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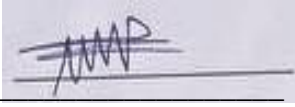
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LIST OF ACRONYMS

A.A	Addis Ababa
CBE	Commercial bank of Ethiopia
EMH	Efficient Market Hypothesis
FDI	Foreign direct investment

ABSTRACT

This study explores the dynamic landscape of capital markets in Ethiopia, emphasizing the role of the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia (CBE) in shaping investment opportunities and associated risks. As Ethiopia endeavors to enhance its economic growth through financial sector development, understanding the interplay between opportunities and risks in capital markets is crucial for policymakers, investors, and financial institutions. The research highlights that the expansion of the CBE, coupled with government initiatives to privatize state-owned enterprises and introduce new financial instruments, has created significant opportunities for local and foreign investors. These include increased access to diversified investment options, improved liquidity, and the mobilization of long-term capital essential for infrastructural development. Conversely, the study underscores various risks such as market volatility, regulatory uncertainties, macroeconomic instability, and currency fluctuations that can adversely impact investor confidence and market stability. The paper also discusses the implications of these risks for the sustainability of capital market growth and the importance of robust regulatory frameworks, risk management strategies, and institutional capacity building. The study employed a qualitative research approach, utilizing primary and secondary collected data. Furthermore, it emphasizes the need for enhanced financial literacy and transparency to foster a resilient investment environment. Overall, the paper concludes that while the Ethiopian capital market presents promising opportunities driven by the strategic initiatives of the CBE, addressing inherent risks is vital for sustainable economic development. Effective policy measures, investor protection mechanisms, and continuous market reforms are essential to maximize benefits and mitigate potential downsides. This research contributes valuable insights into the evolving Ethiopian capital market landscape, offering guidance for stakeholders aiming to capitalize on opportunities while safeguarding against risks.

Keywords: Capital Opportunities, Market Risks, Financial Sector Development, Economic Growth, Risk Management, Regulatory Framework

CHAPTER ONE

INTRODUCTION

1.1. Background of the Study

Capital markets serve as vital engines for economic growth, providing the necessary funding for businesses, governments, and other entities to expand and innovate. The capital markets play a pivotal role in the economic development of a country by mobilizing savings, facilitating investment, and funding large-scale projects (Saada, 2025). They serve as essential platforms where government, corporate, and individual investors can raise capital through the issuance of securities such as stocks and bonds. In Ethiopia, the development of robust capital markets is increasingly recognized as a critical component for fostering sustainable economic growth and diversification of the financial sector (Habte, 2023).

The implications of the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia's involvement in capital markets, along with the associated opportunities and risks, is vital for policymakers, investors, and financial institutions. It can inform strategies that maximize benefits while mitigating adverse effects, thereby fostering a resilient and inclusive financial sector that supports Ethiopia's long-term development goals (Bekele, 2021).

According to (Bakhtiyorovich, 2024), capital markets are characterized by rapid technological innovation, increasing cross-border investment, and the integration of emerging markets into the global financial system. Trends such as digital banking, fintech innovations, and sustainable investing are transforming how capital is mobilized and allocated.

These global trends offer opportunities such as access to international capital, technological advancements that can enhance financial inclusion, and the adoption of best practices in risk management. However, they also pose risks, including exposure to global financial volatility, currency fluctuations, and compliance challenges with international standards (Bello, 2024).

Capital markets are evolving amid economic diversification efforts and regional integration initiatives like the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA). Many African countries are

striving to develop vibrant securities exchanges and attract foreign investment (Ajewumi & Joe-Akunne, 2024).

Ethiopia's position within this continental context offers opportunities to benefit from regional capital flows, shared infrastructural projects, and cross-border investments. Yet, risks such as political instability, inadequate regulatory frameworks, and limited financial literacy remain prevalent. Strengthening regional cooperation and harmonizing regulations can mitigate some of these risks, fostering a more resilient capital market environment (Calabrese & Nadin, 2021).

Ethiopia has made commendable strides in establishing a regulatory framework for capital markets, including the Securities Exchange and the Ethiopian Securities Exchange (ESE). The government's commitment to economic reform and financial sector development creates avenues for expanding market depth and breadth (Kyeyune & Ntayi, 2025).

Risks involve market liquidity constraints, limited investor diversity, and potential macroeconomic shocks such as inflation or fiscal deficits. The success of these initiatives depends on effective regulation, transparency, and investor protection measures (Khah & Ahmad, 2024).

Community-based savings and investment groups, microfinance institutions, and small enterprises create opportunities for grassroots economic development. However, risks include limited financial literacy, informal lending practices, and insufficient regulatory oversight, which can lead to financial instability or exploitation (Rahmadi & Rozamuri, 2024).

As Ethiopia continues its economic transformation, CBE's ability to navigate the evolving capital market environment will significantly influence its growth trajectory and its contribution to national economic stability and development (Shitaye, 2024).

This study aims to explore the dynamics of opportunities and risks in Ethiopia's capital markets, with a particular focus on the role and influence of the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia. By analyzing the background and current landscape, the research seeks to provide insights into how CBE can effectively navigate and contribute to the evolving financial environment, ensuring sustainable growth and stability (Habte, 2023).

1.2. Statement of the Problem

Capital markets are integral to the development and stability of financial systems worldwide, offering avenues for economic growth, capital mobilization, and investment diversification. However, these markets are inherently complex, presenting both significant opportunities and substantial risks that vary across different levels global, continental, national, regional, and local. Understanding these dynamics is crucial, particularly for institutions like the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia (CBE), which operates within Ethiopia's evolving financial landscape (Bakhtiyorovich, 2024).

Capital markets have become increasingly interconnected, fostering cross-border investments and financial integration. This interconnectedness presents opportunities such as access to a broader investor base, diversification of risks, and the ability to tap into international capital flows to support national development projects. However, these benefits are accompanied by risks including exposure to global financial shocks, volatility stemming from international market fluctuations, and regulatory disparities across jurisdictions. A significant practical problem at this level is the limited integration of emerging markets like Ethiopia into the global financial system, which constrains their ability to fully capitalize on global opportunities. Furthermore, the lack of comprehensive global risk management frameworks tailored to emerging economies creates vulnerabilities to external shocks.

Capital markets are at different stages of development, with disparities in market depth, liquidity, and regulatory frameworks. Opportunities include regional integration of markets, increased intra-continental investments, and the potential to leverage regional economic communities such as the African Union to foster cross-border capital flows. Nonetheless, risks such as political instability, inadequate financial infrastructure, and regulatory inconsistencies pose significant challenges. A notable gap at this level is the limited capacity of African markets to attract substantial foreign direct investment and capital inflows due to perceived risks and underdeveloped markets. For Ethiopia, this means that while regional integration offers prospects, practical challenges such as lack of harmonized regulations and limited regional financial instruments hinder effective participation.

Ethiopia's capital market is in its nascent stages, offering opportunities for economic expansion, job creation, and domestic investment mobilization. The Commercial Bank of Ethiopia plays a pivotal role in channeling funds into various sectors. However, practical problems include inadequate financial infrastructure, limited financial literacy, and underdeveloped capital market instruments.

A research gap refers to an area where little or no prior research has been conducted, or where existing studies have not sufficiently explored particular aspects of a topic. In this case, while there may be general studies on capital markets or on the operations of the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia, there might be limited or insufficient research specifically examining the opportunities and risks within the Ethiopian capital markets and how the Commercial Bank influences or is impacted by these factors. There exists a significant gap in regulatory capacity, hindering the development of a vibrant, transparent, and efficient market. Risks such as political interference, currency volatility, and macroeconomic instability further threaten market stability. These issues impede the ability of the CBE to effectively utilize capital market mechanisms for national development.

Challenges become more pronounced due to infrastructural deficiencies, limited access to financial services, and low levels of market sophistication. Opportunities at this level include fostering local investment and supporting small and medium enterprises (SMEs). Yet, practical problems such as inadequate financial literacy at the grassroots level, limited regional market integration, and underdeveloped financial infrastructure constrain growth. The gap between policy intentions and actual implementation remains significant, often resulting in underutilized capital market potential. Risks include localized economic shocks, political instability, and social unrest, which can rapidly destabilize nascent markets and undermine investor confidence.

This study aims to examine the opportunities presented by the capital market in Ethiopia and analyze the associated risks, focusing on the implications of the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia's activities. It seeks to identify how CBE's strategies can leverage market opportunities while mitigating potential risks, thereby contributing to the sustainable development of Ethiopia's capital market.

1.3 Research Questions

The questioners of the study are the following:

- I. What are the opportunities presented by the establishment and development of capital markets in Ethiopia for investors and the broader economy?
- II. What potential risks are associated with the development of capital markets in Ethiopia, and what are their implications for stakeholders?
- III. How have the changes implemented by the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia impacted the opportunities and risks within the capital market?
- IV. What institutional and infrastructural needs are required to support the effective functioning of capital markets in Ethiopia, considering recent developments?

1.4. Objective of the Study

1.4.1. General Objective

The general objective is to analyze the Opportunities and Risk in Capital Markets: Implications of the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia,

1.4.2. Specific Objective

The specific objectives of the study are as follows:

- I. To analyze the opportunities presented by the establishment and development of capital markets in Ethiopia for investors and the broader economy.
- II. To identify the potential risks associated with the development of capital markets in Ethiopia and their implications for stakeholders.
- III. To evaluate the impact of the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia's changes on the opportunities and risks within the capital market.
- IV. To assess the institutional and infrastructural needs required to support the effective functioning of capital markets in Ethiopia in light of recent developments

1.5. Significance of the Study

The Commercial Bank of Ethiopia (CBE) represents a significant player in the capital markets of Ethiopia, and its activities have implications for both opportunities and risks across the broader banking sector. This study's significance lies in its ability to analyze these implications, providing insights into the dynamics of capital markets within the Ethiopian context. By examining CBE's role, the study can highlight the potential for increased financial inclusion, economic growth, and development spurred by robust capital market activity. Conversely, it can also shed light on potential systemic risks, particularly regarding credit quality, liquidity, and regulatory compliance, that could ripple through the entire banking industry. Understanding these intertwined opportunities and risks is crucial for shaping effective policy interventions and fostering a sustainable financial system

For the banking industry at large, the study's findings are valuable in demonstrating the interplay between a single institution and the broader market. The implications of CBE's successes or failures can serve as a case study for other institutions, highlighting best practices in capital market engagement and potential pitfalls to avoid. The study's analysis of risk management strategies employed by CBE can provide insights for risk diversification and mitigation techniques that other banks can adopt. It can also illuminate the impact of macroeconomic conditions on the banking sector, prompting a deeper understanding of the broader economic environment. This understanding is crucial for banks to adapt their strategies and mitigate potential systemic risks.

