

ANALYSIS OF THE CORRELATIONS BETWEEN THE DEGREE OF INDEBTEDNESS AND THE PERFORMANCE OF THE ECONOMIC ENTITIES FROM EMERGING ECONOMY

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Abstract: *The purpose of this research is to assess the performance of the economic entities that are part of the BRICS economies (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa). Thus, the following objectives have been set to achieve the intended purpose: O1 - analysis and evaluation of the economic performance that were reported by entities in the emerging BRICS economies; O2 – identification of the correlations between the performance indicators that were reported by entities from emerging BRICS economies (Return on Assets; level of indebtedness; equity ratio; Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, and Amortization growth). For these objectives to be achieved, we have collected and analyzed the financial data from the reports of 50 companies that are listed on a regulated market in Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa. This research focuses on assessing the effects of the financial report and of the level of indebtedness on the performance of the entities from emerging BRICS economies. Research is relevant to current and potential investors interested in emerging BRICS economies, as well as for other categories of stakeholders.*

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