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Best HHL Master Thesis in Private Equity

“Palero Capital Award 2021” – Call for Applications

The Center for Corporate Transactions & Private Equity (CCTPE) at HHL is a leading think tank for private equity research. It is the mission of the CCTPE to provide reliable research results for everyday decision-making in the private equity industry. Palero Capital, the exclusive advisor of an independent private equity fund in Luxemburg, was co-founded by HHL alumna Conny Wuppermann and the first supporter of the CCTPE. The call for submissions for the **Best Master Thesis in Private Equity** honors Palero Capital for its trust in establishing the #1 Think Tank for Private Equity Research at HHL. The award is endowed with 500€. Decisions will be made by a review committee including experts from academia and practice.

Selection Criteria

MBA or MSc students from HHL Leipzig Graduate School of Management are eligible if their master thesis focuses on a private equity relevant topic. Further, the following criteria must be met:

- _ Good or excellent grade (at least 2.0)
- _ Students can only apply once for the award and only with one topic
- _ The thesis must be submitted in the original form that was relevant for grading
- _ The thesis must have been submitted to the supervising professor between 1st January and 31st December 2020.

Application Documents

To apply for the Palero Capital Award, you have to fill out the standard application form (see document “Palero Capital Award – Application form”) including:

- _ Personal details of the thesis’ author
- _ Program / class at HHL
- _ Thesis supervisor

Please submit the following documents as attachments (all materials should be in English):

- _ Thesis including abstract and appendices
- _ Curriculum vitae (max. 2 pages in A4 format)

Application Deadline

All submissions must be sent before **31st March 2021** by e-mail in one pdf file to cctpe@hhl.de. Only complete applications will be considered. A confirmation of receipt will be sent to the applicants.

Review Committee and Evaluation Criteria

The review committee consists of Prof. Dr. Bernhard Schwetzler (Academic Director of the CCTPE), Dr. Benjamin Hammer (Lecturer in Accounting & Finance, Lancaster University Leipzig) and Conny Wuppermann (Managing Partner of Palero Capital).

The committee will review the master thesis based on the following criteria:

- _ Originality of the research topic
- _ Relevance for the Private Equity industry
- _ Methodological approach and academic relevance



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Further Information

- _ The winner will receive an award which consists of a certificate and €500 check.
- _ The results will be announced during an official HHL or HHL Alumni event. The candidates and Dean/Chancellor will be informed in advance. The award winner will be published on the CCTPE-website.

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