Policymakers will benefit immensely from the study's insights into the effectiveness of current regulations and policies pertaining to capital markets and banking. The analysis can identify areas where regulations need tightening or loosening to better support the growth of capital markets and ensure financial stability. The study's findings can inform policy decisions regarding interest rate adjustments, lending regulations, and capital adequacy ratios, all of which are key to fostering a healthy and resilient banking system. Moreover, the study can highlight the need for ongoing monitoring and adjustment of policies in response to evolving market conditions and challenges.

For employees within the banking industry, including those at CBE and other institutions, the study provides a framework for understanding the complexities of capital market operations and their impact on the broader financial sector. It can enhance their understanding of risk assessment, operational efficiency, and regulatory compliance. The study's findings can also underscore the importance of professional development and continuous learning in maintaining a competitive and responsive banking sector. This knowledge will enable employees to better contribute to sustainable growth and stability within the organization and the broader financial environment.

Finally, for other researchers, this study serves as a valuable foundation for future investigation. The methodology employed and the insights gleaned can inform research on similar topics within the Ethiopian context and beyond. The study can stimulate further research into the specific challenges and opportunities faced by banks operating in developing economies, contributing to a broader understanding of the complexities of capital market development and the role of commercial banks in fostering economic growth. It provides a starting point for future research, encouraging deeper investigation into specific aspects of the Ethiopian banking sector and its relationship with the capital markets.

1.6. Scope of the Study

The scope of this study on opportunities and risks in capital markets, focusing on the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia (CBE), encompasses an analysis of the bank's involvement and influence within the broader financial market landscape. The investigation aims to identify key opportunities that the CBE can leverage to enhance its financial performance and support national economic development, such as expanding investment services, facilitating government securities, and promoting financial inclusion. Simultaneously, the study examines potential risks associated with these opportunities, including market volatility, credit risks, and regulatory challenges, to provide a comprehensive understanding of the dynamic environment in which the bank operates.

In terms of temporal scope, the study primarily covers a period of 2025. This timeframe allows for an examination of recent trends, regulatory changes, and market developments affecting the CBE and the Ethiopian capital market. By analyzing data and events within this period, the study

aims to identify patterns and shifts that have influenced opportunities and risks, offering insights into how the bank has responded to evolving market conditions and what future prospects may entail.

Methodologically, the study employs a mixed-methods approach, combining quantitative analysis of financial data, market indicators, and performance metrics with qualitative assessments derived from interviews, policy reviews, and expert opinions. Quantitative data will be sourced from the bank's financial reports, market statistics, and relevant regulatory documents, while qualitative insights will be gathered through interviews with key stakeholders, including bank officials, market experts, and regulators. This comprehensive approach ensures a robust analysis of the opportunities and risks faced by the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia within the context of the capital markets.

1.7. Limitation of the Study

The opportunities within the capital markets of the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia (CBE) are significant, offering avenues for diversification of the bank's funding sources, enhancement of liquidity, and increased access to long-term capital for expansion and development projects. Engaging actively in capital market activities allows CBE to mobilize funds from a broader investor base, foster financial innovation, and strengthen its financial stability. Moreover, participation in capital markets can improve the bank's market visibility and reputation, potentially attracting more investment and fostering economic growth within Ethiopia.

1.8. Organization of the Study

The study was organized into five major chapters. The first chapter is an introductory part composed of background of the study, statement of the problem, objective of the study, research questions, Significance of the study, scope and limitation of the study. The second chapter deals with the review of related literature. The third chapter focused on the research methodology. The fourth chapter deals with data analysis and discussion and Summary of findings, Conclusions and Recommendations covered in the fifth chapter.

1.9. Operational Definition

Opportunities are the favorable market conditions that can be leveraged for profit and growth, while risks are the potential adverse events that could threaten the bank's stability (Bozic & Bozic, 2025) .

Risk refers to the potential for financial loss, uncertainty, or adverse outcomes resulting from various factors that can affect the performance of investments, financial transactions, or banking operations (Huang & Wu, 2022).

The **capital market** is a financial marketplace where long-term funds and securities are bought and sold (Burk, 2020).

Implication refers to a conclusion, consequence, or effect that logically follows from a particular action, statement, or situation (Kodirov & Nishonbaev, 2021).

The **Commercial Bank of Ethiopia** (CBE) is one of the largest and oldest financial institutions in Ethiopia (KESKIS, 2021).

CHAPTER TWO

LITERATURE REVIEW

2. Introduction

This review of literature provides both theoretical and empirical concepts regarding to the concept of capital market development, its impact and its contributions for countries, companies and individual investors (Gokhale & Mittal, 2024).

2.1. Theoretical Framework

2.1.1 The Concept of Capital Market

The capital market is a crucial part of the financial system where long-term funds are raised by governments, companies, and other organizations. It provides a platform for investors to buy and sell securities such as stocks and bonds, helping organizations gather the necessary funds for expansion, development, and other projects. This market plays a vital role in economic growth by facilitating the efficient allocation of resources and encouraging investment (Fabozzi, 2025).

Capital Markets are pivotal financial sectors where individuals, companies, and governments trade long-term debt and equity securities to fund their operations and growth initiatives (Fabozzi, Capital markets: institutions, instruments, and risk management. , 2025). These markets encompass stock exchanges and bond markets, offering platforms for issuing and trading stocks, bonds, and other long-term investments. As a crucial channel for the flow of money and resources, Capital Markets link savers and investors with those needing funds, facilitating economic growth and development. By providing opportunities for investment and wealth creation, they play a significant role in the overall health and efficiency of the economy (Fabozzi & Fabozzi, 2021).

In the capital market, various financial instruments are traded, including shares, debentures, and government securities. Investors, both individuals and institutions, participate in this market to earn returns on their investments. The market can be divided into two main segments: the primary market, where new securities are issued, and the secondary market, where existing

securities are bought and sold among investors. This structure ensures liquidity and price discovery, making it easier for investors to buy or sell assets (Chugh, 2020).

2.1.2 Function of Capital Market

The functioning of Capital Markets involves several key components and processes, which collectively facilitate the efficient allocation of resources and capital across the economy (Gatignon, 2023). Here are the main points outlining how Capital Markets operate:

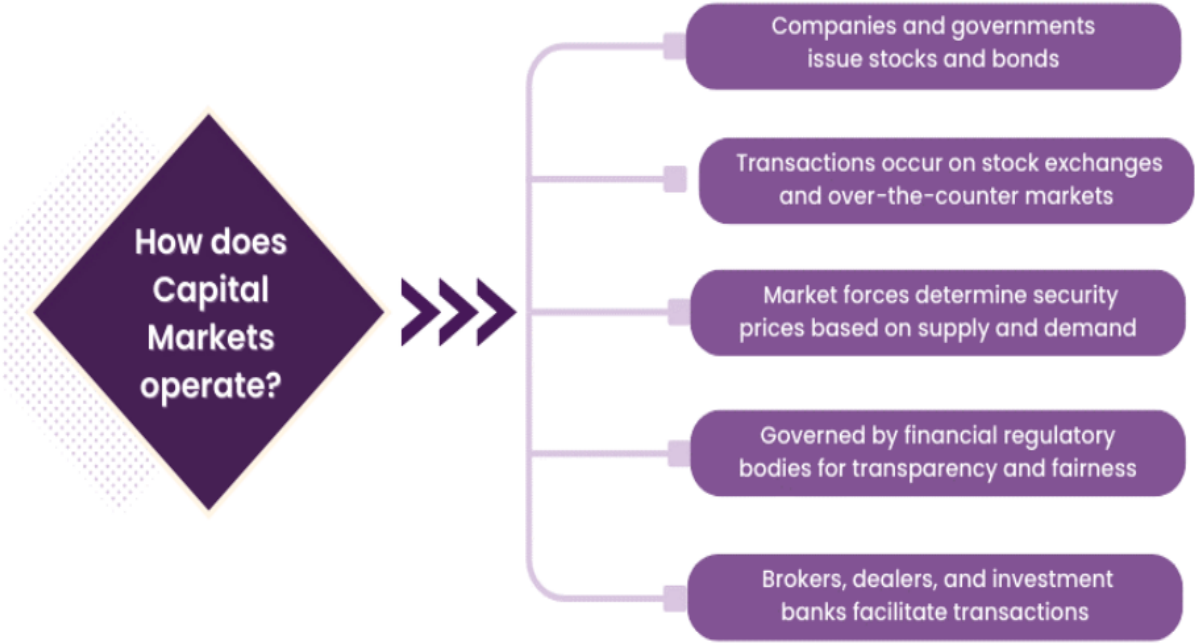


Figure 2.1: Function of capital market

Source: (Gatignon, 2023)

2.1.3 Components of a Capital Market

The Capital Market is a complex and multifaceted system consisting of several key components that work together to facilitate the flow of capital and financial transactions. Market sources of funds include individual investors, financial institutions, insurance companies, commercial banks, businesses, and retirement funds (Sofiyan, 2024).

Securities: Securities are financial instruments that represent an ownership position in a corporation (stocks), a creditor relationship with a governmental body or a corporation (bonds), or rights to ownership as represented by options. They serve as a means for investors to generate returns through dividends, interest, or capital appreciation, and they facilitate the raising of capital for entities seeking funds for various purposes. These include stocks, bonds, debentures, and other financial instruments (Eshmamatovich, 2024).

Investors: Investors play a crucial role in the economic ecosystem by providing the necessary capital for businesses to grow, innovate, and expand. They can be individual individuals, institutional entities, or venture capitalists who allocate resources in anticipation of future financial returns. Effective investors conduct thorough research and analysis to assess risks and opportunities, contributing to the stability and development of markets. Their confidence and investments drive economic growth, support job creation, and foster technological advancements, making them vital catalysts in the dynamic landscape of global finance. Individuals, institutions, mutual funds, pension funds, and insurance companies that buy and sell securities (Smagulova, 2024).

