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## VALUATION: IT'S NOT THAT COMPLICATED!

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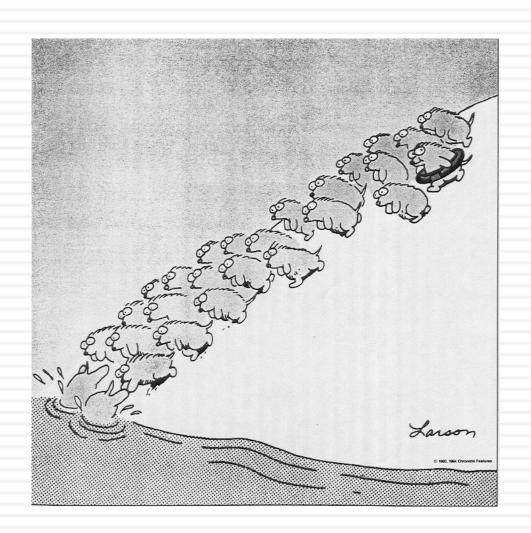
## The Big Picture

Just because you have a D and a CF does not mean you have a DCF!

## Some Initial Thoughts

"One hundred thousand lemmings cannot be wrong"

Graffiti



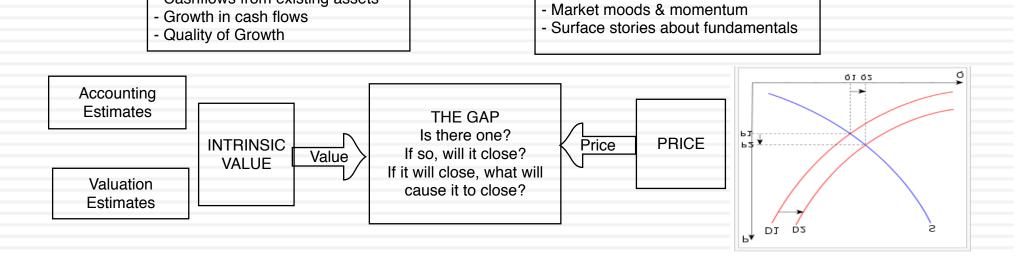
## Theme 1: Characterizing Valuation as a discipline

- 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

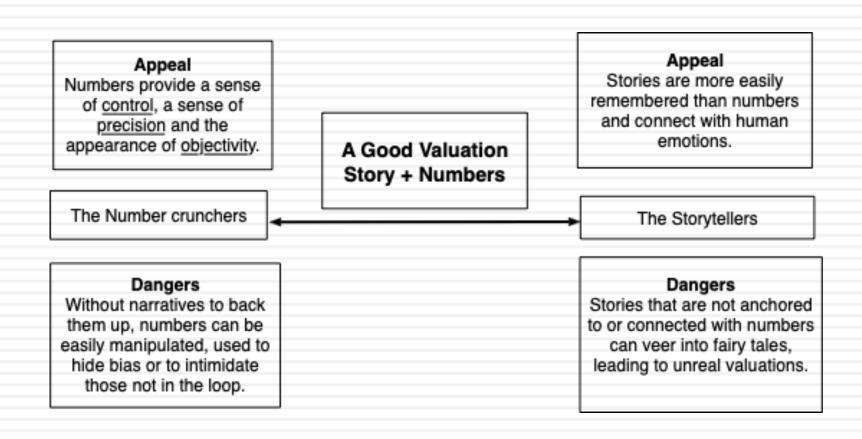
Drivers of intrinsic value

- Cashflows from existing assets



Drivers of price

### Theme 3: Good valuation = Story + Numbers



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

- What theory? 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.
- Do you have faith? 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.

### Misconceptions about Valuation

- Myth 1: A valuation is an objective search for "true" value
  - Truth 1.1: All valuations are biased. The only questions are how much and in which direction.
  - Truth 1.2: The direction and magnitude of the bias in your valuation is directly proportional to who pays you and how much you are paid.
- Myth 2.: A good valuation provides a precise estimate of value
  - Truth 2.1: There are no precise valuations
  - Truth 2.2: The payoff to valuation is greatest when valuation is least precise.
- Myth 3: . The more quantitative a model, the better the valuation
  - Truth 3.1: One's understanding of a valuation model is inversely proportional to the number of inputs required for the model.
  - Truth 3.2: Simpler valuation models do much better than complex ones.

