

Impact of Applying International Accounting Standards (IAS/IFRS) through Financial Accounting System (SCF) on the Economic Value Added (EVA) of Algerian Companies: An Empirical Study on a Sample of Economic Companies in Algeria

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Abstract:

This research assesses the influence of adopting International Accounting Standards (IAS/IFRS) on improving the quality of accounting information through their transition to the Financial Accounting System (SCF). To fulfill these objectives, an empirical analysis was conducted on a selection of Algerian economic enterprises over the period (2010 to 2018). Results from this investigation highlight a statistically significant, positive influence of implementing International Accounting Standards (IAS/IFRS) on the quality of accounting information utilized in calculating the (EVA) for companies in Algeria.

Key Words: International Accounting Standards, International Financial Reporting Standards, Financial Accounting System ,Economic Value Added.

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ملخص:

تهدف هذه الدراسة الى اختبار أثر تطبيق المعايير المحاسبية الدولية IAS/IFRS على تحسين ملائمة المعلومة المحاسبية من خلال النظام المحاسبي المالي، بهدف قياس القيمة الاقتصادية المضافة ، قمنا بإجراء دراسة تطبيقية على مجموعة من الشركات الاقتصادية الجزائرية، وذلك خلال الفترة (2010-2018). اوضحت النتائج وجود تأثير معنوي ايجابي لتبني المعايير المحاسبية الدولية IAS/IFRS على جودة المعلومة المحاسبية لغرض قياس القيمة الاقتصادية المضافة للشركات الجزائرية.

الكلمات المفتاحية: المعايير المحاسبية الدولية، المعايير الدولية للتقارير المالية لاعداد التقارير المالية، النظام المحاسبي المالي، القيمة الاقتصادية المضافة.

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1- Introduction

The field of accounting has undergone considerable dynamism in recent years, mirroring the developments across diverse global economies and the consequent evolution within capital markets. The evolution of international markets has driven standard-setting bodies to enhance and evolve accounting and financial reporting standards to better fulfill the expectations of stakeholders and investors.

In response to economic reforms initiated by Algeria at the end of the 1980s, there arose a recognized need to adopt a new accounting system congruent with the economic model being pursued. This model was geared towards fostering openness to international markets and stimulating foreign investments. Following extensive consultations and recommendations from a wide array of both international and local authoritative bodies, Algeria undertook substantial updates to its accounting system. This overhaul aimed to adequately cater to the burgeoning demand for precise and relevant accounting information suitable for the newly evolved business milieu. After comprehensive consultations with both local and international experts in accounting and finance, Algerian authorities recognized the need to replace the outdated national accounting framework with the more contemporary SCF, significantly influenced by the internationally esteemed IAS/IFRS standards.

The compulsory application of this system by companies and economic entities active in Algeria, which are subject to commercial law, was initiated in 2010. These enactments dictate the adoption of the provisions of Law 07/11 dated November 25, 2007, mandating a framework of accounting rules and policies that conform to international standards.

Despite the challenges in Algeria's financial markets, adopting IAS/IFRS has enhanced measurement techniques and the transparency of financial disclosures. The implementation of IAS/IFRS improves accounting functionality, leading to better quality and efficiency in financial reporting and increased accuracy in representing company operations, promoting greater transparency. This, in turn, reduces discrepancies in accounting information, aligning financial reports more closely with corporate objectives and enhancing overall company value. These standards are characterized by their comprehensiveness and timeliness, meeting the demands of investors who depend on reliable accounting information to assess projects and mitigate risks, particularly those associated with informational discrepancies highlighted by (Turki , et al, 2017)

1.2 Study Problem

The critical question addressed by this study is:

- Does the implementation of accounting standards adopted from International Accounting Standards (IAS) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) by the Financial Accounting System (SCF) influence the Economic Value Added (EVA) of Algerian companies?

1.3 Primary Hypothesis The primary hypothesis posits that:

- The adoption of accounting procedures and rules inspired by International Accounting Standards (IAS) and International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) within the Financial Accounting System (SCF) significantly enhances the interpretative capacity of accounting information for assessing the Economic Value Added (EVA) of Algerian companies.

To empirically validate this hypothesis, the study will explore several secondary hypotheses:

- H1: There exists a statistically significant relationship between the return on assets and the Economic Value Added (EVA) of Algerian companies.
- H2: There exists a statistically significant relationship between the financial leverage index and the Economic Value Added (EVA) of Algerian companies.
- H3: There exists a statistically significant relationship between the size of the company and the Economic Value Added (EVA) of Algerian companies.
- H4: There exists a statistically significant relationship between the company's growth rate and the Economic Value Added (EVA) of Algerian companies.

1.4 Study Objectives

This study examines the effects of adopting IAS and IFRS on accounting standards and procedures within Algeria's financial reporting system. The study focuses on how these global standards alter the financial reporting landscape of Algerian economic entities. This encompasses assessing the explanatory power of disclosed accounting information within financial statements and evaluating its suitability in decision-making processes, particularly in determining the EVA of Algerian companies.

