VALUE ME, YOU MUST! A JEDI GUIDE TO VALUATION

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The Basis for Valuation

Theme 1: Characterizing Valuation as a discipline

- In a science, if you get the inputs right, you should get the output right. The laws of physics and mathematics are universal and there are no exceptions. Valuation is not a science.
- In an art, there are elements that can be taught but there is also a magic that you either have or you do not. The essence of an art is that you are either a great artist or you are not. Valuation is not an art.
- A craft is a skill that you learn <u>by doing</u>. The more you do it, the better you get at it. Valuation is a craft.

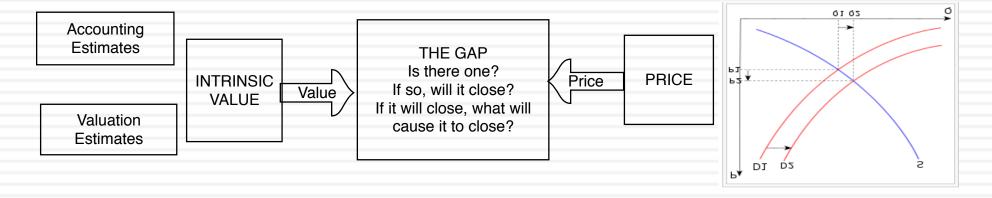
Theme 2: Valuing an asset is not the same as pricing that asset

Drivers of intrinsic value

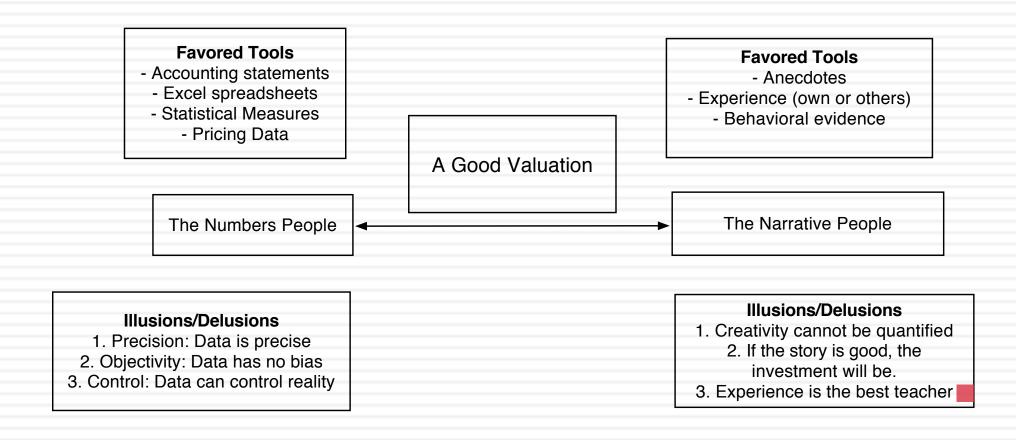
- Cashflows from existing assets
- Growth in cash flows
- Quality of Growth

Drivers of price

- Market moods & momentum
- Surface stories about fundamentals



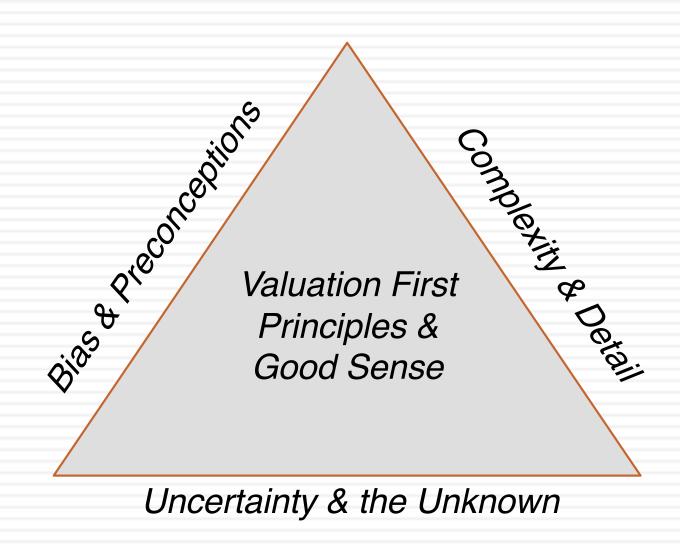
Theme 3: Good valuation = Story + Numbers



Theme 4: If you value something, you should be willing to act on it..

- There is very little theory in valuation and I am not sure what an academic valuation would like like and am not sure that I want to find out.
- Pragmatism, not purity: The end game is to estimate a value for an asset. I plan to get there, even if it means taking short cuts and making assumptions that would make purists blanch.
- □ To act on your valuations, you have to have faith in
 - In your own valuation judgments.
 - In markets: that prices will move towards your value estimates. That faith will have to be earned.

