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The effects of adding real estate into mixed-asset portfolios in South Africa

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Abstract

Purpose – The purpose of this paper is to examine the performance of asset classes in the South African investment market and assess the diversification benefits from adding listed property stock into domestic mixed-asset portfolios.

Design/methodology/approach – The data sets comprise of quarterly returns on property listed stock, all share, all bond and 90 day Treasury bill for the period of January, 1999 to December, 2009. Return-risk performance of all the assets were compared using mean return, standard deviation, mean standard deviation ratio, coefficient of variation and correlation coefficient. To determine return enhancement and risk reduction benefits of property listed stock in mixed-asset portfolios, 22 naïve portfolios (17 with property stock and five without) were constructed and, their return and risk levels, obtained using Markowitz's mean variance analysis, were compared.

Findings – The results showed that there was evidence of superior return and risk-adjusted performance of real estate stock over other assets. Also, adding property stock into mixed-asset portfolios was found to have produced enhanced and statistically significant risk-adjusted returns but minimal and insignificant risk reduction benefits. These results however are conditional on the percentage allocation to real estate and the asset class replaced.

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In an effort to address a significant shortage of women in the IT industry in the Appalachian region, the Appalachian Information Technology Extension Services (AITES) Project funded by the National Science Foundation (GSE/EXT 0832913) works with communities within this geographic area to promote girls' interest in and awareness of IT jobs. One aspect of the AITES project involves the development of an interactive web-based game entitled "IT Career Pathways". This game uses a contextualized approach to engage, educate, and support individuals that work with middle and high school girls. Customizing IT career education through gamebased instruction creates a relevant and motivational learning experience for girls and their mentors.

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- Author of (article)
- Article title
- Serial Title / Journal Title
- Subject
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