Report on Bachelor Thesis

Institute of Economic Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University

Student:	**Ana Iordosopol**
Advisor:	**Ladislav Krištoufek**
Title of the thesis:	**Non-Fungible Tokens (NFTs): A hype or hope? Analysis of random NFT portfolios**

OVERALL ASSESSMENT *(provided in English, Czech, or Slovak):*

Please provide a short summary of the thesis, your assessment of each of the four key categories, and an overall evaluation and suggested questions for the discussion. The minimum length of the report is 300 words.

Short summary

The thesis covers the volatile topic of non-fungible tokens and it is, in a way, written similarly. A reasonable portfolio analysis is provided, the non-standard dataset is covered, and the topic overall is quite nicely described, although in a much narrative way which makes it feel more like a popular piece rather than a scientific paper (the sections before the methodology). As such, I believe if the thesis were written in a more compact manner (and being given more time to write the thesis), it would be contributive to the literature. In the current form, quite a lot is hidden in a large amount of text at the very beginning and not much results' discussion and interpretation at the end of the thesis.

Contribution

As noted above, the contribution could have been quite decent if given more space in the text. The author utilized a standard set of tools for the portfolio selection and reported the result. However, more interpretation and "stories behind" are not there, which is a shame as the topic certainly offers interesting economic stories. Given enough time during writing, I believe the thesis could have been much more contributive.

Methods

A standard set of tools for portfolio selection is being used. A non-standard dataset is being analyzed.

Literature

The literature of the topic is a bit tricky as there is not much of it (on portfolio using NFTs, there is a lot about crypto-portfolios as such). I see the author did quite a good job balancing between the scientific sources and popular sources. It certainly was not easy.

Manuscript form

This is likely the weakest point of the thesis which shows that it was written in bit of a rush. The chapters are not numbered, there several "dead references/links" in the text, the text itself is not ideally organized (there should be some hard breaks). Also, the "narrative" and empirical parts are not well balanced which makes the thesis feel more like a popular piece. I understand the author wanted to show understanding of the topic and how much had been read but the misbalance is too much.

Overall evaluation and suggested questions for the discussion during the defense

Turnitin uncovered no systematic issues.

In my view, the thesis fulfills the requirements for a bachelor thesis at IES, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, I recommend it for the defense. However, due to its limitations outlined in this report, I suggest grade D.

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SUMMARY OF POINTS AWARDED (for details, see below):

CATEGORY	POINTS
Contribution (max. 30 points)	17
Methods (max. 30 points)	25
Literature (max. 20 points)	17
Manuscript Form (max. 20 points)	8
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	**67**
GRADE (A – B – C – D – E – F)	**D**

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Referee Signature