

Turn of the Month Effect across Equity Markets, Across Industries, and Across Extreme Market Conditions

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Abstract

This study looks at the turn of the month anomaly that was first researched by Ariel (1987). We look at successive sub periods since the late 1980s, and in the context of the 2007 US financial crisis to investigate whether the turn of the month effect is present across the US market, similar across industry indices, and different in bull and bear markets as well as in periods of extreme market conditions. The turn of the month effect is present in only some of the breadth of market indices in the US but is very evident in the industry indices. Periods of extreme market conditions, like the downturn in 2007, do not show this turn of the month effect. While the turn of the month effect is present across the entire sample period for some indices, the earlier sub-period up to 1998 seems to account for much of this observation.

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Introduction

The traditional paradigm in Finance is heavily dependent on the Efficient Market Hypothesis proposed by Fama (1972) and the asset pricing models proposed by Sharpe (1964), Lintner (1965) and Black (1972). Empirical research has shown that there are deviations from this pre-accepted notion and these deviations are anomalous to this school of thought. Anomalies such as the size effect, momentum, January effect, weekend effect and turn of the month effect have been shown to persist. A variety of explanations have been presented but there appears to be no consensus to either their existence or their causality. This study looks at the turn of the month anomaly that was first researched by Ariel (1987) and further examined by Lakonishok and Smidt (1988). We look at successive sub periods since the late 1980s, and in the context of the 2007 US financial crisis. We investigate whether the effect is present across the US market, similar across industry indices, and different in bull and bear markets as well as in periods of extreme market conditions. Such examination can shed light on the causes and consequences of the turn of the month effect.

This study looks at data post the period - 1897 to 1986 - that Lakonishok and Smidt concentrated on. The data starts from prior to the crash of 1989, goes through the financial turmoil of 2008 and ends in June 2010. Since past studies have been criticized for possible data snooping [Sullivan, Timmermann and White (1998)], a new dataset and time period is selected here. The dataset consists of 11 indices - the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA), the Russell 3000, the Russell 2000, the Russell 1000, the S&P 500, the NASDAQ Composite, the NASDAQ 100, and five industry indices.

This paper differs from Lakonishok and Smidt (1988) as well as Ariel (1987) in that it is not concentrated on one market index, and the possible industry effect is taken into account. Furthermore, recent periods are evaluated and an attempt is made to differentiate periods of extreme markets conditions. There are six market representative indices used to illustrate the effect of the turn of the month on the entire market. There are also several industry indices that are used to see if the turn of the month is industry specific. All three Russell Indices as well as the NASDAQ 100 are included to ascertain if there is a size effect that might also be influential. The turn of the month effect is pronounced for the industry indices such as the DJU and DJT but is less pronounced for the broader market indices such as the DJIA. Furthermore, the sub-period, 1989-1998, accounts for much of the effect exhibited over the entire period. For the bear market during the financial crisis, on the average, most of the losses accrued in the first few days of the month. This crisis period shows the least amount of significance and no turn of the month effect. The rest of the paper is organized in the following manner. The next section discusses prior literature that has looked at the turn of the month anomaly, followed by a section on data, methodology, results and conclusion.

Literature Review

Ariel (1987) was the first researcher to find the existence of the monthly effect. He found that the magnitude of the monthly effect is pronounced and it is comparable to that of the weekend effect. The cumulative advancement of the market can be attributed to the first half of the month while the second half of the month contributed negatively. Lakonishok and Smidt (1988) further extended on Ariel's work by showing that the monthly effect was not confined to the entire first half of the month but actually is evident in the last trading day of the previous month to the first four trading days of the following month, hence the new name - the turn of the month effect. Thaler (1987) agrees that aside from the turn of the month the DJIA does not measure up, in fact it falls.

Reinganum (1984) concludes that prevailing asset pricing theories cannot explain the anomalies. Therefore, the existence of anomalies is a call to theorists to pursue new paths that can better explain the equities market. Agrawal and Tandon (1994) find that the turn-of-the-month effect is not a uniquely US phenomenon and is present in at least fourteen countries worldwide. This observance further backs the idea that the theory is lagging behind the empirical studies. Holden, Thompson, Ruangrit (2005) allow that some explanation for observed variation in the markets can be attributed to calendar anomalies. Hansen, Lunde and Nason (2005) also find evidence of calendar effects but more so on small cap and mid-size indices, indicating there is also a size effect evident within the turn of the month effect. Therefore, any study looking at anomalies should also account for the size effect.

Booth, Kallunki, Martikainen (2001) verify the existence of the turn of the month in Finnish stocks and then purport a link between the turn of the month effect to liquidity. Liquidity is increased particularly in the turn of the month period when compared to the rest of the month. Jaffe and Westerfield (1989) while they do not find strong evidence for the monthly effect proposed by Ariel, they do find strong evidence for an effect centered around the last trading day of the month which is consistent with the turn of the month effect. Boudreaux (1995) extends Jaffe and Westerfield's study by looking at an additional seven countries and they found the existence of the turn of the month effect as well. Kunkel, Compton and Beyer (2003) find that the turn of the month period on average can be attributed with 87% of the monthly return which agrees with Agrawal and Tandon's findings. However, it is unclear whether the effect is present across all domestic markets, similar across industry indices, and different in bull and bear markets as well as in periods of extreme market conditions.

Data

The data used is daily data on the following eleven indices: the DJIA, Dow Jones Transportation, Dow Jones Utilities, S&P500, NASDAQ Composite, NASDAQ 100, NASDAQ Transportation, NASDAQ Industrial, Russell 3000, Russell 2000, and Russell 1000. Dividing the data into the market representative indices plus the industry indices will give more insight into whether this turn of the month observance is relegated only to the market index or if there is an industry specific component as well. Using the three Russell indices will also allow us to account for the size effect. In particular, the Russell 3000 index represents approximately 98% of the total market value for all stocks traded on US exchanges. The Russell 3000 is reconstituted every year in June and stocks are chosen by sorting all US stocks by market capitalization adjusted by number of outstanding shares then the top 3000 are chosen to be a part of the index. The Russell 2000 index is composed of the small cap stocks while the Russell 1000 is composed of the 1000 large cap stocks.

The S&P 500 index has been used often as a measure of the market benchmark folder even though it contains less stock than the Russell 3000. Due to its prominence it is included in the study. The DJIA is comprised of thirty stocks, however while this small number does not adequately cover the number or market capitalization of total US equity it does give a unique indication of the current trends in the market. The DJIA is the longest published market index in the USA and is well established with both retail and institutional investors who use it to estimate investor sentiment. The NASDAQ Composite is useful in analysis as it illustrates the impact of the anomaly on the NASDAQ market where a number of prominent dealer stocks are traded through dealers.

The time period studied is from January 3, 1989 to June 30, 2010 for a total of twenty one and a half years. There are five thousand four hundred and nineteen observations over the entire period. Most of the indices have data for this entire period but the NASDAQ Industrial and NASDAQ Transportation report data as of October 25, 1990 while the Russell 1000 data goes back to December 10, 1992. The data was collected from Yahoo! Finance. The data is divided into three sub-groups. The first sub-group goes from 1989 to 1998 and the second from 1999 to 2010 as well as a sub-group looking at the crisis period 2007-2010.

Methodology

The methodology used is based on Lakonishok and Smidt's refinement of Ariel's methodology but with additional data since they only focused on the equally-weighted index. The close price data is collected from Yahoo! Finance for all twelve indices. If there was a trading day that was missing for a particular index then the close price was calculated by extrapolating from the previous day and the next day close prices. The price data was assigned a trading day for each day in the trading month based on whether the trade took place in the first half or the second half of the month. Trading days in the first half of the month were numbered up to positive twelve and trading days in the last half of the month were numbered up to negative eleven. Most months had an even number of trading days but in the event that there was an odd number of trading days then the first half of the month was assigned the extra trading day. Both the percentage rates of return and the logarithmic rates of return were calculated in the following manner¹.

$$\% \text{ return} = \frac{P_t - P_{t-1}}{P_{t-1}}$$

$$\text{Ln return} = \ln\left(\frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}}\right)$$

Where, P_t is the current price

P_{t-1} is the prior day's price

After sorting based on trading days it was seen that the number of observations was consistent for the first seven and last seven trading days of the month so those limits were chosen for reporting the daily rates of returns. The returns of the last seven trading days of the month and the first seven trading days of the month are looked at to observe the pattern for these fourteen days around the turn of the month. Days -7 to -1 are the last seven trading days of the month – with -1 representing the last day – and days 1 to 7 are the first seven trading days – with 1 representing the first trading day. To test the hypothesis that these means are significantly different from zero, a t-test is employed and the significance at the 5% level is observed. The sign test and the sign rank test were also used as non-parametric tests of location in contrast to the t-test. For the percent of positive returns a binomial proportion test is employed to test the probability of a fifty percent return. The return for the four day turn of the month return in particular was noted.

Ariel first showed there was a significant difference between the returns pertaining to the first and second half of the trading month. Thus, the data is divided into the first and second halves of the trading month. A trading month on average consists of twenty trading days, so the first half has ten trading days and the second half has ten as well. There are some months that have more than twenty trading days but only the first ten days and the last ten days were used to form the halves. Also, in some instances the trading month had less than twenty trading days so the first half had ten and the second half had nine trading days. The means for each half were evaluated using the t-test to see if the means significantly differed from zero. The sign test and the signed rank tests of location were also performed on the semi-monthly returns. Additionally, the binomial proportions test was calculated on the percentage of positive returns for each half.

Lakonishok and Smidt pointed out that there are only four trading days that contribute to the positive return that Ariel found. Therefore, the first five days and the last five days of the trading month are analyzed separately to see if there is a significant difference between the means. The four tests – t-test, sign test, signed rank test, and binomial proportions test – previously used on the daily returns and the semi-monthly returns were again used. This analysis is extended further to look at the first three trading days of the month and the last three trading days of the month to see if there is any significant difference between the means.

Results

Results are presented in tables 1 through 18. The tables pertain to all eleven indices. The tables present the frequency, mean, median and standard deviation of the returns for daily, semi-monthly, weekly and three day returns for the periods 1989-2010, 1989-1998, 1999-2010, and 2007-2010. The latter sub-period encompasses the recent period of financial crisis. Additionally, the results of the four tests conducted – t-test, sign test, signed rank test, and binomial proportions test – are also reported for the daily, weekly, three day and semi-monthly returns.

Tables one, two and three show the daily rates of return for the DJIA, DJT and the DJU respectively. All three tables show a positive significant return on the first trading day of the month for all three indices over the entire sample period. This positive significance is also present in two of the three sub-periods, but the 2007-2010 sub-period does not exhibit this pattern.

¹ However, all results reported are based on the log rates of return. Results for the percentage rates of returns are available on request.

The second trading day also shows positive significance for the DJIA and DJT but for the DJU, this significance is present on the third trading day. The negative significant result previously noted on the last trading day of the month is not present for these three indices. While the DJIA has a negative mean return on the last trading day, this return does not significantly differ from zero. Both the DJU and the DJT have positive significant mean returns on the last trading day of the month. The second to last day of the month is positive significant for the DJT while the DJU has positive significance on the third to last trading day. The significance is observed for the entire sample period but when looking at the sub-periods, it appears that the first sub-period, 1989-1998, is largely responsible for the results over the entire period. The second sub-period, 1999-2010, has no significance but for the first trading day of the month.

The NASDAQ composite index exhibits a strong turn of the month effect with positive significance for the last two and first two days of the month. The entire sample period has significance for the three of the four tests but in the sub-period, 1989-1998, all four tests are strongly significant over these four days. Interestingly, the NASDAQ100 shows negative significance on the first trading day for all periods but 2007-2010. However, there is a turn of the month effect present when looking at the Binomial proportions test. Alternately, the S&P500 shows positive significance for the first day through all periods but 2007-2010. Except for the last trading day, there is significance from at least one of the four tests for the last three days as well as the first two trading days. The sub-period, 1989-1998, strongly illustrates this with two of the tests.

The Russell 3000 and Russell 1000 exhibits significance for the last three trading days except for the last day as well as the first two trading days using at least two of the four tests. However, it is the small cap, Russell 2000 that shows the strongest support for the turn of the month effect. The Russell 2000 extends the turn of the month effect to a wider range beginning with the fourth to last trading day and ending on the fourth trading day. The least amount of significance is seen on the third trading day of the month. The pattern from the Russell 2000 shows that the turn of the month includes the fourth to last trading day to the fourth trading day with limited significance on the third trading day. The two NASDAQ industry indices – Transportation and Industrial – also show significance around turn of the month. However, the significance on the first trading day is noticeably absent in the first sub-period, 1989-1998, for both indices.

When comparing the indices using semi-monthly returns, the industry indices except for the DJT indicate a positive significance in the second half of the month unlike the DJIA, which indicates positive significance in the first half of the month. The other broad market indices show positive significance for both halves of the month and doesn't favor one half over the other. The significance virtually disappears in the second sub-period, 1999-2010, and is non-existent in the third sub-period, 2007-2010. Alternatively, using the weekly returns to compare the first and the last week returns for the month reveal a pronounced positive significance for the last week in all five of the industry indices. This significance is present in all periods except 2007-2010. On the other hand, the DJIA exhibits no significant preference for the returns for either the first or the last week. The NASDAQ100, Russell 3000 and the S&P500 are the only three of the other six broad market indices that exhibit a preference for the returns in the last week. The other three broad market indices provide mixed significant results for both weeks. Once again, the sub-period, 2007-2010 does not exhibit any significance.

