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**Abstract:** This paper investigates an important problem of an appropriate variance-covariance matrix estimation in the Modern Portfolio Theory. In this study we propose a novel framework for variance-covariance matrix estimation for purposes of the portfolio optimization, which is based on deep learning models. We employ the long short-term memory (LSTM) recurrent neural networks (RNN) along with two probabilistic deep learning models: DeepVAR and GPVAR to the task of one-day ahead multivariate forecasting. We then use these forecasts to optimize portfolios that consisted of stocks and cryptocurrencies. Our analysis presents results across different combinations of observation windows and rebalancing periods to compare performances of classical and deep learning variance-covariance estimation methods. The conclusions of the study are that although the strategies (portfolios) performance differed significantly between different combinations of parameters, generally the best results in terms of the information ratio and annualized returns are obtained using the LSTM-RNN models. Moreover, longer observation windows translate into better performance of the deep learning models indicating that these methods require longer windows to be able to efficiently capture the long-term dependencies of the variance-covariance matrix structure. Strategies with less frequent rebalancing typically perform better than these with the shortest rebalancing windows across all considered methods.

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#### **1** Introduction

Portfolio management and optimal funds allocation remains a subject of interest for any person or institution actively trading financial assets. The growing access to technology and computational resources combined with development in technology and science brought a new era to many fields, including finance, hence the tools used to make investment decisions changed significantly. Investors nowadays may easily use techniques ranging from simple analyses based on financial data to sophisticated portfolio selection frameworks based on deep reinforcement learning to arrive at an allocation that fulfills their requirements (Lucarelli and Borrotti, 2020; Zhang, Zohren and Roberts, 2020).

The concept of portfolio involves holding any positions in at least two different assets, without a limitation regarding the type of position, asset, quantity or even market. Portfolio optimization is therefore a procedure of constructing a portfolio with the highest possible returns for a desired level of risk given the universe of available assets. It was first introduced by Harry Markowitz (1952) and goes by the name of Modern Portfolio Theory (MPT). Its main point leverages the idea of diversification, which is generally superior over holding a position in a single asset since it enables to achieve higher returns for the same level of risk (Melicher and Norton, 2013).

Although MPT seems temptingly simple at first glance, its practical implementation requires several assumptions and additional steps (Zhang, Li and Guo, 2018), the most complicated of which is estimation of the assets' variance-covariance matrix. To address this issue, numerous solutions have already been proposed, including but not limited to: traditional frequentist estimator (Georgiev, 2014; Xidonas et al., 2020), exponentially weighted moving average (EWMA) (Xidonas et al., 2020; Henriques and Ortega, 2014), BEKK-GARCH by Baba et al. (1990) (Naccarato and Pierini, 2014; Zakamulin, 2015), dynamic conditional correlation (DCC) by Engle (2002) (Moura, Santos and Ruiz, 2020; Henriques and Ortega, 2014; Zakamulin, 2015), linear and non-linear shrinkage estimators (Lam, 2020; Frahm and Memmel, 2010) and support vector regression (Fiszeder and Orzeszko, 2021).

The recent studies show that applications of the deep learning time series forecasting methods to financial data might provide advantage over the traditional econometric methods in fields such as forecasting stock prices and indices, forex trading, modelling volatility etc. (see e.g., Sezer et al., 2020 or Huang et al., 2020 for an extensive literature review). As of now, the most popular models used for financial time series are recurrent neural networks, in particular

Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) neural networks, and transformers with attention mechanisms (see e.g. Ding et al., 2020 or Makridakis et al., 2020). The up-to-date research provides evidence for improved forecasting accuracy of global, probabilistic models compared with the local approach, especially for multivariate time series (Salinas et al., 2019; Salinas et al., 2020).

In this study we present an application of state-of-the-art deep learning and probabilistic deep learning models to forecasting variance-covariance matrices, which are used for portfolio optimization in the MPT framework, and we compare the performances of such portfolios with others based on the classical approaches such as frequentist estimator, semi-variance, EWMA, shrinkage estimators.

In order to provide comprehensive evidence of the performance of our framework, we use a universe of assets consisting of stocks and cryptocurrencies to form the portfolios. The novel asset class is capable of enhancing the diversification of portfolios (Demiralay and Bayracı, 2020) as well as providing superior financial results (Li et al., 2021) compared to the portfolios based only on stocks. In general, cryptocurrencies are considered to be more volatile assets than stocks and other classical assets typically used for constructing portfolios (Ghorbel and Jeribi, 2021), hence including them provides an additional opportunity to test the forecasting performance of deep learning based models in varying market conditions.

The research hypotheses of this study are as follows:

- The strategies utilizing the variance-covariance matrix estimations from the deep learning methods outperform the strategies based on the classical variance-covariance matrix estimation methods.
- The strategies based on the variance-covariance matrix estimations from the probabilistic deep learning models perform better than the strategies based on the simple LSTM-RNN models.

The remaining parts of the paper are structured as follows. Section 2 contains an explanation of methodology and models used in the study. Section 3 covers the overview of portfolios construction and evaluation methodology. Section 4 presents the description of data used in the study. The empirical results are presented in Section 5. The last part of the paper contains conclusions and further research ideas. The codes used to arrive at results presented in this paper were developed using Python 3.8 and the deep learning frameworks used for neural networks development were Tensorflow 2.2 and GluonTS. A lot of effort has been into

reproducibility, hence these are available at the GitHub repository: github.com/Maciej-13/vcov\_forecast.

#### **2** Theoretical Background

#### 2.1 Mean-Variance Optimization

The fundamentals of the Modern Portfolio Theory were laid down by Harry Markowitz in 1952, when he created a Mean-Variance Optimization framework for portfolio optimization that was since then widely used and continuously developed. A rational economic agent maximizes utility by choosing a portfolio with the highest returns for a given level of risk or, likewise, the lowest risk for a given level of return. In the mean-variance model, risk and returns were reflected respectively by the portfolio's variance and expected returns, which are typically proxied by mean historical returns. Such statement of the portfolio allocation problem allowed to express it as a mathematical optimization task:

$$min \sum_{i=1}^{n} \sum_{j=1}^{n} \omega_{i} R_{i} \omega_{j} R_{j} \sigma_{ij}$$
$$max \sum_{i=1}^{n} \omega_{i} \mu_{i}$$
$$s. t. \begin{cases} \sum_{i=1}^{n} \omega_{i} = 1\\ \forall_{i \in \{1, \dots, n\}} \omega_{i} \ge 0 \end{cases}$$

where *R* is a vector of multivariate returns,  $\omega_i$  is share of asset *i* in the portfolio,  $\mu$  is a vector of expected returns and  $\sigma_{ij}$  is a covariance between assets *i* and *j*. This version of the mean-variance model does not allow shorting stocks, meaning that exclusively long-only portfolios are considered in this study. It also showcases the dilemma underlying MPT, namely a typical financial tradeoff between returns and risk.

As noted earlier, although the framework is simple and easily understandable, there are multiple factors to be addressed when utilizing the MPT for real-world investment applications. First of all, the choice of optimization objective has to be made. In this study, minimization of variance is selected and used for all, which is rather a stable choice for portfolios incorporating cryptocurrencies (Brauneis and Mestel, 2019). There are however other possibilities such as e.g., Sharpe ratio optimization (Sharpe, 1998). Secondly, a method of expected returns

calculations must be chosen and, in this case, mean historical returns are used. The last decision concerns the risk model, namely the risk quantification for the mean-variance optimization framework, which is the topic of this study.

#### 2.2 Classical Variance-Covariance Estimators

In this paper, we refer to all non deep learning-based variance-covariance matrix forecasting methods as the classical estimators, although some of them are newer than the others.

The first approach is the frequentist estimator of the variance-covariance matrix, namely the sample variance-covariance matrix. In the resulting matrix, the entrances are sample covariances of all possible asset pairs and assets' variances on the diagonal:

$$\hat{\Sigma}_{t} = \frac{1}{k-1} \sum_{m=0}^{k} (R_{i}^{t-m} - \bar{R}_{i}) (R_{j}^{t-m} - \bar{R}_{j})$$

where  $R_i^{t-m}$  denotes the returns of asset *i* in the period [t - k, t],  $\overline{R}_i$  is the average of returns and k is the window parameter controlling how many past observations are considered in the calculations. Although this estimator possesses some attractive theoretical properties since it is an unbiased estimator of the variance-covariance matrix as well as a maximum likelihood estimator under the assumption of normality (Ledoit and Wolf, 2003). Although it is also very easy to obtain from any set of assets, it comes with very little structure and causes multiple problems when used in practice (Jobson and Korkie, 1980). If the number of stocks is larger than the number of time steps in the data, then the estimated matrix will be singular, while the true variance-covariance matrix should not be singular.

The second approach is only a slight modification of the sample variance-covariance estimator, namely the semi-covariance matrix, which is also based on calculation of sample covariances and variances, but only returns below certain threshold are taken into calculations (Estrada, 2008):

$$\hat{\Sigma} = \frac{1}{k} \sum_{m=0}^{k} Min(R_i^{t-m} - B, 0) * Min(R_j^{t-m} - B, 0)$$

where parameter B is the returns threshold. An additional choice of this benchmark for returns is required and, in this paper, we use a 2% threshold of returns for the semi-variance estimator.

This method is focused more on the downside risk, which concerns investors more than any over-performance and Markowitz himself referred to semi-variance as superior to variance in portfolio creations (Markowitz, 1991).

Another variance-covariance estimator is the exponentially weighted variance-covariance matrix, which is based on the idea of assigning more weights to the recent data, since intuitively the newer observations are more relevant to the present state. The exponentially weighted variance-covariance matrix estimator is given with the formula:

$$\widehat{\Sigma}_t = \lambda \widehat{\Sigma}_{t-1} + (1-\lambda)(R_t - \mu)(R_t - \mu)^t$$

where  $\lambda$  is a decay rate and  $\mu$  is a vector of the expected returns. Following the RiskMetrics (1996) EWMA methodology for daily returns, the decay factor of 0.94 is chosen for this estimator.

The next class of the variance-covariance matrix estimators used in this study are shrinkage estimators, which are mainly based on Ledoit and Wolf methodologies (Ledoit and Wolf, 2001, 2003). The general idea is to compose an estimator as a combination of a highly structured estimator F called the shrinkage target and an unstructured sample variance-covariance estimator S. Such composition is given as:

$$\hat{\Sigma} = \delta F + (1 - \delta)S, \quad 0 \le \delta \le 1$$

where  $\delta$  is a shrinkage coefficient. This combination benefits from low bias of the unstructured estimator and low error of the structured one. There are however multiple possibilities of the structured estimators and each of them is characterized by a different optimal shrinkage coefficient. In this study the following three structured estimators were used: constant variance shrinkage, single factor shrinkage (Ledoit and Wolf, 2001) and constant correlation shrinkage (Ledoit and Wolf, 2003). The constant variance shrinkage uses a diagonal target matrix with covariances equal to zero and variances equal to mean asset's variance. The single factor shrinkage uses a single-index variance-covariance matrix estimator, which is based on the Sharpe's single index model (Sharpe, 1963). The last method, called the constant correlation shrinkage aims to set all asset pairs' correlations to the mean of all sample correlations, while the sample variances are not modified.

The last classical estimator in this study is the oracle approximating estimator (Chen et al., 2010) and it is also based on the shrinkage approach, but it is supposed to provide a lower

mean squared error and therefore a better variance-covariance estimation than other shrinkage estimators if the sample is Gaussian or near-Gaussian. This estimator was designed specifically to address some weaknesses of the Ledoit and Wolf shrinkage estimators, in particular the cases with a high number of dimensions and a small sample. This method uses an iterative approach to compute a modified shrinkage coefficient that is superior to other shrinkage estimators under the assumption of sample normality. The calculation of the shrinkage estimator can be expressed as:

$$\hat{\rho}_{t+1} = \frac{\left(1 - \frac{2}{p}\right) * Tr(\hat{\Sigma}_t S) + Tr^2(\hat{\Sigma}_t)}{\left(n + 1 - \frac{2}{p}\right) * Tr(\hat{\Sigma}_t S) + \left(1 - \frac{n}{p}\right) * Tr^2(\hat{\Sigma}_t)}$$
$$\hat{\Sigma}_{t+1} = (1 - \rho_{t+1})S + \rho_{t+1}F$$
$$F = \frac{Tr(S)}{p}\mathbf{I}$$

where S is the sample variance-covariance matrix and p stands for the number of dimensions.

#### 2.3 Long Short-Term Memory Neural Network

Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) neural network is an architecture of recurrent neural networks (RNN) designed specifically to process sequential data such as time series or sequences of words (Hochreiter and Schmidhuber, 1997). The classical RNNs with cyclical architecture operating on ordered arrays of inputs face the vanishing gradient problem (Hochreiter, 1998), which eventually leads to inability of learning the long-term dependencies (Kolen and Kremer, 2001). Therefore, the LSTM design relies on use of particular cells composed of gates that allow to incorporate both current and previous information during a single data processing and tackle the optimization-related problem.



Figure 1. Architecture of a LSTM unit.