### Approaches to Valuation

- Intrinsic valuation, relates the value of an asset to the present value of expected future cashflows on that asset. In its most common form, this takes the form of a discounted cash flow valuation.
- Relative valuation or Pricing, estimates the value of an asset by looking at the pricing of 'comparable' assets relative to a common variable like earnings, cash flows, book value or sales.
- Contingent claim valuation, uses option pricing models to measure the value of assets that share option characteristics.

# Intrinsic Valuation: The Big Picture

### Discounted Cash Flow Valuation

- What is it: In discounted cash flow valuation, the value of an asset is the present value of the expected cash flows on the asset.
- Philosophical Basis: Every asset has an intrinsic value that can be estimated, based upon its characteristics in terms of cash flows, growth and risk.
- Information Needed: To use discounted cash flow valuation, you need
  - to estimate the life of the asset
  - to estimate the cash flows during the life of the asset
  - to estimate the discount rate to apply to these cash flows to get present value
- Market Inefficiency: Markets are assumed to make mistakes in pricing assets across time, and are assumed to correct themselves over time, as new information comes out about assets.

### Risk Adjusted Value: Three Basic Propositions

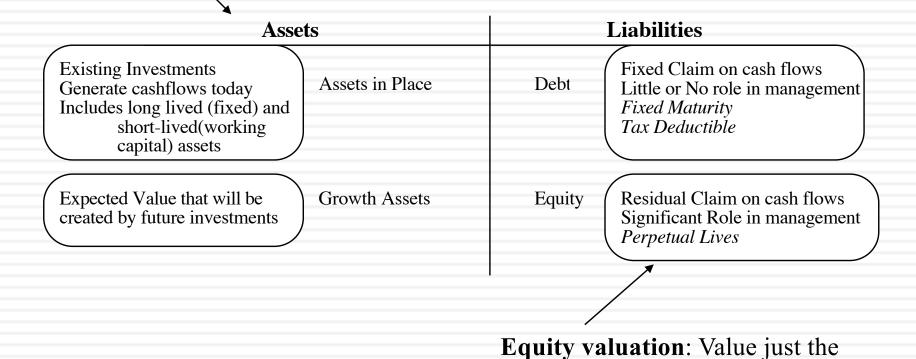
The value of a risky asset can be estimated by discounting the expected cash flows on the asset over its life at a risk-adjusted discount rate:

Value of asset = 
$$\frac{E(CF_1)}{(1+r)} + \frac{E(CF_2)}{(1+r)^2} + \frac{E(CF_3)}{(1+r)^3} + \dots + \frac{E(CF_n)}{(1+r)^n}$$

- The IT Proposition: If "it" does not affect the cash flows or alterrisk (thus changing discount rates), "it" cannot affect value.
- The DUH Proposition: For an asset to have value, the expected cash flows have to be positive some time over the life of the asset.
- The DON'T FREAK OUT Proposition: Assets that generate cash flows early in their life will be worth more than assets that generate cash flows later; the latter may however have greater growth and higher cash flows to compensate.

## DCF Choices: Equity Valuation versus Firm Valuation

Firm Valuation: Value the entire business



equity claim in the business

### The Drivers of Value...

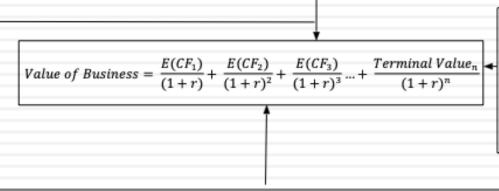
#### Value of growth

The future cash flows will reflect expectations of how quickly earnings will grow in the future (as a positive) and how much the company will have to reinvest to generate that growth (as a negative). The net effect will determine the value of growth. The expected cash flow is computed as net of taxes and reinvestment:

Expected Cash Flow =  $E(CF_n)$  = Expected After-tax Operating Income in year n - Reinvestment in year n

#### Cash flows from existing assets

The base earnings will reflect the earnings power of the existing assets of the firm, net of taxes and any reinvestment needed to sustain the base earnings.



#### Terminal Value

This is the value that you attach to the business at the end of high growth. It can be a liquidation or going concern value.

