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This study examines the existences of price and earnings momentum

anomalies. The persistence of momentum anomalies over the past few decades

raises serious doubts about the efficient market hypothesis. There is no consensus

on the sources of these momentum anomalies and who causes them.

This study examines the potential sources of momentums and investigates

who causes momentums. This study uses the listed firms on the SET during 1999 to

2007. The unique data set allow us to investigate behaviors of different investor

groups, without using trade size as a proxy for investor type.

This study finds that information asymmetry is the source of price momentum.

Stocks with high turnover exhibit return momentum under information asymmetry and

exhibit return reversal under information symmetry. Foreign investors and local

institutional investors cause price momentum. Earnings momentum is caused only by

foreign investors.

Under Wang's (1994) model, the local individual investors are informed but

the local institutional investors and foreign investor are uninformed. The investors with

local knowledge are better informed than investors with more knowledge and

sophisticated portfolio management skill.

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