The Bermuda Triangle of Valuation



Valuing the Market

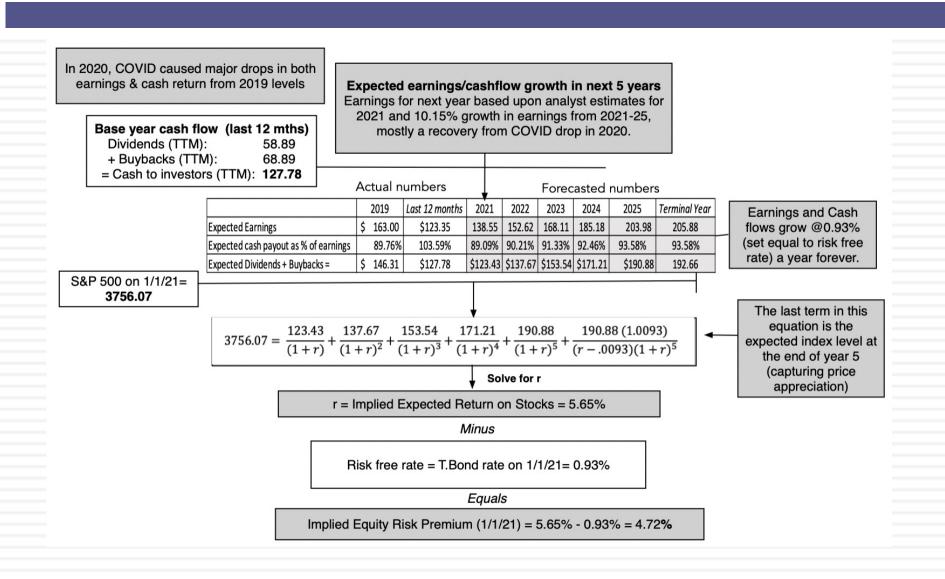
The "One" Metric

- Investors are often in search of a single metric that will tell them whether a market is under or over valued, and consequently whether they should buying or selling holdings in that market.
- With equities, the metric that has been in use the longest is the PE ratio, modified in recent years to the CAPE, where earnings are normalized (by averaging over time) and sometimes adjusted for inflation.
 - That metric, though, has been signaling that stocks are over valued for most of the last decade, a ten-year period when stocks delivered blockbuster returns.
 - The failures of the signal have been variously attributed to low interest rates, accounting mis-measurement of earnings (especially at tech companies), and by some, to animal spirits.
- In this post, I offer an alternative, albeit a more complicated, metric that I believe not only offers a more comprehensive measure of pricing levels, but also a barometer of the ups and downs in the market in 2020.

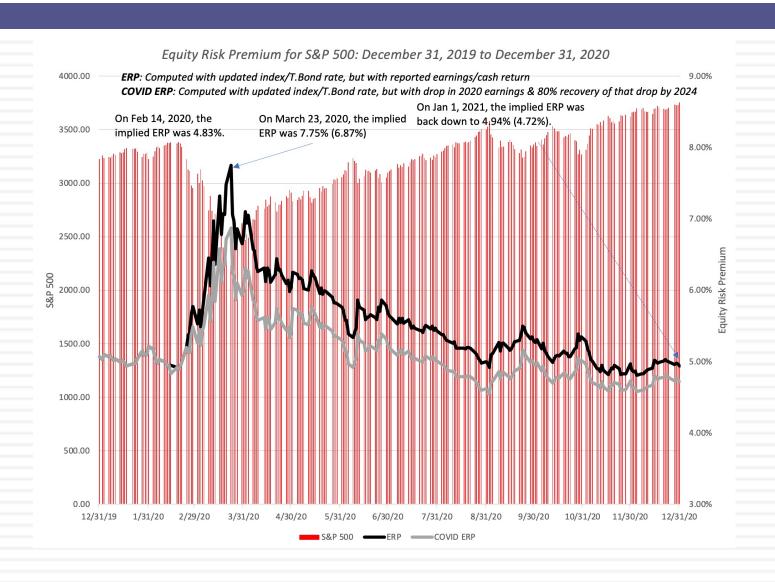
The Price of Risk

Risk Premium	This is the "extra" return you demand for investing in a risky investment. It will be a function of (a) how risk averse you are, with premium increasing with risk aversion. (b) how much risk is perceive in the investment, with premium higher for riskier investments.
Risk free Rate	Expected return on an investment with guaranteed cash flows

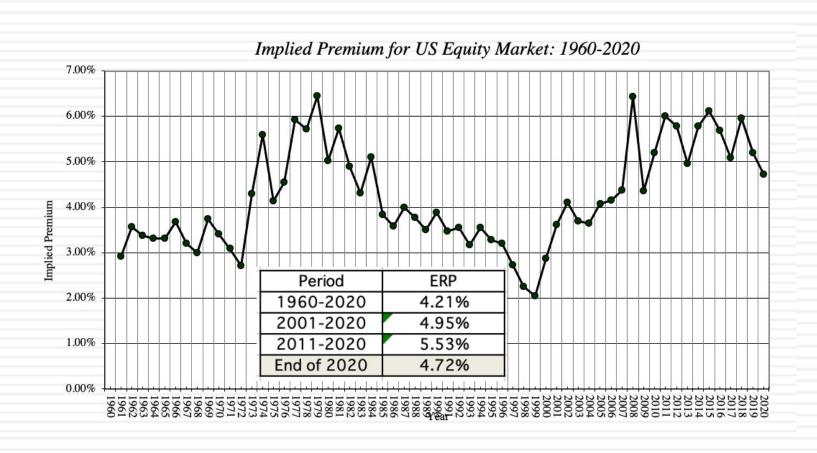
The ERP on January 1, 2021



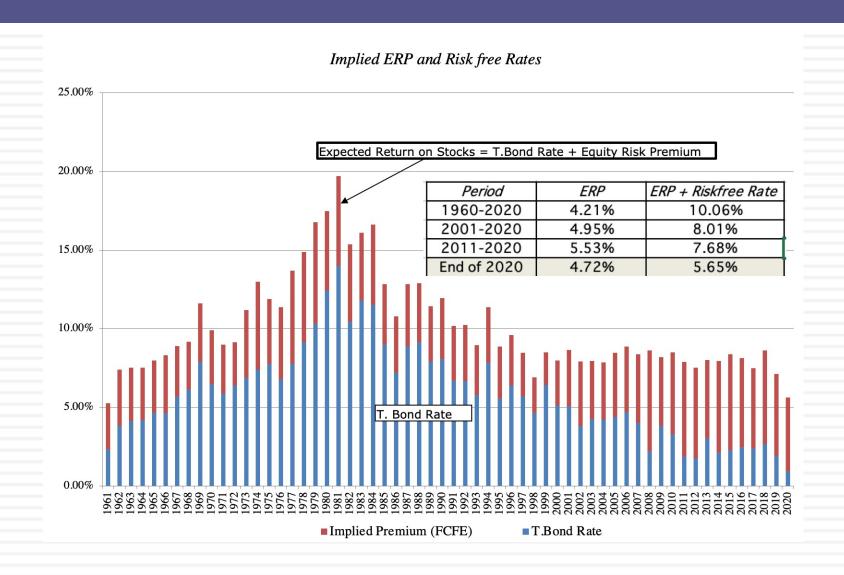
And the wild ride in 2020...