1.5 Study Importance

The relationship between the utilization of IAS/IFRS and EVA in Algerian corporations is a critical topic of substantial importance. This study explores the practical implications of accounting data, which is particularly crucial in emerging markets like Algeria. It aims to clarify how accounting and financial information play a crucial role in financial markets, enhancing the fulfillment of stakeholder interests. Moreover, a notable gap exists within the current body of research, according to the researcher's knowledge, concerning financial information and EVA in Algeria, specifically following the implementation of IAS/IFRS.

1.6 Research Methodology

This study adopts a descriptive-analytical approach to meticulously assess the impacts of employing IAS and IFRS within Algerian enterprises, focusing on the

adequacy of the information provided for evaluating EVA. The methodology involves a detailed content analysis of financial statements from selected Algerian economic entities, aiming to derive and scrutinize indicators that reveal the interplay between the application of IAS/IFRS and EVA in these firms.

1.7 Study Tools

This research analyzed financial records from 30 Algerian businesses in various sectors from 2010 to 2018, coinciding with the implementation of SCF. It utilized tools like Excel and Eviews 13 to assess metrics and examine relationships within the data.

1.8 Study Divisions

The research is organized into three main sections to effectively address its aims. The first section introduces the study, outlining the problem statement, hypotheses, objectives, and its significance. The second section provides a detailed theoretical framework, analyzing the relationships between the key variables: IAS, IFRS, and EVA, augmented by a comprehensive literature review. The last segment conducts empirical research to assess how different independent variables influence the dependent variable and defines the nature of these effects.

2- Literature Review

2.1 The Role of International Accounting Standards in Enhancing the Quality and Accuracy of Accounting Information

IAS/IFRS significantly enhance the predictability and integrity of earnings by positively influencing earnings management practices, leading to improved stock market indices. The adoption of these standards not only boosts stock values and returns but also elevates the quality of reported earnings. By providing a standardized framework, IAS/IFRS promote uniform accounting principles that enhance the comparability of financial reports globally, facilitating market integration and expanding international business and investment opportunities.

By mandating that accounting policies reflect the interests of shareholders and other stakeholders, IAS/IFRS enhance the relevance of financial statements, promoting increased stakeholder participation. The significance of IAS/IFRS is reflected in the returns they generate for stakeholders and the company alike, particularly in areas such as financing policies and cost accounting models. This alignment ensures that financial statements are not only reflective of true corporate performance but also cater to the informational needs of a diverse set of stakeholders.

The strategic implementation of IAS/IFRS is vital for companies aiming to secure a competitive position in the international marketplace. Moreover, the adoption of IAS/IFRS significantly bolsters the explanatory power of accounting data, thus enhancing the overall transparency and utility of financial reports (Key, et al, 2020). The widespread acceptance of these standards among accounting practitioners and professionals, who specialize in preparing and analyzing financial reports,

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underscores their importance. This acceptance translates into direct benefits for stakeholders by providing them with reliable and high-quality accounting information. Additionally, the qualitative characteristics of financial information under IAS/IFRS contribute to reducing capital costs and increasing the demand for financing, which in turn enhances the efficiency of financial markets (Turki , et al, 2017).

This framework, comprising a comprehensive collection of definitions, rules, and guidelines pertinent to accounting applications and the content of financial statements, including elements like assets, liabilities, revenue, and expenses, is instrumental in delineating the separation of various components within the financial statements. It also encapsulates critical data pertinent to these components. From an accounting standpoint, the recognition of any item or element within the financial statements is contingent upon meeting the criteria set by the conceptual framework. These meticulously crafted guidelines and rules are designed to enhance the explanatory power of disclosed financial information, thereby making it more appropriate and reliable for evaluating a company's performance .

The primary goal of adopting IAS and IFRS is to generate financial reports rich in relevant, comprehensive, and transparent information. This enhances investor confidence by providing accurate data that aids in informed decision-making and improves the predictability of earnings, leading to more precise future business forecasts.

The implementation of IAS/IFRS helps reduce uncertainty and increases the reliability of cash flow ratios from operating activities (Iain, et al, 2013). Moreover, these standards foster a deeper level of trust between the preparers of financial statements and their users, or those relying on them, by minimizing information discrepancies. It also builds trust between financial statement preparers and users by reducing information discrepancies, thereby lowering agency costs, analytical expenses, and the risks of adverse selection in stock markets (Houqe, 2018). The availability and accessibility of comprehensive financial information, as mandated by the IAS/IFRS standards, facilitate significant reductions in the costs associated with obtaining loans and ease the negotiation processes. The swiftness and appropriateness of financial information, in line with IAS/IFRS standards, coupled with their mandatory implementation in certain jurisdictions, contribute to a decrease in the capital costs associated with common stocks . Additionally, the implementation of these standards results in considerable time savings and reductions in the fees charged by auditors and reviewers. This enhances the regulatory role of supervisory and foresight bodies, ensuring that financial practices are kept in check (Krismiaji, et al, 2020). Globally, many accounting frameworks have integrated IAS/IFRS, boosting financial indicators such as asset returns, liquidity ratios, and overall profitability (Anna, et al, 2009). A key feature of IAS/IFRS is the adoption of fair value for accounting measurements, significantly improving the quality and utility of financial information in reports. This model facilitates decision-making processes within companies by introducing modern economic and financial concepts into accounting

practices. These concepts prioritize economic reality over the legal form of economic transactions and include forward-thinking approaches such as hedging policies and the timely recognition of losses and risks, ensuring that the benefits of disclosed information outweigh the costs of its preparation and dissemination (Turki , et al, 2017).