Intermediaries: Intermediaries are entities or individuals that act as connectors between producers and consumers, facilitating the exchange of goods and services. They play a crucial role in the supply chain by performing functions such as transportation, storage, financing, and marketing, which help bridge the gap between production and consumption. By doing so, intermediaries add value through increased efficiency, accessibility, and convenience for both sellers and buyers. Examples include wholesalers, retailers, agents, and brokers, each contributing to the seamless flow of products from manufacturers to end-users. Their presence often helps reduce transaction costs, expand market reach, and improve the overall effectiveness of distribution channels. Intermediaries are firms like brokers, investment banks, and financial advisors who facilitate the transactions (Markman & Wang, 2021).

Regulatory Bodies: Regulatory bodies are organizations established by governments or industry authorities to oversee, enforce, and ensure compliance with laws, standards, and regulations within specific sectors (Abbott, 2021). They play a crucial role in maintaining safety, fairness, and integrity across various industries such as finance, healthcare, telecommunications, and environmental management. These agencies develop guidelines, conduct inspections, issue

licenses, monitor activities, and impose penalties for violations to protect public interests, promote fair competition, and uphold industry standards. Examples of regulatory bodies include the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in the United States, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), each tasked with safeguarding citizens and the environment through their specialized regulatory functions. Organizations that regulate market activities to ensure compliance with laws and protect investors (Khanzada, 2024).

Exchanges: Exchanges refer to the dynamic process of giving and receiving, where individuals, groups, or entities share information, goods, services, or cultural elements. These interactions facilitate mutual understanding, cooperation, and the transfer of knowledge or resources across different communities or systems. Exchanges can occur in various contexts, such as international trade, cultural interactions, or personal relationships, serving as vital mechanisms for fostering connections and promoting growth and development within societies. Platforms like the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) where securities are traded (Elia & Passiante, 2020).

2.1.4 Types of Capital Markets

Here are the two major types of Capital Markets:

I. Primary Markets

Primary Markets play a crucial role in the financial world by serving as the venue for issuing and selling new securities. Here's an in-depth look at their functioning and importance (Mügge, 2024):



Figure 2.2: Primary market

Source: (Mügge, 2024)

II. Secondary Market

The Secondary Market is a key component of the financial ecosystem, providing a platform for the buying and selling of previously issued securities. This market plays a vital role in the overall financial system (De Haan & Wierts, 2020):

2.2. The Role of Capital Markets

Capital markets play a crucial role in the economy by providing a platform for businesses and governments to raise long-term funds. Through the issuance of stocks and bonds, companies can secure the necessary capital to expand their operations, invest in new projects, and create jobs. Similarly, governments use capital markets to finance infrastructure development and public services, which stimulates economic growth and development (Ramos, 2024).

These markets also facilitate the transfer of funds from savers and investors to those who need capital. Individuals and institutions with surplus funds can invest in securities, earning returns

while helping businesses and governments meet their financial needs. This process promotes efficient allocation of resources, ensuring that capital flows to the most productive uses, which boosts overall economic productivity (Ahmed, 2021).

Furthermore, capital markets contribute to economic stability and growth by providing liquidity and price discovery. They enable investors to buy and sell securities easily, which helps determine fair market prices and reduces investment risks. A well-functioning capital market encourages savings and investment, fosters innovation, and supports sustainable economic progress in the long term (Fabozzi F. J., Capital markets: institutions, instruments, and risk management., 2025).

The theory of capital markets explains how financial assets are allocated and priced through the interaction of investors and borrowers. It emphasizes the relationship between risk and return, efficient allocation of resources, and the role of financial instruments in facilitating investment and savings. Key concepts include market efficiency, risk diversification, and the equilibrium between supply and demand for capital (Fabozzi F. J., Capital markets: institutions, instruments, and risk management. , 2025).

2.3 Opportunities in Capital Markets

Opportunities in capital markets are abundant for investors, companies, and financial professionals, offering diverse avenues for growth and wealth creation. Investors can participate in equity markets by purchasing stocks, which provide potential for capital appreciation and dividends. Additionally, bond markets allow for fixed-income investments, offering stability and regular income. These markets facilitate portfolio diversification, risk management, and access to a wide range of financial products to meet various investment goals (Mishra, 2023).

Opportunities in capital markets present significant avenues for growth and investment, driven by global economic expansion, technological advancements, and increasing demand for diverse financial instruments. Investors can capitalize on emerging trends such as sustainable finance, fintech innovations, and alternative investment vehicles, which offer enhanced returns and diversification. Additionally, the evolving regulatory landscape and globalization of markets create opportunities for capital raising, mergers and acquisitions, and strategic partnerships across borders. Firms that leverage data analytics, digital platforms, and innovative products are

well-positioned to navigate market complexities and unlock value in both equity and debt markets, fostering overall economic development and wealth creation (Otieno, A Research on Labor, Finance, Technology, and Sustainable Growth. , 2024).

Access to Capital: is a critical factor for the growth and sustainability of any business or individual endeavor. It enables entrepreneurs to fund startup costs, expand operations, invest in new technologies, and navigate unforeseen financial challenges. Reliable access to diverse sources of capital, such as loans, venture capital, grants, or angel investors, can significantly influence an entity's ability to innovate and compete in the marketplace. Furthermore, equitable access to financial resources helps promote economic development and reduces disparities among different communities. Ensuring streamlined, transparent, and inclusive financial systems is essential for fostering long-term growth and stability (Hassan, 2024).

Diversification of Funding Sources: is a vital strategy for organizations seeking long-term financial stability and resilience (Ayede, 2025). Relying solely on a single source of income, such as government grants or major donors, can expose an organization to significant risks if that funding stream diminishes or disappears. By broadening their funding portfolio to include a mix of grants, individual donations, corporate sponsorships, and earned income activities, organizations can mitigate these risks and ensure a more consistent cash flow. This approach not only enhances financial security but also enables organizations to pursue innovative projects and expand their impact without being overly dependent on a limited number of funding channels (Gatti, 2023).

Investment Opportunities: present a compelling avenue for individuals and organizations seeking to grow their wealth and diversify their portfolios. In today's dynamic economic landscape, sectors such as technology, renewable energy, healthcare, and real estate offer promising prospects due to their sustained growth potential and innovation-driven advancements (Imerman, 2020). By carefully analyzing market trends and leveraging emerging technologies, investors can capitalize on opportunities that not only generate attractive returns but also align with their risk tolerance and long-term goals. Additionally, alternative investments like private equity, venture capital, and cryptocurrencies are gaining popularity, providing further avenues for diversification and higher yield potentials in an increasingly interconnected global economy (Samuels, 2024).

Enhanced Financial Products: refer to innovative banking and investment solutions designed to offer greater value, flexibility, and security to consumers. These products often incorporate advanced technology, personalized features, and comprehensive risk management strategies to meet the evolving needs of clients (Murinde & Zachariadis, 2022). Examples include structured investment products, hybrid insurance policies, and digital banking services that integrate real-time analytics and automation. By leveraging these enhancements, financial institutions aim to improve customer experience, optimize returns, and provide more tailored financial planning options, ultimately fostering greater trust and loyalty among their clientele (George, 2024).

Market Efficiency: refers to the extent to which asset prices accurately reflect all available information, allowing investors to make optimal decisions (Xia & Madni, 2024). In an efficient market, securities are fairly valued at any given time, meaning that it is impossible to consistently achieve higher returns than the average market performance through expert stock selection or market timing (Bacon, 2023). The concept is central to the Efficient Market Hypothesis (EMH), which posits three forms: weak, semi-strong, and strong, each differing based on the information reflected in prices. While many markets exhibit elements of efficiency, various factors such as information asymmetry, transaction costs, and behavioral biases can create deviations, suggesting that markets are not perfectly efficient at all times (Ggayi, 2021).

2.3.1 Opportunities in Capital Markets of the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia

The Capital Markets division of the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia presents a significant opportunity for growth and diversification of the bank's financial services. As Ethiopia continues to develop economically, there is increasing demand for sophisticated investment products, securities trading, and capital raising activities (Bekele, 2021). The bank can leverage its extensive customer base and financial expertise to facilitate bond issuance, equity offerings, and other capital market transactions, thereby expanding its revenue streams and strengthening its position as a leading financial institution in the country. Additionally, developing a robust capital markets division can help attract both domestic and international investors, fostering a more dynamic investment environment within Ethiopia (Challoumis, 2024).

Furthermore, the expanding financial sector and government initiatives aimed at boosting economic growth create a favorable landscape for the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia to deepen its

involvement in capital markets (Keatinge, 2022). By investing in technology and talent, the bank can enhance its capacity to offer innovative financial products such as investment funds, derivatives, and structured finance solutions. This not only supports the bank's strategic growth objectives but also contributes to the development of Ethiopia's capital market infrastructure. Strengthening these capabilities positions the bank as a key player in supporting national economic development, encouraging private sector investment, and facilitating the mobilization of long-term capital essential for sustainable growth (Pryiatelchuk & Tkachov, . (2024)).

2.4 Risks in Capital Markets

Risks in capital markets encompass a broad spectrum of potential financial uncertainties that can impact investors and institutions (Sapiri, 2025). These include market risk, which involves fluctuations in asset prices due to economic or geopolitical events; credit risk, the possibility that borrowers may default on their obligations; liquidity risk, the challenge of converting assets into cash without significant loss; interest rate risk, the potential for changes in interest rates to affect investment values; and operational risk stemming from failures in internal processes, systems, or external events. Additionally, systemic risk poses a threat to the stability of the entire financial system, while inflation risk can erode the real value of returns. Managing these risks requires diversification, hedging strategies, thorough due diligence, and robust regulatory oversight to mitigate potential losses and ensure market stability (Siraj & Mahmud, 2024).

Market Volatility: refers to the fluctuations in the prices of financial assets over a specific period, reflecting the degree of uncertainty or risk in the market. High volatility indicates significant price swings, often driven by economic data releases, geopolitical events, or changes in investor sentiment, while low volatility suggests more stable markets (Bulut, 2024). This variability can impact investor confidence, influence trading strategies, and affect the overall stability of financial systems. Understanding market volatility is crucial for investors and policymakers alike, as it helps in managing risk and making informed decisions in dynamic economic environments (Nafiu & Odumuwaqun, 2025).

Credit Risk: refers to the potential for financial loss resulting from a borrower's failure to meet their debt obligations in accordance with agreed terms (Ferdaous, 2020). It is a fundamental concern for lenders and financial institutions, as it directly impacts their profitability and

stability. Managing credit risk involves assessing the creditworthiness of borrowers through various methods such as credit scoring, financial analysis, and collateral evaluation, as well as implementing risk mitigation strategies like credit limits and diversification. Effective credit risk management ensures that institutions can minimize potential losses while providing access to credit that supports economic growth and personal financial development (Bello, 2023).