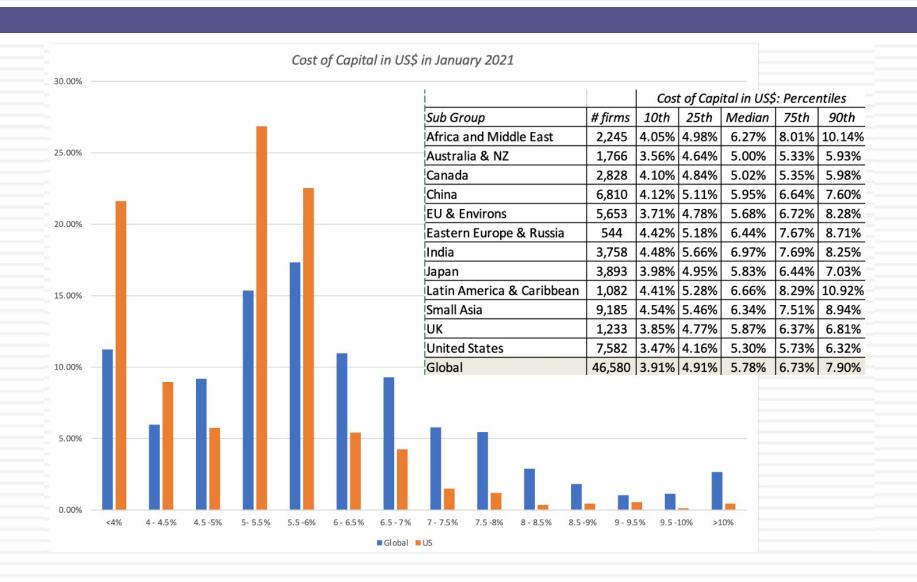
Comparison to History



But, there is a cautionary note....



Playing out in costs of capital



To value the market...

- Earnings on the index: You cannot value a market based upon last year's earnings (though many do so). Investing is about the future, and uncomfortable as it makes you, you have to make estimates for the future. With an index like the S&P 500, you can even outsource these estimates, by looking at consensus forecasts from analysts tracking the index.
- Cash returned, relative to earnings: Since it is cash returned to stockholders that drives value, you also have to make judgments on what percent of earnings will be returned to stockholders, either in dividends or buybacks. To this, you can look to history, but recognize that it is also a function of the confidence that companies have about the future, with more confidence leading to higher cash being returned.
- Risk free rates over time: While it is generally not a good idea to play interest rate forecaster, we are in unusual times, especially because your views on future growth in the economy are intertwined with what will happen to risk free rates.
- An acceptable ERP: As I noted in the last section, equity risk premiums have been volatile over time, and particularly so in years in 2020. The equity risk premium, added to the risk free rate, will determine what you need stock returns to be, to break even on a risk-adjusted basis.

My S&P 500 valuation on Jan 1, 2021

Valuing the S&P 500 on January 1, 2021

Expected earnings in 2021 & 2022 represent consensus estimates for earnings on the S&P 500 from analysts. After 2022, earnings grow at the same rate as the riskfree rate.

Assume that the **10-year T.Bond rate** will rise garudally over the next 5 years to 2%.

	Intrinsic Value Estimate (based on your choice of ERP)											
		2020	1	2	3	4	5	Terminal Year				
_	Expected Earnings	\$138.12	169.18	197.20	200.36	203.96	208.04	212.20				
_	Expected cash payout as % of earnings	70.00%	75.00%	78.16%	81.33%	84.49%	87.65%	87.65%				
l	Expected Dividends + Buybacks =	\$96.68	\$126.89	\$154.14	\$162.94	\$172.33	\$182.36	186.00				
	Expected Terminal Value =						\$ 3,720.08					
	Riskfree Rate	1.00%	1.20%	1.40%	1.60%	1.80%	2.00%	2.00%				
	Required Return on Stocks	6.00%	6.20%	6.40%	6.60%	6.80%	7.00%	7.00%				
	Present Value =		\$ 119.48	\$ 136.41	\$ 135.27	\$ 133.96	\$ 2,835.03					
ı	Intrinsic Value of Index =	3360.14	0.14 Present value of expected cash flows & terminal value									
l	Intrinsic Trailing PE =	19.86	Based upon estimated earnings for 2020									
l	Intrinsic CAPE =	29.49	Based upon 10-year average earnings, adjusted for inflation									
	Level of the Index (1/1/21)	3756.07										
	% Under or Over Valuation	11.78%										

Expected cash payout of 75% in 2021 is well below the 93% returned in 2019 & the 88% ten-year average but a step above the 70% returned in 2020. Over 2022-25, it moves to the payout in the terminal year, which is based upon a growth rate = risk freee rate and a ROE of 16.20% (2019 estimate for the S&P 500):