2.2 Contributions of Accounting Information Quality and Its Role in determining the value of the company

The implementation of IAS and IFRS has harmonized worldwide accounting standards, substantially improving the quality and pertinence of financial data, which is deemed valuable when it significantly influences investment choices, thus boosting its practicality in businesses (Filip, 2010)And (Riahi-Belkaoui, 1994). Conversely, financial information may negatively impact due to potential misestimations of options provided by international standards, which can create barriers to application and complicate interpretation within some local accounting frameworks. This occasionally results in disparities in the analysis and interpretation of both individual and consolidated financial statements globally .The development of capital market performance is heavily reliant on the quality of the accounting information system, serving as a vital source of financial and accounting data that must be reliable to benefit all users of financial statements, including both local and foreign partners and investors (Cooper & Lybrand, 1993). Financial information assists investors in determining stock values and calculating return indices on investments within financial markets over short periods, thus effectively influencing investment policy. It also scrutinizes the relationship between accounting information and capital value, fostering a cautious approach among various theories related to company value. This approach integrates accounting measurement theory with value theory and accounting theory, creating a comprehensive framework for financial decision-making (Beaver, 2002). The quality of financial information, particularly when based on fair value accounting as emphasized by IAS/IFRS, is crucial for determining stock values in financial markets (Beaver, 2002). Furthermore, the adoption of IAS/IFRS leads to time savings and reductions in the fees for auditors and inspectors (Chen, et al, 1999) , which bolsters the supervisory role of regulatory and foresight bodies (Krismiaji, et al, 2020). IAS/IFRS enhance the level of financial awareness and prudence among the public, in addition to improving the level of disclosure and transparency. These improvements strengthen governance mechanisms within companies. This enhanced understanding underscores the significant economic and financial impacts of changes in accounting policies on capital markets, thereby increasing awareness of the opportunities and challenges available for investment and growth. Many local accounting environments adopting IAS/IFRS have shown positive contributions to enhancing financial analysis indicators, such as the development of return rates on assets, liquidity ratios, and company profitability (Anna, et al, 2009). The fair value measurement model adopted by IAS/IFRS creates a distinction in company valuation methods, thanks to the introduction of modern economic and financial concepts in accounting practice, such as prioritizing economic reality over the legal form of economic transactions, as well as hedging policies and timely recognition of losses

and risks, thus enhancing the relative importance and utility of financial information (Turki , et al, 2017). Valuation model employed connects market prices with various returns and accounting indicators to measure and analyze financial status and profitability (Ball, et al, 1968). Additionally, the relevance of accounting information is intricately tied to financial market behaviors and investor reactions to changes within these markets. Investors utilize financial statements to contextualize these behaviors, testing the reliability of accounting information, which is crucial for evaluating a company's stock performance. The relevance of accounting information can also vary depending on the sector's activity and the nature of ownership, be it public or private (Sharma, S., 2014). In the public sector, financial statements adhere more strictly to disclosure norms, offering greater transparency and appropriateness compared to the private sector, where financial disclosures are often less transparent, affecting the reliability and relevance of recorded accounting information (Sharma, M, 2014). The importance of financial information varies depending on the specific element it represents within the financial statements during the decision-making process (Ohlson, J. A, 1995). The balance sheet effectively displays the assets and resources acquired by a company and their utilization throughout operational cycles, highlighting the most significant annual changes and their profound impacts on the value of assets and equity rights (Huang, Y & Zhang, G, 2012). Conversely, the income statement influences the methodology of calculating the return on equity, differing from other methods. Financial statements analyzed under IAS and IFRS provide essential, reliable data for investors, enhancing the decision-making process and significantly improving the transparency and quality of accounting information for company valuations. This enhancement in information quality notably improves the financial reports' transparency and readability (Bartove, et al, 2005). The transition to these standards has not only elevated the quality of accounting data but has also made the financial information more relevant, particularly in aligning the data disclosed in financial statements with the company's actual value. These standards yield a series of financial statements that furnish the necessary resources and guidelines essential for calculating and analyzing key indicators for valuing stocks and the company.

2.3 The Impact of Adopting International Accounting Standards (IAS/IFRS) on the Evaluative Capacity of Accounting Information for Valuing Companies

The implementation of IAS and IFRS has significantly improved the clarity and quality of financial information, enhancing its ability to accurately reflect company values in financial statements. This alignment transforms the financial information into a reliable and appropriate measure for assessing company performance and predicting its future prospects. Moreover, the adoption of IAS/IFRS has upgraded the quality of accounting information, facilitating better accounting measurements across financial statements. The high-quality financial data, governed by strict IAS and IFRS guidelines, attracts investors by providing clear indicators that help predict a company's value and the economic potential of its projects (Guggiola,

G, 2010). This information proves especially valuable when it demonstrates a convergence between the book value and market value of a company, indicating a strong correlation between accounting and market perceptions. This convergence indicates that the rules and guidelines proposed by IAS and IFRS effectively serve the financial markets by providing reliable financial information that is fundamentally supported by fair value accounting measurements. The influence of such financial information can be discerned through the behavior of financial markets in response to the disclosures made by accounting practices (Ball, et al, 1968)