Figure 1 presents the architecture of a standard LSTM cell and it clearly exhibits four basic components of a unit: cell state, forget gate, input gate and output gate. The cell state is the actual sequence representing the memory of the RNN. The first part inside the unit is the forget gate, which is responsible for deciding which past information should be preserved or removed, hence its name related to forgetting. The input gate is in charge of processing the current data, that is extracting and retaining the relevant information. The final, output gate calculates the current timestamp's output and passes it outside the cell. The general connections are defined as follows: the input vector  $x_t$  is connected with the unit by matrix U, the unit is connected to the previous (t - 1) and next (t + 1) unit with a matrix W and finally the output vector  $y_t$  is connected with the unit by a matrix V. Matrices U, W and V store weights which are optimized during the learning process and are distinguished for each of the four unit parts. The LSTM cell architecture can therefore be described as the following set of equations:

$$f_{t} = \sigma (W_{f}h_{t-1} + U_{f}x_{t} + b_{f})$$
  

$$i_{1,t} = \sigma (W_{i}h_{t-1} + U_{i}x_{t} + b_{i})$$
  

$$i_{2,t} = \tanh (W_{g}h_{t-1} + U_{g}x_{t} + b_{g})$$
  

$$i_{t} = i_{1,t} \circ i_{2,t}$$

$$c_t = \sigma(f_t c_{t-1} + i_t)$$
  

$$o_t = \sigma(x_t U_o + h_{t-1} W_o + b_o)$$
  

$$h_t = \tanh(c_t) \circ o(t)$$
  

$$\hat{y}_t = V h_t$$

where  $W_f, W_i, W_g, W_o, U_f, U_i, U_g, U_o, V$  are appropriate weight matrices of adequately forget gate (*f*), input gate (*i*), cell state (*g*), output gate (*o*) and output vector,  $b_f, b_i, b_g, b_o$  are biases of each gate,  $h_t$  is the hidden state,  $x_t$  is the input to the LSTM unit,  $c_t$  is the cell state,  $\sigma$  is the sigmoid activation function and the symbol  $\circ$  denotes the Hadamard product.

#### 2.4 Probabilistic Autoregressive Recurrent Neural Networks

Probabilistic forecasting is a field of time series analysis focused on modelling a probabilistic distribution of data and therefore such methods are referred to as global models, since they try capture the holistic view of the considered phenomenon. Moreover, the probabilistic time series forecasting models for multivariate tasks considered in this study estimate a combined distribution of all series included in the dataset, rather than learning and predicting their nature separately. Therefore, such models are better suited for tasks when interdependencies between the time series might play a significant role as well as for forecasting exercises with many long series, hence modelling and forecasting variance-covariance matrices for portfolio optimization is an appropriate problem for application of the probabilistic deep learning models. Two LSTM-based probabilistic neural networks architectures are used in this study, namely DeepVAR (Salinas et al., 2020) and Gaussian Process VAR (GPVAR) (Salinas et al., 2019).

DeepVAR is a multivariate probabilistic deep learning model for time series based on the LSTM cells, which main idea is estimating the conditional distribution of time series given their preceding values:

$$P(z_{t:T}|z_{1:t-1}, x_{1:T})$$

where z is a matrix of time series, [1, t - 1] and [t, T] are respectively conditioning and prediction ranges, and x is a matrix of covariates. Both ranges' definitions could differ between the forecasted series, but in the case of modelling variance-covariance matrices we used the same value of t for every entrance, hence the ranges are unified across inputs. The model distribution is expressed as a product of likelihood functions  $l(z|\theta)$ , where  $\theta$  is vector of parameters, which depends on the outputs of the autoregressive RNN. DeepVAR is both autoregressive and recurrent, as during the training process each time stamp is estimated using lagged observations and the previous output of the NN as the inputs. The output from RNN is used to calculate the parameters of the likelihood function and update the model parameters. In this study, we chose Gaussian likelihood as the covariances could be both positive and negative:

$$l(z|\mu,\sigma) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi}\sigma} e^{-\frac{(z-\mu)}{2\sigma^2}}$$

where  $\mu$  and  $\sigma$  are parameters of the multivariate normal distribution and are both defined as functions of the RNN output.

GPVAR is another multivariate probabilistic deep learning time series model estimating the joint conditional distribution within an LSTM-based autoregressive RNN. The joint distribution is parametrized using a Gaussian copula process, which parameters depend on the model state:

$$h_{i,t} = \varphi_{\theta_h}(h_{i,t-1}, z_{i,t-1})$$

$$P(z_t|h_t) = \left( \left[ f_1(z_{1,t}), f_2(z_{2,t}), \dots, f_N(z_{N,t}) \right]^T \middle| \mu(h_t), \Sigma(h_t) \right)$$

where  $h_t$  is state of the model with transition dynamic  $\varphi$ ,  $\mu$  and  $\Sigma$  are parameters of the Gaussian distribution and  $f_i$  are functions of form:  $\Phi^{-1} \circ \hat{F}_i$  combining the inverse of the standard normal distribution cumulative distribution function (CDF) and empirical marginal distribution of *i*-th input series. These functions' purpose is transformation of each time series to marginally follow a standard Gaussian distribution. Under such setting, the CDF of the joint distribution of the input time series is a Gaussian copula. All parameters of transition dynamics,  $\mu$  and  $\Sigma$  are estimated from the data during the learning process which is conducted by minimization of the likelihood function. Estimation of the distribution parameters could be done with an additional parametrization of the distribution variance-covariance matrix, as it is expressed as a sum of diagonal and low-rank matrices to make the calculations more efficient. All model parameters are updated jointly during the training process, therefore authors of the model expressed it as a parametrization of a Gaussian process to allow learning on a subset of inputs, rather than using all series, which makes the training less computationally expensive.

Both methods provide forecasts in the form of Monte Carlo samples, therefore enable a deeper analysis of predicted values as well construction of confidence intervals around the forecasts. In this study we decided to use median values as the forecasts.

#### 2.5 Forecasting Variance-Covariance Matrix with Deep Learning Methods

Forecasting the variance-covariance matrix with any non-traditional method requires some preparation to ensure that the outputs are interpretable and reflect the expected variancecovariance matrix structure. In general, any variance-covariance matrix is symmetric and positive-semidefinite, which can be expressed as:

$$\Sigma = \Sigma^T$$

$$\forall_{x\in\mathbb{R}^n} x^T \Sigma x \ge 0$$

A variance-covariance matrix created as a combination of forecasts of its entrances is not guaranteed to meet these conditions and therefore it would not be possible to use such matrix for the portfolio optimization process. To impose the proper structure on the forecasted matrix, a Cholesky decomposition is commonly used, especially in financial applications (Chiriac, et al., 2011; Bucci, 2020; Fiszeder and Orzeszko, 2021). This factorization method decomposes a positive-definite matrix into a product two matrices, one of which is lower (or upper) triangular and the second is a conjugate transposition of the first one:

$$A = XX^*$$

where A is a Hermitian, positive-definite matrix, X is a lower triangular matrix, which on the diagonal has real, positive values and  $X^*$  is its conjugate transposition. In the case of positive-semidefinite matrices, as the variance-covariance matrices, this decomposition still applies, but might not be unique. The Cholesky factor can be transformed back into the original matrix by a simple matrix multiplication, therefore allowing to reconstruct the matrix preserving its initial properties.

The variance-covariance matrix forecasting methodology for deep learning models used in this paper can be summarized as the list of following steps:

1. For each available timestamp calculate the historical  $N \times N$  variance-covariance matrix  $\Sigma_t$  over the selected window *w* (where N is the number of assets).

- 2. Apply Cholesky decomposition to each of the obtained variance-covariance matrices  $\Sigma_t = X_t X_t^*$
- 3. Construct separate time series  $x_t^{i,j}$  for each of the entrances of the decomposed matrices resulting in  $\frac{N(N+1)}{2}$  series.
- 4. Forecast the obtained series of Cholesky factors' entrances using a selected deep learning method trained on the available observations.
- 5. Construct the Cholesky factors  $X_{T+n}$  from the forecasted series and then reconstruct the variance-covariance matrix  $\Sigma_{T+n} = X_{T+n} X_{T+n}^*$ .

The assumed time range is [1, 2, ..., t, ..., T], where *T* is the last observed timestamp and T + n is the forecast horizon. The number of assets is *N* and in total it is required to model  $\frac{N(N+1)}{2}$  series, which are variances and covariances of assets. For purposes of the investment strategies based on the portfolio optimization only a single variance-covariance matrix estimation is required, therefore we used a one-step ahead forecast (n = 1). Therefore, the insample periods are determined by the window length (30, 60, 90, 120), while the out-of-sample period is always one day and this forecast is an input to the portfolio optimization process.

#### **3 Investment Strategies**

#### 3.1 Portfolio Construction

The portfolios in this study were created within the Markowitz framework using various variance-covariance estimation methods and different combinations of parameters, but the construction methodology was shared across these strategies to ensure that the results are comparable. All portfolios were optimized using the minimum variance criterion, that is the optimization goal was to search for weights which provide the most stable portfolio in terms of the provided variance-covariance matrix. An additional objective function was used for portfolios with weights rebalancing that incorporated a simple model of transactional costs to ensure that the cost of changing positions is taken into consideration during weights optimization. For small portfolios the transactional costs may be negligible, but the larger the portfolio, the higher are the costs, therefore in this study we have decided to use such solution and consider all costs of changing position assuming a fixed percentage commission of 50 bps for every asset. Although this solution is a simplification, it allows to reflect the transactional

costs in this research setup and simulate the real-world trading circumstances. The single portfolio optimization process was performed as follows:

- 1. Gather the available prices of assets and calculate the expected returns estimated as the mean historical returns.
- 2. Estimate the variance-covariance matrix using the selected method and optimize weights.
- 3. Calculate discrete portfolio allocation from the optimal weights, allocate the available capital to update the portfolio structure by buying and selling appropriate assets.

The portfolio optimization steps were done on every rebalancing day (every 30, 60, 90 and 120 days) and between these dates only the current portfolio value was calculated and saved. A greedy discrete allocation algorithm, that operates in two stages, was used to transform weights into market orders. First as many shares or coins as possible within weights were bought for the available cash and each time the number of assets was rounded down to the closest integer. Then for each asset the difference between the current share in portfolio and the desired, optimal weight was calculated and the assets with highest difference were bought first and the weights deviations calculation was conducted again. This process continued until no more available cash could be invested leaving very little cash on hand and allowing to get very close to the optimal portfolio allocation.

#### 3.2 Performance Measures

To compare and evaluate the investment strategies we employed multiple performance measures to get a broad overview of strategies behavior:

• annualized rate of returns:

$$aRC = \left(1 + \frac{P_T}{P_0}\right)^{\frac{365}{T}} - 1$$

• annualized standard deviation of returns:

$$aSD = \sqrt{\frac{365}{T} \sum_{t=0}^{T} (r_i - \bar{r})}$$
, where  $r_t = \frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}} - 1$ 

• maximum drawdown:

$$MDD = \max_{\tau \in [0,T]} (\max_{t \in [0,\tau]} P_t - P_\tau)$$

• maximum loss duration:

$$MLD = \max_{i \in L} \frac{i}{365}, \begin{cases} L = m_j - m_k \\ V_{m_j} > V_{m_i} \\ j > k \end{cases}$$

where  $m_j, m_i$  stand for numbers of days indicating consecutive local maxima of the portfolio value and  $V_{m_i}, V_{m_i}$  are the corresponding values the local maxima.

• information ratios:

$$IR = \frac{aRC}{aSD}$$

$$IR2 = \frac{IR * sign(aRC) * aRC}{MD}$$
$$IR3 = \frac{aRC^{3}}{CD - MDD - MDD}$$

$$R3 = \frac{1}{aSD * MDD * MLD}$$

In all performance measures' formulas  $P_t$  stands for portfolio value at time t. To reflect the downside risk of the strategies we incorporated risk-weighted measures, since higher risk may not be desirable by the investor.

#### **4 Data and Parameters Setup**

#### 4.1 Assets

The dataset used in this study consistes of daily close prices of cryptocurrencies and US stocks downloaded accordingly from Coinpaprika<sup>1</sup> and Yahoo Finance. Cryptocurrencies markets operate throughout the whole week, while the stock markets are closed on weekends and holidays, so the missing stock quotes for these days were filled with the last available price. The initial dataset consisted of around 1000 stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange and around 500 cryptocurrencies with the highest market capitalization<sup>2</sup>. Daily prices were collected

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> coinpaprika.com

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Data sourced from: coinmarketcap.com

from 2018-01-01 to 2021-10-31. All stablecoins were removed from the study primarily to not cause any numerical problems during the calculations.

The initial large dataset was an input to the stage of filtering the assets based on their market capitalization. Data for stocks and cryptocurrencies for each day was gathered and then based on these values 10 stocks and 10 cryptocurrencies with the highest market capitalization at a given date were selected and taken into the portfolio construction process. This preselection was done to speed up the portfolio optimization as well as select the most popular assets at a given time. To sum up, at every date of a new portfolio optimization the assets were pre-selected based on their market capitalization and a dataset of 20 assets (10 stocks and 10 cryptocurrencies) was then passed further to the portfolio optimization step. Over the whole study horizon, this method selected 82 unique assets, including 64 cryptocurrencies and 18 stocks. The summary statistics of daily returns of both regular and crypto assets are in the Appendix to this paper incorporating the list of every ticker used in this study.

#### 4.2 Models' Parameters

All strategies built in this study relied on various parameters and as many of them as possible are shared between the strategies to enable an unbiased comparison of the results. For every calculation we assumed 365 trading days per year. A window parameter corresponds to the number of past observations taken into calculation of the current variance-covariance estimator, that is how many last prices are used to calculate the matrix estimator. A rebalancing period parameter indicated the number of days passed between the two consecutive portfolios optimizations. Moreover, as described above, we assumed a joint optimization criterion for all strategies, which was chosen to be minimal variance. Table 1 summarizes the parameters common to all strategies and their possible values.

Parameter	Possible values
window	30, 60, 90, 120
rebalancing period	30, 60, 90, 120
optimization criterion	minimal variance

Table 1. Parameters and corresponding values shared by all strategies

*Note:* Parameter window corresponds to the number of days considered for calculation of the variance-covariance matrix estimator. Parameter rebalancing period indicates how many days passed between portfolios re-optimization.

