

# Report on Bachelor / Master Thesis

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

<b>CATEGORY</b>		<b>POINTS</b>
Literature	(max. 20 points)	19
Methods	(max. 30 points)	26
Contribution	(max. 30 points)	28
Manuscript Form	(max. 20 points)	14
<b>TOTAL POINTS</b>	(max. 100 points)	<b>87</b>
<b>GRADE</b>	(1 – 2 – 3 – 4)	<b>1</b>

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

Theoretical part of the thesis (Chapter 2) is well structured, extensive and interesting. I have several comments to this part:

- The text is filled with islamic names of the products/services etc. It is quite hard to read some passages that almost resemble a dictionary.
- What is the difference between the profit and loss sharing deposits and equity?

Literature review part (Chapter 3) is a bit chaotic in my point of view. It is a lot of text that needs a bit more structure. Short conclusion or summary table would definitely help a lot.

Empirical analysis part (Chapter 4) shows robust empirical analysis of selected topic. I have following comments:

- Subchapter 4.2 is called Data and Hypotheses. In my point of view, these two things may have separated subchapters – it seems a little odd to me to mix data and hypotheses into one subchapter. Or at least name first part of it Data and the second one Hypotheses. In the thesis, the first part has no name and the second one is called Hypotheses.
- Six hypotheses is a lot for a single thesis.
- How did you tackle double-counting issue typical for BankScope data? Did you use consolidated or unconsolidated banking statements?
- It is often better to use black-white graphs not the coloured ones. Effects such as shading are unnecessary distractors (e.g. Figure 4.6).
- As comparison was done in multiple countries over time, why have not you included any macroeconomic variables (GDP growth, unemployment, inflation etc.) into regression? It could be more useful than just country dummies.

Regarding conclusion (Chapter 4), I have following remarks:

- I find it too long (ca 2.5 pages) – it carries unnecessary information such as explaining pros and cons of DEA method.
- Statements in the first paragraph are really strong and I think that they need to be more explained/justified.

Overall, it is clear that a great deal of work was done to create this thesis. Student provided extensive explanation of theory and methods used. My comments/questions go mostly to minor problems that may improve readability of the text.

In the case of successful defense, I recommend **“výborně” (excellent, 1)**.