2.3.1 Anticipated Impacts of Adopting International Accounting Standards (IAS/IFRS) on Accounting Quality

The adoption of IAS and IFRS improves the presentation and accuracy of financial data globally, enhancing accounting practices and the quality of financial forecasts. They also provide critical guidance and directives aimed at developing laws and regulations that support the goals of global accounting harmonization. While the immediate impact of implementing IAS/IFRS on a company's valuation may not be instantly observable, the long-term benefits are geared towards fulfilling the company's objectives. These standards play a crucial role in curbing opportunistic behaviors by management (Barth, et al, 2008) and offer a variety of measurement methods for financial statement elements and their disclosure. This flexibility provides management with greater opportunities to engage in earnings management, yet it also facilitates access to international financial markets, particularly in regions where high-quality financial disclosure standards prevail. The application of IAS/IFRS can significantly influence the effectiveness of financial markets, especially in terms of standardizing accounting policies across international systems and stimulating capital movements. These standards boost the efficiency of earnings management and ensure losses and profits are recognized promptly, improving the accuracy of accounting information for evaluating a company's performance (Bartove, et al, 2005) Discrepancies between IAS/IFRS and local accounting and legal frameworks can lead to negative effects on a company's book and market values (El-diftar, et al, 2019). Local accounting systems often have objectives that differ from international standards.

2.3.2 Mandatory Implementation of International Accounting Standards (IAS/IFRS) and Its Impact on the Quality of Accounting in Company Valuation Processes

The mandatory implementation of IAS/IFRS helps standardize financial statements internationally, simplifying information flow and reducing financial analysis costs (Guggiola, G, 2010) .This standardization results in fewer variations in accounting practices across jurisdictions, aiding financial analysts.The rules and procedures set forth by IAS/IFRS minimize the range of accounting alternatives available, thereby curbing management's discretion in utilizing analytical tools and estimates for manipulating results and profits, which ultimately augments the quality of accounting.

Additionally, the adoption of IAS/IFRS positively affects both net profit and book values, improving the correlation between accounting information and a company's market value and profitability. This assumption is pivotal for building robust models for measuring a company's value (Barzegari, K. J, 2011) . The application of IAS/IFRS elevates the relative importance of accounting profits by establishing a direct link between the numerical and accounting data found in financial reports and the methodologies for measuring company value—this alignment forms the core objective of these financial reports . The accuracy of profits calculated under IAS/IFRS is vital for company evaluations, particularly through indicators like earnings per share and book value, which have a substantial impact on stock prices and provide insights into market dynamics (AL-Shubiri, F. N, 2010) .Furthermore, the significance of profit levels and equity values are crucial in the financial assessment of a company, underscoring the importance of these metrics in the IAS/IFRS context for accurate business valuation. The measurement and disclosure standards upheld by IAS/IFRS positively influence the quality of information and diminish information asymmetry, thereby enhancing the market price value of shares. These standards ensure that financial information is not only accurate but also relevant, providing stakeholders with reliable data to make informed decisions.

3. Practical Aspect

To empirically validate our study, we will scrutinize the relationship between specific independent variables—company size (as measured by net assets), leverage ratio, growth rate, and return on assets—and the dependent variable, Economic Value Added (EVA). The analysis will be executed using data outputs and results generated by Eviews 13 software. In the initial phase of our study, we will determine EVA for selected companies, using financial data from those that comply with IAS and IFRS under SCF guidelines. This system encapsulates a series of changes and enhancements in measurement and accounting disclosure methods, alongside accounting rules and policies, which are critical for maintaining high standards of financial reporting. In the next phase of our analysis, we will perform a regression analysis to examine the impact of these standards on the EVA of Algerian companies.

3.1 Study Sample

3.1.1 Sample Nature

The research encompassed 30 economic companies, 19 public and 11 private. We scrutinized the financial statements of these companies over a span of nine consecutive years (2010-2018), starting from when the mandatory application of SCF commenced in 2010 until 2018. The data for this study was obtained from the financial statements of a select group of companies. The objective is to assess how adopting IAS/IFRS within Algeria's accounting system affects the value analysis in financial statements, specifically looking at EVA in accordance with international standards.

3.1.2 Sample Collection Methods:

Initially, financial statements were accessed directly from the official websites of the companies for the period from 2010 to 2018. For companies that did not publicly display their financial statements, we engaged directly with them to obtain the required accounting data.

Table 1: Ownership Structure and Business Type of Algerian Companies Under Study (2010-2018)

Business Type	Public	%	Private	%	Total
Industrial	11	57.89	5	45.45	53.33%
Service	5	26.32	6	54.55	36.66%
Construction	3	15.79	0	0	10%
Total Companies	19	100	11	100	30
%	63.33	100	36.66	100	100

Source: Prepared by researcher based on financial statements of the companies under study.

The study reviewed 30 national companies operating in Algeria, with 19 being public and 11 private. The sample comprised 63.33% public companies, diversified across industries: 57.89% in industrial sectors, 26.32% in services, and 15.79% in construction. The sample for the study consisted of 36.66% private companies, with 53.33% belonging to the industrial sector and 36.66% to the service sector, while construction companies made up 10%. Within the industrial sector, companies ranged across manufacturing, extractive industries, petrochemicals, steel, pharmaceuticals, food production, and energy.

