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The aim of the study is find out the nature of sustainability factors either reflective or formative by investigating three distinct industrial settings in Bangladesh. A quantitative research design is used and the data is analysed through Partial Least Square (PLS) analysis. PLS analysis validates the indicators and factors. Sustainability factors in context of microbusiness and supply chain found reflective in nature whereas in e-business it was formative. The study suggests that sustainability factor is a context specific phenomena and it can be treated either reflective or formative.

SECTION 2: AUDIT, ACCOUNTING & REPORTING

THE EFFECT OF THE OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE CHARACTERISTICS ON FIRM PERFORMANCE IN OMAN: EMPIRICAL STUDY

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The present work aims to analyse the effect of the ownership structure characteristics (ownership concentration, managerial ownership and government ownership) on firm performance (ROA) among non-financial Omani companies during 2012-2014. For achieving the objective of this study, 81 firms were taken as a sample to test the above relations. The sampling was obtained from annual report of the companies for three years with a total sampling equal to 243 firms.
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The study explores the effect of firm-, industry-, and country-level factors on corporate ownership pattern within the context of six African countries. Based on theory, we develop multi-dimensional models and examine data pertaining to 377 non-financial firms across a time period of 15 years using a battery of econometric procedures. In the sample countries, ownership concentration and/or block shareholding increases with firm level debt maturity structure, industry regulation, and perceived level of corruption in a country and its real GDP per capita.

DIFFERENTIAL EFFECTS OF PLURAL OWNERSHIP AND GOVERNANCE MECHANISMS IN LIMITING SHIRKERS AND FREE RIDERS

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The authors test their model using a paired-dyadic data approach to mitigate the problem of shared-method variance among the psychometric measures. Results support the contention that competition limits shirking and free riding across inter-firm relationships, but did not support the hypothesized role of relational mechanisms in lowering potential shirking and free riding. Also, endogeneity test uncovered that dealer’s self-selected into either one of the plural form contracts. Drawing on the economics, marketing and management literatures, this study presents a basis for further investigation by placing international franchising entrepreneurship into a broader context of transactional and relational governance.

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ACCOUNTING DISCLOSURE OF SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY BY LISTED COMPANIES IN SAUDI STOCK MARKET

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This study aims to explore accounting disclosure through analysis financial and executives’ managers, and external auditors’ Perceptions concerning disclosures of social responsibility practices inside listed companies in Saudi Stock Market. The current study adopted quantitative approach to explore accounting disclosure of social responsibility for Saudi’ registered companies in the light of Global Reporting Initiatives (GRI) to fill the current gap in social responsibility and sustainable development topic inside Saudi’ environment.

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In this article authors provide empirically exploring of corporate governance and the demographic traits of top management teams as the determinants of voluntary risk disclosure practices in listed banks. This study also aims to contribute to the existing risk disclosure literature by investigating the effect of a combination of determinants on voluntary risk disclosure practices in an emerging market. Furthermore, this study seeks to contribute to risk disclosure theories by employing the upper echelons theory to examine the determinants and their effects on voluntary risk disclosure practices.

QUANTITY VERSUS QUALITY: THE VALUE RELEVANCE OF CSR DISCLOSURE OF SAUDI COMPANIES

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This study aims to examine the impact of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Disclosure on the value of Saudi Arabian firms. It uses a sample from Saudi non-financial listed firms covering the period of 2013-2014. In addition, it develops CSR disclosure indices to measure the impact of quantity and quality of CSR disclosure on the firm value. This study uses three measurement of firm value (Tobin’Q ratio, return on assets ratio and market value of equity). This study finds that the firm Market value of equity value is significantly associated with CSR disclosure quantity and quality.

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