As a part of the consultant team at "UiT Markets" you have been tasked with the job of analyzing the financial position and solidity of various Norwegian corporations.

Each group will choose <u>one company</u> and write a report geared towards investors who are considering investing in the Norwegian stock market. The clients have approached your firm to get a better understanding of company performance, and eventually want to make a decision on whether or not to invest in Norwegian stocks.

The report should include (but not be limited to) a brief description of the company, an overview of the financial statement, some ratio analysis and an assessment of company value and risk (company beta and WACC etc). You will also be asked to evaluate the company as part of a portfolio investment strategy.

The report should not contain any theoretical descriptions. Each group are required to give an oral presentation of their report in March, please see the lecture plan. The presentations should be no longer than 10 minutes. The students should hand in a draft of their report prior to the presentations, and will receive some feedback on their progress in return.

Requirements:

Hand-in: 25 pages, Times New Roman, 12 p, line spacing 1.5, margins 2.5

Group size: 2-3 students

The company should:

- Be listed on Oslo Stock Exchange
- Be listed for at least 5 years
- Earn a profit (do not choose a company that operates at a loss)
- Pay dividends

Avoid financial service firms (banks, insurance, investment banks).