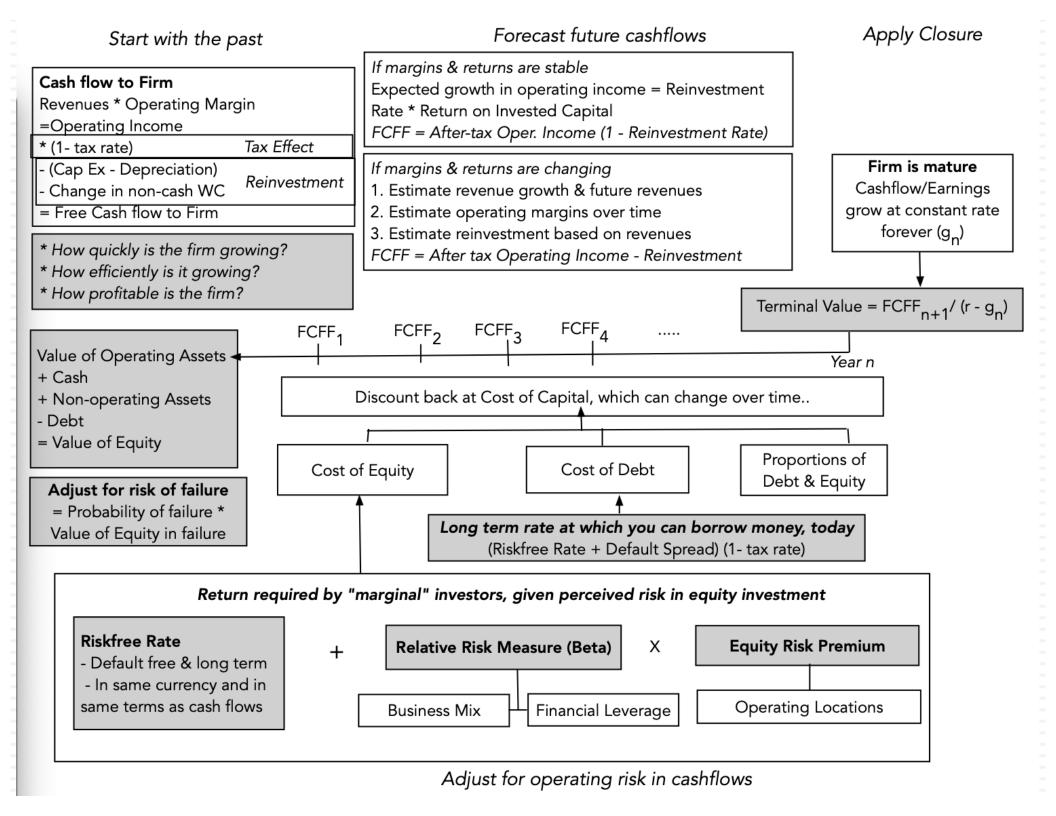
Going Concern Value<sub>n</sub> = 
$$\frac{E(CF_{n+1})}{r-g}$$

