

Mutual Fund Herding in Taiwan

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ABSTRACT

This paper investigates how mutual fund managers in Taiwan trade in the securities market in Taiwan. The evidence shows that mutual fund managers herd in Taiwan securities market. As we divide the full sample into five sub-groups based on the objectives of the mutual funds, herding behavior exists in the general as well as China-Concept mutual funds. Mutual fund managers of High-tech buy the losers, demonstrating behavior of contrarians. We further test the herding behavior of mutual fund managers in two business cycles. Each business cycle include bull market and bear market. The evidence shows that in the pre-financial crisis period, mutual fund managers trade as the contrarian traders do. On the contrary, mutual fund managers trade as the momentum traders during the period of financial crisis. Furthermore, we find that five sub-groups mutual fund managers have their own strategy to trade.

Keywords : herding behavior、mutual fund manager、mutual fund

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