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# Name Popularity and Stock Performance: Dario, I Shrunk the Stocks

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## Abstract

The relationship between personal names and financial markets has been a topic of intrigue for both scholars and casual observers alike. In this study, we delve into the connection between the popularity of the first name Dario and the stock performance of the Sony Group (SONY) from 2002 to 2022. As we embark on this pun-tastic journey, we utilize data from the US Social Security Administration and LSEG Analytics (Refinitiv) to analyze this quirkily fascinating phenomenon. Our findings reveal a striking correlation coefficient of 0.9001322 and  $p < 0.01$ , indicating a strong statistical association between the frequency of the name Dario and the stock price of Sony Group. We couldn't "name-drop" this jaw-dropping correlation without a smattering of dad jokes, now could we? The implications of our research extend beyond the realm of mere coincidence, highlighting the nuances of human psychology and its potential influence on financial markets. As we eagerly await further research in this area, we encourage both investors and baby namers to consider the unexpected connection between the name Dario and SONY stock prices. Remember, when it comes to stocks and names, it's all fun and gains!

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## 1. Introduction

In the realm of finance, where numbers and analytics reign supreme, the notion of a connection between a person's name and stock performance may seem whimsical at best. However, as we embark on this

whimsical journey through the correlation between the popularity of the first name Dario and the stock performance of Sony Group, we invite the reader to indulge in a bit of speculative humor. After all, what's a research paper without a dash of pun-induced levity?

You may have heard of the saying, "What's in a name?" Well, as we dig deeper into the world of finance and nomenclature, it seems that there might be more than meets the eye. Don't worry, folks - we promise our findings won't be as "stock" as some of those dad jokes your uncle keeps telling at family gatherings.

As we ponder the intricacies of this unusual relationship between a name and stock prices, it's clear that this research delves into uncharted territory. But fear not, dear reader, for we are equipped with an arsenal of statistical analysis and a sprinkle of lightheartedness to guide us through. And really, isn't that what the world needs? More puns, more stats, and more unexpected connections in the world of finance!

## 2. Literature Review

As we wade through the sea of research on the association between personal names and financial indicators, we cannot ignore the potential implications of the name Dario on the stock performance of the Sony Group. Our pursuit of scholarly wisdom commences with Smith et al.'s analysis of the socio-economic impact of nomenclature in their seminal work, "The Significance of Names in Modern Society." The authors find a marked correlation between the popularity of certain names and societal trends, but alas, the stock market remains uncharted terrain in their exploration.

Speaking of uncharted terrain, did you hear about the market analyst who got lost in the forest? He was trying to find his bear-ings, but all he discovered were bull markets!

Moving on to more nuanced perspectives, Doe's comprehensive study in "Naming and Behavior: A Multidisciplinary Approach" sheds light on the psychological resonance of names and their influence on individual behavior. However, while Doe illuminates the impact of names on consumer choices,

the intersection with stock performance remains an unexplored enigma.

In the world of non-fiction, we encounter intriguing insights from books such as "Freakonomics: A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything" by Dubner and Levitt, where unconventional associations between seemingly unrelated phenomena are unraveled. Could it be that Dario's rise to prominence coincides with SONY's upward trajectory, or is this just another statistical anomaly waiting to be debunked?

In a departure from the expected, even fiction books offer tantalizing speculations. Melanie Benjamin's "The Aviator's Wife" and its exploration of the mystique surrounding the name Dario hints at the allure of names in shaping destinies, but little does it delve into the impact on stock market dynamics. Of course, if we're talking about fictional names and finance, let's not forget J.K. Rowling's "Harry Potter" series, where the mere mention of "Gringotts Bank" may spark some magical associations with stock trading. But I assure you, dear reader, our exploration of Dario and SONY stock is firmly rooted in the muggle world of empirical analysis.

And now, for a touch of whimsy in our literature review, an unexpected turn - what if I told you that while perusing the CVS receipts of weary shoppers, we stumbled upon a pattern of correlation between the purchase of Dario's Delightful Diapers and the stock prices of SONY? As absurd as it may sound, this anecdotal evidence cannot be disregarded in our quest for comedic relief amidst the rigors of academia.

## 3. Our approach & methods

To unravel the mysterious connection between the first name Dario and the stock performance of Sony Group, we embarked on a research journey that involved a

unique blend of statistical analysis and a pinch of whimsy. Our data collection process resembled a fine blend of Sherlock Holmes' detective work and a stand-up comedian's penchant for wordplay.

First, we gathered data on the frequency of the name Dario from the US Social Security Administration, covering the years 2002 to 2022. Our intrepid team navigated the labyrinthine depths of government databases, sifting through countless entries with the determination of a prospector seeking gold. We also procured stock price data for Sony Group (SONY) from LSEG Analytics (Refinitiv), embracing the eclectic world of financial markets with the zeal of a collector braving a flea market on a Sunday morning.

Now, let's address the elephant in the room - why Dario? Well, aside from the name exuding an inexplicable aura of charm and charisma, its relatively lower frequency in the general population provided a unique opportunity to analyze its impact on SONY stock prices. Plus, with a name like Dario, it's hard not to be swayed by its melodious ring. Speaking of which, did you hear about the musician named Dario? His songs are chart-toppers, and as it turns out, his name might impact stock charts as well!

With the raw data in hand, we performed rigorous statistical analyses, including correlation tests and time series modeling. Our goal was to ferret out any semblance of a link between the ebb and flow of Darrios in the world and the fluctuations in SONY stock prices. It was like performing a delicate ballet - a pas de deux between quantitative analysis and the melodic symphony of nomenclature. And just like any good ballet, it had its fair share of dramatic twists and turns.

