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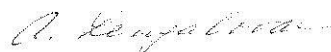
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ABSTRAKT

Správně vypočítaná a vysvětlená finanční analýza založená především na finančních výkazech může být přínosná pro každou společnost. Tato bakalářská práce se zabývá finančními výkazy a jejich vypovídací schopností pro management. Cílem je poskytnout analyzované společnosti – ComIT services s.r.o. komplexní informace o jejich finanční situaci.

Bakalářská práce je rozdělena do dvou částí – teoretické a praktické. V teoretické části jsou popsány typy finančních výkazů, jejich uživatelé a cíle a metody finanční analýzy. Praktická část zahrnuje finanční analýzu společnosti ComIT services s.r.o. za období 2007 – 2009. V závěru práce jsou shrnuty výsledky analýzy a jsou navržena řešení pro zlepšení stávající situace.

Klíčová slova: účetní výkazy, finanční analýza, poměrová analýza, vypovídací schopnost.

ABSTRACT

Well calculated and explained financial analysis based mainly on financial statements can be essential for each company. This bachelor thesis deals with financial statements and their reporting ability for management. The aim is to provide to analyze company ComIT services s.r.o. complex information about their financial situation.

Thesis is divided into two parts – theoretical and analytical one. In the theoretical part there are defined types of financial statements, their users and objectives and methods of analysis are described. The analytical part deals with the financial analysis of financial statements of ComIT services s.r.o. during the period 2007 – 2009. The conclusion presents evaluation of the reached outcomes and recommendation for improving the current situation.

Keywords: financial statements, financial analysis, ratio analysis, reporting ability.

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INTRODUCTION

The objective of my bachelor thesis is to elaborate the theoretical and methodological evidence relating to the reporting ability of the financial statements and then by using the tools of financial analysis evaluate them in ComIT services s.r.o.

The work consists of the theoretical and analytical parts and each is further divided into several chapters.

The theoretical part explains the various financial statements and their reporting ability. In the first chapter there is discussed the basic financial statements (the balance sheet, the income statement, the statement of cash flow and the statement of changes in shareholders' equity), their users and objectives. In the following part there are clarified purpose of financial analysis, its users and described the various methods.

This bachelor thesis deals with financial analysis not only in general, but especially the analysis of financial situation of ComIT services s.r.o.

The primary aim of the practical part of the thesis is to evolve a financial analysis of the selected company. The analysed company ComIT services s.r.o. is described in the first part for better understanding of the situation in the enterprise. Furthermore, the thesis focuses on financial analysis, in which is gradually implemented a horizontal and vertical analysis, subtractive indicators and ratio analysis for the period 2007 – 2009. Individual results of financial analysis of ComIT services s.r.o. are compared with the industry and recommended values of the Ministry of Industry and Trade. The assessment of the results of financial analysis is presented in the final part of my work as well as suggestions of possible solutions to improve the current situation.

I. THEORY

1 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Accounting is an information system that identifies measures, prepares and presents financial information about the company, under which can be made correct judgments and qualified decisions.

From above definition is visible, that accounting is a broad concept. It can be seen from two sides – from the perspective of those who “make” accounting and from the perspective of those who use outputs from the accounting. The first approach emphasizes the concepts and techniques that are used by accounting personnel in collecting, sorting, summarizing, checking the accuracy, compilation and presentation of accounting information. The second approach emphasizes the knowledge that users of accounting information must have in order to understand the financial statements. This approach can be approximated by an example of an aviator. As a user of the devices, pilot has to understand the device’s messages, but he may not be familiar with the manufacturing process in detail. Similarly, those who use accounting information need to know what each accounting amount approximately express. (Kovanicová 2004, 6)

“A good working knowledge of financial statements is desirable simply because such statements, and numbers derived from those statements, are the primary means of communicating financial information both within the firm and outside the firm. Furthermore there are many different ways of using financial statements information and many different types of users. This diversity reflects the fact that financial statement information plays an important part in many types of decisions.” (Dittmar 2000, 47)

1.1 TYPES OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Financial statements contain huge quantities of useful information showing how successfully a company operates, which management strategy is used and of course current financial position of a company.

Individual accounting items enter these statements in the interconnected relationships therefore the major financial statements are mutually conditioned, coordinated, showing the fact of multiple angles.

A corporate annual report contains four basic financial statements:

- The balance sheet
- The income statement

- The statement of cash flow
- The statement of stockholders equity

Each of these statements will be described and discussed in one of the following subchapters. (Fraser and Ormiston 2001, 7)

1.1.1 Balance sheet

Balance sheet provides valuable information about the financial situation, which is necessary for management. As far as the balance sheet is prepared at a point in time at the end of an accounting period, a year, or a quarter, it shows this financial position of a company on a particular date. This statement is basically a summary of what the firm owns – assets. And what the firm owes to people, companies or other institutions – liabilities and to internal owners – stockholders equity. This fact affects the structure and arrangements of the assets and liabilities. Assets are divided by degree of liquidity and by groups of ownership elements, liabilities are divided on own resources and foreign resources. To follow rules, the account balances on a balance sheet have to balance which means that the total amount of assets must be equal to the sum of liabilities and stockholders' equity.

The balance sheet summarizes all transactions which are recorded in its accounting. All other statements only expand one balance sheet item (Income statement deals with Profit for the period) or group of balance sheet items (the statement of Cash flow). (Paseková 2007, 26)

1.1.2 Income statement

The income statement also called the statement of earnings, shows how profitable the company has been over the past year. This statement provides information about the company's financial performance – efficiency. Single balance sheet item is amplified in detail – profit or loss for a specified period of time. The role of income statement is detailed insight into the structure of the results and determines which expenses and revenues influenced the profit/loss for the period. Net profit/loss is the difference between revenues and expenses (included a tax on profits). It is also a measure of the extent to which the company contributed by its activities in a given period to the growth of owners wealth. Thanks to Income statement it is visible which operations increased the amount of the equity by revenues (output) and decreased by the costs (inputs) in each period.

The income statement together with balance sheet displaying two basic views of the same economic phenomenon:

- The assets and liabilities value (balance sheet)
- The results achieved by using (valorizing) of assets and liabilities in a given period (income statement)

The arrangement of the Income statement is vertical (stepped) form and contains costs structured by type and by purpose and revenues broken down by source. The Income statement find out:

- Operating profit/loss
- Profit/loss from financial operations
- Profit/loss from ordinary activity
- Extraordinary profit/loss

Accounting units may prepare the Income statement in two basic formats. These two formats distinguish from each other by classification of operating revenues and costs. The structure of statement is still consistent in the part of financial and extraordinary revenues and costs.

Income statement in generic structure - according to origin of costs, which means what was used, for example materials, labor, depreciation.

Income statement in purpose-built structure - on what were the costs spent, for example manufacturing, supplying or retail.

For comparison, monetary amount of income statement's single entries are reported for two accounting period (the reality of current period id compared with the reality of previous period). The reason is to trace back the development of financial performance (Paseková 2006, 30).

“The income statement is one of many pieces of a financial statement package, and like the other pieces, the income statement si partially the product of a wide range of accounting choices, estimates, and judgments that affect reported results, just as business policies, economic conditions, and many other variables affect results” (Lyn and Ormiston 2001, 92).

1.1.3 Statement of cash flows

Statement of cash flows becomes increasingly important in recent years. The statement recorded cash flow through the accounting period. The purpose of the compilation is to explain the difference in cash at the beginning of the period and at the end. The statement explains changes in cash as well as cash equivalents change. Cash equivalents mean highly liquid short-term financial assets that can be easily and quickly converted into cash for a predictable amount of money and do not undergo significant changes of value during period. It can be named liquid securities for trading in public markets as an example.

Cash flow is understood as a cash income and expenses and inflows and outflows of cash equivalents in the given period.

Reporting cash flows separately for operating activities for investment activities and for activities related to the financing is required.

- **Investment activities** – covers acquisitions and disposal of fixed assets (including sales)
- **Financing** – include operations which affect the size and structure of long-term sources.
- **Operating activities** – mainly include basic gainful activities and other activities which can not be incorporated into two previous groups (Kovanicová 2002, 340).

In drawing up the cash flows statement, cash flows from investing and financing activity are embodied by the direct method according to major groups of inflows and outflows, which is determined by company itself (the report do not list non-monetary transaction).

