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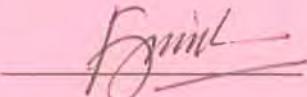
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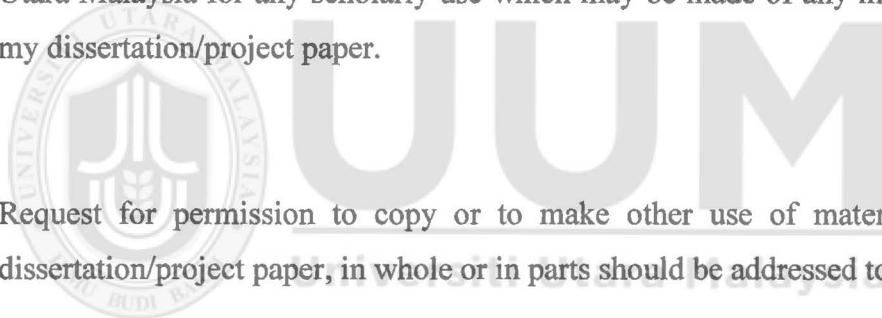
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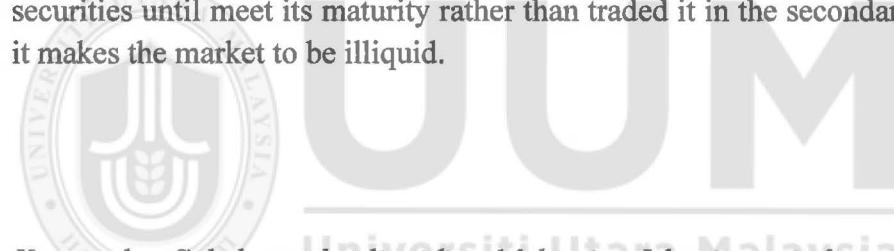
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ABSTRACT

The purpose of this study is to examine the relationship between market liquidity and the determinants of sukuk in Malaysia's perspective. In this paper, sukuk's determinants are represented by variables; maturity, coupon rate, age, credit rating, number of trades and amount of trading. A sample of 933 issued sukuk in Malaysia is collected from secondary data of Bond Pricing of Agency Malaysia (BPAM) and Bond Info hub of Bank Negara Malaysia from period of 2005 to 2015. The sample of issued sukuk is based on Malaysian Ringgit denominated currency and these sukuk are actively traded in the secondary market of Malaysia. The sample is comprises five (5) sectors inclusive government, quasi-government, finance, Asset Backed Securities (ABS) and corporates. There are two (2) measurements of market liquidity used in this study which are the bid-ask spread and the amihud (2002) measure. The empirical results of this study show that age and maturity have positive relationship with sukuk market liquidity and they are significantly correlated. From the analysis, researcher concludes that investors prefer to hold their securities until meet its maturity rather than traded it in the secondary market as it makes the market to be illiquid.



Keywords : Sukuk, market liquidity, Malaysian Islamic capital market, types of sukuk structures

ABSTRAK

Tujuan kajian ini adalah untuk mengkaji perkaitan di antara kecairan pasaran dengan penentu-penentu sukuk dari perspektif Malaysia. Untuk kajian ini, penentu-penentu sukuk diwakili oleh beberapa pembolehubah; kematangan, kadar kupon, tempoh hayat, penarafan kredit, bilangan dagangan serta jumlah dagangan. Sampel adalah terdiri daripada 933 terbitan sukuk di Malaysia yang diperolehi daripada data sekunder melalui Agensi Harga Bon Malaysia (BPAM) serta hub maklumat tentang bon menerusi Bank Negara Malaysia dari tempoh 2005 hingga 2015. Sampel terbitan sukuk yang berkenaan adalah berdasarkan matawang berdenominasi Ringgit Malaysia dan sukuk-sukuk ini diniagakan secara aktif dalam pasaran kedua di Malaysia. Sampel tersebut terdiri daripada lima (5) sektor termasuklah sektor kerajaan, sektor kuasi-kerajaan, sektor kewangan, Sekuriti Bersandarkan Aset (ABS) dan korporat. Terdapat dua jenis pengukuran yang digunakan untuk mengukur pasaran kecairan bagi kajian ini iaitu tawaran-perminataan spread dan pengukuran amihud (2002). Hasil keputusan kajian empirikal ini menunjukkan bahawa tempoh hayat dan kematangan mempunyai perkaitan yang positif dengan kecairan pasaran sukuk serta dikorelasikan secara signifikan. Dari analisis yang dijalankan, penyelidik mendapati bahawa para pelabur lebih cenderung memegang sekuriti mereka sehingga mencapai tempoh kematangan daripada meniagakannya ke dalam pasaran sekunder yang membuatkan pasaran tak cair.

Katakunci : Sukuk, kecairan pasaran, pasaran modal Islamik Malaysia, jenis struktur sukuk

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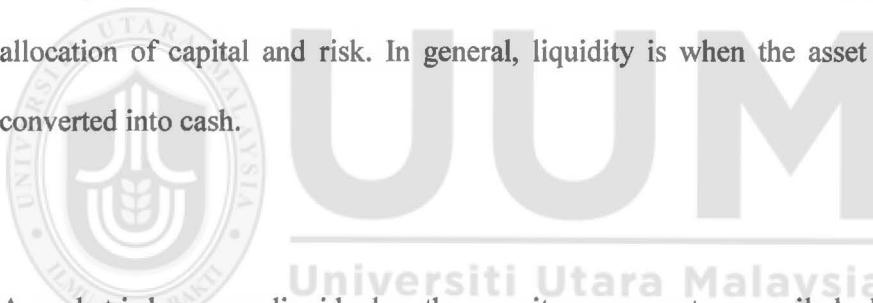
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CHAPTER 1

INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background of Study

Many market participants in an advanced and emerging market economies have shown their worried on market liquidity especially after the global financial crisis. This can be well understood because market liquidity affects the price and frequency of trading. When the market is liquid, the frequency of trading will increase as the result of active market. This market liquidity plays an important role for an effective market functioning. It facilitates in the effectiveness of monetary policy and financial stability. It enables efficient allocation of economic resources through productive allocation of capital and risk. In general, liquidity is when the asset can be easily converted into cash.