Regulatory Risks: refer to the potential for changes in laws, regulations, or policies to adversely affect a company's operations, profitability, or strategic plans. These risks can stem from new legislation, stricter compliance requirements, or shifts in government priorities, which may lead to increased costs, legal liabilities, or restrictions on business activities (Adeniran & Efunniyi, 2024). Companies operating in heavily regulated industries or in multiple jurisdictions are particularly vulnerable, as they must continuously monitor and adapt to evolving regulatory landscapes to mitigate potential adverse impacts on their growth and competitiveness (Abbott & Snidal, 2021).

Liquidity Risk: refers to the potential difficulty a financial institution or individual may face in meeting short-term financial obligations due to an inability to quickly convert assets into cash without significant loss or disruption. This risk can arise from various factors such as market conditions, funding shortages, or unexpected withdrawal demands, and it emphasizes the importance of maintaining sufficient liquid assets and effective liquidity management strategies to ensure ongoing operational stability and financial resilience. Proper assessment and monitoring of liquidity risk are crucial for preventing insolvency and maintaining confidence among stakeholders (HALIRU & ADAM, 2024).

Operational Risks: refer to the potential for losses resulting from inadequate or failed internal processes, people, systems, or external events (Milkau, 2021). These risks can stem from various sources such as technological failures, human errors, fraud, legal issues, or natural disasters, and can impact an organization's ability to deliver products or services effectively (Taherdoost, 2021). Managing operational risks involves implementing robust internal controls, continuous monitoring, staff training, and contingency planning to mitigate potential disruptions and ensure business resilience. Effective operational risk management is crucial for safeguarding assets, maintaining regulatory compliance, and sustaining long-term organizational performance (Assibi, 2024).

2.4.1 Risk in Capital Markets of the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia

The commercial bank of Ethiopia faces significant risk exposure in its capital markets activities, primarily due to the volatility and unpredictability inherent in these financial environments. Market risk, including fluctuations in interest rates, currency exchange rates, and securities prices, can adversely impact the bank's profitability and capital adequacy (SISAY, 2021). Given Ethiopia's emerging market status, the bank's investments and trading operations are particularly vulnerable to economic shifts, political instability, and external shocks that influence market conditions. Additionally, liquidity risk poses a challenge, as limited access to diverse funding sources and market depth can constrain the bank's ability to meet its short-term obligations and capitalize on investment opportunities (SISAY, 2021).

Furthermore, the bank's exposure to credit risk within capital markets could escalate if counterparties default or if there is a deterioration in the credit quality of securities held. The lack of a fully developed and transparent market infrastructure may exacerbate these risks, making it difficult for the bank to accurately assess and manage potential losses. To mitigate these risks, the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia needs robust risk management frameworks, including comprehensive market risk assessment tools, prudent investment policies, and continuous monitoring of market developments to safeguard its capital base and ensure sustainable growth in the dynamic capital markets environment (Patalano & Roulet, 2020)

2.5 Implications for the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia

The expansion of digital banking and financial technology presents significant opportunities and challenges for the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia. Embracing innovative digital solutions can enhance customer experience, increase operational efficiency, and expand outreach to underserved populations across Ethiopia (Hailu, 2024). However, this transition also necessitates substantial investment in infrastructure, cybersecurity measures, and staff training to mitigate risks associated with cyber threats and technological disruptions. Additionally, the bank must navigate regulatory adjustments and foster strategic partnerships to stay competitive in a rapidly evolving financial landscape. Overall, proactive adoption of digital innovations can position the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia as a leading financial institution in the country, driving economic growth and financial inclusion (George & Srikanth, 2024).

Strategic Positioning involves establishing a distinctive place in the marketplace by leveraging unique value propositions, core competencies, and competitive advantages to meet customer needs effectively (Duarte, 2024). It requires a clear understanding of the target market, competitive landscape, and internal strengths, allowing organizations to differentiate themselves from rivals and create sustainable growth. Effective strategic positioning aligns the company's offerings with customer preferences, optimizes resource allocation, and fosters long-term success by emphasizing what makes the organization unique and valuable in the eyes of its customers (Ford, 2020).

Capacity Building is a strategic process aimed at enhancing the skills, knowledge, and abilities of individuals, organizations, or communities to effectively achieve their goals and adapt to changing environments (Hashimy, 2023). It involves a combination of training, resource development, and organizational strengthening to foster sustainable growth and resilience. By empowering stakeholders through targeted interventions, capacity building enables them to improve their performance, innovate, and respond proactively to challenges, ultimately leading to improved societal outcomes and long-term development (Hashimy & Basavarajappa HT, 2023).

Policy Advocacy involves actively engaging with policymakers, stakeholders, and the public to influence the creation, modification, or implementation of laws and regulations that promote social, economic, or environmental objectives (Chhetri & Zacarias, 2021). It encompasses activities such as research, coalition-building, lobbying, and public awareness campaigns to shape policies that align with organizational goals or community needs. Effective policy advocacy requires a strategic approach, clear messaging, and the ability to navigate political and bureaucratic processes to ensure that the voices of affected communities are heard and that impactful, sustainable change is achieved Risk Management Framework (Leslie & Nitta, 2024)

2.6 Empirical Literature Review

The empirical literature on opportunities and risks in capital markets highlights the significant role of commercial banks, such as the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia, in shaping market dynamics and investor confidence (Bekele, The Impact of Establishing Capital Market on Ethiopian Commercial Banks. , 2021). Opportunities often stem from the bank's ability to

mobilize savings, facilitate credit, and promote financial inclusion, thereby supporting economic growth and development. However, empirical studies also underscore considerable risks, including credit default, market volatility, and liquidity shortages, which can adversely impact both the bank's stability and the broader financial system. For instance, research indicates that weak regulatory frameworks and limited diversification (Bello, The role of data analytics in enhancing financial inclusion in emerging economies., 2024) in emerging markets like Ethiopia exacerbate these risks, while effective risk management practices and policy reforms can enhance market opportunities. Overall, the literature emphasizes that balancing these opportunities with robust risk mitigation strategies is crucial for sustainable capital market development, especially in the context of Ethiopia's evolving financial landscape (Calabrese L. H., 2021).

2.6.1 Empirical Review towards in the Worldwide

The commercial banking sector plays a crucial role in facilitating capital market development worldwide, offering opportunities for economic growth through mobilization of savings, provision of credit, and support for investment activities. Banks like the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia serve as vital intermediaries that can stimulate capital market expansion by underwriting securities, providing liquidity, and fostering investor confidence (Surmanidze & Tskhadadze, 2023). Globally, however, these opportunities are accompanied by risks such as credit defaults, market volatility, and regulatory uncertainties, which can threaten financial stability. Effective risk management and regulatory frameworks are essential to harness the full potential of capital markets while safeguarding against systemic risks, especially in emerging economies where banking institutions often operate in more volatile environments (Topić-Pavković, 2024).

Empirical reviews across different countries highlight that the growth of commercial banks significantly influences capital market development, but this relationship is complex and context-dependent. For instance, studies in Ethiopia and other emerging markets indicate that while banks can accelerate market depth and diversification, excessive reliance on banking institutions may also lead to financial bubbles or credit misallocation if not properly regulated (Semwenda, 2023.). Furthermore, global financial crises have demonstrated that interconnected risks within banking and capital markets can rapidly escalate, emphasizing the importance of robust

supervision and transparent practices. Overall, understanding the opportunities and risks associated with commercial banks like the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia is vital for policymakers and stakeholders aiming to foster sustainable financial markets worldwide (Al-Shebli & Alhajri, 2024)

2.6.2 Empirical Literature Review towards in Ethiopia

The capital markets in Ethiopia present significant opportunities for economic growth and development, particularly through the mobilization of long-term financial resources necessary for infrastructure, industrialization, and technological advancement (Habte, 2023). The emergence of commercial banks like the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia plays a crucial role in facilitating this process by providing credit facilities, fostering financial inclusion, and supporting government initiatives aimed at economic diversification. Empirical studies in Ethiopia have highlighted the positive impact of a well-developed capital market and robust banking sector on economic stability and growth, emphasizing the importance of regulatory frameworks, institutional capacity, and market infrastructure in harnessing these opportunities effectively (Bekele Y. E., . 2025).

However, there are notable risks associated with the development of capital markets in Ethiopia, including market volatility, limited investor diversity, and underdeveloped regulatory oversight. Empirical literature points out that the nascent nature of Ethiopia's capital markets exposes them to external shocks and speculative activities, which could undermine financial stability. Additionally, the concentration of financial resources within a few large institutions like the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia may lead to systemic risks if not properly managed. Therefore, while the growth prospects are promising, policymakers must carefully address these risks through strengthened regulatory frameworks, capacity building, and efforts to broaden market participation to ensure sustainable and inclusive capital market development in Ethiopia (Desta, . 2022)

2.7 Research Gap

The Capital Markets in Ethiopia present significant opportunities for economic growth and development, particularly through the mobilization of domestic savings and the attraction of

foreign investment (Zena & Tel, 2021). The Commercial Bank of Ethiopia (CBE), as the largest and most influential financial institution in the country, plays a pivotal role in facilitating capital market activities, including underwriting, investment, and financial intermediation. Its involvement can enhance market confidence, improve liquidity, and foster the development of a more vibrant and diversified financial sector. Moreover, the expansion of capital markets offers opportunities for businesses to access long-term funding, which is crucial for infrastructure development and industrialization efforts aligned with Ethiopia's national development goals (Yimer, 2021).

However, the Ethiopian capital markets also face notable risks that could hinder their growth and stability. Limited market depth, inadequate regulatory frameworks, and low investor awareness pose challenges to sustainable development. The dominance of state-controlled banks like CBE may also lead to market distortions and reduced competition, potentially discouraging private sector participation (Oqubay, 2025). Furthermore, macroeconomic vulnerabilities such as inflation, currency fluctuations, and political instability can adversely impact investor confidence and market performance. These risks underscore the need for robust governance, sound regulatory oversight, and targeted capacity-building initiatives to mitigate potential threats to market stability (Muslim & Sani, 2024).