For calculating cash flow from operational activities can be used either direct or indirect method (Kovanicová 2002, 341)

Direct method – deal with cash collections from customers, interest and dividends collected, other operating cash receipts, cash paid to suppliers and employees, interest paid, taxes paid, and other operating cash payments (Fraser and Ormiston 2001, 125).

Indirect method – profit/loss of accounting unit is modified mainly by non-cash transactions in the operating activities, changes in inventory, receivables, payables, unpaid deferred expenses and revenues and items of inflows and outflows connected with Investment activities and financing (Paseková 2007, 35).

1.1.4 The statement of changes in shareholders' equity

The aim of this report is to provide information about increase or decrease of equity items occurred between two balance sheet dates. These changes of equity reflect increase/decrease of wealth during the period. Information about causes of these changes is definitely very helpful for external users.

1.2 Users of financial statements

Financial statements are crucial for decision making as well as for giving information of financial situation of company. This is important for users of this information. These users can be divided into two groups – internal and external users.

Internal users include:

- Managers
- Owners
- Shareholders
- Employees

External users include:

- Bank/loan companies
- Suppliers
- Government
- Competitors
- Investors
- Share brokers

Managers need information for short-term and especially for long-term financial management. Knowledge of financial situation of their company allows them to make a right and efficient decision. The main purpose of managers is to increase the market value of the shareholders' equity.

Owners/Shareholders want to make sure that their money is properly saved and the company is well managed. They are interested in the stability and liquidity of the company and whether managers provide business development.

Employees are interested in financial information, particularly in terms of the perspective of labor and social.

Bank/loan companies require from potential borrower information about its financial condition to decide whether they will lend or not. Also verify if the company can provide adequate guarantees for the loans and if it will be able to pay installments.

Suppliers choose their partners on the basis of information about their financial position. Suppliers especially look for ability to pay liabilities and long-term stability.

Government needs financial information for many purposes – for statistics, for monitoring of the tax obligations and so on.

Competitors are interested in information comparable to their own economic outcomes, particularly in profitability, the size of annual revenue, solvency and others.

Share brokers need to know as much information about financial situation as possible to be successful in trading securities (Kovanicová 2004, 9).

1.3 Objectives of financial statements reporting

The aim is to provide diagnosis of the **financial health** of the company by appropriate tools. The term financial health of the company is used to represent a satisfactory financial situation. The company which is at the moment able to fulfill its purpose may be considered as financially healthy. Another brief definition that defines the financial health: it's liquidity plus profitability. The financial health depends on the profitability, but also with regard to the risk. Company should be able to create sufficient excess of revenues over expenses - make a profit. It must also be able to cover its payables and not to have problems with liquidity. From this point of view is important an assumption of long-term liquidity. Reflection of this ability in financial and accounting area is certain property and financial structure and also the height of the profit/loss.

The opposite situation is the **financial distress** which occurs very serious problems in cash flow and liquidity and the situation is not manageable without significant changes in the company activities and in the method of financing. Between financial distress and financial healthy there is ample space in which the company can be situated, balance closer to one or another state. (Grünwald, Holečková 2008, 6)

2 FINANCIAL STATEMENT ANALYSIS

Financial statements as output of accounting do not yet provide a complete picture of the economic and financial situation of the company, its weaknesses, risks and trends. The climactic phase of the accounting process is to analyze financial statements. From the methodical point of view there can be distinguished three phases of analysis:

- Analysis
- Synthesis
- Formulation of conclusion (Kovanicová 2002, 381).

Basic methods used in financial analysis include analysis of absolute indicators, subtractive indicators, cumulative indicators and ratio analysis.

2.1 Absolute indicators

This analysis directly use the data contained in the financial statements to evaluate the financial situation of company. In addition to monitoring changes in the absolute values of indicators are usually collected their relative (percentage) changes. Practical application of absolute indicators is in the analysis of trends and percentage analysis of components. (Sedláček 2001, 15)

2.1.1 Vertical analysis

The vertical analysis considers the individual components of assets and capital – the structure of assets and liabilities of the company. This structure makes clear what is the composition of resources needed for production and business activities of the firm and from what sources they were taken. The ability to create and maintain a balance of capital assets and economic stability is crucial for economic stability of the company. (Sedláček 2001, 17)

2.1.2 Horizontal analysis

The horizontal analysis also called analysis of trends, examines the characteristic of absolute indicators and their percentage changes over time. Financial statements contain current year data, last years data or at least previous year data. It is inevitable to have information of two consecutive periods minimally. Comparison of individual items of statements at the time is made by line, horizontally, hence it is named horizontal analysis of absolute indicators. (Grünwald, Holečková 2008, 19)

2.2 Subtractive indicators

Subtractive indicators make for analyze and manage financial situation of company with a focus on its liquidity. The most important indicator is **Net working capital**, which is defined as the difference between the current assets and current liabilities and has a significant impact on the solvency of the company.

$$\text{Net working capital} = \text{current assets} - \text{current liabilities}$$

To be marked as a liquid company, it must have the necessary amount of relatively free capital, which means excess of liquid current assets in comparison with current liabilities.

Top management understands the Net working capital as a part of a long-term capital tied up in current assets. It therefore constitutes a relatively free capital whose managers use to ensure troublefree business.

The owners of company have somewhat different understanding of Net working capital. They reserve the right to decide about long-term financing. They also express their opinion in case of the purchasing of fixed assets and their changes. As a rational approach to financing requires long-term capital to be more than fixed assets, the owner himself decide what falls from the long-term capital on financing of operating activities. (Pavelková, Knápková 2005, 67)

2.3 Ratio analysis

To calculate financial ratios is way of comparing and investigating the relationships between different pieces of financial information. (Ross, Westerfield, Jaffe 2008, 45)

Financial ratios are traditionally grouped into the following categories:

- liquidity ratios
- profitability ratios
- solvency ratios
- market value ratios
- other ratios

Solvency indicators show how deeply in debt is the company.

Liquidity ratio measures how easily the company can get the money ready.

Profitability indicators are used to estimate how efficiently a company uses its assets.

Indicators of market value show how highly investors evaluate the company.

(Brealey, Myers 2000, 750)

2.3.1 Solvency ratios

Solvency ratios are used to monitor the financial structure of business resources. The financial stability of the company is affected by portion of internal and external resources. A high proportion of own resources make company stable, independent. But when this portion is low, company may be unstable. (Baran 2006, 25)

The most common solvency ratios are following ones:

The total debt expresses the extent to which the property is covered by dept.

$$\text{The total debt} = \frac{\text{Short-term debt} + \text{Long-term debt}}{\text{Total assets}}$$

The debt to equity ratio indicates the portion between debt and equity. In a market economy, the value of this indicator should be moved from 0.3 to 1.0. The risk value is 1.0. Permanently higher value is allowed only in organizations with a secure and stable income.

$$\text{Debt to equity ratios} = \frac{\text{Total liabilities}}{\text{Shareholders' equity}}$$

The interest coverage ratio reflects the ability to pay the price of outstanding debt – interests. The value should range from 2.0 to 3.0. (Baran 2006, 26)

$$\text{Interest coverage ratio} = \frac{\text{EBIT}}{\text{Interest expense}}$$

2.3.2 Liquidity ratios

Continued solvency is on of the fundamental conditions of success of an enterprise within the market. In connection with the ability to pay can be met the terms of solvency and liquidity. Usually defined as follows:

Solvency is a generic company's ability to raise funds to cover their liabilities. It is a relative redundancy of asset's value over the value of liabilities.

Liquidity is the ability to pay current debts. It is a measure of short-term or immediate solvency.

