

Report on Bachelor Thesis

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

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| Student: | Štěpán Koníř |
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| Title of the thesis: | Private equity funds and their performance in the post-crisis period |

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

Please provide your assessment of each of the following four categories, summary and suggested questions for the discussion. The minimum length of the report is 300 words.

As the title suggests, the thesis aims to inspect the performance of equity funds in the post-crisis period. From the advisor's perspective, most of the issues I raise further in this report could have been avoided or minimized, had the author consulted the thesis at all. Unfortunately, this was not the case.

Contribution

The text is not well balanced as it provides a large descriptive/narrative part and the methodological/empirical parts are rather short which affects possible contribution of the thesis. This is then further reflected in a limited interpretation of the results which is illustrated by a rather short conclusion with mostly reporting the results without a broader context.

Methods

The used methods are in line with the tested hypotheses and within the bachelor's level curriculum. Most presented models seem to be overfitted, i.e. the insignificant variables are all kept in the presented models which makes some of the claims a bit questionable, even though not to a serious level.

Literature

The thesis covers most of the relevant literature and I see no important issues. Only the referencing style is a little bit non-standard.

Manuscript form

The thesis certainly could have been given more work with respect to its structure and graphical quality. There are copy/pasted tables from statistical software, some figures/tables are split between pages with their captions and overall graphical side of the thesis is rather weak.

Summary and suggested questions for the discussion during the defense

Overall the thesis delivered what it had promised in the sense of testing the hypotheses. However, the way the thesis has been put together somewhat diminishes these efforts. I suggest grade D for the final defense with no additional questions.

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

| CATEGORY | POINTS |
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| <i>Contribution</i> (max. 30 points) | 20 |
| <i>Methods</i> (max. 30 points) | 20 |
| <i>Literature</i> (max. 20 points) | 17 |
| <i>Manuscript Form</i> (max. 20 points) | 8 |
| TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points) | 65 |
| GRADE (A – B – C – D – E – F) | D |

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