Despite ongoing efforts, research gaps remain regarding the specific implications of CBE's operations on the broader capital market ecosystem in Ethiopia (BERHE, 2022). Existing studies often overlook how CBE's dominant position influences market development, investor behavior, and risk management practices. Addressing this gap requires comprehensive analysis of CBE's strategic interventions and their effects on market efficiency and inclusivity. Future research should also explore the interplay between government policies, banking sector reforms, and capital market growth, to inform more effective policy frameworks. Filling this gap will provide valuable insights for policymakers, stakeholders, and investors aiming to harness the full potential of Ethiopia's capital markets while managing associated risks effectively (Barrio, 2024).

CHAPTER THREE

RESEARCH METHDODOLOGY

3. Introduction

This chapter deals with the methodology of the study where by the research design, sampling and sampling techniques, data collection instruments, data collection procedures and the method of data analysis are discussed (Tan, 2022)

3.1 Area of the Study

The capital markets serve as vital engines for economic growth, providing avenues for investment, capital formation, and financial stability. In Ethiopia, the development of capital markets is influenced significantly by the country's unique geographical, demographical, economic, and institutional profiles. Analyzing these factors, particularly in relation to the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia (CBE), reveals both opportunities and risks that shape the financial landscape (Sofiyana, Exploring the Role of Financial Stability in Nigeria's Economic Growth:, 2024).

Ethiopia's diverse geography spans highland plateaus, lowland plains, and rugged mountains, with Addis Ababa the capital serving as the political and economic hub. The geographical distribution influences infrastructure development, access to financial services, and regional economic activities. The concentration of financial institutions like the CBE in urban centers facilitates easier access to capital markets for urban populations and businesses. However, rural and remote areas face challenges such as limited infrastructure and connectivity, posing risks of financial exclusion and uneven market development (Fedeler, 2021).

The geographical map of Ethiopia indicates that while Addis Ababa and other major cities are focal points for financial activities, expanding capital market participation across regions requires overcoming logistical and infrastructural hurdles. This uneven geographical landscape offers opportunities for regional development through targeted financial products, but also risks related to regional disparities and market fragmentation (Worku & Adugna, 2024).

Ethiopia boasts a youthful population, with a significant proportion under the age of 25. This demographic dividend presents a substantial opportunity for the capital markets, as young, thriving populations can drive demand for financial products, investment opportunities, and economic growth. Increased financial literacy and inclusion initiatives led by institutions like the CBE can tap into this demographic, fostering a vibrant investor base (Desta A. , 2022)

However, demographic risks include potential unemployment, low financial literacy, and limited access to formal financial services in certain segments. If unaddressed, these issues could hinder the development of a sustainable capital market and lead to increased financial instability or exclusion of vulnerable groups (Lyons & Kass-Hanna, 2021).

Ethiopia's economy is predominantly agrarian but has been diversifying into manufacturing, services, and infrastructure sectors. The government's focus on economic transformation creates opportunities for capital mobilization through bonds, equities, and other financial instruments. The CBE plays a crucial role in facilitating these financial activities, supporting government debt issuance, and encouraging private sector growth (Ghione, 2021).

Nevertheless, economic risks such as inflation, currency fluctuations, and reliance on commodity exports can impact investor confidence and market stability. External shocks or macroeconomic instability could threaten the robustness of the capital markets, necessitating prudent regulation and risk management (Abaidoo & Agyapong, 2024).

The Ethiopian financial sector is regulated by the National Bank of Ethiopia, with the CBE serving as the largest bank and a key player in the financial system. Recent efforts to liberalize and modernize the financial sector open opportunities for innovative financial products and increased foreign participation (Abate & Kaur, 2023).

However, institutional risks include regulatory capacity limitations, legal framework gaps, and potential political influence. These factors can affect market confidence, transparency, and investor protection. Strengthening institutional frameworks is vital to mitigate risks and foster a resilient capital market environment (Ameli & Chenet, 2020).

3.2 Research Design

The research design for this study was descriptive and exploratory research design: To understand the current landscape of capital markets and the role of the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia (Bekele T. G., 2021).

Descriptive research design aims to portray accurately the characteristics of a particular individual, group, or situation. It seeks to answer the "what," "where," "when," and "how" questions related to a phenomenon, without necessarily investigating causal relationships. This design is often employed when the researcher wants to provide a detailed, systematic, and factual description of a phenomenon or a population (Remler & Van Ryzin, 2021)

Exploratory research design, on the other hand, is employed when the research problem is not well-defined or understood. Its primary purpose is to explore the problem area, identify variables, and develop hypotheses for further research. It is particularly useful in the initial stages of research when the researcher seeks to gain insights, familiarize themselves with the subject matter, or discover patterns and relationships that may not be immediately evident.

3.3 Research Approach

The research approach of this study was: qualitative methods for comprehensive insights (Mrabti, 2024).

Qualitative research is primarily exploratory and descriptive. It focuses on understanding the deeper meanings, experiences, and perspectives of individuals or groups. This approach is often used when the researcher seeks to explore complex phenomena that are difficult to quantify, such as emotions, motivations, beliefs, or social processes (Grossoehme, 2014).

3.4 Target Population of the Study

The target population of the study is Commercial Bank of Ethiopia's management and employees: decision-makers and staff involved in strategic planning, risk management, international banking officers, share officers, and learning and development related to the capital market. The total population is 200 employees of the bank.

3.4.1 Sample Techniques

This study used both probability and non-probability sampling techniques to carry out the study. From probability sampling techniques, stratified random sampling is a sampling technique where the population is divided into distinct subgroups, called strata, based on specific characteristics. Then, random samples are taken from each stratum proportionally or equally to ensure representation of all subgroups in the overall sample (Shamsudin & Abd Manaf, 2024). was used in order to collect primary data by using questionnaires from 200 selected positions and their Employees of Commercial Bank of Ethiopia's

From non-probability sampling techniques, purposive sampling technique was specifically used to select appropriate sample from the population or persons with knowledge and experience in the study's issue, which entails identifying and selecting respondents with competence and familiarity with a phenomenon of interest (Shamsudin & Abd Manaf, 2024).

3.4.2 Sample Size Determination

One of the key elements influencing the data produced from the study project is sample size. One of the key elements in choosing a sampling plan is sampling size. Numerous parameters, such as population size, sampling cost, population variety, and degree of reliability and merit in the statistical analysis, can indicate the appropriate sample size (Lohr, 2021). Hence, the researcher considered the above listed constraints calculated out of the total target population of 200, the researchers use the following formula to determine the sample size which is develop by Yamane (1967). to obtain a sample that is representative of the study population, the sampling method that follows is applied.

$$n = \frac{N}{1+N(e)^2} = \frac{200}{1+200(0.05)^2} = 133$$

Where:

N is the population;

n = sample size;

e is the chosen statistical significance threshold (5% = 0.05).

Table 3.1: Sample Size in each selected position

Selected Position	Total number of staff	Number of proportional sample size
Strategic planning	35	$133*35/200 = 23$
Risk and compliance management	34	$133*34/200 = 23$
International banking officer	45	$133*45/200 = 30$
Share officer	38	$133*38/200 = 25$
Learning and development	48	$133*48/200=32$
Total	200	133

Source: survey result, (2025)

3.5 Data Collection Methods

3.5.1 Primary Data

This study used both questionnaires and interviews to collect primary data for the study

Questionnaires: Self-administered questionnaires were the main data collection instrument used in this study. Most of the questions in the questionnaire were developed from the review of related literature and composed of statements addressing each of the study variables. Open and close-ended questionnaires were distributed to the selected respondents. Surveys targeting financial analysts, and bank staff to gather perceptions on opportunities and risks (Rada & Domínguez-Álvarez, 2014).

Interviews: Interview questions were used to triangulate and support the data obtained through questionnaires and to gather information from respondents purposively selected from the study area. Semi-structured interviews with key stakeholders such as bank executives, regulators, and market participants (Mannan & Afni, 2020).

3.5.2 Secondary Data

The secondary data was collected through reviewing of materials, financial reports of the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia, market data from stock exchanges and financial institutions and, policy documents, regulations, and prior research studies (Dembel, 2020).

3.6 Methods of Data Analysis

The data collected through the questionnaires were analyzed through descriptive statistics that involves frequency distribution, percentages, mean and standard deviation tabulations by using SPSS (Statistical Package for Social Science) version 25 (Cooksey & Cooksey, 2020).

3.6.1 Data management and Tools of Data Presentation

Effective data management and the use of tools for data presentation are crucial in research studies (Bednarz, 2007). Data management ensures the organization, storage, and analysis of data, maintaining its integrity for accurate conclusions. Various tools like tables, graphs, charts, diagrams, and visualizations are used to present complex data sets clearly, aiding comprehension and communication. Tables summarize numerical data, while graphs visually represent trends. Diagrams and visualizations engage audiences with interactive displays such as flowcharts, maps, and infographics. Software programs like Microsoft Excel, SPSS, or Tableau assist in data management and analysis, offering features for manipulation, statistical tests, and visual representations.

3.6.2 Statistical Tools of Data Analysis

The researcher utilizes the data analysis tool Statistical Package for Social Science (SPSS) version 26.0 to obtain descriptive and inferential data output values from the inserted quantitative data.

3.6.3 Measurement of Variables

Variables can be categorized into four levels of measurement: Nominal, Ordinal, Interval, or Ratio (Shor, 2017). The Interval and Ratio levels are sometimes referred to as Continuous or Scale. Understanding these levels of measurement is crucial for researchers, as they, along with the wording of the research question, determine the appropriate statistical analysis.

Ordinal measurement is chosen by the researcher when variables can be grouped into distinct categories or groups, but these categories also have a natural order or ranking.

3.7 Ethical Consideration

When researchers engage data collectors, it is crucial to treat the participants and research sites with respect. Throughout the study, the researcher upholds objectivity, courtesy, and high professional standards, adhering to the scientific process and refraining from falsifying, altering, or misrepresenting data for biased or other purposes. Ethical responsibility is considered in conducting this study. This entails providing participants with information about the study's purpose and the use of the collected information. The researcher ensures strict confidentiality of the obtained information, and respondents' anonymity is maintained to create an environment where participants feel free and safe to express their thoughts and ideas (Lobe & Hoffman, 2020).

CHAPTER FOUR

INTERPRETATION AND DISCUSSION

4. Introduction

The primary focus of this study, as discussed in previous chapters, was to analyze the opportunity and risk in capital market by conducting a case study on Commercial Bank of Ethiopia. Data was gathered from a variety of sources, including interviews and questionnaires. In this chapter, I discussed the analysis and comments on the research findings from both data gathering technologies.

