Master´s Thesis Evaluation by the Supervisor

Title of the Master´s Thesis:

Tax impacts of the portfolio rebalancing for the Czech investors
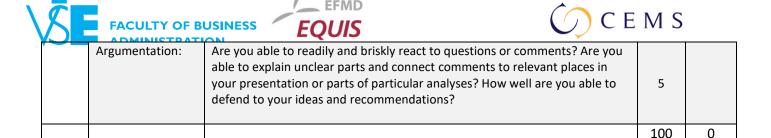
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Goals of the Master´s Thesis:

Firstly, the aim of the thesis was to analyse the effect of various portfolio rebalancing strategies on a globally diversified portfolio. Secondly, the aim was to analyse and evaluate the tax impacts of rebalancing for an investor located in the Czech Republic.

Evaluation:

	Criteria	Description	Max. points	Points
Content 70%	Output Quality	Results are well presented, discussed - substantiated, relevant and original (i.e. novelty produced by the author). They are of high practical/theoretical relevance.	20	20
	Goals	The goals of the thesis are evident and accomplished.	10	9
	Methodology:	Methods are adequate and used correctly in relation to pre-set goals.	20	18
	Theory/ Conceptualization:	Demonstration of an in-depth understanding of the topic area (state-of-the-art) including key concepts, terminology, theories, definitions, etc. based on a literature survey. Literature review.	20	18
Formal requirements 15%	Structure:	The thesis is a consistent, well-organised logical whole.	3	3
	Terminology:	Linguistic and terminological level.	4	3
	Formalities:	Formal layout and requirements, extent, abstract.	4	3
	Citing:	Quality of citations and reflection of Ephorus results.	4	4
Delivery 15 %	Presentation document:	Is the presentation itself structured in a clear way? Is it appealing and easy to follow? Does it convey the message efficiently?	5	
	Presentation skills:	Are you conveying the message efficiently and timely? Do you use appropriate words, speed, tone of voice, gestures, movement etc. to express your thoughts in a clear manner?	5	

	Argumentation:	Are you able to readily and briskly react to questions or comments? Are you able to explain unclear parts and connect comments to relevant places in your presentation or parts of particular analyses? How well are you able to defend to your ideas and recommendations?	5	
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Other comments:

The author demonstrated a deep knowledge of the topic; the theoretical part is well structured, starting with an general introduction into the area and leading to detailed description of the specifics of the portfolio rebalancing. The research papers used are relevant and well-described. In the practical part, clear goals were set and adequate research methods chosen. The limitations of the research are discussed sufficiently. For more precise results, the longer observed period might have been used. In my point of view, the aim of the thesis was fullfiled; the author presented the results obtained from the simulation and compared various rebalancing strategies, stating which strategy provided the best results. The analysis is appropriately supplemented by the comparison of the crisis and booming period. The author uses the results of the analysis to formulate recommendations that can also be used in practice. The author could however comment on the comparison of his results to the results obtained by other researchers in more detail. This, however, does not diminish the validity and accuracy of author's comments and conclusions. I appreciate the effort put into the construction of the simulation model used for the analysis and the work with extensive data sets.

Questions or comments to be discussed during the thesis defence:

 - The analysis is, due to understandable reasons, based on many assumptions. Which of them do you consider being most important to influence or distort the results?
- Considering the difference of the results in the first (2006-2011) and second half (2012-2017) of the observed period, based on your results, would you say investors (or portfolio managers) who expect a crisis period to come should adjust their rebalancing strategy?

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