

ABSTRACT

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This study will consider about factors affecting the value of the Closed End Fund that are registered in The Stock Exchange of Thailand. Nowadays, it is likely that the development of the Closed End Fund in Thailand has a downward trend or eventually no longer exists. This problem could come from many reasons such as the decreasing in market index which in turn, reduces the net asset value; the transaction's liquidity problem which incurs the reduction of the Fund unit due to the unpopular in buying and selling the investment units in the market that finally lead to the difference between the book net asset value and the strike price in the market. As we can see, those problems are the main obstacles in developing the Closed End Fund in Thailand.

In addition to analyze the factors that effect the value of the Closed End Fund, we have defined the independent variables as following: the rate of return in investing in the Closed End Fund, the investment risk, the Closed End Fund's

discount rate, the total investment value of the Closed End Fund in the market, the stock price index, the private investment index ,the inter-bank rate and total saving of commercial bank. From the study, most of the Fund units have been found to follow the assumptions consistency both in the former and the latter of giving the permission to do a security business; except some which could due to the difference in size of the Fund units or investment policy. However, according to the assumptions, there is still some inconsistency relationship between the market index and the fund units that we considered and also do not show any significant statistic numerical. The reason could come from the difference between the stocks in the market and the stocks in the Fund unit, which have the negative effects to the market index.

In an attempt to forecast the relationship between the independent variables that effect the investment value in the Closed End Fund, it indicates that there is a downward tendency. This could due to the decreasing in roles of some main variables such as the market index.