This chapter starts by analyzing the questions asked to the respondents. Descriptive statistics are used to assess the demographic analysis includes age, gender, education and, work experience. Below the "response rate" section on the questionnaire, there are categories for employment history and educational attainment. In the first section, I will give you a quick background and overview of the respondents. Then, in the second section, we will carefully analyze and interpret the information we gathered from interviews and questionnaires.

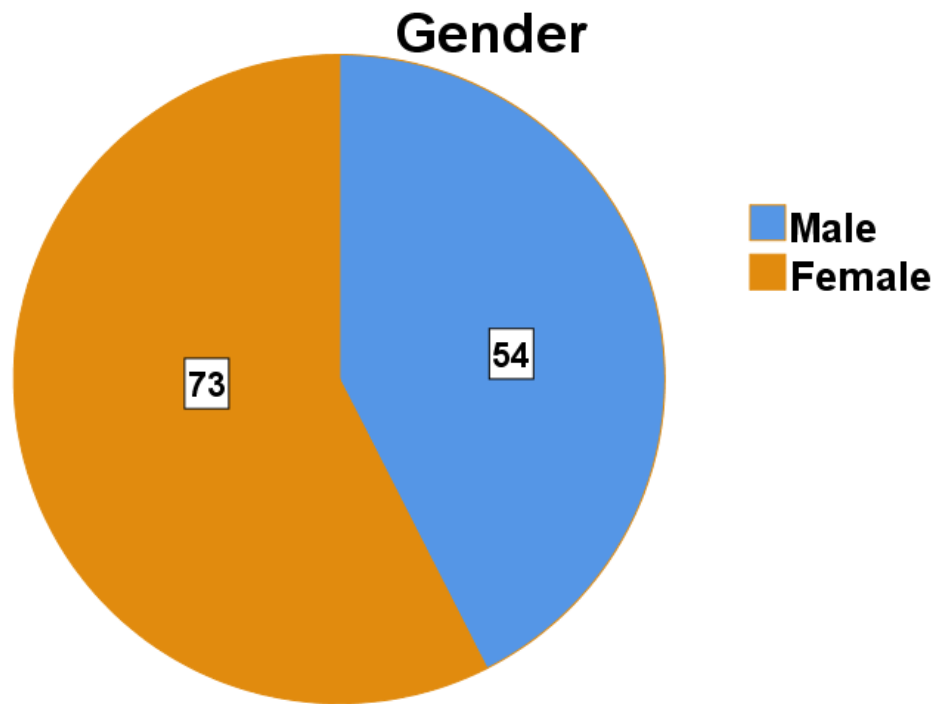
4.1. Response Rate

A total of 133 questionnaires were distributed to employees of selected poisons of CBE employee on this research project. We collected a total of 127 questionnaires, which gave us an impressive response rate of 95.5%. Unfortunately, the 6 questionnaires were not given back. The questionnaires, that were gathered were subjected to analysis., which was deemed adequate for the study.

4.2. Respondents Demographic Information

The research considered various demographic variables to depict the characteristics of the respondents. These variables consisted of as age, gender, education and, work experience,

4.2.1 Gender

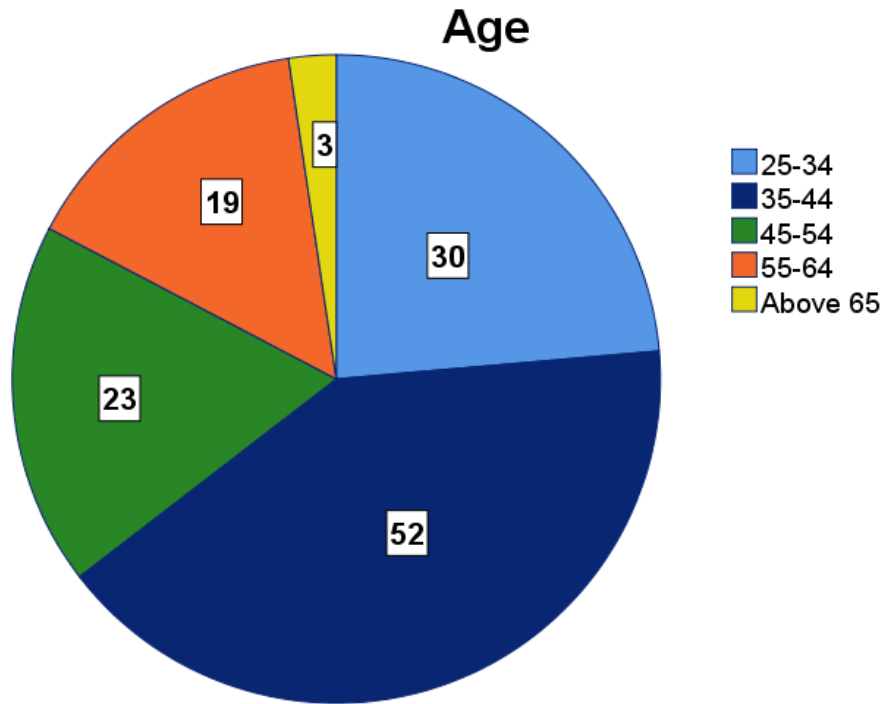


Source: survey data 2025.

Figure 4.1: Gender

The figure displays the frequency distribution of gender. It shows that in a sample of 127 individuals, 54 (42.5%) are male and 73 (57.5%) are female.

4.2.2 Age



Source: survey data 2025

Figure 4.2: Age

The age groups are categorized as follows: 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, and above 65. The most prominent age group within the sample is the 35-44 bracket, comprising 52 individuals, which accounts for approximately 40.9% of the total sample. This indicates a significant concentration of middle-aged adults, potentially reflecting the core working-age demographic.

The next most sizable group is the 25-34 age bracket, with 30 individuals representing 23.6%. This suggests a substantial presence of early to mid-career adults. The 45-54 age group accounts for 18.1% with 23 individuals, while the 55-64 group makes up 15%, with 19 individuals. The smallest segment is the above 65 categories, with only 3 individuals (2.4%), indicating limited representation of senior citizens in the sample.

The dominance of the 35-44 age group suggests that the sample predominantly consists of middle-aged adults likely engaged in their careers or education, which could influence their

preferences, needs, and behaviors. The considerable proportion of participants in the 25-34 age group further emphasizes the youthful working demographic, possibly indicating a focus on early career development or lifestyle choices typical of this age.

The decreasing percentages with increasing age beyond 45 imply that older populations are underrepresented. This may reflect the sampling method or the specific population targeted. The minimal representation of those above 65 suggests limited insights into senior citizens' perspectives but may also indicate that the age range of interest or the population's structure is skewed towards middle-aged adults.

4.2.3 Job Experience

Table 4.1: Job Experience

Job Experience:	Frequency	Percent
0-3 Years	9	7.1
3-5 Years	26	20.5
6-10 Years	40	31.5
Above 10 Years	52	40.9
Total	127	100.0

Source: survey data 2025

The data presented provides a detailed overview of the distribution of job experience among a sample of 127 respondents. Analyzing this data offers insights into the overall experience levels within the group and potential implications for organizational planning, training, and development strategies.

The respondents' job experience spans four categories: 0-3 years, 3-5 years, 6-10 years, and above 10 years. The largest proportion of respondents falls into the "Above 10 Years" category, comprising 52 individuals or approximately 40.9% of the total. This indicates a significant portion of the workforce possesses extensive experience, which can be valuable for leadership roles, mentorship, and organizational knowledge retention.

The second-largest group is those with 6-10 years of experience, accounting for 40 respondents or 31.5%. Together, these two categories—"6-10 Years" and "Above 10 Years"—constitute approximately 72.4% of the sample, suggesting a predominantly experienced workforce.

Conversely, the less experienced groups—"0-3 Years" and "3-5 Years"—constitute smaller proportions. The "0-3 Years" group comprises only 9 individuals or 7.1%, while the "3-5 Years" group includes 26 respondents or 20.5%. These figures highlight that a minority of the workforce is relatively new or still gaining experience.

The dominance of experienced professionals (>6 years) suggests that the organization benefits from a knowledgeable and seasoned workforce. This can positively influence organizational stability, mentorship opportunities, and the quality of work output. However, the relatively small proportion of less experienced employees may pose challenges related to onboarding, fresh perspectives, and talent pipeline development.

Furthermore, understanding this distribution can inform targeted training programs. For instance, onboarding initiatives may be prioritized for the smaller "0-3 Years" group, while leadership development programs could be tailored for those with over a decade of experience.

Overall, the data indicates a workforce with substantial experience, predominantly above six years. This distribution underscores the importance of leveraging the expertise of seasoned employees while also fostering growth and development opportunities for less experienced staff. Strategic human resource planning should consider these dynamics to ensure organizational resilience, knowledge transfer, and continued innovation.

4.2.4 Education Qualification

Table 4.2: Education qualification

Education qualification	Frequency	Percent
Bachelor's Degree	41	32.3
Master's Degree	65	51.2
Ph.D.	21	16.5
Total	127	100.0

Survey data:2025

The data presented provides an overview of the educational qualifications of a sample of 127 individuals. Analyzing this distribution offers valuable insights into the educational attainment within this group and can inform discussions regarding the relationship between education levels and various socioeconomic factors.

Firstly, the majority of individuals in the sample hold a Master's Degree, accounting for 51.2% of the total. This indicates that more than half of the respondents have pursued postgraduate studies, suggesting a high level of academic achievement and possibly reflecting the educational aspirations or opportunities available within the population. The prevalence of advanced degrees could also imply a focus on specialized knowledge or professional development, which might influence their career prospects and socioeconomic status.

Secondly, individuals with a Bachelor's Degree constitute 32.3% of the sample. While this is a substantial portion, it is notably less than those with a Master's Degree. The presence of a significant number of Bachelor's Degree holders highlights the foundational level of higher education within the group. It also emphasizes that a considerable proportion of individuals may be either early in their careers or have pursued education beyond the undergraduate level to enhance their qualifications.

Lastly, the smallest segment comprises those with a Ph.D., representing 16.5% of the sample. The relatively lower percentage aligns with the general trend that doctoral education is more specialized and less common. It also suggests that while advanced research qualifications are present, they are less prevalent, possibly due to the extensive time commitment and resources required to attain a Ph.D.

