHCs
R-Square	0.193	0.268	0.164
<i>N</i>	10588	3766	6822

Note: The *t* statistics are in parentheses. * $p < 0.10$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$.

Sources: The individual computation is based on the monthly data from Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP) database and Federal Reserve monthly Statistical Releases.

Table 6 Correlation Between On-and Off-balance Sheet BHCs' Specific Variables

The common variables are the natural log of total assets (SIZE) which was scaled by 1,000, total risk-based capital ratio (RiskRatio), GDP growth (GDP) and corporate income tax rate (CPTax) in each state. Panel A variables are the interest rate sensitivity (INT); interest margin ratio (IM), commercial & industrial loans (CIL); mortgage loans (MORT); other loans (OtherLoan), domestic deposits (DEPOSIT), one-year maturity gap (GAP); interest rate derivatives for trading (IRT), interest rate derivatives for hedging (IRH); total interest rate derivatives (IRD) and interest rate exposures (IRE). Panel B variables are the exchange rate sensitivity (FX), assets in foreign currencies (FOA), foreign currency deposits (FXDEP), exchange rate derivatives for trading (ERT), exchange rate derivatives for hedging (ERH); total exchange rate derivatives (ERD) and exchange rate product exposures (ERE). Panel C variables are credit risk sensitivity (Credit), market liquidity (FLIQ), funding liquidity (MLIQ), loan charge-offs (LCO), loan loss provisions (LLP), non-performing loans (NPL), credit protection sold (CPS), credit protection bought (CPB), net credit protection bought (NetPB), credit derivatives (CDD) and credit exposures (CreditE).

Panel A: Interest Rate Sensitivity

	INT	IM	CIL	MORT	OtherLoan	DEPOSIT	GAP	SIZE	RiskRatio	CPTax	IRT	IRH	IRD	Crisis	IRE	GDPgrowth
INT	1															
IM	-0.0175**	1														
CIL	-0.0137*	0.0955***	1													
MORT	0.0793***	0.0848***	-0.289***	1												
OtherLoan	-0.0052	0.0504***	0.0688***	-0.510***	1											
DEPOSIT	-0.00941	0.188***	0.126***	0.417***	-0.172***	1										
GAP	-0.0169**	-0.0124*	-0.0447***	-0.0848***	-0.00528	-0.157***	1									
SIZE	0.151***	-0.100***	0.135***	-0.441***	0.348***	0.0742***	0.348***	1								
RiskRatio	-0.0021	-0.00702	-0.0648***	-0.116***	0.0135*	-0.118***	0.0455***	-0.00326	1							
CPTax	-0.0373***	-0.0465***	-0.0953***	-0.0871***	0.0335***	-0.122***	0.00939	0.0350***	0.0149*	1						
IRT	0.011	-0.0949***	-0.0350***	-0.229***	0.0722***	-0.354***	0.0200***	0.390***	0.000689	0.0202***	1					
IRH	0.0290***	-0.0023	-0.00205	-0.0490***	0.0580***	-0.216***	0.00364	0.263***	-0.00893	0.00762	0.0812***	1				
IRD	0.00962	-0.0943***	-0.0311***	-0.235***	0.0792***	-0.369***	0.0199***	0.410***	5.19E-05	0.0219***	0.997***	0.153***	1			
Crisis	0.294***	-0.101***	-0.0382***	0.227***	-0.167***	0.00474	6.98E-05	0.0363***	-0.00427	-0.0067	0.0159***	-0.00852	0.0127*	1		
IRE	0.0176*	-0.0264***	0.0151*	-0.102***	0.0296***	-0.150***	-0.00435	0.139***	0.0287**	-0.0103	0.148***	0.0661***	0.153***	0.0182**	1	
GDPgrowth	-0.149***	0.102***	0.0406***	-0.141***	0.0787***	0.0303***	-0.00193	-0.0048	0.00584	-0.00248	0.00275	-0.0149**	0.00491	-0.425***	-0.0267***	1

Panel B: Exchange Rate Sensitivity

	FX	FOA	FXDEP	SIZE	RiskRatio	CPTax	ERT	ERH	ERD	Crisis	ERE	GDPgrowth
FX	1											
FOA	-0.0441***	1										
FXDEP	-0.0151**	0.621***	1									
SIZE	0.0296***	0.337***	0.405***	1								
RiskRatio	-0.00187	0.0541***	-0.0035	-0.00326	1							
CPTax	0.0220***	0.0662***	0.0420***	0.0350***	0.0149*	1						
ERT	-0.0304***	0.519***	0.655***	0.421***	0.00387	0.0597***	1					
ERH	-0.00672	0.190***	0.181***	0.211***	0.0124	0.0462***	0.212***	1				
ERD	-0.0304***	0.526***	0.657***	0.427***	0.00453	0.0615***	0.999***	0.254***	1			
Crisis	0.161***	-0.0241***	-0.0331***	0.0363***	-0.00427	-0.0067	-0.0114*	-0.00212	-0.0114*	1		
ERE	-0.0193**	0.578***	0.654***	0.351***	0.00195	0.0802***	0.627***	0.248***	0.627***	-0.0224**	1	
GDPgrowth	-0.0612***	0.00757	0.0208***	-0.0048	0.00584	-0.00248	0.0174**	0.000949	0.0173**	-0.425***	0.0243**	1

Panel C: Credit Risk Sensitivity

	CREDIT	MLIQ	FLIQ	NPL	LCO	LLP	SIZE	RiskRatio	CPTax	CDS	CDB	NetPB	CDD	Crisis	CreditE	GDPgrowth
CREDIT	1															
MLIQ	-0.0460***	1														
FLIQ	-0.0610***	-0.0667***	1													
NPL	-0.00775	-0.179***	-0.0916***	1												
LCO	0.0660***	-0.130***	-0.0670***	0.600***	1											
LLP	0.0642***	-0.166***	-0.0664***	0.621***	0.909***	1										
SIZE	0.131***	-0.0067	0.191***	0.00259	0.112***	0.0693***	1									
RiskRatio	-0.0215***	0.115***	0.0314***	-0.0556***	-0.0382***	-0.0451***	-0.00326	1								
CPTax	-0.0375***	0.127***	0.0414***	-0.0810***	-0.0604***	-0.0684***	0.0350***	0.0149*	1							
CDS	-0.0002	-0.0677***	0.496***	-0.0235***	0.00363	0.00185	0.253***	0.00543	0.00605	1						
CDB	0.000926	-0.0692***	0.499***	-0.0243***	0.00349	0.00127	0.260***	0.00528	0.00735	0.997***	1					
NetPB	0.0125*	-0.0462***	0.274***	-0.0200**	2.25E-05	-0.00571	0.198***	0.000779	0.0175**	0.407***	0.481***	1				
CDD	0.000374	-0.0685***	0.498***	-0.0239***	0.00356	0.00155	0.257***	0.00536	0.00671	0.999***	0.999***	0.445***	1			
Crisis	0.141***	-0.207***	-0.0771***	0.336***	0.270***	0.341***	0.0363***	-0.00427	-0.0067	0.0519***	0.0518***	0.0219***	0.0519***	1		
CreditE	-0.0208**	-0.0443***	0.372***	-0.0427***	-0.0169*	-0.0239***	0.175***	-0.0197*	0.0321***	0.393***	0.398***	0.231***	0.396***	-0.0296***	1	
GDPgrowth	-0.0822***	0.122***	0.0569***	-0.275***	-0.211***	-0.276***	-0.0048	0.00584	-0.00248	-0.0224***	-0.0218***	-0.00431	-0.0221***	-0.425***	0.0353***	1

Sources: Financial Statements data from Call Reports (FR Y9Cs); Various risks exposures are computed from the four-factor model using data from Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP) database and Federal Reserve monthly Statistical Releases.

* $p < 0.10$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$.

