

Statement

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Thesis: Business Valuation of the Companies Listed on the Prague Stock Exchange and V4 Countries

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1. Topic of the thesis

The countries that moved from a centrally planned economy to a market economy decided to create an institutional and legal framework for the capital market. The former played a critical role in the transformation process, but mainly in the process of large-scale privatization within the Visegrad countries. Therefore, the topic of the thesis holds importance in current events.

The author describes generally some very critical points related to the valuation of the companies listed on Prague's Stock Exchange, including other Stock Exchanges within the four Visegrad countries.

2. The aim of the thesis

The author formulated three main goals for the thesis, which are developed through three specific goals, including research questions. In line with this, one might confirm that the author fulfilled the main goal of the thesis.

3. Applicability of methods, methodology and student's contribution

In the thesis, various types of methods were applied: logical-historical, analytical-synthesis, and quantitative methods. The thesis presents very important analytical conclusions regarding what and which factors might influence the valuation of the companies listed on Prague's Stock Exchange.

For the analysis, the author used a very comprehensive and relevant list of related literature, including quantitative content of a broad-based analysis.

However, for more a more detailed analysis, using time series data since the creation of stock exchanges in the Visegrad countries would have contributed to this research.

4. Analytical approach, scientific contribution and originality of the work

I highly appreciate the analytical approach used in the thesis. This part of the thesis is the main and critical part of the thesis. The author was able to demonstrate his ability in analyzing the main indicators related to the stock prices of valued companies.

Although the author used only a short list of companies, the main contribution of the thesis is the analysis of the stock price development and valuations of the companies listed on Prague's Stock exchange.

5. Thesis and its outcome for research, education and student's publications

The outcome of the thesis would be useful for the business sector, and the government authorities responsible for the financial sector, but in particular, for the capital market. Since the topic is very interesting, the presented results might create a good base for future research, including for pedagogical purposes, not only for an undergraduate, a graduate, but also for postgraduate students.

The author published 12 articles in the international conferences and international journals as a co-author.

6. Questions & Suggestions

- (i) In the stock exchanges within the Visegrad countries different companies and various level of capitalization are listed.**

Explain what was behind your decision in selecting for analysis the companies that you did.

- (ii) *The global financial crisis significantly contributed to the deterioration of the capital markets within the European Union countries. The fragmentation of the capital market within the European Union does not create financial stability. In line with the fragmentation of the EU capital market, the European Commission called for the creation of the Capital Market Union.***

Explain how a newly established Capital Market Union within the European Union will influence the business valuation of the companies listed on the Prague Stock Exchange and the V4 Countries.

- (iii) *The current stage of development of the civilization is on a crossroad. There are at least two unpredictable developments – climate change and the 4th industrial revolution, that will have a significant impact on the development of the financial sector, but in particular, on the volatility of the stock prices in the region.***

Explain how climate change and fintech will influence the stability of the capital market.

i) Conclusion

The presented outcomes of the thesis are very interesting. The author presented his ability to use a quantitative analysis in analyzing the valuation of companies and stock prices and formulated an appropriate conclusion.

However, using a long time-series analysis would increase the overall quality of the thesis.


Based on the results presented in the thesis and the theoretical approach, I would like

to recommend the thesis of Ing. Florin Aliu for a defence.

After its successful defence, I would like

**to recommend for Ing. Florin Aliu the title „doctor“
(philosophie doctor, abbr. PhD).**

Bratislava, June 9th, 2019.


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