

Abstract

In the light of the current market downturn, the need of the most accurate valuation appears to be more crucial than ever before. This thesis provides the reader with both the theoretical and practical background of the use of valuation premiums and discounts which apply directly to the value of the company reached by conventional separate valuation techniques. The most important premiums and discounts we focus our attention on are control premium/minority interest discount and lack of liquidity discount. The thesis presents an overview of the basic methodology of the theoretical concepts related to the valuation premiums and discounts. Moreover, based on a sample of 202 mergers and acquisitions transactions of the companies listed in the Central and Eastern Europe ("CEE"), we examine the size and key determinants of the control premium applicable within the CEE region.