Strategies based on the variance-covariance matrix forecast from the LSTM models were tested with numerous possible hyperparameters. The first important issue to consider was the architecture of the RNN, that is the number of hidden layers and number of units in each layer. To provide a comprehensive view on the performance of simple RNNs we used networks with a single hidden layer and two hidden layers. The possible number of units in each layer was chosen to be in range from 5 to 20. Table 2 summarizes the parameters of the investment strategies based on LSTM RNNs. Each RNN was trained with 150 epochs using ADAM optimizer with the learning rate parameter set to 0.01.

Table 2. Parameters and corresponding values used for strategies based on LSTM variancecovariance matrix forecasts

Parameter	Possible values
Units	5, 10, 15, 20, [5, 5], [5, 10], [10, 5], [10, 10], [15, 15], [20, 20]
Batch size	8, 16
Sequences length	15, 20

*Note:* Numbers of units described as a single number indicate a single hidden layer, while values described with two numbers in square brackets indicate two hidden layers with corresponding number of nodes in each layer.

Probabilistic deep learning models were also tested with various sets of parameters, most of which concerned the architecture of the RNNs or the distribution used in the model. The parameters defined in Table 3 concern both DeepVAR and GPVAR architectures. All networks were trained with two hidden layers and the number of units in each layer was chosen from range between 5 and 20 by 5. Similarly as in the case of the simple LSTM models, 150 epochs were used to train the model with learning rate equal to 0.01. The scaling parameter indicated whether mean scaling was applied to inputs as in Salinas et al. (2020). Copula parameter indicated whether the model used the copula function. The low-rank flag specified whether the low-rank parametrization of the distribution variance-covariance matrix was used – otherwise a full-rank parametrization was employed.

Table 3. Parameters and corresponding values used for strategies based on probabilistic deep learning-based variance-covariance matrix forecasts

Parameter	Possible values
Units	5, 10, 15, 20
Scaling	True, False

Low-Rank	True, False
Copula	True, False

*Note:* Numbers of units was kept the same in both hidden layers. All parameters concern both DeepVAR and GPVAR architecture.

Throughout a single investment strategy backtest the parameters were held constant, however on each rebalancing date a new model was created and fit to the data, since different assets could be pre-selected for that date. Therefore, duration of a backtest varied depending on the parameters – the more frequent rebalancing, the longer time required to test the strategy.

#### **5** Results

To evaluate the performance of strategies based on different variance-covariance estimation methods we backtested strategies with all combinations of parameters introduced in the previous chapter and aggregated the results across windows, rebalancing periods, and models to present them as box plots of two selected metric: information ratio and annualized returns. In such a way we were able to compare different variance-covariance estimation methods as well as check the robustness of the strategies to changes in their parameters. The numerical representation of these results was added as an appendix to this paper. Reference results based on a simple buy and hold strategy for Bitcoin and the SP500 index are added in the note to each figure.

Figure 2 presents the information ratios and annualized returns for all strategies based on a 30-day window, which means that the only last 30 observations were the input to calculation of the variance-covariance matrix estimator. Clearly all strategies were highly sensitive to the rebalancing period and less frequent portfolio re-optimizations provided better results in nearly every case. The classical variance-covariance matrix estimation methods provided the lowest information ratios across all rebalancing periods and the lowest returns in three out of four rebalancing periods. Only in the case of the shortest rebalancing window classical variance-covariance estimation methods were able to provide higher annualized returns than the probabilistic deep learning models, yet the simple LSTM models still were able to provide higher returns in most cases. Strategies based on the LSTM models outperformed all other strategies both in terms of information ratios and annualized returns. Nevertheless, for rebalancing periods above 30 days, all strategies based on probabilistic deep learning models were very stable and provided similar results, indicating that these models were quite robust to changes in their parameters and could provide good results out of the box. Nearly all strategies performed unsatisfactory providing negative or very low returns, which suggests that the input of only 30 most recent observations was not enough to properly capture the variance-covariance matrix characteristics.

Fig 2. Information ratio and annualized returns of the investment strategies based on a 30-days window.



*Note:* Performance statistics were aggregated across all parameters for each variance-covariance estimation method and rebalancing period. Number of strategies in each rebalancing periods respectively was: GPVAR - 23, 32, 32, 31; VAR - 25, 32, 32, 30; LSTM - 25, 40, 39, 40; classical - 8, 8, 8, 8. The reference results are as follows B&H SP500: IR 0.699, aRC 0.15; B&H BTC: IR 0.634, aRC 0.483.

Figure 3 shows the performance metrics for all strategies based on the inputs consisting of the last 60 observations. Once again, in nearly every case, the classical variance-covariance estimation methods provided the worst results. The only exception was the 90 days rebalancing window for which all other strategies performed much worse in terms of annualized returns and information ratios. Similarly as in the case of the 30-days window, strategies with less frequent rebalancing were generally more profitable than the others. All deep learning-based methods

were superior for rebalancing windows other than 90 days. Moreover, the strategies based on the LSTM models were again better than these based on the probabilistic deep learning models. The highest returns and information ratios were obtained for the re-optimizations done every 120 days. Both DeepVAR and GPVAR delivered very stable results, especially for portfolios that were rebalanced at least every 60 days.

Fig 3. Information ratio and annualized returns of the investment strategies based on a 60-days window.



Figure 4 represents the performances of the strategies based on a 90-days observation window. In general, the strategies with portfolio rebalancing every 30, 60 or 90 days provided rather similar returns and information ratios for a given strategy. The LSTM models once again were able to produce the most profitable strategies per rebalancing frequency. The highest returns of around 10% were reported for LSTM-based strategies with portfolios rebalanced every 120 days. Slightly worse results were obtained with DeepVAR and GPVAR models. The

classical variance-covariance estimation methods provided the lowest information ratios and returns in all setups. DeepVAR and GPVAR delivered very stable results for less frequent portfolio re-optimizations. The 90-days window was the first setup when so many strategies provided positive returns and information rations, which indicates that a longer window was superior and the deep learning models need more observations to capture both short- and longterm dependencies in the variance-covariance matrices.

Fig 4. Information ratio and annualized returns of the investment strategies based on a 90-days window.



Figure 5 shows the last group of strategies, which were based on a 120-days window. All strategies based on the classical variance-covariance matrix estimation methods provided rather similar results in terms of annualized returns and information ratios, which were not satisfactory, as most of these strategies were highly unprofitable. Interestingly, the longest rebalancing period was the least profitable for the deep learning-based strategies since all of these were outperformed by the classical methods and ended up with negative returns and information ratios. For strategies with portfolios re-optimized every 30, 60 and 90 days the LSTM models outperformed all other variance-covariance estimation methods providing the highest returns and information ratios. The consistency of DeepVAR and GPVAR is observed for 60- and 90-days rebalancing periods.

Fig 5. Information ratio and annualized returns of the investment strategies based on a 120-days window



*Note:* Performance statistics were aggregated across all parameters for each variance-covariance estimation method and rebalancing period. Number of strategies in each rebalancing periods respectively was: GPVAR - 32, 32, 32, 32; VAR - 29, 32, 32; LSTM - 40, 40, 40, 34; classical - 8, 8, 8, 8. The reference results are as follows B&H SP500: IR 0.699, aRC 0.15; B&H BTC: IR 0.634, aRC 0.483.

To sum up, it is clear that the strategies performance depends strongly on the assumed portfolio rebalancing and window parameter. In general, strategies with more observations considered in the variance-covariance matrix estimation calculation were better than these based on shorter windows. Moreover, a less frequent rebalancing was in multiple cases a better choice than a more frequent portfolio re-optimization. In most of the considered cases, strategies based on matrices estimated using the deep learning models were better than these which used the classical variance-covariance estimation methods. In particular, the investment strategies that utilized forecasts from the LSTM models were generally superior over the strategies that used DeepVAR and GPVAR models. Nevertheless, the probabilistic deep learning models produced strategies which provided very similar results across all parameters indicating that these models could work very well out of the box, and it would not be necessary to spend a lot of time tuning the models' parameters. The LSTM-RNN with a proper length of window was able to capture the variance-covariance matrix characteristics and provide forecasts that when served as and input to the Markowitz framework provided profitable investment decisions.

#### Conclusions

The goals of this study were to present a novel variance-covariance estimation framework combining the Modern Portfolio Theory with the deep learning models and provide an extensive comparison of various investment strategies based on portfolio optimization utilizing different variance-covariance matrix estimation methods. We introduced a detailed methodology of the variance-covariance matrix estimation with the deep learning models along with a specific description of the portfolio optimization process. Within our framework we utilized the Cholesky decomposition to model the variance-covariance matrix entrances in the multivariate deep learning models. The investment portfolios were built and backtested on almost 4 years of data, which included stocks and cryptocurrencies with the highest stock market capitalization. We used multiple classical methods which included the frequentist estimator, semi-covariance, exponentially weighted moving average, and shrinkage estimators as well as forecasting methods based on the deep learning models such as LSTM-RNN and probabilistic deep learning models: DeepVAR and GPVAR. Various combinations of parameters were used and compared to provide an exhaustive analysis of the strategies performance. The optimization objective in the Markowitz framework was minimal variance. To provide a possibility of further experimentations, the codes used to arrive at the presented results are available on our GitHub repository.

Based on our framework we were able to produce strategies that provided positive returns and were profitable over the course of backtests. Nevertheless, performance of these investment schemes strongly depended on two main parameters – the length of observation window and the frequency of rebalancing. In general, a higher number of observations considered in the variance-covariance matrix estimation translated into better results, especially

in case of deep learning-based strategies. These results indicated that the deep learning models required longer windows to properly capture the interdependencies of the variance-covariance matrix structure. Similarly, a less frequent portfolio re-optimizations generally performed better indicating that this framework could be utilized for a long-term portfolio management. In most of the considered combinations of observation window length and rebalancing frequency, strategies based on variance-covariance matrices forecasted with the LSTM-RNN outperformed other strategies in terms of the examined performance metrics. Although, both DeepVAR and GPVAR typically achieved slightly worse results, both models were very stable across their hyperparameters, especially for longer observation windows. These results suggested that the probabilistic models are more robust to hyperparameters changes, and they could provide good results right away, without a lengthy optimization process.

The first research hypothesis concerning the performance of the deep learning-based strategies was partially rejected, as the performance of such strategies strongly depended on window and rebalancing parameters. Nevertheless, in most cases the strategies utilizing the variance-covariance matrices from the deep learning models were significantly better than the strategies exploiting the classical variance-covariance estimation methods. The second research hypothesis of this study was rejected, as the strategies employing the probabilistic deep learning models did not perform any better than the strategies with variance-covariance matrix estimation from the LSTM-RNN models.

This study presented an extensive analysis of investment strategies based on portfolio optimization utilizing both classical and deep learning models to estimate the variance-covariance matrix. We presented results combining different asset classes – stocks and cryptocurrencies – and numerous possible parameters setup. The further research extensions could incorporate larger portfolios and the dynamic financial econometrics models such as the multivariate GARCH models. Moreover, other optimization criterions for the Markowitz framework could be considered such as the Sharpe ratio optimization or maximization of returns for a given risk threshold.

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### Appendix

Appendix 1. Summary statistics of daily returns of cryptocurrencies used in the study.