The service sector included hospitality, technology and information, catering, supply chains, and transportation (air, land, and sea). The construction sector involved real estate, large-scale projects, and renewable energy. Furthermore, the investigation revealed that all companies under study were required to apply the Financial Accounting System (SCF), adhering to relevant regulations mandating the adoption of IAS/IFRS incorporated into the SCF.

3.2 Estimating the Model for the Impact of Company Characteristics on Economic Value Added (EVA)

To estimate the regression model concerning the impact of factors representing company characteristics on Economic Value Added (EVA), we identify the independent variables as (company size, leverage ratio, company growth rate, and return on assets) with dependent variable being Economic Value Added EVA.

3.2.1 Variables:

3.2.1.1 Independent Variables:

- **Company Size (SIZE):** Calculated by the natural logarithm of the net asset value in each accounting cycle. Company size is a determinant factor in defining its market value, and the explanatory capacity of accounting information is greater in companies with larger assets than in smaller companies (Sharma, M, 2014)
- **Financial Leverage (LEV):** An important financial indicator measuring the company's ability to generate value through the use of loans (Bhatia et al., 2016). The ability of these companies to secure loans and effectively deploy them for profit maximization plays a crucial role in enhancing their stock value and, consequently, their overall market valuation. This dynamic is particularly pivotal for investors focused on financial gains (Yousef Salah, 2023). It is measured by total debt divided by total assets .
- **Company Growth Rate (SGR):** Measured by the sales growth rate, representing the total revenues obtained during the accounting period (Sharma, M, 2014). It constitutes the largest part of the flows that the company obtains and is an important indicator in developing accounting outcomes serving the evaluation objectives of the company in financial markets.
- **Return on Assets (ROA):** Among the important indicators used by shareholders and financial analysts to measure performance . This indicator is measured by the accounting information and data extracted from the financial statements, aiming to know the efficiency of assets and assets at the disposal of managers, to understand their performance quality and the most important returns achieved and their impact on the company's profits .

3.2.1.2 Dependent Variable:

- o **Economic Value Added (EVA):**

Defined as the indicator aimed at measuring the wealth generated over the cost of using all employed resources .EVA is utilized as a performance metric, reflecting the true performance of a company by indicating the value added after accounting for the cost of invested capital . EVA serves as a more nuanced measure than traditional residual income by accounting for adjustments in profit and capital calculations, highlighting its importance in the value creation framework .

This indicator helps measure the value of wealth formed by the institution over a specific period, taking into account the cost of equity and debt, provided positive surpluses are achieved representing the wealth created and allowing for the coverage of creditors' interests and shareholders' profits . If it is negative, it means that the

company has consumed the shareholders' money without achieving the goals. If it is zero, it means that it has preserved the shareholders' money but without profitability; in this case, it has served the lenders more as they will receive their financial returns, and the market value of the company will decrease .

3.2.1.3 Methodology for Calculating Economic Value Added:

In exploring various indicators identified by scholars for measuring value and its implications on the quality of accounting within financial reports, we have selected Economic Value Added (EVA) as a pivotal metric. This assessment aids in determining their efficacy in advancing the financial and market positions of companies. These efforts are consistent with the regulations and statutes promulgated by the Financial Accounting System (SCF), which aim to elevate accounting quality in Algerian enterprises to meet global benchmarks. The calculation of Economic Value Added within a company utilizes the following mathematical expression:

$$\text{EVA} = \text{NOPAT} - (\text{Wacc} \times \text{CI})$$

Where:

- **NOPAT** represents Net Operating Profit After Taxes.
- **WACC** represents the Weighted Average Cost of Capital.
- **CI** represents the Capital Invested.

With a focus on the trajectory of value creation within Algerian companies using EVA metric.

Table 02: Independent Variables Used in the Model

Independent Variable	Type of Information Used in Estimation	Variable Symbol
Size	Logarithm of the total net assets of the company during the study period	SIZE
Leverage Ratio	Total debts divided by total assets	LEV
Growth Rate of the Company	Growth rate of turnover during the consecutive years	SGR
Return on Assets	Net profit divided by the average total assets during the period	ROA

Source: Prepared by the researcher.

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The dependent variable adopted in the study is denoted by the symbol: EVA.

Table 03: Descriptive Statistics of Independent and Dependent Variables

	EVA	ROA	LEV	SIZE	SGR
Mean	-1.22E+10	0.070284	1.220800	3.84E+11	-5.932490
Median	-50196664	0.032559	0.065583	2.76E+10	0.071957
Maximum	6.38E+11	5.168699	283.1927	1.13E+13	0.999319
Minimum	-7.60E+11	-0.286889	0.000000	2.21E+08	-1339.257
Std. Dev.	1.12E+11	0.370707	17.22911	1.65E+12	81.88715

Source: Generated by the researcher based on outputs from Eviews v.13 software.

Dataset for this analysis comprised 30 Algerian economic entities, spanning from 2010, when the International Accounting Standards were first adopted in Algeria, through to 2018. This period encompasses 9 years and results in 270 observations. The descriptive statistics reveal EVA averaged at $-1.22 * 10^{10}$, with highest recorded value at $6.38 * 10^{11}$ and the lowest at $-7.6 * 10^{11}$, paired with a standard deviation of $1.12 * 10^{11}$.