Further decomposing the weekly return into three day returns reveals slightly different results for the twelve indices. The DJIA as well as the Russell 1000 show no significance for any of the periods. The NASDAQ shows preference for the entire sample but has mixed significance in the first sub-period, 1989-1998, and no significance for the other two sub-periods. The NASDAQ100 only shows preference for the last three days in the sub-period, 1989-1998, while the S&P500 and the Russell 3000 still shows preference for the last three days over the entire period and 1989-1998. Furthermore, the Russell 2000 and the NASDAQ Transportation both show mixed significant results for both three day periods. While the DJT still favors the last three days, two of the four tests reveal significance for the first three days. The DJU and NASDAQ Industrial still distinctly favor the last three days return.

Conclusion

It is clear that while the turn of the month effect is pronounced for the industry indices such as the DJU and DJT it is present but less pronounced for the broader market indices such as the DJIA. Furthermore, the effect changes intertemporally over the sub periods with the sub-period, 1989-1998, accounting for much of the effect exhibited over the entire period. For the period of the severe bear market during the financial crisis, on the average, most of the losses accrue in the first few days of the month. This crisis period shows the least amount of significance and no turn of the month effect.

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Table 1: Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) Daily Rates of Return

The daily rates of return are shown for the first seven and the last seven trading days of the month. The first seven trading days are depicted as positive numbers where 1 is the first trading day and the last seven trading days are depicted by negative numbers where -1 is the last day. The rates of return are calculated as the log of the ratio of the previous day and the current day. Student-t as well as the non-parametric tests – sign, signed rank and binomial proportions-is also reported. * - significance at the 95% level

	Trading Day	-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1989 to 2010	# of Obs.	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258
	Mean	-0.135%	-0.052%	0.025%	0.126%	0.055%	0.065%	-0.069%	0.280%	0.120%	-0.023%	-0.042%	0.004%	-0.018%	-0.073%
	Median	-0.050%	-0.025%	0.043%	0.033%	0.101%	0.098%	-0.043%	0.280%	0.137%	-0.029%	0.062%	-0.003%	0.016%	0.039%
	Std deviation	1.171%	1.158%	1.099%	1.189%	0.994%	1.156%	0.974%	1.214%	1.029%	0.995%	1.152%	1.047%	1.040%	1.168%
	Student-t	-1.846	-0.727	0.369	1.706	0.884	0.902	-1.135	3.704*	1.878	-0.375	-0.580	0.063	-0.277	-1.010
	Sign	-8.500	-4.000	6.500	5.000	14.000	14.000	-7.000	35.500*	15.500	-6.500	7.000	-1.000	1.500	4.000
	Signed Rank	-2350.5*	-884.5	1014.5	1294.5	1970.5	2119.5	-1126.5	6081.5*	2701.5*	-502.5	514.5	230.5	253.5	-589.5
	% Positive Days	0.469	0.484	0.527	0.519	0.554*	0.554*	0.473	0.640*	0.562*	0.477	0.527	0.496	0.508	0.516
1989 to 1998	# of Obs.	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120
	Mean	-0.133%	0.093%	0.025%	0.061%	0.085%	0.103%	-0.073%	0.327%	0.181%	-0.062%	-0.007%	0.062%	-0.035%	0.081%
	Median	-0.050%	0.049%	0.123%	-0.008%	0.101%	0.108%	0.009%	0.247%	0.157%	-0.080%	0.016%	-0.025%	0.028%	0.055%
	Std deviation	0.849%	0.926%	1.048%	0.849%	0.797%	0.799%	0.966%	0.920%	0.869%	0.715%	0.784%	0.874%	0.785%	0.869%
	Student-t	-1.722	1.104	0.260	0.788	1.162	1.411	-0.824	3.898*	2.285*	-0.945	-0.096	0.775	-0.485	1.017
	Sign	-2.500	1.000	9.000	0.000	9.000	10.000	1.000	19.500*	10.500	-5.500	1.000	-4.000	2.500	7.000
	Signed Rank	-472	234	578	222	709	677	-15	1442*	958*	-427	173	162	156	495
	% Positive Days	0.483	0.508	0.575*	0.500	0.575*	0.583*	0.508	0.667*	0.592*	0.458	0.508	0.467	0.525	0.558
1999 to 2010	# of Obs.	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138
	Mean	-0.136%	-0.179%	0.026%	0.183%	0.029%	0.032%	-0.065%	0.239%	0.067%	0.010%	-0.072%	-0.046%	-0.003%	-0.207%
	Median	-0.054%	-0.058%	-0.024%	0.065%	0.089%	0.052%	-0.089%	0.400%	0.050%	-0.012%	0.098%	0.022%	-0.005%	-0.051%
	Std deviation	1.395%	1.318%	1.146%	1.421%	1.141%	1.396%	0.983%	1.424%	1.151%	1.188%	1.397%	1.177%	1.222%	1.365%
	Student-t	-1.142	-1.597	0.262	1.513	0.296	0.268	-0.781	1.971*	0.687	0.101	-0.604	-0.460	-0.032	-1.786
	Sign	-6.000	-5.000	-2.500	5.000	5.000	4.000	-8.000	16.000*	5.000	-1.000	6.000	3.000	-1.000	-3.000
	Signed Rank	-677.5	-703.5	-62.5	442.5	283.5	421.5	-528.5	1608.5*	371.5	164.5	36.5	-34.5	24.5	-871.5
	% Positive Days	0.457	0.464	0.486	0.536	0.536	0.529	0.442	0.616*	0.536	0.493	0.543	0.522	0.493	0.478
2007 to 2010	# of Obs.	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42
	Mean	-0.139%	-0.340%	-0.106%	0.556%	0.044%	-0.085%	-0.126%	0.076%	0.091%	-0.249%	-0.428%	-0.162%	0.203%	-0.254%
	Median	0.097%	-0.005%	-0.112%	0.113%	0.089%	0.076%	-0.097%	0.476%	-0.046%	-0.087%	0.190%	0.083%	0.048%	0.041%
	Std deviation	1.928%	1.439%	1.446%	2.070%	1.170%	1.871%	1.289%	1.925%	1.366%	1.418%	1.755%	1.598%	1.350%	2.066%
	Student-t	-0.468	-1.530	-0.476	1.740	0.245	-0.293	-0.632	0.254	0.431	-1.140	-1.579	-0.656	0.973	-0.796
	Sign	1.0	-1.0	-3.0	4.0	2.0	2.0	-3.0	5.0	0.0	-2.0	3.0	5.0	2.0	1.0
	Signed Rank	-36.5	-73.5	-70.5	121.5	34.5	18.5	-80.5	116.5	-5.5	-78.5	-53.5	17.5	65.5	-35.5
	% Positive Days	0.524	0.476	0.429	0.595	0.548	0.548	0.429	0.619	0.500	0.452	0.571	0.619	0.548	0.524

Table 2: Dow Jones Transportation (DJT) Daily Rates of Return

The daily rates of return are shown for the first seven and the last seven trading days of the month. The first seven trading days are depicted as positive numbers where 1 is the first trading day and the last seven trading days are depicted by negative numbers where -1 is the last day. The rates of return are calculated as the log of the ratio of the previous day and the current day. Student-t as well as the non-parametric tests – sign, signed rank and binomial proportions- is also reported. * - significance at the 95% level

	Trading Day	-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1989	# of Obs.	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258
to	Mean	-0.161%	-0.093%	-0.067%	0.080%	0.114%	0.205%	0.188%	0.208%	0.245%	0.011%	-0.016%	-0.087%	-0.120%	-0.124%
2010	Median	-0.136%	-0.062%	0.019%	-0.022%	0.081%	0.192%	0.162%	0.268%	0.213%	-0.054%	0.056%	-0.016%	-0.047%	-0.102%
	Std deviation	1.609%	1.372%	1.329%	1.506%	1.325%	1.482%	1.302%	1.532%	1.688%	1.443%	1.455%	1.540%	1.633%	1.582%
	Student-t	-1.608	-1.093	-0.808	0.859	1.383	2.220*	2.321*	2.185*	2.334*	0.125	-0.171	-0.906	-1.185	-1.263
	Sign	-19.5*	-5	1	-4	10	16	16	28*	17*	-4	6	-1	-7.5	-7
	Signed Rank	-2400.5	-1000.5	-1018.5	152	1749	2961.5*	2334*	3548.5*	3320.5*	-153.5	906.5	-1310.5	-1112	-1921.5
	% Positive Days	0.426*	0.481	0.504	0.488	0.543	0.562*	0.566*	0.609*	0.566*	0.484	0.523	0.496	0.477	0.473
1989	# of Obs.	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120
to	Mean	-0.114%	0.033%	-0.104%	-0.039%	0.069%	0.219%	0.185%	0.274%	0.281%	-0.049%	0.022%	-0.011%	-0.185%	0.021%
1998	Median	-0.098%	-0.064%	0.056%	-0.108%	0.129%	0.223%	0.162%	0.170%	0.275%	-0.081%	0.092%	-0.112%	-0.085%	-0.041%
	Std deviation	0.979%	1.163%	1.284%	0.988%	0.994%	1.189%	1.082%	1.114%	1.068%	0.960%	1.154%	1.280%	0.994%	1.079%
	Student-t	-1.278	0.313	-0.891	-0.427	0.759	2.014*	1.868	2.692*	2.884*	-0.557	0.204	-0.095	-2.037	0.217
	Sign	-7	-3	2	-7	5	8	12*	13*	13*	-3	5	-5	-8	-1
	Signed Rank	-492	-112	-115	-217.5	436.5	759*	792.5*	947*	1116*	-33	211	-349	-598.5	-151
	% Positive Days	0.442	0.475	0.517	0.450	0.550	0.567*	0.608*	0.608*	0.608*	0.475	0.542	0.458	0.442	0.492
1999	# of Obs.	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138
to	Mean	-0.202%	-0.203%	-0.034%	0.184%	0.153%	0.193%	0.191%	0.151%	0.214%	0.064%	-0.048%	-0.153%	-0.064%	-0.251%
2010	Median	-0.154%	-0.055%	-0.055%	0.060%	0.067%	0.165%	0.147%	0.344%	0.165%	-0.029%	0.016%	0.087%	0.007%	-0.229%
	Std deviation	2.005%	1.526%	1.371%	1.839%	1.559%	1.700%	1.470%	1.821%	2.086%	1.760%	1.678%	1.736%	2.034%	1.911%
	Student-t	-1.182	-1.566	-0.292	1.175	1.156	1.333	1.528	0.977	1.205	0.424	-0.334	-1.033	-0.372	-1.545
	Sign	-12.5*	-2	-1	3	5	8	4	15*	4	-1	1	4	0.5	-6
	Signed Rank	-717.5	-445.5	-321.5	322.5	445.5	725.5	410.5	784.5	589.5	38.5	223.5	-337.5	29.5	-798.5
	% Positive Days	0.413*	0.486	0.493	0.522	0.536	0.558	0.529	0.609*	0.529	0.493	0.507	0.529	0.507	0.457
2007	# of Obs.	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42
to	Mean	-0.388%	-0.442%	-0.295%	0.521%	0.090%	-0.017%	0.127%	0.060%	0.243%	-0.273%	-0.501%	-0.139%	0.382%	-0.164%
2010	Median	-0.083%	-0.201%	-0.456%	0.066%	0.463%	0.209%	-0.139%	0.516%	0.106%	-0.498%	0.081%	0.200%	0.458%	0.018%
	Std deviation	2.826%	1.811%	1.481%	2.525%	1.831%	2.151%	1.711%	2.592%	2.854%	2.093%	2.260%	2.395%	1.785%	2.729%
	Student-t	-0.890	-1.583	-1.290	1.336	0.319	-0.053	0.482	0.150	0.553	-0.846	-1.437	-0.377	1.385	-0.389
	Sign	-5	-2	-2	2	3	3	-1	4	1	-4	1	4	5	0
	Signed Rank	-101.5	-99.5	-122.5	61.5	24.5	30.5	1.5	66.5	31.5	-87.5	-55.5	-1.5	121.5	-15.5
	% Positive Days	0.381	0.452	0.452	0.548	0.571	0.571	0.476	0.595	0.524	0.405	0.524	0.595	0.619	0.500

Table 3: Dow Jones Utilities (DJU) Daily Rates of Return

The daily rates of return are shown for the first seven and the last seven trading days of the month. The first seven trading days are depicted as positive numbers where 1 is the first trading day and the last seven trading days are depicted by negative numbers where -1 is the last day. The rates of return are calculated as the log of the ratio of the previous day and the current day. Student-t as well as the non-parametric tests – sign, signed rank and binomial proportions- is also reported. * - significance at the 95% level

