

Does it Matter Ownership Structure? Performance in Spanish Companies¹

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Abstract:

This paper examines the relationship between ownership structure and corporate performance in Spanish companies. Ownership structure has been analysed in terms of concentration of control and the type of investor exerting control. The study applies the Variance Analysis with one and two factors to compare the performance (ROE and ROA) of different groups of companies and determine if their average return could be considered equal. Close to 100.000 firms have been analysed to conclude that exists an important link between ownership structure and performance in Spanish companies. Both, the concentration of control and the type of investor exerting control, individually considered, influence in companies return, nevertheless, jointly took the second one has turned to be the most relevant.

Firm size and financial structure (measured as the relation between equity and total assets) have also been considered.

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