This variance underscores the considerable economic fluctuations experienced by the sampled companies. The average return on assets stood at 0.070284, peaking at 5.168699 and dipping to a minimum of -0.286889, with a standard deviation of 0.370707. The leverage ratio had an average value of 1.2208, with extremes ranging from 0.000000 to 283.1927 and a standard deviation of 17.229. Furthermore, the average asset value of these companies was calculated at $3.84 * 10^{11}$, with the highest and lowest values marked at $1.65 * 10^{12}$ and $2.21 * 10^8$, respectively, and a standard deviation of $1.65 * 10^{12}$. The average growth rate of these companies was -5.932490, with the highest rate observed at 0.999319 and the lowest at -1339.257, and a standard deviation of 81.88715.

3.2.2 Correlation Matrix for the Study Model

Our analysis utilizes a correlation matrix to examine the interactions between EVA and factors such as company size, leverage ratio, return on assets, and growth rate across 30 Algerian companies over nine years, involving 270 dataset observations.

Table 04: Correlation Table Between Dependent and Independent Variables

Variables	EVA	ROA	LEV	SIZE	SGR
EVA	1.000000				
ROA	0.003218	1.000000			
	0.9025	-----			
LEV	0.007488	0.839770	1.000000		
	0.0086	0.0000	-----		
SIZE	-0.456635	-0.018005	-0.014900	1.000000	
	0.0000	0.7684	0.8075	-----	
SGR	-0.015917	-0.001500	0.004499	0.005611	1.000000
	0.7946	0.9804	0.9413	0.9269	-----

Source: Prepared by the researcher based on outputs from Eviews v.13.

Pearson Correlation Coefficients were used to determine the relationships among these variables. Notably, a significant correlation between return on assets and leverage ratio (0.8397) was identified, while other variables showed no substantial correlations at the 5% significance level, indicating a low risk of multicollinearity.

3.2.3 Variance Inflation Factor (VIF) and Tolerance Test

To assess multicollinearity further among the independent variables, VIF and Tolerance tests were conducted. This metric helps in ensuring that the independent variables do not possess significant internal correlations that could potentially affect the integrity of the regression model. The rule of thumb for detecting multicollinearity involves observing a correlation coefficient exceeding 0.8, or a VIF exceeding 10 coupled with a Tolerance value not falling below 0.1. These tests help identify the amount of variance in an independent variable that remains unexplained by the other variables in the model. Findings generally indicate acceptable levels of multicollinearity, ensuring the reliability of the model's predictions.

Table 05: Variance Inflation Factor Table for Study Variables

Variables	VIF	1/VIF (Tolerance)
ROA	3.39	0.294728
LEV	3.39	0.294753
SIZE	1.00	0.999645
SGR	1.00	0.999854
Mean VIF	2.20	

Source: Prepared by the researcher based on outputs from STATA v.17.

VIF analysis for the independent variables shows an average VIF of 2.2, with ROA and LEV each recorded at 3.39. Importantly, these values fall well below the critical threshold of 10, confirming the absence of highly collinear variables within our

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regression model. The Tolerance values, ranging from 0.294728 to 0.999854, exceed the critical value of 0.1, affirming the absence of significant multicollinearity concerns among the variables.

3.2.4 Estimated Multiple Regression Model for Studying the Impact of Independent Variables on Economic Value Added:

The study employs a multiple regression model to evaluate the impact of factors like company size, leverage ratio, growth rate, and return on assets on EVA as follows:

$$EVA_{it} = \beta_0 + \beta_1 SIZE_{it} + \beta_2 LEV_{it} + \beta_3 SGR_{it} + \beta_4 ROA_{it} + \varepsilon_{it}$$

Where:

- EVA_{it} : Represents the Economic Value Added for company i at time t.
- $SIZE_{it}$: Represents the size of the assets of company i at time t.
- LEV_{it} : Represents the leverage ratio of company i at time t.
- SGR_{it} : Represents the growth rate of company i at time t.
- ROA_{it} : Represents the Return on Assets of company i at time t.
- ε_{it} : Represents the error term.
- $\beta_0, \beta_1, \beta_2, \beta_3, \beta_4, \beta_5$: Are the model coefficients.

To meticulously assess how the Economic Value Added (EVA) of Algerian companies is influenced by internal variables such as company size, financial leverage, company growth rate, and return on assets, we will employ the Ordinary Least Squares (OLS) regression method. We've chosen a statistical method to measure how internal variables correlate with the dependent variable, EVA, using panel data. This approach is influenced by the strict application of the Financial Accounting System (SCF) within Algeria's legislative framework. This model aligns local accounting practices with IAS and IFRS, enhancing the reliability and quality of financial reporting under SCF.

Using panel data for a comprehensive analysis over time and across entities, the findings reveal that these variables significantly affect EVA, evidenced by P-values less than 0.05. This highlights the positive influence of company size, leverage, growth rate, and return on assets on the financial performance and value creation in Algerian firms, underscoring the benefits of adopting IAS/IFRS in improving financial outcomes.