Asset	Mean	Std. Dev	Min	25%	Median	75%	Max	Skewness	Kurtosis
NVC	0,0114	0,1877	-0,7543	-0,0432	-0,0006	0,0386	2,5474	5,1731	57,1950
NMC	0,0148	0,2937	-0,9303	-0,0300	0,0004	0,0331	7,5501	19,7476	470,4886
BNB	0,0048	0,0637	-0,4380	-0,0206	0,0009	0,0294	0,7010	1,9508	23,2032
STEEM	0,0008	0,0708	-0,4797	-0,0312	-0,0011	0,0308	0,6785	0,8328	10,9348
BCH	0,0011	0,0658	-0,4497	-0,0282	-0,0003	0,0266	0,5128	0,8618	11,1485
BLK	0,0006	0,0166	-0,1365	-0,0029	0,0000	0,0060	0,1352	-0,0906	14,6244
BTC	0,0018	0,0402	-0,3958	-0,0152	0,0015	0,0193	0,1867	-0,5149	8,8944
APH	0,0005	0,0145	-0,1415	-0,0029	0,0000	0,0055	0,1011	-0,8309	14,1687
XLM	0,0017	0,0648	-0,3617	-0,0289	-0,0009	0,0266	0,7412	2,0832	21,8284
ETH	0,0025	0,0516	-0,4439	-0,0222	0,0009	0,0289	0,2741	-0,3779	6,3116
LSK	0,0007	0,0633	-0,4422	-0,0305	-0,0007	0,0295	0,3444	0,1389	5,2146
EOS	0,0017	0,0670	-0,4005	-0,0248	0,0005	0,0250	0,5179	0,7947	8,5831
EMC	0,0030	0,1196	-0,5798	-0,0396	-0,0047	0,0297	1,7208	4,7019	50,6566
TRX	0,0025	0,0716	-0,4264	-0,0276	0,0008	0,0289	1,1961	3,5161	58,1322
AMP	0,0007	0,0222	-0,2382	-0,0039	0,0000	0,0067	0,2264	0,2993	29,5282
DOGE	0,0065	0,1193	-0,3855	-0,0240	-0,0011	0,0188	3,3365	16,7405	442,7789
MEC	0,0168	0,2302	-0,6580	-0,0483	0,0000	0,0467	3,3562	5,8542	67,0336
CNC	0,0004	0,0201	-0,1501	-0,0054	0,0000	0,0062	0,1560	0,4439	10,2164
CLOAK	0,0874	0,6348	-0,8982	-0,0651	-0,0065	0,0626	8,8184	6,0266	52,9086
ZET	0,4740	9,3235	-0,9961	-0,0741	0,0000	0,0753	293,7987	27,6357	804,0266
OMNI	0,0055	0,1308	-0,5376	-0,0477	-0,0016	0,0400	1,0717	1,9646	12,6693
XMR	0,0012	0,0535	-0,4052	-0,0236	0,0018	0,0273	0,3839	-0,3399	7,8034
MONA	0,0010	0,0738	-0,3292	-0,0234	-0,0023	0,0177	0,9541	4,6059	51,6832
FCT	-0,0002	0,0705	-0,3955	-0,0351	-0,0026	0,0320	0,4029	0,5002	4,1543
NEO	0,0014	0,0620	-0,4033	-0,0294	0,0002	0,0303	0,2863	0,0041	4,1679
XPM	0,0115	0,2006	-0,8013	-0,0427	-0,0021	0,0360	3,7938	8,7464	129,5429
XEM	0,0008	0,0648	-0,3217	-0,0295	0,0000	0,0262	0,5431	0,6247	7,1725
START	0,0505	0,4686	-0,9113	-0,0771	0,0000	0,0717	10,5084	10,1774	190,4061
VET	0,0033	0,0783	-0,9922	-0,0337	0,0012	0,0359	0,4227	-0,9961	21,9734
DASH	0,0005	0,0611	-0,3981	-0,0268	-0,0010	0,0263	0,5668	1,1125	13,3797
FTC	0,0004	0,0729	-0,3772	-0,0341	-0,0013	0,0314	0,3961	0,4482	4,8311
DCR	0,0017	0,0570	-0,4503	-0,0257	0,0007	0,0292	0,3320	-0,0557	5,6111
PIVX	0,0006	0,0700	-0,5112	-0,0312	-0,0006	0,0287	0,5409	0,3989	9,3986
XRP	0,0014	0,0646	-0,4173	-0,0243	-0,0011	0,0219	0,5210	1,2067	12,6496
DGB	0,0025	0,0725	-0,4362	-0,0358	-0,0027	0,0325	0,4889	0,6136	4,7882
XCP	0,0103	0,1863	-0,7640	-0,0391	-0,0019	0,0349	3,2153	9,3407	137,7058
DGC	0,0951	0,8390	-0,9550	-0,1038	-0,0046	0,1003	23,1309	16,6585	417,5751
WAVES	0,0026	0,0663	-0,4010	-0,0280	0,0011	0,0306	0,5454	1,0170	9,6781
WDC	0,0001	0,0270	-0,2044	-0,0083	0,0000	0,0094	0,1775	-0,7385	9,8349
LTC	0,0013	0,0548	-0,3808	-0,0269	-0,0001	0,0277	0,3372	0,1225	6,0790
ADA	0,0025	0,0619	-0,4113	-0,0289	0,0003	0,0297	0,3796	0,5279	4,6245
PPC	0,0010	0,0706	-0,3744	-0,0278	-0,0016	0,0271	0,8018	1,9554	21,8106
OMG	0,0022	0,0717	-0,4474	-0,0343	-0,0006	0,0330	0,6887	1,0410	10,5959
BTG	0,0005	0,0255	-0,1879	-0,0085	0,0000	0,0089	0,1611	0,0109	6,8304
TRC	0,0068	0,1332	-0,7046	-0,0487	0,0026	0,0515	1,5445	2,1203	21,9340

VTC	0,0035	0,1078	-0,5354	-0,0409	-0,0033	0,0338	1,3940	3,1710	30,3316
FRC	0,0008	0,0168	-0,1435	-0,0030	0,0000	0,0055	0,1288	0,2592	14,2095
GLC	0,0364	0,6089	-0,9296	-0,0329	0,0000	0,0253	15,5224	18,4268	393,8562
IXC	0,1834	2,8447	-0,9924	-0,0625	0,0000	0,0576	80,8915	23,7855	609,3447
QRK	0,0298	0,3714	-0,9146	-0,0350	-0,0004	0,0301	9,9635	15,3267	374,9162
TRMB	0,0007	0,0195	-0,1860	-0,0035	0,0000	0,0070	0,1881	0,0640	21,3127
LUNA	0,1315	1,8073	-0,9827	-0,0631	-0,0037	0,0568	60,4776	27,4960	894,5993
XTZ	0,0025	0,0685	-0,4640	-0,0323	0,0003	0,0341	0,2944	-0,0115	4,1450
PLU	0,0060	0,1273	-0,5389	-0,0599	-0,0043	0,0552	1,1802	2,1756	14,7743
LINK	0,0056	0,0767	-0,4927	-0,0354	0,0014	0,0398	0,6099	0,8994	8,2981
ZEC	0,0009	0,0593	-0,4098	-0,0284	-0,0006	0,0314	0,2979	-0,0716	4,6661
REP	0,0013	0,0668	-0,4199	-0,0302	0,0006	0,0286	0,6391	1,3054	13,5917
USNBT	0,0223	0,2891	-0,8794	-0,0503	-0,0005	0,0478	5,3951	9,9010	157,4541
VRC	0,0102	0,1938	-0,5908	-0,0551	-0,0048	0,0517	4,0747	9,1211	165,0179
MIOTA	0,0012	0,0623	-0,4258	-0,0301	-0,0005	0,0320	0,3595	0,0836	5,2183
VERI	0,0130	0,2007	-0,7488	-0,0601	-0,0046	0,0582	2,4168	5,5865	57,3260
CLR	0,0007	0,0383	-0,5253	-0,0096	0,0000	0,0098	0,3319	-0,6294	33,7649
ETC	0,0023	0,0639	-0,4208	-0,0233	0,0005	0,0251	0,4442	0,8263	9,3156
BTS	0,0006	0,0752	-0,3909	-0,0277	-0,0008	0,0291	1,1661	3,4990	51,7868

Note: Asset names correspond to tickers from cryptocurrency exchanges.

Asset	Mean	Std.	Min	25%	Media	75%	Max	Skewnes	Kurtosi
JNJ	0,000	0,0115	-	-	0,00	0,003	0,08	-0,482	15,098
UNH	0,000	0,0164	-	-	0,00	0,005	0,12	-0,086	19,784
AAPL	0,001	0,0174	-	-	0,00	0,006	0,12	-0,048	9,639
V	0,000	0,0152	-	-	0,00	0,005	0,13	0,149	16,369
CVX	0,000	0,0193	-	-	0,00	0,004	0,22	-0,305	36,395
PG	0,000	0,0116	-	-	0,00	0,003	0,12	0,666	20,924
MSFT	0,001	0,0158			0,00	0,006	0,14	0,032	14,866
BAC	0,000	0,0192	-	-	0,00	0,006	0,17	0,500	18,827
GOOG	0,000	0,0154	-	-	0,00	0,005	0,10	-0,018	8,854
WMT	0,000	0,0120	-	-	0,00	0,003	0,11	0,869	22,743
WFC	0,000	0,0201	-	-	0,00	0,005	0,14	-0,017	13,150
TSLA	0,002	0,0341	-	-	0,00	0,012	0,19	0,446	7,949
AMZ	0,000	0,0164	-	-	0,00	0,006	0,09	0,054	5,164
NVDA	0,001	0,0250	-	-	0,00	0,010	0,17	-0,566	8,752
JPM	0,000	0,0173	-	-	0,00	0,004	0,18	0,525	22,369
XOM	0,000	0,0178	-	-	0,00	0,005	0,12	0,185	10,352
FB	0,000	0,0190	-	-	0,00	0,007	0,10	-0,684	13,697
BRK	0,000	0.0124	-	-	0,00	0,004	0,11	-0,061	18,183

Appendix 2. Summary statistics of daily returns of stocks used in the study.

Note: Asset names correspond to tickers from New York Stock Exchange.

Window	Rebalancing	<b>Covariance Model</b>	Mean	Std. Dev	Min	25%	50%	75%	Max	Ν
	<b>7</b>	Classical	-0,060	0,036	-0,124	-0,077	-0,068	-0,025	-0,021	
	20	GPVAR	-0,174	0,026	-0,189	-0,186	-0,184	-0,181	-0,106	
	30	LSTM	-0,021	0,022	-0,076	-0,039	-0,015	-0,005	0.013	
		VAR	-0,135	0,046	-0,190	-0,178	-0,152	-0,091	-0,064	
		Classical	-0,027	0,017	-0,050	-0,039	-0,033	-0,009	-0,007	
	60	GPVAR	-0.016	0.001	-0.017	-0.016	-0.016	-0.015	-0.012	
	60	lstm	0.001	0.008	-0.013	-0.007	0.000	0.007	0.017	
		VAR	-0.017	0.003	-0.021	-0.019	-0.018	-0.016	-0.010	
30		Classical	0.000	0.009	-0.015	-0.004	0.002	0.008	0.009	1369
	0.0	GPVAR	0.047	0.002	0.043	0.047	0.048	0.049	0.055	
	90	LSTM	0.062	0.007	0.049	0.057	0.062	0.066	0.076	
		VAR	0.044	0.003	0.039	0.042	0.043	0.045	0.053	
		Classical	-0,002	0,010	-0,025	-0,003	0,001	0,004	0,005	
		GPVAR	0.030	0.002	0.025	0.029	0.031	0.031	0.035	
	120	LSTM	0.029	0.009	0.016	0.021	0.029	0.035	0.046	
		VAR	0.029	0.002	0.024	0.029	0.029	0.030	0.031	
-		Classical	-0,041	0,027	-0,088	-0,053	-0,047	-0,016	-0,011	
	20	GPVAR	-0,110	0,025	-0,139	-0,124	-0,117	-0,102	-0,002	
	30	LSTM	0.015	0.008	-0.017	0.011	0.015	0.021	0.026	
		VAR	-0,047	0,008	-0,073	-0,050	-0,046	-0.043	-0,032	
		Classical	-0,018	0,016	-0,046	-0,026	-0,020	-0,004	-0,001	
	60	GPVAR	0.039	0,002	0.036	0,038	0,039	0.039	0.045	
	60	LSTM	0,058	0,009	0.039	0,052	0,059	0,063	0,080	
60		VAR	0.038	0.002	0.034	0.036	0.037	0.038	0.045	1000
60		Classical	-0.002	0.006	-0.007	-0.007	-0.003	0.004	0.005	1339
		GPVAR	-0.111	0.003	-0.118	-0.113	-0.111	-0.109	-0.106	
	90	LSTM	-0.090	0.017	-0.122	-0.109	-0.078	-0.076	-0.069	
		VAR	-0.107	0.008	-0.113	-0.112	-0.111	-0.108	-0.086	
		Classical	0.002	0.011	-0.018	-0.003	0.003	0.011	0.012	
		GPVAR	0.060	0.002	0.057	0.059	0.060	0.060	0.065	
	120	LSTM	0,077	0,010	0,062	0,071	0,074	0,088	0.091	
		VAR	0,058	0,002	0,055	0,056	0,057	0,058	0,064	
-		Classical	-0,027	0,019	-0,059	-0,034	-0,027	-0,009	-0,007	
	-	GPVAR	-0.018	0.009	-0.059	-0.021	-0.018	-0.015	-0.003	
	30	LSTM	0,023	0,005	0,009	0,020	0,024	0.027	0.033	
		VAR	-0,022	0,009	-0,036	-0,030	-0,020	-0,016	0,001	
		Classical	-0,006	0,010	-0,030	-0,006	-0,003	0,000	0,000	
	60	GPVAR	-0,013	0,001	-0,015	-0,014	-0,014	-0.013	-0,006	
	60	LSTM	0,007	0,008	-0,004	0,001	0,003	0,014	0,024	
		VAR	-0,013	0,004	-0,016	-0,015	-0,015	-0,014	-0,002	1200
90		Classical	-0,006	0,008	-0,021	-0,008	-0,005	0,001	0,002	1309
	0.0	GPVAR	0.015	0,003	0,008	0,016	0,017	0,017	0.017	
	90	LSTM	0,025	0,009	0,009	0,022	0,023	0,029	0,048	
		VAR	0,007	0,001	0,006	0,007	0,007	0,008	0,009	
		Classical	-0,012	0,014	-0,037	-0,020	-0,013	0,000	0,003	
	100	GPVAR	0,064	0,003	0,055	0,063	0,064	0,065	0,069	
	120	LSTM	0,080	0,020	0,047	0,061	0,085	0,100	0,107	
		VAR	0,066	0,003	0,058	0,065	0,066	0,067	0,079	
-		Classical	-0,019	0,019	-0,047	-0,027	-0,020	-0,002	0,002	
	20	GPVAR	0.003	0,005	-0,003	-0,001	0,001	0,005	0.017	
	30	LSTM	0,034	0,007	0,018	0,030	0,034	0,039	0,046	
		VAR	0,003	0,007	-0,028	0,001	0,002	0,006	0,011	
		Classical	-0,002	0,012	-0,025	-0,005	-0,003	0.009	0.010	1
	<i>(</i> )	GPVAR	0,048	0,002	0,046	0,047	0,048	0,049	0,054	
120	60	LSTM	0,076	0,010	0,054	0,071	0,073	0,081	0,094	1279
		VAR	0,051	0,003	0,045	0,050	0,051	0,051	0,063	
		Classical	0,005	0,008	-0,009	0,000	0,006	0,013	0,015	1
	0.0	GPVAR	0,071	0,002	0,064	0,070	0,071	0,071	0,072	
	90	LSTM	0,091	0,008	0,080	0,084	0,088	0,098	0,105	
		VAR	0,067	0,001	0,064	0,066	0,066	0,067	0,072	
	120	Classical	-0,004	0,014	-0,034	-0,007	-0,003	0,005	0,011	1

Appendix 3. Summary statistics of annualized returns of all investment strategies.

	GPVAR	-0,093	0,001	-0,095	-0,094	-0,093	-0,093	-0,091	
	LSTM	-0,085	0,013	-0,098	-0,095	-0,089	-0,082	-0,051	
	VAR	-0,105	0,001	-0,107	-0,105	-0,104	-0,104	-0,104	

*Note:* Presented results were aggregated over all combinations of parameters across window, rebalancing, and variance-covariance estimation method. Parameters specifications that did not converge were removed, since such strategies could not be backtested. *N* is the number of days included in the strategy.