Table 7 Determinants of Interest Rate, Exchange Rate and Credit Risk Betas

Variable	Total Sample		Large BHCs	Small BHCs
Panel A: Interest Rate Risk Beta				
Interest Margin	1.955*** (2.80)	1.934*** (2.77)	7.135*** (3.02)	1.656** (2.51)
Commercial & Industrial Loans	1.458*** (3.70)	1.497*** (3.77)	8.755*** (5.68)	0.758** (2.00)
Mortgage Loans	0.469* (1.76)	0.458* (1.72)	2.013* (1.94)	0.566** (2.11)
Other Loans	0.834 (1.43)	0.799 (1.37)	0.0620 (0.07)	0.829 (1.28)
Domestic Deposits	-0.0921 (-0.38)	-0.0650 (-0.27)	0.575 (0.84)	-0.568** (-2.29)
GAP Ratio	-0.000935 (-0.23)	-0.000927 (-0.22)	0.0132*** (2.65)	-0.0315 (-0.66)
Natural Log of Total Assets	0.313*** (5.30)	0.318*** (5.48)	0.0910 (0.92)	0.208*** (3.31)
Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio	0.0328 (1.14)	0.0332 (1.15)	5.296*** (2.75)	0.0223 (1.22)
GDP Growth	0.000420 (0.09)	0.000227 (0.05)	0.0302** (2.34)	-0.0108** (-2.29)
Interest Rate Derivatives	0.0281*** (2.93)	0.0952* (1.82)	0.00661 (0.75)	0.0377 (1.34)
Large *Interest Rate Derivatives		-0.0743 (-1.39)		
<i>N</i>	6149	6149	744	5405
R-Squared	0.524	0.523	0.747	0.469
Panel B: Exchange Rate Risk Beta				
Assets in Foreign Currencies	2.040* (1.82)	2.344** (2.03)	4.876*** (4.23)	-3.448*** (-2.86)
Foreign Exchange Deposits	0.148 (0.19)	-0.187 (-0.25)	-0.475 (-0.49)	3.469*** (3.56)
Natural Log of Total Assets	-0.00531 (-0.09)	-0.0156 (-0.25)	-0.702*** (-6.65)	0.0340 (0.48)
Total Risk-based Capital Ratio	0.0136 (0.94)	0.0136 (0.94)	3.779** (1.98)	0.0119 (0.97)
GDP Growth	-0.00559 (-0.97)	-0.00600 (-1.04)	-0.00165 (-0.09)	-0.00928 (-1.57)
Exchange Rate Derivatives	-0.525*** (-4.97)	-1.016*** (-3.90)	-0.470*** (-4.09)	-0.919*** (-4.09)
Large *Exchange Rate Derivatives		0.602** (2.36)		
<i>N</i>	6155	6155	749	5406
R-Squared	0.203	0.203	0.406	0.196
Panel C: Credit Risk Beta				
Market Liquidity	-0.167*** (-2.79)	-0.169*** (-2.83)	0.0507 (0.26)	-0.209*** (-3.34)
Funding Liquidity	-0.137 (-0.98)	-0.145 (-1.04)	0.111 (0.31)	-0.250 (-1.62)
Non-Performing Loans	-0.123 (-0.56)	-0.114 (-0.52)	0.939 (1.00)	-0.154 (-0.68)
Loan Charge-Offs	1.767* (1.69)	1.825* (1.74)	2.983 (1.42)	1.847 (1.62)
Loan Loss Provisions	0.333 (0.39)	0.265 (0.31)	-4.134** (-2.29)	0.377 (0.40)
Natural Log of Total Assets	0.0941*** (4.65)	0.0930*** (4.58)	0.152*** (4.55)	0.104*** (4.52)
Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio	0.00426 (1.06)	0.00416 (1.04)	1.252** (2.41)	0.00574 (1.18)
GDP Growth	0.00395** (2.07)	0.00397** (2.07)	0.0190*** (3.23)	0.00171 (0.86)
Credit Derivatives	0.0984*** (6.23)	-0.0104 (-0.28)	0.119*** (7.68)	0.0356** (1.98)
Large*Credit Derivatives		0.120*** (2.92)		
<i>N</i>	5921	5921	696	5225
R-Squared	0.266	0.266	0.573	0.227

Note: This table shows the weighted instrumental-variable estimation. The dependent variable in each Panel is our estimates of risk beta of each BHC i at the start time t of 4-year rolling window regression in the first-stage. We weight each observation by the inverse of the standard error of beta coefficients in the first-stage estimation. The regression included bank-specific fixed effects and yearly dummy variables. Heteroskedasticity-consistent standard errors are used and t statistics in parentheses.
* $p < 0.10$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$.

Sources: Financial Statements data from Call Reports (FR Y-9Cs); risk betas are computed from the four-factor model using data from Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP) database and Federal Reserve monthly Statistical Releases.

Table 8 The Reported Purposes of Financial Derivatives and Risk Betas

Variable	Total Sample		Large BHCs	Small BHCs
Panel A: Interest Rate Risk Beta				
Interest Margin	2.798*** (3.50)	2.805*** (3.64)	6.088*** (2.61)	2.229*** (3.12)
Commercial& Industrial Loans	2.549*** (5.69)	2.711*** (6.29)	9.740*** (6.42)	1.250*** (3.03)
Mortgage Loans	0.829** (2.28)	0.860** (2.38)	3.224*** (2.87)	0.550 (1.48)
Other Loans	1.071* (1.77)	1.079* (1.89)	1.044 (1.07)	1.186* (1.73)
Domestic Deposits	-0.652** (-2.38)	-0.453* (-1.68)	0.412 (0.61)	-1.077*** (-3.70)
GAP Ratio	-0.00112 (-0.26)	-0.00208 (-0.48)	0.00866* (1.76)	-0.0696 (-1.55)
Natural Log of Total Assets	0.380*** (5.02)	0.407*** (5.62)	0.432*** (3.78)	0.142 (1.61)
Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio	0.0195 (1.26)	0.0213 (1.32)	6.633*** (3.50)	0.00950 (1.17)
GDP Growth	0.00884 (1.64)	0.00584 (1.12)	0.0297** (2.34)	-0.00226 (-0.41)
Interest Rate Derivatives	0.0263*** (2.85)	0.0979* (1.84)	0.0144 (1.57)	0.0324 (1.23)
Interest Rate Derivative for Hedging / Interest Rate Derivatives	-0.305*** (-4.38)	0.00581 (0.08)	-1.042*** (-5.87)	-0.0652 (-1.02)
Large *Interest Rate Derivatives		-0.0785 (-1.45)		
Large * Interest Rate Derivative for Hedging / Interest Rate Derivatives		-1.307*** (-9.32)		
<i>N</i>	4106	4106	744	3362
R-Squared	0.564	0.582	0.758	0.467
Panel B: Exchange Rate Risk Beta				
Assets in Foreign Currencies	3.224*** (3.20)	3.606*** (3.44)	4.862*** (4.40)	-4.983*** (-3.74)
Foreign Exchange Deposits	0.0639 (0.08)	-0.218 (-0.29)	0.218 (0.23)	2.252* (1.87)
Natural Log of Total Assets	0.0931 (0.92)	0.0891 (0.89)	-0.562*** (-5.38)	0.564*** (3.29)
Total Risk-based Capital Ratio	4.834*** (4.55)	4.761*** (4.24)	4.957*** (2.91)	4.450*** (3.51)
GDP Growth	0.0142 (1.05)	0.0113 (0.85)	-0.00983 (-0.55)	0.0211 (1.14)
Exchange Rate Derivatives	-0.490*** (-4.62)	-1.032*** (-3.74)	-0.418*** (-3.80)	-0.842*** (-3.54)
Exchange Rate Derivative for Hedging /Exchange Rate Derivatives	-0.899*** (-6.88)	-0.142 (-0.66)	-1.654*** (-10.26)	0.286** (1.99)
Large *Exchange Rate Derivatives		0.665** (2.50)		
Large *Exchange Rate Derivative for Hedging / Exchange Rate Derivatives		-1.293*** (-4.76)		
<i>N</i>	1596	1596	733	863
R-Squared	0.269	0.301	0.525	0.219
Panel C: Credit Risk Beta				
Market Liquidity	-0.324 (-1.50)	-0.367* (-1.67)	-0.230 (-0.89)	-1.461*** (-3.62)
Funding Liquidity	-0.599 (-1.42)	-0.575 (-1.41)	-0.961* (-1.92)	0.240 (0.34)
Non-Performing Loans	0.804 (0.85)	0.897 (0.96)	1.974* (1.85)	-0.483 (-0.27)
Loan Charge-Offs	-0.407 (-0.13)	0.615 (0.18)	14.13*** (3.62)	-7.841 (-1.54)
Loan Loss Provisions	0.719 (0.24)	-0.227 (-0.07)	-13.04*** (-4.23)	9.725* (1.87)
Natural Log of Total Assets	0.134*** (3.15)	0.126*** (2.96)	0.125*** (3.28)	-0.160 (-0.77)
Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio	-0.364 (-0.67)	-0.221 (-0.39)	0.388 (0.71)	-2.680** (-2.04)
GDP Growth	0.0318*** (5.40)	0.0300*** (5.09)	0.0286*** (4.20)	0.0297** (2.16)
Credit Derivatives	0.0902*** (6.31)	0.0383 (1.37)	0.115*** (7.03)	0.0509*** (2.60)
Net Credit Protection Bought/ Credit Derivatives	-0.0296 (-1.25)	0.0610 (0.95)	-0.0960*** (-4.28)	0.0510 (0.68)
Large*Credit Derivatives		0.0610* (1.93)		
Large * Net Credit Protection Bought/ Credit Derivatives		-0.119* (-1.82)		
<i>N</i>	706	706	466	240
R-Squared	0.582	0.587	0.671	0.566