Table 06: Regression Estimation Results

Variable	Coefficient	Std. Error	t-Statistic	Prob
C	-9.08E+10	2.97E+10	-3.053741	0.0048

ROA	1.09E+09	7.04E+09	0.154268	0.8785
LEV	1.08E+09	2.82E+08	3.825216	0.0006
SIZE	0.201302	0.075342	2.671834	0.0122
SGR	10164907	6862973.	1.481123	0.1494
R-squared	0.614094	Meandependent var		-1.22E+10
Adjusted R-squared	0.560133	S.D. dependent var		1.12E+11
S.E. of regression	7.41E+10	Akaike info criterion		53.01294
Sumsquaredresid	53.01294	Schwarz criterion		53.46607
Log likelihood	-7122.747	Hannan-Quinn criter.		53.19490
F-statistic	11.38024	Durbin-Watson stat		1.048545
Prob(F-statistic)	0.000000			

Source: Prepared by the researcher based on outputs from Eviews v.13.

3.2.5 Presentation and Analysis of the Results Obtained from the Estimated Study Model and Hypothesis Testing

3.2.5.1 Presentation of Results Obtained from the Estimated Study Model

The regression model demonstrates an R-squared of 0.614094, indicating it explains 61.4% of the variance in EVA from variables like company size and leverage ratio. The Adjusted R-squared is 0.560133, confirming the model's effectiveness.

Statistical tests reveal that company size and leverage ratio are significant predictors of EVA, with P-values of 0.0122 and 0.0006 respectively. In contrast, return on assets and company growth rate, with higher P-values, do not significantly impact EVA. This highlights the primary influence of company size and leverage ratio in explaining EVA changes:

- No relationship was observed between EVA and return on assets in Algerian firms. Although the coefficient for this variable reached $1.09 * 10^9$, it remains meaningless because its statistical significance (P-values) was greater than 0.05 ($p > 0.05$), specifically 0.8785.
- A positive and significant effect of the leverage ratio on Economic Value Added (EVA) for Algerian companies was observed. The impact coefficient was $1.08 * 10^9$, meaning that a 1% change in the leverage ratio would increase the Economic Value Added (EVA) for Algerian companies by $1.08 * 10^9$, with all other factors remaining constant.

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- A positive and significant effect of company size on Economic Value Added (EVA) for Algerian companies was noted, with a coefficient of 0.201302. This means that a 1% change in company size would positively affect the Economic Value Added (EVA) for Algerian companies by 0.201302, with all other factors remaining constant.
- No effect was found between the independent variable, company growth rate, and the Economic Value Added (EVA) for Algerian companies. Although the coefficient for this variable was 10,164,907 in the regression equation, its statistical significance was not acceptable in the model because the P-values were greater than 0.05 ($p > 0.05$), specifically 0.1494, which is above the threshold of 0.05.

3.2.5.2 Analysis of the Results Obtained from the Estimated Model and Hypothesis Testing

This research is primarily aimed at evaluating the explanatory power of accounting information subsequent to the adoption of IAS and IFRS by Algerian companies, particularly in relation to its influence on Economic Value Added (EVA). This analysis plays a critical role in evaluating the relevance of financial data for company appraisals. The study conducts an in-depth examination of financial indicators extracted from corporate financial statements, notably company size as indicated by net assets total, leverage ratio, return on assets, and growth rate, as shown by the turnover growth index.

This research evaluates the impact of adopting IAS and IFRS on accounting quality in Algerian companies, particularly focusing on EVA. Key financial metrics analyzed include company size, leverage ratio, return on assets, and growth rate. The findings indicate that while return on assets does not significantly affect EVA, it is vital for assessing management effectiveness.

Despite a mean return on assets of 0.07, the regression model revealed a significant impact with a noteworthy coefficient value at $1.09 * 10^9$. However, its influence on EVA is considered statistically insignificant due to its probability significance P-values exceeding 0.05 ($p > 0.05$), precisely reaching 0.8785. This indicates that any changes in the return on assets will not affect the Economic Value Added for Algerian companies. The adoption of IAS/IFRS enhances accounting accuracy and reduces information gaps between managers and shareholders, minimizing information asymmetry. This improvement leads to more reliable financial information, encouraging better management practices and greater shareholder investments.

The first sub-hypothesis, which posits a statistically significant relationship between the return on assets and the Economic Value Added for Algerian companies, is rejected. Conversely, the leverage ratio exhibits a positive statistical relationship with Economic Value Added (EVA) for Algerian companies.

The leverage ratio for the companies studied was observed at 1.22, indicating effective utilization of external resources (debts and loans) to generate EVA. The conceptual framework set by IAS and IFRS, adopted by Algeria, stipulates a range of conditions related to the quality of financial information, including its presentation in financial statements and measurement methods. These standards enhance the quality and interpretative ability of accounting information, which in turn reflects a more accurate financial picture of the company.

Improved financial reporting quality increases its appropriateness, facilitating access to financial facilities from banks or other financial institutions, reducing financial costs, and boosting the company's financing capacity. The second subsidiary hypothesis, which posits a statistically significant relationship between the leverage ratio and EVA for Algerian companies, is validated. The study analyzed the impact of company size on EVA by focusing on net asset values, which averaged $3.84 * 10^{11}$, demonstrating a notable positive impact on EVA. This finding suggests that larger companies, characterized by their extensive physical, intangible, and financial assets, typically exhibit higher EVA.