A market is known as liquid when the security or an asset can easily be bought or sold in a market without affecting the asset's price. In general, liquidity is the market's ability to perform a large amount of trades without having drastic price movements. For an asset's market liquidity (or asset's liquidity), it reflects the ability of an asset to be sold quickly without having to reduce its price level at a significant degree. In a liquid market, the trade-off is mild where the buyers and sellers are always ready and willing to perform the operations. Thus, selling quickly in liquid market will not affect the price as much as in the illiquid market.

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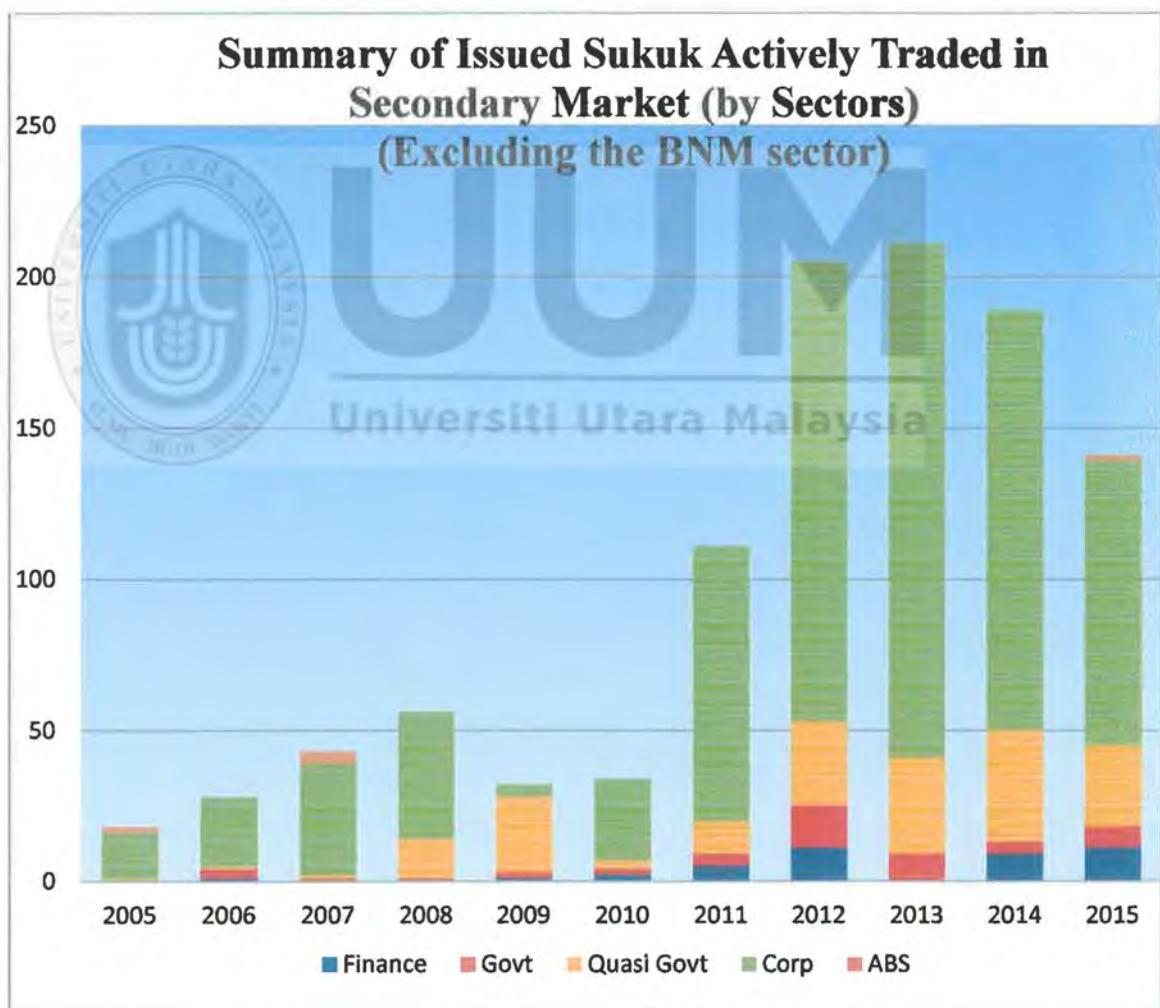
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APPENDIX A

Summary of Issued Sukuk actively traded in Secondary Market (by sectors) (Excluding the BNM sector)