Note: This table shows the weighted instrumental-variable estimation. The dependent variable in each Panel is our estimates of risk beta of each BHC i at the start time t of 4-year rolling window regression in the first-stage. We weight each observation by the inverse of the standard error of beta coefficients in the first-stage estimation. The regression included bank-specific fixed effects and yearly dummy variables. Heteroskedasticity-consistent standard errors are used and t statistics in parentheses. * $p < 0.10$, ** $p < 0.05$, *** $p < 0.01$. Sources: Financial Statements data from Call Reports (FR Y-9Cs); risk betas are computed from the four-factor model using data from Center for Research in Security Prices (CRSP) database and Federal Reserve monthly Statistical Releases.

Table 9 Global Financial Crisis, Financial Derivatives and Risk Betas

Variable	Total Sample		Large BHCs		Small BHCs	
Panel A: Interest Rate Risk Beta						
Interest Margin	1.955*** (2.80)	1.944*** (2.79)	7.135*** (3.02)	7.089*** (3.00)	1.656** (2.51)	1.655** (2.51)
Commercial& Industrial Loans	1.458*** (3.70)	1.475*** (3.74)	8.755*** (5.68)	8.770*** (5.68)	0.758** (2.00)	0.771** (2.03)
Mortgage Loans	0.469* (1.76)	0.495* (1.85)	2.013* (1.94)	1.992* (1.92)	0.566** (2.11)	0.570** (2.13)
Other Loans	0.834 (1.43)	0.881 (1.51)	0.0620 (0.07)	-0.0251 (-0.03)	0.829 (1.28)	0.837 (1.29)
Domestic Deposits	-0.0921 (-0.38)	-0.116 (-0.48)	0.575 (0.84)	0.554 (0.81)	-0.568** (-2.29)	-0.566** (-2.29)
GAP Ratio	-0.000935 (-0.23)	-0.00110 (-0.26)	0.0132*** (2.65)	0.0128** (2.57)	-0.0315 (-0.66)	-0.0301 (-0.63)
Natural Log of Total Assets	0.313*** (5.30)	0.292*** (4.98)	0.0910 (0.92)	0.0457 (0.46)	0.208*** (3.31)	0.208*** (3.32)
Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio	0.0328 (1.14)	0.0321 (1.16)	5.296*** (2.75)	4.964** (2.57)	0.0223 (1.22)	0.0224 (1.22)
GDP Growth	0.000420 (0.09)	0.000257 (0.06)	0.0302** (2.34)	0.0320** (2.47)	-0.0108** (-2.29)	-0.0109** (-2.30)
Interest Rate Derivatives	0.0281*** (2.93)	0.0171* (1.85)	0.00661 (0.75)	0.000478 (0.05)	0.0377 (1.34)	0.0425 (1.30)
Crisis	0.453*** (11.35)	0.442*** (11.05)	-0.0707 (-0.74)	-0.112 (-1.11)	0.0436** (2.09)	0.0422** (2.01)
Crisis *Interest Rate Derivatives		0.0151*** (4.96)		0.00763** (2.19)		0.00333 (0.70)
<i>N</i>	6149	6149	744	744	5405	5405
R-Squared	0.524	0.525	0.747	0.747	0.469	0.469
Panel B: Exchange Rate Risk Beta						
Assets in Foreign Currencies	2.040* (1.82)	1.955* (1.71)	4.876*** (4.23)	4.418*** (3.71)	-3.448*** (-2.86)	-3.389*** (-2.80)
Foreign Exchange Deposits	0.148 (0.19)	0.109 (0.14)	-0.475 (-0.49)	-0.822 (-0.85)	3.469*** (3.56)	3.808*** (3.78)
Natural Log of Total Assets	-0.00531 (-0.09)	-0.00203 (-0.03)	-0.702*** (-6.65)	-0.642*** (-6.20)	0.0340 (0.48)	0.0293 (0.41)
Total Risk-based Capital Ratio	0.0136 (0.94)	0.0139 (0.94)	3.779** (1.98)	4.497** (2.35)	0.0119 (0.97)	0.0119 (0.95)
GDP Growth	-0.00559 (-0.97)	-0.00543 (-0.94)	-0.00165 (-0.09)	0.000674 (0.04)	-0.00928 (-1.57)	-0.00888 (-1.51)
Exchange Rate Derivatives	-0.525*** (-4.97)	-0.511*** (-4.81)	-0.470*** (-4.09)	-0.336*** (-2.72)	-0.919*** (-4.09)	-0.991*** (-4.52)
Crisis	0.0113 (0.49)	0.0146 (0.63)	-0.0825 (-0.93)	0.0514 (0.54)	0.0313 (1.40)	0.0364 (1.63)
Crisis *Exchange Rate Derivatives		-0.0217 (-0.75)		-0.124*** (-3.53)		-0.136*** (-2.75)
<i>N</i>	6155	6152	749	747	5406	5405
R-Squared	0.203	0.203	0.406	0.414	0.196	0.196
Panel C: Credit Risk Beta						
Market Liquidity	-0.167*** (-2.79)	-0.169*** (-2.82)	0.0507 (0.26)	0.0428 (0.22)	-0.209*** (-3.34)	-0.209*** (-3.34)
Funding Liquidity	-0.137 (-0.98)	-0.148 (-1.06)	0.111 (0.31)	-0.105 (-0.27)	-0.250 (-1.62)	-0.249 (-1.61)
Non-Performing Loans	-0.123 (-0.56)	-0.119 (-0.54)	0.939 (1.00)	0.968 (1.03)	-0.154 (-0.68)	-0.154 (-0.68)
Loan Charge-Offs	1.767* (1.69)	1.812* (1.73)	2.983 (1.42)	2.588 (1.23)	1.847 (1.62)	1.849 (1.63)
Loan Loss Provisions	0.333 (0.39)	0.278 (0.32)	-4.134** (-2.29)	-3.777** (-2.10)	0.377 (0.40)	0.373 (0.40)
Natural Log of Total Assets	0.0941*** (4.65)	0.0931*** (4.60)	0.152*** (4.55)	0.145*** (4.34)	0.104*** (4.52)	0.104*** (4.52)
Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio	0.00426 (1.06)	0.00418 (1.04)	1.252** (2.41)	1.149** (2.17)	0.00574 (1.18)	0.00573 (1.18)
GDP Growth	0.00395** (2.07)	0.00382** (2.00)	0.0190*** (3.23)	0.0154*** (2.66)	0.00171 (0.86)	0.00172 (0.86)
Credit Derivatives	0.0984*** (6.23)	0.155*** (7.16)	0.119*** (7.68)	0.203*** (6.94)	0.0356** (1.98)	0.0453** (2.12)
Crisis	-0.00484 (-0.67)	-0.000908 (-0.01)	-0.0267 (-1.42)	0.00456 (0.23)	0.0123 (0.77)	0.0124 (0.78)
Crisis *Credit Derivatives		-0.0464*** (-3.53)		-0.0760*** (-3.63)		-0.00309 (-0.92)
<i>N</i>	5921	5921	696	696	5225	5225
R-Squared	0.266	0.268	0.573	0.579	0.227	0.227

