

Master's Thesis Evaluation by the Opponent

Title of the Master's Thesis:

Tax impacts of the portfolio rebalancing for the Czech investors

Author of the Master's Thesis:

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Goals of the Master's Thesis:

The analysis of existing rebalancing effects on portfolio performance and its tax implications for Czech investors

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	10
	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	4
	Formalities:	Formal layout and requirements, extent, abstract.	4	4
	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:

Martin Luňáček occupies himself with an original and the latest topic in terms of research papers concerning passive investing and robo-advisory in the Czech Republic.

Among the greatest benefits belong especially the part no. 6 where author demonstrates practically the analysis of rebalancing portfolio itself on a pertinent historical data sets (2006 – 2017) and hereby shows an extensive knowledge acquired by theoretical presumptions mentioned earlier in his thesis.

Martin Luňáček brings up-do-date data and new information into focus in the form of various tables, diagrams, spreadsheets including demonstration of his own views appropriately. The author proved excellent orientation in this topic. Scientifically speaking he uses analysis, description and comparison methods.

The thesis as a whole is solid, fairly and well balanced indeed and produces applicable results apparently. In my humble opinion the author could explicitly state what is his contribution to the results of earlier mentioned studies as even verification of previous results can be considered as the gain.

In essence, I believe that Martin Luňáček's thesis corresponds to the both formal and substantive requirements for master's thesis at University of Economics, Prague and to be honest I do not have any fundamental objections.

I hereby recommend it for the final defense. When taking into account the difficulty of the chosen topic I suggest an excellent grade, however with respect to the course of the final defense.

Questions or comments to be discussed during the thesis defence:

1) What negative economic implications of the passive investing did you turn up in your thesis in comparison with drawbacks mentioned on the page 42?

2) Consider why actively managed investment funds do not exceed their benchmark in the long run (i. e. transaction costs consume potential moderate alpha).

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