

Table 1 - Sectoral and geographical characteristics of the sample considered vs Fortune500 firms (a)

Industry	Sample		Fortune 500		variation (%)
	No. firms	(%)	No. firm	(%)	
Coal and Petroleum	16	6,45	56	11,20	-4,75
Food	15	6,05	47	9,40	-3,35
Motor Vehicles	16	6,45	43	8,60	-2,15
Electrical Equipment	18	7,26	44	8,80	-1,54
Chemicals	23	9,27	53	10,60	-1,33
Metals	25	10,08	53	10,60	-0,52
Non Metallic Mineral Products	11	4,44	23	4,60	-0,16
Rubber and plastic Products	6	2,42	11	2,20	0,22
Drink	10	4,03	18	3,60	0,43
Paper Products	13	5,24	23	4,60	0,64
Tobacco	4	1,61	5	1,00	0,61
Mechanicals Engineering	15	6,05	26	5,20	0,85
Printing and Publishing	9	3,63	12	2,40	1,23
Professional and Scientific Inst	8	3,23	10	2,00	1,23
Office Equipment	13	5,24	18	3,60	1,64
Textiles and Clothing	9	3,63	9	1,80	1,83
Aircraft	14	5,65	15	3,00	2,65
Pharmaceuticals	23	9,27	26	5,20	4,07
Total	248	100,00	492	98,40	
Geographical area	No.	(%)	No.	(%)	variation (%)
Japan	53	21,37	135	27,00	-5,63
Europe	86	34,68	155	31,00	3,68
United States	109	43,95	159	31,80	12,15
Total	248	100,00	449	89,80	

(a) The year considered for the Fortune list of firms is 1993