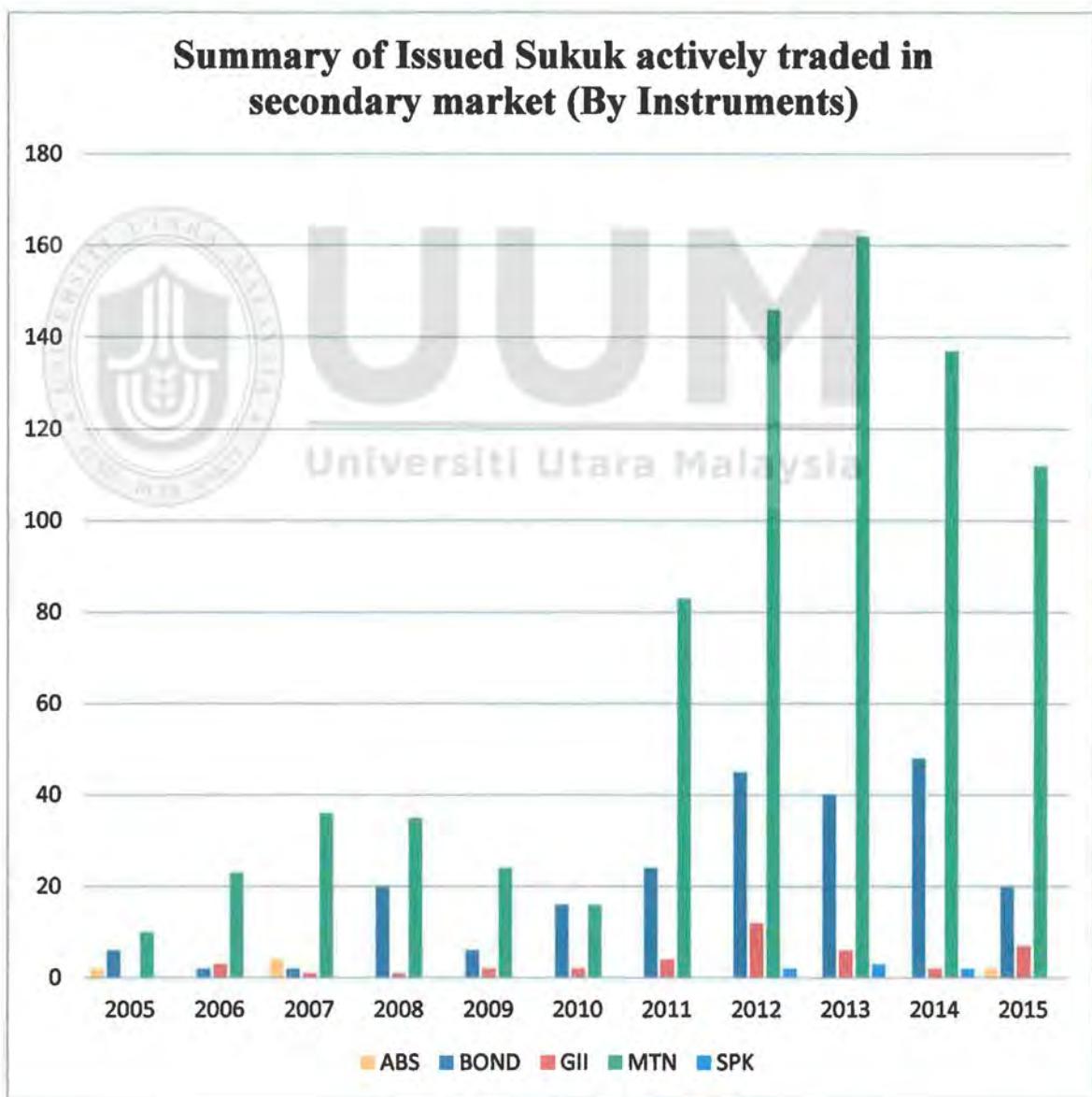
Sector	Year										
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Finance	0	1	0	0	1	2	5	11	0	9	11
Govt	0	3	1	1	2	2	4	14	9	4	7
Quasi Govt	1	1	1	13	25	3	11	28	32	37	27
Corp	15	23	37	42	4	27	91	152	170	139	94
ABS	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Total	18	28	43	56	32	34	111	205	211	189	141



APPENDIX B

Summary of Issued Sukuk actively traded in secondary market (by Instruments)