Windo	Rebalancin	Covariance Model	Mean	Std. Dev	Min	25%	50%	75%	Max	Ν	
	5	Classical	-	0.001	-	-	-	-	-		
		Classical	0,155	0,091	0,306	0,204	0,176	0,064	0,051		
	30	GPVAR	0,039	0,007	- 0,045	- 0,044	0,042	- 0,040	0,023		
	50	LSTM	- 0,007	0,008	0,026	0,013	- 0,005	0,000	0,004		
		VAR	- 0,024	0,009	- 0,038	- 0,032	- 0,024	- 0,016	- 0,010		
		Classical	- 0,076	0,049	- 0,135	- 0,112	- 0,095	- 0,024	- 0,016		
	(0)	GPVAR	- 0,003	0,000	- 0,003	- 0,003	- 0,003	- 0,003	- 0,002		
30	60	LSTM	0,001	0,003	0,003	0,002	0,000	0,003	0,008	136 9	
		VAR	- 0.002	0,000	0.003	0.002	- 0.002	- 0.002	- 0.002		
		Classical	0,000	0,027	-	-	0,005	0,022	0,028		
	90	GPVAR	0.025	0.001	0,047	0,016	0.025	0.025	0.030		
	20	LSTM	0,033	0,004	0,026	0,030	0,033	0.035	0,044		
		VAR	0,024	0,002	0,020	0,023	0,024	0,025	0,028		
		Classical	- 0,008	0,029	- 0,072	- 0,011	0,002	0,012	0,012		
	120	GPVAR	0,016	0,001	0,012	0,015	0,016	0,016	0,018		
		LSTM	0,015	0,005	0,008	0,010	0,015	0,018	0,026		
-		VAR	0,014	0,001	0,011	0,014	0,014	0,015	0,016		
	20		Classical	0,118	0,075	0,245	0,151	- 0,139	- 0,046	0,031	
		GPVAR	- 0,029	0,007	- 0,039	0,032	- 0,030	- 0,026	0,000		
	50	LSTM	0,004	0,003	- 0,005	0,002	0,004	0,007	0,010		
		VAR	- 0,013	0,003	- 0,020	- 0,014	- 0,013	- 0,012	- 0,003		
		Classical	- 0.059	0,052	- 0.150	- 0.087	- 0.064	- 0.012	- 0.002		
	60	GPVAR	0,020	0,001	0,018	0,019	0,020	0,020	0,023		
		LSTM	0,029	0,006	0,019	0,026	0,028	0,032	0,043		
60		VAR	0,019	0,001	0,018	0,018	0,019	0,019	0,023	133	
00		Classical	- 0,007	0,018	- 0,027	- 0,024	- 0,011	0,012	0,016	9	
	00	GPVAR	- 0,044	0,001	- 0,046	- 0,045	- 0,044	- 0,044	- 0,044		
	90	90 LSTM		0,005	- 0,052	- 0,047	- 0,041	- 0,039	- 0,034		
-		VAR	- 0,046	0,003	- 0,049	- 0,048	- 0,048	- 0,045	0,038		
		Classical	0,004	0,032	0,055	- 0,011	0,008	0,029	0,041		
	120	GPVAR	0,032	0,001	0,030	0,031	0,032	0,033	0,035		
		LSTM (	0,041	0,008	0,030	0,035	0,036	0,049	0,054		
		VAR	0,030	0,001	0,029	0,029	0,030	0,031	0,033		

Appendix 4. Summary statistics of information ratios of all investment strategies.

		Classical	- 0,076	0,052	- 0,160	- 0,099	- 0,082	- 0,026	- 0,019	
	20	GPVAR	-	0,001	-	-	-	-	-	
	50	LSTM	0,003	0,003	0,000	0,004	0,003	0,001	0,001	
		VAR	0.003	0,002	0.007	0.004	0.003	0.002	0,000	
		Classical	- 0,018	0,029	- 0,088	- 0,017	- 0,009	- 0,001	0,001	
	60	GPVAR	- 0,003	0,000	- 0,003	0,003	0,003	- 0,003	- 0,001	
90	00	LSTM	0,003	0,004	- 0,001	0,000	0,001	0,005	0,011	130
		VAR	- 0,003	0,001	- 0,003	- 0,003	- 0,003	- 0,003	- 0,001	9
		Classical	- 0,016	0,020	- 0,053	- 0,022	- 0,016	0,002	0,004	
	90	GPVAR	0,007	0,001	0,004	0,008	0,008	0,008	0,008	
		LSTM	0,011	0,004	0,004	0,009	0,011	0,013	0,021	
		VAR	0,004	0,000	0,003	0,004	0,004	0,004	0,004	
		Classical	- 0,037	0,043	- 0,113	- 0,060	- 0,039	0,000	0,008	
	120	GPVAR	0,033	0,002	0,026	0,032	0,033	0,034	0,036	
		LSTM	0,040	0,010	0,026	0,030	0,042	0,051	0,054	
		VAR	0,034	0,003	0,028	0,034	0,035	0,035	0,042	
		Classical	- 0,056	0,055	- 0,142	- 0,080	- 0,061	0,005	0,005	
	30									
	30	GPVAR	0,001	0,002	- 0,001	0,000	0,000	0,001	0,006	
	30	GPVAR LSTM	0,001 0,011	0,002 0,004	- 0,001 0,000	0,000 0,009	0,000 0,011	0,001 0,013	0,006 0,017	
	30	GPVAR LSTM VAR	0,001 0,011 0,001	0,002 0,004 0,002	- 0,001 0,000 - 0,005	0,000 0,009 0,000	0,000 0,011 0,001	0,001 0,013 0,002	0,006 0,017 0,003	
	30	GPVAR LSTM VAR Classical	0,001 0,011 0,001	0,002 0,004 0,002 0,039	0,001 0,000 - 0,005 - 0,088	0,000 0,009 0,000	0,000 0,011 0,001	0,001 0,013 0,002 0,028	0,006 0,017 0,003 0,031	
	30 60	GPVAR LSTM VAR Classical GPVAR	0,001 0,011 0,001 - 0,008 0,025	0,002 0,004 0,002 0,039 0,001	0,001 0,000 - 0,005 - 0,088 0,023	0,000 0,009 0,000 - 0,019 0,025	0,000 0,011 0,001 - 0,012 0,025	0,001 0,013 0,002 0,028 0,026	0,006 0,017 0,003 0,031 0,028	
	30 60	GPVAR LSTM VAR Classical GPVAR LSTM	0,001 0,011 0,001 - 0,008 0,025 0,039	0,002 0,004 0,002 0,039 0,001 0,005	- 0,001 0,000 - 0,005 - 0,088 0,023 0,026	0,000 0,009 0,000 - 0,019 0,025 0,036	0,000 0,011 0,001 - 0,012 0,025 0,039	0,001 0,013 0,002 0,028 0,026 0,042	0,006 0,017 0,003 0,031 0,028 0,052	
	30 60	GPVAR LSTM VAR Classical GPVAR LSTM VAR	0,001 0,011 0,001 - 0,008 0,025 0,039 0,028	0,002 0,004 0,002 0,039 0,001 0,005 0,002	- 0,001 0,000 - 0,005 - 0,088 0,023 0,026 0,025	0,000 0,009 0,000 - 0,019 0,025 0,036 0,028	0,000 0,011 0,001 - 0,012 0,025 0,039 0,028	0,001 0,013 0,002 0,028 0,026 0,042 0,029	0,006 0,017 0,003 0,031 0,028 0,052 0,036	127
120	30 60	GPVAR LSTM VAR Classical GPVAR LSTM VAR Classical	0,001 0,011 0,001 - 0,008 0,025 0,039 0,028 0,016	0,002 0,004 0,002 0,039 0,001 0,005 0,002 0,027	- 0,001 0,000 - 0,005 - 0,088 0,023 0,026 0,025 - 0,030	0,000 0,009 0,000 - 0,019 0,025 0,036 0,028 0,000	0,000 0,011 0,001 - 0,012 0,025 0,039 0,028 0,019	0,001 0,013 0,002 0,028 0,026 0,042 0,029 0,036	0,006 0,017 0,003 0,031 0,028 0,052 0,036 0,051	127 9
120	30 60 90	GPVAR LSTM VAR Classical GPVAR LSTM VAR Classical GPVAR	0,001 0,011 0,001 - 0,008 0,025 0,039 0,028 0,016 0,040	0,002 0,004 0,002 0,039 0,001 0,005 0,002 0,027 0,001	- 0,001 0,000 - 0,005 - 0,088 0,023 0,026 0,025 - 0,030 0,037	0,000 0,009 0,000 - 0,019 0,025 0,036 0,028 0,000 0,040	0,000 0,011 0,001 - 0,012 0,025 0,039 0,028 0,019 0,041	0,001 0,013 0,002 0,028 0,026 0,042 0,029 0,036 0,041	0,006 0,017 0,003 0,031 0,028 0,052 0,036 0,051 0,042	127 9
120	30 60 90	GPVAR LSTM VAR Classical GPVAR LSTM VAR Classical GPVAR LSTM	0,001 0,011 0,001 - 0,008 0,025 0,039 0,028 0,016 0,040 0,056	0,002 0,004 0,002 0,039 0,001 0,005 0,002 0,027 0,001 0,008	- 0,001 0,000 - 0,005 - 0,088 0,023 0,025 - 0,025 - 0,030 0,037 0,046	0,000 0,009 0,000 - 0,019 0,025 0,036 0,028 0,000 0,040 0,048	0,000 0,011 0,001 0,012 0,025 0,039 0,028 0,019 0,041 0,055	0,001 0,013 0,002 0,028 0,026 0,042 0,029 0,036 0,041 0,062	0,006 0,017 0,003 0,031 0,028 0,052 0,036 0,051 0,042 0,069	127 9
120	30 60 90	GPVAR LSTM VAR Classical GPVAR LSTM VAR Classical GPVAR LSTM VAR	0,001 0,011 0,001 - 0,008 0,025 0,039 0,028 0,016 0,040 0,056 0,042	0,002 0,004 0,002 0,039 0,001 0,005 0,002 0,027 0,001 0,008 0,001	- 0,001 0,000 - 0,005 - 0,088 0,023 0,026 0,025 - 0,030 0,037 0,046 0,039	0,000 0,009 0,000 - 0,019 0,025 0,036 0,028 0,000 0,040 0,048 0,042	0,000 0,011 0,001 0,012 0,025 0,039 0,028 0,019 0,041 0,055 0,042	0,001 0,013 0,002 0,028 0,026 0,042 0,029 0,036 0,041 0,062 0,043	0,006 0,017 0,003 0,031 0,028 0,052 0,036 0,051 0,042 0,069 0,043	127 9
120	30 60 90	GPVAR LSTM VAR Classical GPVAR LSTM VAR Classical GPVAR LSTM VAR Classical	0,001 0,011 0,001 0,008 0,025 0,039 0,028 0,016 0,040 0,056 0,042 - 0,013	0,002 0,004 0,002 0,039 0,001 0,005 0,002 0,027 0,001 0,008 0,001 0,046	- 0,001 0,000 - 0,005 - 0,088 0,023 0,026 0,025 - 0,030 0,037 0,046 0,039 - 0,111	0,000 0,009 0,000 - 0,019 0,025 0,036 0,028 0,000 0,040 0,040 0,048 0,042 - 0,024	0,000 0,011 0,001 0,012 0,025 0,039 0,028 0,019 0,041 0,055 0,042 - 0,012	0,001 0,013 0,002 0,028 0,026 0,042 0,029 0,036 0,041 0,062 0,043 0,017	0,006 0,017 0,003 0,031 0,028 0,052 0,036 0,051 0,042 0,069 0,043 0,033	127 9
120	30 60 90	GPVAR LSTM VAR Classical GPVAR LSTM VAR Classical GPVAR LSTM VAR Classical GPVAR Classical GPVAR	0,001 0,011 0,001 0,008 0,025 0,039 0,028 0,016 0,040 0,056 0,042 - 0,013 - 0,059	0,002 0,004 0,002 0,039 0,001 0,005 0,002 0,027 0,001 0,008 0,001 0,046 0,000	- 0,001 0,000 - 0,005 - 0,088 0,023 0,026 0,025 - 0,030 0,037 0,046 0,039 - 0,111 - 0,060	0,000 0,009 0,000 - 0,019 0,025 0,036 0,028 0,000 0,040 0,040 0,048 0,042 - 0,024 - 0,025	0,000 0,011 0,001 0,012 0,025 0,039 0,028 0,019 0,041 0,055 0,042 - 0,012 - 0,059	0,001 0,013 0,002 0,028 0,026 0,042 0,029 0,036 0,041 0,062 0,043 0,017 - 0,059	0,006 0,017 0,003 0,031 0,028 0,052 0,036 0,051 0,042 0,069 0,043 0,033 - 0,058	127 9
120	30 60 90 120	GPVAR LSTM VAR Classical GPVAR LSTM VAR Classical GPVAR LSTM VAR Classical GPVAR LSTM	0,001 0,011 0,001 0,008 0,025 0,039 0,028 0,016 0,040 0,056 0,042 - 0,013 - 0,059 - 0,053	0,002 0,004 0,002 0,039 0,001 0,005 0,002 0,027 0,001 0,008 0,001 0,046 0,000	- 0,001 0,000 - 0,005 - 0,088 0,023 0,026 0,025 - 0,030 0,037 0,046 0,039 - 0,111 - 0,060 - 0,060	0,000 0,009 0,000 - 0,019 0,025 0,036 0,028 0,000 0,040 0,040 0,048 0,042 - 0,024 - 0,024 - 0,059 - 0,058	0,000 0,011 0,001 - 0,012 0,025 0,039 0,028 0,019 0,041 0,055 0,042 - 0,012 - 0,059 - 0,057	0,001 0,013 0,002 0,028 0,026 0,042 0,029 0,036 0,041 0,062 0,043 0,017 - 0,059 - 0,052	0,006 0,017 0,003 0,031 0,028 0,052 0,036 0,051 0,042 0,069 0,043 0,033 - 0,058 - 0,029	127 9
120	30 60 90 120	GPVAR LSTM VAR Classical GPVAR LSTM VAR Classical GPVAR LSTM VAR Classical GPVAR LSTM VAR CLASSICAL CLASSICAL CLASSICAL	0,001 0,011 0,001 0,008 0,025 0,039 0,028 0,016 0,040 0,056 0,042 - 0,013 - 0,059 - 0,053 - 0,067	0,002 0,004 0,002 0,039 0,001 0,005 0,002 0,027 0,001 0,008 0,001 0,046 0,000 0,008 0,002	- 0,001 0,000 - 0,005 - 0,088 0,023 0,026 0,025 - 0,030 0,037 0,046 0,039 - 0,111 - 0,060 - 0,060 - 0,068	0,000 0,009 0,000 - 0,019 0,025 0,036 0,028 0,000 0,040 0,040 0,048 0,042 - 0,024 - 0,024 - 0,059 - 0,058 - 0,067	0,000 0,011 0,001 - 0,012 0,025 0,039 0,028 0,019 0,041 0,055 0,042 - 0,012 - 0,059 - 0,057 - 0,067	0,001 0,013 0,002 0,028 0,026 0,042 0,029 0,036 0,041 0,062 0,043 0,017 - 0,059 - 0,052 - 0,067	0,006 0,017 0,003 0,031 0,028 0,052 0,036 0,051 0,042 0,069 0,043 0,033 - 0,058 - 0,029 - 0,062	127 9