The distribution of educational qualifications in this sample reveals a predominantly highly educated population, with a significant concentration at the Master's level. This pattern underscores the value placed on postgraduate education and may have implications for employment, income levels, and social status within the community. Future analyses could explore how these educational levels correlate with other variables such as income, occupation, or geographic location to deepen the understanding of the socio-economic landscape of the group.

Table 4.3: Opportunities in Capital Market implication of Commercial Bank of Ethiopia

No	Opportunities in Capital Market	Level of Agreement					Statistics	
		SD	D	N	A	SA	Mean	STD
1	Enhances public trust and confidence in investing in share companies	4 (3.1%)	12 (9.4%)	11 (8.7%)	71 (55.9%)	29 (22.8%)	3.86	0.982
2	Supports the country's economic development by mobilizing financial resources	8 (6.3%)	11 (8.7%)	20 (15.7%)	64 (50.4%)	24 (18.9%)	3.96	1.05
3	Facilitates accurate valuation of share companies, ensuring true and fair pricing	8 (6.3%)	11 (8.7%)	11 (8.7%)	64 (50.4%)	33 (26%)	3.67	1.077
4	Attracts both domestic and foreign investors, boosting market participation	5 (8.7%)	11 (8.7%)	13 (10.2%)	65 (51.2%)	33 (26%)	3.87	1.026
5	Promotes a more efficient and resilient financial system	5 (3.9%)	7 (5.5%)	10 (7.9%)	59 (46.5%)	46 (36.2%)	4.06	1.010
6	Enables de-concentration of ownership, broadening ownership rights	4 (3.1%)	10 (7.9%)	15 (11.8%)	66 (52%)	32 (25.2%)	3.88	0.981
7	Drives the improvement of accounting and auditing standards across listed companies	9 (7.1%)	11 (8.7%)	15 (11.8%)	61 (48%)	31 (24.4%)	3.74	1.135
8	Provides effective tools for implementing monetary and fiscal policies	5 (3.9%)	20 (15.7%)	10 (7.9%)	66 (52.0%)	26 (20.5%)	3.69	1.088
9	Aids government privatization initiatives, fostering private sector growth and market expansion	11 (8.7%)	15 (11.8%)	6 (4.7%)	59 (46.5%)	36 (28.3%)	3.74	1.236

Where: SD = Strongly Disagree, D = Disagree, N = Neutral, A = Agree, SA = Strongly Agree & STD = Standard Deviation

Source: Survey data 2025

The data presented in Table 4.3 offers valuable insights into perceptions or evaluations of various opportunities associated with the capital market, specifically in relation to the implications of the

Commercial Bank of Ethiopia. The table captures respondents' levels of agreement across multiple statements, with statistical measures such as mean scores and standard deviations providing a quantitative basis for interpretation.

Public Trust and Confidence in Share Companies, the highest mean score of 3.86 (on a 5-point scale) indicates a generally positive perception that the capital market enhances public trust and confidence in investing in share companies. The relatively low standard deviation of 0.982 suggests a consensus among respondents. Over half (55.9%) agree, and 22.8% strongly agree, emphasizing the perceived strengthening of investor trust as a key opportunity.

Supporting Economic Development through Financial Mobilization, this statement received an even higher mean score of 3.96, reflecting a strong belief that the capital market supports Ethiopia's economic development by mobilizing financial resources. The standard deviation of 1.05 indicates moderate variability, but the majority (50.4%) agree, and 18.9% strongly agree, underscoring the importance attributed to capital markets in fostering economic growth.

Accurate Valuation of Share Companies, respondents' perceptions of the capital market's role in facilitating accurate valuation of share companies are positive, with a mean of 3.67. This suggests recognition of the market's potential for ensuring true and fair pricing, although the slightly higher standard deviation (1.077) indicates some divergence in views.

Market Participation and Investor Attraction, the statement concerning attracting both domestic and foreign investors garnered a mean of 3.87, the highest among the listed opportunities. The agreement levels (51.2% agree and 26% strongly agree) reflect optimism about market expansion and participation. This is crucial for market development, signaling confidence that the capital market can serve as a magnet for diverse investor classes.

Efficiency and Resilience of the Financial System, perhaps most notably, respondents strongly agree that the capital market promotes a more efficient and resilient financial system, with a mean score of 4.06. The high agreement levels (46.5% agree and 36.2% strongly agree) and a low standard deviation (1.010) reinforce the perception that the capital market significantly contributes to financial system stability and efficiency.

Ownership De-concentration, the opportunity for de-concentrating ownership and broadening ownership rights also receives favorable ratings, with a mean of 3.88. More than half (52%) agree, and 25.2% strongly agree, indicating recognition of the market's role in democratizing ownership and reducing concentration of economic power.

Improvement of Accounting and Auditing Standards, the perceived impact on enhancing accounting and auditing standards is positive but slightly less robust, with a mean of 3.74. The higher standard deviation (1.135) suggests varied opinions, possibly reflecting differing views on the extent of this benefit or existing challenges in standards enforcement.

Tools for Monetary and Fiscal Policy Implementation, respondents see the capital market as a useful tool for implementing monetary and fiscal policies, with a mean of 3.69. The agreement is moderate, and the standard deviation (1.088) indicates some disagreement, possibly due to perceived limitations or current market maturity levels.

Support for Privatization and Private Sector Growth, the role of the capital market in aiding privatization initiatives and fostering private sector growth is viewed positively, with a mean of 3.74. The responses show a balanced view, with some reservations, as indicated by the higher standard deviation (1.236). Nonetheless, nearly three-quarters (46.5% agreement combined with 28.3% strong agreement) highlight its perceived significance.

Overall, the data reveals a generally optimistic outlook on the opportunities presented by the capital market, especially in bolstering financial system resilience, attracting investors, and supporting economic development. The high agreement levels and favorable mean scores across most statements suggest a recognition of the capital market's potential to contribute positively to Ethiopia's economic and financial landscape. However, some variability in responses indicates areas where perceptions differ, possibly reflecting existing challenges or differing stakeholder experiences. Addressing these discrepancies could further enhance the effectiveness and perception of the capital market's opportunities in Ethiopia.

Table 4.4: Risk in Capital Market implication of the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia

No	Risk in Capital Market	Level of Agreement					Statistics	
		SD	D	N	A	SA	Mean	STD
1	Limited foreign direct investment (FDI) reducing market growth opportunities	9 (7.1%)	14 (11%)	19 (15%)	53 (41.7%)	32 (25.2%)	3.67	1.176
2	Unfavorable macroeconomic conditions affecting market stability and investor confidence	8 (6.3%)	13 (10.2%)	15 (11.8%)	65 (51.2%)	26 (20.5%)	3.69	1.102
3	Low society awareness and understanding of capital markets hindering participation	9 (7.1%)	11 (8.7%)	14 (11.0%)	67 (52.8%)	26 (20.5%)	3.71	1.106
4	Corruption and weak governance structures undermining market integrity and transparency	11 (8.7%)	16 (12.6%)	18 (14.2%)	65 (51.2%)	17 (13.4%)	3.48	1.140
5	Inadequate corporate governance practices impacting investor trust and market efficiency	12 (9.4%)	13 (10.2%)	15 (11.8%)	55 (43.3%)	32 (25.2%)	3.65	1.231
6	Insufficient technological infrastructure restricting market development and accessibility	9 (7.1%)	15 (11.8%)	21 (16.5%)	66 (52%)	16 (12.6%)	3.51	1.083
7	Weak accounting and auditing standards compromising financial transparency and reliability	13 (10.2%)	17 (13.4%)	15 (11.8%)	61 (48%)	21 (16.5%)	3.47	1.214
8	High inflation rates creating volatility and eroding investment value	7 (5.5%)	14 (11%)	12 (9.4%)	66 (52%)	28 (22%)	3.74	1.093
9	Low national savings rates constraining capital availability for investment	15 (11.8%)	16 (12.6%)	6 (4.7%)	51 (44.1%)	34 (26.8%)	3.61	1.322
10	Shortage of skilled professionals specializing in capital markets limiting market development and oversight	3 (2.4%)	14 (11.0%)	15 (11.8%)	58 (45.7%)	37 (29.1%)	3.88	1.028
Where: SD = Strongly Disagree, D = Disagree, N = Neutral, A = Agree, SA = Strongly Agree & STD = Standard Deviation								

The analysis of the perceived risks in the capital market related to the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia, as presented in Table 4.4, reveals insightful perspectives from respondents regarding various challenges facing the market. The data, measured through levels of agreement and

statistical measures such as mean and standard deviation, highlights both the areas of concern and relative confidence among stakeholders.

One of the most prominent issues identified is the limited foreign direct investment (FDI) and its impact on market growth opportunities. Although a significant portion of respondents (41.7%) agree, and 25.2% strongly agree, that limited FDI hampers market growth, the mean score of 3.67 indicates a generally positive acknowledgment of this risk's importance. The relatively moderate standard deviation (1.176) suggests some variation in opinions, but overall, there is consensus on the adverse effect of FDI constraints on market development.

Unfavorable macroeconomic conditions also feature prominently as a risk, with an almost similar level of agreement. Over half of the respondents (51.2%) agree, and 20.5% strongly agree, that macroeconomic instability affects market stability and investor confidence. The mean of 3.69 supports this view, underscoring that macroeconomic factors are perceived as critical barriers to a healthy capital market. The standard deviation (1.102) indicates a moderate variation, but the consensus remains strong that macroeconomic stability is vital for market growth.

Participants recognize the role of societal awareness in capital market participation. A combined 73.3% (52.8% agree, 20.5% strongly agree) see low societal understanding as a hindrance. The mean score of 3.71 reflects a high level of agreement, emphasizing the need for financial literacy and awareness campaigns to foster broader participation.

Concerns around governance and transparency are also evident. The issues of corruption and weak governance structures are perceived as undermining market integrity, with 51.2% agreeing and 13.4% strongly agreeing. The mean score of 3.48 suggests a significant concern, albeit slightly lower than other risks, indicating that governance reforms could be a strategic focus area.

Similarly, inadequate corporate governance practices impact investor trust and market efficiency, with a mean of 3.65.

Although a sizable percentage (43.3%) agree, the higher standard deviation (1.231) hints at some variability in perceptions, possibly reflecting differing experiences or levels of awareness among respondents.

Technological infrastructure limitations are acknowledged as restricting market development. With a mean of 3.51 and 52% agreement, respondents see technological gaps as a tangible barrier to accessibility and growth, emphasizing the importance of investing in digital infrastructure for market enhancement.