A typical indicator is the ratio of total current assets and current liabilities. It is also called **current ratio** or working capital ratio. This indicator shows the number of times current assets cover current liabilities which means how many times the company is able to satisfy his creditors when all assets will be turned in cash. The higher indicator value shows the ability to maintain the solvency. (Valach 2003, 108)

$$\text{Current ratio} = \frac{\text{Current assets}}{\text{Current liabilities}}$$

“A very common rule of thumb suggests that a current ratio of 2 : 1 is about right for most businesses, because this proportion appears to permit a shrinkage of up to 50 percent in the value of current assets, while still providing enough cushion to cover all current liabilities. The problem with this concept is that the current ratio measures an essentially static condition and assesses a business as if it were on the brink of liquidation. The ration does not reflect the dynamics of a going concern, which should be the top priority of management. A lender or creditor looking for future business with a successful client should bear this in mind, and will likely turn to the type of cash flow analysis to judge the viability of the business as a client.” (Helfert 2001, 127)

The **quick ratio** (acid-test ratio) calculates only with the finances (in cash and bank accounts), short-term securities and receivables. The recommended value of this indicator would not fall under 1. (Sedláček 2001, 74)

$$\text{Quick ratio} = \frac{\text{Current assets} - \text{Inventory}}{\text{Current liabilities}}$$

The **cash ratio** shows the proportion between the most liquid parts of assets and current liabilities. By current liabilities are understood trade payables, short-term bank loans and other loans – all business debts with maturity within one year. The best part is, if the value of the indicator is in the range 0.9 to 1.0, which means that 90% to 100% of short-term liabilities of the company can be covered by its own financial assets. For companies engaged in production activity is acceptable interval of values from 0.2 to 0.6.

$$\text{Cash ratio} = \frac{\text{Cash equivalents} + \text{Cash}}{\text{Current liabilities}}$$

2.3.3 Profitability ratios

Profitability is a measure of ability to make a profit using the invested capital. Profitability ratios measure the effect of the result achieved by the business activities of the company. Company effectively manages its assets and capital would have higher value of profitability ratios. (Scholleová 2008, 161)

The return on assets indicates how difficult it can be to use assets of the company. The high value of the indicator may predicate that the company is working near full capacity. It may be difficult to expand production without an increase in invested capital. (Brealey, Myers 2003, 828)

$$\text{Return on assets} = \frac{\text{EBIT}}{\text{Total assets}}$$

The return on equity reflects the efficiency of reproduction of invested capital. This indicator tells how much net profit falls on one of the owners' crown invested. (Scholleová 2008, 162)

$$\text{Return on equity} = \frac{\text{Net income}}{\text{Shareholder's equity}}$$

The return on sales shows the firm's ability to make a profit at a given level of sales which means how much effect can company produce on sales of CZK 1.

This indicator is also called the **profit margin**. In this case it is necessary to use net profit – after tax. (Růčková 2010, 56)

$$\text{Return on sales} = \frac{\text{EAT}}{\text{Sales}}$$

“Because ROA and ROE are such commonly cited numbers, we stress that it is important to remember they are accounting rates of return. For this reason, these measures should properly be called return on book assets and return on book equity. In addition, ROE is sometimes called return on net worth. Whatever it's called, it would be inappropriate to compare the result to, for example, an interest rate observed in the financial markets.” (Ross, Westerfield, Jaffe 2008, 53)

2.3.4 Asset utilization ratios

The size and structure of property is related to technical and economical specifics of operating activities crucial for assets facilities. An important role falls on management and their ability to achieve the target output with the optimum deployment of assets. Indicators of activity give the possibility to express, quantify and, therefore, to analyze how efficiently, quickly and intensively company uses its assets. (Grünwald, Holečková 2008, 47)

The activity is characterized by two types of indicators of activity:

- Turnover
- Turnover period

Turnover expresses how often a particular item or group of items turns into sales or other item (groups of items) for a certain period.

Turnover period reflects the length of period which is necessary to make a turnover in the time (usually in days). (Holečková 2008, 81)

The total assets turnover shows how much crowns is generated in sales for every dollar in assets. The minimum recommended value of this indicator is 1. The low value of the indicator means inefficient use of assets.

$$\text{Total assets turnover} = \frac{\text{Sales}}{\text{Total assets}}$$

The total assets turnover period should be as short as possible.

$$\text{Total assets turnover period} = \frac{\text{Total assets} \times 360}{\text{Sales}}$$

The inventory turnover is defined as sales divided by inventories and indicates the speed with which the company turns its inventory. High turnover of inventory is considered as manifestation of effectiveness. (Brealey, Myers 2000, 755)

The low number of turnaround times represents danger to the solvency of the company; it may be the result of poor purchasing policy, the accumulation of unwanted or unsalable inventory. If the value of indicators is better than averages, then it means that the company

does not have redundant illiquid stocks, which would require extra funding. (Holečková 2008, 84)

$$\text{Inventory turnover} = \frac{\text{Sales}}{\text{Inventory}}$$

The accounts receivable turnover period ratio reflects the time period during which the company must wait on average before receiving payment from their customers. Longer average receivables collection period implies a greater need for loans and thus higher costs. (Pavelková, Knápková 2006, 81)

$$\text{Accounts receivable turnover period} = \frac{\text{Average account receivable} \times 360}{\text{Annual credit sales}}$$

2.4 Market value measures

These indicators are not based on financial statements only, but they require data from the capital market. This results in a reduction in use, because not every company that has a double entry accounting have the legal form of joint-stock company and its shares are freely tradable on capital markets.

Using **earnings per share** indicator we find out how much of net income can be paid from the company's profit per share as well as maximum amount of dividends.

$$\text{EPS} = \frac{\text{EAT}}{\text{Number of common shares}}$$

The **dividend yield** is the expected dividend as a percentage of the share price.

$$\text{Dividend yield} = \frac{\text{Annual dividend per share}}{\text{Price per share}}$$

The **price-earnings ratio** (P/E) can be interpreted as a payback period of capital invested in buying shares, on condition of a constant amount of earnings per share. For the P/E ratio is known a simple rule. The indicator is less (in time or in comparison with other stocks), the stocks are temporarily undervalued, which may mean good investment opportunity. (Valach 1999, 113)

$$\text{P/E ratio} = \frac{\text{Price per share}}{\text{Earnings per share}}$$

2.5 Cumulative indicators

These indicators present the overall financial characteristics and economic situation of the company by a single number.

2.5.1 Altman Z-Score

The Altman analysis represents one of the ways to comprehensively assess the financial health of the company. It is determined by a single number – the Z-Score which consists of five indicators and includes profitability, debt, liquidity and capital structure. The individual indicators are then assigned to their importance, based on extensive surveys.

Z-Score is given in two versions, one for evaluation of small firms and the other for the evaluation of companies traded on the stock market. The Z-Score estimates the impending bankruptcy of an enterprise about two years ahead with a relatively high reliability. (Scholleová 2008, 175)

Altman Z-Score for companies that are not traded on stock market.

$$Z = 0,717 \times X_1 + 0,847 \times X_2 + 3,107 \times X_3 + 0,42 \times X_4 + 0,098 \times X_5$$

Evaluation of the calculated Z-Score

- $Z > 2,9$ Company is financially healthy and in the foreseeable future is not threatened by bankruptcy
- $1,23 < Z < 2,89$ Band called “gray zone”, health of the firm can not be clearly determined
- $Z < 1,23$ Company is not financially healthy and it threatens bankruptcy

X_1	Net working capital/Total assets
X_2	Retained earnings/Total assets
X_3	EBIT/Total assets
X_4	Equity/Total liabilities
X_5	Net sales/Total assets

Altman Z-Score for companies traded on stock market.

$$Z = 1,2 \times X_1 + 1,4 \times X_2 + 3,3 \times X_3 + 0,6 \times X_4 + 1 \times X_5$$

- $Z > 2,99$ Company is financially healthy and in the foreseeable future is not threatened by bankruptcy
- $1,81 < Z < 2,99$ Band called “gray zone”, health of the firm can not be clearly determined
- $Z < 1,81$ Company is not financially healthy and it threatens bankruptcy

X_1	Net working capital/Total assets
X_2	Retained earnings/Total assets
X_3	EBIT/Total assets
X_4	Market value of equity/Total liabilities
X_5	Net sales/Total assets (Scholleová 2008, 176)

The indicator cover only a portion of the spectrum of financial health, there is no indicator of solvency and no indication of cash flow (in 1986, when Altman made this method was the cash flow in its infancy). (Grünwald, Holečková 2007, 183)

2.5.2 Economic value added

Economic value added is frequently discussed topic amongst wider financial community. The surge in popularity of this concept was initiated by the consulting firm Stern Stewart & Co, who developed an accounting measure of economic value added and patented it as EVA.

