

Abstract

The process of admission of investment fund shares to trading on a regulated market

The purpose of my thesis is to present and summarize the process of admission of investment fund shares to trading on the regulated market, specifically on the Prague Stock Exchange (Prague Stock Exchange; PSE). A sub-objective is to emphasize the consequences and issues related to it.

The first chapter deals with the basic issues of investment funds. The aim of this chapter is to look at the institution of the investment fund mainly from a fundamental economic perspective and to get to its economic essence. The chapter then describes the advantages of collective investment over individual investment, highlights the problem of conflicts of interest and provides a basic classification of investment funds. The aim of the second chapter is to describe in basic terms the development of the legal regulation of investment funds in the Czech Republic in the light of the Investment Companies and Investment Funds Act from its early beginnings to the present day. The third chapter deals with the IPO in general, rebuilding its purpose, suitability and benefits. The fourth chapter focuses on the regulated market, specifically the Prague Stock Exchange (PSE). The most specific features of the PSE offering are introduced and discussed in detail. The fifth and sixth chapters contrast the differences in looking at an IPO from the perspective of the issue manager and the Czech National Bank (CNB). Chapter seven clarifies the relationship to the central securities depository and the book-entry of shares, which is a prerequisite sine qua non for the admission of investment fund shares to trading on a regulated market. The core of the thesis is chapter eight, which deals with the admission process *stricto sensu*. Chapter nine builds on the previous chapter and develops the actual rules of trading on the PSE. The politically very sensitive issue of taxation of investment fund profits is not neglected, as well as the typology and the views of the various stakeholders on the matter, namely the view of market participants, the view of the Ministry of Finance and the view of the stock exchange. This is the focus of the penultimate chapter. The last chapter complements the view of the admission to trading process with the issue of accounting for listed entities. It discusses the transition of an entity from accounting under Czech Accounting Standards (CAS) to accounting under International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and compares these standards.

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