Figure 2.1.1. Stock Price Responses to Unconventional Monetary Policy (Percent)

In the United States, bank and nonbank stocks respond similarly to monetary policy surprises.

1. Positive Monetary Policy Surprise

2. Negative Monetary Policy Surprise

Sources: Bloomberg L.P.; and Thomson Reuters Datastream.
Note: The panels show the estimated response of stock prices (in excess of the aggregate market response) to unconventional monetary policy announcements between November 2008 and December 2013. The stock response is measured by the change in stock return on the day of a monetary policy announcement that cannot be explained by the change in the overall stock market return over the same period. The monetary policy surprise is based on yields for 10-year government bond futures in the United States and a spread between German and Spanish or Italian 10-year government bonds for the euro area. Sufficient data for finance companies are not available for the euro area. Solid bars represent responses that are significant at the 10 percent level.