

**Is Dividend-Paying Stock Really Outperformed Non-Dividend Paying Stock?
: Evidence From Stock Exchange of Thailand**

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ABSTRACT

This paper studies the difference in return between dividend-paying stock and non-dividend paying stock which traded in Stock Exchange of Thailand in difference of market condition. The paper also tests on the different characteristic of firms. The paper uses 329 stocks from quarterly period 2001-2010. The paper also tests for the factors which contribute the difference in return between them. The paper finds that the non-dividend paying stock's return outperformed the dividend-paying stock in overall market and advanced market. However, the dividend-paying stock outperformed the non-dividend paying stock in declined market. The paper also finds evidence of proxy which contribute to the difference in return between them. However, the paper finds find little evidence in the declined market.

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