The basics of this method can be found in microeconomics, which states that the purpose of business is to maximize profits. However, it is not the accounting profit (difference between revenues and costs), but the economic profit. The difference of economic against the accounting profit is that economic profit is the difference between income and economic costs, which means costs including the so-called opportunity costs. In practice, the opportunity costs are mainly interest on equity and rewards for risk. This indicates that the economic benefit arises only when it exceeds normal profit derived from an average capital cost expend on the lender (cost - interest) and the owners (opportunity cost). (Matyášová 2003, 1)

Currently, it is possible to identify two approaches to calculate EVA.

- The standard calculation in which the final index is called Eva entity. This is the original method of calculation reported primarily in foreign financial literature, based on US GAAP (Generally accepted accounting principles) or IRFS/IAS (International financial reporting standards). (Landa 2008, 106)

$$\text{EVA} = \text{NOPAT} - \text{Capital} \times \text{WACC}$$

$$\text{EVA} = \text{NOPAT} - \text{NOA} \times \text{WACC}$$

- An alternative calculation method according to the Ministry of Industry and Trade, the final index is called Eva equity.

$$\text{EVA} = (\text{ROE} - r_e) \times \text{Equity}$$

Measuring financial profitability is a key point in assessing performance. Therefore, it is important to use EVA to complete the financial analysis. Financial Analysis do not take into account the risks and investors' requirements. It is not able to distinguish the impact of different accounting rules and their application and ignores the time value of money.

II. ANALYSIS

3 CHARACTERISTICS OF COMIT SERVICES S.R.O.

Company ComIT services s.r.o. has been registered in the commercial code in 24. 2. 2006. The company was established by two partners. Registered capital amounted to CZK 200,000 (100% paid). In 2007, two other companions entered. The shares are now equally divided between the four partners. The company is located in Znojmo and since 2007 has one branch office in Přerov. This strategic placement allows them to offer their services for almost the whole Moravia.

ComIT services s.r.o. focuses on supply of products and services in the field of computers. Company offers for customers professional and quality services performed by certified specialists with many years of experience in information technology.

List of business activities of ComIT services s.r.o.:

- Specialized retail sale
- Production, installation and repair of electrical machines and devices, electronic and telecommunication equipment
- Mediation of trade and services
- Provision of software, advice on information technologies, data processing, hosting and related services and web portals
- After-school education, organization of courses, trainings, including lecture services.

Despite the short duration of action on the market the company achieved certification, partnerships and expertise from leading companies operating in IT.

- Selected certified Cisco partner
- Triline premium partner
- HP Preferred Partner
- ESET Gold Partner
- Kerio Certified Partner

ComIT services s.r.o. belongs to the CZ NACE 62.0 – Activities in the field of information technology.

4 METHODS

Financial analysis is always based primarily on analysis of financial statements - balance sheet, income statement and statement of cash flows. The following is assessment of all components of financial stability - debt, liquidity, profitability and activity. This presupposes selection of appropriate financial ratios and comparing their values over time as well as comparing the situation with the industry to which the analyzed company belongs. Cumulative indicators can be used for complementarity.

4.1 Absolute indicators

The data from financial statements, which can be directly used, are helpful particularly for the analysis of trends (vertical analysis), and the percentage component analysis (vertical analysis). Absolute indicators provide the basic information about the property and financial situation of the company.

4.1.1 Vertical and horizontal analysis of balance sheet

Table 1. Vertical analysis of the balance sheet - ComIT services s.r.o.

(in CZK thousand)	2007		2008		2009	
TOTAL ASSETS	4 527	100%	4 814	100%	5 172	100%
Fixed assets	1 520	34%	1 277	27%	1 178	23%
Intangible fixed assets	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Tangible fixed assets	1 520	34%	1 277	27%	1 178	23%
Long-term financial assets	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Current assets	2 974	66%	3 498	73%	3 959	77%
Inventory	297	7%	306	6%	809	16%
Long-term receivables	0	0%	9	0%	0	0%
Short-term receivables	2 470	55%	2 429	50%	2 318	45%
Short-term financial assets	207	5%	754	16%	832	16%
Other assets	33	1%	39	1%	35	1%
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4 527	100%	4 814	100%	5 172	100%
Equity	865	19%	1 100	23%	1 821	35%
Registered capital	200	4%	200	4%	200	4%
Capital funds	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Reserve funds, indivisible fond and other retained earnings	0	0%	20	0%	20	0%
Net profit or loss from previous year	254	6%	0	0%	880	17%
Net profit or loss for the period	411	9%	880	18%	721	14%
Liabilities	3 646	81%	3 677	76%	3 330	64%
Provisions	10	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Long-term payables	350	8%	754	16%	454	9%
Short-term payables	2 821	62%	2 613	54%	2 721	53%
Bank loans and financial accommodations	465	10%	310	6%	155	3%
- fixed bank loans	465	10%	310	6%	155	3%
- short-term bank loans	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
- short-term accommodations	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Other liabilities	16	0%	37	1%	21	0%

Table 2. Vertical analysis of the balance sheet - Branch - Activities in the field of information technology

(in CZK thousand)	2007		2008		2009	
TOTAL ASSETS	21 487 568	100%	31 434 696	100%	37 564 253	100%
Fixed assets	7 207 791	34%	13 741 535	44%	13 810 786	37%
Intangible and tangible fixed assets	6 896 523	32%	11 771 141	37%	11 753 395	31%
Long-term financial assets	311 268	1%	1 970 394	6%	2 057 391	5%
Current assets	13 734 143	64%	18 413 848	59%	20 344 681	54%
Inventory	1 531 743	7%	704 206	2%	1 520 042	4%
Long-term and short-term receivables	10 070 813	47%	14 870 685	47%	14 880 772	40%
Short-term financial assets	2 131 587	10%	2 838 957	9%	3 943 867	10%
Other assets	545 634	3%	-720 687	-2%	3 408 786	9%
TOTAL LIABILITIES	21 487 568	100%	31 434 696	100%	37 564 253	100%
Equity	10 259 645	48%	15 687 940	50%	17 460 679	46%
Registered capital	3 599 405	17%	3 850 867	12%	3 850 696	10%
Retained earnings and other funds	3 601 343	17%	7 754 528	25%	9 471 721	25%
Net profit or loss for the period	3 058 897	14%	4 082 545	13%	4 138 262	11%
Liabilities	10 911 333	51%	15 403 617	49%	13 111 053	35%
Provisions	546 848	3%	558 905	2%	1 079 962	3%
Long-term payables	2 640 165	12%	4 240 036	13%	2 969 724	8%
Short-term payables	6 726 881	31%	10 041 665	32%	8 437 159	22%
Bank loans and financial accommodations	997 439	5%	563 010	2%	624 209	2%
- fixed bank loans	245 010	1%	134 342	0%	179 804	0%
- short-term bank loans	752 429	4%	428 668	1%	444 404	1%
Other liabilities	316 590	1%	343 139	1%	6 992 522	19%

Table 3. Horizontal analysis of the balance sheet - ComIT services s.r.o.

(in CZK thousand)	2007	2008	2008/2007	2009	2009/2008
TOTAL ASSETS	4 527	4 814	6%	5 172	7%
Fixed assets	1 520	1 277	-16%	1 178	-8%
Intangible fixed assets	0	0	0%	0	0%
Tangible fixed assets	1 520	1 277	-16%	1 178	-8%
Long-term financial assets	0	0	0%	0	0%
Current assets	2 974	3 498	18%	3 959	13%
Inventory	297	306	3%	809	164%
Long-term receivables	0	9	0%	0	0%
Short-term receivables	2 470	2 429	-2%	2 318	-5%
Short-term financial assets	207	754	264%	832	10%
Other assets	33	39	18%	35	-10%
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4 527	4 814	6%	5 172	7%
Equity	865	1 100	27%	1 821	66%
Registered capital	200	200	0%	200	0%
Capital funds	0	0	0%	0	0%
Reserve funds, indivisible fund and other retained earnings	0	20	0%	20	0%
Net profit or loss from previous year	254	0	-100%	880	0%
Net profit or loss for the period	411	880	114%	721	-18%
Liabilities	3 646	3 677	1%	3 330	-9%
Provisions	10	0	0%	0	0%
Long-term payables	350	754	115%	454	-40%
Short-term payables	2 821	2 613	-7%	2 721	4%