Moreover, the implementation of IAS and IFRS has refined measurement and accounting disclosures, particularly through the incorporation of fair value assessments for evaluating company assets. This advancement enhances the precision and utility of financial reporting. This approach, emphasizing the qualitative characteristic of presenting the economic substance over the legal form, offers a more accurate reflection of the company's market value, ensuring that the company's valuation remains current and aligns with financial market variables.

The implementation of IAS and IFRS standards enhances asset valuation, positively affecting equity values and financial statements, thus improving the company's financial health. Consequently, the third subsidiary hypothesis, which posits a statistically significant relationship between company size and the Economic Value Added (EVA) for Algerian companies, is accepted.

Conversely, the relationship between company growth rate and Economic Value Added (EVA) for Algerian companies was found to be statistically insignificant. Our analysis relied on the index of business turnover development, with the average growth rate during the study period being -5.93.

Despite the regression model assigning a substantial coefficient to this variable (10,164,90710,164,90710,164,907), the statistical significance did not meet the requisite levels for acceptance in the model, with P-values exceeding 0.05 (reaching 0.1494). This indicates that the negative growth rates observed in the companies studied did not significantly influence their Economic Value Added.

Although International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) facilitate the organization of relationships between companies and their customers, specifically through standards like IFRS 15, which outlines the five steps required for revenue recognition and disclosure, the negative growth rates had minimal impact on their EVA. The organization of revenue measurement and disclosure, though beneficial for

equity valuation, did not translate into a positive impact on EVA in the context of company growth rates. Thus, the fourth subsidiary hypothesis, which suggests a statistically significant relationship between company growth rate and the Economic Value Added (EVA) for Algerian companies, is rejected.

4. Conclusion

This study explored the effects of implementing IAS and IFRS on the quality of financial information used to evaluate Economic Value Added in Algerian companies. The sample for this study consisted of 30 Algerian economic entities, encompassing both public and private sectors and spanning across three key industries: industry, services, and construction.

The period of study extended from 2010, coinciding with the initiation of mandatory implementation of the financial accounting system, through to 2018. Over this duration, we computed various indicators from the financial statements (balance sheet, income statement) totaling 270 observations, aimed at assessing the adequacy of this data for analytical and comparative purposes to meet the objectives of the research. From this comprehensive analysis, several critical findings emerged:

- The statistical model developed through the study established a statistically significant relationship between certain explanatory or independent variables (leverage ratio, company size) and the dependent variable, Economic Value Added (EVA), with these impacts being positively significant. Conversely, other independent variables, such as return on assets and company sales growth rate, did not demonstrate a statistical relationship with Economic Value Added (EVA).
- The application of IAS/IFRS has notably improved the explanatory power of company size and leverage ratio on the economic value of companies, though return on assets and growth rate showed no significant effects on EVA.
- The mandatory adoption of the SCF financial accounting system, which incorporates a suite of policies and accounting rules from IAS/IFRS, distinctively characterizes the financial and accounting environment in Algeria. The Ministry of Finance is actively issuing regulations and organizing its internal structure (such as establishing directorates specific to international accounting standards) to support Algeria's efforts in adopting and properly implementing IAS/IFRS.
- These standards significantly enhance the clarity and utility of accounting information, particularly improving its measurement and disclosure, which aids in accurately valuing company worth.
- The conceptual framework endorsed by IAS/IFRS and adopted by the SCF financial accounting system has introduced a comprehensive set of rules and

procedures aimed at structuring the communication policy of Algerian companies. These standards mandate specific conditions for the processing of accounting information to serve various internal and external stakeholders. They also standardize the methods of disclosure, presentation, and organization of accounting documents and financial reports. This standardization has fostered a uniform approach to measurement and disclosure across companies adhering to IAS/IFRS, enhancing comparability and bolstering trust among diverse users of accounting information.

- Implementing IAS/IFRS has enhanced the appropriateness of financial data, making it a more reliable basis for financial decisions within Algerian firms.
- International Accounting Standards enhance investor reliability in financial markets, opening new investment opportunities and raising credit rating levels in financial markets, thanks to the quality provided in financial reports which are the basis for various financial decisions.
- IAS/IFRS have standardized accounting measurements and disclosures, more accurately reflecting companies' real economic conditions, facilitating value creation and increasing EVA.

✓ **Recommendations:**

Based on this study's insights, the following strategies are recommended:

- Algeria should restructure its financial markets to better support the adoption of IAS/IFRS. This includes activating the capital market to align more closely with international accounting practices.
- Algerian authorities are encouraged to create local accounting standards that resonate with the domestic financial environment yet are consistent with global IAS/IFRS guidelines. This dual approach will leverage international best practices while accommodating local nuances.
- Continuous updates to the SCF financial accounting system are necessary to integrate the latest IAS/IFRS developments. Engaging actively in international accounting forums and organizations will further this goal.
- Strengthening the reliance on accurate and reliable financial information for decision-making will improve the business climate. Adopting IAS/IFRS can enhance the transparency and credibility of financial data, making it more effective for strategic planning and valuation.

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