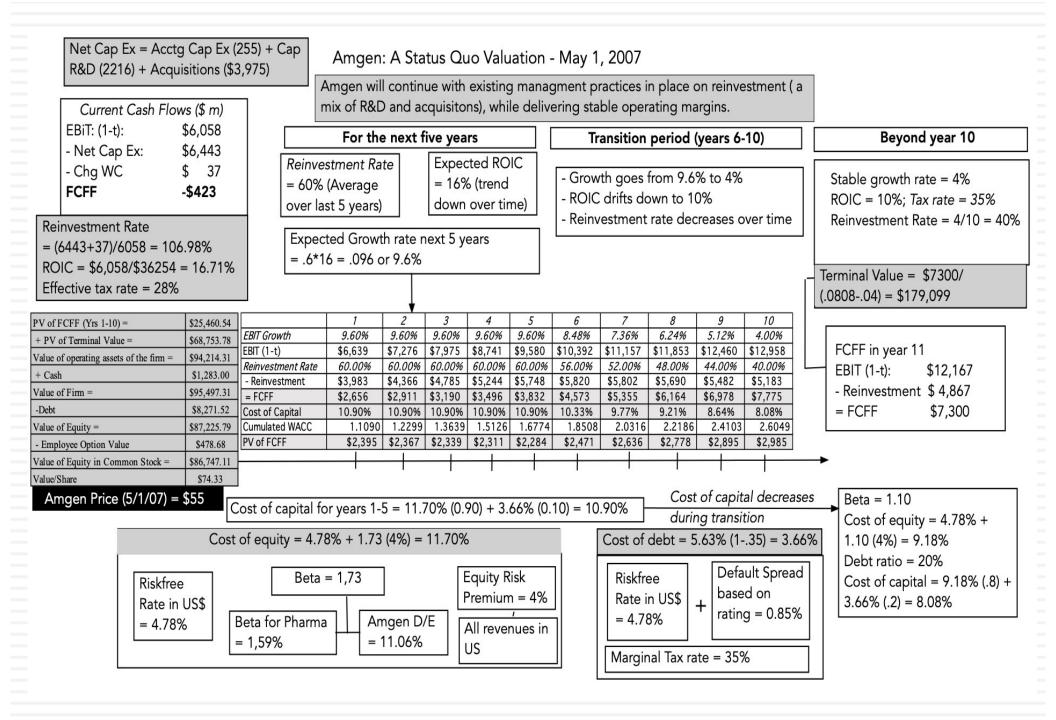
#### Cost of Capital

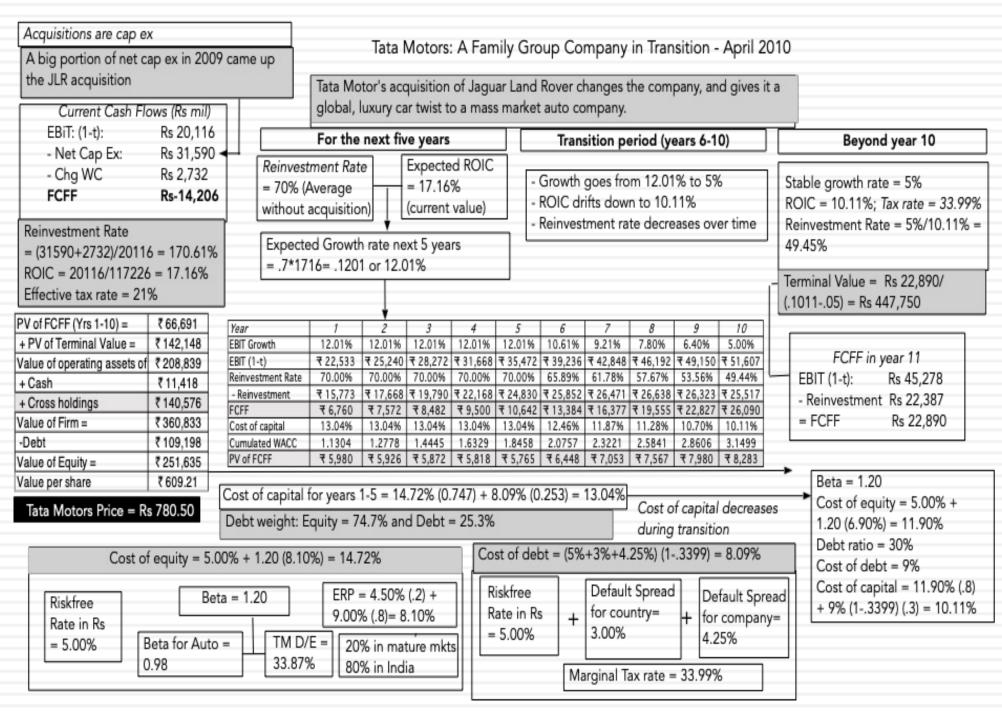
The cost of capital can be affected by the tax code, if it tilts towards debt over equity or vice versa. In much of the world, debt creates a tax benefit, because interest is tax deductible and the tax savings are at the margin (at the marginal tax rate).

Risk adjusted Discount Rate = r = Cost of capital = Cost of Equity (Equity/(Debt+Equity) + Cost of Debt (1-t) (Debt/(Debt+Equity))

Going Concern Val







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HCL has a history as a high growth company, deriving its revenues from outsourcing and business services, but that business has matured and become more competitive.

Base Year and Comparison					
	Last year	Last 5 years	Industry		
Revenue Growth	5.04%	9.25%	7.48%		
Operating Margin	18.29%	18.51%	9.15%		
Revenue	\$13,434				
Operating Income	\$2,457				
EBIT (1-t)	\$1,836				

#### HCL: My valuation in US \$ (August 2024)

The Narrative: HCL has transitioned to a a lower and more sustainable growth, as its core business has matured and attracted competition. While Al remains a disruption threat, HCL is positioned to continue to grow, albeit at less than double digit rates, while maintaining its existing operating margins. Its reinvestment needs remain low, even with R&D treated as capital investment, and the company's cost advantages (from economies of scale and a trained workforce) will allow it to earn well above its cost of capital in the long term. Finally, as a company that services a wide range of businesses globally, its cost of capital is close to that of the average global company and will decline slightly as the company approaches steady state.

