

Report on Bachelor / Master Thesis

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

This paper consists of 9 sections and 76 pages. The first introduction chapter does require comments on it. The reasons and motivation for considering the Swiss franc as the safe haven are logically presented in the second chapter. The discussion on this issue includes the comparison of economic performance of Switzerland and European Union (and/or Germany). This comparison interlinked with the relevant to the current study literature provides enough of support to convince the reader that Switzerland can be considered as the safe haven for the European investors. As the consequence, this section can show that the current study was built on good author's economic intuition.

The third and the fourth chapters do not require much of discussion, since the former shortly presents the hypotheses of the study and the latter discusses the data used in the analysis.

In the fifth section the author discusses how the model is build and provides all the necessary evidence that the chosen methodology is appropriate for the analysis and that the empirical model is correctly specified.

The results are discussed in the six chapter, and it deserves a particular attention. In this part of the study, the author presents his main findings and talks on the economic importance and meaning of them. Since the findings show how the Swiss franc reacts to the macroeconomic news of the European Union and Germany, they may be of interest for both: the market foreign exchange traders as well as the policy makers. Moreover, a special attention should be paid to the developed by the author index of floating returns, which has the explanatory power for the foreign exchange market. The later also emphasized the contribution of the given study.

In case of the successful defence I would recommend „výborně“.

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

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