

# UNIVERSITI TEKNOLOGI MARA

# CAPITAL STRUCTURE: FOCUS ON PLANTATION LISTED COMPANIES IN MALAYSIA

# MUHAMMAD ZULHAMIZAN BIN ZULKARNAIN 2016629476

Final Year Project Paper submitted in fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Bachelor of Business Administration (Finance)

Faculty of Business and Management

December 2018

#### **ABSTRACT**

Capital structure is the way a firm finances its asset through the consolidation of debt, equity or hybrid securities. The purpose of this study is to identify the capital structure volatility by measuring their debt volatility on six plantation companies in Malaysia between 2008 until 2017. Prior study found that company with the high debt ratio will lead to be smaller and were less profitable. Therefore, evaluating the factor that influence firm leverage and recognition of the sources of difference in company-level profitability has been consider as key research subjects. The independent variables for this study consists of firm size, return on asset, revenue growth and dependent variable in this study is debt ratio. The data collection from six companies in plantation sector that listed on Bursa Malaysia Berhad for ten years using financial statement from the annual report of every company. The data were analysed by using Pooled Ordinary Least Square (Pooled OLS) to evaluate the relationships between the variables by Eviews 9. This study expected to find the independent variables are positively significant relationship to the company's debt ratio.

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**

Firstly, I wish to thank God for giving me the opportunity to embark on my thesis and for completing this long and challenging journey successfully. My gratitude and thanks go to my supervisor Madam Zuraidah Ahmad and Madam Liayana Mohammed Yousop. The guidance and knowledge throughout the process of completion this thesis was highly appreciated.

My appreciation goes to the Puan Mawar and librarian who provided the facilities and assistance during sampling. Literally, special thanks to my colleagues and friends for helping me with this project.

Finally, this thesis is dedicated to the loving of my very dear parents and family for the vision and determination to educate me. This piece of victory is dedicated to all of you. Alhamdulilah.

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

		Page
AUT	THOR'S DECLARATION	i
ABSTRACT		iii
ACK	KNOWLEDGEMENT	iv
TAB	ELE OF CONTENT	v
LIST OF TABLES LIST OF FIGURES		vii
		viii ix
LIST OF SYMBOLS		
LIST	OF ABBREVIATIONS	x
СНА	PTER ONE INTRODUCTION	1
1.1	Introduction	1
1.2	Background of Study	3
1.3	Problem Statement	4
1.4	Research Questions	5
1.5	Research Objectives	6
1.6	Significance of the Study	6
1.7	Scope of the Study	7
1.8	Limitation of the Study	7
1.9	Definition of Key Terms	8
1.10	Conclusion	9
СНА	PTER TWO LITERATURE REVIEW	10
2.1	Introduction	10
2.2	Theoretical and Empirical Literature Review on Topic	10
2.3	Literature Review on Debt Ratio	12
2.4	Literature Review on Firm Size	12
2.5	Literature Review on Return on Assets	13
2.6	Literature Review on Revenue Growth	14
2.7	Research Framework	14

2.8	Conclusion	15
CHAPTER THREE RESEARCH METHODOLOGY		
3.1	Introduction	16
3.2	Data Collection	16
3.3	Variables	17
3.4	Research Design	18
3.5	Hypotheses Statement	18
3.6	Research Methodology	18
3.7	Conclusion	20
СНА	PTER FOUR RESULTS AND DISCUSSION	21
4.1	Introduction	21
4.2	Descriptive Analysis	21
4.3	Correlation Analysis	23
4.4	Regression Analysis	24
4.5	Normality	26
4.6	Summary	27
СНА	PTER FIVE CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION	28
5.1	Introduction	28
5.2	Conclusion	28
5.3	Recommendation	30
5.4	Summary	31
REFERENCES		32
APPENDICES		35

•