	Trading Day	-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1989 to 2010	# of Obs.	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258
	Mean	-0.064%	-0.049%	0.120%	0.134%	0.099%	0.061%	0.126%	0.134%	0.036%	-0.097%	-0.188%	0.000%	-0.052%	-0.162%
	Median	-0.014%	0.075%	0.085%	0.088%	0.137%	0.073%	0.103%	0.197%	0.063%	-0.111%	-0.073%	0.013%	0.044%	-0.063%
	Std deviation	1.216%	1.156%	1.237%	1.151%	0.980%	1.095%	0.929%	1.180%	1.098%	1.129%	1.203%	1.008%	1.049%	1.182%
	Student-t	-0.839	-0.688	1.564	1.866	1.615	0.901	2.177*	1.817	0.527	-1.377	-2.516*	0.000	-0.795	-2.204*
	Sign	-4	5.5	13	11.5	19*	12	16	22*	8.5	-16.5*	-10.5	3	5	-8.5
	Signed Rank	-528	-142.5	1815	1704	3123*	1161	2745.5*	3416*	1334.5	-1546	-2092.5	548	318	-1715
	% Positive Days	0.496	0.527	0.554*	0.550	0.578*	0.550	0.566*	0.589*	0.535	0.442*	0.461	0.523	0.523	0.473
1989 to 1998	# of Obs.	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120
	Mean	-0.011%	0.027%	0.025%	0.084%	0.121%	0.104%	0.162%	0.069%	0.137%	-0.071%	-0.094%	0.049%	-0.075%	-0.099%
	Median	-0.066%	0.100%	0.089%	0.088%	0.095%	0.111%	0.131%	0.029%	0.060%	-0.163%	-0.105%	0.094%	0.000%	-0.120%
	Std deviation	0.684%	0.702%	0.750%	0.601%	0.658%	0.689%	0.783%	0.770%	0.804%	0.706%	0.761%	0.708%	0.713%	0.675%
	Student-t	-0.182	0.429	0.370	1.529	2.019*	1.660	2.268*	0.986	1.862	-1.099	-1.346	0.752	-1.158	-1.602
	Sign	-6	5	8	7.5	9	9	9	2	5.5	-14.5*	-6.5	6	0	-7.5
	Signed Rank	-226.5	188.5	230.5	438.5	787.5*	620.5	865*	231.5	556	-653.5	-486	469.5	-283.5	-517.5
	% Positive Days	0.475	0.550	0.575*	0.575*	0.583*	0.583*	0.583*	0.525	0.550	0.392*	0.450	0.575*	0.508	0.450
1999 to 2010	# of Obs.	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138
	Mean	-0.109%	-0.116%	0.203%	0.177%	0.079%	0.024%	0.095%	0.189%	-0.051%	-0.119%	-0.271%	-0.042%	-0.032%	-0.217%
	Median	0.025%	0.002%	0.080%	0.088%	0.247%	0.032%	0.072%	0.468%	0.110%	-0.035%	-0.038%	-0.053%	0.140%	-0.007%
	Std deviation	1.538%	1.438%	1.539%	1.473%	1.194%	1.355%	1.041%	1.446%	1.297%	1.399%	1.482%	1.211%	1.274%	1.489%
	Student-t	-0.832	-0.951	1.551	1.413	0.775	0.208	1.066	1.538	-0.466	-1.002	-2.147*	-0.411	-0.291	-1.715
	Sign	2	0.5	5	4	10	3	7	20*	3	-2	-4	-3	5	-1
	Signed Rank	-108.5	-293.5	671.5	437.5	706.5	-34.5	540.5	1265.5*	46.5	-285.5	-615.5	-171.5	373.5	-360.5
	% Positive Days	0.514	0.507	0.536	0.529	0.572*	0.522	0.551	0.645*	0.522	0.486	0.471	0.478	0.536	0.493
2007 to 2010	# of Obs.	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42
	Mean	-0.093%	-0.519%	-0.103%	0.510%	-0.003%	-0.043%	-0.147%	0.296%	-0.016%	-0.194%	-0.680%	0.088%	0.143%	-0.148%
	Median	-0.048%	0.064%	-0.225%	0.342%	0.204%	0.019%	-0.151%	0.758%	0.227%	-0.110%	-0.292%	0.123%	0.345%	0.148%
	Std deviation	1.724%	1.485%	1.870%	1.966%	1.205%	1.542%	1.268%	1.902%	1.414%	1.396%	1.902%	1.421%	1.335%	1.489%
	Student-t	-0.348	-2.265*	-0.357	1.683	-0.014	-0.183	-0.751	1.008	-0.073	-0.901	-2.316*	0.400	0.693	-0.644
	Sign	-1	0	-4	5	1	1	-4	9*	0	-1	-5	2	5	3
	Signed Rank	-46.5	-125.5	-86.5	166.5*	31.5	5.5	-60.5	139.5	22.5	-19.5	-155.5	59.5	107.5	30.5
	% Positive Days	0.476	0.500	0.405	0.619	0.524	0.524	0.405*	0.714	0.500	0.476	0.381	0.548	0.619	0.571

Table4: NASDAQ Daily Rates of Return

The daily rates of return are shown for the first seven and the last seven trading days of the month. The first seven trading days are depicted as positive numbers where 1 is the first trading day and the last seven trading days are depicted by negative numbers where -1 is the last day. The rates of return are calculated as the log of the ratio of the previous day and the current day. Student-t as well as the non-parametric tests – sign, signed rank and binomial proportions- is also reported. * - significance at the 95% level

Trading Day		-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1989 to 2010	# of Obs.	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258
	Mean	-0.191%	-0.129%	0.057%	0.176%	-0.042%	0.096%	0.127%	0.167%	0.136%	0.062%	-0.014%	-0.006%	-0.032%	-0.089%
	Median	0.007%	-0.021%	0.061%	0.076%	0.138%	0.212%	0.247%	0.271%	0.224%	0.126%	0.116%	0.037%	0.079%	-0.004%
	Std deviation	1.541%	1.449%	1.526%	1.444%	1.391%	1.597%	1.335%	1.688%	1.766%	1.583%	1.568%	1.351%	1.546%	1.524%
	Student-t	-1.993*	-1.432	0.596	1.952	-0.485	0.962	1.532	1.586	1.238	0.629	-0.142	-0.075	-0.330	-0.935
	Sign	0.5	-2	6	10.5	15.5	31*	22.5*	37*	26*	12	12	3	10.5	-0.5
	Signed Rank	-1252.5	-746	1028.5	1655.5	900.5	2992.5*	3830.5*	3988.5*	2666.5*	1063.5	997.5	318.5	793.5	-647.5
	% Positive Days	50.39%	49.22%	52.33%	54.26%	56.20%*	62.02%*	58.91%*	64.34%*	60.08%*	54.65%	54.65%	51.16%	54.26%	50.00%
1989 to 1998	# of Obs.	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120
	Mean	-0.058%	0.069%	0.002%	0.043%	0.086%	0.195%	0.216%	0.196%	0.213%	0.073%	-0.014%	0.084%	-0.037%	0.090%
	Median	0.061%	0.012%	0.070%	0.084%	0.157%	0.254%	0.370%	0.231%	0.244%	0.144%	0.039%	0.109%	0.128%	0.093%
	Std deviation	0.926%	0.936%	1.135%	0.922%	0.933%	0.935%	1.131%	1.046%	0.997%	0.991%	0.972%	0.994%	0.957%	0.956%
	Student-t	-0.682	0.809	0.023	0.507	1.006	2.285*	2.093*	2.050*	2.339*	0.806	-0.159	0.923	-0.426	1.032
	Sign	3.5	0	5	7.5	11.5*	21*	26.5*	17*	20*	12*	3	7	9.5	4.5
	Signed Rank	27	146.5	258	260	625	1110*	2039*	983*	1130*	686	184	388	501	488
	% Positive Days	53.33%	50.00%	54.17%	56.67%*	60.00%*	67.50%*	72.50%*	64.17%*	66.67%*	60.00%*	52.50%	55.83%	58.33%*	54.17%
1999 to 2010	# of Obs.	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138
	Mean	-0.307%	-0.302%	0.104%	0.291%	-0.153%	0.009%	0.050%	0.141%	0.069%	0.052%	-0.014%	-0.085%	-0.027%	-0.244%
	Median	-0.111%	-0.085%	0.038%	0.049%	0.091%	0.128%	-0.043%	0.319%	0.192%	0.017%	0.217%	-0.057%	0.023%	-0.094%
	Std deviation	1.919%	1.764%	1.800%	1.774%	1.688%	2.002%	1.490%	2.096%	2.231%	1.962%	1.947%	1.597%	1.920%	1.874%
	Student-t	-1.881	-2.008*	0.677	1.928*	-1.065	0.055	0.396	0.793	0.365	0.314	-0.082	-0.623	-0.165	-1.532
	Sign	-3	-2	1	3	4	10	-4	20*	6	0	9	-4	1	-5
	Signed Rank	-660.5	-617.5	245.5	620.5	-169.5	408.5	114.5	1018.5*	267.5	-33.5	252.5	-201.5	15.5	-762.5
	% Positive Days	47.83%	48.55%	50.72%	52.17%	52.90%	57.25%*	47.10%	64.49%*	54.35%	50.00%	56.52%	47.10%	50.72%	46.38%
2007 to 2010	# of Obs.	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42
	Mean	-0.362%	-0.226%	-0.099%	0.644%	0.029%	-0.130%	-0.127%	0.069%	0.135%	-0.245%	-0.441%	-0.164%	0.163%	-0.105%
	Median	-0.078%	-0.112%	-0.011%	0.254%	0.191%	0.112%	-0.233%	0.305%	0.151%	-0.151%	0.094%	0.012%	0.252%	0.010%
	Std deviation	2.151%	1.533%	1.473%	2.143%	1.433%	2.314%	1.435%	2.204%	1.609%	1.659%	1.959%	1.840%	1.619%	2.050%
	Student-t	-1.092	-0.957	-0.434	1.947	0.133	-0.364	-0.575	0.202	0.544	-0.957	-1.460	-0.576	0.654	-0.331
	Sign	0	-3	0	3	3	5	-3	7*	3	-3	1	0	2	0
	Signed Rank	-79.5	-50.5	-33.5	120.5	23.5	59.5	-76.5	85.5	66.5	-56.5	-49.5	-8.5	42.5	-34.5
	% Positive Days	50.00%	42.86%	50.00%	57.14%	57.14%	61.90%	42.86%	66.67%*	57.14%	42.86%	52.38%	50.00%	54.76%	50.00%

Table 5: NASDAQ 100 Daily Rates of Return

The daily rates of return are shown for the first seven and the last seven trading days of the month. The first seven trading days are depicted as positive numbers where 1 is the first trading day and the last seven trading days are depicted by negative numbers where -1 is the last day. The rates of return are calculated as the log of the ratio of the previous day and the current day. Student-t as well as the non-parametric tests – sign, signed rank and binomial proportions-is also reported. * - significance at the 95% level

