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## **Abstract**

Time series models are very often adopted for forecasting because of their simplicity and good performance. The number of parameters in these models increases quickly with the number of variables modelled, so that usually only univariate or small-scale multivariate models are considered. Yet, nowadays data are readily available for a very large number of macroeconomic variables and potentially useful forecasting. Hence, in this paper we construct a large macroeconomic dataset for the UK, with about 80 variables, model it using a dynamic factor model, and compare the resulting forecasts with those from a set of standard time series models. It turns out that just six factors are sufficient to explain 50% of the variability of all the variables in the dataset. Moreover, these factors, which can be considered as the main driving forces of the economy, are related to key variables such as interest rates, monetary aggregates, prices, housing and labour market variables, and stock prices. Finally, factor based forecasts usually improve upon standard benchmarks for prices, real aggregates, and financial variables, at virtually no additional modelling or computational costs.

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#### 1. Introduction

In this paper we provide forecasts for various variables describing the UK economy, using a dynamic factor-modelling framework. The forecasts are compared with those that could have been derived using standard time series modelling techniques.

Dynamic factor modelling techniques are relatively novel and their systematic application to the UK economy is, to our knowledge entirely new. There are precedents, however, in applications to the US (Stock and Watson, 1998) and to the Euro Area (Marcellino, Stock and Watson 2000 and 2001), whilst in addition Forni and others (Forni et al. 1999a and 1999b) have applied the technique to the problem of identifying the business cycle.

The technique can be viewed as a particularly efficient means of extracting information from a large number of data series. Accordingly, the usual imperative to reduce to a minimum the number of series involved is reversed and we dispose in this paper of some 80 time series for the UK economy.

In the next section we describe the technique itself in some detail. This is followed by a description of the data set employed and, then, of the factors identified by the technique. In particular, we examine the extent to which these factors may be thought of as representing the major driving forces in the economy. In the subsequent sections of the paper we go on to derive

forecasts using the identified factors, comparing their accuracy with forecasts derived from standard time series techniques. In the final section we offer some suggestions for extensions and draw some general conclusions.

## 2. A large scale factor model for the UK

In this section we briefly introduce the representation and estimation theory for the dynamic factor model. Then we discuss the UK dataset. Finally, we present the results from modelling such a dataset with a dynamic factor model.

## 2.1 The factor model

Let  $X_t$  be the N-macroeconomic variables to be modelled, observed for t=1,...,T.  $X_t$  admits an approximate linear dynamic factor representation with  $\bar{r}$  common factors,  $f_t$ , if:

$$X_{it} = \mathbf{I}_i(L)f_t + e_{it} \tag{1}$$

for  $\models 1,...,N$ , where  $e_{it}$  is an idiosyncratic disturbance with limited cross-sectional and temporal dependence, and  $I_i(L)$  are lag polynomials in non-negative powers of L; see for example Geweke (1977), Sargent and Sims (1977), Forni, Hallin, Lippi, and Reichlin (1999a, 1999b) and, in particular,

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> We are, however, aware of partial applications to the problem of inflation forecasting under way at the Bank of England.

Stock and Watson (1998). If  $I_i(L)$  have finite orders of at most q, equation (1) can be rewritten as,

$$X_t = \Lambda F_t + e_t \tag{2}$$

where  $F_t = (f_t, ..., f_{t-q})$  is r 1, where  $r\mathbf{f}(q+1)\overline{r}$ , and the i-th row of  $\mathbf{L}$  in (2) is  $(\mathbf{l}_{i0}, ..., \mathbf{l}_{iq})$ .

From a forecasting point of view, the factors provide a summary of the information in the dataset, and can therefore be expected to be particularly useful. From a more structural point of view, the factors can be considered as the driving forces of the economy. In both cases, it is particularly important to have accurate estimators of the factors.

Stock and Watson (1998) show that, under some technical assumptions (restrictions on moments and non-stationarity), the column space spanned by the dynamic factors  $f_t$  can be estimated consistently by the principal components of the T T covariance matrix of the X's. A condition that is worth mentioning for the latter result to hold is that the number of factors included in the estimated model has to be equal or larger than the true number. In what follows we apply the Bai and Ng (2000) selection criteria to determine the number of factors to be included in the model. These criteria add a penalty term to the minimised objective function, where the penalty depends on the number of factors included in the model, and on

N and T, in such a way as to ensure consistency, i.e., the true number of factors is selected with probability one when N and T diverge. The criteria are asymptotically equivalent, but can differ in finite sample for different specifications of the penalty term.

The principal component estimator of the factors is computationally convenient, even for very large *N*. Moreover, it can be generalised to handle data irregularities such as missing observations using the EM algorithm. In practice, the estimated factors from the balanced panel are used to provide an estimate of the missing observations, the factors are then extracted from the completed dataset, the missing observations are re-estimated using the new set of estimated factors, and the process is iterated until the estimates of the missing observations and of the factors do not change substantially.

It should be stressed that the estimator is consistent for the space spanned by the factors, *not* for the factors themselves. This follows from the lack of identification of the factors. Actually, the representation in equation (2) is identical to

$$X_t = \Lambda P^{-1} P F_t + e_t = \Theta G_t + e_t, \tag{3}$$

where P is any square matrix of full rank r and  $G_t$  is an alternative set of r factors. While this lack of identification is not problematic for forecasting, it should be taken into consideration when interpreting the factors in a structural way.

Finally, it is worth noting that, under some additional mild restrictions on the model, the principal component based estimator remains consistent even in the presence of changes in the factor loadings, i.e.  $\Lambda = \Lambda_i$ . In particular, Stock and Watson (1998) allow either for a few abrupt changes, or for a smooth evolution as modelled by a multivariate random walk for  $\Lambda_i$ .

## 2.2 The data

The dataset for the UK, our  $X_t$ , contains 81 monthly series, over the period 1970:1-1998:3, extracted from the OECD database and from Datastream. To have a balanced and as exhaustive as possible representation of the UK economy, we include output variables (industrial production and sales, disaggregated by main sectors); labour market variables (employment, unemployment, wages and unit labour costs); prices (consumer, producer, and retail prices, disaggregated by type of goods); monetary aggregates (M2, M0); interest rates (different maturities, spreads); stock prices; exchange rates (effective and nominal); imports, exports and net trade; and other miscellaneous series. A complete list of the variables is reported in the Appendix.

Following Marcellino, Stock and Watson (2000), the data are preprocessed in three stages before being modelled with a factor representation. First, the series are transformed to account for stochastic or deterministic trends, and logarithms are taken of all nonnegative series that are not already in rates or percentage units. We apply the same transformations to all variables of the same type. The main choice is whether prices and nominal variables are I(1) or I(2). The I(1) case is our baseline model. Results for the I(2) case are worse from a forecasting point of view, and are available upon request.

Second, we pass all the series through a seasonal adjustment procedure, even though most of them are reported as seasonally adjusted. The monthly series are regressed against eleven monthly indicator variables and, if the HAC F-test on these eleven coefficients is significant at the 10% level, the series are seasonally adjusted using Wallis's (1974) linear approximation to X-11 ARIMA.

Finally, the transformed seasonally adjusted series are screened for large outliers (outliers exceeding six times the interquartile range). Each outlying observation is recoded as missing data, and the EM algorithm is used to estimate the factor model for the resulting unbalanced panel.

# 2.3 Results: identifying the factors

The factor model appears to fit the data rather well. From Table 1, with 4 factors we can already explain about 40% of the variability of all the 81 variables, a figure that increases to 50% with 6 factors and to 68% with 12. According to the Bai and Ng (2000) selection criteria, in their more robust log version, only 2 to 4 factors should be included in the model. Slightly lower values for the trace R<sup>2</sup> are obtained using the balanced panel, and in this case just one factor is selected by the Bai and Ng (2000) criteria. Given that the balanced panel includes only 34 series, versus the 81 in the unbalanced panel, we will concentrate on the latter.

In Table 1 we then report the R<sup>2</sup> in the regression of each variable to be forecast on the factors. We consider three groups of series: real variables, including industrial production (IP), the volume of retail sales (RTVOL) and the unemployment rate (LURAT); prices, including the consumer price index (CPI), the retail price index excluding mortgage interest payments (RPIX), and consumer prices less food (CPNF); financial variables, that includes the treasury bill rate (FYTB), the Financial Times share price index for non financial assets (FS), and the exchange rate against the US dollar (ESPO). All variables are transformed into growth rates, except LURAT and FYTB that are analysed in first differences.

The factor model works best for prices, with 4 factors the lowest  $R^2$  is .67 for CPNF, that becomes .79 with 6 factors. Good results are also obtained for financial variables, with 4 factors the values of  $R^2$  are .66 for FYTB, .51 for FS, but only .09 for ESPO (that raises to .37 adding two factors). For real variables, the worst performance is for RTVOL, where  $R^2$  is only .10 with 4 factors, but increases to .46 with 6 factors. In this case, the values of  $R^2$  for IP and LURAT are, respectively, .59 and .54.

The final question we address in this section is that of the interpretation of the estimated factors. As we discussed before, it is difficult to provide a structural interpretation because of identification issues. Yet, the estimated factors span the same space as the true factors so that, even if the estimated factors do not coincide with the driving forces of the economy, linear combinations of them do. To gain further information on the composition of the factors, we regress each variable in the dataset on each factor. A high value of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  in the resulting regression indicates that the factor

under analysis explains well that particular variable. Also, as noted by Stock and Watson (1998), a high value of  $R^2$  indicates that the variable is a relevant component of the factor under analysis.

The results are summarised in Figures 1 and 2. The most important components of factors 1 to 3 are interest rates and price series; monetary aggregates are also relevant for factor 1 and exchange rates for factor 2. Housing variables and stock prices are particularly significant for factor 4, employment series for factor 5, and other stock variables for factor 6. The values of R<sup>2</sup> are very low for all variables in the case of factors 6 to 12, which is coherent with the outcome of the selection criteria that indicated at most 4 factors as relevant.

Overall, these results are interesting and sensible from an economic point of view, even though we stress once again that the driving forces of the UK economy do not necessarily coincide with the variables indicated above, but could be linear combinations of them.

## 3. Forecasting

In this section we present the competing forecasting methods we consider, and the criteria we use to evaluate their relative merits.

## 3.1 Forecasting Models

All forecasting models are specified and estimated as a linear projection of an h-step ahead variable,  $y_{t+h}^h$ , onto t-dated predictors, which at a minimum

include lagged transformed values of  $y_t$ , the variable of interest. More precisely, the forecasting models all have the form,

$$y_{t+h}^{h} = \mathbf{m} + \mathbf{a}(L)y_{t} + \mathbf{b}(L)'Z_{t} + \mathbf{e}_{t+h}^{h}$$
(4)

where a(L) is a scalar lag polynomial, b(L) is a vector lag polynomial, m is a constant, and  $Z_t$  is a vector of predictor variables. The forecast horizon, h, is 6, 12 and 24 months.

The "h-step ahead projection" approach in (4), also called dynamic estimation (e.g. Clements and Hendry (1996)), differs from the standard approach of estimating a one-step ahead model, then iterating that model forward to obtain h-step ahead predictions. The h-step ahead projection approach has two main advantages. First, additional equations for simultaneously forecasting  $Z_t$ , e.g. by a VAR, are not needed. Second, the potential impact of specification error in the one-step ahead model (including the equations for  $Z_t$ ) can be reduced by using the same horizon for estimation as for forecasting.

The construction of  $y_{t+h}^h$  depends on whether the series is modelled as I(1) or I(2). In the I(1) case, it is  $y_{t+h}^h = \sum_{t+1}^{t+h} \Delta x_s$ , where x is the series of interest (usually in logs), so that  $y_{t+h}^h = x_{t+h} - x_t$ . In words, the forecasts are for the growth in the series x between time periods t and t+h. In the I(2) case, it

is  $y_{t+h}^h = \sum_{t+1}^{t+h} \Delta x_s - h \Delta x_t$ , i.e., the difference of the growth of x between time periods t and t+h and h times its growth between periods t-1 and t. This is a convenient formulation because, given that  $\Delta x_t$  is known when forecasting, the mean square forecast error (msfe) from models for second differenced variables is directly comparable with that from models for first differences only.

The various forecasting models we compare differ in their choice of  $Z_t$ . Let us list them and briefly discuss their main characteristics.

Autoregressive forecast (bse0). Our benchmark forecast is a univariate autoregressive forecast based on (4) excluding  $Z_t$ . As is common in the literature, we choose the lag length using an information criterion, the BIC, starting with a maximum of 6 lags.

Autoregressive forecast with double differencing ( $bse0\_i2$ ). Clements and Hendry (1999) showed that double differencing the dependent variable can improve the forecasting performance of autoregressive models in the presence of structural breaks, even in the case of overdifferencing. Hence, this model corresponds to (4), excluding  $Z_t$  and treating the variable of interest as I(2).

Autoregressive forecast with intercept correction (bse0\_ic). An alternative remedy in the presence of structural breaks over the forecasting

period is to put the forecast back on track by adding past forecast errors to the forecast, see e.g. Clements and Hendry (1999) and Artis and Marcellino (2001). They showed that the simple addition of the h-period ahead forecast error can be useful. Hence, the forecast is given by  $y_{t+h}^h + \mathbf{e}_t^h$ , where  $y_{t+h}^h$  is the bse0 forecast and  $\mathbf{e}_t^h$  is the forecast error made when forecasting  $y_t$  in period t-h. Note that both second differencing and intercept correction increase the msfe, when not needed, by adding a moving average component to the forecast error.

*VAR forecasts (varf)*. VAR forecasts are constructed using three-variable VARs. For real variables, the VARs include the real variable under analysis, the CPI, and the treasury bill rate (FYTB). Forecasts for prices are constructed using VARs for the price series under analysis, IP, and FYTB. For the financial variables, VARs for FS and ESPO include IP and FYTB, while for FYTB the CPI and IP are included. Intercept corrected versions of the forecasts are also computed (*varf\_ic*).

Factor based forecasts. These forecasts are based on setting  $Z_t$  in (4) to be the estimated factors from model (2). Stock and Watson (1998) provide conditions under which these estimated factors yield asymptotically efficient forecasts, in the sense that the msfe converges to the value that is obtained with known factors. We consider three different factor based

forecasts. First, besides the lagged dependent variable, up to 4 factors and 3 lags of each of them are included in the model (fdiarlag), and the variable selection is again based on BIC. Second, up to 12 factors are included, but not their lags (fdiar). Third, only up to 12 factors appear as regressors in (4), but no lagged dependent variable (di). For each of these 3 forecasts, the factors can be extracted from the unbalanced panel (prefix fac), or from the balanced panel (prefix fbp). The former contains more variables than the latter, and therefore more information. Yet, the missing observations have to be estimated in a first stage, which could introduce noise in the factor estimation. To evaluate the forecasting role of each factor, for the unbalanced panel we also consider forecasts using a fixed number of factors, from 1 to 4 (fdiar\_01 to fdiar\_04 and fdi\_01 to fdi\_04). For each of the 14 factor based forecasts, we also consider the intercept corrected version (prefix *ic*).

Overall we have 33 different versions of the forecasting model (4).

## 3.2 Forecast Comparison

The forecast comparison is performed in a simulated out-of-sample framework where all statistical calculations are done using a fully recursive methodology. The forecast period is 1985:1 - 1998:3, for a total of 159

months. Every month, all model estimation, standardisation of the data, calculation of the estimated factors, etc., are repeated.

The forecasting performance of the various methods described in section 3.1 is initially examined by comparing their simulated out-of-sample mean squared forecast error (msfe) relative to the benchmark AR forecast (*bse0*). West (1996) standard errors are computed around the relative msfe.

We also consider a pooling regression where the actual values are regressed on the benchmark forecast and, in turn, on each of the competing forecasts. We report the coefficient of the latter, with robust standard errors. This coefficient should be equal to one for the benchmark forecast to be redundant, assuming that the two coefficients have to sum to one. Such a condition is also sufficient for the alternative forecast to msfe-encompass the benchmark forecast, under the additional hypothesis of unbiasedness of the former, see Marcellino (2000).

In addition, we include an evaluation of relative directional forecasting accuracy . There are several situations in which directional forecasting accuracy has an importance of its own: in macroeconomic analysis the particular significance attaching the identification of cyclical turning points is an example. In the present case, the evaluation technique we use is based on the "concordance" measure proposed by Harding and

Pagan (1999) to measure the synchronicity of business cycles between pairs of countries. In their case the time series to be compared are sequences of binary (boom, recession) states for each of two economies. In our case the binary states are simply those of increase or decrease in the underlying series of interest (e.g. the increase or decrease in the inflation rate, the increase or decrease in the level of unemployment etc.) whilst the analogue to the two economies is provided by the status of "forecast" (f) and "actual" (a). The concordance index for two series f and a over a sample of T then has the form:

$$C = 1/T \left\{ \sum_{t=1}^{T} S_{at} S_{ft} + \sum_{t=1}^{T} (1 - S_{at}) (1 - S_{ft}) \right\}$$

where  $S_{at}(S_{ft})$  is a binary variable which takes the value unity when the series in question is non-negative (growing or stationary) and zero otherwise (falling). The concordance index lies between 0 and 1 with unity indicating maximum concordance. Put simply, the index measures the proportion of observations of a given series of interest in which the forecast *direction of change* is correct. Were we able to justify the necessary (i.i.d.) distributional assumption in these data we could apply a chi-square test for independence to the concordance index values but, as Harding and Pagan (1999) have shown in related work, this is not an assumption that can readily

be made. For this reason the concordance indices should be read as descriptive values only.

## 4. Forecasting Results

In this section we report the results of the forecast comparison for the UK macroeconomic variables. Tables 2-7 report results for the msfe and pooling regression tests, whilst Tables 8 –13 report the results for the directional accuracy tests. In each case, we deal first with real variables; then with prices; and finally with financial series.

## 4.1 Real variables

The msfe of the competing methods relative to the benchmark AR model are reported in Table 2 for h=12 and in Table 3 for h=6 and h=24. Three general results emerge: first, the factor models outperform the other methods, with an average gain of about 15-20% with respect to the benchmark AR model. Second, using a fixed number of factors is better than BIC selection, and including an AR component in the forecasting model is usually beneficial. Third, both methods to deal with structural breaks, i.e. second differencing and intercept correction, increase the msfe.

In more detail, for IP the best models are fac\_fdiar\_02 for h=6, fac\_fdi\_02 for h=12, and the var for h=24. The relative msfe are, respectively, .84, .87, and .90. For RTVOL, the best models are fac\_diar\_02 for h=6 and h=24, and fac\_fdi\_04 for h=12. The relative msfe are, respectively .81, .90 and .77. For LURAT the var is best for h=6 and h=12,

while fac\_fdiar\_03 is the preferred model for h=24, with relative msfe of .81, .70, and .77.

When the forecasts from these models are inserted in a pooling regression with the benchmark AR, their coefficients are also not statistically different from one. Yet, both the standard errors around these estimated coefficients and the West (1996) standard errors around the relative msfe are rather large.

## 4.2 Prices

Results of the forecast comparison for the price series are presented in Table 4 for h=12, and in Table 5 for h=6 and h=24. Four comments are in order. First, the factor models perform well also in this case, with average gains of about 10-20%, with peaks for the best model and for h=24. Second, double differencing and intercept corrections are quite useful, the more so the longer the forecast horizon. Third, the best model is always fac\_ic\_fdi\_01, i.e., a model with one factor only, extracted from the unbalanced panel, and whose forecasts are intercept corrected. The gains with respect to the benchmark AR increase with h, and range from 40% to 59% for CPI, from 39% to 59% for RPIX, and from 28% to 61% for CPNF. The West (1996) standard errors are rather small compared to the relative msfe, and the benchmark forecast is not statistically significant in a pooling regression with the best model. Finally, for CPI and RPIX the second best model is often a simple AR with second differencing of the dependent variable.

