

Report on Bachelor Thesis

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Title of the thesis:	Fundraising and Investment in Private Equity in Europe

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.

Contribution

The research idea of the thesis is to estimate key factors determining fundraising and investment activity in private equity in 20 European countries, employing extreme bounds analysis to assess the robustness of regressors concerning macroeconomic, financial, political, law, and social indicators. The contribution of the thesis results can be exploited in policy planning and assessment.

Methods

The methods used in the thesis are relevant to the investigated topic and appropriate to the level of the bachelor level curriculum. The thesis employs extreme bounds analysis on the regression model with country-fixed effects to identify the most statistically relevant regressors and therefore alleviate concerns about the multicollinearity and high variance inflation factor.

Literature

The literature review is done rigorously and Ha Phuong works efficiently with relevant literature thorough the whole thesis, referring to the application of the methodology in other empirical studies and addressing similarities in results.

Manuscript form

The manuscript is well written, findings are clearly formulated. The thesis is well structured into logical parts. Professional LaTeX layout, academic format for graphs and tables, appropriate citations.

Summary and suggested questions for the discussion during the defense

The thesis fulfills the requirements for a bachelor thesis at IES, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, I recommend it for the defense and suggest a grade A.

The results of the Urkund analysis do not indicate significant text similarity with academic literature and other available sources.

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

CATEGORY	POINTS
Contribution (max. 30 points)	27
Methods (max. 30 points)	30
Literature (max. 20 points)	20
Manuscript Form (max. 20 points)	18
TOTAL POINTS (max. 100 points)	95
GRADE (A – B – C – D – E – F)	A

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DATE OF EVALUATION: 20. 8. 2020

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Emma Haas

Referee Signature

EXPLANATION OF CATEGORIES AND SCALE:

CONTRIBUTION: *The author presents original ideas on the topic demonstrating critical thinking and the ability to draw conclusions based on the knowledge of relevant theory and empirics. There is a distinct value-added of the thesis.*

METHODS: *The tools used are relevant to the research question being investigated and adequate to the author's level of studies. The thesis topic is comprehensively analyzed.*

LITERATURE REVIEW: *The thesis demonstrates the author's full understanding and command of recent literature. The author properly quotes relevant literature.*

MANUSCRIPT FORM: *The thesis is well structured. The student uses appropriate language and style, including an academic format for graphs and tables. The text effectively refers to graphs and tables and disposes with a complete bibliography.*

Overall grading:

TOTAL	GRADE
91 – 100	A
81 - 90	B
71 - 80	C
61 – 70	D
51 – 60	E
0 – 50	F