	Trading Day	-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1989 to 2010	# of Obs.	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258
	Mean	-0.189%	-0.118%	0.084%	0.195%	-0.071%	0.117%	-0.005%	-0.025%	0.112%	0.106%	-0.045%	0.037%	-0.043%	-0.086%
	Median	-0.016%	0.004%	0.032%	0.102%	0.068%	0.222%	0.119%	0.351%	0.178%	0.082%	0.105%	0.085%	0.170%	0.059%
	Std deviation	1.797%	1.783%	1.850%	1.782%	1.720%	1.926%	1.631%	4.803%	2.167%	1.924%	1.882%	1.602%	1.905%	1.769%
	Student-t	-1.687	-1.063	0.728	1.754	-0.664	0.980	-0.049	-0.083	0.833	0.881	-0.386	0.372	-0.361	-0.781
	Sign	-1	0	1.5	8.5	7	29*	11	32.5*	20*	9	10	7	14	2
	Signed Rank	-1123.5	-575.5	1028.5	1229.5	48.5	2765.5*	1050.5	3833.5*	1816.5	991.5	15.5	798.5	666.5	-404.5
	% Positive Days	49.61%	50.00%	50.78%	53.49%	52.71%	61.24%*	54.26%	62.79%*	57.75%*	53.49%	53.88%	52.71%	55.43%*	50.78%
1989 to 1998	# of Obs.	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120
	Mean	-0.025%	0.121%	0.029%	0.085%	0.151%	0.250%	0.042%	-0.236%	0.157%	0.083%	-0.083%	0.184%	-0.023%	0.130%
	Median	0.011%	0.073%	0.029%	0.130%	0.145%	0.268%	0.269%	0.372%	0.139%	0.265%	0.029%	0.237%	0.296%	0.124%
	Std deviation	1.225%	1.347%	1.454%	1.357%	1.330%	1.364%	1.467%	6.584%	1.430%	1.357%	1.425%	1.305%	1.334%	1.336%
	Student-t	-0.226	0.982	0.222	0.689	1.243	2.010*	0.314	-0.392	1.204	0.670	-0.635	1.547	-0.189	1.066
	Sign	1	1	0.5	6	5	17*	14*	15*	10	8	2	6	9	5
	Signed Rank	48	162	250	161	446	958*	731	1043*	562	495	-168	587	357	432
	% Positive Days	50.83%	50.83%	50.83%	55.00%	54.17%	64.17%*	61.67%*	62.50%*	58.33%*	56.67%	51.67%	55.00%	57.50%	54.17%
1999 to 2010	# of Obs.	137	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138
	Mean	0.021%	-0.331%	-0.326%	0.131%	0.290%	-0.264%	0.002%	-0.046%	0.158%	0.074%	0.125%	-0.013%	-0.091%	-0.060%
	Median	0.102%	-0.096%	-0.037%	0.032%	0.044%	0.055%	0.165%	-0.077%	0.323%	0.190%	0.008%	0.164%	0.023%	0.122%
	Std deviation	2.160%	2.170%	2.072%	2.140%	2.083%	1.982%	2.305%	1.765%	2.357%	2.652%	2.311%	2.209%	1.817%	2.294%
	Student-t	0.112	-1.791	-1.846	0.720	1.633	-1.565	0.011	-0.305	0.789	0.326	0.636	-0.068	-0.588	-0.307
	Sign	-2	-1	1	2.5	2	12*	-3	17.5*	10	1	8	1	5	-3
	Signed Rank	-636.5	-514.5	291.5	456.5	-450.5	436.5	-180.5	899.5	336.5	32.5	183.5	-182.5	-5.5	-643.5
	% Positive Days	48.55%	49.28%	50.72%	52.17%	51.45%	58.70%*	47.83%	63.04%*	57.25%*	50.72%	55.80%	50.72%	53.62%	47.83%
2007 to 2010	# of Obs.	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42
	Mean	-0.342%	-0.130%	-0.072%	0.693%	-0.013%	-0.141%	-0.212%	0.090%	0.155%	-0.140%	-0.407%	-0.154%	0.206%	-0.096%
	Median	-0.281%	-0.152%	0.055%	0.137%	0.188%	0.217%	-0.329%	0.220%	0.195%	-0.004%	0.003%	0.070%	0.236%	0.089%
	Std deviation	2.061%	1.518%	1.440%	2.276%	1.470%	2.449%	1.552%	2.144%	1.640%	1.755%	1.914%	1.848%	1.634%	1.925%
	Student-t	-1.076	-0.555	-0.324	1.973*	-0.057	-0.372	-0.884	0.272	0.613	-0.516	-1.379	-0.540	0.817	-0.323
	Sign	-1	-2	1	3	3	9*	-2	5	5	0	1	3	4	1
	Signed Rank	-68.5	-19.5	-0.5	121.5	-6.5	102.5	-111.5	74.5	88.5	-5.5	-59.5	2.5	71.5	-22.5
	% Positive Days	47.62%	45.24%	52.38%	57.14%	57.14%	71.43%*	45.24%	61.90%	61.90%	50.00%	52.38%	57.14%	59.52%	52.38%

Table 6: S&P 500 Daily Rates of Return

The daily rates of return are shown for the first seven and the last seven trading days of the month. The first seven trading days are depicted as positive numbers where 1 is the first trading day and the last seven trading days are depicted by negative numbers where -1 is the last day. The rates of return are calculated as the log of the ratio of the previous day and the current day. Student-t as well as the non-parametric tests – sign, signed rank and binomial proportions- is also reported. * - significance at the 95% level

	Trading Day	-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1989 to 2010	# of Obs.	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258
	Mean	-0.150%	-0.081%	0.007%	0.154%	0.048%	0.082%	0.014%	0.235%	0.089%	-0.036%	-0.048%	-0.019%	-0.020%	-0.109%
	Median	-0.055%	-0.018%	0.030%	0.012%	0.105%	0.120%	0.002%	0.265%	0.080%	0.001%	-0.004%	-0.022%	0.048%	-0.003%
	Std deviation	1.200%	1.163%	1.105%	1.231%	1.011%	1.272%	1.048%	1.281%	1.153%	1.051%	1.196%	1.077%	1.059%	1.225%
	Student-t	-2.014*	-1.122	0.103	2.007*	0.769	1.036	0.215	2.943*	1.235	-0.551	-0.638	-0.286	-0.306	-1.433
	Sign	-5	-1	4	3.5	17*	25*	2	30*	19.5*	0.5	-1	-4	2	-1.5
	Signed Rank	-1917.5	-1061.5	773.5	1467.5	1647.5	2688.5*	788.5	5608.5*	2137.5*	-700.5	175.5	-274.5	-101.5	-1171.5
	% Positive Days	48.06%	49.61%	51.55%	51.55%	56.59%	59.69%	50.78%	61.63%*	57.75%*	50.39%	49.61%	48.45%	50.78%	49.61%
1989 to 1998	# of Obs.	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120
	Mean	-0.098%	0.084%	-0.007%	0.068%	0.103%	0.136%	0.016%	0.281%	0.152%	-0.037%	-0.042%	0.069%	-0.054%	0.063%
	Median	-0.025%	-0.041%	0.137%	0.015%	0.149%	0.174%	0.085%	0.247%	0.090%	0.002%	-0.098%	0.037%	-0.005%	0.036%
	Std deviation	0.761%	0.870%	1.001%	0.828%	0.781%	0.825%	1.011%	0.903%	0.860%	0.723%	0.797%	0.872%	0.788%	0.813%
	Student-t	-1.404	1.062	-0.078	0.897	1.448	1.811	0.169	3.408*	1.930	-0.557	-0.577	0.863	-0.757	0.853
	Sign	-1	-1	7	1.5	13*	16*	7	12*	12*	0.5	-11	1	0	5
	Signed Rank	-308	160	408	367	806*	869*	492	1273*	829*	-208	-279	189	-55	428
	% Positive Days	49.17%	49.17%	55.83%	51.67%	60.83%	63.33%	55.83%	60.00%*	60.00%	50.83%	40.83%	50.83%	50.00%	54.17%
1999 to 2010	# of Obs.	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138
	Mean	-0.196%	-0.225%	0.019%	0.229%	0.001%	0.035%	0.013%	0.195%	0.034%	-0.036%	-0.052%	-0.096%	0.010%	-0.259%
	Median	-0.120%	-0.004%	-0.055%	0.012%	0.053%	0.076%	-0.068%	0.378%	0.073%	-0.016%	0.176%	-0.106%	0.064%	-0.072%
	Std deviation	1.481%	1.354%	1.192%	1.496%	1.176%	1.561%	1.083%	1.539%	1.358%	1.273%	1.460%	1.226%	1.250%	1.480%
	Student-t	-1.559	-1.954	0.192	1.796	0.008	0.261	0.138	1.486	0.294	-0.328	-0.421	-0.916	0.091	-2.059*
	Sign	-4	0	-3	2	4	9	-5	18*	7.5	0	10	-5	2	-6.5
	Signed Rank	-656.5	-701.5	-6.5	457.5	36.5	503.5	-77.5	1508.5*	227.5	-132.5	213.5	-322.5	-9.5	-1026.5*
	% Positive Days	47.10%	50.00%	47.83%	51.45%	52.90%	56.52%	46.38%	63.04%	55.80%	50.00%	57.25%	46.38%	51.45%	45.65%
2007 to 2010	# of Obs.	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42
	Mean	-0.265%	-0.343%	-0.169%	0.608%	0.041%	-0.097%	-0.139%	0.037%	0.128%	-0.253%	-0.419%	-0.159%	0.225%	-0.292%
	Median	0.096%	-0.025%	-0.101%	0.098%	-0.085%	0.012%	-0.137%	0.409%	0.101%	0.001%	0.218%	0.107%	0.161%	0.036%
	Std deviation	2.084%	1.595%	1.517%	2.216%	1.284%	2.201%	1.443%	2.152%	1.596%	1.528%	1.922%	1.715%	1.499%	2.211%
	Student-t	-0.824	-1.394	-0.721	1.777	0.206	-0.284	-0.622	0.112	0.519	-1.073	-1.412	-0.602	0.975	-0.856
	Sign	0	0	-3	4	-1	1	-2	5	2.5	0	4	2	2	1
	Signed Rank	-65.5	-64.5	-70.5	117.5	22.5	29.5	-71.5	106.5	18.5	-64.5	-52.5	4.5	75.5	-58.5
	% Positive Days	50.00%	50.00%	42.86%	59.52%	47.62%	52.38%	45.24%	61.90%	57.14%	50.00%	59.52%	54.76%	54.76%	52.38%

Table 7: Russell 3000 Daily Rates of Return

The daily rates of return are shown for the first seven and the last seven trading days of the month. The first seven trading days are depicted as positive numbers where 1 is the first trading day and the last seven trading days are depicted by negative numbers where -1 is the last day. The rates of return are calculated as the log of the ratio of the previous day and the current day. Student-t as well as the non-parametric tests – sign, signed rank and binomial proportions- is also reported. * - significance at the 95% level

	Trading Day	-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1989 to 2010	# of Obs.	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258
	Mean	-0.156%	-0.090%	0.004%	0.157%	0.050%	0.107%	0.061%	0.211%	0.102%	-0.030%	-0.044%	-0.030%	-0.028%	-0.109%
	Median	-0.023%	-0.039%	0.021%	0.048%	0.129%	0.152%	0.059%	0.285%	0.138%	0.027%	0.006%	-0.009%	0.025%	0.001%
	Std deviation	1.203%	1.144%	1.090%	1.206%	1.007%	1.260%	1.012%	1.290%	1.165%	1.062%	1.199%	1.072%	1.062%	1.222%
	Student-t	-2.086*	-1.266	0.059	2.091*	0.801	1.369	0.967	2.625*	1.408	-0.450	-0.594	-0.450	-0.430	-1.428
	Sign	-5	-5	3	7	22.5*	25*	10.5	32*	16	3	1	-2	7.5	0
	Signed Rank	-1788.5	-1096.5	611.5	1708.5	1839	3312.5	2063.5	5406.5*	2507*	-460.5	456.5	-329.5	-129	-1135.5
	% Positive Days	48.06%	48.06%	51.16%	52.71%	59.30%	59.69%	54.26%	62.40%*	56.59%*	51.16%	50.39%	49.22%	53.49%	50.00%
1989 to 1998	# of Obs.	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120
	Mean	-0.096%	0.066%	-0.012%	0.058%	0.103%	0.157%	0.072%	0.254%	0.176%	-0.019%	-0.033%	0.050%	-0.059%	0.055%
	Median	-0.020%	-0.039%	0.057%	0.073%	0.160%	0.216%	0.129%	0.216%	0.140%	0.052%	-0.074%	0.028%	0.026%	0.059%
	Std deviation	0.729%	0.811%	0.951%	0.771%	0.747%	0.778%	0.950%	0.852%	0.832%	0.702%	0.769%	0.834%	0.756%	0.773%
	Student-t	-1.446	0.895	-0.133	0.817	1.511	2.205*	0.824	3.269*	2.323*	-0.290	-0.474	0.655	-0.860	0.779
	Sign	-3	-3	5	5	17.5*	14*	10.5	15*	10.5	6	-7	1	5	7
	Signed Rank	-272	86	400	406	918*	1091*	981*	1254*	1015*	-34	-183	154	33.5	451
	% Positive Days	47.50%	47.50%	54.17%	54.17%	65.00%*	61.67%*	59.17%*	62.50%*	59.17%*	55.00%	44.17%	50.83%	55.00%	55.83%
1999 to 2010	# of Obs.	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138
	Mean	-0.208%	-0.226%	0.017%	0.244%	0.004%	0.065%	0.052%	0.173%	0.037%	-0.039%	-0.054%	-0.100%	-0.002%	-0.251%
	Median	-0.048%	-0.047%	-0.030%	0.027%	0.064%	0.097%	0.000%	0.362%	0.095%	-0.042%	0.164%	-0.041%	0.025%	-0.077%
	Std deviation	1.499%	1.358%	1.201%	1.482%	1.189%	1.564%	1.067%	1.577%	1.391%	1.299%	1.478%	1.241%	1.273%	1.496%
	Student-t	-1.633	-1.956	0.171	1.930	0.042	0.484	0.571	1.288	0.316	-0.357	-0.429	-0.943	-0.014	-1.970
	Sign	-2	-2	-2	2	5	11	0	17*	5.5	-3	8	-3	2.5	-7
	Signed Rank	-648.5	-687.5	-26.5	534.5	39	623.5	162.5	1423.5*	234.5	-173.5	263.5	-333.5	-65.5	-994.5*
	% Positive Days	48.55%	48.55%	48.55%	51.45%	54.35%	57.97%*	50.00%	62.32%*	54.35%	47.83%	55.80%	47.83%	52.17%	44.93%
2007 to 2010	# of Obs.	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42
	Mean	-0.292%	-0.353%	-0.184%	0.614%	0.057%	-0.081%	-0.122%	0.031%	0.128%	-0.270%	-0.436%	-0.156%	0.221%	-0.267%
	Median	0.112%	-0.095%	-0.138%	0.078%	0.000%	0.014%	-0.136%	0.420%	0.179%	-0.070%	0.219%	0.113%	0.102%	0.006%
	Std deviation	2.126%	1.618%	1.527%	2.191%	1.308%	2.217%	1.420%	2.221%	1.656%	1.550%	1.955%	1.745%	1.542%	2.230%
	Student-t	-0.891	-1.414	-0.780	1.817	0.281	-0.237	-0.556	0.092	0.499	-1.130	-1.444	-0.580	0.928	-0.775
	Sign	1	-1	-3	4	0	1	-3	6	3	-1	4	3	3	0
	Signed Rank	-61.5	-55.5	-82.5	123.5	26	26.5	-65.5	109.5	33.5	-78.5	-51.5	-3.5	71.5	-46.5
	% Positive Days	52.38%	47.62%	42.86%	59.52%	52.38%	52.38%	42.86%	64.29%*	57.14%	47.62%	59.52%	57.14%	57.14%	50.00%