#### 4.3 Financial variables

The forecasting results for the financial variables are reported in Tables 6 for h=12 and Table 7 for h=6 and h=24. Three comments are worth making. First, for the FS it is not possible to beat the benchmark AR. Second, for FYTB and ESPO the best models are factor based, but the gains are small, about 5-10% for h=6 and h=12. For h=24 instead the best models are, respectively, fbp\_bic and fac\_fdiar\_02, with gains of 48% and 24% with respect to the benchmark AR. Finally, double differencing and intercept corrections are not useful.

## 4.4 Directional Accuracy

The directional accuracy tests reported in Tables 8 – 13 are defined for a simple definition of direction, namely the sign of the difference between the h-step-ahead forecast and the base period value. For variables in which there are no persistent trends, and where we are interested in the change in the forecast level, this definition is unambiguous. Where there are persistent trends, however, and our interest is in inflexions in the growth rate, the definition is not straightforward. In the results shown here we have defined the base period value of a series whose growth rate is the centre of interest as its previous h-step rate of change. Thus, for 6 (12-, 24-) step-ahead forecasts of output growth change is defined with respect to the growth in output over the previous 6 (12, 24) months. Alternative definitions could have been chosen: for example, we might want to ask what directional change is implied by the forecast compared to the most recent (one-month) change. (In fact, we computed the results for this alternative definition - they do not

differ substantially from those reported here). These considerations mean that in the results shown here, we have focussed on growth rate inflexions in the case of two of the real variables, industrial production and retail sales volume and all of the price variables, whilst we focus on levels in the case of the rate of unemployment and all the three of the financial variables.

The results in Tables 8 and 9 do not suggest a great advantage for the factorbased forecasts, although it is true that for some horizons the AR models perform least well; intercept correction makes matters somewhat worse. Concordance index values are nearly always above 50% and for factor-based models without intercept correction, comfortably so. For the price variables (Tables 10-11), the verdict is somewhat similar: intercept correction reduces directional accuracy, the factor-based models without intercept correction perform well and the weakest performance is usually to be found in an AR model. The performance in the case of the financial variables is interesting: first, very few of the predictors get the direction of change of the exchange rate right more than half the time at any horizon: those that do are factorbased models without intercept correction. But even some of these predictors perform rather badly. The share index has some trend in it, and it is much easier to predict correctly its direction of change (the first column of figures features some large values and the values of the concordance index are almost uniformly high): but it is apparent that intercept correction is not The direction of change of the treasury bill rate offers some contrary evidence: here, the concordance indices for the intercept-corrected models are generally higher than those for the other models at the lower

horizons (6 and 12 months), though lower at the longer 24-month horizon. The AR models perform relatively more poorly.

All in all, the directional accuracy tests reinforce the results arrived at earlier. The factor-based models perform at least as well as standard alternatives, sometimes better; but intercept correction is generally not an improvement.

## 5. Conclusions

In this paper we have evaluated how good a dynamic factor model is for representing a large dataset for the UK, and for forecasting a set of key macroeconomic variables. The results are encouraging, and in line with those from previous studies for the US (Stock and Watson (1998)), and for the Euro area (Marcellino, Stock and Watson (2000, 2001)).

With only 6 factors we can explain about 50% of the variability of 81 variables, and the factors are related to groups of key variables, such as interest rates, price series, monetary aggregates, labor market variables and exchange rates.

Moreover, factor based forecasts usually outperform standard time series methods, with gains of about 20% for real variables and prices, lower for financial variables, but even larger for longer horizons and particular models. For price series, double differencing and intercept corrections of the forecasts are also very useful, less so for the other variables. Directional accuracy checks revealed the factor-based forecasts to be no worse, and sometimes better than the standard alternatives.

Further improvements could be obtained by enlarging even more the dataset and extending the theory to allow for non-stationary variables, possibly related by long run relationships. These extensions are left for future research.

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#### Appendix. The dataset

#### real output and income

ip Industrial production, Total s.a.

#### employment and hours

lureg unemployment, registered unemployed s.a.

lurat unemployment, rate s.a.

luinds uk unemployment index - detrended (discontinued)

lvac unfilled vacancies s.a.

lvacds uk vacancies: job centres, volume, s.a.

#### retail, manufacturing and trade sales

rtval retail sales, total: value s.a. rtvol retail sales, total: volume s.a. rtvolds retail sales, volume, s.a.

cars new passenger car registrations s.a.
mst manufacturing, engineering: total s.a.
msd manufacturing, engineering: domestic s.a.
mse manufacturing, engineering: export s.a.

#### housing

#### stock prices

fsres uk-ds resources - price index fsbas uk-ds basic industries - price index fsgen uk-ds gen. industrials - price index fscyco uk-ds cyc. cons. goods - price index fsncco uk-ds non cyc cons gds - price index uk-ds cyclical service - price index fscysv fsncsv uk-ds non cyc.services - price index fsinf uk-ds information tech - price index fsfin uk-ds financials - price index fstot uk-ds market - price index fs share prices, ft-se-a: non-financials

#### exchange rates

ereff uk real effective exchange rate uk french francs to uk pound efrancs uk italian lire to uk pound elire uk german marks to uk pound emarks espo us \$ exchange rate: spot efor us \$ exchange rate: forward

#### interest rates

uk abbey national - mortgage rate abbey fy1int uk interbank 1 month - middle rate fy1st uk sterling certs. 1 month - middle rate uk sterling certs. 3 month - middle rate fy3st uk sterling certs. 6 month - middle rate fy6st uk sterling certs. 1 year - middle rate fy1yst overnight interbank rate fyon London clearing banks' base rate fylocl

3-month interbank loans fy3int yield of 10 year gvt. bonds fy10gov

treasury bill rate fytb

#### money aggregates

mnot uk money supply m0, current prices, s.a.

m2 monetary aggregate (m2) s.a.

#### price indices

cpi all items

cpns all items excl. seasonal items

input: raw materials pir

pif input: fuel

all items less food cpnf

cpf food

cpdrink beverages and tobacco fuel and electricity cpfuel

cphouse housing

rpix uk retail price index, excl. mortgage interest payments

uk import price indices - fuels, current prices pimpf uk import price index - less oil & erratics pimpno uk import unit value - food, beverages & tobacco puvds

uk market price index - uk brent poiluk

wd petroleum spot price, current prices poilwd

pwdall wd export price index - all exports, excl. fuels

#### wages

weekly earnings ww unit labour cost s.a. WC

## miscellaneous

finp imports c.i.f. s.a. exports f.o.b. s.a. fexp

net trade (f.o.b. - c.i.f.) s.a. fnet

**Tables** 

Table 1 – Cumulative R<sup>2</sup> from regression of variables on factors

| Factor | Trace | ip   | rtvol | lurat | cpi  | rpix | cpnf | fytb | fs   | espo |
|--------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 1      | 0.121 | 0.03 | 0.00  | 0.04  | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.02 | 0.37 | 0.10 | 0.00 |
| 2      | 0.232 | 0.13 | 0.07  | 0.41  | 0.32 | 0.34 | 0.37 | 0.47 | 0.14 | 0.00 |
| 3      | 0.312 | 0.20 | 0.08  | 0.41  | 0.63 | 0.64 | 0.56 | 0.58 | 0.34 | 0.02 |
| 4      | 0.395 | 0.29 | 0.10  | 0.41  | 0.75 | 0.76 | 0.67 | 0.66 | 0.51 | 0.09 |
| 5      | 0.444 | 0.38 | 0.42  | 0.50  | 0.76 | 0.77 | 0.68 | 0.67 | 0.52 | 0.14 |
| 6      | 0.495 | 0.59 | 0.46  | 0.54  | 0.89 | 0.90 | 0.81 | 0.68 | 0.53 | 0.37 |
| 7      | 0.538 | 0.66 | 0.59  | 0.54  | 0.91 | 0.91 | 0.81 | 0.77 | 0.53 | 0.42 |
| 8      | 0.573 | 0.77 | 0.65  | 0.58  | 0.93 | 0.93 | 0.85 | 0.79 | 0.55 | 0.43 |
| 9      | 0.605 | 0.77 | 0.66  | 0.59  | 0.94 | 0.94 | 0.86 | 0.79 | 0.55 | 0.43 |
| 10     | 0.633 | 0.78 | 0.66  | 0.59  | 0.96 | 0.95 | 0.88 | 0.79 | 0.55 | 0.43 |
| 11     | 0.657 | 0.87 | 0.66  | 0.60  | 0.97 | 0.95 | 0.89 | 0.79 | 0.55 | 0.46 |
| 12     | 0.68  | 0.88 | 0.66  | 0.62  | 0.97 | 0.95 | 0.90 | 0.79 | 0.55 | 0.84 |

#### Notes:

Estimation period is 1970:1-1998:3. Factors are extracted from unbalanced panel. Trace  $\mathbb{R}^2$  is referred to a regression of all the 81 variables on the factors.

Table 2 - Results for real variables, h=12

|                       | Series                     |                            |                            |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Forecast Method       | ip                         | rtvol                      | lurat                      |
| _bse0                 | 1.00 (0.00 ) . ( . )       | 1.00 (0.00 ) . ( . )       | 1.00 (0.00 ) . ( . )       |
| _bse0_i2              | 7.97 (14.35 ) 0.04 (0.03 ) | 5.06 (2.99 ) 0.10 (0.04 )  | 0.95 (0.20 ) 0.56 (0.21 )  |
| _bse0ic               | 1.58 (0.47 ) 0.28 (0.10 )  | 0.93 (0.31 ) 0.54 (0.17 )  | 1.23 (0.33 ) 0.37 (0.15 )  |
| _varf                 | 1.02 (0.29 ) 0.48 (0.21 )  | 1.09 (0.36 ) 0.43 (0.26 )  | 0.70 (0.13 ) 1.37 (0.36 )  |
| _varfic               | 1.13 (0.35 ) 0.44 (0.15 )  | 0.80 (0.26 ) 0.62 (0.16 )  | 0.96 (0.20 ) 0.53 (0.15 )  |
| a_facfdiarlag_bic     | 0.90 (0.17 ) 0.62 (0.20 )  | 0.80 (0.21 ) 0.72 (0.22 )  | 0.78 (0.10 ) 1.52 (0.40 )  |
| a_facfdiar_bic        | 1.14 (0.21 ) 0.38 (0.17 )  | 0.94 (0.24 ) 0.56 (0.24 )  | 1.04 (0.14 ) 0.34 (0.48 )  |
| a_facfdi_bic          | 1.14 (0.21 ) 0.38 (0.17 )  | 0.85 (0.22 ) 0.66 (0.23 )  | 1.39 (0.25 ) -0.01 (0.20 ) |
| a_fbpfdiarlag_bic     | 1.24 (0.23 ) 0.26 (0.19 )  | 1.00 (0.33 ) 0.50 (0.27 )  | 0.84 (0.09 ) 1.29 (0.49 )  |
| a_fbpfdiar_bic        | 1.42 (0.46 ) 0.28 (0.19 )  | 1.04 (0.32 ) 0.48 (0.22 )  | 1.19 (0.20 ) -0.06 (0.43 ) |
| a_fbpfdi_bic          | 1.43 (0.46 ) 0.28 (0.19 )  | 1.02 (0.29 ) 0.48 (0.26 )  | 1.32 (0.24 ) -0.03 (0.30 ) |
| a_facfdiar_01         | 1.01 (0.02 ) -0.64 (1.64 ) | 1.01 (0.02 ) -1.01 (2.15 ) | 1.01 (0.01 ) -3.60 (3.53 ) |
| a_facfdiar_02         | 0.90 (0.18 ) 0.63 (0.21 )  | 0.79 (0.17 ) 0.88 (0.28 )  | 0.77 (0.10 ) 1.61 (0.38 )  |
| a_facfdiar_03         | 0.95 (0.16 ) 0.56 (0.21 )  | 0.80 (0.21 ) 0.72 (0.22 )  | 0.79 (0.10 ) 1.41 (0.42 )  |
| a_facfdiar_04         | 0.93 (0.14 ) 0.61 (0.20 )  | 0.82 (0.21 ) 0.69 (0.21 )  | 0.81 (0.10 ) 1.30 (0.40 )  |
| a_facfdi_01           | 1.01 (0.02 ) -0.64 (1.64 ) | 1.00 (0.02 ) 0.55 (0.43 )  | 2.19 (0.78 ) -0.32 (0.17 ) |
| a_facfdi_02           | 0.87 (0.14 ) 0.78 (0.26 )  | 0.79 (0.15 ) 0.98 (0.28 )  | 1.27 (0.26 ) 0.22 (0.19 )  |
| a_facfdi_03           | 0.91 (0.13 ) 0.68 (0.27 )  | 0.78 (0.18 ) 0.82 (0.22 )  | 1.32 (0.29 ) 0.20 (0.18 )  |
| a_facfdi_04           | 0.87 (0.14 ) 0.73 (0.23 )  | 0.77 (0.18 ) 0.84 (0.23 )  | 1.34 (0.29 ) 0.15 (0.17 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 1.60 (0.63 ) 0.31 (0.12 )  | 0.85 (0.26 ) 0.57 (0.11 )  | 0.99 (0.19 ) 0.51 (0.14 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_bic    | 2.10 (0.87 ) 0.21 (0.10 )  | 0.99 (0.32 ) 0.50 (0.13 )  | 1.02 (0.21 ) 0.49 (0.13 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_bic      | 2.10 (0.87 ) 0.21 (0.10 )  | 1.04 (0.32 ) 0.48 (0.12 )  | 1.20 (0.29 ) 0.35 (0.20 )  |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 2.11 (0.83 ) 0.21 (0.11 )  | 0.95 (0.34 ) 0.52 (0.14 )  | 1.08 (0.23 ) 0.45 (0.14 )  |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiar_bic    | 2.29 (0.73 ) 0.18 (0.08 )  | 1.13 (0.40 ) 0.45 (0.14 )  | 1.19 (0.29 ) 0.40 (0.14 )  |
| a_fbp_ic_fdi_bic      | 2.30 (0.73 ) 0.17 (0.08 )  | 1.20 (0.38 ) 0.43 (0.12 )  | 1.05 (0.19 ) 0.46 (0.14 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_01     | 1.59 (0.49 ) 0.27 (0.11 )  | 0.92 (0.31 ) 0.54 (0.17 )  | 1.23 (0.33 ) 0.37 (0.15 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_02     | 1.60 (0.63 ) 0.31 (0.12 )  | 0.94 (0.30 ) 0.53 (0.13 )  | 0.99 (0.19 ) 0.51 (0.14 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_03     | 1.71 (0.63 ) 0.29 (0.11 )  | 0.85 (0.26 ) 0.57 (0.11 )  | 1.01 (0.18 ) 0.49 (0.14 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_04     | 1.69 (0.60 ) 0.29 (0.11 )  | 0.87 (0.25 ) 0.55 (0.11 )  | 1.01 (0.19 ) 0.49 (0.14 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_01       | 1.59 (0.49 ) 0.27 (0.11 )  | 1.00 (0.30 ) 0.50 (0.15 )  | 1.48 (0.47 ) 0.11 (0.24 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_02       | 1.69 (0.61 ) 0.28 (0.11 )  | 1.06 (0.30 ) 0.48 (0.11 )  | 1.13 (0.19 ) 0.39 (0.16 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_03       | 1.72 (0.63 ) 0.27 (0.11 )  | 0.96 (0.25 ) 0.52 (0.10 )  | 1.19 (0.24 ) 0.33 (0.18 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_04       | 1.56 (0.56 ) 0.32 (0.12 )  | 0.96 (0.25 ) 0.51 (0.10 )  | 1.21 (0.26 ) 0.32 (0.19 )  |
| RMSE for AR Model     | 0.027                      | 0.026                      | 1.051                      |

#### Notes:

a\_fac\_ic\_fdi\_01 a\_fac\_ic\_fdi\_02 a\_fac\_ic\_fdi\_03 a\_fac\_ic\_fdi\_04

For each variable, the four columns report the msfe relative to the benchmark AR model, with West (1996) standard error in parentheses, and the coefficient of the forecast under analysis in a pooling regression with the benchmark forecast, with robust standard error in parentheses. The last line reports the root msfe for the AR benchmark. The forecasts in the rows of table 2 are (see section 3.1 for details): \_bse0 AR model, benchamrk \_bse0\_i2 AR model for second differenced variable bse0ic AR model with intercept correction VAR model \_varf VAR model with intercept correction \_varfic Factors from unbalanced panel (BIC selection), their lags, and AR terms a\_fac\_\_fdiarlag\_bic a\_fac\_\_fdiar\_bic Factors from unbalanced panel (BIC selection), and AR terms a\_fac\_\_fdi\_bic Factors from unbalanced panel (BIC selection) Factors from balanced panel (BIC selection), their lags, and AR terms a\_fbp\_\_fdiarlag\_bic a\_fbp\_\_fdiar\_bic Factors from balanced panel (BIC selection), and AR terms a\_fbp\_fdi\_bic Factors from balanced panel (BIC selection) a\_fac\_\_fdiar\_01 n factors from unbalanced panel, n=1,2,3,4, and AR terms a\_fac\_\_fdiar\_02 a fac fdiar 03 a fac fdiar 04 n factors from unbalanced panel, n=1,2,3,4 a\_fac\_\_fdi\_01 a\_fac\_\_fdi\_02 a\_fac\_\_fdi\_03 a\_fac\_\_fdi\_04 a\_fac\_ic\_fdiarlag\_bic As factor models above, but with intercept correction a\_fac\_ic\_fdiar\_bic a\_fac\_ic\_fdi\_bic a\_fbp\_ic\_fdiarlaq\_bic a\_fbp\_ic\_fdiar\_bic a\_fbp\_ic\_fdi\_bic a\_fac\_ic\_fdiar\_01 a\_fac\_ic\_fdiar\_02 a\_fac\_ic\_fdiar\_03 a fac ic fdiar 04

The estimation period is 1970:1-1984:12. The forecast period is 1985:1-1998:3.

