
The impact of ownership structure on dividend payout policies: an empirical study of the listed companies in Egypt

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Abstract

This paper examines the impact of ownership structure on dividend payout policies of Egyptian listed companies. A sample of non-financial Egyptian companies is observed, from the Disclosure books of the 50 most active companies in Egypt, over the period of four years, from 2007 until 2010. To analyse the impact of the different ownership types of corporate structure on dividend payout policies of Egyptian firms, a multiple regression model is performed. The regression results indicate that only two hypotheses are supported, while three hypotheses are not supported. The findings indicate a significant negative relationship between the individual ownership and dividend payout policies, between the managerial ownership and dividend payout policies, and between the state ownership type of corporate structure and dividend payout policies of Egyptian listed companies. The findings also indicate an insignificant relationship between the institutional ownership and dividend pay-out policies, and between the concentrated ownership and dividend pay-out policies. In addition, for the control variables, the firm's leverage along with the firm's size are found to have an insignificant association to the dividend pay-out policies, while the firm's age is found to have a significant and positive association with dividend pay-out policies of Egyptian listed firms.