Table 8: Russell 2000 Daily Rates of Return

The daily rates of return are shown for the first seven and the last seven trading days of the month. The first seven trading days are depicted as positive numbers where 1 is the first trading day and the last seven trading days are depicted by negative numbers where -1 is the last day. The rates of return are calculated as the log of the ratio of the previous day and the current day. Student-t as well as the non-parametric tests – sign, signed rank and binomial proportions-is also reported. * - significance at the 95% level

	Trading Day	-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1989 to 2010	# of Obs.	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258
	Mean	-0.191%	-0.106%	-0.006%	0.195%	0.055%	0.166%	0.257%	0.099%	0.152%	-0.064%	0.001%	-0.059%	-0.057%	-0.082%
	Median	-0.008%	-0.035%	0.046%	0.146%	0.194%	0.224%	0.321%	0.230%	0.191%	0.013%	0.148%	0.014%	0.039%	0.052%
	Std deviation	1.426%	1.187%	1.207%	1.289%	1.201%	1.362%	1.116%	1.526%	1.322%	1.218%	1.313%	1.240%	1.259%	1.380%
	Student-t	-2.151*	-1.428	-0.080	2.428*	0.734	1.956*	3.704*	1.043	1.851	-0.844	0.014	-0.767	-0.728	-0.959
	Sign	-0.5	-5	11	17*	23*	32*	46*	27*	32*	5	21*	7.5	6	7.5
	Signed Rank	-1656.5	-894.5	540.5	2870.5*	2105.5*	3855.5*	5695.5*	3684.5*	3483.5*	-440.5	1810.5	-313.5	-3.5	-845.5
	% Positive Days	50.00%	48.06%	54.26%	56.59%*	58.91%*	62.40%*	67.83%*	60.47%*	62.40%*	51.94%	58.14%*	53.10%	52.33%	53.10%
1989 to 1998	# of Obs.	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120
	Mean	-0.083%	0.015%	-0.037%	-0.012%	0.038%	0.177%	0.386%	0.097%	0.231%	0.028%	0.036%	0.009%	-0.068%	0.034%
	Median	0.025%	0.042%	0.062%	0.092%	0.162%	0.256%	0.478%	0.197%	0.211%	0.093%	0.102%	0.054%	0.091%	0.091%
	Std deviation	0.809%	0.661%	0.908%	0.687%	0.730%	0.683%	0.836%	0.736%	0.748%	0.771%	0.699%	0.789%	0.791%	0.689%
	Student-t	-1.124	0.255	-0.441	-0.199	0.565	2.834*	5.058*	1.437	3.382*	0.395	0.567	0.132	-0.938	0.539
	Sign	1.5	1	9	6	12*	25*	42*	14*	27*	10	11	8.5	11	11
	Signed Rank	-51	234	332	265	590	1483*	2684*	844*	1625*	498	718	122	420	424
	% Positive Days	51.67%	50.83%	57.50%*	55.00%	60.00%*	70.83%*	85.00%*	61.67%*	72.50%*	58.33%*	59.17%*	57.50%*	59.17%*	59.17%*
1999 to 2010	# of Obs.	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138
	Mean	-0.285%	-0.211%	0.021%	0.375%	0.070%	0.156%	0.146%	0.101%	0.084%	-0.144%	-0.029%	-0.119%	-0.048%	-0.184%
	Median	-0.116%	-0.115%	0.021%	0.300%	0.228%	0.143%	0.094%	0.285%	0.159%	-0.146%	0.267%	-0.021%	-0.093%	-0.208%
	Std deviation	1.796%	1.497%	1.419%	1.624%	1.497%	1.754%	1.305%	1.974%	1.668%	1.502%	1.675%	1.528%	1.560%	1.771%
	Student-t	-1.863	-1.653	0.171	2.713*	0.548	1.048	1.311	0.602	0.592	-1.125	-0.205	-0.915	-0.361	-1.218
	Sign	-2	-6	2	11	11	7	4	13*	5	-5	10	-1	-5	-3.5
	Signed Rank	-797.5	-638.5	53.5	1137.5*	426.5	616.5	407.5	981.5*	354.5	-578.5	243.5	-288.5	-185.5	-667.5
	% Positive Days	48.55%	45.65%	51.45%	57.97%*	57.97%*	55.07%	52.90%	59.42%*	53.62%	46.38%	57.25%*	49.28%	46.38%	47.83%
2007 to 2010	# of Obs.	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42
	Mean	-0.410%	-0.453%	-0.253%	0.720%	0.081%	-0.057%	-0.158%	-0.001%	0.147%	-0.458%	-0.453%	-0.156%	0.132%	-0.135%
	Median	-0.013%	-0.195%	-0.279%	0.372%	0.303%	-0.018%	-0.531%	0.296%	0.274%	-0.446%	0.286%	-0.052%	-0.031%	0.109%
	Std deviation	2.651%	1.817%	1.802%	2.251%	1.746%	2.464%	1.639%	2.784%	2.072%	1.809%	2.282%	2.148%	2.021%	2.596%
	Student-t	-1.002	-1.618	-0.910	2.074*	0.302	-0.151	-0.624	-0.002	0.460	-1.641	-1.287	-0.470	0.423	-0.337
	Sign	0	-4	-2	3	3	0	-4	5	3	-4	4	0	0	3
	Signed Rank	-91.5	-101.5	-87.5	134.5	63.5	-14.5	-97.5	108.5	46.5	-122.5	-49.5	-20.5	20.5	-17.5
	% Positive Days	50.00%	40.48%	45.24%	57.14%	57.14%	50.00%	40.48%	61.90%	57.14%	40.48%	59.52%	50.00%	50.00%	57.14%

Table 9: Russell 1000 Daily Rates of Return

The daily rates of return are shown for the first seven and the last seven trading days of the month. The first seven trading days are depicted as positive numbers where 1 is the first trading day and the last seven trading days are depicted by negative numbers where -1 is the last day. The rates of return are calculated as the log of the ratio of the previous day and the current day. Student-t as well as the non-parametric tests – sign, signed rank and binomial proportions-is also reported. * - significance at the 95% level

	Trading Day	-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1989 to 2010	# of Obs.	211	211	211	211	211	211	211	210	210	210	210	210	210	210
	Mean	-0.140%	-0.200%	0.093%	0.164%	0.029%	0.089%	-0.020%	0.208%	0.084%	-0.008%	-0.042%	-0.027%	-0.045%	-0.148%
	Median	-0.020%	-0.030%	0.035%	0.028%	0.081%	0.124%	0.010%	0.308%	0.110%	0.033%	0.009%	0.007%	0.033%	0.007%
	Std deviation	1.263%	1.435%	1.420%	1.300%	1.056%	1.346%	1.094%	1.376%	1.245%	1.135%	1.270%	1.140%	1.144%	1.287%
	Student-t	-1.611	-2.025*	0.949	1.829	0.397	0.964	-0.260	2.186*	0.981	-0.106	-0.483	-0.344	-0.576	-1.666
	Sign	-1.5	-3.5	3.5	4.5	14.5	19.5*	0.5	24*	13	4	2	1	3	2
	Signed Rank	-920.5	-1254	725	873	840	1926*	36	3561.5*	1413.5	99.5	376.5	-187.5	-441.5	-1086.5
	% Positive Days	49.76%	48.34%	51.66%	52.13%	56.87%*	59.24%*	50.24%	61.43%*	56.19%*	51.90%	50.95%	50.48%	51.43%	50.95%
1989 to 1998	# of Obs.	73	73	73	73	73	73	73	72	72	72	72	72	72	72
	Mean	-0.012%	0.037%	0.024%	0.034%	0.084%	0.153%	-0.141%	0.263%	0.140%	0.076%	-0.017%	0.110%	-0.139%	0.059%
	Median	0.000%	-0.120%	0.110%	0.116%	0.137%	0.179%	0.021%	0.217%	0.117%	0.084%	-0.088%	0.075%	-0.040%	0.059%
	Std deviation	0.687%	0.871%	1.056%	0.852%	0.777%	0.804%	1.130%	0.936%	0.885%	0.716%	0.755%	0.949%	0.872%	0.752%
	Student-t	-0.153	0.365	0.193	0.340	0.922	1.622	-1.065	2.384*	1.342	0.899	-0.186	0.986	-1.348	0.667
	Sign	0.5	-2.5	6.5	1.5	8.5	8.5	0.5	8	6	7	-7	4	-1	8
	Signed Rank	41	-24.5	300.5	91.5	319.5	380.5*	-34.5	452*	366*	202	-71	121	-134	220
	% Positive Days	52.05%	46.58%	58.90%	52.05%	61.64%*	61.64%*	50.68%	61.11%*	58.33%	59.72%*	40.28%*	55.56%	48.61%	61.11%*
1999 to 2010	# of Obs.	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138
	Mean	-0.208%	-0.326%	0.129%	0.232%	0.000%	0.056%	0.045%	0.179%	0.055%	-0.052%	-0.056%	-0.099%	0.003%	-0.256%
	Median	-0.111%	-0.015%	-0.056%	0.024%	0.057%	0.081%	0.001%	0.357%	0.110%	-0.064%	0.142%	-0.069%	0.040%	-0.088%
	Std deviation	1.478%	1.646%	1.581%	1.482%	1.179%	1.560%	1.073%	1.559%	1.399%	1.301%	1.471%	1.225%	1.263%	1.483%
	Student-t	-1.651	-2.323*	0.960	1.842	-0.002	0.420	0.488	1.346	0.463	-0.471	-0.446	-0.945	0.029	-2.028*
	Sign	-2	-1	-3	3	6	11	0	16*	7	-3	9	-3	4	-6
	Signed Rank	-659.5	-755.5	5.5	476.5	9.5	615.5	119.5	1455.5*	285.5	-227.5	238.5	-328.5	-53.5	-1012.5*
	% Positive Days	48.55%	49.28%	47.83%	52.17%	54.35%	57.97%*	50.00%	61.59%*	55.07%	47.83%	56.52%	47.83%	52.90%	45.65%*
2007 to 2010	# of Obs.	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42
	Mean	-0.300%	-0.667%	0.188%	0.605%	0.053%	-0.081%	-0.118%	0.034%	0.198%	-0.326%	-0.434%	-0.159%	0.231%	-0.278%
	Median	0.125%	-0.074%	-0.130%	0.073%	-0.053%	0.005%	-0.105%	0.426%	0.173%	-0.079%	0.215%	0.100%	0.138%	0.043%
	Std deviation	2.075%	2.313%	2.436%	2.195%	1.284%	2.206%	1.425%	2.180%	1.679%	1.550%	1.935%	1.715%	1.509%	2.206%
	Student-t	-0.938	-1.869	0.500	1.786	0.266	-0.239	-0.536	0.101	0.765	-1.365	-1.454	-0.601	0.993	-0.818
	Sign	1	-1	-3	4	-1	1	-2	5	4	-2	4	3	3	1
	Signed Rank	-71.5	-83.5	-56.5	120.5	26.5	29.5	-55.5	110.5	49.5	-94.5	-52.5	-1.5	74.5	-47.5
	% Positive Days	52.38%	47.62%	42.86%	59.52%	47.62%	52.38%	45.24%	61.90%	59.52%	45.24%	59.52%	57.14%	57.14%	52.38%

Table 10: NASDAQ Industrial Daily Rates of Return

The daily rates of return are shown for the first seven and the last seven trading days of the month. The first seven trading days are depicted as positive numbers where 1 is the first trading day and the last seven trading days are depicted by negative numbers where -1 is the last day. The rates of return are calculated as the log of the ratio of the previous day and the current day. Student-t as well as the non-parametric tests – sign, signed rank and binomial proportions-is also reported. * - significance at the 95% level