Table 3 - Results for real variables, h=6 and h=24

Horizon = 6.000

|                       | Series -     |               |              |              |              |               |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| Forecast Method       | ip           |               | rtvol        |              | lurat        |               |
| _bse0                 | 1.00 (0.00 ) | . ( . )       | 1.00 (0.00 ) | . ( . )      | 1.00 (0.00 ) | . ( . )       |
| _bse0_i2              | 5.75 (6.32 ) | -0.02 (0.05 ) | 4.08 (1.73 ) | 0.10 (0.04 ) | 0.87 (0.15 ) | 0.69 (0.22 )  |
| _bse0ic               | 2.09 (1.22 ) | 0.12 (0.14 )  | 1.02 (0.14 ) | 0.49 (0.07 ) | 1.46 (0.44 ) | 0.27 (0.14 )  |
| _varf                 | 1.00 (0.16 ) | 0.50 (0.18 )  | 1.28 (0.38 ) | 0.34 (0.17 ) | 0.81 (0.09 ) | 1.12 (0.31 )  |
| _varfic               | 1.56 (0.76 ) | 0.22 (0.18 )  | 0.88 (0.16 ) | 0.57 (0.09 ) | 1.29 (0.36 ) | 0.34 (0.15 )  |
| a_facfdiarlag_bic     | 0.84 (0.11 ) | 0.78 (0.18 )  | 0.98 (0.18 ) | 0.51 (0.13 ) | 0.85 (0.07 ) | 1.34 (0.37 )  |
| a_facfdiar_bic        | 0.84 (0.11 ) | 0.78 (0.18 )  | 0.98 (0.18 ) | 0.51 (0.13 ) | 0.98 (0.08 ) | 0.60 (0.38 )  |
| a_facfdi_bic          | 1.01 (0.06 ) | 0.48 (0.24 )  | 0.99 (0.19 ) | 0.51 (0.15 ) | 1.88 (0.42 ) | -0.10 (0.12 ) |
| a_fbpfdiarlag_bic     | 1.00 (0.10 ) | 0.49 (0.22 )  | 1.10 (0.27 ) | 0.44 (0.16 ) | 0.92 (0.07 ) | 1.02 (0.49 )  |
| a_fbpfdiar_bic        | 1.00 (0.10 ) | 0.49 (0.22 )  | 1.03 (0.25 ) | 0.48 (0.15 ) | 1.07 (0.09 ) | 0.16 (0.39 )  |
| a_fbpfdi_bic          | 1.03 (0.01 ) | -0.10 (0.15 ) | 1.02 (0.20 ) | 0.48 (0.17 ) | 1.57 (0.30 ) | -0.09 (0.17 ) |
| a_facfdiar_01         | 0.96 (0.03 ) | 1.03 (0.41 )  | 0.99 (0.01 ) | 2.19 (2.07 ) | 1.03 (0.02 ) | -1.80 (0.98 ) |
| a_facfdiar_02         | 0.84 (0.11 ) | 0.78 (0.18 )  | 0.81 (0.14 ) | 0.80 (0.21 ) | 0.85 (0.07 ) | 1.34 (0.37 )  |
| a_facfdiar_03         | 0.88 (0.10 ) | 0.71 (0.18 )  | 0.98 (0.18 ) | 0.51 (0.13 ) | 0.87 (0.07 ) | 1.21 (0.40 )  |
| a_facfdiar_04         | 0.91 (0.09 ) | 0.68 (0.19 )  | 0.99 (0.19 ) | 0.51 (0.12 ) | 0.89 (0.07 ) | 1.15 (0.40 )  |
| a_facfdi_01           | 0.97 (0.03 ) | 1.36 (0.83 )  | 1.00 (0.03 ) | 0.47 (0.24 ) | 3.32 (1.67 ) | -0.17 (0.09 ) |
| a_facfdi_02           | 0.90 (0.08 ) | 0.92 (0.34 )  | 0.83 (0.11 ) | 0.86 (0.20 ) | 2.05 (0.71 ) | 0.03 (0.11 )  |
| a_facfdi_03           | 0.96 (0.09 ) | 0.62 (0.25 )  | 0.92 (0.15 ) | 0.57 (0.13 ) | 2.11 (0.77 ) | 0.01 (0.11 )  |
| a_facfdi_04           | 0.88 (0.09 ) | 0.79 (0.21 )  | 0.90 (0.15 ) | 0.60 (0.13 ) | 2.12 (0.75 ) | -0.03 (0.11 ) |
| a_fac_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 1.72 (0.87 ) | 0.21 (0.16 )  | 1.18 (0.19 ) | 0.43 (0.07 ) | 1.20 (0.30 ) | 0.37 (0.16 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_bic    | 1.72 (0.87 ) | 0.21 (0.16 )  | 1.18 (0.19 ) | 0.43 (0.07 ) | 1.20 (0.30 ) | 0.38 (0.15 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_bic      | 2.06 (1.20 ) | 0.13 (0.14 )  | 1.29 (0.21 ) | 0.39 (0.07 ) | 1.11 (0.22 ) | 0.42 (0.14 )  |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 1.95 (1.15 ) | 0.17 (0.14 )  | 1.01 (0.18 ) | 0.49 (0.08 ) | 1.36 (0.39 ) | 0.30 (0.15 )  |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiar_bic    | 1.95 (1.15 ) | 0.17 (0.14 )  | 1.11 (0.21 ) | 0.45 (0.09 ) | 1.21 (0.32 ) | 0.38 (0.15 )  |
| a_fbp_ic_fdi_bic      | 2.10 (1.23 ) | 0.12 (0.13 )  | 1.45 (0.20 ) | 0.36 (0.06 ) | 1.13 (0.22 ) | 0.41 (0.13 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_01     | 1.98 (1.16 ) | 0.16 (0.14 )  | 1.02 (0.14 ) | 0.49 (0.07 ) | 1.44 (0.45 ) | 0.28 (0.14 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_02     | 1.72 (0.87 ) | 0.21 (0.16 )  | 1.07 (0.17 ) | 0.47 (0.07 ) | 1.20 (0.30 ) | 0.37 (0.16 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_03     | 1.79 (0.97 ) | 0.19 (0.16 )  | 1.18 (0.19 ) | 0.43 (0.07 ) | 1.22 (0.30 ) | 0.36 (0.16 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_04     | 1.94 (1.08 ) | 0.14 (0.14 )  | 1.21 (0.20 ) | 0.42 (0.07 ) | 1.22 (0.31 ) | 0.36 (0.16 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_01       | 2.10 (1.23 ) | 0.13 (0.13 )  | 1.29 (0.16 ) | 0.39 (0.06 ) | 1.24 (0.21 ) | 0.31 (0.13 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_02       | 2.14 (1.20 ) | 0.13 (0.13 )  | 1.39 (0.18 ) | 0.37 (0.06 ) | 1.11 (0.15 ) | 0.41 (0.11 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_03       | 2.21 (1.38 ) | 0.10 (0.13 )  | 1.53 (0.23 ) | 0.33 (0.05 ) | 1.12 (0.16 ) | 0.40 (0.12 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_04       | 1.91 (1.07 ) | 0.15 (0.15 )  | 1.51 (0.23 ) | 0.34 (0.05 ) | 1.20 (0.21 ) | 0.35 (0.13 )  |
| RMSE for AR Model     | 0.017        |               | 0.015        |              | 0.418        |               |

#### Horizon = 24.000

|                       | Series                      |                           |                            |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Forecast Method       | ip                          | rtvol                     | lurat                      |
| _bse0                 | 1.00 (0.00 ) . ( . )        | 1.00 (0.00 ) . ( . )      | 1.00 (0.00 ) . ( . )       |
| _bse0_i2              | 11.63 (34.87 ) 0.03 (0.02 ) | 6.94 (6.36 ) 0.08 (0.03 ) | 1.10 (0.42 ) 0.44 (0.26 )  |
| _bse0ic               | 2.28 (1.32 ) -0.03 (0.22 )  | 1.64 (1.00 ) 0.22 (0.28 ) | 1.76 (1.07 ) 0.08 (0.29 )  |
| _varf                 | 0.90 (0.16 ) 0.68 (0.31 )   | 1.13 (0.46 ) 0.42 (0.28 ) | 0.63 (0.16 ) 1.66 (0.46 )  |
| _varfic               | 1.70 (0.57 ) 0.11 (0.27 )   | 1.09 (0.39 ) 0.45 (0.21 ) | 1.27 (0.58 ) 0.29 (0.37 )  |
| a_facfdiarlag_bic     | 1.05 (0.08 ) 0.37 (0.25 )   | 0.94 (0.30 ) 0.56 (0.30 ) | 0.78 (0.09 ) 1.67 (0.53 )  |
| a_facfdiar_bic        | 1.19 (0.20 ) 0.29 (0.18 )   | 1.19 (0.45 ) 0.35 (0.33 ) | 0.89 (0.08 ) 1.01 (0.41 )  |
| a_facfdi_bic          | 1.19 (0.20 ) 0.29 (0.18 )   | 1.23 (0.49 ) 0.31 (0.34 ) | 0.98 (0.10 ) 0.57 (0.32 )  |
| a_fbpfdiarlag_bic     | 1.04 (0.10 ) 0.41 (0.24 )   | 1.16 (0.58 ) 0.37 (0.42 ) | 0.86 (0.09 ) 1.49 (0.66 )  |
| a_fbpfdiar_bic        | 1.71 (0.99 ) -0.08 (0.34 )  | 1.25 (0.59 ) 0.32 (0.37 ) | 1.15 (0.28 ) -0.01 (0.73 ) |
| a_fbpfdi_bic          | 1.72 (0.99 ) -0.08 (0.34 )  | 1.14 (0.48 ) 0.37 (0.40 ) | 1.20 (0.29 ) -0.14 (0.66 ) |
| a_facfdiar_01         | 1.01 (0.06 ) 0.38 (0.55 )   | 1.00 (0.02 ) 0.44 (0.54 ) | 0.98 (0.02 ) 4.80 (3.23 )  |
| a_facfdiar_02         | 0.96 (0.07 ) 0.72 (0.40 )   | 0.90 (0.20 ) 0.75 (0.48 ) | 0.78 (0.08 ) 2.09 (0.47 )  |
| a_facfdiar_03         | 0.98 (0.09 ) 0.61 (0.48 )   | 0.92 (0.29 ) 0.59 (0.31 ) | 0.77 (0.10 ) 1.79 (0.59 )  |
| a_facfdiar_04         | 1.01 (0.09 ) 0.47 (0.21 )   | 0.94 (0.30 ) 0.56 (0.30 ) | 0.77 (0.09 ) 1.67 (0.51 )  |
| a_facfdi_01           | 1.01 (0.06 ) 0.38 (0.55 )   | 0.99 (0.03 ) 0.62 (0.50 ) | 1.26 (0.19 ) -0.46 (0.59 ) |
| a_facfdi_02           | 0.96 (0.07 ) 0.72 (0.40 )   | 0.89 (0.17 ) 0.84 (0.46 ) | 0.83 (0.10 ) 1.08 (0.46 )  |
| a_facfdi_03           | 0.98 (0.09 ) 0.61 (0.48 )   | 0.88 (0.26 ) 0.65 (0.31 ) | 0.83 (0.12 ) 0.98 (0.49 )  |
| a_facfdi_04           | 0.99 (0.09 ) 0.52 (0.26 )   | 0.89 (0.25 ) 0.65 (0.31 ) | 0.85 (0.11 ) 0.94 (0.47 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 2.24 (1.21 ) -0.02 (0.21 )  | 1.31 (0.55 ) 0.38 (0.20 ) | 1.51 (0.82 ) 0.10 (0.38 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_bic    | 2.28 (1.08 ) -0.05 (0.22 )  | 1.51 (0.68 ) 0.30 (0.22 ) | 1.54 (0.80 ) 0.15 (0.34 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_bic      | 2.28 (1.08 ) -0.05 (0.22 )  | 1.52 (0.63 ) 0.30 (0.21 ) | 1.58 (0.76 ) 0.10 (0.36 )  |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 2.26 (1.15 ) -0.04 (0.22 )  | 1.48 (0.78 ) 0.32 (0.22 ) | 1.68 (0.99 ) 0.06 (0.33 )  |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiar_bic    | 2.68 (1.84 ) -0.23 (0.21 )  | 1.40 (0.68 ) 0.33 (0.25 ) | 1.84 (1.08 ) 0.05 (0.30 )  |
| a_fbp_ic_fdi_bic      | 2.69 (1.84 ) -0.23 (0.20 )  | 1.43 (0.67 ) 0.32 (0.24 ) | 1.79 (0.99 ) 0.03 (0.32 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_01     | 2.24 (1.26 ) -0.09 (0.25 )  | 1.59 (0.93 ) 0.22 (0.29 ) | 1.76 (1.07 ) 0.09 (0.29 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_02     | 2.18 (1.10 ) -0.01 (0.22 )  | 1.53 (0.76 ) 0.30 (0.21 ) | 1.50 (0.80 ) 0.12 (0.37 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_03     | 2.16 (1.09 ) -0.03 (0.24 )  | 1.32 (0.56 ) 0.38 (0.20 ) | 1.49 (0.79 ) 0.10 (0.39 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_04     | 2.10 (0.97 ) 0.01 (0.22 )   | 1.32 (0.56 ) 0.38 (0.20 ) | 1.46 (0.77 ) 0.12 (0.40 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_01       | 2.24 (1.26 ) -0.09 (0.25 )  | 1.60 (0.91 ) 0.22 (0.28 ) | 1.90 (1.16 ) -0.12 (0.33 ) |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_02       | 2.18 (1.10 ) -0.01 (0.22 )  | 1.56 (0.75 ) 0.29 (0.21 ) | 1.46 (0.68 ) 0.11 (0.39 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_03       | 2.16 (1.09 ) -0.03 (0.24 )  | 1.35 (0.56 ) 0.36 (0.20 ) | 1.49 (0.71 ) 0.08 (0.40 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_04       | 2.08 (0.98 ) 0.00 (0.23 )   | 1.35 (0.56 ) 0.36 (0.20 ) | 1.49 (0.72 ) 0.08 (0.40 )  |
| RMSE for AR Model     | 0.046                       | 0.044                     | 2.694                      |

Notes: See notes to Table 2

Table 4 - Results for price series, h=12

|                       | Series                     |                            |                            |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Forecast Method       | cpi                        | rpix                       | cpnf                       |
| _bse0                 | 1.00 (0.00 ) . ( . )       | 1.00 (0.00 ) . ( . )       | 1.00 (0.00 ) . ( . )       |
| _bse0_i2              | 0.67 (0.17 ) 0.70 (0.10 )  | 0.66 (0.17 ) 0.71 (0.10 )  | 0.82 (0.19 ) 0.60 (0.12 )  |
| _bse0ic               | 0.83 (0.19 ) 0.58 (0.10 )  | 0.83 (0.19 ) 0.58 (0.10 )  | 0.92 (0.20 ) 0.54 (0.10 )  |
| _varf                 | 0.85 (0.08 ) 1.46 (0.52 )  | 0.86 (0.08 ) 1.44 (0.54 )  | 0.86 (0.07 ) 1.51 (0.45 )  |
| _varfic               | 0.98 (0.18 ) 0.51 (0.08 )  | 0.97 (0.18 ) 0.51 (0.08 )  | 1.06 (0.20 ) 0.47 (0.08 )  |
| a_facfdiarlag_bic     | 0.97 (0.06 ) 0.82 (0.49 )  | 0.96 (0.06 ) 0.84 (0.46 )  | 0.90 (0.06 ) 0.90 (0.23 )  |
| a_facfdiar_bic        | 0.98 (0.10 ) 0.55 (0.24 )  | 0.95 (0.10 ) 0.63 (0.25 )  | 0.97 (0.12 ) 0.54 (0.15 )  |
| a_facfdi_bic          | 1.13 (0.15 ) 0.29 (0.22 )  | 1.12 (0.13 ) 0.30 (0.21 )  | 0.96 (0.09 ) 0.58 (0.18 )  |
| a_fbpfdiarlag_bic     | 0.97 (0.11 ) 0.58 (0.26 )  | 0.99 (0.11 ) 0.54 (0.30 )  | 0.83 (0.12 ) 0.78 (0.22 )  |
| a_fbpfdiar_bic        | 0.86 (0.14 ) 0.72 (0.23 )  | 0.88 (0.14 ) 0.68 (0.22 )  | 0.77 (0.12 ) 0.93 (0.23 )  |
| a_fbpfdi_bic          | 0.94 (0.15 ) 0.59 (0.23 )  | 0.95 (0.15 ) 0.57 (0.22 )  | 0.78 (0.12 ) 0.90 (0.23 )  |
| a_facfdiar_01         | 0.97 (0.06 ) 0.82 (0.49 )  | 0.96 (0.06 ) 0.84 (0.46 )  | 0.95 (0.05 ) 1.10 (0.53 )  |
| a_facfdiar_02         | 0.99 (0.04 ) 0.57 (0.37 )  | 0.98 (0.05 ) 0.63 (0.37 )  | 0.97 (0.05 ) 0.67 (0.29 )  |
| a_facfdiar_03         | 0.97 (0.05 ) 0.73 (0.35 )  | 0.98 (0.04 ) 0.67 (0.36 )  | 0.86 (0.07 ) 1.02 (0.21 )  |
| a_facfdiar_04         | 0.97 (0.05 ) 0.71 (0.35 )  | 0.98 (0.04 ) 0.64 (0.36 )  | 0.88 (0.06 ) 0.99 (0.23 )  |
| a_facfdi_01           | 3.01 (1.18 ) -0.62 (0.11 ) | 3.05 (1.22 ) -0.61 (0.11 ) | 2.28 (0.68 ) -0.73 (0.16 ) |
| a_facfdi_02           | 1.92 (0.49 ) -0.89 (0.15 ) | 1.95 (0.50 ) -0.88 (0.15 ) | 1.44 (0.24 ) -0.56 (0.26 ) |
| a_facfdi_03           | 1.24 (0.13 ) -0.14 (0.26 ) | 1.26 (0.14 ) -0.20 (0.27 ) | 0.96 (0.08 ) 0.60 (0.21 )  |
| a_facfdi_04           | 1.24 (0.12 ) -0.16 (0.26 ) | 1.26 (0.13 ) -0.22 (0.26 ) | 0.97 (0.07 ) 0.61 (0.21 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 0.89 (0.20 ) 0.55 (0.09 )  | 0.90 (0.20 ) 0.55 (0.09 )  | 0.97 (0.20 ) 0.51 (0.08 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_bic    | 1.19 (0.31 ) 0.43 (0.10 )  | 0.96 (0.18 ) 0.52 (0.08 )  | 1.70 (0.58 ) 0.31 (0.07 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_bic      | 1.51 (0.40 ) 0.35 (0.07 )  | 1.43 (0.36 ) 0.37 (0.07 )  | 1.44 (0.40 ) 0.37 (0.07 )  |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 1.16 (0.30 ) 0.44 (0.09 )  | 1.09 (0.24 ) 0.47 (0.08 )  | 1.12 (0.30 ) 0.46 (0.10 )  |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiar_bic    | 1.08 (0.23 ) 0.47 (0.08 )  | 1.07 (0.22 ) 0.47 (0.08 )  | 1.02 (0.22 ) 0.49 (0.09 )  |
| a_fbp_ic_fdi_bic      | 1.15 (0.26 ) 0.45 (0.08 )  | 1.16 (0.26 ) 0.44 (0.08 )  | 1.03 (0.22 ) 0.49 (0.09 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_01     | 0.89 (0.20 ) 0.55 (0.09 )  | 0.90 (0.20 ) 0.55 (0.09 )  | 0.96 (0.20 ) 0.52 (0.10 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_02     | 0.96 (0.21 ) 0.51 (0.09 )  | 0.96 (0.21 ) 0.52 (0.09 )  | 1.07 (0.24 ) 0.47 (0.09 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_03     | 0.92 (0.20 ) 0.53 (0.09 )  | 0.93 (0.20 ) 0.53 (0.09 )  | 0.93 (0.22 ) 0.53 (0.09 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_04     | 0.93 (0.20 ) 0.53 (0.09 )  | 0.94 (0.20 ) 0.53 (0.09 )  | 0.96 (0.21 ) 0.52 (0.08 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_01       | 0.43 (0.19 ) 0.83 (0.11 )  | 0.43 (0.19 ) 0.83 (0.11 )  | 0.49 (0.18 ) 0.81 (0.11 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_02       | 1.09 (0.25 ) 0.47 (0.08 )  | 1.09 (0.25 ) 0.47 (0.08 )  | 1.07 (0.24 ) 0.47 (0.08 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_03       | 0.92 (0.21 ) 0.53 (0.08 )  | 0.93 (0.22 ) 0.53 (0.08 )  | 0.91 (0.21 ) 0.53 (0.08 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_04       | 0.91 (0.21 ) 0.53 (0.08 )  | 0.92 (0.21 ) 0.53 (0.08 )  | 0.91 (0.21 ) 0.54 (0.08 )  |
| RMSE for AR Model     | 0.032                      | 0.032                      | 0.036                      |