Note: This table shows the weighted instrumental-variable estimation. The dependent variable in each Panel is our estimates of risk beta of each BHC i at the start time t of 4-year rolling window regression in the first-stage. We weight each observation by the inverse of the standard error of beta coefficients in the first-stage estimation. The regression included bank-specific fixed effects and yearly dummy variables. Heteroskedasticity-consistent standard errors are used and t -statistics are reported in parentheses.

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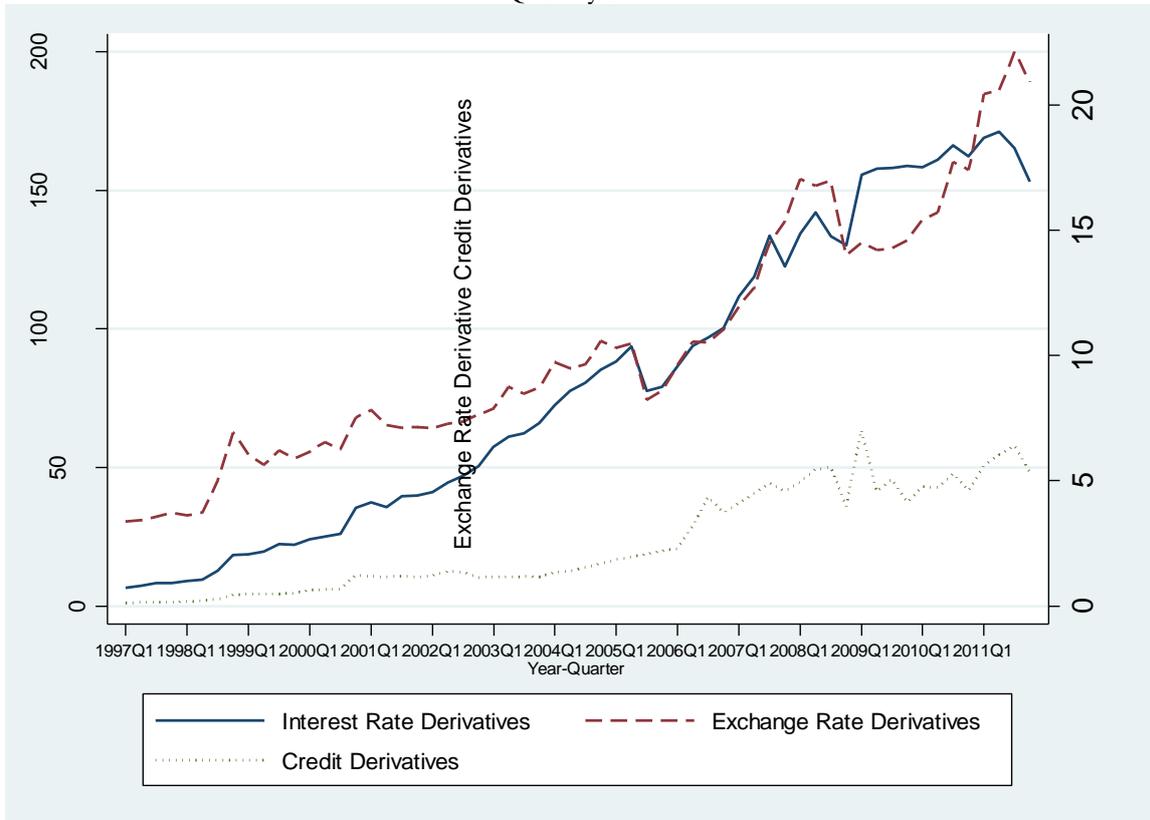
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Table 10 The Global Financial Crisis, the Reported Purposes of Financial Derivatives and Risk Betas

