

## Analyst recommendations have little effect, researcher says

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In a new paper to be published in *Journal of Accounting and Economics*, Robert S. Hansen, Francis Martin Chair in Business and professor of finance and economics, suggests that analysts' recommendations have little effect on stock prices. The study, co-authored with Oya Altinkiliç of the University of Pittsburgh, found that when an analyst changes a recommendation on a stock, the share price moves on average just 0.03 percent, far less than had been suggested in previous research.

To learn more about the study, see this [Financial Times](#) story as well as this mention in [the New York Times](#).