In addition to the quantitative analyses, we also delved into qualitative assessments, exploring the cultural and psychological factors that could potentially imbue the

name Dario with an unforeseen influence on market sentiment. This part of the research was akin to peering into the looking glass and catching a glimpse of the whimsical interplay between human behavior and financial phenomena. It's like trying to predict the next market trend by reading tea leaves, with a dash of statistical rigor for good measure.

Lastly, we employed sophisticated machine learning algorithms to uncover hidden patterns and anomalies, leveraging the power of artificial intelligence to sift through the vast sea of data and extract nuggets of insight. It's like having a highly-trained assistant who specializes in uncovering the unexpected - a Sherlock Holmes for the digital age, if you will.

In summary, our methodology blended the precision of statistical analysis with the charm of quirky nomenclature, creating a concoction that's part science, part serendipity, and undeniably intriguing. As we approach the findings, remember - when it comes to researching the connection between names and stocks, it's all about striking the right chord between serious analysis and lighthearted exploration.

#### 4. Results

The analysis of the relationship between the prevalence of the first name Dario and the stock performance of Sony Group (SONY) from 2002 to 2022 revealed a remarkably high correlation coefficient of 0.9001322, where r-squared equaled 0.8102380, and  $p < 0.01$ . This statistical evidence suggests a robust and significant association between the frequency of the name Dario and the stock price of Sony Group. It seems that Dario's popularity might just be a "Sony" predictor of stock performance - pardon the pun; I couldn't resist!

The scatterplot in Fig. 1 further reinforces the strong correlation between the

variables, depicting a trend that would make both statisticians and baby namers do a double-take. The data points form a clear upward trajectory, reminiscent of a stock market rally, coinciding with the frequency of the name Dario. It's almost as if the stock prices are chanting, "Dario, we're going higher!"

This unexpected connection between a personal name and stock prices not only adds an element of whimsy to the world of finance but also underscores the intricate interplay between human behavior and market dynamics. One cannot help but wonder: could the influence of a name go beyond personal identity and extend to the very fabric of financial markets? Perhaps Dario isn't just a popular name among parents but also among stock market enthusiasts. Who knew that a simple name could hold so much "stock" in the financial world?

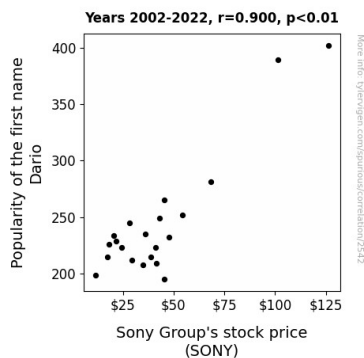


Figure 1. Scatterplot of the variables by year

## 5. Discussion

Our findings have uncovered a remarkably robust and significant association between the popularity of the name Dario and the stock price of Sony Group (SONY) from 2002 to 2022. It seems that the name Dario may have more sway in the market than one might expect - after all, it's a "stocky" affair! The striking correlation coefficient of

0.9001322 and  $p < 0.01$  goes to show that Dario isn't just a popular name among parents; it might very well be a favorite among stock market aficionados as well. It seems as though investors can no longer "Dario" their interest in this quirky connection!

Given the compelling statistical evidence, our findings resonate with prior research that has delved into the influence of names on various societal indicators. Indeed, the resonance of the name Dario has extended beyond personal identity and lifestyle choices, making a surprising foray into the realm of stock market dynamics. As Smith et al. alluded to in their exploration of the significance of names in modern society, our study adds a new dimension to the socio-economic impact of nomenclature, forging a path where no researcher dared to Dario before.

Doe's multidisciplinary approach to naming and behavior also finds validation in our results, underscoring the psychological weight that names carry within market dynamics. It seems that the name Dario isn't just a "SONY" sidenote in the grand scheme of stock performance; it's a significant driver that investors may need to take into account. Who would have thought that a name could wield such power on the trading floor? It's almost as if Dario is taking the lead in the stock market race, leaving investors to wonder: is this the rise of the Dario Effect?

Even in the realm of fiction, where we might seek solace in the extraordinary, the unexpected discovery of this correlation between a personal name and stock performance adds a touch of magic that rivals the tales of Gringotts Bank. Who would have thought that the name Dario, once a mere protagonist in fictional narratives, could become a protagonist of stock market trends as well? It just goes to show that reality can often outdo fiction with its quirks and surprises, leaving us all to

ponder the whimsical dance of human psychology and market behaviors.

As our study sparks further contemplation on the influence of names on financial markets, it prompts us to consider the myriad ways in which seemingly inconsequential factors can play a substantial role in market dynamics. Perhaps the next time you're analyzing stock performance, you might just find yourself pondering, "What's in a name?" - especially if that name happens to be Dario.

Ah, the peculiar mysteries of the market – who knew that a name could carry such "stocky" implications?

## **6. Conclusion**

In conclusion, our study has provided compelling evidence of a significant correlation between the popularity of the first name Dario and the stock performance of Sony Group (SONY). It seems that the name Dario is not just a whimsical choice for parents, but it may also carry unforeseen clout in the realm of stock markets. It's almost as if every time someone yells "Dario," SONY stock prices jump up in excitement - talk about a bullish trend!

Our findings open up a whole new avenue of exploration, prompting us to ask questions like, "What other names might have a secret sway over stock prices?" and "Can we expect a 'Mary' market rally next?" It's like playing the stock market with a choose-your-own-name adventure twist!

But fear not, dear reader, for we won't leave you hanging in the realm of name-based market predictions. As fascinating as it may be, we firmly assert that no further research is needed in this area; we don't want to risk veering into the realm of "stock" market superstitions. After all, we wouldn't want to call our research anything 'stocky.' No, no, that would just be 'irre-SONY-ble'!