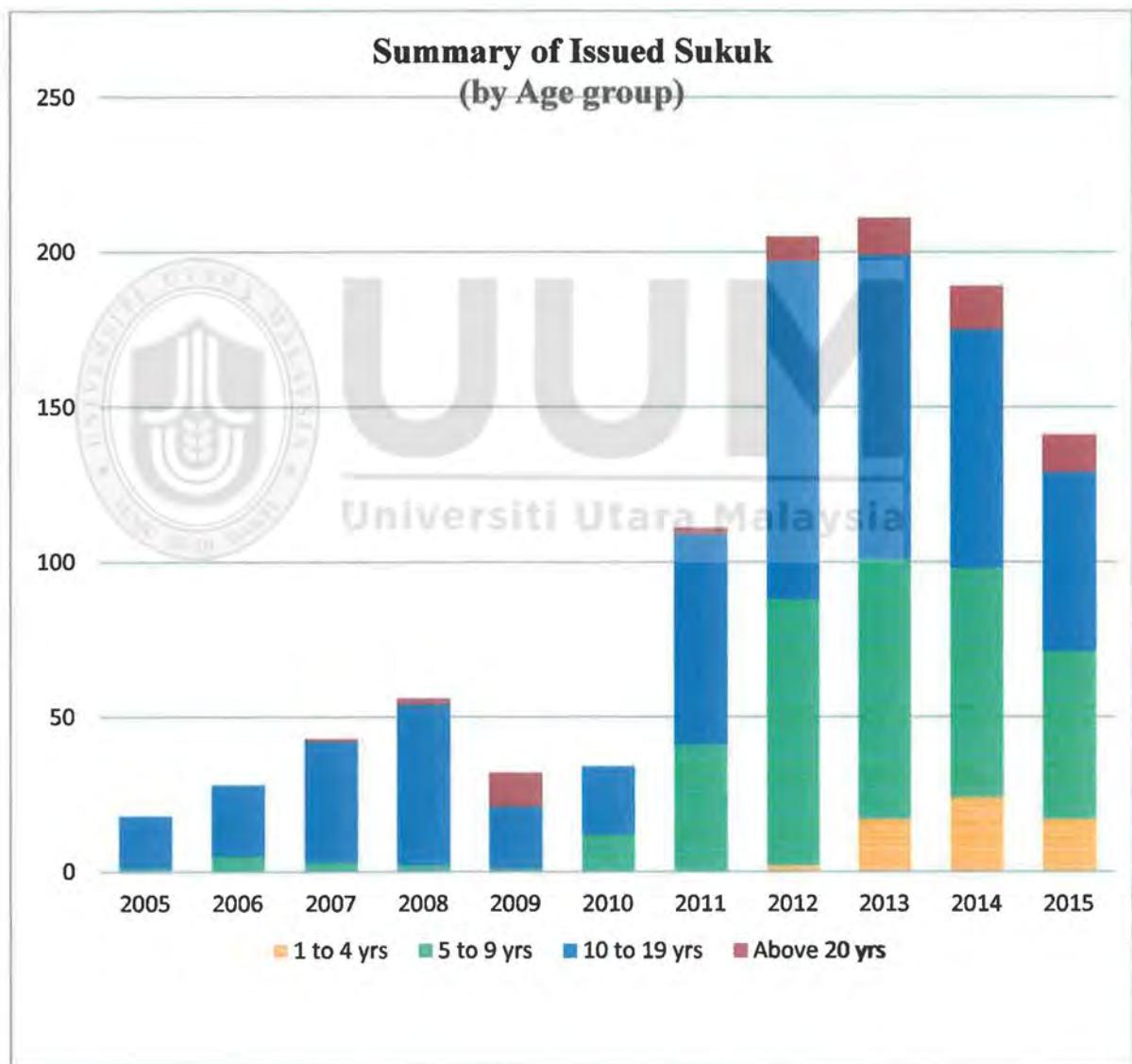
Instrument	Year										
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
ABS	2	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
BOND	6	2	2	20	6	16	24	45	40	48	20
GII	0	3	1	1	2	2	4	12	6	2	7
MTN	10	23	36	35	24	16	83	146	162	137	112
SPK	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	2	0
Total	18	28	43	56	32	34	111	205	211	189	141



APPENDIX C

Summary of Issued Sukuk (by age group)

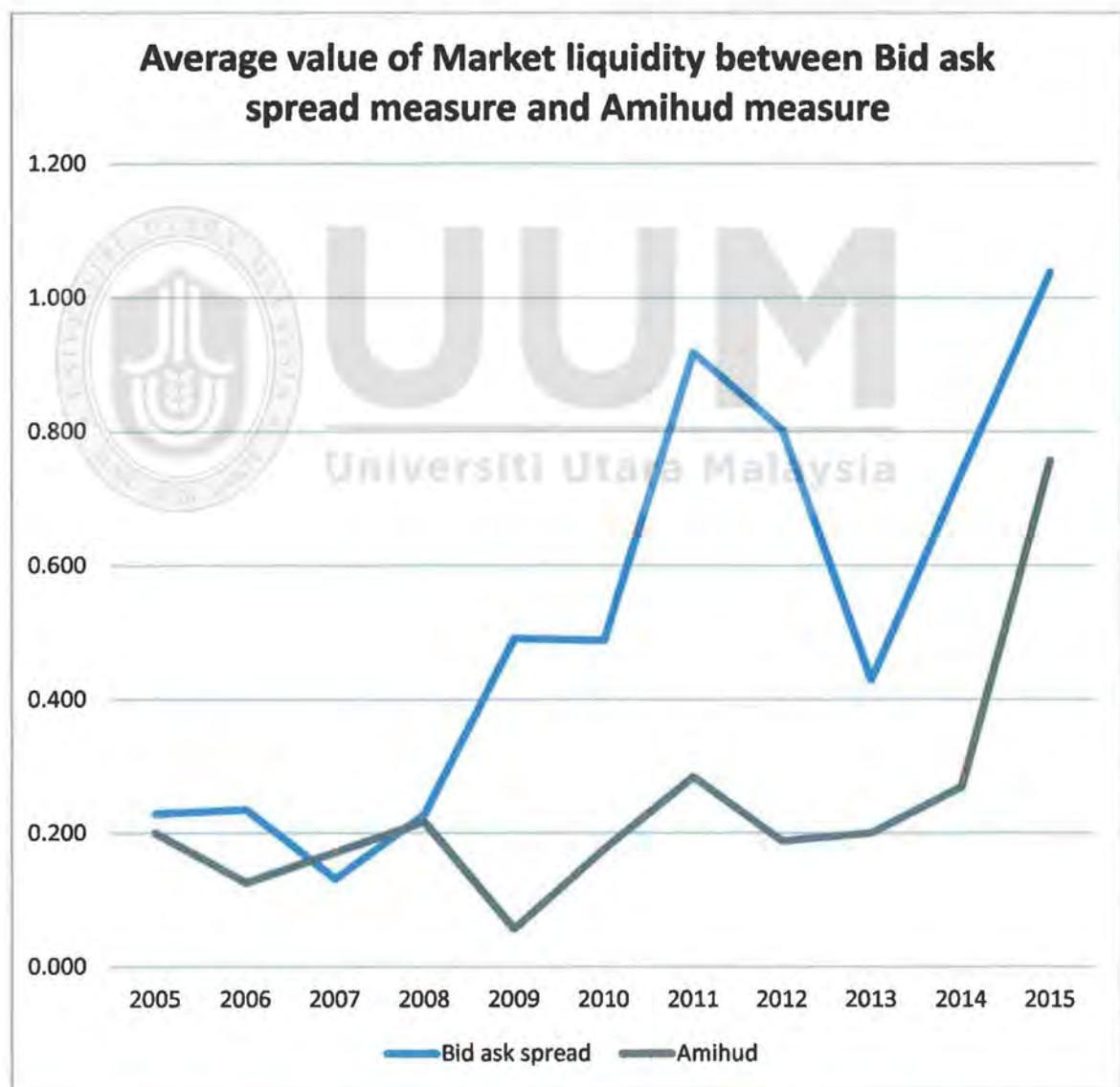
Age (yr)	Year										
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
1 to 4 yrs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	17	24	17
5 to 9 yrs	1	5	3	2	1	12	41	86	84	74	54
10 to 19 yrs	17	23	39	52	20	22	68	109	98	77	58
Above 20 yrs	0	0	1	2	11	0	2	8	12	14	12
Total	18	28	43	56	32	34	111	205	211	189	141