Notes: See notes to Table 2

Table 5 - Results for price series, h=6 and h=24

Horizon = 6.000

|                       | Series                                  |           |              |               |              |               |
|-----------------------|---|-----------|--------------|---------------|--------------|---------------|
| Forecast Method       | cpi                                     |           | rpix         |               | cpnf         |               |
| _bse0                 | 1.00 (0.00 )                            | . ( . )   | 1.00 (0.00 ) | . ( . )       | 1.00 (0.00 ) | . ( . )       |
| _bse0_i2              | 0.77 (0.13 ) 0.68                       | 8 (0.11 ) | 0.77 (0.13 ) | 0.69 (0.11 )  | 0.88 (0.15 ) | 0.59 (0.12 )  |
| _bse0ic               | 1.06 (0.16 ) 0.4                        | 7 (0.08 ) | 1.08 (0.17 ) | 0.46 (0.08 )  | 1.13 (0.21 ) | 0.44 (0.10 )  |
| _varf                 | 0.81 (0.07 ) 1.3                        | 7 (0.29 ) | 0.82 (0.07 ) | 1.37 (0.30 )  | 0.81 (0.06 ) | 1.52 (0.23 )  |
| _varfic               | 1.19 (0.20 ) 0.43                       | 2 (0.07 ) | 1.18 (0.20 ) | 0.42 (0.07 )  | 1.19 (0.23 ) | 0.42 (0.09 )  |
| a_facfdiarlag_bic     | 0.94 (0.05 ) 0.7                        | 7 (0.23 ) | 0.97 (0.04 ) | 0.81 (0.32 )  | 0.82 (0.10 ) | 0.85 (0.17 )  |
| a_facfdiar_bic        | 1.05 (0.11 ) 0.4                        | 1 (0.17 ) | 1.00 (0.07 ) | 0.49 (0.30 )  | 0.93 (0.13 ) | 0.57 (0.15 )  |
| a_facfdi_bic          | 1.13 (0.13 ) 0.33                       | 1 (0.16 ) | 1.17 (0.14 ) | 0.25 (0.16 )  | 1.02 (0.12 ) | 0.48 (0.17 )  |
| a_fbpfdiarlag_bic     | 0.91 (0.10 ) 0.69                       | 9 (0.21 ) | 0.92 (0.09 ) | 0.85 (0.38 )  | 0.80 (0.13 ) | 0.75 (0.18 )  |
| a_fbpfdiar_bic        | 0.87 (0.11 ) 0.73                       | 2 (0.19 ) | 0.90 (0.10 ) | 0.70 (0.21 )  | 0.78 (0.13 ) | 0.79 (0.17 )  |
| a_fbpfdi_bic          | 0.92 (0.14 ) 0.6                        | 0 (0.19 ) | 0.95 (0.14 ) | 0.57 (0.19 )  | 0.85 (0.13 ) | 0.68 (0.16 )  |
| a_facfdiar_01         | 0.97 (0.04 ) 1.0                        | 5 (0.52 ) | 0.96 (0.04 ) | 1.07 (0.48 )  | 0.96 (0.03 ) | 1.89 (0.72 )  |
| a_facfdiar_02         | 0.99 (0.04 ) 0.5                        | 8 (0.40 ) | 0.98 (0.04 ) | 0.70 (0.39 )  | 0.98 (0.05 ) | 0.64 (0.36 )  |
| a_facfdiar_03         | 0.91 (0.07 ) 0.88                       | 8 (0.26 ) | 0.91 (0.06 ) | 0.92 (0.29 )  | 0.82 (0.10 ) | 0.85 (0.17 )  |
| a_facfdiar_04         | 0.91 (0.06 ) 0.89                       | 9 (0.25 ) | 0.92 (0.06 ) | 0.93 (0.28 )  | 0.82 (0.09 ) | 0.87 (0.17 )  |
| a_facfdi_01           | 3.96 (1.63 ) -0.4                       | 1 (0.07 ) | 4.09 (1.75 ) | -0.40 (0.07 ) | 2.87 (0.92 ) | -0.49 (0.10 ) |
| a_facfdi_02           | 2.21 (0.64 ) -0.5                       | 9 (0.11 ) | 2.28 (0.69 ) | -0.58 (0.11 ) | 1.60 (0.33 ) | -0.36 (0.19 ) |
| a_facfdi_03           | 1.24 (0.15 ) 0.1                        | 6 (0.19 ) | 1.28 (0.17 ) | 0.11 (0.20 )  | 0.95 (0.11 ) | 0.57 (0.17 )  |
| a_facfdi_04           | ,                                       | 5 (0.19 ) | 1.28 (0.16 ) | 0.10 (0.20 )  | 0.95 (0.11 ) | 0.58 (0.16 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 1.17 (0.21 ) 0.4                        | 3 (0.08 ) | 1.11 (0.16 ) | 0.45 (0.07 )  | 1.19 (0.26 ) | 0.42 (0.09 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_bic    | ,                                       | 7 (0.09 ) | 1.38 (0.36 ) | 0.35 (0.09 )  | 1.69 (0.53 ) | 0.29 (0.09 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_bic      | 1.64 (0.44 ) 0.3                        | 1 (0.07 ) | 1.67 (0.46 ) | 0.30 (0.07 )  | 1.39 (0.40 ) | 0.36 (0.09 )  |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 1.07 (0.19 ) 0.4                        | 7 (0.08 ) | 1.04 (0.18 ) | 0.48 (0.08 )  | 1.02 (0.19 ) | 0.49 (0.09 )  |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiar_bic    | 1.03 (0.17 ) 0.49                       | 9 (0.08 ) | 1.04 (0.17 ) | 0.48 (0.08 )  | 1.01 (0.21 ) | 0.49 (0.10 )  |
| a_fbp_ic_fdi_bic      | 1.04 (0.17 ) 0.4                        | 8 (0.07 ) | 1.05 (0.17 ) | 0.48 (0.07 )  | 1.01 (0.20 ) | 0.49 (0.10 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_01     | , ,                                     | 5 (0.07 ) | 1.13 (0.17 ) | 0.44 (0.07 )  | 1.13 (0.21 ) | 0.44 (0.09 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_02     | 1.20 (0.19 ) 0.4                        | 1 (0.07 ) | 1.20 (0.19 ) | 0.41 (0.07 )  | 1.25 (0.24 ) | 0.39 (0.08 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_03     | 1.17 (0.20 ) 0.4                        | 3 (0.08 ) | 1.17 (0.20 ) | 0.43 (0.07 )  | 1.19 (0.26 ) | 0.42 (0.09 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_04     | 1.16 (0.20 ) 0.4                        | 3 (0.07 ) | 1.16 (0.19 ) | 0.43 (0.07 )  | 1.17 (0.25 ) | 0.43 (0.09 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_01       | ,                                       | 9 (0.11 ) | 0.61 (0.15 ) | 0.78 (0.11 )  | 0.72 (0.15 ) | 0.69 (0.12 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_02       | , | 8 (0.06 ) | 1.35 (0.25 ) | 0.38 (0.06 )  | 1.26 (0.25 ) | 0.40 (0.08 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_03       | 1.32 (0.30 ) 0.39                       | 9 (0.07 ) | 1.34 (0.31 ) | 0.38 (0.07 )  | 1.18 (0.26 ) | 0.43 (0.09 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_04       | 1.30 (0.29 ) 0.3                        | 9 (0.08 ) | 1.33 (0.31 ) | 0.39 (0.08 )  | 1.16 (0.25 ) | 0.44 (0.09 )  |
| RMSE for AR Model     | 0.014                                   |           | 0.014        |               | 0.016        |               |

Horizon = 24.000

|                       | Series                     |                            |                            |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Forecast Method       | cpi                        | rpix                       | cpnf                       |
| _bse0                 | 1.00 (0.00 ) . ( . )       | 1.00 (0.00 ) . ( . )       | 1.00 (0.00 ) . ( . )       |
| _bse0_i2              | 0.55 (0.23 ) 0.72 (0.10 )  | 0.55 (0.23 ) 0.72 (0.10 )  | 0.66 (0.24 ) 0.65 (0.11 )  |
| _bse0ic               | 0.57 (0.27 ) 0.69 (0.15 )  | 0.57 (0.28 ) 0.69 (0.15 )  | 0.52 (0.26 ) 0.72 (0.15 )  |
| _varf                 | 0.88 (0.09 ) 1.51 (0.63 )  | 0.88 (0.09 ) 1.46 (0.63 )  | 0.89 (0.09 ) 1.37 (0.66 )  |
| _varfic               | 0.61 (0.28 ) 0.66 (0.15 )  | 0.61 (0.28 ) 0.66 (0.15 )  | 0.57 (0.27 ) 0.68 (0.15 )  |
| a_facfdiarlag_bic     | 0.93 (0.09 ) 1.16 (0.65 )  | 0.92 (0.09 ) 1.19 (0.61 )  | 0.88 (0.09 ) 1.47 (0.52 )  |
| a_facfdiar_bic        | 0.76 (0.22 ) 0.77 (0.21 )  | 0.79 (0.22 ) 0.69 (0.17 )  | 0.65 (0.20 ) 0.91 (0.16 )  |
| a_facfdi_bic          | 0.82 (0.23 ) 0.72 (0.26 )  | 0.83 (0.23 ) 0.71 (0.27 )  | 0.70 (0.20 ) 0.92 (0.21 )  |
| a_fbpfdiarlag_bic     | 0.93 (0.14 ) 0.72 (0.41 )  | 0.94 (0.14 ) 0.67 (0.41 )  | 0.75 (0.14 ) 1.14 (0.28 )  |
| a_fbpfdiar_bic        | 0.73 (0.23 ) 0.78 (0.23 )  | 0.74 (0.23 ) 0.76 (0.22 )  | 0.66 (0.21 ) 0.97 (0.26 )  |
| a_fbpfdi_bic          | 0.77 (0.23 ) 0.74 (0.24 )  | 0.79 (0.24 ) 0.73 (0.24 )  | 0.66 (0.21 ) 0.97 (0.26 )  |
| a_facfdiar_01         | 0.93 (0.09 ) 1.16 (0.65 )  | 0.92 (0.09 ) 1.20 (0.61 )  | 0.91 (0.09 ) 1.31 (0.64 )  |
| a_facfdiar_02         | 0.93 (0.10 ) 1.16 (0.72 )  | 0.91 (0.10 ) 1.22 (0.68 )  | 0.93 (0.08 ) 1.21 (0.61 )  |
| a_facfdiar_03         | 0.96 (0.09 ) 0.93 (0.77 )  | 0.95 (0.09 ) 0.93 (0.73 )  | 0.88 (0.09 ) 1.44 (0.53 )  |
| a_facfdiar_04         | 0.91 (0.10 ) 1.22 (0.66 )  | 0.91 (0.10 ) 1.19 (0.64 )  | 0.84 (0.10 ) 1.53 (0.43 )  |
| a_facfdi_01           | 2.21 (0.68 ) -1.00 (0.19 ) | 2.24 (0.70 ) -0.98 (0.19 ) | 1.79 (0.43 ) -1.23 (0.26 ) |
| a_facfdi_02           | 1.71 (0.36 ) -1.39 (0.23 ) | 1.73 (0.37 ) -1.35 (0.24 ) | 1.38 (0.19 ) -1.27 (0.35 ) |
| a_facfdi_03           | 1.22 (0.10 ) -0.58 (0.41 ) | 1.24 (0.10 ) -0.60 (0.41 ) | 0.99 (0.07 ) 0.55 (0.38 )  |
| a_facfdi_04           | 1.17 (0.08 ) -0.32 (0.37 ) | 1.18 (0.08 ) -0.34 (0.37 ) | 0.95 (0.07 ) 0.77 (0.31 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 0.50 (0.26 ) 0.73 (0.13 )  | 0.50 (0.26 ) 0.73 (0.13 )  | 0.46 (0.25 ) 0.75 (0.13 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_bic    | 0.75 (0.24 ) 0.60 (0.09 )  | 0.86 (0.23 ) 0.55 (0.08 )  | 0.69 (0.24 ) 0.63 (0.10 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_bic      | 0.71 (0.24 ) 0.62 (0.09 )  | 0.71 (0.24 ) 0.62 (0.09 )  | 0.60 (0.24 ) 0.67 (0.11 )  |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 0.66 (0.23 ) 0.64 (0.09 )  | 0.68 (0.23 ) 0.63 (0.09 )  | 0.77 (0.26 ) 0.60 (0.12 )  |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiar_bic    | 0.86 (0.29 ) 0.56 (0.13 )  | 0.87 (0.29 ) 0.55 (0.13 )  | 0.73 (0.26 ) 0.63 (0.14 )  |
| a_fbp_ic_fdi_bic      | 0.89 (0.30 ) 0.54 (0.13 )  | 0.90 (0.30 ) 0.54 (0.13 )  | 0.73 (0.26 ) 0.63 (0.14 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_01     | 0.50 (0.26 ) 0.73 (0.13 )  | 0.50 (0.26 ) 0.73 (0.13 )  | 0.45 (0.25 ) 0.76 (0.14 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_02     | 0.46 (0.25 ) 0.75 (0.13 )  | 0.45 (0.26 ) 0.76 (0.13 )  | 0.47 (0.25 ) 0.75 (0.14 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_03     | 0.47 (0.26 ) 0.75 (0.13 )  | 0.46 (0.26 ) 0.76 (0.13 )  | 0.48 (0.26 ) 0.74 (0.15 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_04     | 0.47 (0.26 ) 0.74 (0.13 )  | 0.46 (0.26 ) 0.75 (0.13 )  | 0.49 (0.26 ) 0.73 (0.14 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_01       | 0.41 (0.26 ) 0.82 (0.19 )  | 0.41 (0.26 ) 0.82 (0.19 )  | 0.39 (0.25 ) 0.84 (0.19 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_02       | 0.70 (0.28 ) 0.63 (0.14 )  | 0.70 (0.29 ) 0.63 (0.14 )  | 0.66 (0.27 ) 0.65 (0.14 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_03       | 0.61 (0.29 ) 0.66 (0.15 )  | 0.62 (0.29 ) 0.66 (0.15 )  | 0.58 (0.28 ) 0.68 (0.15 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_04       | 0.63 (0.29 ) 0.65 (0.15 )  | 0.63 (0.29 ) 0.65 (0.15 )  | 0.59 (0.28 ) 0.67 (0.15 )  |
| RMSE for AR Model     | 0.077                      | 0.076                      | 0.083                      |

Notes: See notes to Table 2

Table 6 - Results for financial variables, h=12

|                       | Series       |               |                              |                            |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Forecast Method       | fytb         |               | fs                           | espo                       |
| _bse0                 | 1.00 (0.00 ) | . ( . )       | 1.00 (0.00 ) . ( . )         | 1.00 (0.00 ) . ( . )       |
| _bse0_i2              | 4.56 (5.55 ) | 0.10 (0.05 )  | 11.24 (36.79 ) -0.05 (0.03 ) | 8.30 (15.44 ) 0.01 (0.04 ) |
| _bse0ic               | 1.69 (0.51 ) | 0.18 (0.16 )  | 2.82 (2.16 ) -0.38 (0.19 )   | 2.41 (1.01 ) -0.11 (0.16 ) |
| _varf                 | 1.23 (0.18 ) | -0.59 (0.54 ) | 1.17 (0.16 ) 0.01 (0.30 )    | 1.03 (0.14 ) 0.38 (0.57 )  |
| _varfic               | 1.61 (0.49 ) | 0.18 (0.17 )  | 3.08 (2.39 ) -0.27 (0.19 )   | 2.82 (1.48 ) -0.12 (0.14 ) |
| a_facfdiarlag_bic     | 1.01 (0.14 ) | 0.45 (0.50 )  | 1.20 (0.22 ) 0.02 (0.43 )    | 0.94 (0.06 ) 1.10 (0.61 )  |
| a_facfdiar_bic        | 0.93 (0.15 ) | 0.68 (0.35 )  | 1.34 (0.29 ) 0.12 (0.25 )    | 0.97 (0.07 ) 0.70 (0.59 )  |
| a_facfdi_bic          | 0.95 (0.14 ) | 0.66 (0.43 )  | 1.34 (0.29 ) 0.12 (0.25 )    | 0.97 (0.07 ) 0.70 (0.59 )  |
| a_fbpfdiarlag_bic     | 1.15 (0.13 ) | -0.21 (0.41 ) | 1.26 (0.20 ) -0.60 (0.43 )   | 1.00 (0.11 ) 0.49 (0.53 )  |
| a_fbpfdiar_bic        | 0.97 (0.22 ) | 0.56 (0.37 )  | 1.66 (0.54 ) 0.02 (0.24 )    | 1.02 (0.12 ) 0.41 (0.52 )  |
| a_fbpfdi_bic          | 0.97 (0.22 ) | 0.56 (0.37 )  | 1.66 (0.54 ) 0.02 (0.24 )    | 1.02 (0.12 ) 0.41 (0.52 )  |
| a_facfdiar_01         | 0.94 (0.04 ) | 4.44 (0.98 )  | 1.11 (0.07 ) -0.48 (0.39 )   | 1.02 (0.02 ) 0.11 (0.51 )  |
| a_facfdiar_02         | 1.01 (0.14 ) | 0.45 (0.50 )  | 1.15 (0.21 ) -0.00 (0.58 )   | 0.94 (0.06 ) 1.04 (0.61 )  |
| a_facfdiar_03         | 1.08 (0.16 ) | 0.21 (0.50 )  | 1.19 (0.24 ) -0.09 (0.60 )   | 0.90 (0.08 ) 1.33 (0.65 )  |
| a_facfdiar_04         | 1.04 (0.14 ) | 0.37 (0.51 )  | 1.22 (0.24 ) 0.02 (0.40 )    | 0.92 (0.08 ) 1.06 (0.57 )  |
| a_facfdi_01           | 0.94 (0.04 ) | 4.44 (0.98 )  | 1.11 (0.07 ) -0.48 (0.39 )   | 1.01 (0.03 ) 0.38 (0.55 )  |
| a_facfdi_02           | 1.01 (0.14 ) | 0.45 (0.50 )  | 1.15 (0.21 ) -0.00 (0.58 )   | 0.92 (0.07 ) 1.21 (0.62 )  |
| a_facfdi_03           | 1.08 (0.16 ) | 0.21 (0.50 )  | 1.19 (0.24 ) -0.09 (0.60 )   | 0.93 (0.07 ) 1.11 (0.65 )  |
| a_facfdi_04           | 1.04 (0.14 ) | 0.37 (0.51 )  | 1.22 (0.24 ) 0.02 (0.40 )    | 0.95 (0.07 ) 0.87 (0.55 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 1.51 (0.43 ) | 0.22 (0.17 )  | 2.93 (2.38 ) -0.34 (0.17 )   | 2.47 (1.08 ) -0.10 (0.18 ) |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_bic    | 1.66 (0.46 ) | 0.17 (0.15 )  | 3.09 (2.51 ) -0.23 (0.15 )   | 2.57 (1.19 ) -0.12 (0.18 ) |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_bic      | 1.58 (0.48 ) | 0.20 (0.17 )  | 3.09 (2.51 ) -0.23 (0.15 )   | 2.57 (1.19 ) -0.12 (0.18 ) |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 1.76 (0.61 ) | 0.17 (0.15 )  | 3.39 (3.36 ) -0.39 (0.15 )   | 2.64 (1.26 ) -0.09 (0.16 ) |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiar_bic    | 1.62 (0.57 ) | 0.12 (0.21 )  | 3.28 (2.76 ) -0.23 (0.14 )   | 2.74 (1.31 ) -0.10 (0.16 ) |
| a_fbp_ic_fdi_bic      | 1.62 (0.57 ) | 0.12 (0.21 )  | 3.28 (2.76 ) -0.23 (0.14 )   | 2.74 (1.31 ) -0.10 (0.16 ) |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_01     | 1.66 (0.47 ) | 0.20 (0.14 )  | 3.17 (2.71 ) -0.33 (0.15 )   | 2.51 (1.10 ) -0.12 (0.16 ) |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_02     | 1.51 (0.43 ) | 0.22 (0.17 )  | 2.96 (2.42 ) -0.39 (0.17 )   | 2.53 (1.16 ) -0.11 (0.17 ) |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_03     | 1.57 (0.47 ) | 0.20 (0.17 )  | 2.96 (2.45 ) -0.40 (0.17 )   | 2.45 (1.04 ) -0.09 (0.16 ) |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_04     | 1.53 (0.45 ) | 0.22 (0.17 )  | 2.94 (2.42 ) -0.33 (0.17 )   | 2.52 (1.10 ) -0.09 (0.15 ) |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_01       | 1.66 (0.47 ) | 0.20 (0.14 )  | 3.17 (2.71 ) -0.33 (0.15 )   | 2.50 (1.09 ) -0.12 (0.16 ) |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_02       | 1.51 (0.43 ) | 0.22 (0.17 )  | 2.96 (2.42 ) -0.39 (0.17 )   | 2.49 (1.10 ) -0.11 (0.17 ) |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_03       | 1.57 (0.47 ) | 0.20 (0.17 )  | 2.96 (2.45 ) -0.40 (0.17 )   | 2.51 (1.12 ) -0.11 (0.17 ) |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_04       | 1.53 (0.45 ) | 0.22 (0.17 )  | 2.94 (2.42 ) -0.33 (0.17 )   | 2.57 (1.17 ) -0.10 (0.16 ) |
| RMSE for AR Model     | 2.282        |               | 0.128                        | 0.117                      |