Payout ratio = 1 - g/ ROE

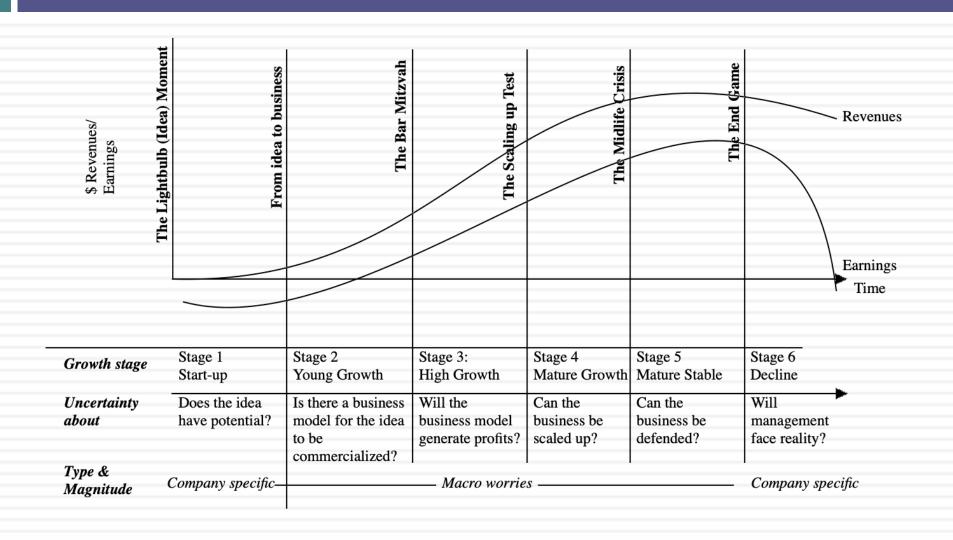
Required Return = T.Bond Rate + ERP. I am using a 5% ERP, higher than the 4.21% average from 1960-2020, but lower than the 5.5% average in the last decade.

The Drivers.. And Scenarios

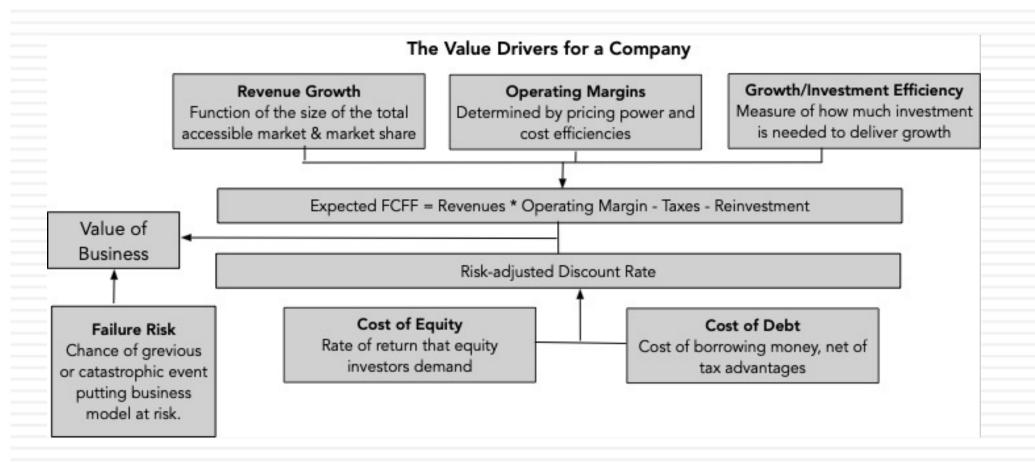
	Economy strong	Economy weak
Interest rates stay low	Goldilocks market, with interest rates	Big Bear market, with interest rates low
	staying low (1%), earnings above	(1%), earnings below expectations (-
	expectations (+10%) and ERP drifting	5%) and ERP moving to crisis levels
	back to historic norms (4.2%).	(5.5%).
	Index is undervalued by 19.83%	Index is overvalued by 23.07%
Interest rates rise	Reality-check market, with interest rates	Big Bear market, with interest rates
gradually	rising gradually (to 2%), earnings above	rising gradually (to 2%), earnings below
	expectations (+5%) and ERP settling in at	expectations (-5%) and ERP moving to
	5%.	crisis levels (5.5%).
	Index is overvalued by 6.46 %	Index is overvalued by 30.42%
Interest rates rise quickly	Rate Shock market, with interest rates	Meltdown market, with interest rates
	rising quickly (to 2%), earnings at	rising quickly (to 2%), earnings below
	expectations and ERP settling in at 5%.	expectations (-10%) and ERP moving to
	Index is overvalued by 13.21%	crisis levels (5.5%).
		Index is overvalued by 39.41%

Of Disruption and Value

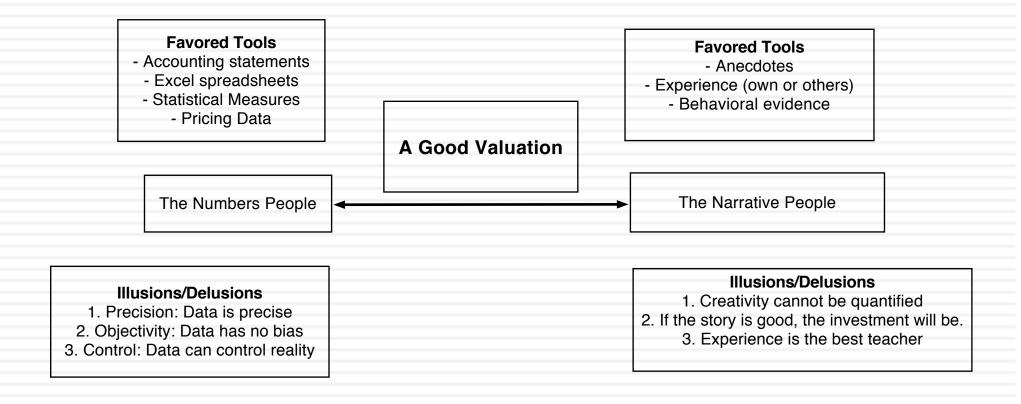
A Life Cycle View of Uncertainty



Value: The Drivers



Healthy Valuation = Story + Numbers



The steps in valuation

Step 1: Develop a narrative for the business that you are valuing

In the narrative, you tell your story about how you see the business evolving over time.

Step 2: Test the narrative to see if it is possible, plausible and probable

There are lots of possible narratives, not all of them are plausible and only a few of them are probable.

Step 3: Convert the narrative into drivers of value

Take the narrative apart and look at how you will bring it into valuaton inputs starting with potential market size down to cash flows and risk. By the time you are done, each part of the narrative should have a place in your numbers and each number should be backed up by a portion of your story.

