BEST DOCTORAL PAPER AWARD AT THE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT & ACCOUNTING RESEARCH CONFERENCE

Our Ph.D student of the Department of Accounting and Finance, Theodosis Kallenos, secured the Best Doctoral Paper Award at the Financial Management & Accounting Research Conference, which took place in Limassol on 14-16 of April 2019, for his paper entitled "Business Development Companies: Private Equity for Individual Investors" in collaboration with the Associate Professor of the Department of Accounting and Finance, George Nishiotis.

Paper abstract:

"Using the universe of Business Development Companies (BDCs) for the period 1998-2017 we examine their performance and risk adjusted characteristics and analyze the relationship
between BDC returns and the traditional Private Equity Fund (PEF) returns. We find that a BDC traded factor, significantly explains the returns of the PE cash flow based indices of Ang et al. (2018), over and above other traded factors, suggesting a significant relationship between the returns of BDCs and the time varying private equity premium. The BDC traded factor does not explain the industry appraisal-based PE index returns, which however, are explained by the BDC NAV excess return, highlighting the limitations of these indices relative to a market-based PE index. A comparison of the BDC NAV returns with the returns of appraisal-based indices reveals the presence of similar, albeit weaker, smoothing biases. Finally, an event study analysis reveals significant market reactions to quarterly BDC NAV disclosures.”