	Trading Day	-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1989 to 2010	# of Obs.	236	236	236	237	237	237	237	236	236	236	236	236	236	236
	Mean	-0.126%	-0.137%	-0.021%	0.197%	-0.005%	0.229%	0.254%	0.071%	0.146%	0.055%	-0.008%	-0.045%	-0.076%	-0.112%
	Median	0.043%	-0.016%	0.092%	0.095%	0.173%	0.251%	0.281%	0.248%	0.204%	0.037%	0.096%	0.017%	0.076%	-0.027%
	Std deviation	1.488%	1.360%	1.449%	1.549%	1.422%	1.598%	1.280%	1.726%	1.646%	1.535%	1.500%	1.372%	1.516%	1.527%
	Student-t	-1.298	-1.546	-0.221	1.958	-0.049	2.210*	3.051*	0.629	1.359	0.555	-0.081	-0.510	-0.773	-1.127
	Sign	3.5	-2	8.5	10.5	16.5*	28.5*	29*	21*	24*	3	13	1	6.5	-2
	Signed Rank	-466	-754	141	1594.5	1190.5	3770.5*	4455*	2378*	2109*	525	705	-355	116	-1054
	% Positive Days	51.69%	49.15%	53.81%	54.43%	56.96%*	62.03%*	62.45%*	58.90%*	60.17%*	51.27%	55.51%	50.42%	52.97%	49.15%
1989 to 1998	# of Obs.	98	98	99	99	99	99	99	98	98	98	98	98	98	98
	Mean	0.028%	0.035%	-0.092%	-0.001%	0.103%	0.330%	0.304%	0.112%	0.193%	0.120%	0.000%	0.015%	-0.098%	0.063%
	Median	0.125%	0.023%	0.010%	0.027%	0.202%	0.329%	0.442%	0.202%	0.231%	0.179%	0.080%	-0.007%	0.081%	-0.004%
	Std deviation	0.886%	0.889%	1.155%	0.960%	1.030%	0.891%	1.086%	1.041%	1.042%	0.983%	0.889%	1.036%	1.011%	0.959%
	Student-t	0.317	0.387	-0.793	-0.006	0.999	3.684*	2.787*	1.064	1.832	1.212	-0.003	0.141	-0.963	0.654
	Sign	5.5	1	1	1.5	8.5	21.5*	23*	7	16*	8	7	0	6	0
	Signed Rank	205.5	69.5	-7.5	80	523	1198*	1491.5*	427.5	598.5*	459.5	139.5	12.5	164.5	150.5
	% Positive Days	56.12%	51.02%	51.52%	51.52%	58.59%*	71.72%*	73.74%*	57.14%	66.33%*	58.16%	57.14%	50.00%	56.12%	50.00%
1999 to 2010	# of Obs.	138	138	137	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138
	Mean	-0.235%	-0.259%	0.031%	0.339%	-0.082%	0.157%	0.217%	0.041%	0.112%	0.009%	-0.013%	-0.088%	-0.061%	-0.237%
	Median	-0.049%	-0.024%	0.130%	0.129%	0.137%	0.200%	0.112%	0.333%	0.164%	-0.110%	0.155%	0.033%	0.000%	-0.114%
	Std deviation	1.793%	1.605%	1.632%	1.850%	1.646%	1.953%	1.406%	2.084%	1.969%	1.831%	1.817%	1.569%	1.794%	1.820%
	Student-t	-1.541	-1.894	0.219	2.150*	-0.585	0.945	1.817	0.233	0.669	0.060	-0.086	-0.661	-0.397	-1.527
	Sign	-2	-3	7.5	9	8	7	6	14*	8	-5	6	1	0.5	-2
	Signed Rank	-512.5	-542.5	69.5	787.5	24.5	698.5	750.5	766.5	458.5	-169.5	187.5	-214.5	-53.5	-770.5
	% Positive Days	48.55%	47.83%	55.47%	56.52%	55.80%	55.07%	54.35%*	60.14%*	55.80%	46.38%	54.35%	50.72%	50.72%	48.55%
2007 to 2010	# of Obs.	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42
	Mean	-0.317%	-0.282%	-0.175%	0.674%	0.101%	-0.061%	-0.026%	0.029%	0.156%	-0.373%	-0.454%	-0.099%	0.136%	-0.173%
	Median	0.109%	-0.059%	-0.047%	0.275%	0.284%	-0.007%	-0.034%	0.264%	0.194%	-0.186%	0.107%	0.160%	0.072%	0.118%
	Std deviation	2.278%	1.629%	1.537%	2.354%	1.513%	2.380%	1.407%	2.480%	1.927%	1.711%	1.978%	1.885%	1.638%	2.185%
	Student-t	-0.903	-1.123	-0.740	1.854	0.435	-0.165	-0.122	0.075	0.526	-1.413	-1.489	-0.339	0.539	-0.512
	Sign	1	-2	-1	4	3	0	-1	6	4	-3	2	3	0	3
	Signed Rank	-60.5	-54.5	-70.5	130.5	48.5	17.5	-31.5	87.5	64.5	-96.5	-62.5	10.5	41.5	-21.5
	% Positive Days	52.38%	45.24%	47.62%	59.52%	57.14%	50.00%	47.62%	64.29%	59.52%	42.86%	54.76%	57.14%	50.00%	57.14%

Table 11: NASDAQ Transportation Daily Rates of Return

The daily rates of return are shown for the first seven and the last seven trading days of the month. The first seven trading days are depicted as positive numbers where 1 is the first trading day and the last seven trading days are depicted by negative numbers where -1 is the last day. The rates of return are calculated as the log of the ratio of the previous day and the current day. Student-t as well as the non-parametric tests – sign, signed rank and binomial proportions-is also reported. * - significance at the 95% level

	Trading Day	-7	-6	-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1989 to 2010	# of Obs.	236	236	237	237	237	237	237	236	236	236	236	236	236	236
	Mean	-0.167%	-0.111%	-0.049%	0.171%	0.066%	0.259%	0.319%	0.085%	0.205%	0.089%	-0.006%	-0.129%	-0.169%	-0.101%
	Median	-0.083%	-0.063%	-0.061%	0.075%	0.090%	0.158%	0.319%	0.193%	0.178%	0.113%	0.009%	-0.073%	-0.095%	-0.051%
	Std deviation	1.649%	1.283%	1.198%	1.478%	1.335%	1.422%	1.260%	1.552%	1.630%	1.341%	1.324%	1.519%	1.631%	1.494%
	Student-t	-1.553	-1.332	-0.633	1.786	0.756	2.800*	3.903*	0.841	1.929	1.014	-0.074	-1.302	-1.593	-1.037
	Sign	-9	-4	-7	11.5	7	13.5	29.5*	19.5*	16*	11	1	-8	-12	-6
	Signed Rank	-1649	-822	-658	1646.5	941	3294.5*	4363.5*	2211*	2692*	1291	483	-1189	-1770	-1253
	% Positive Days	46.19%	48.31%	47.26%	54.85%	53.16%	55.70%*	62.45%*	58.47%*	56.78%*	54.66%	50.42%	46.61%	44.92%	47.46%
1989 to 1998	# of Obs.	98	98	99	99	99	99	99	98	98	98	98	98	98	98
	Mean	-0.104%	0.039%	-0.115%	-0.030%	0.060%	0.301%	0.397%	0.076%	0.278%	0.159%	0.001%	-0.103%	-0.229%	-0.077%
	Median	0.054%	0.010%	-0.093%	0.010%	0.053%	0.181%	0.445%	0.106%	0.269%	0.145%	-0.112%	-0.198%	-0.062%	-0.032%
	Std deviation	0.907%	0.843%	0.916%	0.945%	0.949%	0.885%	0.970%	0.967%	0.928%	0.900%	0.776%	1.070%	1.042%	0.914%
	Student-t	-1.133	0.462	-1.253	-0.321	0.625	3.382*	4.072*	0.776	2.966*	1.752	0.015	-0.957	-2.174	-0.834
	Sign	1	1	-7	0.5	2	9.5	23.5*	4	13*	10	-5	-8	-4	-1
	Signed Rank	-165.5	87.5	-298.5	9	199.5	872*	1454*	270.5	904.5*	463.5	-92.5	-454.5	-390.5	-216.5
	% Positive Days	51.02%	51.02%	43.43%	50.51%	52.53%	59.60%*	73.74%*	54.08%	63.27%*	60.20%	44.90%	41.84%	45.92%	48.98%
1999 to 2010	# of Obs.	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138
	Mean	-0.211%	-0.218%	-0.002%	0.316%	0.070%	0.228%	0.264%	0.091%	0.153%	0.038%	-0.012%	-0.147%	-0.127%	-0.118%
	Median	-0.190%	-0.125%	-0.004%	0.184%	0.133%	0.135%	0.091%	0.334%	0.036%	0.028%	0.143%	0.006%	-0.129%	-0.065%
	Std deviation	2.019%	1.514%	1.367%	1.753%	1.558%	1.709%	1.433%	1.863%	1.986%	1.583%	1.606%	1.774%	1.947%	1.798%
	Student-t	-1.229	-1.693	-0.016	2.120*	0.527	1.569	2.162*	0.577	0.903	0.285	-0.086	-0.972	-0.764	-0.769
	Sign	-10	-5	0	11	5	4	6	15.5*	3	1	6	0	-8	-5
	Signed Rank	-671.5	-579.5	-51.5	899.5	252.5	836.5	717.5	787.5	454.5	178.5	278.5	-151.5	-437.5	-444.5
	% Positive Days	42.75%*	46.38%	50.00%	57.97%*	53.62%*	52.90%	54.35%	61.59%*	52.17%	50.72%	54.35%	50.00%	44.20%	46.38%
2007 to 2010	# of Obs.	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42
	Mean	-0.416%	-0.654%	-0.256%	0.453%	0.101%	-0.019%	0.357%	0.023%	0.227%	-0.297%	-0.615%	-0.215%	0.305%	0.003%
	Median	-0.391%	-0.404%	-0.322%	0.048%	0.190%	0.122%	0.004%	0.499%	0.358%	-0.254%	-0.161%	0.211%	0.063%	-0.106%
	Std deviation	3.039%	1.959%	1.614%	2.622%	1.863%	2.425%	1.841%	2.765%	2.790%	2.119%	2.052%	2.653%	2.050%	2.633%
	Student-t	-0.887	-2.162	-1.027	1.121	0.352	-0.052	1.255	0.053	0.528	-0.909	-1.943	-0.524	0.963	0.008
	Sign	-4	-4	-2	0	0	2	0	7*	3	-3	-4	2	0	-1
	Signed Rank	-90.5	-151.5	-136.5	37.5	18.5	15.5	62.5	88.5	58.5	-82.5	-118.5	6.5	55.5	-17.5
	% Positive Days	40.48%	40.48%	45.24%	50.00%	50.00%	54.76%	50.00%	66.67%*	57.14%	42.86%	40.48%	54.76%	50.00%	47.62%

Table 12: Dow Jones Industrial Average, Dow Jones Transportation, Dow Jones Utilities, NASDAQ Industrial, NASDAQ Transportation Semi-Monthly Rates of Returns

The semi-monthly rates of return are shown for the first and the second half of the month. A trading month is considered to have twenty days so the first half of the trading month consists of the first ten trading days and the second half consists of the last ten trading days for the month. Returns for each half month are calculated using the log of the ratio of the last trading day in that half to the first trading day in that half of the month. Student-t as well as the non-parametric tests – sign, signed rank and binomial proportions-is also reported. * - significance at the 95% level.

		DJIA		DJT		DJU		NASDAQ IND		NASDAQ TRANS	
		1 st half	2 nd half	1 st half	2 nd half	1 st half	2 nd half	1 st half	2 nd half	1 st half	2 nd half
1989 to 2010	# of Obs.	257	258	257	258	257	258	235	236	235	236
	Mean	0.002	-0.002	0.106%	-0.093%	-0.004	0.004	0.177%	0.254%	0.085%	0.253%
	Median	0.005	0.001	0.131%	0.282%	-0.002	0.006	0.748%	0.770%	0.192%	0.641%
	Std deviation	0.029	0.029	3.885%	4.233%	0.033	0.028	4.590%	4.484%	3.853%	4.260%
	Student-t	1.108	-1.203	0.436	-0.351	-1.910	2.095*	0.592	0.870	0.337	0.911
	Sign	22.5*	6	2.5	9	-5	31*	12.5	19*	4.5	17*
	Signed Rank	2553.5*	-587.5	1081.5	338.5	-1227	4071.5*	1526	2245*	745	1890
	% Positive Days	58.75%*	52.33%	50.97%	53.49%	48.25%	62.02%*	55.32%	58.05%*	51.91%	57.20%*
1989 to 1998	# of Obs.	120	120	120	120	120	120	98	98	98	98
	Mean	0.005	0.000	0.426%	0.054%	-0.001	0.004	0.604%	0.528%	0.283%	0.379%
	Median	0.009	0.001	0.398%	0.449%	-0.002	0.006	0.840%	0.968%	0.173%	0.726%
	Std deviation	0.025	0.028	3.473%	3.633%	0.024	0.022	3.131%	4.122%	2.607%	3.697%
	Student-t	2.284*	0.146	1.344	0.162	-0.616	1.799	1.911*	1.268	1.075	1.014
	Sign	16*	5	4	7	-2.5	16*	11*	15*	4	10
	Signed Rank	1039*	224	636	234	-45	879*	579.5*	704.5*	356.5	537.5
	% Positive Days	63.33%*	54.17%	53.33%	55.83%	48.33%	63.33%*	61.22%*	65.31%*	54.08%	60.20%*
1999 to 2010	# of Obs.	137	138	137	138	137	138	137	138	137	138
	Mean	-0.001	-0.004	-0.175%	-0.220%	-0.006	0.004	-0.129%	0.059%	-0.057%	0.163%
	Median	0.003	0.000	-0.162%	0.134%	-0.002	0.008	0.272%	0.340%	0.206%	0.623%
	Std deviation	0.032	0.030	4.206%	4.703%	0.040	0.032	5.388%	4.729%	4.544%	4.629%
	Student-t	-0.290	-1.728	-0.488	-0.549	-1.844	1.344	-0.279	0.147	-0.147	0.413
	Sign	6.5	1	-1.5	2	-2.5	15*	1.5	4	0.5	7
	Signed Rank	201.5	-555.5	-135.5	-65.5	-555.5	1152.5*	149.5	380.5	0.5	388.5
	% Positive Days	54.74%	50.72%	48.91%	51.45%	48.18%	60.87%*	51.09%	52.90%	50.36%	55.07%
2007 to 2010	# of Obs.	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42
	Mean	-0.005	-0.004	-0.104%	-0.620%	-0.006	-0.005	-0.534%	-0.168%	-0.439%	-0.747%
	Median	0.002	0.005	0.442%	0.250%	-0.001	-0.001	-0.225%	0.422%	-1.146%	-0.227%
	Std deviation	0.042	0.031	5.571%	4.857%	0.034	0.030	5.908%	3.851%	6.087%	5.274%
	Student-t	-0.758	-0.737	-0.121	-0.827	-1.084	-1.013	-0.586	-0.282	-0.468	-0.919
	Sign	2	3	2	1	0	-1	-1	1	-2	-1
	Signed Rank	-11.5	-0.5	4.5	-35.5	-55.5	-22.5	-6.5	14.5	-25.5	-79.5
	% Positive Days	54.76%	57.14%	54.76%	52.38%	50.00%	47.62%	47.62%	52.38%	45.24%	47.62%