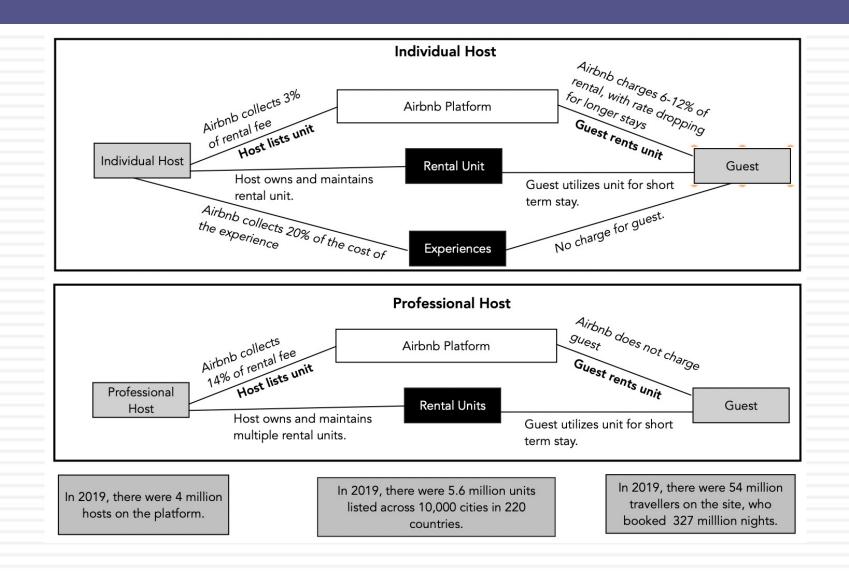
Step 4: Connect the drivers of value to a valuation

Create an intrinsic valuation model that connects the inputs to an end-value for the business.

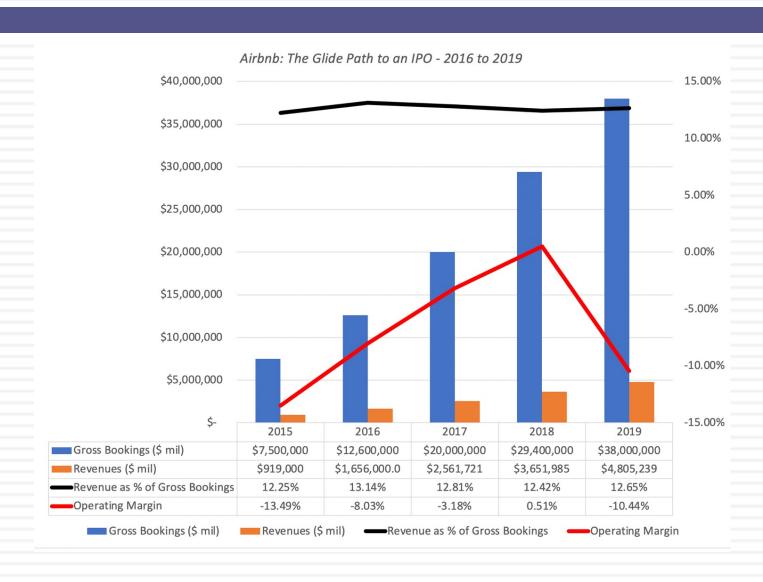
Step 5: Keep the feedback loop open

Listen to people who know the business better than you do and use their suggestions to fine tune your narrative and perhaps even alter it. Work out the effects on value of alternative narratives for the company.

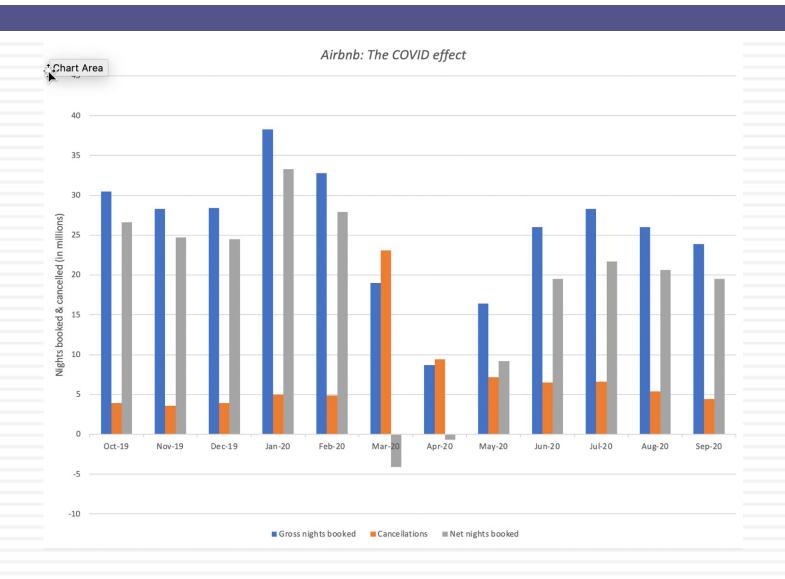
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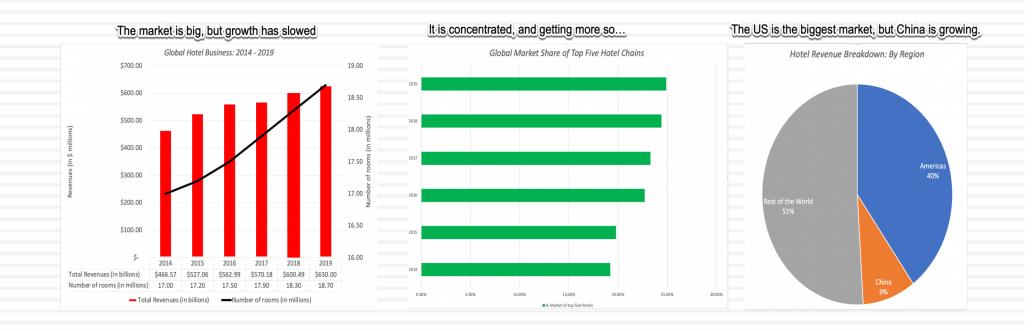
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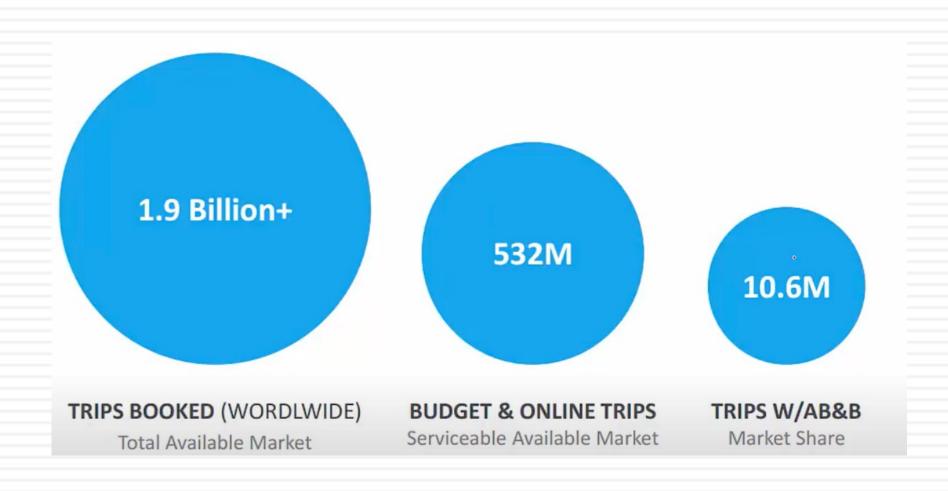
The COVID Effect.. In nights booked