Weak accounting and auditing standards are perceived as compromising transparency, with a mean of 3.47. The agreement level (48%) suggests that improving financial reporting standards is essential to boost confidence among investors and stakeholders.

High inflation rates are recognized for creating volatility and eroding investment value, with a mean of 3.74, which is relatively high among the risks assessed. Over half (52%) agree, and 22% strongly agree, indicating that inflation is a pressing concern that affects market stability and investor confidence.

Low national savings rates are also seen as constraining capital availability, evidenced by the mean score of 3.32. Interestingly, this is the lowest among the assessed risks, implying that while savings rates are acknowledged as a constraint, they may not be perceived as immediately threatening as other factors.

The shortage of skilled professionals in capital markets emerges as a significant risk, with the highest mean score of 3.88. An overwhelming 45.7% agree, and 29.1% strongly agree, highlighting a critical human resource gap that could hamper market oversight and development. The low standard deviation (1.028) indicates a strong consensus on this issue.

In summary, the data suggests that respondents perceive macroeconomic stability, FDI inflows, societal awareness, governance, technological infrastructure, and skilled human resources as the most critical risks affecting the capital market in Ethiopia. Addressing these challenges through targeted policy measures, capacity building, and infrastructure development could significantly bolster market resilience and growth. The relatively high agreement levels across these areas underscore their importance for stakeholders aiming to foster a robust and transparent capital market environment.

CHAPTER FIVE

SUMMARY, CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

5.1 Summary of Major Findings

This study provides a comprehensive analysis of the opportunities and risks within Ethiopia's capital market, focusing on the implications for the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia (CBE). The research employed both quantitative and qualitative data collection methods, including questionnaires and interviews, to gather insights from a diverse sample of employees and stakeholders.

The respondents predominantly comprise middle-aged professionals, with the largest age group being 35-44 years (40.9%), followed by the 25-34 age bracket (23.6%). The workforce is highly experienced, with over 72% having more than six years of job experience, and the majority holding Master's degrees (51.2%), indicating a well-qualified and seasoned pool of participants. Gender distribution is relatively balanced, with a slight female majority.

The findings reveal a generally optimistic outlook on the potential of Ethiopia's capital market. Key opportunities include enhancing public trust and confidence in share companies, which received a high mean score of 3.86, indicating strong perceived benefits. The market is viewed as a vital support for economic development through resource mobilization (mean 3.96) and as a facilitator of accurate company valuation (mean 3.67). Importantly, respondents see significant potential in attracting both domestic and foreign investors, with the highest mean score of 3.87, suggesting confidence in the market's ability to broaden participation. Additionally, the capital market is perceived to promote a more efficient and resilient financial system (mean 4.06), support ownership de-concentration (mean 3.88), and improve accounting standards (mean 3.74). Overall, these findings underscore a recognition of the capital market's role in fostering economic growth, financial stability, and inclusive ownership.

Despite the optimistic outlook, respondents also identified critical risks that could impede market development. The most prominent concerns include limited foreign direct investment (FDI), macroeconomic instability, and low societal awareness, all of which threaten market growth and participation. For instance, limited FDI is acknowledged as a significant barrier (mean 3.67),

with over 66% agreeing or strongly agreeing. Macroeconomic conditions are similarly perceived as a major risk (mean 3.69), affecting investor confidence and stability. Societal awareness emerges as a key challenge, with 73.3% perceiving low financial literacy as a hindrance to broader participation.

Other notable risks include governance issues such as corruption and weak oversight (mean 3.48), inadequate technological infrastructure (mean 3.51), and weak accounting standards (mean 3.47). The shortage of skilled professionals in capital markets is particularly concerning, with the highest mean score of 3.88, indicating a critical human resource gap. High inflation rates also pose a significant threat, eroding investment value (mean 3.74). While low national savings rates are recognized as a constraint, they are perceived as less immediate compared to other risks.

The findings suggest that for Ethiopia's capital market to realize its full potential, strategic efforts must address the identified risks. Enhancing macroeconomic stability, attracting FDI, improving financial literacy, strengthening governance and regulatory frameworks, investing in technological infrastructure, and developing human capital are essential. Simultaneously, leveraging the identified opportunities can foster confidence among investors, support economic development, and promote a more inclusive and resilient financial system.

Overall, the study highlights a cautiously optimistic perception of the Ethiopian capital market's prospects, tempered by significant challenges that require concerted policy interventions and capacity-building initiatives. Addressing these risks while capitalizing on the opportunities can position the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia and other stakeholders to play a pivotal role in advancing Ethiopia's financial sector and economic growth

5.2 Conclusion

Based on the specific objective the conclusion should be:

The growth of capital markets also entails notable risks, including market volatility, regulatory challenges, and potential mismanagement. These risks could adversely affect stakeholders such as investors, government, and financial institutions if not properly managed. The implications of these risks underscore the importance of establishing robust institutional frameworks, effective regulatory oversight, and resilient infrastructural systems.

Including reforms and strategic adjustments, have the potential to influence both opportunities and risks in the capital markets. These changes can enhance market efficiency and investor confidence but also require careful management to mitigate associated risks.

To support the sustainable development of capital markets in Ethiopia, it is essential to address institutional and infrastructural needs. This includes strengthening regulatory bodies, improving market infrastructure, enhancing transparency, and building capacity among market participants.

5.3 Recommendation

Based on the findings of the study, the opportunities and risks associated with capital markets, especially in the context of CBEs.

Opportunities in Capital Markets for Ethiopia and CBE

Capital markets serve as vital channels for channeling household and institutional savings into productive investments. CBE, with its extensive network and customer base, can leverage its position to promote investment in government and corporate securities, thereby increasing domestic capital formation. This not only supports economic expansion but also reduces reliance on external financing.

By actively participating in capital markets, CBE can facilitate access to investment products for a broader segment of the population, including small investors. Developing a vibrant capital market ecosystem encourages transparency, enhances investor confidence, and fosters a culture of savings and investment among Ethiopians.

Capital markets provide alternative avenues for government and corporations to raise funds through bonds and equity offerings. For CBE, involvement in underwriting and distributing these securities can generate fee-based income and strengthen its role as a key financial intermediary.

A well-functioning capital market can attract foreign investors seeking diversification opportunities. For Ethiopia, opening up the capital market under appropriate regulatory frameworks can lead to increased foreign direct and portfolio investments, fostering economic stability and technological transfer.

Capital markets can be aligned with national development goals, such as infrastructure development and industrialization. CBE's engagement in facilitating these investments can accelerate Ethiopia's socio-economic transformation.

Risks in Capital Markets for Ethiopia and CBE

Capital markets are inherently susceptible to price fluctuations driven by economic, political, or global shocks. For Ethiopia, political instability or macroeconomic imbalances could trigger significant market volatility, undermining investor confidence and leading to financial instability.

Effective regulation is crucial for safeguarding investors and maintaining market integrity. Weak regulatory frameworks or institutional capacity constraints, which may be prevalent in Ethiopia, pose risks of fraud, market manipulation, and inadequate disclosure, potentially deterring investor participation.

Ethiopia's capital markets are relatively nascent, with limited instruments and low liquidity. This situation hampers price discovery, increases transaction costs, and makes it difficult for investors to exit positions, thereby constraining market development.

For foreign investors, currency devaluation or sovereign default risks can adversely affect returns. Ethiopia's economic vulnerabilities and external shocks could impact the stability of capital market investments. Given CBE's dominant position, there is a risk of market distortion if state-controlled entities disproportionately influence market dynamics. Such dominance may hinder the development of a competitive, diverse, and resilient capital market.

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APPENDIX

Appendix 1: Research Questionnaire

Addis Ababa University

College of Business and Economics

Department of Accounting and Finance

Dear respondent,

My name is Nebiyata, A.A University student studying Accounting and Finance, will perform this research as part of my master's degree requirements. I am now working on a study called "Opportunities and Risk in capital market implication of the Commercial Bank of Ethiopia."

I would like to congratulate you on being one of the most qualified and trustworthy responders chosen for this survey.

Please assist me in providing accurate and thorough information so that I can offer a representative finding on the current situation of CBE Capital Market Implication Opportunities and Risk.

Part I: Demographic Characteristics of the Respondents

Please encircle the letter of your choice and write your answer in the space provided.

1. Gender

- a. Male
- b. Female

2. Age

- a. Less than 25 years
- b. 26 – 35 years
- c. 36 – 45 years
- d. 46 – 55 years
- e. Above 56 years

3. Educational Qualification

- a. Diploma
- b. First Degree
- c. Master's Degree and above

4. Job experience

- a. 0-3 years
- c. 6-10 years

b. 3-5 years

d. Above 10 years

Part II: Opportunities of Establishing Capital Market in Ethiopia

The Opportunities of Establishing Capital Market in Ethiopia are listed below. Please indicate the degree to which these Opportunities of Establishing Capital Market in Ethiopia will happen in your organization. After you read each of the opportunities of establishing capital market, evaluate them in relation to your organization and then put a tick mark (√) under the choices below. Where, 5 = Strongly Agree, 4 = Agree, 3 = Neutral, 2 = Disagree and 1 = Strongly Disagree.

S. No	Opportunities in Capital Market	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
1	Enhances public trust and confidence in investing in share companies					
2	Supports the country's economic development by mobilizing financial resources					
3	Facilitates accurate valuation of share companies, ensuring true and fair pricing					
4	Attracts both domestic and foreign investors, boosting market participation					
5	Promotes a more efficient and resilient financial system					
6	Enables de-concentration of ownership, broadening ownership rights					
7	Drives the improvement of accounting and auditing standards across listed companies					
8	Provides effective tools for implementing monetary and fiscal policies					
9	Aids government privatization initiatives, fostering private sector growth and market expansion					

Challenges of Establishing Capital Market in Ethiopia

S. No.	Risk in Capital Market	Level of Agreement				
	Statements	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
1	Limited foreign direct investment (FDI) reducing market growth opportunities					
2	Unfavorable macroeconomic conditions affecting market stability and investor confidence					
3	Low society awareness and understanding of capital markets hindering participation					
4	Corruption and weak governance structures undermining market integrity and transparency					
5	Inadequate corporate governance practices impacting investor trust and market efficiency					
6	Insufficient technological infrastructure restricting market development and accessibility					
7	Weak accounting and auditing standards compromising financial transparency and reliability					
8	High inflation rates creating volatility and eroding investment value					
9	Low national savings rates constraining capital availability for investment					
10	Shortage of skilled professionals specializing in capital markets limiting market development and oversight					