Bank loans and financial accommodations	465	310	-33%	155	-50%
- fixed bank loans	465	310	50000%	155	-50%
- short-term bank loans	0	0	0%	0	0%
- short-term accommodations	0	0	0%	0	0%
Other liabilities	16	37	131%	21	-43%

Table 4. Horizontal analysis of the balance sheet - Branch - Activities in the field of information technology

(in CZK thousand)	2007	2008	2008/2007	2009	2009/2008
TOTAL ASSETS	21 487 568	31 434 696	46%	37 564 253	19%
Fixed assets	7 207 791	13 741 535	91%	13 810 786	1%
Intangible and tangible fixed assets	6 896 523	11 771 141	71%	11 753 395	0%
Long-term financial assets	311 268	1 970 394	533%	2 057 391	4%
Current assets	13 734 143	18 413 848	34%	20 344 681	10%
Inventory	1 531 743	704 206	-54%	1 520 042	116%
Long-term and short-term receivables	10 070 813	14 870 685	0%	14 880 772	0%
Short-term financial assets	2 131 587	2 838 957	33%	3 943 867	39%
Other assets	545 634	-720 687	-232%	3 408 786	-573%
TOTAL LIABILITIES	21 487 568	31 434 696	46%	37 564 253	19%
Equity	10 259 645	15 687 940	53%	17 460 679	11%
Registered capital	3 599 405	3 850 867	7%	3 850 696	0%
Retained earnings and other funds	3 601 343	7 754 528	115%	9 471 721	22%
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Liabilities	10 911 333	15 403 617	41%	13 111 053	-15%
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Long-term payables	2 640 165	4 240 036	61%	2 969 724	-30%
Short-term payables	6 726 881	10 041 665	49%	8 437 159	-16%
Bank loans and financial accommodations	997 439	563 010	-44%	624 209	11%
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- short-term bank loans	752 429	428 668	-43%	444 404	4%
Other liabilities	316 590	343 139	8%	6 992 522	1938%

An insight on balance sheet items gives us basic information about financial and property structure of company. Vertical analysis of financial and property structure of ComIT services s.r.o. and industry is presented in tables 1. and 2. The horizontal analysis of balance sheet is displayed in tables 3. and 4.

Vertical: Looking at table 1 we can see that current assets fill around 70% of total assets. This is a positive phenomenon from the perspective of creditors, because the property structure largely composed of current assets enhances liquidity. The largest share of current assets falls on short-term receivables. A slightly increasing total amount of assets can be observed, which is positive.

Compared to industry averages has the rated company a very similar proportion of fixed assets. Share of current assets is higher than the branch's average. As regards the financial structure, evaluated company uses a larger proportion of liabilities. In all analyzed years, the ratio of liabilities is 64 – 81 % while the sector average is 35 – 51 %.

Horizontal: Trends in items of property and financial structure of ComIT services s.r.o. are shown in table 3 and for comparison there are average trends of these items of the appropriate branch. Looking at the year on year changes there is visible that the total assets gradually increased, which was caused by increase of current assets, namely the increase in inventory and short-term financial assets.

When evaluating financial structure, it is clear that the line of equity is absolutely growing which, together with a constant amount of capital, means that company is consistently profitable. As for the branch, we can say that the development of the equity is similar; we can also observe a constant increase of capital.

4.1.2 Vertical and horizontal analysis of income statements

Table 5. Vertical analysis of the income statement - ComIT services s.r.o.

(in CZK thousand)	2007		2008		2009	
Revenues from merchandise	16 043	78%	20 869	72%	16 948	68%
Production	2 202	11%	3 917	14%	4 119	17%
- Revenues from own product and services	2 202	11%	3 917	14%	3 482	14%
- Changes in inventory of own products	0	0%	0	0%	0	0%
Other revenues	67	0%	158	1%	283	1%
REVENUES	20 514	100%	28 861	100%	24 832	100%
Cost of goods sold	13 880	78%	17 898	75%	13 569	66%
Production consumed	1 285	7%	2 253	9%	2 718	13%
Interest expenses	47	0%	69	0%	25	0%
Depreciations of intangible and tangible assets	830	5%	760	3%	773	4%
Personnel expenses	1 569	9%	2 697	11%	3 191	16%
Changes in provisions and adjustments in operating activity and complex deferred expenses	10	0%	-10	0%	0	0%
Other costs	117	1%	138	1%	145	1%
COSTS	17 738	100%	23 805	100%	20 421	100%

Table 6. Vertical analysis of the income statement - Branch (Activities in the field of information technology)

(in CZK thousand)	2007		2008		2009	
Revenues from merchandise	4 881 813	13%	5 346 614	13%	6 481 020	14%
Production	32 473 755	87%	35 641 471	87%	41 083 664	86%
- Revenues from own product and services	32 498 956	87%	35 629 465	87%	40 902 227	86%
- Changes in inventory of own products	-72 033	0%	-110 194	0%	-22 524	0%
REVENUES	37 355 568	100%	40 988 085	100%	47 564 684	100%
Cost of goods sold	3 916 223	12%	4 270 876	12%	4 706 421	12%
Production consumed	18 279 581	56%	19 329 111	54%	22 951 795	57%
Interest expenses	89 646	0%	91 716	0%	33 282	0%
Personnel expenses	9 129 058	28%	10 816 495	30%	11 619 398	29%
Tax	973 259	3%	1 089 898	3%	1 143 804	3%
COSTS	32 387 767	100%	35 598 096	100%	40 454 700	100%

Table 7. Horizontal analysis of the income statement - ComIT services s.r.o.

(in CZK thousand)	2007	2008	08/07	2009	09/08
Revenues from merchandise	16 043	20 869	30%	16 948	-19%
Production	2 202	3 917	78%	4 119	5%
- Revenues from own product and services	2 202	3 917	78%	3 482	-11%
- Changes in inventory of own products	0	0	0%	0	0%
Other revenues	67	158	136%	283	79%
REVENUES	20 514	28 861	41%	24 832	-14%
Cost of goods sold	13 880	17 898	0%	13 569	0%
Production consumed	1 285	2 253	75%	2 718	21%
Interest expenses	47	69	47%	25	-64%
Depreciations of intangible and tangible assets	830	760	-8%	773	2%
Personnel expenses	1 569	2 697	72%	3 191	18%
Changes in provisions and adjustments in operating activity and complex deferred expenses	10	-10	-200%	0	-100%
Other costs	117	138	18%	145	5%
COSTS	17 738	23 805	34%	20 421	-14%

Table 8. Horizontal analysis of the income statement - Branch (Activities in the field of information technology)

(in CZK thousand)	2007	2008	08/07	2009	09/08
Revenues from merchandise	4 881 813	5 346 614	10%	6 481 020	21%
Production	32 473 755	35 641 471	10%	41 083 664	15%
- Revenues from own product and services	32 498 956	35 629 465	10%	40 902 227	15%
- Changes in inventory of own products	-72 033	-110 194	53%	-22 524	-80%
REVENUES	37 355 568	40 988 085	10%	47 564 684	16%
Cost of goods sold	3 916 223	4 270 876	9%	4 706 421	10%
Production consumed	18 279 581	19 329 111	6%	22 951 795	19%
Interest expenses	89 646	91 716	2%	33 282	-64%
Personnel expenses	9 129 058	10 816 495	18%	11 619 398	7%
Tax	973 259	1 089 898	12%	1 143 804	5%
COSTS	32 387 767	35 598 096	10%	40 454 700	14%

Percentage analysis of profit and loss of ComIT services s.r.o. and the branch are shown in Table 5 and 6. In terms of revenues generated by company it is clear that the main income comes from sales of goods, since the proportion of revenues from merchandise in total revenue are on average 70 %. This greatly exceeds the average value in the branch. Revenues from own products and services represents approximately 12% of revenues. For branch, these items contribute to overall revenue at a much greater extent, approximately 87%. Trends in total costs of the company developed positively, year on year growth (a decrease in 2009) was less than the year on year increase/decrease in revenues. Thereby the firm maintains an annual profitability. There is also visible a relatively stable proportion of all types of costs to total costs. The biggest item is represented by the cost of goods sold, which were decreasing in the analyzed years from 78% to 66%. Another important item is personnel expenses, the proportion is steadily increasing and last reporting year reached the value 16%. Other type of costs participates to total costs insignificantly. The sector's share of the cost of goods sold is much lower, but share of personnel expenses is higher and reaches a stable lever of 29% of total costs. Unlike the analyzed company, in the branch analysis, there is great proportion of production consumed on total costs, approximately 56%.