The Hospitality Business



Airbnb's TAM in 2011



Airbnb's TAM in 2020

- In its prospectus, Airbnb has expanded its estimate of market potential to \$3.4 trillion, as evidenced in this excerpt from the prospectus:
 - We have a substantial market opportunity in the growing travel market and experience economy. We estimate our serviceable addressable market ("SAM") today to be \$1.5 trillion, including \$1.2 trillion for short-term stays and \$239 billion for experiences. We estimate our total addressable market ("TAM") to be \$3.4 trillion, including \$1.8 trillion for short-term stays, \$210 billion for long-term stays, and \$1.4 trillion for experiences.
- In my view, Airbnb's targetable market falls somewhere in the middle, clearly higher than just the hotel business of \$600 billion, but below Airbnb's upper end estimate of \$2 trillion for this business.
- Given how much trouble Airbnb has had in the experiences business, I think Airbnb's estimate of \$1.4 trillion for that business is more fictional than even aspirational.

The Players: Hotels

									Revenue			
	Country/Region				0	perating	0	perating	Growth	Revenue	Operating	Operating
l l	of	F	Revenues	Revenues		Income	1	ncome	Rate (2015-	change	Margin	Margin
Company Name	Incorporation		(2019)	(LTM)		(2019)		(LTM)	2019)	in LTM	(2019)	(LTM)
Marriott International, Inc. (NasdaqGS:MAR)	United States	\$	20,972.00	\$13,770.00	\$	2,070.00	\$	675.00	14.41%	-42.93%	9.87%	4.90%
Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc. (NYSE:HLT)	United States	\$	9,452.00	\$ 7,248.00	\$	1,565.00	\$	288.00	3.83%	-29.81%	16.56%	3.97%
Huazhu Group Limited (NasdaqGS:HTHT)	Cayman Islands	\$	1,724.92	\$ 1,667.38	\$	302.70	\$	(50.10)	15.00%	-4.42%	17.55%	-3.00%
InterContinental Hotels Group PLC (LSE:IHG)	United Kingdom	\$	4,627.00	\$ 3,595.00	\$	837.00	\$	392.00	13.22%	-28.57%	18.09%	10.90%
Accor SA (ENXTPA:AC)	France	\$	4,543.80	\$ 3,421.10	\$	557.70	\$	(405.10)	-7.20%	-31.50%	12.27%	-11.84%
Hyatt Hotels Corporation (NYSE:H)	United States	\$	5,020.00	\$ 4,772.00	\$	234.00	\$	(334.00)	-1.13%	-6.53%	4.66%	-7.00%
Choice Hotels International, Inc. (NYSE:CHH)	United States	\$	1,114.80	\$ 826.00	\$	335.10	\$	180.90	8.02%	-32.95%	30.06%	21.90%
Marriott Vacations Worldwide Corporation (NYSE:VAC)	United States	\$	4,355.00	\$ 4,262.00	\$	564.00	\$	163.00	19.74%	-2.84%	12.95%	3.82%
Wyndham Hotels & Resorts, Inc. (NYSE:WH)	United States	\$	2,053.00	\$ 1,675.00	\$	464.00	\$	301.00	NA	-23.76%	22.60%	17.97%
Minor International Public Company Limited (SET:MINT)	Thailand	\$	4,110.10	\$ 2,359.80	\$	351.00	\$	(415.90)	28.52%	-52.28%	8.54%	-17.62%
Wyndham Destinations, Inc. (NYSE:WYND)	United States	\$	4,043.00	\$ 1,947.00	\$	828.00	\$	198.00	-5.20%	-62.25%	20.48%	10.17%
Shangri-La Asia Limited (SEHK:69)	Bermuda	\$	2,431.20	\$ 1,689.80	\$	241.10	\$	(133.10)	2.86%	-38.43%	9.92%	-7.88%
BTG Hotels (Group) Co., Ltd. (SHSE:600258)	China	\$	1,193.60	\$ 833.00	\$	191.80	\$	(48.90)	21.54%	-38.10%	16.07%	-5.87%
TUI AG (XTRA:TUI1)	Germany	\$	21,551.00	\$15,999.40	\$	462.00	\$(1,191.30)	-0.82%	-32.78%	2.14%	-7.45%
Pandox AB (publ) (OM:PNDX B)	Sweden	\$	594.40	\$ 277.90	\$	323.30	\$	210.70	8.62%	-63.71%	54.39%	75.82%
Hilton Grand Vacations Inc. (NYSE:HGV)	United States	\$	1,670.00	\$ 835.00	\$	328.00	\$	67.00	6.66%	-60.31%	19.64%	8.02%
Mandarin Oriental International Limited (SGX:M04)	Bermuda	\$	566.50	\$ 382.40	\$	71.00	\$	(45.80)	-3.58%	-40.79%	12.53%	-11.98%
Extended Stay America, Inc. (NasdaqGS:STAY)	United States	\$	1,201.50	\$ 1,052.30	\$	324.50	\$	175.50	-0.20%	-16.20%	27.01%	16.68%
Shanghai Jin Jiang International Hotels (SHSE:900934)	China	\$	2,168.50	\$ 1,593.20	\$	226.00	\$	(55.70)	35.79%	-33.70%	10.42%	-3.50%
The Indian Hotels Company Limited (BSE:500850)	India	\$	660.10	\$ 385.70	\$	99.90	\$	(18.10)	-0.27%	-51.15%	15.13%	-4.69%
Resorttrust, Inc. (TSE:4681)	Japan	\$	1,734.40	\$ 1,528.60	\$	190.60	\$	125.90	11.76%	-15.50%	10.99%	8.24%
NH Hotel Group, S.A. (BME:NHH)	Spain	\$	1,916.80	\$ 1,066.70	\$	303.70	\$	(167.00)	4.89%	-54.23%	15.84%	-15.66%
The Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels, Limited (SEHK:45)	Hong Kong	\$	754.10	\$ 569.90	\$	102.80	\$	13.40	0.03%	-31.16%	13.63%	2.35%
GreenTree Hospitality Group Ltd. (NYSE:GHG)	Cayman Islands	\$	156.80	\$ 135.20	\$	72.10	\$	49.30	NA	-17.93%	45.98%	36.46%
Meliá Hotels International, S.A. (BME:MEL)	Spain	\$	2,008.20	\$ 1,025.50	\$	246.50	\$	(426.60)	2.10%	-59.18%	12.27%	-41.60%
Kyoritsu Maintenance Co., Ltd. (TSE:9616)	Japan	\$	1,582.90	\$ 1,253.50	\$	135.70	\$	(22.30)	11.69%	-26.74%	8.57%	-1.78%
Fattal Holdings (1998) Ltd (TASE:FTAL)	Israel	\$	1,546.70	\$ 1,095.30	\$	227.20	\$	11.60	35.86%	-36.88%	14.69%	1.06%
Fosun Tourism Group (SEHK:1992)	Cayman Islands	\$	2,489.90	\$ 1,812.30	\$	291.90	\$	135.10	NA	-34.53%	11.72%	7.45%
Aggregate		\$1	106,242.22	\$77,078.98	\$:	11,946.60	\$	(327.50)	5.23%	-34.81%	11.24%	-0.42%
Median		2							6.66%	-33.33%	14.16%	1.71%