Notes: See notes to Table 2

Table 7 - Results for financial variables, h=6 and h=24

Horizon = 6.000

|                       | Series                     |                            |                            |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Forecast Method       | fytb                       | fs                         | espo                       |
| _bse0                 | 1.00 (0.00 ) . ( . )       | 1.00 (0.00 ) . ( . )       | 1.00 (0.00 ) . ( . )       |
| _bse0_i2              | 4.06 (4.45 ) 0.00 (0.07 )  | 5.94 (9.47 ) -0.02 (0.05 ) | 4.31 (3.87 ) -0.04 (0.06 ) |
| _bse0ic               | 1.76 (0.60 ) 0.17 (0.13 )  | 2.21 (1.25 ) -0.08 (0.16 ) | 2.31 (0.98 ) -0.12 (0.13 ) |
| _varf                 | 1.17 (0.12 ) -0.82 (0.57 ) | 1.07 (0.07 ) 0.15 (0.28 )  | 1.01 (0.07 ) 0.40 (0.56 )  |
| _varfic               | 1.81 (0.64 ) 0.15 (0.12 )  | 2.36 (1.37 ) -0.01 (0.12 ) | 2.54 (1.24 ) -0.07 (0.10 ) |
| a_facfdiarlag_bic     | 1.05 (0.11 ) 0.32 (0.36 )  | 1.11 (0.07 ) -0.07 (0.32 ) | 0.98 (0.02 ) 1.17 (0.77 )  |
| a_facfdiar_bic        | 1.00 (0.09 ) 0.51 (0.32 )  | 1.19 (0.10 ) -0.21 (0.22 ) | 0.98 (0.02 ) 1.17 (0.77 )  |
| a_facfdi_bic          | 1.03 (0.10 ) 0.41 (0.35 )  | 1.19 (0.10 ) -0.21 (0.22 ) | 0.98 (0.02 ) 1.17 (0.77 )  |
| a_fbpfdiarlag_bic     | 1.16 (0.11 ) -0.26 (0.29 ) | 1.00 (0.00 ) . ( . )       | 1.04 (0.02 ) -1.11 (0.62 ) |
| a_fbpfdiar_bic        | 0.99 (0.10 ) 0.53 (0.36 )  | 1.00 (0.00 ) . ( . )       | 1.04 (0.02 ) -1.11 (0.62 ) |
| a_fbpfdi_bic          | 1.00 (0.11 ) 0.49 (0.32 )  | 0.99 (0.03 ) 2.00 (2.58 )  | 1.04 (0.02 ) -1.11 (0.62 ) |
| a_facfdiar_01         | 0.97 (0.04 ) 1.01 (0.51 )  | 1.04 (0.04 ) 0.08 (0.55 )  | 0.98 (0.02 ) 1.17 (0.77 )  |
| a_facfdiar_02         | 1.05 (0.11 ) 0.34 (0.35 )  | 1.05 (0.10 ) 0.24 (0.61 )  | 0.97 (0.03 ) 1.47 (0.76 )  |
| a_facfdiar_03         | 1.00 (0.09 ) 0.52 (0.41 )  | 1.07 (0.11 ) 0.14 (0.61 )  | 0.97 (0.03 ) 1.29 (0.79 )  |
| a_facfdiar_04         | 0.94 (0.09 ) 0.77 (0.43 )  | 1.10 (0.11 ) 0.09 (0.45 )  | 0.99 (0.03 ) 0.73 (0.63 )  |
| a_facfdi_01           | 0.97 (0.04 ) 1.01 (0.51 )  | 1.04 (0.04 ) 0.08 (0.55 )  | 0.98 (0.02 ) 1.17 (0.77 )  |
| a_facfdi_02           | 1.05 (0.11 ) 0.34 (0.35 )  | 1.05 (0.10 ) 0.24 (0.61 )  | 0.97 (0.03 ) 1.47 (0.76 )  |
| a_facfdi_03           | 1.00 (0.09 ) 0.52 (0.41 )  | 1.07 (0.11 ) 0.14 (0.61 )  | 0.97 (0.03 ) 1.29 (0.79 )  |
| a_facfdi_04           | 0.94 (0.09 ) 0.77 (0.43 )  | 1.10 (0.11 ) 0.09 (0.45 )  | 0.99 (0.03 ) 0.73 (0.63 )  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 1.53 (0.43 ) 0.21 (0.14 )  | 2.24 (1.18 ) -0.04 (0.13 ) | 2.27 (0.99 ) -0.10 (0.13 ) |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_bic    | 1.51 (0.42 ) 0.24 (0.13 )  | 2.40 (1.48 ) -0.07 (0.14 ) | 2.27 (0.99 ) -0.10 (0.13 ) |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_bic      | 1.53 (0.44 ) 0.22 (0.13 )  | 2.40 (1.48 ) -0.07 (0.14 ) | 2.27 (0.99 ) -0.10 (0.13 ) |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 1.60 (0.45 ) 0.23 (0.12 )  | 2.21 (1.25 ) -0.08 (0.16 ) | 2.41 (1.06 ) -0.12 (0.12 ) |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiar_bic    | 1.55 (0.42 ) 0.24 (0.12 )  | 2.21 (1.25 ) -0.08 (0.16 ) | 2.41 (1.06 ) -0.12 (0.12 ) |
| a_fbp_ic_fdi_bic      | 1.65 (0.51 ) 0.21 (0.13 )  | 2.17 (1.17 ) -0.08 (0.15 ) | 2.41 (1.06 ) -0.12 (0.12 ) |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_01     | 1.70 (0.53 ) 0.18 (0.12 )  | 2.30 (1.21 ) -0.05 (0.12 ) | 2.27 (0.99 ) -0.10 (0.13 ) |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_02     | 1.52 (0.43 ) 0.21 (0.14 )  | 2.13 (1.03 ) -0.04 (0.13 ) | 2.26 (0.97 ) -0.10 (0.13 ) |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_03     | 1.54 (0.44 ) 0.22 (0.13 )  | 2.14 (1.03 ) -0.04 (0.13 ) | 2.29 (0.99 ) -0.10 (0.13 ) |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_04     | 1.52 (0.41 ) 0.22 (0.13 )  | 2.19 (1.05 ) -0.03 (0.12 ) | 2.36 (1.07 ) -0.10 (0.12 ) |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_01       | 1.70 (0.53 ) 0.18 (0.12 )  | 2.30 (1.21 ) -0.05 (0.12 ) | 2.27 (0.99 ) -0.10 (0.13 ) |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_02       | 1.52 (0.43 ) 0.21 (0.14 )  | 2.13 (1.03 ) -0.04 (0.13 ) | 2.26 (0.97 ) -0.10 (0.13 ) |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_03       | 1.54 (0.44 ) 0.22 (0.13 )  | 2.14 (1.03 ) -0.04 (0.13 ) | 2.29 (0.99 ) -0.10 (0.13 ) |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_04       | 1.52 (0.41 ) 0.22 (0.13 )  | 2.19 (1.05 ) -0.03 (0.12 ) | 2.36 (1.07 ) -0.10 (0.12 ) |
| RMSE for AR Model     | 1.282                      | 0.094                      | 0.090                      |

## Horizon = 24.000

|                       | Series                     |                              |                             |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Forecast Method       | fytb                       | fs                           | espo                        |
| _bse0                 | 1.00 (0.00 ) . ( . )       | 1.00 (0.00 ) . ( . )         | 1.00 (0.00 ) . ( . )        |
| _bse0_i2              | 7.38 (16.06 ) 0.05 (0.06 ) | 37.98 (435.9 ) -0.03 (0.01 ) | 16.66 (64.55 ) 0.02 (0.04 ) |
| _bse0ic               | 2.35 (1.21 ) -0.16 (0.31 ) | 2.37 (2.34 ) 0.01 (0.25 )    | 1.98 (0.69 ) 0.07 (0.21 )   |
| _varf                 | 1.24 (0.28 ) -0.49 (0.76 ) | 1.33 (0.50 ) -0.16 (0.41 )   | 0.89 (0.18 ) 0.89 (0.56 )   |
| _varfic               | 2.28 (0.98 ) -0.26 (0.32 ) | 2.75 (3.36 ) -0.02 (0.19 )   | 1.83 (0.63 ) 0.19 (0.18 )   |
| a_facfdiarlag_bic     | 1.10 (0.17 ) 0.11 (0.56 )  | 1.46 (0.60 ) 0.11 (0.27 )    | 0.76 (0.18 ) 1.27 (0.36 )   |
| a_facfdiar_bic        | 0.62 (0.26 ) 1.43 (0.40 )  | 1.68 (0.90 ) 0.08 (0.28 )    | 1.27 (0.46 ) -0.14 (0.52 )  |
| a_facfdi_bic          | 0.60 (0.25 ) 1.63 (0.43 )  | 1.68 (0.90 ) 0.08 (0.28 )    | 1.26 (0.46 ) -0.13 (0.52 )  |
| a_fbpfdiarlag_bic     | 1.07 (0.14 ) 0.17 (0.64 )  | 1.26 (0.50 ) 0.29 (0.26 )    | 0.92 (0.10 ) 0.70 (0.21 )   |
| a_fbpfdiar_bic        | 0.52 (0.33 ) 1.18 (0.29 )  | 2.33 (1.62 ) 0.04 (0.18 )    | 1.05 (0.10 ) 0.39 (0.20 )   |
| a_fbpfdi_bic          | 0.54 (0.33 ) 1.13 (0.30 )  | 2.33 (1.62 ) 0.04 (0.18 )    | 1.05 (0.10 ) 0.39 (0.20 )   |
| a_facfdiar_01         | 0.96 (0.04 ) 5.53 (2.18 )  | 1.25 (0.19 ) -0.00 (0.20 )   | 0.97 (0.03 ) 1.20 (0.53 )   |
| a_facfdiar_02         | 0.98 (0.11 ) 0.58 (0.55 )  | 1.29 (0.45 ) 0.23 (0.25 )    | 0.76 (0.18 ) 1.27 (0.36 )   |
| a_facfdiar_03         | 1.11 (0.19 ) 0.10 (0.59 )  | 1.41 (0.67 ) 0.14 (0.31 )    | 0.78 (0.18 ) 1.23 (0.39 )   |
| a_facfdiar_04         | 1.08 (0.16 ) 0.18 (0.60 )  | 1.44 (0.56 ) 0.13 (0.25 )    | 0.81 (0.16 ) 1.17 (0.37 )   |
| a_facfdi_01           | 0.96 (0.04 ) 5.53 (2.18 )  | 1.13 (0.07 ) -0.08 (0.28 )   | 0.97 (0.03 ) 1.20 (0.53 )   |
| a_facfdi_02           | 0.98 (0.11 ) 0.58 (0.55 )  | 1.29 (0.45 ) 0.23 (0.25 )    | 0.77 (0.17 ) 1.29 (0.39 )   |
| a_facfdi_03           | 1.11 (0.19 ) 0.10 (0.59 )  | 1.41 (0.67 ) 0.14 (0.31 )    | 0.79 (0.17 ) 1.24 (0.42 )   |
| a_facfdi_04           | 1.08 (0.16 ) 0.18 (0.60 )  | 1.44 (0.56 ) 0.13 (0.25 )    | 0.82 (0.15 ) 1.18 (0.41 )   |
| a_fac_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 2.08 (0.86 ) -0.14 (0.34 ) | 2.64 (1.74 ) -0.00 (0.21 )   | 2.08 (0.84 ) 0.08 (0.18 )   |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_bic    | 1.27 (0.33 ) 0.23 (0.35 )  | 2.43 (1.46 ) 0.04 (0.20 )    | 2.94 (2.41 ) 0.00 (0.12 )   |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_bic      | 1.21 (0.34 ) 0.31 (0.32 )  | 2.43 (1.46 ) 0.04 (0.20 )    | 2.94 (2.42 ) 0.00 (0.12 )   |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 2.07 (0.85 ) -0.04 (0.29 ) | 2.40 (1.64 ) 0.05 (0.20 )    | 2.33 (1.17 ) 0.09 (0.14 )   |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiar_bic    | 1.23 (0.35 ) 0.21 (0.44 )  | 3.52 (2.40 ) 0.03 (0.12 )    | 2.59 (1.61 ) 0.08 (0.12 )   |
| a_fbp_ic_fdi_bic      | 1.32 (0.42 ) 0.13 (0.45 )  | 3.52 (2.40 ) 0.03 (0.12 )    | 2.59 (1.61 ) 0.08 (0.12 )   |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_01     | 2.25 (1.11 ) -0.12 (0.31 ) | 2.72 (2.74 ) 0.03 (0.20 )    | 1.99 (0.71 ) 0.08 (0.19 )   |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_02     | 1.87 (0.72 ) -0.07 (0.35 ) | 2.27 (1.47 ) 0.06 (0.24 )    | 2.08 (0.84 ) 0.08 (0.18 )   |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_03     | 2.02 (0.78 ) -0.13 (0.34 ) | 2.38 (1.69 ) 0.02 (0.24 )    | 2.13 (0.86 ) 0.07 (0.18 )   |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_04     | 2.01 (0.78 ) -0.12 (0.33 ) | 2.55 (1.60 ) 0.02 (0.22 )    | 2.19 (0.90 ) 0.08 (0.17 )   |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_01       | 2.25 (1.11 ) -0.12 (0.31 ) | 2.67 (2.59 ) -0.00 (0.21 )   | 1.99 (0.71 ) 0.08 (0.19 )   |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_02       | 1.87 (0.72 ) -0.07 (0.35 ) | 2.27 (1.47 ) 0.06 (0.24 )    | 2.13 (0.91 ) 0.07 (0.18 )   |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_03       | 2.02 (0.78 ) -0.13 (0.34 ) | 2.38 (1.69 ) 0.02 (0.24 )    | 2.18 (0.94 ) 0.06 (0.19 )   |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_04       | 2.01 (0.78 ) -0.12 (0.33 ) | 2.55 (1.60 ) 0.02 (0.22 )    | 2.25 (0.99 ) 0.05 (0.18 )   |
| RMSE for AR Model     | 3.766                      | 0.137                        | 0.163                       |

RMSE for AR Model 3.766
Notes: See notes to Table 2

Table 8: Directional forecasting accuracy

Results for real variables

Format of results for each series:

#(FupRup) #(FupRdown) #(FdownRup) #(FdownRdown) ConcordanceIndex,

Note: #(FupRup) means the number of cases where the Forecasted direction is up and the Realization of the direction is up, and accordingly the same for the other three possible combinations.

The ConcordanceIndex is defined, as in Harding and Pagan (1999),

as the fraction of cases where the direction is forecasted correctly.