Table 13: Dow Jones Industrial Average, Dow Jones Transportation, Dow Jones Utilities, NASDAQ Industrial, NASDAQ Transportation Weekly Rates of Returns

The weekly rates of return are shown for the first and the last trading week of the month. A trading month is considered to have twenty days so the first week of the trading month consists of the first five trading days and the last week consists of the last five trading days. Returns for each week are calculated using the log of the ratio of the last trading day in that week to the first trading day in that trading week. Student-t as well as the non-parametric tests – sign, signed rank and binomial proportions-is also reported. * - significance at the 95% level

		DJIA		DJT		DJU		NASDAQ IND		NASDAQ TRANS	
		1 st week	Last week	1 st week	Last week	1 st week	Last week	1 st week	Last week	1 st week	Last week
1989	# of Obs.	258	258	258	258	258	258	236	237	236	237
to	Mean	0.060%	0.177%	0.154%	0.588%	-0.249%	0.420%	0.148%	0.657%	0.158%	0.815%
2010	Median	0.201%	0.161%	0.405%	0.630%	-0.098%	0.460%	0.643%	1.007%	0.187%	0.977%
	Std deviation	2.116%	2.182%	3.209%	2.956%	2.421%	1.972%	3.290%	3.271%	3.143%	3.035%
	Student-t	0.453	1.304	0.772	3.192*	-1.654	3.419*	0.690	3.093*	0.773	4.134*
	Sign	10	12	11	28.5*	-10	28*	17*	45.5*	11	29.5*
	Signed Rank	1774	1696.5	1819.5	4116.5*	-1429.5	4034.5*	1441	4844.5*	1689	5039.5*
	% Positive Days	54.26%	54.65%	54.26%	61.24%*	46.12%	60.85%*	57.20%*	69.20%*	54.66%	62.45%*
1989	# of Obs.	120	120	120	120	120	120	98	99	98	99
to	Mean	0.175%	0.176%	0.243%	0.433%	0.021%	0.472%	0.328%	0.737%	0.335%	0.727%
1998	Median	0.201%	0.232%	0.196%	0.480%	0.059%	0.553%	0.620%	1.132%	0.187%	0.830%
	Std deviation	1.663%	2.013%	2.516%	2.494%	1.733%	1.461%	2.224%	2.656%	1.909%	2.419%
	Student-t	1.150	0.957	1.057	1.903	0.132	3.537*	1.459	2.761*	1.737	2.991*
	Sign	6.5	11	5	13.5*	3	16*	7	25.5*	6	16.5*
	Signed Rank	586	745	571	981*	160	1316*	455.5	1327*	485.5	1190*
	% Positive Days	55.83%	59.17%*	54.17%	61.67%*	52.50%	63.33%*	57.14%	75.76%*	56.12%	66.67%*
1999	# of Obs.	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138
to	Mean	-0.040%	0.178%	0.077%	0.722%	-0.484%	0.374%	0.020%	0.600%	0.032%	0.878%
2010	Median	0.238%	0.238%	0.534%	1.027%	-0.275%	0.412%	0.699%	0.841%	0.209%	1.158%
	Std deviation	2.444%	2.327%	3.716%	3.309%	2.875%	2.331%	3.876%	3.658%	3.785%	3.417%
	Student-t	-0.194	0.900	0.244	2.562*	-1.978*	1.887	0.060	1.927	0.101	3.019*
	Sign	3.5	1	6	15*	-13*	12*	10	20*	5	13*
	Signed Rank	307.5	104.5	341.5	1117.5*	-854.5*	743.5	231.5	1109.5*	349.5	1404.5*
	% Positive Days	52.90%	50.72%	54.35%	60.87%*	40.58%*	58.70%*	57.25%*	64.49%*	53.62%	59.42%*
2007	# of Obs.	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42
to	Mean	-0.748%	0.390%	-0.670%	0.720%	-0.802%	0.317%	-0.770%	0.688%	-0.899%	0.892%
2010	Median	-0.103%	0.103%	-0.238%	0.223%	-0.646%	0.344%	0.380%	0.503%	0.222%	-0.165%
	Std deviation	3.208%	3.187%	4.916%	4.289%	3.022%	2.634%	4.470%	4.351%	5.160%	4.906%
	Student-t	-1.511	0.792	-0.884	1.088	-1.721	0.781	-1.116	1.025	-1.130	1.178
	Sign	-2.5	2	-1	1	-4	1	1	3	2	0
	Signed Rank	-96.5	5.5	-50.5	46.5	-102.5	22.5	-53.5	34.5	-68.5	32.5
	% Positive Days	45.24%	54.76%	47.62%	52.38%	40.48%	52.38%	52.38%	57.14%	54.76%	50.00%

Table 14: Dow Jones Industrial Average, Dow Jones Transportation, Dow Jones Utilities, NASDAQ Industrial, NASDAQ Transportation Three Day Rates of Returns

The three day rates of return are shown for the first and the last three days of the month. Returns for each three day period are calculated using the log of the ratio of the third trading day to the first trading day in that three day period. Student-t as well as the non-parametric tests – sign, signed rank and binomial proportions-is also reported. * - significance at the 95% level

		DJIA		DJT		DJU		NASDAQ IND		NASDAQ TRANS	
		1 st 3 days	Last 3 days	1 st 3 days	Last 3 days	1 st 3 days	Last 3 days	1 st 3 days	Last 3 days	1 st 3 days	Last 3 days
1989	# of Obs.	258	258	258	258	258	258	236	237	236	237
to	Mean	0.097%	-0.004%	0.257%	0.393%	-0.061%	0.187%	0.201%	0.483%	0.293%	0.578%
2010	Median	0.003%	0.040%	0.302%	0.352%	0.007%	0.180%	0.293%	0.494%	0.227%	0.446%
	Std deviation	1.453%	1.452%	2.274%	2.023%	1.760%	1.434%	2.443%	2.048%	2.165%	1.987%
	Student-t	1.073	-0.043	1.812	3.120*	-0.555	2.099*	1.265	3.631*	2.082*	4.479*
	Sign	0.5	6	13.5	30*	0.5	23*	15	32.5*	16*	31.5*
	Signed Rank	1421.5	520	2419.5*	4143.5*	-169.5	2979*	1726	4987.5*	2573*	5220.5*
	% Positive Days	50.39%	52.71%	55.43%*	61.63%*	50.39%	59.30%*	56.36%*	63.71%*	56.78%*	63.29%*
1989	# of Obs.	120	120	120	120	120	120	98	99	98	99
to	Mean	0.120%	0.030%	0.232%	0.403%	0.066%	0.267%	0.313%	0.634%	0.437%	0.698%
1998	Median	0.035%	0.083%	0.302%	0.479%	-0.013%	0.176%	0.308%	0.826%	0.367%	0.705%
	Std deviation	1.195%	1.352%	1.535%	1.647%	1.244%	1.130%	1.691%	1.648%	1.357%	1.476%
	Student-t	1.096	0.245	1.659	2.681*	0.580	2.584*	1.833	3.830*	3.189*	4.706*
	Sign	2.5	4.5	9	18*	-0.5	12*	8	26.5*	14*	25.5*
	Signed Rank	426	437	772*	1172*	112	944.5*	489.5	1609*	914.5*	1488*
	% Positive Days	52.50%	54.17%	57.50%*	65.00%*	50.00%	60.83%*	58.16%*	76.77%*	64.29%*	75.76%*
1999	# of Obs.	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138
to	Mean	0.078%	-0.033%	0.278%	0.384%	-0.171%	0.119%	0.121%	0.375%	0.191%	0.492%
2010	Median	-0.031%	0.025%	0.275%	0.233%	0.018%	0.200%	0.236%	0.153%	0.066%	0.187%
	Std deviation	1.650%	1.537%	2.767%	2.307%	2.106%	1.654%	2.862%	2.292%	2.590%	2.286%
	Student-t	0.553	-0.256	1.178	1.957	-0.953	0.842	0.498	1.919	0.867	2.528*
	Sign	-2	1.5	4.5	12*	1	11	7	6	2	6
	Signed Rank	286.5	-179.5	515.5	911.5	-219.5	539.5	370.5	836.5	410.5	1085.5*
	% Positive Days	48.55%	51.45%	53.62%	58.70%*	50.72%	57.97%*	55.07%	54.35%	51.45%	54.35%
2007	# of Obs.	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42
to	Mean	-0.158%	-0.210%	-0.030%	0.110%	-0.210%	-0.190%	-0.217%	-0.087%	-0.070%	0.337%
2010	Median	-0.139%	-0.324%	0.140%	0.014%	-0.121%	-0.169%	0.218%	-0.141%	-0.179%	-0.001%
	Std deviation	1.820%	1.857%	3.385%	2.949%	1.807%	1.821%	2.769%	2.537%	3.476%	3.232%
	Student-t	-0.564	-0.734	-0.057	0.241	-0.753	-0.677	-0.507	-0.222	-0.130	0.676
	Sign	-5	-3	1	0	-2	-1	2	-1	-4	0
	Signed Rank	-65.5	-62.5	-1.5	11.5	-51.5	-49.5	7.5	-41.5	-21.5	33.5
	% Positive Days	38.10%	42.86%	52.38%	50.00%	45.24%	47.62%	54.76%	47.62%	40.48%	50.00%

Table 15: NASDAQ, NASDAQ100, S&P500, Russell 3000, Russell 2000 and Russell 1000 Semi-Monthly Rates of Returns

The semi-monthly rates of return are shown for the first and the second half of the month. A trading month is considered to have twenty days so the first half of the trading month consists of the first ten trading days and the second half consists of the last ten trading days for the month. Returns for each half month are calculated using the log of the ratio of the last trading day in that half to the first trading day in that half of the month. Student-t as well as the non-parametric tests – sign, signed rank and binomial proportions-is also reported. * - significance at the 95% level