Margins vary widely, and are higher at feebased, asset light firms, where another entity owns the real estate, and lower at assetheavy model, where the hotel company owns the real estate.

Revenues have been growing at a moderate rate (6.66%) from 2014-19, but dropped 33.33% in LTM 2020.

The Players: Booking Companies

		Exped	la	Booking.com				
0	2019	LTM	% Change (Annualized)	2019	LTM	% Change (Annualized		
Gross Bookings	\$107,870.00	\$52,470.00	-61.75%	\$96,400.00	\$48,752.00	-59.71%		
Revenues	\$ 12,067.00	\$ 7,026.00	-51.38%	\$15,066.00	\$ 8,897.00	-50.46%		
Operating Income	\$ 961.00	5 (892.00)	NA.	\$ 5,345.00	\$ 1,831.00	-76.03%		
Revenues/Gross Bookings	11.19%	13.39%		15.63%	18.25%			
Operating Margin	7.96%	-12.70%		35.48%	20.58%			

Business Mix

Airbnb derives almost of its revenues from acting as a booking intermediary. Expedia & Booking.com derive some of their revenues from bookings (agency services), but also have a merchant business (where they buy hotel rooms at discounted rates & sell them at higher prices) and an advertising revenue stream.

Expedia: Merchant (40%), Agency (47%), Ads (13%) Booking.com: Merchant (25%), Agency (68%), Ads (8%) Status Quo vs Disruption
Expedia & Booking.com derive
most of their revenues from
traditional hotel companies,
whereas Airbnb plays a more
disruptive role, allowing home
owners to list their housing units for
rent.

The COVID effect
With the COVID shutdown,
both Expedia & Booking.com
saw a sharp drop in revenues
in 2020, with the second
quarter of 2020 being the
worst hit.

The Airbnb Story

- Continued Growth: Airbnb will continue to grow, while finding a pathway to profitability. Airbnb's growth in gross bookings will come not only from disrupting and taking market share from the hotel business, bad news for conventional hotel companies and travel providers who serves them, but also from continued expansion of non-conventional hospitality providers (home and apartment owners).
- Revenue share stable + Improving margins: As it grows, Airbnb's share of those gross bookings is likely to plateau at close to current levels, but its operating margins will continue to improve towards travel booking industry levels, as product development, marketing and G&A costs decrease, not in dollar terms, but as a percent of revenues.
- Experiences business is tangential: While Airbnb is enthusiastic about the experiences business, it is likely to remain a tangential business, contributing only marginally to revenues and profitability.
- Low Risk, for a young company: Since Airbnb has a light debt load and is closer to profitability than most of the sharing-economy companies that have gone public in recent years

The Story

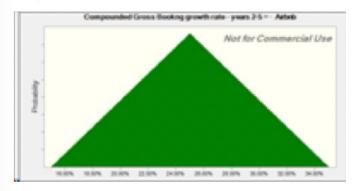
Airbnb has brought the sharing economy to housing, connecting home owners (hosts) who own units or houses that they want to rent with renters (guests) online, collecting a percentage of the transaction revenues from both sides of the transaction. Its low capital intensity model and extended reach has allowed it to expand not only to expand to almost every part of the world (220 countries) but also provide an unmatched range of offerings. The growth in gross bookings has started to slow down, as the company gets bigger, and the COVID shut downs made 2020 a regressive year. That said, as its competitors in the hotel business have been damaged far more by the crisis, Airbnb will be able to recover quickly from the crisis, and continue on its growth path. Economies of scale will allow for only mild improvements in revenues as a % of gross billings, but the brokerage-based business will generate high margins, in steady state, and require relatively little reinvestment.