10.63% from years 6-10

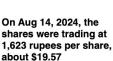
Revenue growth 9.25% a year for next 5 years, tapering down to 3.94% in year 10

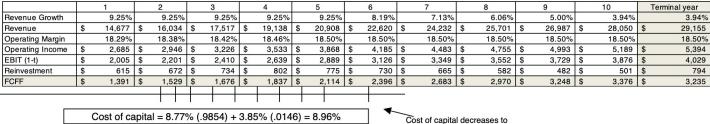
Pre-tax operating margin increases slightly to 18.50, HCL's 5-year average

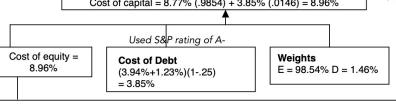
Sales to capital ratio of 2.21, matching HCL's current sales to capital ratio Stable Growth g=3.94% Cost of capital = 8.05% ROC= 20.00%; Reinvestment Rate= 3.94%/20.00% = 19.70%

Terminal Value= 3,235/(.0805-.0394) = \$76,720

PV(Terminal value)	\$ 34,218
PV (CF over next 10 years)	\$ 13,955
Probability of failure =	0.00%
Value of operating assets =	\$48,173
- Debt	\$659
- Minority interests	\$0
+ Cash	\$3,147
+ Non-operating assets	\$12
Value of equity	\$50,673
- Value of options	\$0
Value of equity in common stock	\$50,673
Number of shares	2,709.00
Estimated value /share	\$18.71







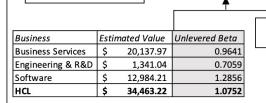
Beta

1.09

X

D/E =

1.48%



Riskfree Rate:

In US \$= 3.94%

ERP Region Revenues Weight \$7,699 4.11% North America 57.76% \$3,533 26.50% 5.24% Western Europe \$481 3.61% 6.79% Rest of the World \$1,617 12.13% 5.63% \$13,330 100.00%