		NASDAQ		NASDAQ100		SP500		RUSSELL 3000		RUSSELL 2000		RUSSELL 1000	
		1 st half	2 nd half	1 st half	2 nd half	1 st half	2 nd half	1 st half	2 nd half	1 st half	2 nd half	1 st half	2 nd half
1989 to 2010	# of Obs.	257	258	257	258	257	258	257	258	257	258	209	211
	Mean	0.260%	-0.009%	0.373%	-0.060%	0.049%	-0.090%	0.060%	-0.026%	0.036%	0.263%	0.014%	-0.153%
	Median	0.587%	0.750%	0.788%	0.519%	0.406%	0.268%	0.356%	0.384%	0.419%	0.527%	0.370%	0.294%
	Std deviation	4.513%	4.251%	5.093%	4.808%	3.002%	2.805%	3.062%	2.878%	3.778%	3.705%	3.153%	2.917%
	Student-t	0.924	-0.032	1.175	-0.200	0.263	-0.516	0.313	-0.146	0.154	1.142	0.062	-0.764
	Sign	15.5	18*	16.5*	18*	16.5*	16*	21.5*	22*	14.5	20*	15*	17.5*
	Signed Rank	2507.5*	1511.5*	2531.5*	1039.5	1624.5*	584.5	1720.5*	1198.5	1386.5	2895.5*	1001*	406*
	% Positive Days	56.03%*	56.98%*	56.42%*	56.98%*	56.42%*	56.20%*	58.37%*	58.53%	55.64%*	57.75%*	57.42%*	58.29%*
1989 to 1998	# of Obs.	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	72	73
	Mean	0.664%	0.456%	0.786%	0.647%	0.423%	0.230%	0.426%	0.248%	0.389%	0.294%	0.582%	0.135%
	Median	0.826%	1.067%	0.938%	0.736%	0.717%	0.461%	0.761%	0.628%	0.610%	0.780%	0.751%	0.529%
	Std deviation	3.143%	3.685%	4.055%	4.221%	2.427%	2.624%	2.392%	2.693%	2.663%	3.475%	2.279%	2.772%
	Student-t	2.314*	1.355	2.123*	1.680	1.908	0.960	1.952	1.010	1.599	0.928	2.166*	0.417
	Sign	13*	15*	11	17*	15*	12*	19*	15*	16*	17*	12*	11.5*
	Signed Rank	1096*	925*	954*	886*	909*	649*	943*	730*	910*	787*	455*	298.5
	% Positive Days	60.83%*	62.50%*	59.17%*	64.17%*	62.50%*	60.00%*	65.83%*	62.50%*	63.33%*	64.17%*	66.67%*	65.75%*
1999 to 2010	# of Obs.	137	138	137	138	137	138	137	138	137	138	137	138
	Mean	-0.093%	-0.412%	0.012%	-0.674%	-0.278%	-0.369%	-0.261%	-0.265%	-0.272%	0.236%	-0.285%	-0.306%
	Median	0.341%	0.248%	0.630%	0.118%	0.140%	0.091%	0.202%	0.229%	-0.278%	0.193%	0.200%	0.176%
	Std deviation	5.425%	4.664%	5.844%	5.203%	3.403%	2.934%	3.525%	3.019%	4.524%	3.907%	3.498%	2.990%
	Student-t	-0.201	-1.038	0.023	-1.523	-0.956	-1.476	-0.868	-1.030	-0.705	0.711	-0.954	-1.203
	Sign	2.5	3	5.5	1	1.5	4	2.5	7	-1.5	3	3	6
	Signed Rank	206.5	-172.5	293.5	-406.5	-134.5	-389.5	-92.5	-152.5	-127.5	611.5	-116	-233.5
	% Positive Days	51.82%	52.17%	54.01%	50.72%	51.09%	52.90%	51.82%	55.07%	48.91%	52.17%	52.55%	54.35%
2007 to 2010	# of Obs.	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42
	Mean	-0.265%	-0.258%	-0.101%	-0.116%	-0.487%	-0.445%	-0.431%	-0.426%	-0.450%	-0.476%	-0.470%	-0.422%
	Median	0.577%	0.584%	0.673%	0.401%	0.219%	0.450%	0.338%	0.463%	-0.306%	0.417%	0.290%	0.539%
	Std deviation	5.189%	3.616%	5.240%	3.715%	4.630%	3.191%	4.783%	3.300%	5.853%	4.268%	4.749%	3.249%
	Student-t	-0.331	-0.463	-0.124	-0.202	-0.681	-0.904	-0.584	-0.836	-0.498	-0.722	-0.642	-0.842
	Sign	1	2	2	1	2	4	3	5	-1	2	3	5
	Signed Rank	10.5	13.5	22.5	21.5	-10.5	-14.5	-4.5	-8.5	-18.5	-1.5	-7.5	-12.5
	% Positive Days	52.38%	54.76%	54.76%	52.38%	54.76%	59.52%	57.14%	61.90%	47.62%	54.76%	57.14%	61.90%

Table 16: NASDAQ, NASDAQ100, S&P500, Russell 3000, Russell 2000 and Russell 1000 Weekly Rates of Returns

The weekly rates of return are shown for the first and the last trading week of the month. A trading month is considered to have twenty days so the first week of the trading month consists of the first five trading days and the last week consists of the last five trading days. Returns for each week are calculated using the log of the ratio of the last trading day in that week to the first trading day in that trading week. Student-t as well as the non-parametric tests – sign, signed rank and binomial proportions-is also reported. * - significance at the 95% level

		NASDAQ		NASDAQ100		SP500		RUSSELL 3000		RUSSELL 2000		RUSSELL 1000	
		1 st week	Last week	1 st week	Last week	1 st week	Last week	1 st week	Last week	1 st week	Last week	1 st week	Last week
1989 to 2010	# of Obs.	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	210	211
	Mean	0.178%	0.357%	0.210%	0.236%	-0.014%	0.298%	-0.002%	0.376%	0.030%	0.673%	0.007%	0.262%
	Median	0.470%	0.674%	0.608%	0.472%	0.343%	0.351%	0.355%	0.453%	0.589%	0.918%	0.466%	0.409%
	Std deviation	3.218%	3.019%	3.604%	3.407%	2.229%	2.294%	2.295%	2.320%	2.883%	2.798%	2.371%	2.461%
	Student-t	0.888	1.897	0.935	1.113	-0.102	2.089*	-0.014	2.600*	0.169	3.864*	0.040	1.549
	Sign	20*	36*	14	21*	13	30*	15	32.5*	23.5*	43*	16.5*	18.5*
	Signed Rank	2277	4015.5*	2066.5	2600.5*	987.5	3130.5*	1179.5	3972.5*	1834.5*	5960.5*	784.5	1674
	% Positive Days	58.14%*	63.95%*	55.43%*	58.14%*	55.04%	61.63%*	55.81%*	62.79%*	59.30%*	66.67%*	58.10%*	58.77%*
1989 to 1998	# of Obs.	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	72	73
	Mean	0.356%	0.539%	0.342%	0.529%	0.141%	0.323%	0.175%	0.389%	0.304%	0.588%	0.310%	0.130%
	Median	0.537%	0.880%	0.644%	0.727%	0.343%	0.363%	0.336%	0.460%	0.575%	1.013%	0.513%	0.441%
	Std deviation	2.263%	2.473%	2.818%	2.937%	1.644%	2.001%	1.645%	1.963%	1.927%	2.135%	1.562%	2.243%
	Student-t	1.721	2.389*	1.329	1.971	0.942	1.768	1.162	2.169*	1.730	3.015*	1.682	0.494
	Sign	10	24*	7	17*	8	25*	10	26.5*	18.5*	28*	11.5*	12.5*
	Signed Rank	879.5*	1559*	633	1164*	463	1267*	581	1460*	958*	1808*	291	363.5*
	% Positive Days	59.17%*	70.00%*	55.83%	64.17%*	56.67%	70.83%*	58.33%*	72.50%*	65.83%*	73.33%*	66.67%*	67.12%*
1999 to 2010	# of Obs.	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138
	Mean	0.023%	0.198%	0.095%	-0.018%	-0.149%	0.277%	-0.156%	0.364%	-0.208%	0.747%	-0.151%	0.333%
	Median	0.352%	0.422%	0.608%	0.140%	0.331%	0.331%	0.363%	0.412%	0.598%	0.775%	0.382%	0.354%
	Std deviation	3.863%	3.426%	4.176%	3.760%	2.633%	2.528%	2.735%	2.598%	3.499%	3.272%	2.691%	2.573%
	Student-t	0.071	0.678	0.267	-0.057	-0.667	1.287	-0.668	1.646	-0.698	2.682*	-0.661	1.518
	Sign	10	12*	7	4	5	5	5	6	5	15*	5	6
	Signed Rank	294.5	505.5	395.5	120.5	19.5	343.5	7.5	556.5	-38.5	1294.5*	10.5	479.5
	% Positive Days	57.25%*	58.70%*	55.07%	52.90%	53.62%	53.62%	53.62%	54.35%	53.62%	60.87%*	53.62%	54.35%
2007 to 2010	# of Obs.	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42
	Mean	-0.714%	0.416%	-0.546%	0.327%	-0.703%	0.413%	-0.735%	0.468%	-0.920%	0.587%	-0.721%	0.458%
	Median	-0.042%	0.022%	0.030%	0.099%	-0.306%	0.225%	-0.169%	0.095%	-0.236%	-0.096%	-0.279%	0.172%
	Std deviation	4.070%	3.599%	4.128%	3.600%	3.595%	3.450%	3.758%	3.612%	4.673%	4.582%	3.689%	3.544%
	Student-t	-1.138	0.749	-0.857	0.589	-1.268	0.777	-1.267	0.840	-1.276	0.830	-1.267	0.839
	Sign	0	1	0	2	-1	1	-1	0	-1	-2	-1	1
	Signed Rank	-52.5	12.5	-11.5	14.5	-83.5	-6.5	-78.5	-1.5	-72.5	3.5	-77.5	-1.5
	% Positive Days	50.00%	52.38%	50.00%	54.76%	47.62%	52.38%	47.62%	50.00%	47.62%	45.24%	47.62%	52.38%

Table 17: NASDAQ, NASDAQ100, S&P500, Russell 3000, Russell 2000 and Russell 1000 Three Day Rates of Returns

The three day rates of return are shown for the first and the last three days of the month. Returns for each three day period are calculated using the log of the ratio of the third trading day to the first trading day in that three day period. Student-t as well as the non-parametric tests – sign, signed rank and binomial proportions-is also reported. * - significance at the 95% level

		NASDAQ		NASDAQ100		SP500		RUSSELL 3000		RUSSELL 2000		RUSSELL 1000	
		1 st 3 days	Last 3 days	1 st 3 days	Last 3 days	1 st 3 days	Last 3 days	1 st 3 days	Last 3 days	1 st 3 days	Last 3 days	1 st 3 days	Last 3 days
1989 to 2010	# of Obs.	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	258	210	211
	Mean	0.198%	0.223%	0.218%	0.113%	0.053%	0.096%	0.072%	0.168%	0.088%	0.423%	0.076%	0.070%
	Median	0.291%	0.271%	0.253%	0.102%	0.066%	0.146%	0.113%	0.219%	0.288%	0.609%	0.144%	0.126%
	Std deviation	2.481%	1.988%	2.945%	2.340%	1.593%	1.559%	1.630%	1.552%	1.955%	1.819%	1.702%	1.660%
	Student-t	1.282	1.801	1.189	0.772	0.530	0.989	0.713	1.742	0.726	3.739*	0.647	0.610
	Sign	11	17*	7	9	7	19*	9	25*	25*	39*	8.5	11.5
	Signed Rank	2056.5	3740.5*	1657.5	1889.5	1013.5	2306.5	1416.5	3685.5*	2484.5*	5864.5*	992.5	1263
	% Positive Days	54.26%	56.59%*	52.71%	53.49%	52.71%	57.36%*	53.49%	59.69%*	59.69%*	65.12%*	54.29%	55.45%
1989 to 1998	# of Obs.	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	120	72	73
	Mean	0.286%	0.411%	0.240%	0.292%	0.115%	0.152%	0.158%	0.228%	0.259%	0.563%	0.216%	0.012%
	Median	0.348%	0.577%	0.280%	0.369%	0.115%	0.212%	0.104%	0.273%	0.310%	0.714%	0.266%	0.151%
	Std deviation	1.588%	1.632%	2.067%	2.113%	1.193%	1.382%	1.182%	1.321%	1.298%	1.281%	1.188%	1.556%
	Student-t	1.972*	2.758*	1.273	1.515	1.054	1.205	1.463	1.892	2.183*	4.812*	1.543	0.065
	Sign	10	20*	4	16*	2	16*	4	19*	17*	37*	3	6.5
	Signed Rank	891*	1835*	516	1023*	359	968*	526	1428*	1131*	2317*	276	243.5
	% Positive Days	58.33%*	66.67%*	53.33%	63.33%*	51.67%	63.33%*	53.33%	65.83%*	64.17%*	80.83%*	54.17%	58.90%
1999 to 2010	# of Obs.	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138	138
	Mean	0.122%	0.060%	0.199%	-0.044%	-0.002%	0.047%	-0.002%	0.116%	-0.060%	0.302%	0.003%	0.100%
	Median	0.018%	-0.075%	0.223%	-0.157%	0.051%	0.045%	0.143%	0.124%	0.213%	0.108%	0.112%	0.076%
	Std deviation	3.057%	2.246%	3.544%	2.518%	1.876%	1.702%	1.938%	1.731%	2.379%	2.179%	1.916%	1.717%
	Student-t	0.468	0.311	0.658	-0.204	-0.010	0.327	-0.012	0.789	-0.295	1.629	0.018	0.687
	Sign	1	-3	3	-7	5	3	5	6	8	2	5.5	5
	Signed Rank	202.5	107.5	326.5	-120.5	118.5	201.5	160.5	478.5	145.5	749.5	148.5	426.5
	% Positive Days	50.72%	47.83%	52.17%	44.93%	53.62%	52.17%	53.62%	54.35%	55.80%	51.45%	54.35%	53.62%
2007 to 2010	# of Obs.	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42
	Mean	-0.110%	-0.257%	0.015%	-0.353%	-0.125%	-0.235%	-0.143%	-0.203%	-0.311%	-0.215%	-0.128%	-0.199%
	Median	0.199%	-0.220%	0.250%	-0.245%	0.041%	-0.215%	0.084%	-0.116%	0.083%	-0.550%	0.084%	-0.175%
	Std deviation	2.422%	2.297%	2.498%	2.237%	2.135%	2.161%	2.252%	2.253%	2.986%	2.972%	2.200%	2.206%
	Student-t	-0.293	-0.726	0.040	-1.021	-0.380	-0.705	-0.411	-0.583	-0.675	-0.469	-0.377	-0.585
	Sign	3	-4	3	-2	1	-2	2	-2	1	-6	2	-2
	Signed Rank	20.5	-54.5	42.5	-65.5	-22.5	-45.5	-13.5	-43.5	-19.5	-90.5	-11.5	-39.5
	% Positive Days	57.14%	40.48%	57.14%	45.24%	52.38%	45.24%	54.76%	45.24%	52.38%	35.71%*	54.76%	45.24%