*Note:* Presented results were aggregated over all combinations of parameters across window, rebalancing, and variance-covariance estimation method. Parameters specifications that did not converge were removed, since such strategies could not be backtested. *N* is the number of days included in the strategy.

Appendix 5. Strategies performance metrics and parameters for 3 best and 3 worst strategies based on a 30-days window.



			-0,021	0,405	0,436	3,510	-0,051	-0,002	0,000						
			-0,027	0,389	0,446	3,510	-0,069	-0,004	0,000						
		mo	-0,077	0,364	0,426	3,510	-0,211	-0,038	-0,001						
		3ott	-0,078	0,388	0,464	3,510	-0,201	-0,034	-0,001						
		I	0.013	3 560	0.898	2 784	0.004	0.000	0.000	16	20	[15]			
		òp	0.006	2,447	0.830	3.510	0.002	0.000	0.000	16	20	[5]			
	M	Τ	0,003	2,799	0,831	3,510	0,001	0,000	0,000	16	20	[5, 5]			
	LSJ	m	-0,050	3,266	0,865	3,014	-0,015	-0,001	0,000	8	15	[20]			
		otto	-0,052	2,694	0,895	2,973	-0,019	-0,001	0,000	8	15	[20, 20]			
		B	-0,076	2,898	0,896	2,784	-0,026	-0,002	0,000	8	20	[20, 20]			
		do	-0,106	4,456	0,989	3,014	-0,024	-0,003	0,000	16		5	False	False	True
	ÅR	Тс	-0,109	4,749	0,989	3,014	-0,023	-0,003	0,000	16		20	True	I rue Folce	True
	V/	n	-0,109	4,733	0,988	3,014	-0,023	-0,003	0,000	16		20	True	True	False
	σ	ttoı	-0,188	5,203	0,989	3,014	-0,036	-0,007	0,000	16		15	True	False	False
		Bo	-0,189	4,735	0,989	3,014	-0,040	-0,008	0,000	16		15	False	True	True
		0	-0,064	6,147	0,990	3,014	-0,010	-0,001	0,000	16		5	False	False	False
		ToJ	-0,078	4,433	0,985	3,014	-0,018	-0,001	0,000	16		20	True	False	True
	AR		-0,086	4,529	0,986	2,792	-0,019	-0,002	0,000	16		10	False	True	True
	>	tom	-0,187	5,780	0,988	3,014	-0,032	-0,006	0,000	16		15	True	True	True
		Bott	-0,189	5,085 6 218	0,989	3,014	-0,033	-0,006	0,000	16		15	True False	False	True
		_	-0.007	0.395	0.399	1.964	-0.016	0.000	0.000	10		10	1 alse	1 dise	True
	Ч	op	-0,007	0,395	0,399	1,964	-0,016	0,000	0,000						
	sice	L	-0,010	0,376	0,403	1,455	-0,026	-0,001	0,000						
	las	m	-0,038	0,330	0,350	1,504	-0,114	-0,012	0,000						
	0	otto	-0,041	0,370	0,421	2,455	-0,112	-0,011	0,000						
		В	-0,050	0,370	0,411	1,504	-0,135	-0,016	-0,001	16	20	[10 ] 5]			
		dc	0,017	2,115	0,891	1,989	0,008	0,000	0,000	16	20	[10, 5]			
	М	Ţ	0,017	2,120	0,891	1,989	0,008	0,000	0,000	16	20	[10, 5]			
	ST	n	-0.009	3.548	0.920	1,992	-0.002	0,000	0.000	16	20	[20, 20]			
	Γ	otto	-0,010	3,756	0,920	1,989	-0,003	0,000	0,000	16	20	[15]			
0		Bo	-0,013	3,771	0,920	1,992	-0,003	0,000	0,000	16	15	[20]			
9		b	-0,012	4,782	0,944	2,690	-0,002	0,000	0,000	16		5	False	False	True
	R	To	-0,014	5,186	0,945	2,682	-0,003	0,000	0,000	16		20	True	True	True
	٨V	L.	-0,015	5,502	0,945	2,682	-0,003	0,000	0,000	16		15	I rue Folco	False	False
	GF	tton	-0,017	5 928	0,947	2,082	-0,003	0,000	0,000	16		20	False	True	True
		Bot	-0.017	5,954	0.948	1.992	-0.003	0.000	0.000	16		5	False	False	False
			-0,010	5,435	0,927	2,811	-0,002	0,000	0,000	16		5	True	True	True
		Top	-0,011	5,442	0,944	1,989	-0,002	0,000	0,000	16		5	False	True	False
	AR	`	-0,013	5,879	0,946	1,989	-0,002	0,000	0,000	16		20	False	True	False
	N,	om	-0,020	8,998	0,950	1,992	-0,002	0,000	0,000	16		5	False	True	True
		3 ott	-0,020	9,047	0,955	1,992	-0,002	0,000	0,000	16		5	True	False	True
		E	-0,021	9,139	0,955	3 510	-0,002	0,000	0,000	16		20	Irue	Irue	Faise
	_	do	0.009	0,328	0.384	2,690	0.028	0.000	0,000						
	sica	Т	0,008	0,367	0,384	2,690	0,022	0,000	0,000						
	lass	m	-0,004	0,283	0,309	3,510	-0,013	0,000	0,000						
	0	ottc	-0,007	0,268	0,293	3,510	-0,024	-0,001	0,000						
		В	-0,015	0,328	0,342	2,200	-0,047	-0,002	0,000						
		de	0,076	1,794	0,840	2,688	0,042	0,004	0,000	8	15	[5, 5]			
	Σ	Τc	0,074	1,879	0,840	2,688	0,039	0,003	0,000	8 16	15	[10, 5]			
	ST	n	0.052	1,958	0.839	2,690	0.028	0.002	0,000	8	15	[5]			
	Γ	ttor	0,050	1,928	0,840	2,690	0,026	0,002	0,000	8	20	[10]			
0		Bo	0,049	1,922	0,837	2,688	0,026	0,002	0,000	8	20	[10]			
6		•	0,055	1,836	0,859	2,882	0,030	0,002	0,000	16		5	True	True	False
	Ч	Tol	0,051	1,915	0,863	2,934	0,027	0,002	0,000	16		20	True	False	True
	VA		0,049	1,903	0,858	2,833	0,026	0,001	0,000	16		5	False	False	False
	GP	tom	0,043	1,847	0,861	2,934	0,023	0,001	0,000	16 14		20	True	True	False
		Bott	0,043	1,847	0,800	2,934 2,600	0,023	0,001	0,000	10 16		10	False	r aise	raise
		I	0.043	1,880	0.853	2,699	0.023	0.001	0.000	16		20	True	True	False
		do	0,052	1,923	0,854	2,690	0,027	0,002	0,000	16		15	False	False	True
	₹R	Γ	0,049	1,918	0,855	2,690	0,025	0,001	0,000	16		5	True	True	True
	٧A	ш	0,042	1,829	0,856	2,690	0,023	0,001	0,000	16		10	True	False	False
		ottc	0,041	1,908	0,851	2,690	0,022	0,001	0,000	16		5	False	True	True
~		эB	0,039	1,914	0,854	2,699	0,020	0,001	0,000	16		15	False	False	False
17	U s	Ľ	0,005	0,375	0,395	2,312	0,012	0,000	0,000						

		0,005	0,375	0,395	2,312	0,012	0,000	0,000						
		0,004	0,324	0,372	2,312	0,012	0,000	0,000						
	ш	-0,002	0,304	0,365	2,438	-0,006	0,000	0,000						
	otto	-0,007	0,280	0,323	3,112	-0,025	-0,001	0,000						
	B	-0,025	0,343	0,418	1,868	-0,072	-0,004	0,000						
		0,046	1,905	0,885	3,501	0,024	0,001	0,000	16	20	[5]			
	lop	0,045	1,758	0,863	3,501	0,026	0,001	0,000	16	20	[15]			
LΜ	L .	0,044	1,959	0,872	2,208	0,023	0,001	0,000	16	20	[10]			
S	m	0,018	2,201	0,951	2,192	0,008	0,000	0,000	8	15	[5, 10]			
	otto	0,018	2,123	0,951	2,192	0,008	0,000	0,000	16	15	[20]			
	B	0,016	2,140	0,951	2,192	0,008	0,000	0,000	8	20	[10]			
		0,035	1,911	0,945	2,874	0,018	0,001	0,000	16		20	True	False	True
~	lop	0,035	1,916	0,945	2,825	0,018	0,001	0,000	16		20	False	False	True
[A]	L .	0,033	1,921	0,944	2,926	0,017	0,001	0,000	16		5	False	False	True
J.d.	m	0,027	1,996	0,955	2,789	0,013	0,000	0,000	16		10	False	True	False
0	otto	0,027	1,974	0,959	2,778	0,013	0,000	0,000	16		20	False	False	False
	Bc	0,025	2,021	0,958	2,786	0,012	0,000	0,000	16		20	True	False	False
		0,031	2,003	0,943	2,833	0,016	0,001	0,000	16		10	True	True	False
	Γop	0,031	2,009	0,944	2,833	0,015	0,001	0,000	16		20	False	True	False
AR		0,031	2,019	0,944	2,833	0,015	0,001	0,000	16		5	True	True	False
\ ∧	u	0,026	2,098	0,957	2,786	0,013	0,000	0,000	16		15	True	True	True
	otto	0,025	2,088	0,960	2,786	0,012	0,000	0,000	16		20	True	True	False
	B	0,024	2,109	0,961	2,786	0,011	0,000	0,000	16		15	True	False	False

*Note:* Parameters specifications that did not converge were removed, since such strategies could not be backtested.

Appendix 6. Strategies performance metrics and parameters for 3 best and 3 worst strategies	
based on a 60-days window.	