APPENDIX D

Average value of market liquidity between bid ask spread measure and amihud measure

Liquidity Measure (bp)	Year										
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Bid ask spread	0.229	0.235	0.132	0.228	0.491	0.488	0.918	0.803	0.429	0.739	1.038
Amihud	0.200	0.126	0.171	0.217	0.057	0.176	0.284	0.188	0.200	0.270	0.757



APPENDIX E

Rating Definition by Rating Agency Malaysia (RAM) on Debt-Based Sukuk

Type	Rating	Definition
Long Term	AAA	A sukuk rated AAA has superior safety for payment of financial obligations. This is the highest long-term Issue Rating assigned by RAM Ratings to a debt-based sukuk.
Long Term	AA	A sukuk rated AA has high safety for payment of financial obligations. The issuer is resilient against adverse changes in circumstances, economic conditions and/or operating environments.
Long Term	A	A sukuk rated A has adequate safety for payment of financial obligations. The issuer is more susceptible to adverse changes in circumstances, economic conditions and/or operating environments than those in higher-rated categories.
Long Term	BBB	A sukuk rated BBB has moderate safety for payment of financial obligations. The issuer is more likely to be weakened by adverse changes in circumstances, economic conditions and/or operating environments than those in higher-rated categories. This is the lowest investment-grade category.
Long Term	BB	A sukuk rated BB has low safety for payment of financial obligations. The issuer is highly vulnerable to adverse changes in circumstances, economic conditions and/or operating environments.
Long Term	B	A sukuk rated B has very low safety for payment of financial obligations. The issuer has a limited ability to withstand adverse changes in circumstances, economic conditions and/or operating environments.
Long Term	C	A sukuk rated C has a high likelihood of default. The issuer is highly dependent on favourable changes in circumstances, economic conditions and/or operating environments, the lack of which would likely result in it defaulting on a particular sukuk.

Type	Rating	Definition
Long Term	D	A sukuk rated D is either currently in default or faces imminent default on its financial obligations, whether or not formally declared. The D rating may also reflect a distressed exchange, the filing of bankruptcy and/or other actions pertaining to the issuer that could jeopardise the payment of a particular sukuk.
Short Term	P1	A sukuk rated P1 has high safety for payment of financial obligations in the short term. This is the highest short-term Issue Rating assigned by RAM Ratings to a debt-based sukuk.
Short Term	P2	A sukuk rated P2 has adequate safety for payment of financial obligations in the short term. The issuer is more susceptible to the effects of deteriorating circumstances than those in the highest-rated category.
Short Term	P3	A sukuk rated P3 has moderate safety for payment of financial obligations in the short term. The issuer is more likely to be weakened by the effects of deteriorating circumstances than those in higher-rated categories. This is the lowest investment-grade category.
Short Term	NP	A sukuk rated NP has doubtful safety for payment of financial obligations in the short term. The issuer faces major uncertainties that could compromise its capacity for payment of a particular sukuk.
Short Term	D	A sukuk rated D is either currently in default or faces imminent default on its financial obligations, whether or not formally declared. The D rating may also reflect a distressed exchange, the filing of bankruptcy and/or other actions pertaining to the issuer that could jeopardise the payment of a particular sukuk.

Source : Bondinfo.bnm.gov.my

APPENDIX F

SPSS OUTPUT

Frequency Table

		Sector		Cumulative Percent
	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	
Valid	Finance	37	4.0	4.0
	Government	47	5.0	9.0
	Quasi Govt	145	15.5	24.5
	Corporate	698	74.8	99.4
	ABS	6	.6	100.0
	Total	933	100.0	100.0
Instrument				
	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	ABS	6	.6	.6
	BONDS	196	21.0	21.0
	GII	40	4.3	4.3
	MTN	684	73.3	73.3
	SPK	7	.8	.8
	Total	933	100.0	100.0
Cr Rating				
	Frequency	Percent	Valid Percent	Cumulative Percent
Valid	AAA	283	30.3	30.3
	AA1- AA3	435	46.6	77.0
	A1 - A3	30	3.2	80.2
	BBB1 - BBB3	15	1.6	81.8
	BB1 - BB3	11	1.2	83.0
	B1 - B3	1	.1	83.1
	NR(LT)	158	16.9	16.9
		933	100.0	100.0

