

MASTER'S THESIS REVIEWER'S REPORT

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MT topic: Valuation of the Selected Company using Selected Valuation Methods

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Notes on completing the report:

1. *A - fulfilled very well with no remarks, B - fulfilled very well with minor remarks, C - fulfilled at an average level, D - fulfilled with deficiencies, E - fulfilled but with significant deficiencies, F - not fulfilled.*
2. *If any criterion is graded F, the thesis must be evaluated as unsatisfactory overall, not meeting the criteria for the MT defence, and such a thesis cannot be recommended for the defence.*
3. *MT Reviewer must comment verbally on each evaluation criterion!*

Assessment criteria:

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1. Thesis Objectives and Methods	C
The main objective of the Master's thesis is to perform the valuation of Tencent Music (TME), an online music entertainment platform in China, using selected valuation methods. The sub-objectives include a review of the literature in the field of business valuation, a comprehensive sector analysis, a multi-faceted examination of the selected company including financial, strategic, foundational and technical aspects, a valuation of the company and the development of tailored strategic recommendation to potential investors.	
2. Theoretical Background	D
The theoretical part summarizes knowledge related to the basics of business valuation, principles and standards of value, the valuation process, approaches and methods used in valuation, including contemporary issues in valuation. The overall processing of this part is of average level. A great number of literature and other sources are used in this part; however, they are not cited according to the standard both in the text of the thesis and in the Bibliography section. I consider the lack of citing 4 of the 5 literature sources (Piotroski et al.; Porter; Robinson et al., Ross et al.) mentioned in the Assignment of Diploma Thesis as a significant mistake in the thesis. The thesis should be based on the sources mentioned in the Assignment. These 4 sources are not even listed in the Bibliography.	
3. Practical Application – Analysis	D
First, the analytical part presents an industry overview, which is then followed by a macroeconomic analysis. This is followed by an introduction of the selected company and several partial analyses and forecasts. The conclusions from these analyses are rather general; this section could have been elaborated in much more detail.	
4. Practical Application – Project/ Research	C
In the project part, sources of data are first described followed by assumptions to project future FCFF. Subsequently, a valuation of the company is performed using DCF and EVA methods, which are complemented by a comparable valuation. In the conclusion, the results of the thesis are summarized, including presenting the limitations and recommendations for future.	

5. Formal Layout	D
The formal level of the thesis meets the requirements set for university qualification theses. However, in the thesis the prescribed standard of citing sources is not used.	

Overall thesis assessment*	D
The overall evaluation of the thesis is set at D with respect to numerous deficiencies in most parts of the thesis.	

** The final grade is not an arithmetic average of the individual criteria for assessing the thesis.*

Questions for the defence:

1. The CAPM model was used to calculate the cost of equity. Could other models be applied, as well? How would the use of other models affect the cost of equity calculation?

The thesis **fulfils** the criteria for the defence of the MT. The thesis **is recommended** for the defence.

Date 25.08.2024

Signature of MT Reviewer