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## **ABSTRACT**

The goals of this study are to investigate the impact of foreign ownership on the firm-level volatility of stock returns and trading volume in five ASEAN emerging market; Thailand, Singapore, Indonesia, Philippines and Malaysia. We use a quarter panel data set of firms listed on each stock exchange over the period from 2007 to 2019. We employ Fixed effect estimation techniques with Driscoll and Kraay standard errors for panel data analysis to confirm that the estimation results from our model does not contain the heteroscedasticity problems, our empirical results show that level of stock hold by foreign investors decreases firm return volatility in ASEAN stock market also decrease a trading volume. The result implies the stabilizing role of foreign investors in emerging stock markets and this can be considered as one of the potential benefits of lift up the exposure of local stock markets to foreign investor.

Keywords: Foreign Ownership, Volatility, Volume, ASEAN, Fixed effect