Rebalancing	Covariance Model	Strategy Rank	aRC	aSD	MD	MLD	IR	IR2	IR3	Batch Size	Length	Cells	Scaling	Copula	Low Rank
		p	-0,011	0,363	0,351	1,718	-0,031	-0,001	0,000						
	cal	To	-0,011	0,363	0,351	1,718	-0,031	-0,001	0,000						
	assi	я	-0.018	0,345	0,348	1,721	-0,051	-0.018	-0.001						
	G	ottor	-0,055	0,345	0,348	1,721	-0,157	-0,024	-0,001						
		Βc	-0,088	0,358	0,382	1,726	-0,245	-0,057	-0,003						
		đ	0,026	3,048	0,808	0,808	0,008	0,000	0,000	16	15	[20, 20]			
	Z	То	0,024	2,804	0,895	1,400	0,009	0,000	0,000	8	15	[15]			
	STI	g	0,024	2,980	0,804	0,808	0,008	0,000	0,000	10	20	[20, 20] [5, 10]			
	Г	ttor	0,000	2,898	0,900	1,493	0,000	0,000	0,000	8	15	[15, 15]			
0		Bo	-0,017	3,202	0,899	0,800	-0,005	0,000	0,000	8	20	[20, 20]			
ŝ		b	-0,002	3,901	0,971	1,874	0,000	0,000	0,000	16		20	False	False	True
	AR	То	-0,070	3,932	0,973	1,874	-0,018	-0,001	0,000	16		5	True	False	True
	νγ	g	-0,088	3,814 3,870	0,972	1,874	-0,023	-0,002	0,000	16		15	False	False	True
	ß	ttor	-0,139	3,546	0,967	1,874	-0,039	-0,005	0,000	16		20	True	False	True
		Bo	-0,139	3,931	0,973	1,874	-0,035	-0,005	0,000	16		20	True	True	False
		p	-0,032	3,366	0,965	2,082	-0,010	0,000	0,000	16		15	True	True	False
	~	To	-0,038	3,360	0,961	1,871	-0,011	0,000	0,000	16		20	True	False	False
	'AR	-	-0,040	3,485	0,970	1,871	-0,011	0,000	0,000	16		10	True	False	False
	~	ton	-0,039	3,020	0,903	1,874	-0,010	-0,001	0,000	16		13	True	True	True
		Bot	-0.073	3,400 4.097	0,971	1,874	-0.018	-0.001	0,000	16		20	True	False	True
		-	-0,001	0,370	0,341	1,940	-0,002	0,000	0,000						
	al	Top	-0,001	0,370	0,341	1,940	-0,002	0,000	0,000						
	Classic	-	-0,005	0,307	0,338	1,970	-0,015	0,000	0,000						
		mo	-0,025	0,298	0,331	3,178	-0,085	-0,006	0,000						
		Bottor	-0,027	0,285	0,332	3,178	-0,094	-0,008	0,000						
		_	0.080	1.866	0.778	1.712	0.043	0.004	0.000	16	20	[5, 5]			
		Γop	0,075	1,756	0,778	1,712	0,043	0,004	0,000	16	20	[10, 5]			
	TΜ	MT8	0,075	1,974	0,778	1,162	0,038	0,004	0,000	16	20	[5]			
	LS'	шc	0,044	2,085	0,891	0,921	0,021	0,001	0,000	16	20	[20, 20]			
		3otte	0,039	2,088	0,895	0,921	0,019	0,001	0,000	16	15	[20]			
60		н	0,039	2,092	0,898	0,901	0,019	0,001	0,000	16	15	[20, 20]	True	Falce	True
		ob	0.043	1,951	0,921	0.893	0.023	0,001	0,000	16		5	True	False	False
	'AR	Τ	0,042	1,954	0,922	0,893	0,022	0,001	0,000	16		20	False	True	False
	νdε	m	0,037	1,952	0,921	0,893	0,019	0,001	0,000	16		20	False	True	True
	$\cup$	ottc	0,036	1,938	0,921	0,893	0,019	0,001	0,000	16		15	False	False	False
		В	0,036	1,950	0,921	0,893	0,018	0,001	0,000	16		20	True	False	False
		do	0,045	1,983	0,919	0,893	0,023	0,001	0,000	16		5 20	Faise	False	False
	Ч	Ĥ	0,044	2.007	0,919	0.893	0.021	0,001	0,000	16		10	False	True	False
	VA	В	0,035	1,964	0,918	0,893	0,018	0,001	0,000	16		15	False	True	True
		otto	0,035	1,954	0,917	0,893	0,018	0,001	0,000	16		15	False	True	True
		B	0,034	1,947	0,916	0,893	0,018	0,001	0,000	16		20	False	False	True
		do	0,005	0,294	0,339	1,216	0,016	0,000	0,000						
	ical	Tc	0,004	0,377	0,387	1,216	0,012	0,000	0,000						
	ass	в	-0.006	0.278	0.315	1,210	-0.023	0.000	0.000						
	ū	otto	-0,007	0,271	0,308	1,970	-0,027	-0,001	0,000						
		Bc	-0,007	0,278	0,311	1,230	-0,027	-0,001	0,000						
_		b	-0,069	2,056	0,892	1,493	-0,034	-0,003	0,000	8	15	[15]			
90	7	To	-0,072	1,932	0,874	1,490	-0,037	-0,003	0,000	8	15	[10]			
	STI	-	-0,073	2,087	0,922	1,940	-0,035	-0,003	0,000	8 16	15 15	[3, 5] [20]			
	Γ	tton	-0,112	2,100	0.939	1,942	-0.052	-0.006	0.000	16	20	[20]			
		Boi	-0,122	2,552	0,971	1,942	-0,048	-0,006	0,000	8	15	[20]			
	AR	<u>,</u>	-0,106	2,346	0,976	1,493	-0,045	-0,005	0,000	16		10	False	True	False
	PV,	Toţ	-0,107	2,355	0,977	1,493	-0,045	-0,005	0,000	16		15	True	False	True
	ß		-0,107	2,451	0,975	1,499	-0,044	-0,005	0,000	16		15	True	False	False

		Ц	-0,117	2,609	0,984	1,493	-0,045	-0,005	0,000	16		10	True	False	True
		otto	-0,117	2,627	0,985	1,493	-0,045	-0,005	0,000	16		20	True	True	True
		Ba	-0,118	2,546	0,986	1,493	-0,046	-0,006	0,000	16		15	True	True	True
		•	-0,086	2,204	0,973	1,493	-0,039	-0,003	0,000	16		10	True	True	True
		Γop	-0,087	2,273	0,979	1,493	-0,038	-0,003	0,000	16		20	False	False	True
	AR		-0,088	2,245	0,975	1,493	-0,039	-0,003	0,000	16		20	True	True	True
	$V_{I}$	u	-0,112	2,310	0,981	1,490	-0,049	-0,006	0,000	16		5	False	True	True
		otto	-0,113	2,284	0,980	1,490	-0,049	-0,006	0,000	16		15	False	True	False
		В	-0,113	2,462	0,983	1,493	-0,046	-0,005	0,000	16		15	True	False	True
		(	0,012	0,300	0,335	1,189	0,041	0,002	0,000						
	al	Γop	0,011	0,376	0,402	1,636	0,029	0,001	0,000						
	SIC		0,011	0,376	0,402	1,636	0,029	0,001	0,000						
	las	m	-0,003	0,291	0,370	2,356	-0,010	0,000	0,000						
	C	otto	-0,004	0,281	0,358	2,356	-0,015	0,000	0,000						
		Bc	-0,018	0,332	0,405	1,882	-0,055	-0,003	0,000						
			0,091	1,736	0,888	1,085	0,053	0,005	0,000	8	15	[15]			
М	Γop	0,090	1,826	0,888	1,532	0,049	0,005	0,000	8	15	[5]				
	ΓM		0,090	1,831	0,888	1,532	0,049	0,005	0,000	8	15	[5, 5]			
	LS.	m	0,062	1,931	0,945	1,085	0,032	0,002	0,000	8	15	[20, 20]			
		otto	0,062	1,974	0,948	1,038	0,031	0,002	0,000	8	20	[10]			
00		Bd	0,062	1,948	0,946	0,641	0,032	0,002	0,000	8	20	[20]			
12		(	0,065	1,886	0,947	1,099	0,034	0,002	0,000	16		10	True	True	True
	~	Top	0,063	1,824	0,946	1,099	0,035	0,002	0,000	16		15	False	False	True
	/AJ		0,063	1,851	0,947	1,099	0,034	0,002	0,000	16		15	False	False	False
	λJ.	m	0,057	1,896	0,950	1,099	0,030	0,002	0,000	16		20	False	False	False
	0	otto	0,057	1,891	0,949	1,099	0,030	0,002	0,000	16		5	False	True	False
		B	0,057	1,899	0,949	1,099	0,030	0,002	0,000	16		5	True	False	False
		•	0,064	1,919	0,952	1,099	0,033	0,002	0,000	16		5	True	False	False
		Iop	0,064	1,913	0,950	1,099	0,033	0,002	0,000	16		20	False	False	True
	AR		0,064	1,913	0,950	1,099	0,033	0,002	0,000	16		15	False	False	False
	$V_{\ell}$	ш	0,055	1,929	0,954	1,099	0,029	0,002	0,000	16		10	True	False	True
		otto	0,055	1,902	0,949	1,099	0,029	0,002	0,000	16		20	False	True	True
		Bí	0,055	1,915	0,951	1,099	0,029	0,002	0,000	16		10	False	False	True

Note: Parameters specifications that did not converge were removed, since such strategies could not be backtested.

Appendix 7. Strategies performance metrics and parameters for 3 best and 3 worst strategies based on a 90-days window.

Rebalancing	Covariance Model	Strategy Rank	aRC	aSD	MD	MLD	IR	IR2	IR3	Batch Size	Length	Cells	Scaling	Copula	Low Rank
		,	-0,007	0,365	0,321	1,537	-0,019	0,000	0,000						
	al	Iof	-0,007	0,365	0,321	1,537	-0,019	0,000	0,000						
	sic		-0,010	0,340	0,313	1,534	-0,028	-0,001	0,000						
	las	Ш	-0,029	0,335	0,322	1,534	-0,088	-0,008	0,000						
	0	otto	-0,047	0,370	0,394	1,542	-0,128	-0,015	0,000						
		B	-0,059	0,368	0,370	1,542	-0,160	-0,026	-0,001						
		,	0,033	3,113	0,899	1,400	0,010	0,000	0,000	16	15	[15]			
	LSTM	Гop	0,030	2,626	0,801	1,400	0,011	0,000	0,000	16	20	[5]			
			0,029	3,594	0,897	0,800	0,008	0,000	0,000	8	20	[15]			
		ottom	0,016	17,062	0,898	0,800	0,001	0,000	0,000	16	20	[20]			
			0,012	2,809	0,898	1,301	0,004	0,000	0,000	8	15	[10]			
30		Bott	0,009	2,873	0,899	1,310	0,003	0,000	0,000	8	15	[10]			
			-0,003	3,758	0,952	1,992	-0,001	0,000	0,000	16		5	False	False	False
	~	Γop	-0,006	4,081	0,955	1,992	-0,001	0,000	0,000	16		15	False	True	False
	'AJ		-0,010	4,371	0,954	1,992	-0,002	0,000	0,000	16		20	True	False	False
	μ	m	-0,024	5,905	0,956	1,992	-0,004	0,000	0,000	16		10	False	True	True
	GF	otto	-0,025	30,773	0,958	1,992	-0,001	0,000	0,000	16		5	True	False	False
		Βí	-0,059	15,816	0,958	1,992	-0,004	0,000	0,000	16		5	False	False	True
			0,001	3,341	0,951	1,992	0,000	0,000	0,000	16		15	False	True	False
	~	Γoբ	-0,002	4,587	0,947	1,992	0,000	0,000	0,000	16		15	True	False	False
	'AI	r.,	-0,012	3,701	0,944	1,992	-0,003	0,000	0,000	16		5	False	False	False
	~	tto	-0,034	7,141	0,950	1,992	-0,005	0,000	0,000	16		5	True	True	True
		Bo	-0,035	34,155	0,959	1,992	-0,001	0,000	0,000	16		20	False	True	True

			-0,036	26,234	0,958	1,992	-0,001	0,000	0,000	16		10	False	True	True
			0,000	0,355	0,319	1,455	0,001	0,000	0,000						
	al	Toj	0,000	0,355	0,319	1,455	0,001	0,000	0,000						
	ssic	,	0,000	0,338	0,304	1,515	-0,001	0,000	0,000						
	Clas	шc	-0,005	0,322	0,302	1,523	-0,016	0,000	0,000						
	0	otto	-0,007	0,329	0,312	1,523	-0,022	0,000	0,000						
		В	-0,030	0,346	0,358	1,504	-0,088	-0,007	0,000						
		d	0,024	2,746	0,859	1,296	0,009	0,000	0,000	8	20	[15]			
	7	To	0,024	2,066	0,878	1,989	0,011	0,000	0,000	16	15	[15]			
	TT.		0,023	2,328	0,851	2,811	0,010	0,000	0,000	16	15	[10, 5]			
	Γ	tom	-0,004	3,331	0,920	1,510	-0,001	0,000	0,000	16	20	[20]			
		3ott	-0,004	3,452	0,920	1,992	-0,001	0,000	0,000	16	15	[20]			
60		I	-0,004	3,393	0,920	1,992	-0,001	0,000	0,000	16	15	[20, 20]	Truc	Falco	True
		do	-0,000	4,205	0,942	1,992	-0,001	0,000	0,000	16		20	True	False	True
	AR	L	-0.013	5.021	0,944	1,992	-0.003	0,000	0.000	16		20	False	True	False
	ΡΛ	n	-0.014	5,153	0.944	1.992	-0.003	0.000	0.000	16		5	False	False	False
	Ū	ttoı	-0.014	5.113	0.944	1.992	-0.003	0.000	0.000	16		20	True	True	True
		Boi	-0.015	5.036	0.944	1.992	-0.003	0.000	0.000	16		15	True	True	True
			-0,002	3,852	0,940	1,992	-0,001	0,000	0,000	16		5	False	False	True
		Γop	-0,003	3,500	0,934	1,989	-0,001	0,000	0,000	16		20	False	True	False
	₹R		-0,004	3,929	0,939	1,989	-0,001	0,000	0,000	16		15	True	True	False
	$\Lambda_{I}$	m	-0,016	5,224	0,947	1,992	-0,003	0,000	0,000	16		20	False	True	True
		otto	-0,016	5,316	0,950	1,992	-0,003	0,000	0,000	16		10	False	False	True
		B	-0,016	5,353	0,954	1,992	-0,003	0,000	0,000	16		10	True	True	True
		d	0,002	0,362	0,356	1,392	0,004	0,000	0,000						
	cal	To	0,002	0,362	0,356	1,392	0,004	0,000	0,000						
	ssic		0,001	0,351	0,348	1,392	0,002	0,000	0,000						
	Cla	uo	-0,006	0,345	0,335	1,392	-0,017	0,000	0,000						
	Ŭ	lott	-0,012	0,351	0,321	1,392	-0,036	-0,001	0,000						
		щ	-0,021	0,397	0,388	1,392	-0,053	-0,003	0,000	0	20	[ ]			
		dc	0,048	2,306	0,825	1,041	0,021	0,001	0,000	8	20	[5]			
	Σ	Τc	0,048	2,307	0,825	1,041	0,021	0,001	0,000	0	20	[10, 5]			
	ST	c	0,048	2,307	0,823	1,041	0,021	0,001	0,000	0 8	15	[3, 5]			
	Г	ton	0,010	2,204	0,951	1,041	0,003	0,000	0,000	8	20	[20, 20]			
_		Bot	0.009	2,251	0.953	1.025	0.004	0.000	0.000	8	20	[20, 20]			
90			0,017	2,070	0,948	1,047	0,008	0,000	0,000	16	20	10	False	True	False
	~	ſop	0,017	2,062	0,947	1,047	0,008	0,000	0,000	16		15	False	False	False
	ΙV	Ĺ	0,017	2,065	0,947	1,047	0,008	0,000	0,000	16		20	True	False	True
	JP/	m	0,008	1,981	0,949	1,047	0,004	0,000	0,000	16		5	True	False	False
	0	ottc	0,008	1,983	0,949	1,047	0,004	0,000	0,000	16		5	True	False	True
		Ð	0,008	2,004	0,949	1,047	0,004	0,000	0,000	16		5	False	False	False
		d	0,009	1,989	0,950	1,047	0,004	0,000	0,000	16		10	True	True	True
		To	0,009	2,001	0,950	1,047	0,004	0,000	0,000	16		10	False	False	True
	AR	_	0,008	1,958	0,950	1,047	0,004	0,000	0,000	16		20	True	False	False
	>	uo	0,007	1,998	0,948	1,047	0,003	0,000	0,000	16		10	True	False	True
		3ott	0,007	1,946	0,948	1,047	0,003	0,000	0,000	16		20	True	True	True
├		E	0,000	0.358	0,948	1 310	0,003	0,000	0,000	10		13	raise	True	True
	_	do	0.003	0.358	0.359	1,310	0.008	0.000	0.000						
	ica	Т	-0.001	0.391	0.421	1.304	-0.003	0.000	0.000						
	ass	В	-0.019	0.320	0,351	1,299	-0.060	-0.003	0.000						
	Ð	otto	-0,020	0,338	0,371	1,299	-0,059	-0,003	0,000						
		Bc	-0,037	0,331	0,383	1,304	-0,113	-0,011	0,000						
		ċ	0,107	2,098	0,919	1,992	0,051	0,006	0,000	8	15	[20]			
	Ţ	Tol	0,106	1,977	0,915	1,101	0,054	0,006	0,001	8	20	[15]			
	AT.		0,105	1,984	0,915	1,101	0,053	0,006	0,001	8	20	[15, 15]			
	$\Gamma S$	om	0,060	2,050	0,932	1,466	0,029	0,002	0,000	16	20	[20, 20]			
0		otte	0,047	1,844	0,922	1,466	0,026	0,001	0,000	16	15	[10]			
12		В	0,047	1,845	0,922	1,466	0,026	0,001	0,000	16	15	[5, 10]	т	т	т
		dc	0,069	1,928	0,943	1,466	0,036	0,003	0,000	16		10	I rue	I rue	True
	4.R	Тс	0,068	1,935	0,943	1,400	0,035	0,003	0,000	10 14		10	raise True	False False	I rue
	Υ	-	0,008	1,920	0,943	1,400	0,055	0,003	0,000	10		15	Folco	False	Traise
	GPV≜	ton	0,001	1,931	0,943	1,400	0,031	0,002	0,000	10		20 20	Falce	True	True
		Bot	0.055	2 104	0,943	1 466	0.026	0.002	0,000	16		5	False	True	Falce
		I	0.079	1 883	0.932	1 466	0.020	0.002	0,000	16		5	False	True	True
		do	0.073	1,825	0.942	0.737	0.040	0.003	0.000	16		15	False	False	False
	AR	Т	0.069	1.916	0.943	1.466	0.036	0.003	0.000	16		15	False	False	True
	>	to	0.063	2.099	0.952	1.466	0.030	0.002	0.000	16		15	True	False	True
		301	0.060	2 099	0.952	1 466	0.029	0.002	0.000	16		20	False	False	True