In the Table 9 and Figure 1, there is summarized overview of the profit/loss development of ComIT services s.r.o. From this table and graph can be seen an economic growth between 2007 and 2008. In 2009 there was a slight decline in profit in connection with a decrease in sales of goods and services. In comparison to 2007, in 2008 the company achieved more than twice the profit. The cause was primarily the increase in the other revenues and the revenues of own products and services. Values in Table 9 demonstrate that ComIT services s.r.o. behaves in a profitable way.

Table 9. Profit/loss 2007 - 2009 - ComIT services s.r.o.

(in CZK thousand)	2007	2008	2009
Operating profit/loss	576	1 218	898
Financial profit/loss	-64	-98	3
Extraordinary profit/loss	30	-1	0
Profit/loss for the current period	411	880	721
Profit/loss before tax	542	1 119	901
Profit/loss before tax and interest costs	589	1 188	926
Interest costs	47	69	25

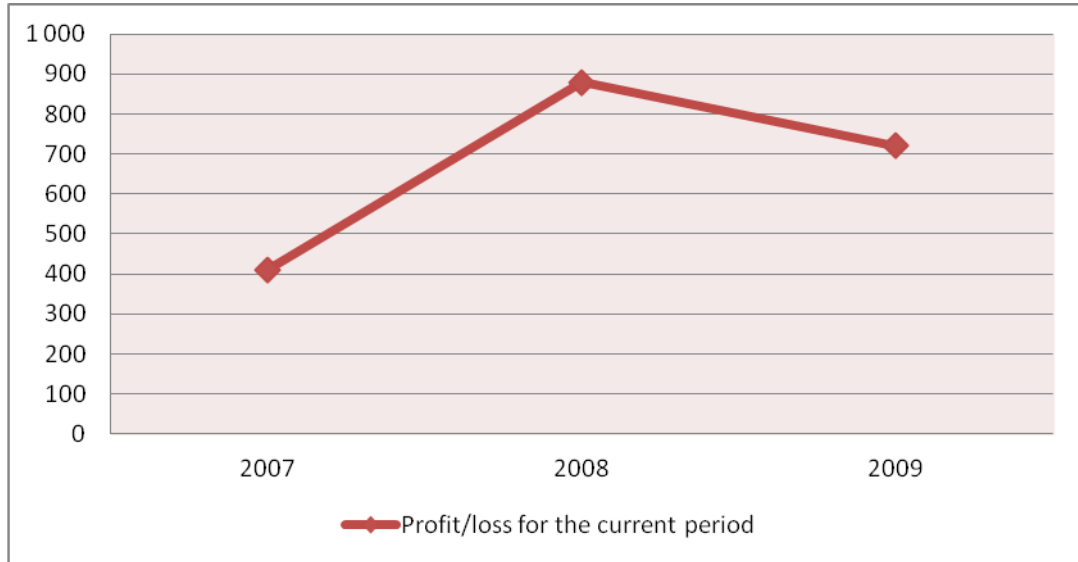
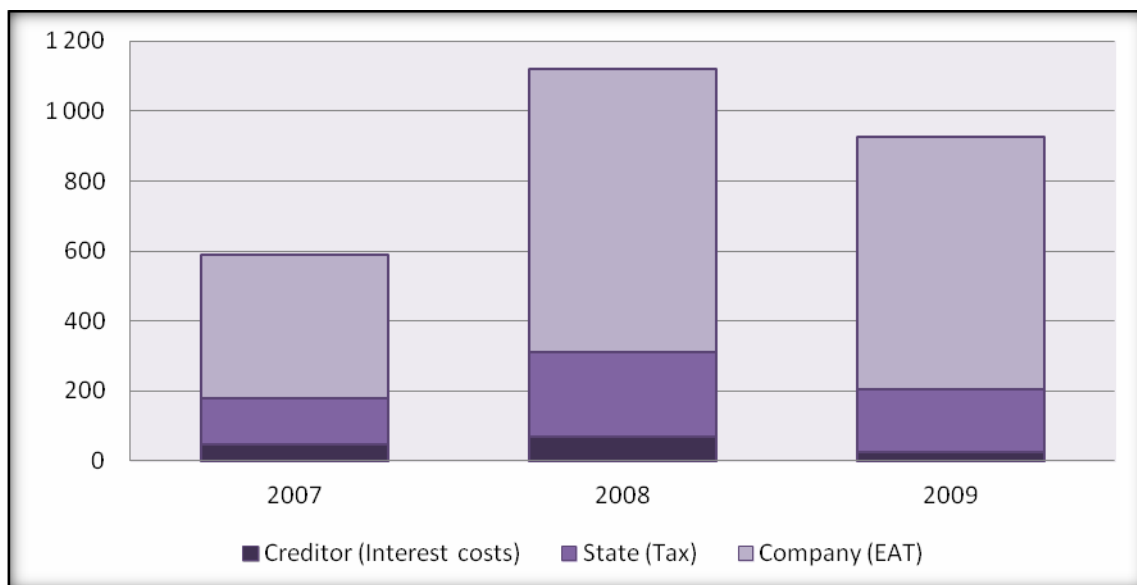


Figure 1. Profit/loss 2007 – 2009 – ComIT services s.r.o.

Table 10. Subdivision of EBIT 2007 – 2009 – ComIT services s.r.o.

(in CZK thousand)	2007	2008	2009
EBIT	589	1 118	926
Creditor (Interest costs)	47	69	25
State (Tax)	131	239	180
Company (EAT)	411	810	721

Figure 2. Subdivision of EBIT 2007 – 2009 – ComIT services s.r.o.



4.2 Subtractive indicators

Table 11. Net working capital – ComIT services s.r.o.

(in CZK thousand)	2007	2008	2009
NWC	153	885	1 238

Table 12. Net working capital - Branch (Activities in the field of information technology)

(in CZK thousand)	2007	2008	2009
NWC	7 007 262	8 372 183	11 907 522

Net working capital has a significant impact on the solvency of the company. Looking at progress of net working capital in ComIT services s.r.o. we can see increasing valuations which is positive because it means that current assets exceed short-term liabilities. Another positive phenomenon is huge increase of NWC in 2008. ComIT services s.r.o. has enough sources to cover unexpected liabilities.

Focusing on the values of NWC in branch - Activities in the field of information technology, we can see increase of values every year as well as in the analysed company.

4.3 Ratio analysis

4.3.1 Solvency ratios

Table 13. Solvency ratios – ComIT services s.r.o.

	2007	2008	2009
Total debt	80,54%	76,38%	64,39%
Debt rate	4,22	3,34	1,83
Long term liabilities/Liabilities	22,35%	28,93%	18,29%
Long term liabilities/Long term capital	48,51%	49,17%	25,06%
Equity/Fixed assets	0,57	0,86	1,55
Long term capital/Fixed assets	1,11	1,69	2,06
Interest coverage	12,53	16,20	37,04

Table 14. Solvency ratios - Branch (Activities in the field of information technology)

	2007	2008	2009
Total debt	50,78%	49,00%	34,90%
Debt rate	1,06	0,98	0,75
Long term liabilities/Liabilities	26,44%	28,40%	24,02%
Long term liabilities/Long term capital	21,95%	21,80%	15,28%
Equity/Fixed assets	1,42	1,14	1,26
Long term capital/Fixed assets	1,82	1,46	1,49
Interest coverage	45,98	57,40	159,71

The total debt ratio of ComIT s.r.o. is greater than the total debt ratio of analysed branch. However this indicator has decreasing trend in years. The company benefited from a relatively small number of long-term liabilities and the values for branch is very similar. In all the years the company managed to keep so-called golden rule of financing – its fixed assets covered by long-term capital. The branch meets this criterion in the analysed year as well. Since the rate of interest coverage should always show a minimum value of 1, we can say that the company covers several fold interest earnings. The recommended value of interest coverage is 5, which was met in all years.

4.3.2 Liquidity ratios

Table 15. Liquidity ratios – ComIT services s.r.o.