						The Ass	ump	tions				
		Base year	1	n 2021		Years 2-5	Υ	ears 6-10	-	After year 10	Lin	k to story
Gross Bookings & Growth Rate	\$	26,491,803.00	4	10.00%		25.00%				2.00%	Growth continues	, as hotels scale back r COVID shock.
Revenues as % of Gross Bookings		13.69%	1	12.65%			22		Î	14.00%	Mild economies of increase in perce	of scale allow slight nt over time
Operating margin (b)		-13.69%		-10.0% —					\rightarrow	25.00%		nan the hotel business, I driven businesses.
Tax rate		25.00%		0.00% —						25.00%	Global/US margir are used up.	nal tax rate, after NOLs
Reinvestment (c)			Sales	to Capital =			2.0	0		20.00%	Low capital inten	sity business
Return on capital		-25.61%	Marg	ginal ROIC =		C 500/	65.	81%		10.00%	growth	fits allow for high value
Cost of capital (d)						6.50% ————————————————————————————————————	ab F	7.23%		7.23%	Cost of capital mo	oves up over time.
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5	Ś	90,548,154.79	Ś	12,065,542		7.50%	Ś	777,799	\$	1,255,450	Ś	(477,651
6	-	109,019,978.36	\$	14,674,089		9.52%	\$	1,047,952	\$	1,304,274	Ś	(256,322
7		126,245,134.94	Ś	17,163,026		13.39%	Ś	1,723,792	\$	1,244,469	Ś	479,323
8	_	140,384,590.06	Ś	19,274,804		17.26%	\$	2,495,269	\$	1,055,889	Ś	1,439,380
9	-	149,649,973.00	\$	20,748,969		21.13%	\$	3,288,271	\$	737,082	\$	2,551,189
10	_	152,642,972.46	\$	21,370,016		25.00%	\$	4,006,878	\$	310,524	\$	3,696,354
Terminal year	\$ 1	155,695,831.91	\$	21,797,416		25.00%	\$	4,087,016	\$	817,403	\$	3,269,612
						The	Valu	ie				
Terminal value					\$	62,516,491						
PV(Terminal value)					\$	32,633,194						
PV (CF over next 10 year	ars)				\$	1,234,582						
Value of operating asse	ets =				\$	33,867,776						
Adjustment for distress					\$	1,693,389			Pro	obability of failure =	10.00%	
- Debt & Minority Inter	ests				\$	2,192,381						
+ IPO Proceeds					\$	3,000,000		Based upo	on early n	ews stories. May ch	ange as final offer	ing details are set.
+ Cash & Other Non-op	eratir	ng assets			\$	4,495,211						
Value of equity					\$	37,477,217						
- Value of equity option	าร				\$	1,351,835		10000			L	
Number of shares					Ś	935,298.09 38.62		Fille	r for the	moment. Will update	e when final prosp	ectus is filed

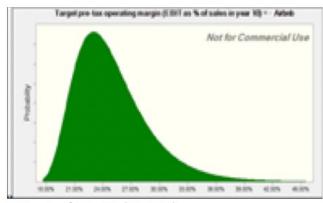
The Key Drivers

Value of Airbnb Equity today (in \$ billions)												
		Target Operating Margin (in 2031)										
Gross Billings in												
2031 (in \$ billions)	15%	20%	25%	30%	35%							
\$100.00	\$14.44	\$19.83	\$25.22	\$30.61	\$35.99							
\$125.00	\$16.86	\$23.52	\$30.17	\$36.82	\$43.87							
\$150.00	\$19.42	\$27.40	\$35.38	\$43.34	\$51.30							
\$175.00	\$21.78	\$30.97	\$40.16	\$49.35	\$58.53							
\$200.00	\$24.22	\$34.67	\$45.11	\$55.54	\$65.98							

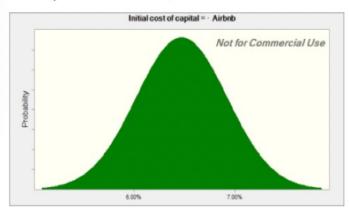
Growth rate in Gross Bookings: 2022-2025 Expected = 25%, Max = 35%, Min = 15%



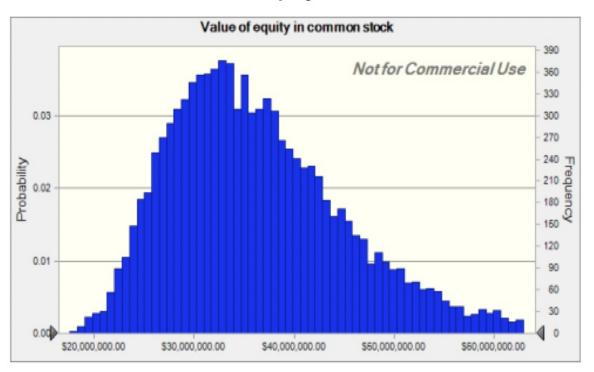
Target Operating Margin in year 10 Expected = 25%, Std Dev = 4%



Cost of Capital (initial) Expected = 6.50%, Std Dev = 0.45%



Airbnb IPO: Simulation of Equity Value in November 2020



Percentile	Forecast values
0%	\$17,591,165
10%	\$26,150,864
20%	\$28,790,133
30%	\$30,952,251
40%	\$32,981,840
50%	\$35,114,898
60%	\$37,463,932
70%	\$40,181,915
80%	\$43,595,272
90%	\$49,120,328
100%	\$100,382,037