Variable	Total Sample		Large BHCs		Small BHCs	
Panel A: Interest Rate Risk Beta						
Interest Margin	2.798*** (3.50)	2.769*** (3.47)	6.088*** (2.61)	5.762** (2.45)	2.229*** (3.12)	2.242*** (3.13)
Commercial & Industrial Loans	2.549*** (5.69)	2.516*** (5.60)	9.740*** (6.42)	8.785*** (5.80)	1.250*** (3.03)	1.223*** (2.94)
Mortgage Loans	0.829** (2.28)	0.861** (2.36)	3.224*** (2.87)	3.254*** (2.88)	0.550 (1.48)	0.556 (1.51)
Other Loans	1.071* (1.77)	1.091* (1.79)	1.044 (1.07)	1.395 (1.40)	1.186* (1.73)	1.130* (1.65)
Domestic Deposits	-0.652** (-2.38)	-0.684** (-2.51)	0.412 (0.61)	0.353 (0.54)	-1.077*** (-3.70)	-1.091*** (-3.77)
GAP Ratio	-0.00112 (-0.26)	-0.00118 (-0.27)	0.00866* (1.76)	0.0129** (2.48)	-0.0696 (-1.55)	-0.0714 (-1.56)
Natural Log of Total Assets	0.380*** (5.02)	0.352*** (4.66)	0.432*** (3.78)	0.412*** (3.68)	0.142 (1.61)	0.139 (1.59)
Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio	0.0195 (1.26)	0.0181 (1.22)	6.633*** (3.50)	7.096*** (3.78)	0.00950 (1.17)	0.00825 (1.04)
GDP Growth	0.00884 (1.64)	0.00975* (1.78)	0.0297** (2.34)	0.0336*** (2.62)	-0.00226 (-0.41)	-0.00145 (-0.26)
Interest Rate Derivatives	0.0263*** (2.85)	0.0169* (1.90)	0.0144 (1.57)	0.00562 (0.60)	0.0324 (1.23)	0.0372 (1.20)
Interest Rate Derivatives for Hedging / Interest Rate Derivatives	-0.305*** (-4.38)	-0.363*** (-4.42)	-1.042*** (-5.87)	-1.233*** (-6.55)	-0.0652 (-1.02)	-0.127 (-1.61)
Crisis	-0.00422 (-0.18)	-0.100* (-1.72)	-0.0519 (-0.54)	-0.467*** (-2.85)	0.00557 (0.26)	-0.0840 (-1.51)
Crisis * Interest Rate Derivatives		0.0156*** (4.61)		0.0219*** (3.73)		0.00493 (1.07)
Crisis * Interest Rate Derivatives for Hedging / Interest Rate Derivatives		0.0997 (1.47)		0.831*** (3.38)		0.113* (1.73)
N	4106	4106	744	744	3362	3362
R-Squared	0.564	0.566	0.758	0.761	0.467	0.468
Panel B: Exchange Rate Risk Beta						
Assets in Foreign Currencies	3.224*** (3.20)	3.053*** (2.98)	4.862*** (4.40)	4.419*** (3.88)	-4.983*** (-3.74)	-4.490*** (-3.35)
Foreign Exchange Deposits	0.0639 (0.08)	-0.161 (-0.20)	0.218 (0.23)	-0.546 (-0.59)	2.252** (1.87)	2.552** (2.05)
Natural Log of Total Assets	0.0931 (0.92)	0.0883 (0.87)	-0.562*** (-5.38)	-0.555*** (-5.48)	0.564*** (3.29)	0.532*** (3.29)
Total Risk-based Capital Ratio	4.834*** (4.55)	4.385*** (4.17)	4.957*** (2.91)	4.750*** (2.81)	4.450*** (3.51)	4.066*** (3.16)
GDP Growth	0.0142 (1.05)	0.0118 (0.89)	-0.00983 (-0.55)	-0.00910 (-0.53)	0.0211 (1.14)	0.0178 (0.97)
Exchange Rate Derivatives	-0.490*** (-4.62)	-0.436*** (-4.10)	-0.418*** (-3.80)	-0.266** (-2.25)	-0.842*** (-3.54)	-0.912*** (-3.83)
Exchange Rate Derivatives for Hedging / Exchange Rate Derivatives	-0.899*** (-6.88)	-0.808*** (-5.94)	-1.654*** (-10.26)	-1.562*** (-9.82)	0.286** (1.99)	0.399** (2.46)
Crisis	-0.0622 (-1.13)	0.0994 (1.46)	-0.0313 (-0.42)	0.280*** (2.98)	-0.0797 (-1.38)	0.0687 (0.97)
Crisis * Exchange Rate Derivatives		-0.0879*** (-2.88)		-0.155*** (-4.48)		-0.160*** (-2.64)
Crisis * Exchange Rate Derivatives for Hedging / Exchange Rate Derivatives		-0.435*** (-3.65)		-0.734*** (-3.71)		-0.363*** (-2.76)
N	1596	1593	733	731	863	862
R-Squared	0.269	0.280	0.525	0.548	0.219	0.227
Panel C: Credit Risk Beta						
Market Liquidity	-0.324 (-1.50)	-0.319 (-1.52)	-0.230 (-0.89)	-0.208 (-0.82)	-1.461*** (-3.62)	-1.250*** (-3.47)
Funding Liquidity	-0.599 (-1.42)	-0.611 (-1.46)	-0.961* (-1.92)	-1.294** (-2.44)	0.240 (0.34)	0.00835 (0.01)
Non-Performing Loans	0.804 (0.85)	0.828 (0.89)	1.974* (1.85)	2.212** (2.16)	-0.483 (-0.27)	-1.241 (-0.67)
Loan Charge-Offs	-0.407 (-0.13)	-0.275 (-0.08)	14.13*** (3.62)	13.59*** (3.45)	-7.841 (-1.54)	-7.197 (-1.50)
Loan Loss Provisions	0.719 (0.24)	0.295 (0.10)	-13.04*** (-4.23)	-12.44*** (-4.01)	9.725* (1.87)	8.674* (1.78)
Natural Log of Total Assets	0.134*** (3.15)	0.132*** (3.03)	0.125*** (3.28)	0.116*** (3.04)	-0.160 (-0.77)	-0.177 (-0.86)
Total Risk-Based Capital Ratio	-0.364 (-0.67)	-0.314 (-0.58)	0.388 (0.71)	0.168 (0.30)	-2.680** (-2.04)	-2.979** (-2.27)
GDP Growth	0.0318*** (5.40)	0.0313*** (5.36)	0.0286*** (4.20)	0.0237*** (3.47)	0.0297** (2.16)	0.0309** (2.26)
Credit Derivatives	0.0902*** (6.31)	0.127*** (6.85)	0.115*** (7.03)	0.191*** (5.37)	0.0509*** (2.60)	0.0223 (0.84)
Net Credit Protection Bought/ Credit Derivatives	-0.0296 (-1.25)	-0.0310 (-1.10)	-0.0960*** (-4.28)	-0.0980*** (-3.62)	0.0510 (0.68)	0.0962 (1.09)
Crisis	-0.0736*** (-4.12)	-0.0474*** (-2.60)	-0.0622*** (-3.12)	-0.279*** (-6.68)	-0.0957*** (-2.67)	-0.239** (-2.42)
Crisis * Credit Derivatives		-0.0297*** (-3.17)		-0.0654** (-2.56)		0.0267 (1.43)
Crisis * Net Credit Protection Bought/ Credit Derivatives		0.00915 (0.39)		0.0119 (0.41)		-0.175 (-1.53)
N	706	706	466	466	240	240
R-Squared	0.582	0.585	0.671	0.677	0.566	0.575

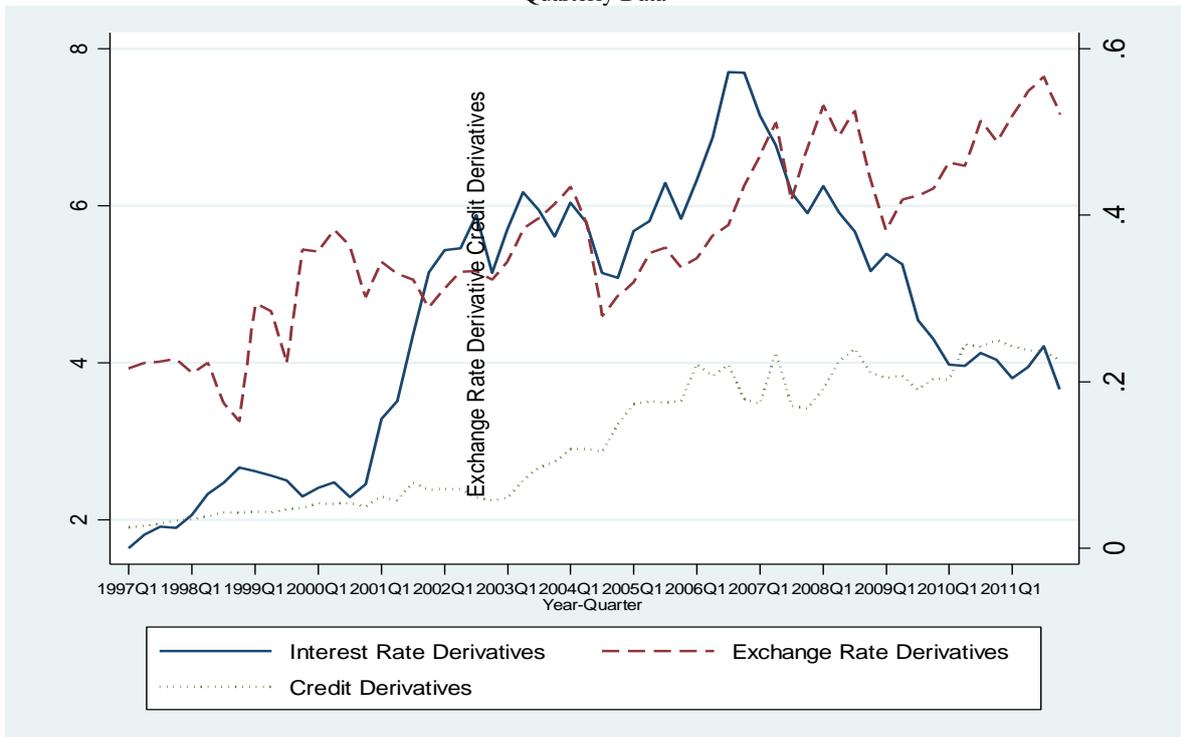
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Figure 1: Financial Derivatives Held by Large BHCs (\$Trillion)
Quarterly Data