	2007	2008	2009	Advised numbers of MIT
Current ratio	1,05	1,34	1,45	1,5 - 2
Acid-test ratio	0,95	1,22	1,16	1,00
Cash flow liquidity ratio	0,07	0,29	0,31	0,20
NWC/Current assets	5,14%	25,30%	31,27%	
NWC/Total assets	3,38%	18,38%	23,94%	

Table 16. Liquidity ratios - Branch (Activities in the field of information technology)

	2007	2008	2009	Advised numbers of MIT
Current ratio	1,84	1,76	2,29	1,5 - 2
Acid-test ratio				1,00
Cash flow liquidity ratio	0,28	0,27	0,44	0,20
NWC/Current assets	51,02%	45,47%	58,53%	
NWC/Total assets	32,61%	26,63%	31,70%	

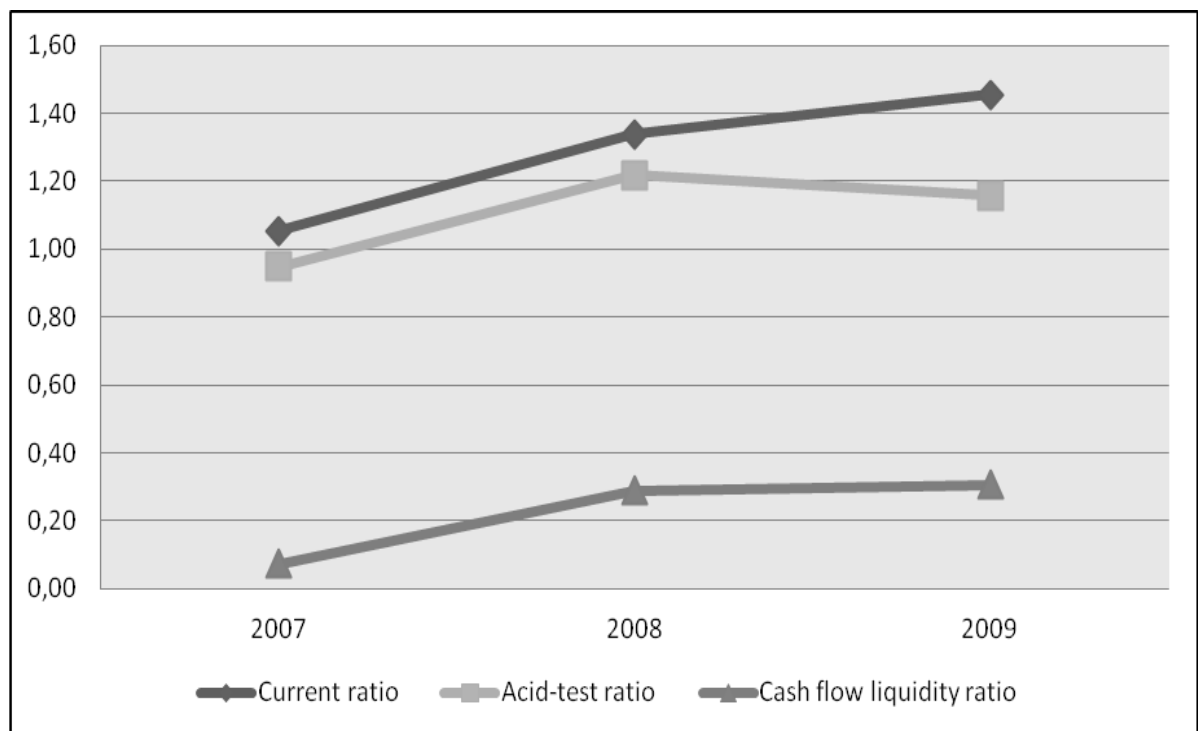


Figure 3. Liquidity ratios 2007 – 2009 – ComIT services s.r.o.

A necessary condition for long-term existence of the company is its liquidity, the ability of company to pay its obligations. Liquidity ratios compare the most liquid funds with short-term liabilities and determine the firm's ability to pay these obligations.

The indicators of current liquidity of ComIT services s.r.o. are slightly below the recommended values of MIT, whereas emergency liquidity indicators meet the recommended values in 2008 and 2009. Pleasing is the fact that values are rising year by year. The cash flow liquidity ratio of ComIT services s.r.o. follows the advised rates in 2008 and 2009. The branch follows the advised rates in all analyzed years. For company these rates are very positive, because it means that there is small possibility that the company will not have enough money to pay its customers. But on the other hand having too much money in cash does not bring any incomes. As a recommendation can be provide investing money in profitable investments or in a risky business which is connected with a higher profit.

4.3.3 Profitability ratios

Table 17. Profitability ratios – ComIT services s.r.o.

	2007	2008	2009
Return on sales	19%	22%	21%
Return on income	3%	4%	4%
Return on assets	13%	23%	18%
Return on equity and interest-bearing liabilities	44%	79%	47%
Return on equity	48%	80%	40%

Table 18. Profitability ratios - Branch (Activities in the field of information technology)

	2007	2008	2009
Return on sales	9%	11%	10%
Return on income	11%	13%	11%
Return on assets	19%	17%	14%
Return on equity and interest-bearing liabilities	37%	32%	29%
Return on equity	30%	26%	24%

The profitability ratios indicate that the company has been consistently profitable in the analyzed years. For business owners or shareholders is important to monitor return on equity. When analyzing ComIT services s.r.o. we can see high values of this indicator. Even much higher than those values in the branch.

Table 19. Multiplier – ComIT services s.r.o.

	2007	2008	2009
EBT/EBIT	0,92	1,00	0,97
Total assets/Equity	5,23	4,38	2,84
Multiplier	4,82	4,38	2,76

Effect of debt to return on equity reflects two factors – the reduction of income by interest and so-called financial leverage, these two factors act contradictory.

The value of the equity multiplier of ComIT services s.r.o. is greater than 1 in all analyzed years (Table 19), which means that increasing of the share of external sources in the capital structure would have a positive impact on the profitability of shareholders' equity. The indicator greater than 1 means that future indebteding of the company makes sense, because owing to the divergence of interest which reducing profits, and financial leverage the increase of the share of foreign sources show a positive effect on return on equity. On the other hand, increasing the share of foreign sources is usually accompanied by a rise in interest which reduce the share of profits intended for investors and causing a decrease in indicators of profit reduction by interest and thereby a decrease in return on equity.

4.3.4 Asset utilization ratios

Table 20. Asset utilization ratios – ComIT services s.r.o.

	2007	2008	2009
Total assets turnover	4,03	5,15	4,07
Total assets turnover (revenues)	4,53	6,00	4,80
Days in inventory	5,86	4,44	13,82
Average collection period	48,74	35,28	39,61
Days in liabilities	62,57	48,90	54,26
Receivables turnover	7,39	10,20	9,09
Liabilities turnover	5,75	7,36	6,64

Table 21. Asset utilization ratios - Branch (Activities in the field of information technology)

	2007	2008	2009
Total assets turnover	1,51	1,13	1,09
Total assets turnover (revenues)	1,74	1,30	1,27
Days in inventory	14,76	6,19	11,50
Average collection period	97,05	130,61	112,63
Days in liabilities	90,27	125,44	86,33
Receivables turnover	3,71	2,76	3,20
Liabilities turnover	3,99	2,87	4,17

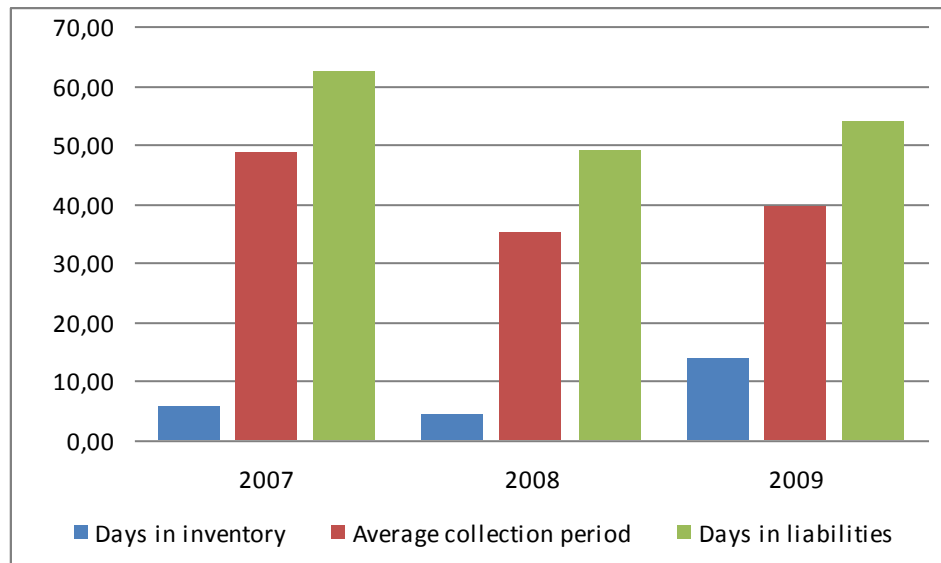


Figure 4. Asset utilization ratios 2007 – 2009 – ComIT services s.r.o.

