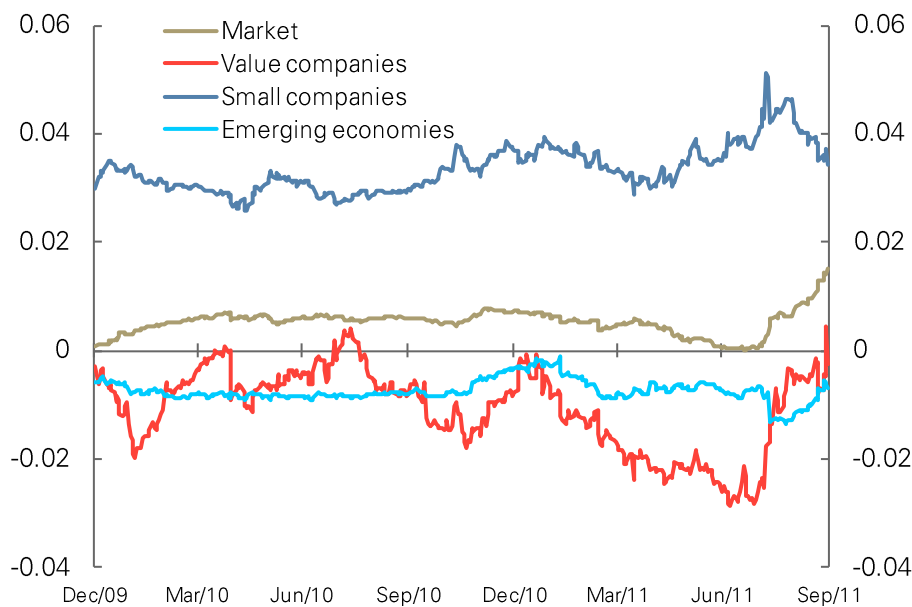


Factor exposures

NBIM measures the fund's exposure to systematic risk factors such as small companies, value stocks and bonds with credit premiums. These are common characteristics that most securities have to varying degrees and that contribute to both the risk and the return on different investments. The fund's exposure to these factors can be analysed by comparing the excess return on the fund with the return on these factors.

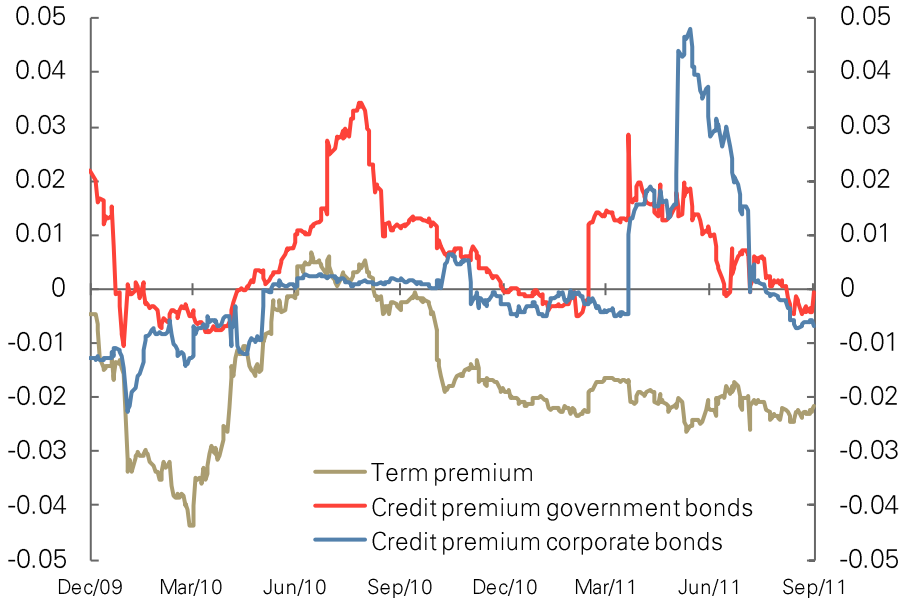
Chart 1: Factor exposures for the fund's equity investments. Coefficients



An analysis of factor exposures in the third quarter of 2011 indicates, among other things, that the fund's equity investments were more exposed than the benchmark to small companies. Also, the analysis indicates that the excess return's sensitivity to the market has increased during recent months.

This model's explanatory power has increased somewhat in recent months. It explains about 50 percent of fluctuations in excess return.

Chart 2: Factor exposures for the fund's fixed income investments. Coefficients



An analysis of the fund's fixed income investments indicates that they were less exposed than the benchmark to bonds with long maturities. This model currently has limited explanatory power.

The results of such statistical analyses are uncertain. NBIM therefore also uses various other approaches to analyse the fund's factor exposures.