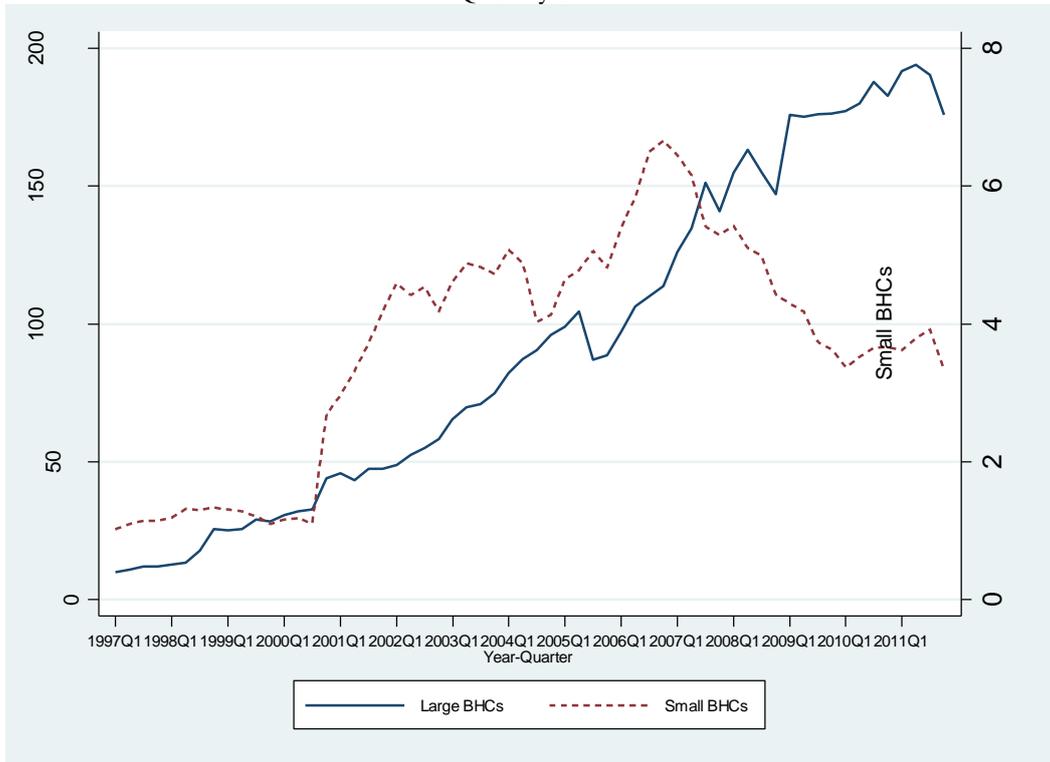
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Figure 2: Financial Derivatives Held by Small BHCs (\$Trillion)
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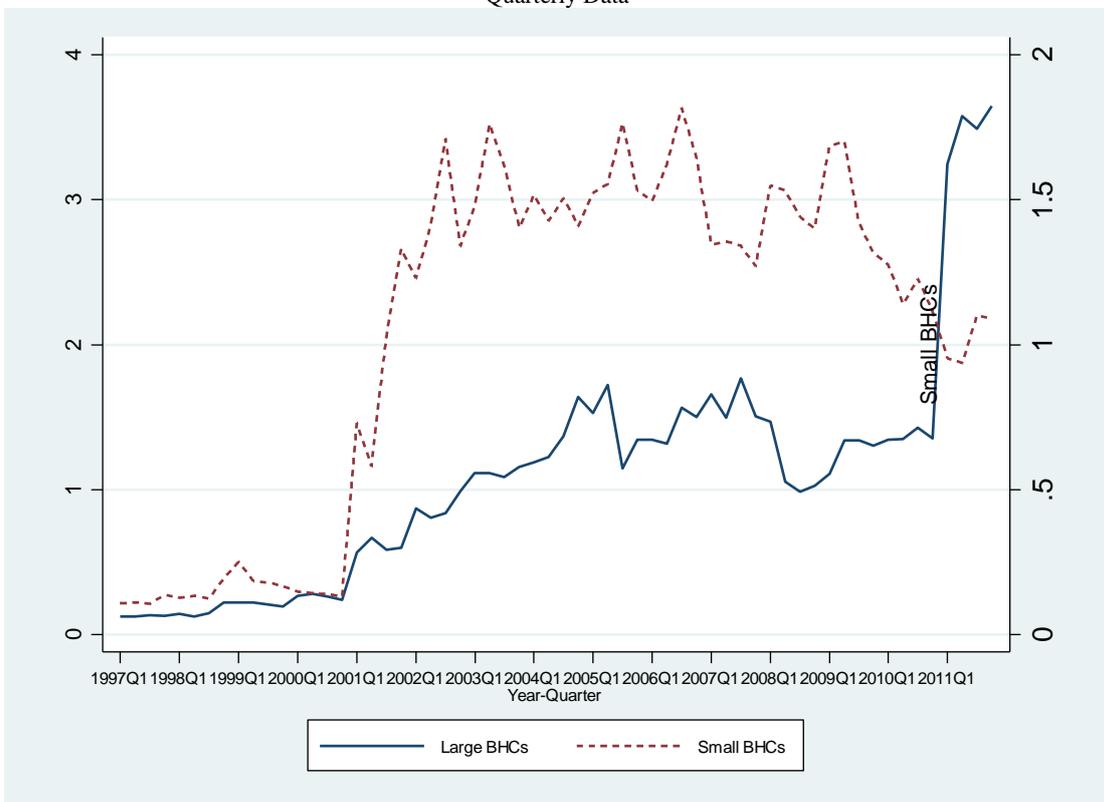
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Figure 3: Financial Derivatives Held for Trading Purposes (\$Trillion)
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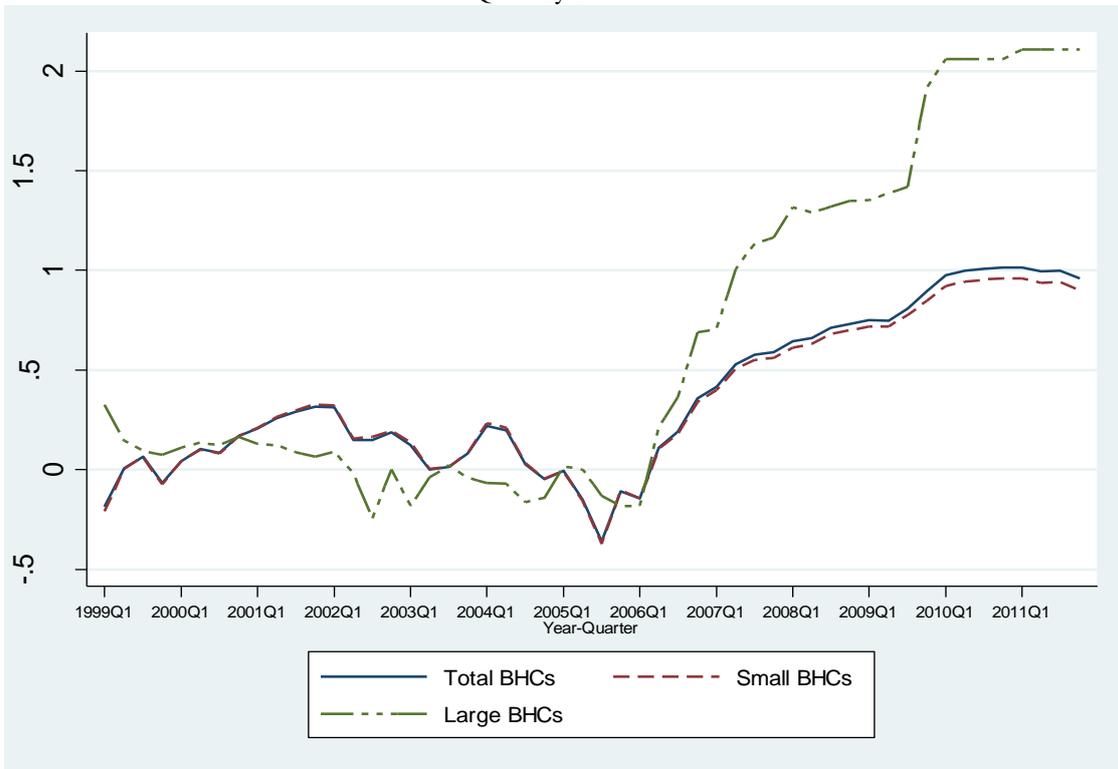
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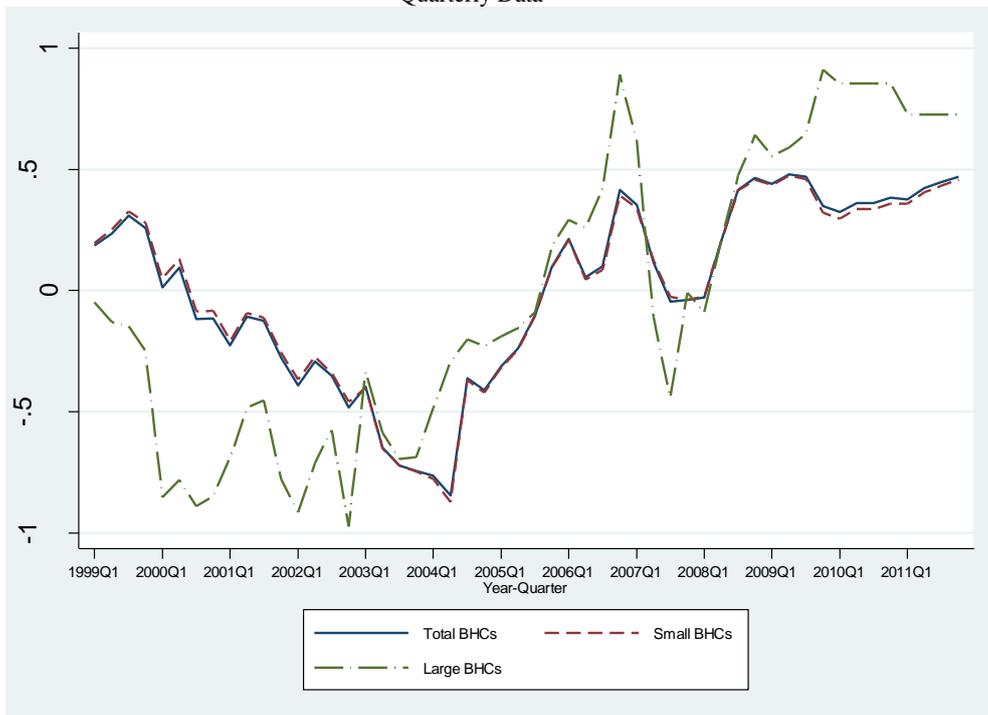
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Figure 5: Interest Rate Risk Sensitivity
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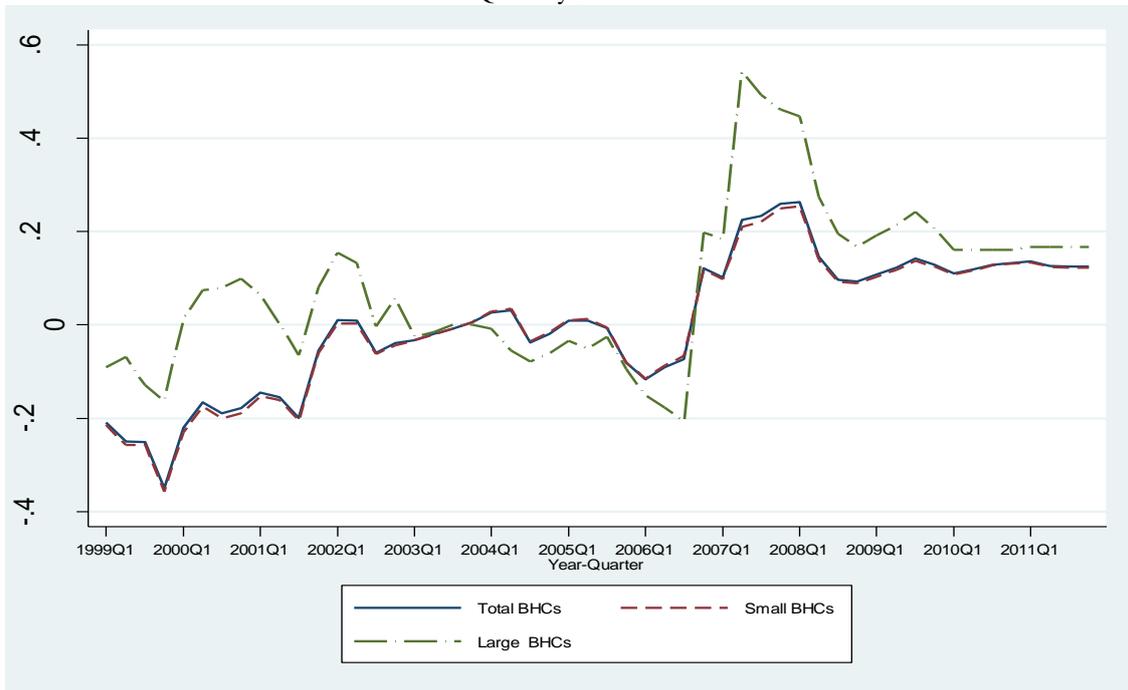
