



REPORT ON ANALYZING PERFORMANCES OF UNIT TRUST FUNDS IN MALAYSIA

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ABSTRACT

There are a few studies about the performance of unit trust fund in Malaysia. The researchers are not focus on the price of the fund as the dependent variable. However, in this study we look relationship between the dependent variable which represent by net asset value (measure by price of fund) with independent variables which represent by Kuala Lumpur Composite Index (KLCI), growth in GDP, inflation rate (Infl) and also income (Inc). This study undertakes to examine the research on unit trust funds in Malaysia using time series data. The data will be collected by monthly basis in order to examine the performance of unit trust funds in Malaysia which is 72 month from the period of January 2004 until December 2009. The objective of the study is mainly to see if unit trust funds outperform the market and also to investigate whether there is significant between the explanatory variables. The data was gathered from secondary data and was regressed using STATA software. The price of the fund will examine with KLCI index in order to see either the unit trust fund outperform the market or not. Normally during rising market trends or also known as market bullish, unit trust funds would perform positively and during market bearish the market experience is poorly. On the other hand, in the long run the results shows that KLCI is positive relationship but insignificant with the NAV. For the short run relationship, there is only GDP and inflation rate does influence NAV since the computed p-value is lower than significant level. So that, in future the other researchers should consider and choose other variables for the research about this topic that will give the real impact to the total financing.

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