#### Horizon = 12.00

|                       | Series                  |      |                           |                                  |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Forecast Method       | ip                      |      | rtvol                     | lurat                            |
| _bse0                 | 39.00 17.00 27.00 64.00 | 0.70 | 45.00 18.00 37.00 47.00 0 | .63 41.00 20.00 6.00 80.00 0.82  |
| _bse0_i2              | 56.00 17.00 10.00 64.00 | 0.82 | 62.00 15.00 11.00 59.00 0 | .82 45.00 16.00 8.00 78.00 0.84  |
| _bse0ic               | 30.00 53.00 36.00 28.00 | 0.39 | 44.00 28.00 38.00 37.00 0 | .55 36.00 16.00 11.00 84.00 0.82 |
| _varf                 | 60.00 35.00 6.00 46.00  | 0.72 | 69.00 28.00 13.00 37.00 0 | .72 34.00 7.00 13.00 93.00 0.86  |
| _varfic               | 42.00 29.00 24.00 52.00 | 0.64 | 39.00 20.00 43.00 45.00 0 | .57 37.00 12.00 10.00 88.00 0.85 |
| a_facfdiarlag_bic     | 56.00 30.00 10.00 51.00 | 0.73 | 67.00 24.00 15.00 41.00 0 | .73 39.00 9.00 8.00 91.00 0.88   |
| a_facfdiar_bic        | 49.00 31.00 17.00 50.00 | 0.67 | 67.00 25.00 15.00 40.00 0 | .73 42.00 20.00 5.00 80.00 0.83  |
| a_facfdi_bic          | 49.00 30.00 17.00 51.00 | 0.68 | 66.00 24.00 16.00 41.00 0 | .73 45.00 31.00 2.00 69.00 0.78  |
| a_fbpfdiarlag_bic     | 54.00 34.00 12.00 47.00 | 0.69 | 70.00 29.00 12.00 36.00 0 | .72 35.00 9.00 12.00 91.00 0.86  |
| a_fbpfdiar_bic        | 46.00 21.00 20.00 60.00 | 0.72 | 68.00 33.00 14.00 32.00 0 | .68 40.00 22.00 7.00 78.00 0.80  |
| a_fbpfdi_bic          | 45.00 21.00 21.00 60.00 | 0.71 | 66.00 33.00 16.00 32.00 0 | .67 46.00 28.00 1.00 72.00 0.80  |
| a_facfdiar_01         | 39.00 16.00 27.00 65.00 | 0.71 | 45.00 18.00 37.00 47.00 0 | .63 40.00 21.00 7.00 79.00 0.81  |
| a_facfdiar_02         | 56.00 30.00 10.00 51.00 | 0.73 | 59.00 19.00 23.00 46.00 ( | .71 39.00 9.00 8.00 91.00 0.88   |
| a_facfdiar_03         | 52.00 30.00 14.00 51.00 | 0.70 | 67.00 24.00 15.00 41.00 0 | .73 38.00 7.00 9.00 93.00 0.89   |
| a_facfdiar_04         | 49.00 29.00 17.00 52.00 | 0.69 | 67.00 25.00 15.00 40.00 0 | .73 40.00 9.00 7.00 91.00 0.89   |
| a_facfdi_01           | 39.00 16.00 27.00 65.00 | 0.71 | 44.00 19.00 38.00 46.00 0 | .61 44.00 93.00 3.00 7.00 0.35   |
| a_facfdi_02           | 51.00 29.00 15.00 52.00 | 0.70 | 57.00 22.00 25.00 43.00 0 | .68 40.00 19.00 7.00 81.00 0.82  |
| a_facfdi_03           | 51.00 29.00 15.00 52.00 | 0.70 | 64.00 21.00 18.00 44.00 0 | .73 36.00 17.00 11.00 83.00 0.81 |
| a_facfdi_04           | 51.00 29.00 15.00 52.00 | 0.70 | 64.00 21.00 18.00 44.00 0 | .73 34.00 23.00 13.00 77.00 0.76 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 39.00 36.00 27.00 45.00 | 0.57 | 52.00 22.00 30.00 43.00 0 | .65 39.00 12.00 8.00 88.00 0.86  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_bic    | 34.00 30.00 32.00 51.00 | 0.58 | 52.00 23.00 30.00 42.00 0 | .64 40.00 10.00 7.00 90.00 0.88  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_bic      | 34.00 31.00 32.00 50.00 | 0.57 | 53.00 20.00 29.00 45.00 0 | .67 35.00 14.00 12.00 86.00 0.82 |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 37.00 30.00 29.00 51.00 | 0.60 | 49.00 23.00 33.00 42.00 0 | .62 37.00 13.00 10.00 87.00 0.84 |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiar_bic    | 41.00 29.00 25.00 52.00 | 0.63 | 48.00 26.00 34.00 39.00 0 | .59 35.00 11.00 12.00 89.00 0.84 |
| a_fbp_ic_fdi_bic      | 40.00 29.00 26.00 52.00 | 0.63 | 45.00 23.00 37.00 42.00 0 | .59 38.00 12.00 9.00 88.00 0.86  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_01     | 33.00 42.00 33.00 39.00 | 0.49 |                           | .60 37.00 16.00 10.00 84.00 0.82 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_02     | 40.00 35.00 26.00 46.00 | 0.59 | 53.00 23.00 29.00 42.00 0 | .65 39.00 12.00 8.00 88.00 0.86  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_03     | 40.00 34.00 26.00 47.00 | 0.59 | 52.00 22.00 30.00 43.00 0 | .65 38.00 12.00 9.00 88.00 0.86  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_04     | 41.00 31.00 25.00 50.00 | 0.62 | 52.00 22.00 30.00 43.00 0 | .65 38.00 12.00 9.00 88.00 0.86  |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_01       | 33.00 42.00 33.00 39.00 | 0.49 | 45.00 36.00 37.00 29.00 0 | .50 32.00 23.00 15.00 77.00 0.74 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_02       | 35.00 38.00 31.00 43.00 | 0.53 |                           | .59 36.00 18.00 11.00 82.00 0.80 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_03       | 37.00 37.00 29.00 44.00 | 0.55 |                           | .65 36.00 18.00 11.00 82.00 0.80 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_04       | 42.00 32.00 24.00 49.00 | 0.62 | 55.00 19.00 27.00 46.00 0 | .69 34.00 17.00 13.00 83.00 0.80 |

# Table 9 Horizon = 6.00

|                       | Series                  |      |                         |                                   |   |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| Forecast Method       | ip                      |      | rtvol                   | lurat                             |   |
| _bse0                 | 45.00 15.00 23.00 70.00 | 0.75 | 49.00 11.00 35.00 58.00 | 0.70 44.00 14.00 4.00 91.00 0.88  | , |
| _bse0_i2              | 61.00 15.00 11.00 66.00 | 0.83 | 63.00 17.00 13.00 60.00 | 0.80 49.00 13.00 4.00 87.00 0.89  | 1 |
| _bse0ic               | 32.00 46.00 36.00 39.00 | 0.46 | 46.00 29.00 38.00 40.00 | 0.56 40.00 11.00 8.00 94.00 0.88  | , |
| _varf                 | 59.00 39.00 9.00 46.00  | 0.69 | 74.00 32.00 10.00 37.00 | 0.73 41.00 5.00 7.00 100.00 0.92  |   |
| _varfic               | 50.00 25.00 18.00 60.00 | 0.72 | 48.00 22.00 36.00 47.00 | 0.62 39.00 10.00 9.00 95.00 0.88  | , |
| a_facfdiarlag_bic     | 57.00 31.00 11.00 54.00 | 0.73 | 71.00 25.00 13.00 44.00 | 0.75 40.00 5.00 8.00 100.00 0.92  |   |
| a_facfdiar_bic        | 57.00 31.00 11.00 54.00 | 0.73 | 71.00 25.00 13.00 44.00 | 0.75 44.00 10.00 4.00 95.00 0.91  |   |
| a_facfdi_bic          | 49.00 30.00 19.00 55.00 | 0.68 | 72.00 21.00 12.00 48.00 | 0.78 45.00 28.00 3.00 77.00 0.80  | 1 |
| a_fbpfdiarlag_bic     | 58.00 33.00 10.00 52.00 | 0.72 | 72.00 29.00 12.00 40.00 | 0.73 40.00 7.00 8.00 98.00 0.90   | ſ |
| a_fbpfdiar_bic        | 58.00 33.00 10.00 52.00 | 0.72 | 75.00 29.00 9.00 40.00  | 0.75 44.00 12.00 4.00 93.00 0.90  | 1 |
| a_fbpfdi_bic          | 49.00 23.00 19.00 62.00 | 0.73 | 70.00 32.00 14.00 37.00 | 0.70 46.00 24.00 2.00 81.00 0.83  | , |
| a_facfdiar_01         | 45.00 14.00 23.00 71.00 | 0.76 | 48.00 10.00 36.00 59.00 | 0.70 43.00 15.00 5.00 90.00 0.87  |   |
| a_facfdiar_02         | 57.00 31.00 11.00 54.00 | 0.73 | 65.00 17.00 19.00 52.00 | 0.76 40.00 5.00 8.00 100.00 0.92  | í |
| a_facfdiar_03         | 57.00 33.00 11.00 52.00 | 0.71 | 71.00 25.00 13.00 44.00 | 0.75 39.00 5.00 9.00 100.00 0.91  |   |
| a_facfdiar_04         | 57.00 31.00 11.00 54.00 | 0.73 | 73.00 27.00 11.00 42.00 | 0.75 40.00 5.00 8.00 100.00 0.92  | 1 |
| a_facfdi_01           | 46.00 15.00 22.00 70.00 | 0.76 | 46.00 13.00 38.00 56.00 | 0.67 47.00 83.00 1.00 22.00 0.45  | , |
| a_facfdi_02           | 51.00 25.00 17.00 60.00 | 0.73 | 56.00 15.00 28.00 54.00 | 0.72 41.00 18.00 7.00 87.00 0.84  | : |
| a_facfdi_03           | 58.00 32.00 10.00 53.00 | 0.73 | 67.00 24.00 17.00 45.00 | 0.73 35.00 17.00 13.00 88.00 0.80 | ) |
| a_facfdi_04           | 57.00 32.00 11.00 53.00 | 0.72 | 70.00 21.00 14.00 48.00 | 0.77 38.00 22.00 10.00 83.00 0.79 | r |
| a_fac_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 44.00 36.00 24.00 49.00 | 0.61 | 49.00 23.00 35.00 46.00 | 0.62 36.00 8.00 12.00 97.00 0.87  |   |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_bic    | 44.00 36.00 24.00 49.00 | 0.61 | 49.00 23.00 35.00 46.00 | 0.62 39.00 8.00 9.00 97.00 0.89   | r |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_bic      | 37.00 50.00 31.00 35.00 | 0.47 | 44.00 26.00 40.00 43.00 | 0.57 38.00 8.00 10.00 97.00 0.88  | , |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 44.00 38.00 24.00 47.00 | 0.59 | 49.00 20.00 35.00 49.00 | 0.64 36.00 10.00 12.00 95.00 0.86 |   |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiar_bic    | 44.00 38.00 24.00 47.00 | 0.59 | 48.00 23.00 36.00 46.00 | 0.61 39.00 11.00 9.00 94.00 0.87  |   |
| a_fbp_ic_fdi_bic      | 37.00 50.00 31.00 35.00 | 0.47 | 42.00 36.00 42.00 33.00 | 0.49 37.00 11.00 11.00 94.00 0.86 |   |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_01     | 40.00 34.00 28.00 51.00 | 0.59 | 50.00 26.00 34.00 43.00 | 0.61 40.00 11.00 8.00 94.00 0.88  |   |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_02     | 44.00 36.00 24.00 49.00 | 0.61 | 52.00 25.00 32.00 44.00 | 0.63 36.00 8.00 12.00 97.00 0.87  |   |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_03     | 42.00 33.00 26.00 52.00 | 0.61 | 49.00 23.00 35.00 46.00 | 0.62 37.00 8.00 11.00 97.00 0.88  | , |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_04     | 40.00 40.00 28.00 45.00 | 0.56 | 50.00 22.00 34.00 47.00 | 0.63 36.00 8.00 12.00 97.00 0.87  |   |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_01       | 40.00 42.00 28.00 43.00 | 0.54 | 45.00 47.00 39.00 22.00 | 0.44 37.00 10.00 11.00 95.00 0.86 | , |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_02       | 36.00 47.00 32.00 38.00 | 0.48 | 40.00 35.00 44.00 34.00 | 0.48 37.00 12.00 11.00 93.00 0.85 | , |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_03       | 33.00 42.00 35.00 43.00 | 0.50 | 41.00 31.00 43.00 38.00 | 0.52 36.00 11.00 12.00 94.00 0.85 | , |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_04       | 39.00 37.00 29.00 48.00 | 0.57 | 42.00 32.00 42.00 37.00 | 0.52 37.00 9.00 11.00 96.00 0.87  |   |
|                       |                         |      |                         |                                   |   |

| '       |   | 0.4 | ~ ~  |
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| Horizon | = | 24. | ()() |
|         |   |     |      |

|                       | Series                  |                       |                   |                           |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| Forecast Method       | ip                      | rtvol                 | <del>-</del> '    | lurat                     |
| _bse0                 | 34.00 7.00 22.00 72.00  | 0.79 43.00 6.00 29.0  | 00 57.00 0.74 25. | 00 58.00 14.00 38.00 0.47 |
| _bse0_i2              | 50.00 18.00 9.00 58.00  | 0.80 55.00 14.00 13.0 | 00 53.00 0.80 32. | 00 28.00 17.00 58.00 0.67 |
| _bse0ic               | 9.00 62.00 47.00 17.00  | 0.19 38.00 39.00 34.0 | 00 24.00 0.46 19. | 00 30.00 20.00 66.00 0.63 |
| _varf                 | 43.00 8.00 13.00 71.00  | 0.84 61.00 26.00 11.0 | 00 37.00 0.73 26. | 00 14.00 13.00 82.00 0.80 |
| _varfic               | 38.00 27.00 18.00 52.00 | 0.67 45.00 21.00 27.0 | 00 42.00 0.64 17. | 00 27.00 22.00 69.00 0.64 |
| a_facfdiarlag_bic     | 36.00 10.00 20.00 69.00 | 0.78 60.00 16.00 12.0 | 00 47.00 0.79 28. | 00 35.00 11.00 61.00 0.66 |
| a_facfdiar_bic        | 40.00 10.00 16.00 69.00 | 0.81 58.00 18.00 14.0 | 00 45.00 0.76 29. | 00 41.00 10.00 55.00 0.62 |
| a_facfdi_bic          | 40.00 10.00 16.00 69.00 | 0.81 57.00 21.00 15.0 | 00 42.00 0.73 22. | 00 39.00 17.00 57.00 0.59 |
| a_fbpfdiarlag_bic     | 35.00 8.00 21.00 71.00  | 0.79 61.00 23.00 11.0 | 00 40.00 0.75 24. | 00 36.00 15.00 60.00 0.62 |
| a_fbpfdiar_bic        | 34.00 8.00 22.00 71.00  | 0.78 60.00 27.00 12.0 | 00 36.00 0.71 32. | 00 55.00 7.00 41.00 0.54  |
| a_fbpfdi_bic          | 34.00 7.00 22.00 72.00  | 0.79 58.00 23.00 14.0 | 00 40.00 0.73 30. | 00 60.00 9.00 36.00 0.49  |
| a_facfdiar_01         | 34.00 7.00 22.00 72.00  | 0.79 42.00 7.00 30.0  | 00 56.00 0.73 26. | 00 51.00 13.00 45.00 0.53 |
| a_facfdiar_02         | 35.00 8.00 21.00 71.00  | 0.79 53.00 14.00 19.0 | 00 49.00 0.76 30. | 00 37.00 9.00 59.00 0.66  |
| a_facfdiar_03         | 37.00 8.00 19.00 71.00  | 0.80 60.00 17.00 12.0 | 00 46.00 0.79 28. | 00 35.00 11.00 61.00 0.66 |
| a_facfdiar_04         | 37.00 9.00 19.00 70.00  | 0.79 60.00 16.00 12.0 | 00 47.00 0.79 30. | 00 39.00 9.00 57.00 0.64  |
| a_facfdi_01           | 34.00 7.00 22.00 72.00  | 0.79 42.00 7.00 30.0  | 00 56.00 0.73 39. | 00 96.00 0.00 0.00 0.29   |
| a_facfdi_02           | 35.00 8.00 21.00 71.00  | 0.79 52.00 12.00 20.0 | 00 51.00 0.76 29. | 00 42.00 10.00 54.00 0.61 |
| a_facfdi_03           | 37.00 8.00 19.00 71.00  | 0.80 58.00 15.00 14.0 | 00 48.00 0.79 21. | 00 31.00 18.00 65.00 0.64 |
| a_facfdi_04           | 38.00 8.00 18.00 71.00  | 0.81 57.00 16.00 15.0 | 00 47.00 0.77 24. | 00 39.00 15.00 57.00 0.60 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 34.00 42.00 22.00 37.00 | 0.53 46.00 23.00 26.0 | 00 40.00 0.64 18. | 00 34.00 21.00 62.00 0.59 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_bic    | 38.00 32.00 18.00 47.00 | 0.63 38.00 21.00 34.0 | 00 42.00 0.59 18. | 00 34.00 21.00 62.00 0.59 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_bic      | 38.00 32.00 18.00 47.00 | 0.63 38.00 23.00 34.0 | 00 40.00 0.58 17. | 00 44.00 22.00 52.00 0.51 |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 34.00 33.00 22.00 46.00 | 0.59 37.00 25.00 35.0 | 00 38.00 0.56 19. | 00 36.00 20.00 60.00 0.59 |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiar_bic    | 36.00 40.00 20.00 39.00 | 0.56 40.00 22.00 32.0 | 00 41.00 0.60 17. | 00 39.00 22.00 57.00 0.55 |
| a_fbp_ic_fdi_bic      | 36.00 40.00 20.00 39.00 | 0.56 40.00 20.00 32.0 | 00 43.00 0.61 17. | 00 44.00 22.00 52.00 0.51 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_01     | 29.00 37.00 27.00 42.00 | 0.53 36.00 34.00 36.0 | 00 29.00 0.48 19. | 00 31.00 20.00 65.00 0.62 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_02     | 32.00 37.00 24.00 42.00 | 0.55 35.00 30.00 37.0 | 00 33.00 0.50 19. | 00 31.00 20.00 65.00 0.62 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_03     | 32.00 35.00 24.00 44.00 | 0.56 44.00 23.00 28.0 | 00 40.00 0.62 19. | 00 32.00 20.00 64.00 0.61 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_04     | 35.00 39.00 21.00 40.00 | 0.56 46.00 24.00 26.0 | 00 39.00 0.63 19. | 00 36.00 20.00 60.00 0.59 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_01       | 29.00 37.00 27.00 42.00 | 0.53 34.00 39.00 38.0 | 00 24.00 0.43 14. | 00 48.00 25.00 48.00 0.46 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_02       | 32.00 37.00 24.00 42.00 | 0.55 38.00 30.00 34.0 | 00 33.00 0.53 16. | 00 38.00 23.00 58.00 0.55 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_03       | 32.00 35.00 24.00 44.00 | 0.56 40.00 26.00 32.0 | 00 37.00 0.57 15. | 00 40.00 24.00 56.00 0.53 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_04       | 35.00 39.00 21.00 40.00 | 0.56 40.00 27.00 32.0 | 00 36.00 0.56 15. | 00 43.00 24.00 53.00 0.50 |
|                       |                         |                       |                   |                           |

ip - industrial production, total
rtvol - retail sales, total: volume

lurat - unemployment, rate

## Table 10 Directional forecasting accuracy

Results for price series

Format of Results for each series: #(FupRup) #(FupRdown) #(FupRdown) #(FupRdown) #(FdownRup) #(FdownRdown) ConcordanceIndex, see Note to Table 8.