**Risk Premium** 

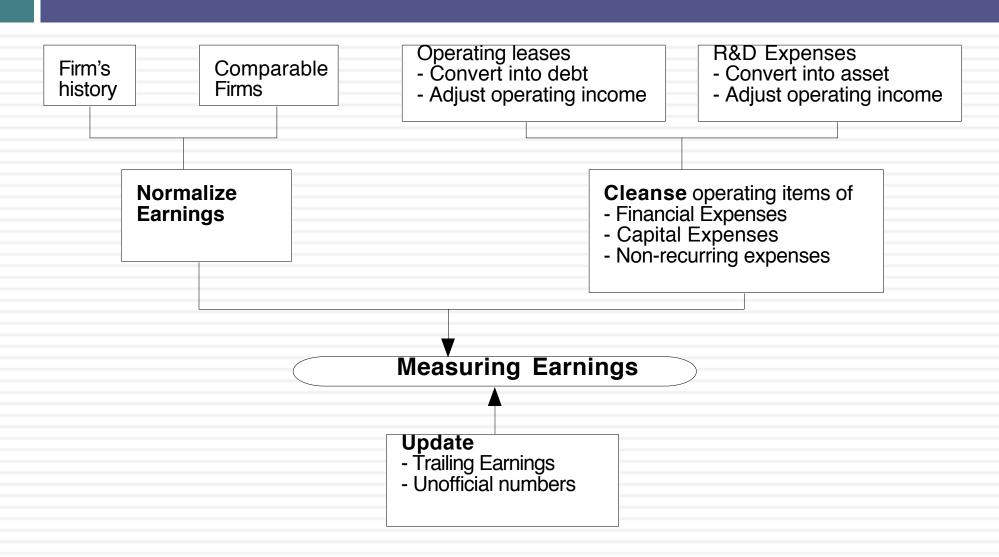
4.70%

Almarai					Aug-24									
Base Year and				Growth	,		Profitabi			Growth Effic	<u> </u>			
	Company	Industry		Growth in der	nand in		Margins decl	ine slightly		Set at global i	industry		Terminal Val	
Revenue Growth	7.85%	4		Middle East, v	vith		from 14.3% to	14% in next		average, with	1.80 SAR in		Growth Rate	3.81%
Revenue	.ر.س 20,330			sustained ma	rket share		5 years, but o	ompetitive		revenue for e	ven SAR		Cost of capital	7.92%
Operating Margin	14.28%			allows revenu	es to grow		advantages k	eep them		invested			Return on capital	10.84%
Operating Income	.ر.س 2,903			8% a year for	next 5		above indust	ry average.					Reinvestment Rate	35.16%
EBIT (1-t)	ر.س 2,767			years.										
PV(Terminal value)	.ر.س 41,673			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Terminal yea
PV (CF over next 10 years)	.ر.س 20,273		Revenue Growth	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	7.16%	6.32%	5.49%	4.65%	3.81%	
Probability of failure =	0.00%		Revenue	.ر.س 21,956	.ر.س 23,713						.ر.س 35,902	.ر.س 37,571	.ر.س 39,003	
Value of operating assets =	.ر.س 61,946		Operating Margin	14.28%	14.17%	_	14.06%	14.00%		14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	14.00%	
- Debt	ر.س 10,680		Operating Income	.ر.س 3,135	.ر.س 3,360	.ر.س 3,614	.ر.س 3,888	.ر.س 4,182	.ر.س 4,482	.ر.س 4,765	.ر.س 5,026	.ر.س 5,260	.ر.س 5,460	ر.س 5,668
- Minority interests	\$0		EBIT (1-t)	.ر.س 2,988	.ر.س 3,202	.ر.س 3,444	.ر.س 3,705	.ر.س 3,985	.ر.س 4,268	.ر.س 4,535	.ر.س 4,781	.ر.س 5,000	.ر.س 5,187	
+ Cash	.ر.س 3,097		Reinvestment	.ر.س 975	.ر.س 1,053		.ر.س 1,228	.ر.س 1,187		.ر.س 1,036	.ر.س 926	.ر.س 794	.ر.س 825	ر.س 1,893
+ Non-operating assets	ر.س 4		FCFF	.ر.س 2,013	.ر.س 2,149	.ر.س 2,307	.ر.س 2,477	.ر.س 2,798	.ر.س 3,145	.ر.س 3,499	.ر.س 3,855	.ر.س 4,206	.ر.س 4,363	ر.س 3,492
Value of equity	.ر.س 54,367												.ر.س 84,957	
- Value of options	.ر.س 0													
Value of common stock	.ر.س 54,367	_	Cost of Capital	7.15%	7.15%	7.15%	7.15%	7.15%		7.46%	7.61%	7.77%	7.92%	
Number of shares	1000		Cumulated WACC	0.9332	0.8709	0.8128	0.7585	0.7079	0.6597	0.6139	0.5705	0.5294	0.4905	
Estimated value /share	.ر.س 54.37													
			Sales to Capital	1.80	1.80		1.80	1.80		1.80				
Price per share	.ر.س 56.40		ROIC	11.70%	12.08%	12.50%	12.91%	13.32%	13.72%	14.07%	14.37%	14.62%	14.83%	10.84%
% Under or Over Valued	3.74%													
			Risk Sto	ory			etitive Advar							
			Non-discretionary p	roduct keeps Strong competitive edges in perpetuit										
			revenues and earn	ngs stable, allow return on capital to stay at cur		,								
			allowing for low cos											
			7.15%, with increas	e to market										
			median over time.											

## Intrinsic Value: Nuts and Bolts!

The details matter, but never as much as you think they do...

### I. Measure earnings right...



### Operating Leases at Amgen in 2007

Amgen has lease commitments and its cost of debt (based on it's A rating) is 5.63%.

Year	Commitment	Present Value
1	\$96.00	\$90.88
2	\$95.00	\$85.14
3	\$102.00	\$86.54
4	\$98.00	\$78.72
5	\$87.00	\$66.16
6-12	\$107.43	\$462.10 (\$752 million prorated)

- □ Debt Value of leases = \$869.55
- Debt outstanding at Amgen = \$7,402 + \$870 = \$8,272 million
- Adjusted Operating Income = Stated OI + Lease expense this year –
   Depreciation
  - = 5,071 m + 69 m 870/12 = \$5,068 million (12-year life for assets)