Asset utilization ratios demonstrate how efficiently the company manages its assets, if there is more of them than is necessary, it created unnecessary costs. If they are few, company may lose potential sales. These ratios are expressed in two forms – either as an indicator of turnover or indicators of turnover time. In this group of indicators it is necessary to assess their value and development in comparison with the branch. Asset utilization ratios of ComIT services s.r.o. are calculated in Table 20 and Figure 4, values for the branch - activities in the field of information technology are shown in Table 21.

If the total asset turnover is calculated from sales, it reaches 4.5 in average and if the turnover of total assets is calculated from revenues, it reaches around 5.5. This fact demonstrates that sales occupy a substantial portion of revenues. Total asset turnover of ComIT services s.r.o. is significantly higher than the required minimum value of 1 (1CZK from assets should be achieved in sales of at least CZK1) and it is also higher than the total assets turnover achieved by the branch. This indicates the high ability to an effective use of their assets.

Days in inventory of ComIT services s.r.o. reach lower value than the branch, which is quite satisfactory.

The average collection period in 2008 decreased rapidly and in 2009 reached the value 39.61. Compared with the industry the company has almost three times lower values. Ratio average collection period should be put into context with the days in liabilities. Comparing these two indicators in all analyzed years, it is visible that average collection period is

shorter than the days in liabilities. This phenomenon is positive because the company did not have to use other sources for financing their activities. Companies in the industry have shorter days in liabilities than average collection period, thus getting company into position of lender.

5 ASSESSMENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Financial performance of ComIT services s.r.o. will be evaluated on the basis of previous results and possible recommendations will be suggested.

Throughout the period 2007 – 2009, which was subject to evaluation, the company reported profits, which is one indicator of the health of analyzed company. In 2008 profits showed an increasing trend (114% growth compared to 2007), which positively affected the economic situation of the company. This was caused mainly by establishing of new branch in Prerov in 2007.

The subtractive analysis of indicator shows that the company has positive outcome of net working capital in all analyzed years, which has to be evaluated positively. An increase in 2008 was primarily due to an increase in the short-term financial assets. In coming years I suggest to keep a sufficiently large NWC, which represents free capital and the ability to cover unexpected events.

In terms of solvency ratios we observe a decrease value of the total debt indicator. This phenomenon can be viewed as positive. In the last reporting year, the total value of the debt was already approaching the upper limit of recommended values. Despite the positive development I recommend to focus on reducing long-term and mainly short-term payables. On the contrary, an enterprise should continue in the effective use of bank loans. The positive fact also is that in all years company managed to keep the golden rule of financing and fixed assets covered its long-term capital. In terms of interest coverage, the situation is very satisfactory, since the interest coverage exceeds several times the recommended value of 5 every year, so for the company would not be a problem to pay interest on any further loans.

Liquidity indicators are growing. The coefficient of current liquidity for the years 2008 and 2009 moves to the lower limit of recommended values. Company could be satisfied with the Acid-test ratio, since the value reached the recommended values. The results of Cash-flow liquidity ratio demonstrate that the company in 2008 and 2009 effectively uses the financial resources. I again propose to focus on reducing short-term liabilities, since their amount significantly affect liquidity.

According to the profitability, we can say that the company was in all analyzed years profitable. The best result was achieved in the return on equity in 2008 – 80%. ROA indicator, which shows the return on total assets invested in the company, also showed positive results. The significance of this indicator is that there is used EBIT in calculation,

which means that the embedded assets are measured by profit and interest. Even if the company does not face any serious problems with profitability, I recommend regular monitoring of this indicator.

The use of property is measured by total asset turnover, which has in analyzed company higher values than in the industry. This phenomenon pointing to ability of effective utilizing of assets. In terms of average collection period is appropriate to compare this indicator with days in liabilities. The average collection period should be shorter than the days in liabilities. ComIT services s.r.o. met this rule without exception. If the average collection period need to be shorten in the coming years I suggest to use the discount for early payment, volume discounts or to focus on more solvent customers. The number of days in inventory should be as short as possible. ComIT services s.r.o. has these values quite satisfactory, but in the last reporting year, this time slightly increased. Therefore, my recommendation for management is keep this value as low as it was in analyzed years and do not forget trying to prevent further growth of days in inventory. Generally, an effective inventory management can influence the choice of correct and reliable supplier. This eliminates unnecessary costs.

CONCLUSION

When processing my bachelor thesis I proceeded according to the assignment. I dealt with the financial statements and their reporting ability for the management of ComIT services s.r.o.

The aim of this thesis was to examine and evaluate the reporting ability of individual financial statements and then on their basis make financial analysis of chosen company.

The theoretical part embodies the main features and characteristics of financial statements and their users. Another section focuses on explaining the principle and function of financial analysis as well as the methods and procedures of each calculation.

At the beginning of the second part, I briefly introduced analyzed company ComIT services s.r.o. The content of the practical part is financial analysis calculated by using methods characterized in the theoretical part. Then I evaluated individual indicators and with the help of graphs and tables I expressed development in the period.

In the last part I made a summary of important findings and conclusions, which I found out during the processing of my thesis and I proposed some recommendations to improve the current situation.

I believe that the work met the objective, which was set out in the beginning and I hope that it will be beneficial for the management of ComIT services s.r.o. and provide them useful information.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

EAT	Earnings after taxes
EBIT	Earnings before interest and taxes
EPS	Earnings per share
NWC	Net working capital
ROA	Return on assets
ROE	Return on equity
ROI	Return on income
WACC	Weighted costs of capital

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APPENDIX P I: BALANCE SHEET – COMIT SERVICES S.R.O.

(in CZK thousand)	2007	2008	2009
TOTAL ASSETS	4 527	4 814	5 172
Fixed assets	1 520	1 277	1 178
Intangible fixed assets	0	0	0
Tangible fixed assets	1 520	1 277	1 178
Long-term financial assets	0	0	0
Current assets	2 974	3 498	3 959
Inventory	297	306	809
Long-term receivables	0	9	0
Short-term receivables	2 470	2 429	2 318
Short-term financial assets	207	754	832
Other assets	33	39	35
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4 527	4 814	5 172
Equity	865	1 100	1 821
Registered capital	200	200	200
Capital funds	0	0	0
Reserve funds, indivisible fond and other retained earnings	0	20	20
Net profit or loss from previous year	254	0	880
Net profit or loss for the period	411	880	721
Liabilities	3 646	3 677	3 330
Provisions	10	0	0
Long-term payables	350	754	454
Short-term payables	2 821	2 613	2 721
Bank loans and financial accommodations	465	310	155
- fixed bank loans	465	310	155
- short-term bank loans	0	0	0
- short-term accommodations	0	0	0
Other liabilities	16	37	21

APPENDIX P II: INCOME STATEMENT - COMIT SERIVCES S.R.O.

(in CZK thousand)	2007	2008	2009
Revenues from merchandise	16 043	20 869	16 948
Production	2 202	3 917	4 119
- Revenues from own product and services	2 202	3 917	3 482
- Changes in inventory of own products	0	0	0
Other revenues	67	158	283
REVENUES	20 514	28 861	24 832
Cost of goods sold	13 880	17 898	13 569
Production consumed	1 285	2 253	2 718
Interest expenses	47	69	25
Depreciations of intangible and tangible assets	830	760	773
Personnel expenses	1 569	2 697	3 191
Changes in provisions and adjustments in operating activity and complex deferred expenses	10	-10	0
Other costs	117	138	145
COSTS	17 738	23 805	20 421