### Horizon = 12.00

| 12.00                 | Series                     |                            |                                   |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Forecast Method       | cpi                        | rpix                       | cpnf                              |
| _bse0                 | 76.00 59.00 1.00 11.00 0.  | 59 80.00 55.00 1.00 11.00  | 0.62 80.00 53.00 3.00 11.00 0.62  |
| _bse0_i2              | 42.00 30.00 36.00 39.00 0. | 55 45.00 27.00 33.00 42.00 | 0.59 47.00 26.00 30.00 44.00 0.62 |
| _bse0ic               | 39.00 27.00 38.00 43.00 0. | 56 43.00 29.00 38.00 37.00 | 0.54 38.00 31.00 45.00 33.00 0.48 |
| _varf                 | 76.00 60.00 1.00 10.00 0.  | 59 80.00 56.00 1.00 10.00  | 0.61 81.00 53.00 2.00 11.00 0.63  |
| _varfic               | 44.00 30.00 33.00 40.00 0. | 57 44.00 30.00 37.00 36.00 | 0.54 45.00 35.00 38.00 29.00 0.50 |
| a_facfdiarlag_bic     | 74.00 59.00 3.00 11.00 0.  | 58 78.00 55.00 3.00 11.00  | 0.61 77.00 53.00 6.00 11.00 0.60  |
| a_facfdiar_bic        | 68.00 55.00 9.00 15.00 0.  | 56 75.00 52.00 6.00 14.00  | 0.61 68.00 44.00 15.00 20.00 0.60 |
| a_facfdi_bic          | 67.00 55.00 10.00 15.00 0. | 56 71.00 51.00 10.00 15.00 | 0.59 71.00 50.00 12.00 14.00 0.58 |
| a_fbpfdiarlag_bic     | 70.00 57.00 7.00 13.00 0.  |                            | 0.59 69.00 49.00 14.00 15.00 0.57 |
| a_fbpfdiar_bic        | 60.00 51.00 17.00 19.00 0. | 54 62.00 47.00 19.00 19.00 | 0.55 70.00 47.00 13.00 17.00 0.59 |
| a_fbpfdi_bic          | 61.00 54.00 16.00 16.00 0. |                            | 0.56 70.00 47.00 13.00 17.00 0.59 |
| a_facfdiar_01         | 74.00 59.00 3.00 11.00 0.  |                            | 0.61 80.00 51.00 3.00 13.00 0.63  |
| a_facfdiar_02         | 74.00 59.00 3.00 11.00 0.  |                            | 0.61 78.00 51.00 5.00 13.00 0.62  |
| a_facfdiar_03         | 74.00 59.00 3.00 11.00 0.  |                            | 0.61 76.00 51.00 7.00 13.00 0.61  |
| a_facfdiar_04         | 74.00 59.00 3.00 11.00 0.  |                            | 0.61 76.00 52.00 7.00 12.00 0.60  |
| a_facfdi_01           | 77.00 64.00 0.00 6.00 0.   |                            | 0.59 83.00 54.00 0.00 10.00 0.63  |
| a_facfdi_02           | 74.00 65.00 3.00 5.00 0.   |                            | 0.56 79.00 57.00 4.00 7.00 0.59   |
| a_facfdi_03           | 74.00 59.00 3.00 11.00 0.  |                            | 0.59 75.00 51.00 8.00 13.00 0.60  |
| a_facfdi_04           | 74.00 59.00 3.00 11.00 0.  |                            | 0.59 76.00 53.00 7.00 11.00 0.59  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 43.00 23.00 34.00 47.00 0. |                            | 0.61 37.00 28.00 46.00 36.00 0.50 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_bic    | 36.00 32.00 41.00 38.00 0. |                            | 0.52 41.00 35.00 42.00 29.00 0.48 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_bic      | 45.00 31.00 32.00 39.00 0. |                            | 0.59 44.00 33.00 39.00 31.00 0.51 |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 39.00 26.00 38.00 44.00 0. |                            | 0.57 42.00 31.00 41.00 33.00 0.51 |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiar_bic    | 37.00 25.00 40.00 45.00 0. |                            | 0.54 44.00 25.00 39.00 39.00 0.56 |
| a_fbp_ic_fdi_bic      | 38.00 32.00 39.00 38.00 0. |                            | 0.51 43.00 25.00 40.00 39.00 0.56 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_01     | 43.00 23.00 34.00 47.00 0. |                            | 0.61 47.00 26.00 36.00 38.00 0.58 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_02     | 42.00 24.00 35.00 46.00 0. |                            | 0.59 43.00 30.00 40.00 34.00 0.52 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_03     | 43.00 23.00 34.00 47.00 0. |                            | 0.59 37.00 26.00 46.00 38.00 0.51 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_04     | 44.00 24.00 33.00 46.00 0. |                            | 0.59 42.00 27.00 41.00 37.00 0.54 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_01       | 31.00 21.00 46.00 49.00 0. |                            | 0.53 29.00 19.00 54.00 45.00 0.50 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_02       | 37.00 33.00 40.00 37.00 0. |                            | 0.50 35.00 33.00 48.00 31.00 0.45 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_03       | 39.00 22.00 38.00 48.00 0. |                            | 0.58 36.00 24.00 47.00 40.00 0.52 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_04       | 39.00 22.00 38.00 48.00 0. | 59 40.00 22.00 41.00 44.00 | 0.57 38.00 26.00 45.00 38.00 0.52 |
| Table 11 Results      |                            |                            |                                   |
| Horizon = 6.00        |                            |                            |                                   |

Table 11
Horizon = 6.00

|                       | Series                  |      |                             |                                |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Forecast Method       | cpi                     |      | rpix                        | cpnf                           |
| _bse0                 | 74.00 66.00 0.00 13.00  | 0.57 | 74.00 66.00 0.00 13.00 0.5  | 7 77.00 62.00 1.00 13.00 0.59  |
| _bse0_i2              | 43.00 33.00 28.00 49.00 | 0.60 | 44.00 31.00 28.00 50.00 0.6 | 1 47.00 30.00 25.00 51.00 0.64 |
| _bse0ic               | 31.00 45.00 43.00 34.00 | 0.42 | 32.00 41.00 42.00 38.00 0.4 | 6 38.00 35.00 40.00 40.00 0.51 |
| _varf                 | 73.00 67.00 1.00 12.00  | 0.56 | 73.00 69.00 1.00 10.00 0.5  | 4 77.00 64.00 1.00 11.00 0.58  |
| _varfic               | 34.00 41.00 40.00 38.00 | 0.47 | 34.00 40.00 40.00 39.00 0.4 |                                |
| a_facfdiarlag_bic     | 69.00 65.00 5.00 14.00  | 0.54 | 71.00 66.00 3.00 13.00 0.5  | 5 66.00 50.00 12.00 25.00 0.59 |
| a_facfdiar_bic        | 63.00 56.00 11.00 23.00 | 0.56 | 70.00 65.00 4.00 14.00 0.5  | 5 59.00 43.00 19.00 32.00 0.59 |
| a_facfdi_bic          | 64.00 54.00 10.00 25.00 | 0.58 | 64.00 54.00 10.00 25.00 0.5 | 8 66.00 49.00 12.00 26.00 0.60 |
| a_fbpfdiarlag_bic     | 65.00 50.00 9.00 29.00  | 0.61 | 72.00 57.00 2.00 22.00 0.6  | 1 61.00 42.00 17.00 33.00 0.61 |
| a_fbpfdiar_bic        | 61.00 45.00 13.00 34.00 | 0.62 | 62.00 48.00 12.00 31.00 0.6 | 1 59.00 41.00 19.00 34.00 0.61 |
| a_fbpfdi_bic          | 62.00 49.00 12.00 30.00 | 0.60 | 63.00 49.00 11.00 30.00 0.6 | 1 59.00 41.00 19.00 34.00 0.61 |
| a_facfdiar_01         | 73.00 68.00 1.00 11.00  | 0.55 | 74.00 68.00 0.00 11.00 0.5  |                                |
| a_facfdiar_02         | 71.00 64.00 3.00 15.00  | 0.56 | 71.00 66.00 3.00 13.00 0.5  | 5 76.00 58.00 2.00 17.00 0.61  |
| a_facfdiar_03         | 69.00 65.00 5.00 14.00  | 0.54 | 69.00 64.00 5.00 15.00 0.5  | 5 66.00 50.00 12.00 25.00 0.59 |
| a_facfdiar_04         | 69.00 65.00 5.00 14.00  | 0.54 | 69.00 64.00 5.00 15.00 0.5  | 5 66.00 51.00 12.00 24.00 0.59 |
| a_facfdi_01           | 74.00 73.00 0.00 6.00   | 0.52 | 74.00 73.00 0.00 6.00 0.5   | 2 77.00 67.00 1.00 8.00 0.56   |
| a_facfdi_02           | 73.00 71.00 1.00 8.00   | 0.53 | 73.00 71.00 1.00 8.00 0.5   |                                |
| a_facfdi_03           | 66.00 61.00 8.00 18.00  | 0.55 | 66.00 61.00 8.00 18.00 0.5  | 5 65.00 50.00 13.00 25.00 0.59 |
| a_facfdi_04           | 67.00 62.00 7.00 17.00  | 0.55 | 67.00 62.00 7.00 17.00 0.5  | 5 66.00 51.00 12.00 24.00 0.59 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 31.00 39.00 43.00 40.00 | 0.46 | 30.00 40.00 44.00 39.00 0.4 | 5 38.00 34.00 40.00 41.00 0.52 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_bic    | 32.00 36.00 42.00 43.00 | 0.49 | 32.00 40.00 42.00 39.00 0.4 | 6 39.00 34.00 39.00 41.00 0.52 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_bic      | 37.00 37.00 37.00 42.00 | 0.52 | 38.00 37.00 36.00 42.00 0.5 | 2 40.00 33.00 38.00 42.00 0.54 |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 29.00 37.00 45.00 42.00 | 0.46 | 35.00 37.00 39.00 42.00 0.5 | 0 37.00 32.00 41.00 43.00 0.52 |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiar_bic    | 31.00 36.00 43.00 43.00 | 0.48 | 32.00 38.00 42.00 41.00 0.4 |                                |
| a_fbp_ic_fdi_bic      | 37.00 34.00 37.00 45.00 | 0.54 | 37.00 34.00 37.00 45.00 0.5 |                                |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_01     | 34.00 43.00 40.00 36.00 | 0.46 | 34.00 40.00 40.00 39.00 0.4 | 8 37.00 38.00 41.00 37.00 0.48 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_02     | 35.00 42.00 39.00 37.00 | 0.47 | 35.00 41.00 39.00 38.00 0.4 | 8 38.00 37.00 40.00 38.00 0.50 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_03     | 31.00 40.00 43.00 39.00 | 0.46 | 33.00 40.00 41.00 39.00 0.4 |                                |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_04     | 35.00 40.00 39.00 39.00 | 0.48 | 35.00 39.00 39.00 40.00 0.4 |                                |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_01       | 31.00 23.00 43.00 56.00 | 0.57 | 31.00 23.00 43.00 56.00 0.5 | 7 22.00 30.00 56.00 45.00 0.44 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_02       | 34.00 45.00 40.00 34.00 | 0.44 | 34.00 45.00 40.00 34.00 0.4 | 4 37.00 43.00 41.00 32.00 0.45 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_03       | 35.00 38.00 39.00 41.00 | 0.50 | 35.00 38.00 39.00 41.00 0.5 |                                |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_04       | 36.00 36.00 38.00 43.00 | 0.52 | 36.00 36.00 38.00 43.00 0.5 | 2 38.00 35.00 40.00 40.00 0.51 |

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|-----------------------|-------------------------|------|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
|                       | Series                  |      |                         |                                   |
| Forecast Method       | cpi                     |      | rpix                    | cpnf                              |
| _bse0                 | 64.00 62.00 0.00 9.00   | 0.54 | 64.00 62.00 0.00 9.00   | 0.54 71.00 56.00 0.00 8.00 0.59   |
| _bse0_i2              | 36.00 24.00 26.00 49.00 | 0.63 | 37.00 25.00 25.00 48.00 | 0.63 41.00 26.00 28.00 40.00 0.60 |
| _bse0ic               | 19.00 22.00 45.00 49.00 | 0.50 | 19.00 20.00 45.00 51.00 | 0.52 19.00 21.00 52.00 43.00 0.46 |
| _varf                 | 64.00 58.00 0.00 13.00  | 0.57 | 64.00 58.00 0.00 13.00  | 0.57 71.00 51.00 0.00 13.00 0.62  |
| _varfic               | 28.00 24.00 36.00 47.00 | 0.56 | 28.00 23.00 36.00 48.00 | 0.56 28.00 26.00 43.00 38.00 0.49 |
| a_facfdiarlag_bic     | 64.00 57.00 0.00 14.00  | 0.58 | 64.00 57.00 0.00 14.00  | 0.58 71.00 48.00 0.00 16.00 0.64  |
| a_facfdiar_bic        | 61.00 38.00 3.00 33.00  | 0.70 | 61.00 35.00 3.00 36.00  | 0.72 68.00 31.00 3.00 33.00 0.75  |
| a_facfdi_bic          | 61.00 46.00 3.00 25.00  | 0.64 | 61.00 46.00 3.00 25.00  | 0.64 67.00 35.00 4.00 29.00 0.71  |
| a_fbpfdiarlag_bic     | 64.00 54.00 0.00 17.00  | 0.60 | 64.00 54.00 0.00 17.00  | 0.60 67.00 47.00 4.00 17.00 0.62  |
| a_fbpfdiar_bic        | 54.00 37.00 10.00 34.00 | 0.65 | 55.00 37.00 9.00 34.00  | 0.66 61.00 33.00 10.00 31.00 0.68 |
| a_fbpfdi_bic          | 54.00 39.00 10.00 32.00 | 0.64 | 55.00 39.00 9.00 32.00  | 0.64 61.00 33.00 10.00 31.00 0.68 |
| a_facfdiar_01         | 64.00 57.00 0.00 14.00  | 0.58 | 64.00 57.00 0.00 14.00  | 0.58 71.00 49.00 0.00 15.00 0.64  |
| a_facfdiar_02         | 64.00 56.00 0.00 15.00  | 0.59 | 64.00 55.00 0.00 16.00  | 0.59 71.00 49.00 0.00 15.00 0.64  |
| a_facfdiar_03         | 64.00 57.00 0.00 14.00  | 0.58 | 64.00 55.00 0.00 16.00  | 0.59 71.00 48.00 0.00 16.00 0.64  |
| a_facfdiar_04         | 64.00 56.00 0.00 15.00  | 0.59 | 64.00 55.00 0.00 16.00  | 0.59 71.00 47.00 0.00 17.00 0.65  |
| a_facfdi_01           | 64.00 69.00 0.00 2.00   | 0.49 | 64.00 69.00 0.00 2.00   | 0.49 71.00 59.00 0.00 5.00 0.56   |
| a_facfdi_02           | 64.00 67.00 0.00 4.00   | 0.50 |                         | 0.50 71.00 59.00 0.00 5.00 0.56   |
| a_facfdi_03           | 64.00 61.00 0.00 10.00  | 0.55 | 64.00 61.00 0.00 10.00  | 0.55 71.00 53.00 0.00 11.00 0.61  |
| a_facfdi_04           | 64.00 61.00 0.00 10.00  | 0.55 | 64.00 61.00 0.00 10.00  | 0.55 71.00 51.00 0.00 13.00 0.62  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 35.00 23.00 29.00 48.00 | 0.61 |                         | 0.60 36.00 18.00 35.00 46.00 0.61 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_bic    | 42.00 25.00 22.00 46.00 | 0.65 | 45.00 27.00 19.00 44.00 | 0.66 49.00 21.00 22.00 43.00 0.68 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_bic      | 46.00 23.00 18.00 48.00 | 0.70 | 46.00 23.00 18.00 48.00 | 0.70 49.00 21.00 22.00 43.00 0.68 |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 40.00 20.00 24.00 51.00 | 0.67 |                         | 0.68 36.00 26.00 35.00 38.00 0.55 |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiar_bic    | 31.00 27.00 33.00 44.00 | 0.56 | 31.00 25.00 33.00 46.00 | 0.57 35.00 22.00 36.00 42.00 0.57 |
| a_fbp_ic_fdi_bic      | 33.00 27.00 31.00 44.00 | 0.57 |                         | 0.58 36.00 23.00 35.00 41.00 0.57 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_01     | 35.00 23.00 29.00 48.00 | 0.61 | 34.00 24.00 30.00 47.00 | 0.60 35.00 20.00 36.00 44.00 0.59 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_02     | 38.00 23.00 26.00 48.00 | 0.64 |                         | 0.62 34.00 20.00 37.00 44.00 0.58 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_03     | 37.00 23.00 27.00 48.00 | 0.63 | 37.00 21.00 27.00 50.00 | 0.64 36.00 21.00 35.00 43.00 0.59 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_04     | 37.00 21.00 27.00 50.00 | 0.64 | 38.00 23.00 26.00 48.00 | 0.64 34.00 20.00 37.00 44.00 0.58 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_01       | 29.00 17.00 35.00 54.00 | 0.61 | 29.00 17.00 35.00 54.00 | 0.61 32.00 15.00 39.00 49.00 0.60 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_02       | 26.00 31.00 38.00 40.00 | 0.49 | 26.00 31.00 38.00 40.00 | 0.49 30.00 29.00 41.00 35.00 0.48 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_03       | 28.00 22.00 36.00 49.00 | 0.57 | 28.00 22.00 36.00 49.00 | 0.57 30.00 21.00 41.00 43.00 0.54 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_04       | 29.00 23.00 35.00 48.00 | 0.57 | 29.00 23.00 35.00 48.00 | 0.57 33.00 20.00 38.00 44.00 0.57 |
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cpi - consumer price index, all items

rpix - retail price index excluding MIPs

cpnf - consumer price index, all items less food

Table 12: Directional forecasting accuracy Results for financial series

Format of Results for each series: #(FupRup) #(FupRdown) #(FdownRup) #(FdownRdown) ConcordanceIndex, see Note to Table 8. Horizon = 12.00

