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**FIN254 TERM PAPER**

The purpose of this term paper is to make bridge between the theoretical contents taught in this course with real world practice. The term report should be submitted in a group and each group should comprise of 3-5 members. Each group should pick 2 (two) listed companies (except any financial institution) from same industry. Each group then chose 1 preferred company which has last 5 years of Annual Reports (the latest year's annual statement MUST be used) and ONLY the latest year's annual statement of the other chosen company. To collect the Annual Reports you can check the company websites or the DSE library. After collecting the reports each of the group with assigned companies is instructed to do the following requirements.

**REQUIREMENTS:**

**PART A: INTRODUCTION**

Give a general introduction of the preferred Company: the company and its business, the industry where it operates, type of financing it uses and/or any relevant information related to finance

**PART B: TIME SERIES ANALYSIS**

Do a time series analysis of 5 years of relevant Liquidity, Activity, Debt, Profitability and Market ratios of your preferred company.

**PART C: CROSS-SECTIONAL ANALYSIS**

Do a cross-sectional analysis of the latest year for relevant Liquidity, Activity, Debt, Profitability and Market ratios of your preferred company considering the other company as benchmark.

**PART D: OTHER MEASURES**

i. Calculate the Free Cash Flow of the most recent year of your preferred company and interpret the result.

ii. Formulate the DuPont and Extended DuPont system of the most recent year of your preferred company and interpret results.

**PART E: CONCLUSION**

Conclude your report with overall performance in terms of each ratio classes and comment over improvement scopes

**N.B**: The Report **must**also include **graphical representations**(i.e.: line graphs)

**GENERALREQUIREMENTS:**

* Each group needs to submit both the printed version (hard copy) and the soft copy of the report.
* Each group must show the calculation in MS Office Excel and attach the file in a CD.

**INTEGRITY POLICY:**

* Zero tolerance policy will be adopted for any plagiarism. If any group find guilty with any kind of plagiarism, the group as a whole will get "0" and further steps would be taken according to the NSU plagiarism policy.
* If you have any complain regarding any of your group members you are advised to notify me as soon as possible and of course before submitting the group project.
* For late submission, you will be penalized with 10% for each day of late submission.
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