			0,058	2,101	0,952	1,466	0,028	0,002	0,000	16	20	False	True	True
Note:	Para	meter	s specific	cations t	hat did 1	not conv	verge we	re remo	ved, sinc	e such s	strategies co	uld not	be back	ctested.

Appendix 8. Strategies performance metrics and parameters for 3 best and 3 worst strategies based on a 120-days window.

Rebalancing	Covariance Model	Strategy Rank	aRC	aSD	MD	MLD	IR	IR2	IR3	Batch Size	Length	Cells	Scaling	Copula	Low Rank
	Classical	Bottom Top	0,002 0,002 -0,003 -0,022 -0,043 -0.047	0,365 0,365 0,328 0,326 0,356 0,331	0,322 0,322 0,307 0,304 0,387 0,309	1,537 1,537 1,534 1,534 1,542 1,542	0,005 0,005 -0,008 -0,066 -0,121 -0,142	0,000 0,000 0,000 -0,005 -0,013 -0,022	0,000 0,000 0,000 0,000 0,000 -0.001						
	LSTM	3ottom Top	0,046 0,046 0,046 0,020 0,019	2,699 2,774 2,775 59,566 3,284	0,804 0,804 0,804 0,897 0,899	0,934 0,934 0,934 0,595 1,400	0,017 0,016 0,016 0,000 0,006	0,001 0,001 0,001 0,000 0,000	0,000 0,000 0,000 0,000 0,000	8 8 8 16	20 20 20 20 20 20	[5, 5] [10, 5] [10, 5] [15] [5, 5]			
30	GPVAR	ttom Top E	0,018 0,017 0,015 0,010 -0,003 -0,003	2,833 3,031 3,091 3,216 3,612 3,629	0,898 0,925 0,932 0,936 0,943 0,943	0,507 1,992 1,992 1,992 1,992 1,992	0,006 0,006 0,005 0,003 -0,001 -0,001	0,000 0,000 0,000 0,000 0,000 0,000	$\begin{array}{c} 0,000\\ 0,000\\ 0,000\\ 0,000\\ 0,000\\ 0,000\\ 0,000\\ \end{array}$	8 16 16 16 16 16	15	[15] 5 5 15 15 15	True False True False True	False False True False False	False True True True True
	VAR	tom Top B.	-0,003 0,011 0,010 0,009 0,001	3,614 3,053 3,016 3,117 3,809 4,039	0,943 0,929 0,928 0,930 0,931 0,935	1,992 1,992 1,992 1,992 1,992 1,992	-0,001 0,003 0,003 0,003 0,000 0,000	$\begin{array}{c} 0,000\\ 0,000\\ 0,000\\ 0,000\\ 0,000\\ 0,000\\ 0,000\\ 0,000\\ \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 0,000\\ 0,000\\ 0,000\\ 0,000\\ 0,000\\ 0,000\\ 0,000\\ 0,000\\ \end{array}$	16 16 16 16 16		10 15 20 10 10 20	True True True True True False	True False True False False True	True True True False True
	Classical	om Top Bot	-0,028 0,010 0,010 0,009 -0,005	5,182 0,346 0,346 0,277 0,274	0,937 0,325 0,325 0,308 0,298	1,992 1,148 1,148 2,356 2,688	-0,005 0,028 0,028 0,031 -0,017	0,000 0,001 0,001 0,001 0,001	0,000 0,000 0,000 0,000 0,000	16		10	False	False	False
	STM 0	1 Top Bott	-0,008 -0,025 0,094 0,093 0,093	0,311 0,284 2,054 2,031 1,926	0,318 0,326 0,860 0,772 0,860	1,970 2,356 1,041 1,041 1,041	-0,025 -0,088 0,046 0,046 0,048	-0,001 -0,007 0,005 0,006 0,005	0,000 0,000 0,000 0,000 0,000	16 16 16	20 20 20	[5, 5] [5] [10, 10]			
60	T	Bottom	0,060 0,058 0,054 0,054	2,041 2,001 2,026 2,094	0,874 0,878 0,876 0,915	0,773 1,033 0,773 1,041	0,030 0,029 0,026 0,026	0,002 0,002 0,002 0,002	0,000 0,000 0,000 0,000	8 8 8 16	15 15 15	[15] [20, 20] [20] 5	True	True	True
	GPVAR	Bottom Top	0,050 0,050 0,046 0,046 0.046	1,877 1,871 1,850 1,975 1,885	0,916 0,915 0,915 0,914 0,914	1,041 1,041 1,041 1,041 1,041	0,027 0,027 0,025 0,023 0,024	0,001 0,001 0,001 0,001 0,001	0,000 0,000 0,000 0,000 0,000	16 16 16 16		10 10 5 20 5	True True True False False	False True False True False	True False True True True
	VAR	ttom Top	0,063 0,054 0,052 0,048 0,047	1,770 1,889 1,883 1,817 1,806	0,917 0,915 0,915 0,917 0,916	1,041 1,041 1,041 1,041 1,041	0,036 0,029 0,028 0,027 0,026	0,003 0,002 0,002 0,001 0,001	0,000 0,000 0,000 0,000 0,000	16 16 16 16		20 10 20 10	False True True False False	False True False False False	True True False True True
	ssical	1 Top Bo	0,045 0,015 0,013 0,013	1,823 0,291 0,357 0,357	0,916 0,281 0,384 0,384	1,041 2,526 1,496 1,496	0,025 0,051 0,036 0,036	0,001 0,003 0,001 0,001	0,000 0,000 0,000 0,000	16		10	False	True	True
06	TM Cla	op Botton	-0,000 -0,001 -0,009 0,105 0,105	0,278 0,281 0,293 1,861 1,605	0,280 0,283 0,307 0,770 0,741	2,315 2,315 1,304 1,096 1,148	-0,000 -0,003 -0,030 0,056 0,065	0,000 0,000 -0,001 0,008 0,009	0,000 0,000 0,000 0,001	16 8	20 20	[5]			
	ΓS	Τ	0,103	1,653	0,762	1,096	0,062	0,008	0,001	8	15	[15]			

		E	0,081	1,735	0,815	1,096	0,046	0,005	0,000	8	15	[5, 10]			
		otto	0,080	1,715	0,810	1,096	0,047	0,005	0,000	16	15	[20]			
		B	0,080	1,745	0,815	1,096	0,046	0,004	0,000	8	15	[10]			
			0,072	1,718	0,866	1,397	0,042	0,003	0,000	16		5	True	True	True
	~	lop	0,072	1,744	0,847	1,397	0,041	0,004	0,000	16		5	True	True	False
	'AF	Ľ	0,072	1,748	0,851	1,397	0,041	0,003	0,000	16		20	False	True	False
	ΡΛ	m	0,069	1,809	0,835	1,395	0,038	0,003	0,000	16		15	False	False	True
	G	otto	0,067	1,813	0,835	1,397	0,037	0,003	0,000	16		20	False	False	True
		Bc	0,064	1,627	0,852	1,397	0,039	0,003	0,000	16		5	False	True	True
		•	0,072	1,688	0,857	1,397	0,043	0,004	0,000	16		10	False	False	False
		lop	0,068	1,592	0,832	1,397	0,043	0,003	0,000	16		15	False	False	True
	AR		0,068	1,573	0,854	1,397	0,043	0,003	0,000	16		20	True	True	True
	$V_{I}$	m	0,064	1,571	0,856	1,397	0,041	0,003	0,000	16		15	False	False	False
		otto	0,064	1,630	0,822	1,397	0,039	0,003	0,000	16		20	True	False	False
		Bc	0,064	1,574	0,856	1,397	0,041	0,003	0,000	16		10	True	True	False
		•	0,011	0,321	0,317	1,973	0,033	0,001	0,000						
	al	Γop	0,011	0,321	0,317	1,973	0,033	0,001	0,000						
	sica	L .	0,003	0,295	0,310	2,526	0,011	0,000	0,000						
a a a l	las	m	-0,007	0,289	0,302	2,526	-0,024	-0,001	0,000						
	0	otto	-0,007	0,284	0,300	2,526	-0,026	-0,001	0,000						
		Bı	-0,034	0,307	0,285	2,526	-0,111	-0,013	0,000						
		_	-0,051	1,771	0,798	1,167	-0,029	-0,002	0,000	16	20	[10, 10]			
		Top	-0,058	1,603	0,794	0,852	-0,036	-0,003	0,000	8	20	[20, 20]			
	τM	`	-0,059	1,356	0,752	1,208	-0,044	-0,003	0,000	16	15	[10]			
	ΓS	m	-0,097	1,653	0,904	0,852	-0,059	-0,006	-0,001	8	15	[10, 10]			
		ottc	-0,097	1,653	0,904	0,852	-0,059	-0,006	-0,001	8	15	[5, 10]			
50		Be	-0,098	1,654	0,915	0,852	-0,059	-0,006	-0,001	16	20	[10]			
1		~	-0,091	1,541	0,910	0,852	-0,059	-0,006	-0,001	16		5	False	False	True
	К	Γoj	-0,091	1,572	0,909	0,852	-0,058	-0,006	-0,001	16		5	True	False	True
	/A	`	-0,093	1,567	0,910	0,852	-0,059	-0,006	-0,001	16		5	True	True	True
	ζΡΛ	m	-0,094	1,579	0,910	0,852	-0,059	-0,006	-0,001	16		5	False	False	False
	$\cup$	otte	-0,095	1,637	0,910	0,852	-0,058	-0,006	-0,001	16		15	True	False	True
		B	-0,095	1,655	0,910	0,852	-0,058	-0,006	-0,001	16		10	False	False	True
		0.	-0,104	1,553	0,935	0,852	-0,067	-0,007	-0,001	16		15	True	True	False
		Toj	-0,104	1,553	0,936	0,852	-0,067	-0,007	-0,001	16		5	False	True	True
	ÅR	`	-0,104	1,552	0,935	0,852	-0,067	-0,007	-0,001	16		20	True	False	False
	^'	m	-0,107	1,731	0,933	0,852	-0,062	-0,007	-0,001	16		20	True	False	True
		ottc	-0,107	1,722	0,929	0,852	-0,062	-0,007	-0,001	16		15	False	True	True
		B	-0,107	1,729	0,932	0,852	-0,062	-0,007	-0,001	16		20	True	True	True

*Note:* Parameters specifications that did not converge were removed, since such strategies could not be backtested.



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