Descriptive Statistics

	N Statistic	Minimum Statistic	Maximum Statistic	Mean Statistic	Std. Deviation Statistic	Skewness Statistic
Maturity	933	.8740	99.0548	7.492566	7.1304567	7.176
Age	933	2.0	100.0	11.047	6.9593	7.006
Coupon	933	2.500	100.100	5.31870	3.700769	18.912
Bid ask spread	933	.0000	2.0002	.648021	.8972800	.833
Amihud	933	.0001	6.5687	.263998	.6692886	5.055
Cr Rating	933	1	9	2.99	2.803	1.556
In_Voltrg	933	.00	11.41	5.0991	1.65228	.622
In_notrdg	933	.69	8.71	3.1620	1.37251	.552
Valid N (listwise)	933					

Correlations

			Sect	Instrument					Cr
			or	nt	year	maturity	age	coupon	Rating
Spearman's rho	year	Correlation Coefficient	- .105**	.014	1.000	.290**	-.248**	-.254**	.041
		Sig. (2-tailed)	.001	.665	.	.000	.000	.000	.212
		N	933	933	933	933	933	933	933
maturity	Correlation Coefficient	- .032	-.085**	.290**	1.000	.791**	.245**	-.048	
		Sig. (2-tailed)	.324	.009	.000	.	.000	.000	.140
		N	933	933	933	933	933	933	933
age	Correlation Coefficient	- .045	-.103**	-.248**	.791**	1.000	.493**	-.024	
		Sig. (2-tailed)	.165	.002	.000	.000	.	.000	.456
		N	933	933	933	933	933	933	933
coupon	Correlation Coefficient	- .322**	.046	-.254**	.245**	.493**	1.000	-.003	
		Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.159	.000	.000	.000	.	.938
		N	933	933	933	933	933	933	933
Cr Rating	Correlation Coefficient	- .477**	-.125**	.041	-.048	-.024	-.003	1.000	
		Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.212	.140	.456	.938	
		N	933	933	933	933	933	933	933
yield	Correlation Coefficient	- .333**	.009	.104**	.522**	.516**	.622**	.037	
		Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.789	.002	.000	.000	.000	.260
		N	933	933	933	933	933	933	933
Bid ask spread	Correlation Coefficient	- .132	-.097**	-.160**	.138**	.243	.005	.103	
		Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.003	.000	.000	.000	.876	.002
		N	933	933	933	933	933	933	933
amihud	Correlation Coefficient	- .186**	.045	-.077*	.182**	.260**	.225**	-.102**	
		Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.173	.018	.000	.000	.000	.002
		N	933	933	933	933	933	933	933
In_Volg	Correlation Coefficient	- .366**	.209**	-.168**	-.048	.014	-.240**	.243**	
		Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.000	.139	.661	.000	.000
		N	933	933	933	933	933	933	933
In_notrdg	Correlation Coefficient	- .244**	-.187**	-.211**	-.066*	.027	-.164**	.218**	
		Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.000	.044	.408	.000	.000
		N	933	933	933	933	933	933	933
Inamt_los	Correlation Coefficient	- .512**	.216**	.139**	.105**	-.003	-.358**	.290**	
		Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.000	.001	.926	.000	.000
		N	933	933	933	933	933	933	933

Correlations

		yield	Bid ask	amihud	In_Voltrg	In_notrdg	Inamt_os
Spearman's rho	maturity	Correlation Coefficient	.522**	.138**	.182**	-.048	-.066
		Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.000	.139	.044
		N	933	933	933	933	933
	age	Correlation Coefficient	.516**	.243**	.260	.014	.027
		Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.000	.661	.408
		N	933	933	933	933	933
	coupon	Correlation Coefficient	.622**	.005	.225**	-.240**	-.164**
		Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.876	.000	.000	.000
		N	933	933	933	933	933
	Cr Rating	Correlation Coefficient	.037	.103**	-.102**	.243**	.218**
		Sig. (2-tailed)	.260	.002	.002	.000	.000
		N	933	933	933	933	933
	yield	Correlation Coefficient	1.000	-.007	.220**	-.255**	-.174**
		Sig. (2-tailed)	.	.829	.000	.000	.000
		N	933	933	933	933	933
	Bid ask	Correlation Coefficient	-.007	1.000	.717**	.468**	.502**
		Sig. (2-tailed)	.829	.	.000	.000	.000
		N	933	933	933	933	933
	amihud	Correlation Coefficient	.220**	.717**	1.000	-.175**	-.081*
		Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.	.000	.014
		N	933	933	933	933	933
	In_Voltrg	Correlation Coefficient	-.255**	.468**	-.175**	1.000	.916**
		Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.000	.	.000
		N	933	933	933	933	933
	In_notrdg	Correlation Coefficient	-.174**	.502**	-.081*	.916**	1.000
		Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.014	.000	.
		N	933	933	933	933	933
	Inamt_os	Correlation Coefficient	-.218**	.355**	-.161**	.733**	.618**
		Sig. (2-tailed)	.000	.000	.000	.000	.
		N	933	933	933	933	933

*. Correlation is significant at the 0.05 level (2-tailed).

**. Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed).

Regression

Model Summary^b

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.467 ^a	.219	.212	.7966438

a. Predictors: (Constant), mat, age, coupon, Cr Rating, ln_notrdg, ln_Voltrg

b. Dependent Variable: bid ask spread

ANOVA^a

Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	163.955	6	20.494	32.293	.000 ^b
	Residual	586.409	926	.635		
	Total	750.364	932			

a. Dependent Variable: bid ask spread

b. Predictors: (Constant), mat, age, coupon, Cr Rating, ln_notrdg, ln_Voltrg

Coefficients^a

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients		Sig.
		B	Std. Error	Beta	t	
1	(Constant)	-.231	.229		-1.009	.313
	mat	.072	.012	.570	5.922	.000
	age	-.067	.012	-.519	-5.422	.000
	coupon	.004	.007	.018	.573	.567
	Cr Rating	.012	.012	.037	1.007	.314
	ln_Voltrg	.007	.053	.013	.136	.892
	ln_notrdg	.192	.053	.294	3.612	.000

Coefficients^a

Model		95.0% Confidence Interval for B		Zero-order	Correlations	Part	Collinearity Statistics Tolerance
		Lower Bound	Upper Bound				
1	(Constant)	-.681	.219				
	mat	.048	.095	.085	.191	.172	.091
	age	-.091	-.043	.029	-.176	-.158	.092
	coupon	-.010	.019	-.084	.019	.017	.897
	Cr Rating	-.011	.034	.236	.033	.029	.644
	ln_Voltrg	-.098	.112	.393	.004	.004	.087
	ln_notrdg	.088	.297	.387	.118	.105	.127

Coefficients^a

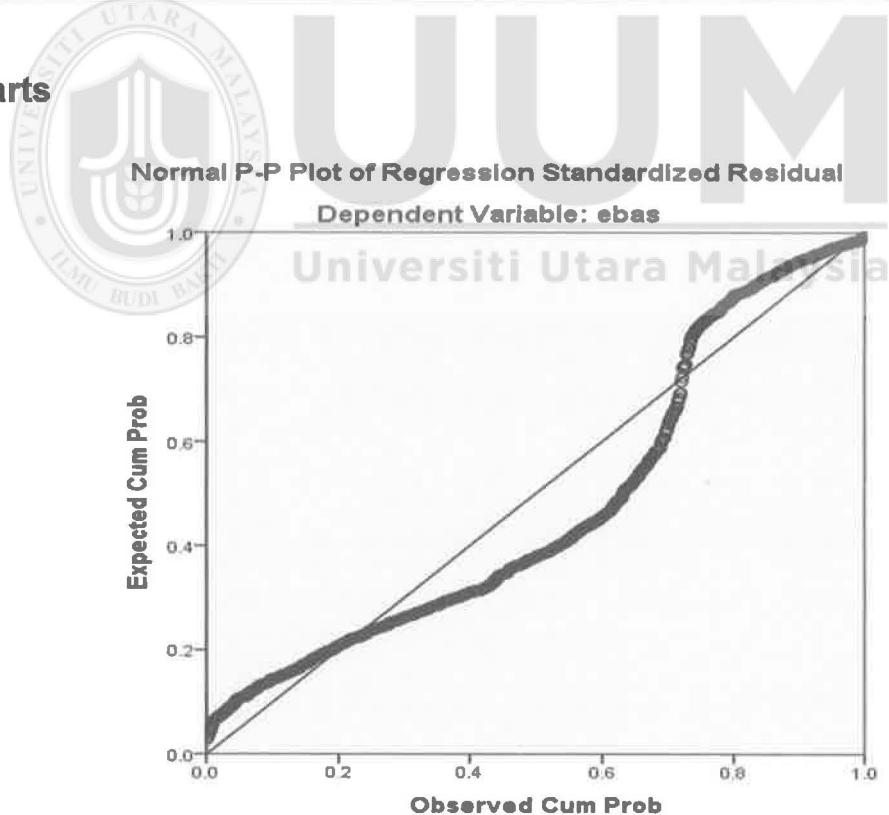
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		VIF						
1	(Constant)							
	mat	10.944						
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	coupon	1.114						
	Cr Rating	1.553						
	In_Voltrg	11.431						
	In_notrdg	7.849						

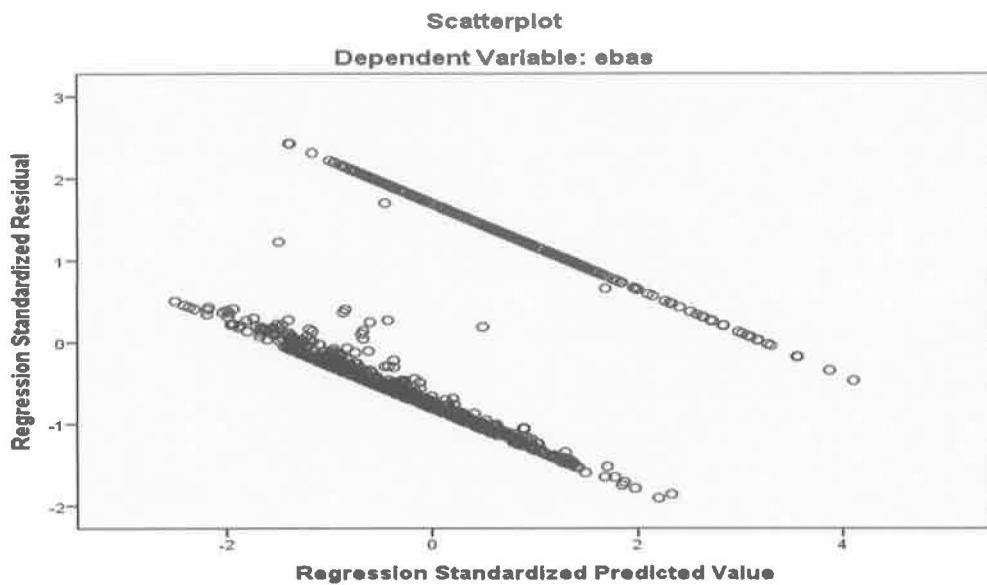
a. Dependent Variable: bid ask spread (ebas)