| 110112011 - 12.00     |                         |      |                    |      |      |                         |      |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|------|--------------------|------|------|-------------------------|------|
|                       | Series                  |      |                    |      |      |                         |      |
| Forecast Method       | fytb                    |      | fs                 |      |      | espo                    |      |
| _bse0                 | 30.00 71.00 31.00 15.00 | 0.31 | 120.00 27.00 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.82 | 0.00 0.00 86.00 61.00   | 0.41 |
| _bse0_i2              |                         | 0.62 | 82.00 21.00 37.00  | 7.00 | 0.61 | 47.00 35.00 39.00 26.00 | 0.50 |
| _bse0ic               | 25.00 36.00 36.00 50.00 | 0.51 | 93.00 27.00 27.00  | 0.00 | 0.63 | 39.00 43.00 47.00 18.00 | 0.39 |
| _varf                 | 59.00 81.00 2.00 5.00   | 0.44 | 116.00 27.00 4.00  | 0.00 | ).79 | 13.00 19.00 73.00 42.00 | 0.37 |
| _varfic               | 23.00 36.00 38.00 50.00 | 0.50 | 90.00 27.00 30.00  | 0.00 | 0.61 | 43.00 47.00 43.00 14.00 | 0.39 |
| a_facfdiarlag_bic     | 61.00 73.00 0.00 13.00  | 0.50 | 116.00 27.00 4.00  | 0.00 | ).79 | 43.00 32.00 43.00 29.00 | 0.49 |
| a_facfdiar_bic        | 49.00 44.00 12.00 42.00 | 0.62 | 107.00 24.00 13.00 | 3.00 | ).75 | 43.00 34.00 43.00 27.00 | 0.48 |
| a_facfdi_bic          | 51.00 54.00 10.00 32.00 | 0.56 | 107.00 24.00 13.00 | 3.00 | ).75 | 43.00 34.00 43.00 27.00 | 0.48 |
| a_fbpfdiarlag_bic     | 53.00 74.00 8.00 12.00  | 0.44 | 118.00 27.00 2.00  | 0.00 | 0.80 | 60.00 44.00 26.00 17.00 | 0.52 |
| a_fbpfdiar_bic        |                         | 0.59 | 99.00 19.00 21.00  | 8.00 | 0.73 | 54.00 44.00 32.00 17.00 | 0.48 |
| a_fbpfdi_bic          | 41.00 41.00 20.00 45.00 | 0.59 | 99.00 19.00 21.00  | 8.00 | 0.73 | 54.00 44.00 32.00 17.00 | 0.48 |
| a_facfdiar_01         | 46.00 60.00 15.00 26.00 | 0.49 | 120.00 27.00 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.82 | 5.00 7.00 81.00 54.00   | 0.40 |
| a_facfdiar_02         | 61.00 73.00 0.00 13.00  | 0.50 | 119.00 27.00 1.00  | 0.00 | 0.81 | 43.00 32.00 43.00 29.00 | 0.49 |
| a_facfdiar_03         | 60.00 77.00 1.00 9.00   | 0.47 | 119.00 27.00 1.00  | 0.00 | 0.81 | 43.00 36.00 43.00 25.00 | 0.46 |
| a_facfdiar_04         | 59.00 75.00 2.00 11.00  | 0.48 | 113.00 26.00 7.00  | 1.00 | 78   | 39.00 32.00 47.00 29.00 | 0.46 |
| a_facfdi_01           | 46.00 60.00 15.00 26.00 | 0.49 | 120.00 27.00 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.82 | 5.00 7.00 81.00 54.00   | 0.40 |
| a_facfdi_02           | 61.00 73.00 0.00 13.00  | 0.50 | 119.00 27.00 1.00  | 0.00 | 0.81 | 43.00 32.00 43.00 29.00 | 0.49 |
| a_facfdi_03           | 60.00 77.00 1.00 9.00   | 0.47 | 119.00 27.00 1.00  | 0.00 | 0.81 | 40.00 36.00 46.00 25.00 | 0.44 |
| a_facfdi_04           | 59.00 75.00 2.00 11.00  | 0.48 | 113.00 26.00 7.00  | 1.00 | 78   | 36.00 32.00 50.00 29.00 | 0.44 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 31.00 35.00 30.00 51.00 | 0.56 | 90.00 26.00 30.00  | 1.00 | 0.62 | 44.00 43.00 42.00 18.00 | 0.42 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_bic    | 33.00 32.00 28.00 54.00 | 0.59 | 85.00 26.00 35.00  | 1.00 | ).59 | 44.00 46.00 42.00 15.00 | 0.40 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_bic      | 30.00 32.00 31.00 54.00 | 0.57 | 85.00 26.00 35.00  | 1.00 | ).59 | 44.00 46.00 42.00 15.00 | 0.40 |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 28.00 37.00 33.00 49.00 | 0.52 | 87.00 27.00 33.00  | 0.00 | ).59 | 43.00 42.00 43.00 19.00 | 0.42 |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiar_bic    | 26.00 34.00 35.00 52.00 | 0.53 | 84.00 26.00 36.00  | 1.00 | ).58 | 41.00 44.00 45.00 17.00 | 0.39 |
| a_fbp_ic_fdi_bic      | 26.00 34.00 35.00 52.00 | 0.53 | 84.00 26.00 36.00  | 1.00 | ).58 | 41.00 44.00 45.00 17.00 | 0.39 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_01     | 27.00 35.00 34.00 51.00 | 0.53 | 91.00 27.00 29.00  | 0.00 | 0.62 | 41.00 44.00 45.00 17.00 | 0.39 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_02     | 31.00 35.00 30.00 51.00 | 0.56 | 92.00 27.00 28.00  | 0.00 | 0.63 | 43.00 43.00 43.00 18.00 | 0.41 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_03     | 31.00 35.00 30.00 51.00 | 0.56 | 92.00 27.00 28.00  | 0.00 | 0.63 | 42.00 44.00 44.00 17.00 | 0.40 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_04     | 31.00 35.00 30.00 51.00 | 0.56 | 91.00 26.00 29.00  | 1.00 | 0.63 | 45.00 43.00 41.00 18.00 | 0.43 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_01       | 27.00 35.00 34.00 51.00 | 0.53 | 91.00 27.00 29.00  | 0.00 | 0.62 | 41.00 44.00 45.00 17.00 | 0.39 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_02       | 31.00 35.00 30.00 51.00 | 0.56 | 92.00 27.00 28.00  | 0.00 | 0.63 | 43.00 43.00 43.00 18.00 | 0.41 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_03       | 31.00 35.00 30.00 51.00 | 0.56 | 92.00 27.00 28.00  | 0.00 | 0.63 | 42.00 44.00 44.00 17.00 | 0.40 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_04       | 31.00 35.00 30.00 51.00 | 0.56 | 91.00 26.00 29.00  | 1.00 | 0.63 | 45.00 43.00 41.00 18.00 | 0.43 |
|                       |                         |      |                    |      |      |                         |      |

Table 13

Horizon = 6.00

|                       | Series                  |      |                         |        |                              |
|-----------------------|-------------------------|------|-------------------------|--------|------------------------------|
| Forecast Method       | fytb                    |      | fs                      |        | espo                         |
| _bse0                 | 42.00 36.00 31.00 44.00 | 0.56 | 119.00 34.00 0.00 0.00  | 0.78   | 0.00 0.00 98.00 55.00 0.36   |
| _bse0_i2              | 42.00 30.00 29.00 52.00 | 0.61 | 76.00 27.00 35.00 15.00 | 0.59 5 | 50.00 32.00 48.00 23.00 0.48 |
| _bse0ic               | 46.00 25.00 27.00 55.00 | 0.66 | 96.00 22.00 23.00 12.00 | 0.71 5 | 54.00 41.00 44.00 14.00 0.44 |
| _varf                 | 68.00 68.00 5.00 12.00  | 0.52 | 112.00 34.00 7.00 0.00  | 0.73 2 | 27.00 13.00 71.00 42.00 0.45 |
| _varfic               | 46.00 25.00 27.00 55.00 | 0.66 | 89.00 20.00 30.00 14.00 | 0.67 5 | 58.00 40.00 40.00 15.00 0.48 |
| a_facfdiarlag_bic     | 68.00 60.00 5.00 20.00  | 0.58 | 113.00 34.00 6.00 0.00  | 0.74 1 | 13.00 7.00 85.00 48.00 0.40  |
| a_facfdiar_bic        | 65.00 48.00 8.00 32.00  | 0.63 | 108.00 34.00 11.00 0.00 | 0.71 1 | 13.00 7.00 85.00 48.00 0.40  |
| a_facfdi_bic          | 66.00 51.00 7.00 29.00  | 0.62 | 108.00 34.00 11.00 0.00 | 0.71 1 | 13.00 7.00 85.00 48.00 0.40  |
| a_fbpfdiarlag_bic     | 58.00 50.00 15.00 30.00 | 0.58 | 119.00 34.00 0.00 0.00  | 0.78 1 | 10.00 14.00 88.00 41.00 0.33 |
| a_fbpfdiar_bic        | 61.00 41.00 12.00 39.00 | 0.65 | 119.00 34.00 0.00 0.00  | 0.78 1 | 10.00 14.00 88.00 41.00 0.33 |
| a_fbpfdi_bic          | 65.00 46.00 8.00 34.00  | 0.65 | 119.00 34.00 0.00 0.00  | 0.78 1 | 10.00 14.00 88.00 41.00 0.33 |
| a_facfdiar_01         | 52.00 39.00 21.00 41.00 | 0.61 | 119.00 34.00 0.00 0.00  | 0.78 1 | 13.00 7.00 85.00 48.00 0.40  |
| a_facfdiar_02         | 69.00 60.00 4.00 20.00  | 0.58 | 116.00 34.00 3.00 0.00  | 0.76 3 | 32.00 21.00 66.00 34.00 0.43 |
| a_facfdiar_03         | 67.00 50.00 6.00 30.00  | 0.63 | 116.00 34.00 3.00 0.00  | 0.76 3 | 32.00 20.00 66.00 35.00 0.44 |
| a_facfdiar_04         | 65.00 46.00 8.00 34.00  | 0.65 | 111.00 34.00 8.00 0.00  | 0.73 2 | 27.00 17.00 71.00 38.00 0.42 |
| a_facfdi_01           | 52.00 39.00 21.00 41.00 | 0.61 | 119.00 34.00 0.00 0.00  | 0.78 1 | 13.00 7.00 85.00 48.00 0.40  |
| a_facfdi_02           | 69.00 60.00 4.00 20.00  | 0.58 | 116.00 34.00 3.00 0.00  | 0.76 3 | 32.00 21.00 66.00 34.00 0.43 |
| a_facfdi_03           | 67.00 50.00 6.00 30.00  | 0.63 | 116.00 34.00 3.00 0.00  | 0.76 3 | 32.00 20.00 66.00 35.00 0.44 |
| a_facfdi_04           | 65.00 46.00 8.00 34.00  | 0.65 | 111.00 34.00 8.00 0.00  | 0.73 2 | 27.00 17.00 71.00 38.00 0.42 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 46.00 25.00 27.00 55.00 | 0.66 | 91.00 22.00 28.00 12.00 | 0.67 5 | 57.00 43.00 41.00 12.00 0.45 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_bic    | 44.00 23.00 29.00 57.00 | 0.66 | 90.00 22.00 29.00 12.00 | 0.67 5 | 57.00 43.00 41.00 12.00 0.45 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_bic      | 46.00 24.00 27.00 56.00 | 0.67 | 90.00 22.00 29.00 12.00 | 0.67 5 | 57.00 43.00 41.00 12.00 0.45 |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 50.00 22.00 23.00 58.00 | 0.71 | 96.00 22.00 23.00 12.00 |        | 53.00 40.00 45.00 15.00 0.44 |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiar_bic    | 47.00 19.00 26.00 61.00 | 0.71 | 96.00 22.00 23.00 12.00 |        | 53.00 40.00 45.00 15.00 0.44 |
| a_fbp_ic_fdi_bic      | 47.00 21.00 26.00 59.00 | 0.69 | 96.00 22.00 23.00 12.00 |        | 53.00 40.00 45.00 15.00 0.44 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_01     | 47.00 27.00 26.00 53.00 | 0.65 | 92.00 22.00 27.00 12.00 |        | 57.00 43.00 41.00 12.00 0.45 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_02     | 46.00 25.00 27.00 55.00 | 0.66 | 94.00 22.00 25.00 12.00 |        | 58.00 43.00 40.00 12.00 0.46 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_03     | 48.00 24.00 25.00 56.00 | 0.68 | 93.00 22.00 26.00 12.00 | 0.69 5 | 57.00 43.00 41.00 12.00 0.45 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_04     | 43.00 22.00 30.00 58.00 | 0.66 | 89.00 22.00 30.00 12.00 | 0.66 5 | 58.00 43.00 40.00 12.00 0.46 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_01       | 47.00 27.00 26.00 53.00 | 0.65 | 92.00 22.00 27.00 12.00 | 0.68 5 | 57.00 43.00 41.00 12.00 0.45 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_02       | 46.00 25.00 27.00 55.00 | 0.66 | 94.00 22.00 25.00 12.00 | 0.69 5 | 58.00 43.00 40.00 12.00 0.46 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_03       | 48.00 24.00 25.00 56.00 | 0.68 | 93.00 22.00 26.00 12.00 |        | 57.00 43.00 41.00 12.00 0.45 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_04       | 43.00 22.00 30.00 58.00 | 0.66 | 89.00 22.00 30.00 12.00 | 0.66 5 | 58.00 43.00 40.00 12.00 0.46 |

| Horizon = 24.00       |                         |      |        |            |          |                                 |
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|                       | Series                  |      |        |            |          |                                 |
| Forecast Method       | fytb                    |      |        | fs         |          | espo                            |
| _bse0                 | 48.00 65.00 17.00 5.00  | 0.39 | 132.00 | 3.00 0.00  | 0.00 0.9 | 98 0.00 0.00 96.00 39.00 0.29   |
| _bse0_i2              | 28.00 31.00 35.00 41.00 | 0.51 | 94.00  | 2.00 39.00 | 0.00 0.7 | 70 45.00 25.00 51.00 14.00 0.44 |
| _bse0ic               | 21.00 46.00 44.00 24.00 | 0.33 | 129.00 | 3.00 3.00  | 0.00 0.9 | 96 51.00 36.00 45.00 3.00 0.40  |
| _varf                 | 62.00 70.00 3.00 0.00   | 0.46 | 129.00 | 3.00 3.00  | 0.00 0.9 | 96 10.00 6.00 86.00 33.00 0.32  |
| _varfic               | 18.00 42.00 47.00 28.00 | 0.34 | 124.00 | 3.00 8.00  | 0.00 0.9 | 92 54.00 29.00 42.00 10.00 0.47 |
| a_facfdiarlag_bic     | 65.00 67.00 0.00 3.00   | 0.50 | 127.00 | 3.00 5.00  | 0.00 0.9 | 94 50.00 15.00 46.00 24.00 0.55 |
| a_facfdiar_bic        | 49.00 28.00 16.00 42.00 | 0.67 | 126.00 | 2.00 6.00  | 1.00 0.9 | 94 46.00 15.00 50.00 24.00 0.52 |
| a_facfdi_bic          | 55.00 24.00 10.00 46.00 | 0.75 | 126.00 | 2.00 6.00  | 1.00 0.9 | 94 46.00 15.00 50.00 24.00 0.52 |
| a_fbpfdiarlag_bic     | 56.00 60.00 9.00 10.00  | 0.49 | 127.00 | 3.00 5.00  | 0.00 0.9 | 94 64.00 25.00 32.00 14.00 0.58 |
| a_fbpfdiar_bic        | 51.00 11.00 14.00 59.00 | 0.81 | 123.00 | 2.00 9.00  | 1.00 0.9 | 52.00 23.00 44.00 16.00 0.50    |
| a_fbpfdi_bic          | 53.00 13.00 12.00 57.00 | 0.81 | 123.00 | 2.00 9.00  | 1.00 0.9 | 92 52.00 23.00 44.00 16.00 0.50 |
| a_facfdiar_01         | 55.00 64.00 10.00 6.00  | 0.45 | 131.00 | 3.00 1.00  | 0.00 0.9 | 97 6.00 1.00 90.00 38.00 0.33   |
| a_facfdiar_02         | 65.00 62.00 0.00 8.00   | 0.54 | 131.00 | 3.00 1.00  | 0.00 0.9 | 97 50.00 15.00 46.00 24.00 0.55 |
| a_facfdiar_03         | 65.00 68.00 0.00 2.00   | 0.50 | 129.00 | 3.00 3.00  | 0.00 0.9 | 96 49.00 18.00 47.00 21.00 0.52 |
| a_facfdiar_04         | 64.00 67.00 1.00 3.00   | 0.50 | 127.00 | 3.00 5.00  | 0.00 0.9 | 94 47.00 17.00 49.00 22.00 0.51 |
| a_facfdi_01           | 55.00 64.00 10.00 6.00  | 0.45 | 132.00 | 3.00 0.00  | 0.00 0.9 | 98 6.00 1.00 90.00 38.00 0.33   |
| a_facfdi_02           | 65.00 62.00 0.00 8.00   | 0.54 | 131.00 | 3.00 1.00  | 0.00 0.9 | 97 49.00 15.00 47.00 24.00 0.54 |
| a_facfdi_03           | 65.00 68.00 0.00 2.00   | 0.50 | 129.00 | 3.00 3.00  | 0.00 0.9 |                                 |
| a_facfdi_04           | 64.00 67.00 1.00 3.00   | 0.50 | 127.00 | 3.00 5.00  | 0.00 0.9 |                                 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 22.00 42.00 43.00 28.00 | 0.37 | 124.00 | 3.00 8.00  | 0.00 0.9 | 92 47.00 28.00 49.00 11.00 0.43 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_bic    | 24.00 37.00 41.00 33.00 | 0.42 | 121.00 | 3.00 11.00 | 0.00 0.9 | 90 42.00 28.00 54.00 11.00 0.39 |
| a_fac_ic_fdi_bic      | 27.00 35.00 38.00 35.00 | 0.46 | 121.00 | 3.00 11.00 | 0.00 0.9 | 90 42.00 28.00 54.00 11.00 0.39 |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiarlag_bic | 24.00 40.00 41.00 30.00 | 0.40 | 126.00 | 3.00 6.00  | 0.00 0.9 | 93 46.00 28.00 50.00 11.00 0.42 |
| a_fbp_ic_fdiar_bic    | 24.00 32.00 41.00 38.00 | 0.46 | 108.00 | 3.00 24.00 | 0.00 0.8 | 30 44.00 26.00 52.00 13.00 0.42 |
| a_fbp_ic_fdi_bic      | 21.00 35.00 44.00 35.00 | 0.41 | 108.00 | 3.00 24.00 | 0.00 0.8 |                                 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_01     | 20.00 46.00 45.00 24.00 | 0.33 | 126.00 | 3.00 6.00  | 0.00 0.9 | 93 50.00 32.00 46.00 7.00 0.42  |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_02     | 22.00 39.00 43.00 31.00 | 0.39 | 127.00 | 3.00 5.00  | 0.00 0.9 |                                 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_03     | 22.00 43.00 43.00 27.00 | 0.36 | 127.00 | 3.00 5.00  | 0.00 0.9 |                                 |
| a_fac_ic_fdiar_04     | 22.00 43.00 43.00 27.00 | 0.36 | 125.00 | 3.00 7.00  | 0.00 0.9 | 93 45.00 29.00 51.00 10.00 0.41 |

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fytb - treasury bill rate

fs - share prices, non-financials

espo - us \$ exchange rate: spot

## **Figures**

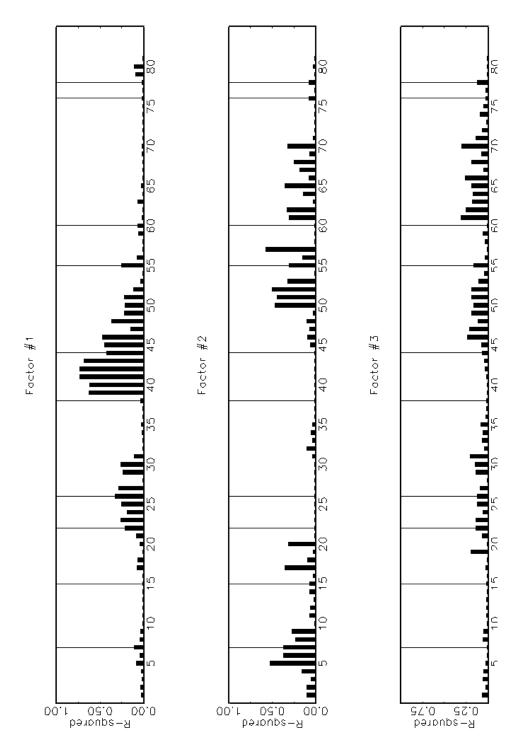


Figure  $1 - R^2$  from regression of factors 1 to 3 on variables

Notes: The vertical lines divide the variables into groups, as in the Appendix

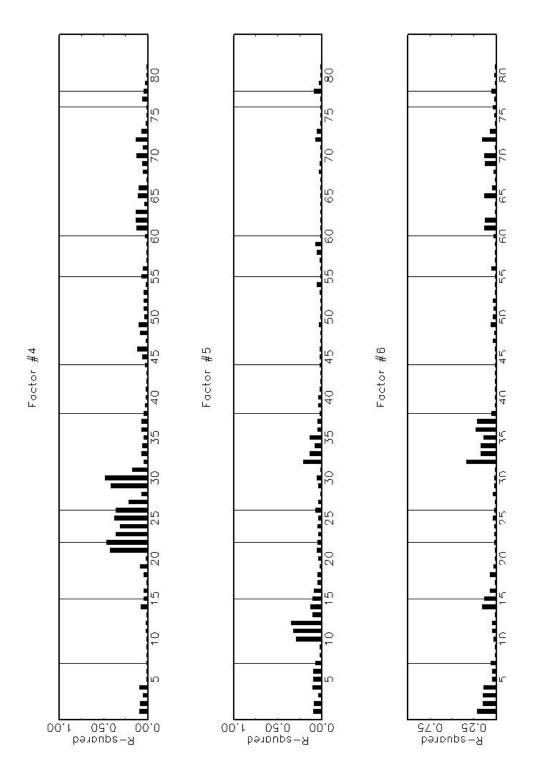


Figure  $2 - R^2$  from regression of factors 4 to 6 on variables

Notes: The vertical lines divide the variables into groups, as in the Appendix