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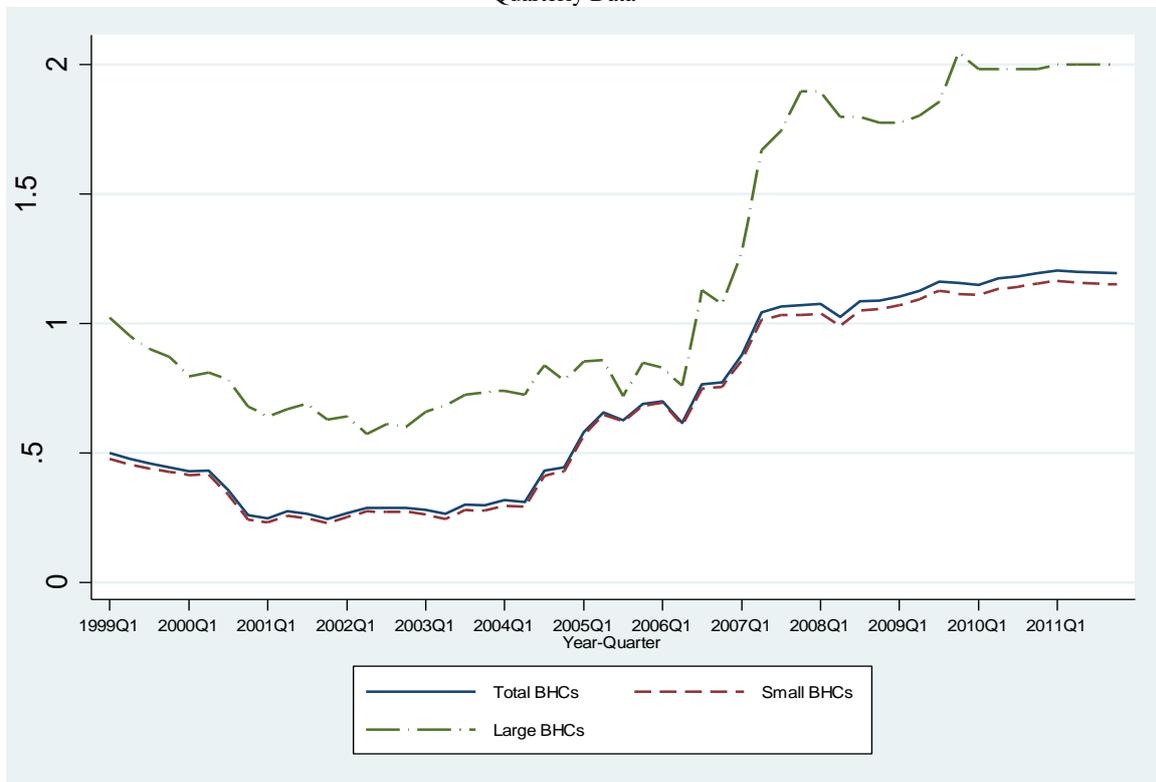
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Figure 7: Credit Risk Sensitivity
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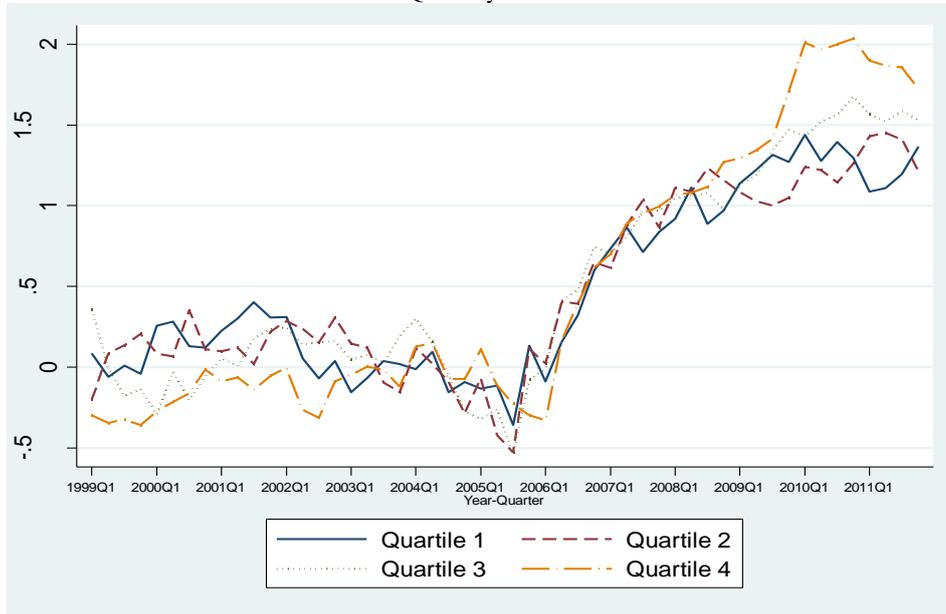
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Figure 8: Market Risk Sensitivity
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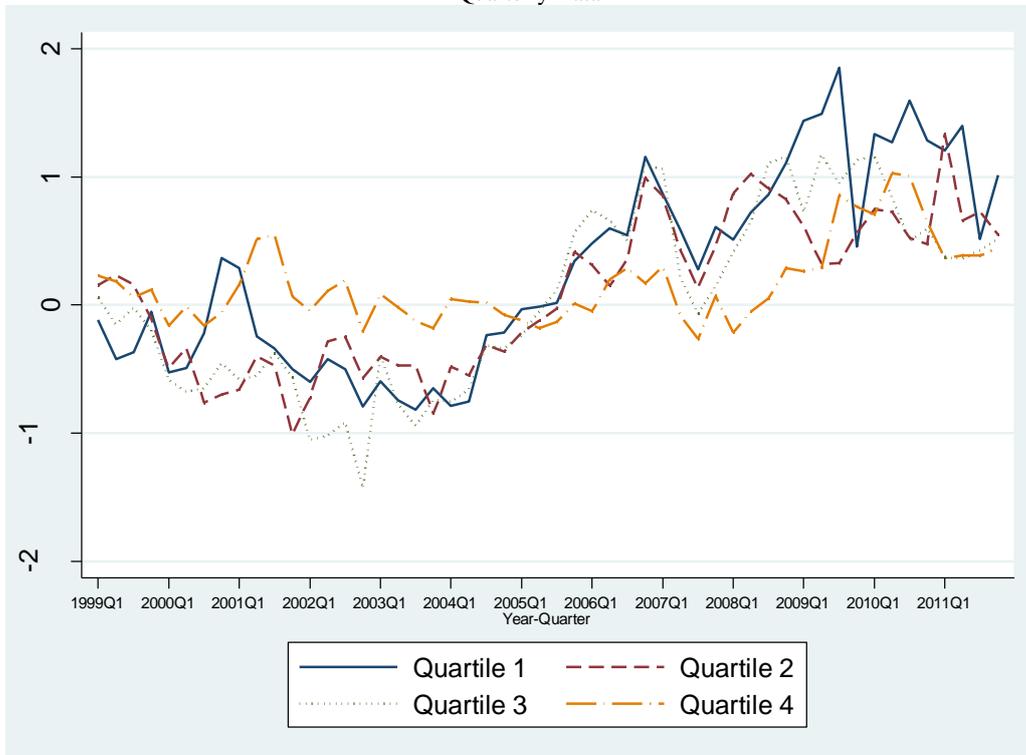
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Figure 9: Interest Rate Risk Sensitivity by Different Size of BHCs (by Interest Rate Derivatives/Total Assets)
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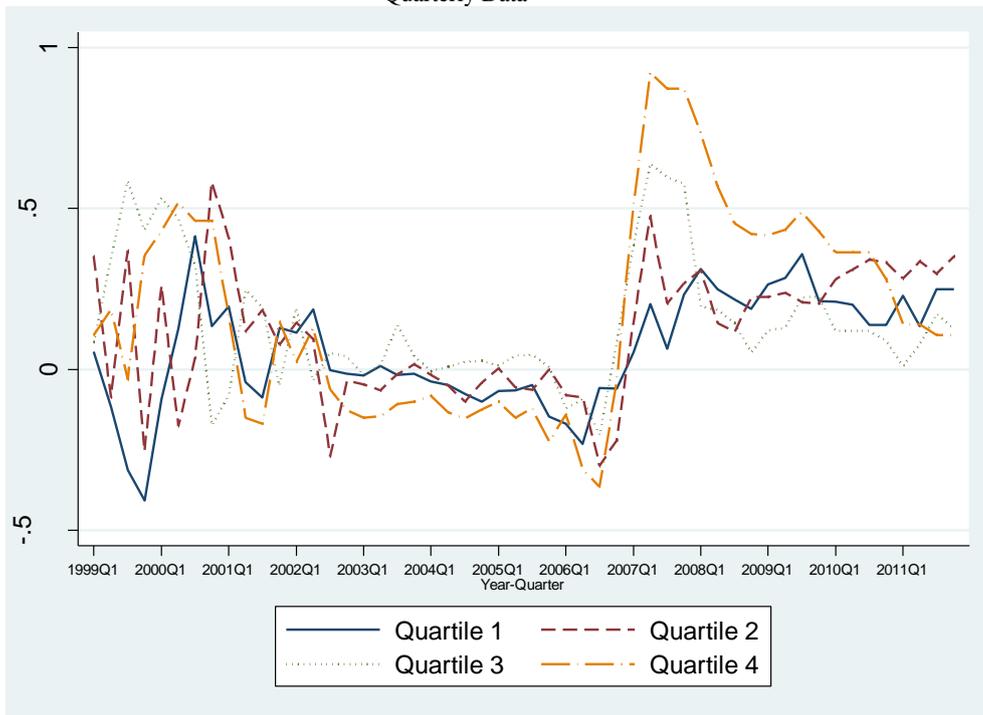
Note: Interest rate risk sensitivity is calculated at the mid-point of the 4-year rolling window, sample period: 1999:Q1–2011:Q4.

Figure 10: Exchange Rate Risk Sensitivity by Different Size of BHCs (by Exchange Rate Derivatives/Total Assets)
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Note: Exchange rate risk sensitivity is calculated at the mid-point of the 4-year rolling window, sample period: 1999:Q1–2011:Q4.

Figure 11: Credit Risk Sensitivity by Different Size of BHCs (by Credit Derivatives/Total Assets)
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Note: Credit risk sensitivity is calculated at the mid-point of the 4-year rolling window, sample period: 1999:Q1–2011:Q4.