Collinearity Diagnostics^a

Model	Dimension	Eigenvalue	Condition Index	Variance Proportions				Cr Rating	In_Voltrg	In_notrdg
				(Constant)	mat	age	coupon			
1	1	7.463	1.000	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00
	2	.650	3.388	.00	.03	.01	.00	.05	.00	.00
	3	.459	4.034	.00	.01	.00	.28	.27	.00	.00
	4	.259	5.370	.00	.00	.00	.44	.41	.00	.01
	5	.110	8.248	.02	.00	.00	.16	.04	.01	.05
	6	.016	21.849	.03	.55	.62	.03	.04	.02	.16
	7	.009	28.567	.62	.23	.18	.00	.03	.07	.01

Charts





Regression

Model Summary^b

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.270 ^a	.073	.065	.6472498

a. Predictors: (Constant), mat, age, coupon, Cr Rating, ln_notrdg, ln_Voltrg
b. Dependent Variable: amihud

ANOVA^a

Model		Sum of Squares	df	Mean Square	F	Sig.
1	Regression	30.393	6	3.799	9.069	.000 ^b
	Residual	387.094	926	.419		
	Total	417.487	932			

a. Dependent Variable: amihud
b. Predictors: (Constant), mat, age, coupon, Cr Rating, ln_notrdg, ln_Voltrg

Coefficients^a

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients Beta	t	Sig.
		B	Std. Error			
1	(Constant)	.818	.186		4.395	.000
	mat	.017	.010	.181	1.726	.085
	age	-.017	.010	-.179	-1.715	.087
	coupon	.002	.006	.013	.377	.706
	Cr Rating	-.003	.009	-.013	-.327	.744
	ln_Voltrg	-.200	.043	-.495	-4.618	.000
	ln_notrdg	.070	.043	.144	1.626	.104

Model	Coefficients ^a						Collinearity Statistics Tolerance	
	95.0% Confidence Interval for B		Zero-order	Correlations		Part		
	Lower Bound	Upper Bound		Partial				
1	(Constant)	.453	1.184					
	mat	-.002	.036	.029	.057	.055	.091	
	age	-.037	.002	-.014	-.056	-.054	.092	
	coupon	-.010	.014	-.008	.012	.012	.897	
	Cr Rating	-.022	.015	-.083	-.011	-.010	.644	
	In_Voltrg	-.286	-.115	-.229	-.150	-.146	.087	
	In_notrdg	-.015	.155	-.203	.053	.051	.127	

Model	Coefficients ^a						Collinearity Statistics VIF
1	(Constant)						
	mat						10.944
	age						10.815
	coupon						1.114
	Cr Rating						1.553
	In_Voltrg						11.431
	In_notrdg						7.849

a. Dependent Variable: amihud

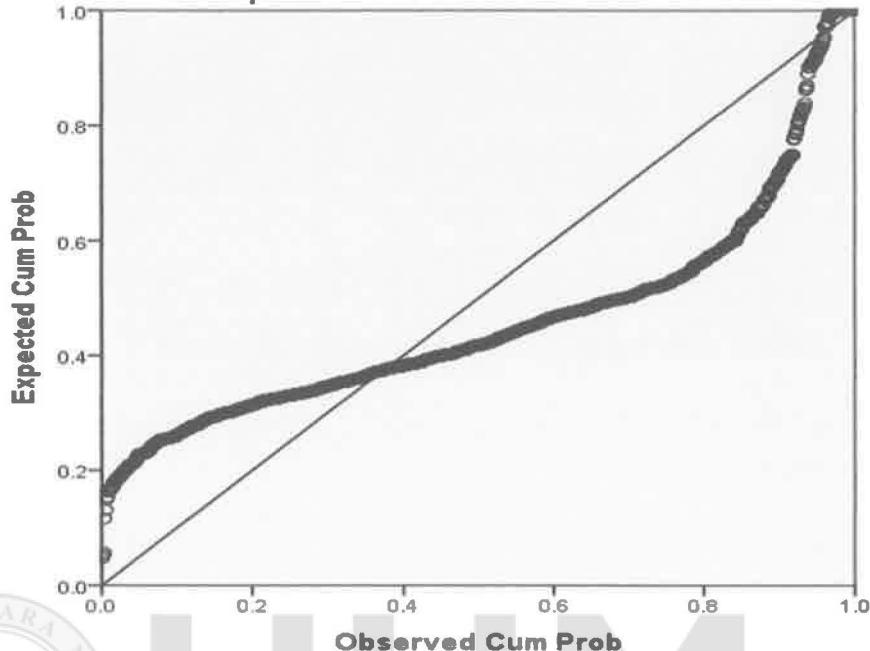
Model	Dimension	Eigenvalue	Condition Index	Variance Proportions							Cr Rating	In_Voltrg	In_notrdg			
				(Constant)	mat	age	coupon									
1	1	7.463	1.000	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00			
	2	.650	3.388	.00	.03	.01	.00	.00	.00	.05	.00	.00	.00			
	3	.459	4.034	.00	.01	.00	.28	.00	.00	.27	.00	.00	.00			
	4	.259	5.370	.00	.00	.00	.44	.00	.00	.41	.00	.00	.01			
	5	.110	8.248	.02	.00	.00	.16	.00	.00	.04	.01	.00	.05			
	6	.016	21.849	.03	.55	.62	.03	.00	.00	.04	.02	.00	.16			
	7	.009	28.567	.62	.23	.18	.00	.00	.00	.03	.07	.00	.01			

a. Dependent Variable: amihud

Charts

Normal P-P Plot of Regression Standardized Residual

Dependent Variable: amihud



Scatterplot
Dependent Variable: amihud