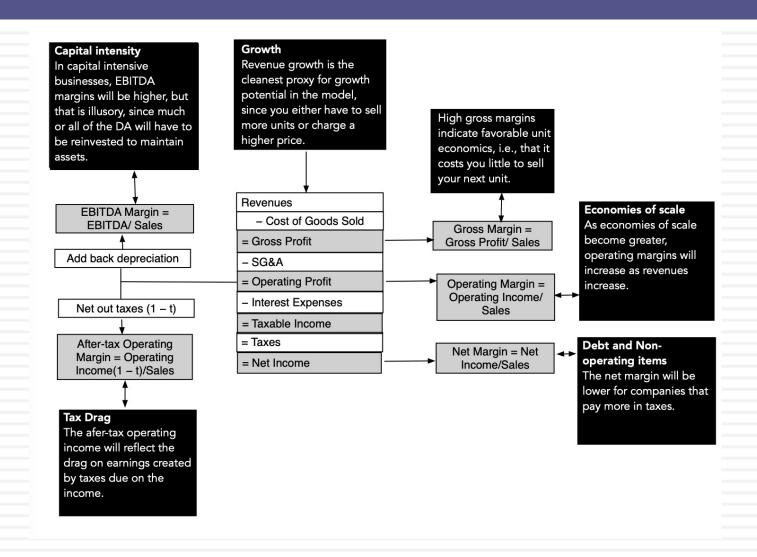
## Capitalizing R&D Expenses: Amgen

R & D was assumed to have a 10-year life.

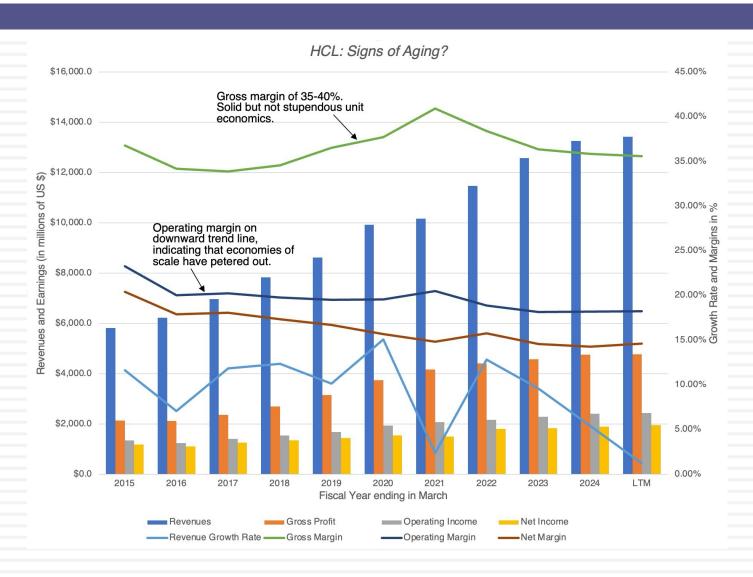
Year	R&D Expense	Unamortiz	ed portion	Amortization this year
Current	3366.00	1.00	3366.00	
-1	2314.00	0.90	2082.60	\$231.40
-2	2028.00	0.80	1622.40	\$202.80
-3	1655.00	0.70	1158.50	\$165.50
-4	1117.00	0.60	670.20	\$111.70
-5	865.00	0.50	432.50	\$86.50
-6	845.00	0.40	338.00	\$84.50
-7	823.00	0.30	246.90	\$82.30
-8	663.00	0.20	132.60	\$66.30
-9	631.00	0.10	63.10	\$63.10
-10	558.00		0.00	\$55.80
Value of Research Asse	et & Current Amortization	on =	\$10,113	\$1,150

<sup>□</sup> Adjusted Operating Income = \$5,120 + **3,366** - **1,150** = \$7,336 million

### Deconstructing an income statement...



## **HCL's Operating History**



## II. Get the big picture (not the accounting one) when it comes to cap ex and working capital

- Capital expenditures should include
  - Research and development expenses, once they have been recategorized as capital expenses.
  - Acquisitions of other firms, whether paid for with cash or stock.
- Working capital should be defined not as the difference between current assets and current liabilities but as the difference between non-cash current assets and nondebt current liabilities.
- On both items, start with what the company did in the most recent year but do look at the company's history and at industry averages.

## Amgen's Net Capital Expenditures

□ The accounting net cap ex at Amgen is small:

Accounting Capital Expenditures = \$1,218 million

- Accounting Depreciation = \$ 963 million

■ Accounting Net Cap Ex = \$ 255 million

We define capital expenditures broadly to include R&D and acquisitions:

Accounting Net Cap Ex = \$ 255 million

■ Net R&D Cap Ex = (3366-1150) = \$2,216 million

□ Acquisitions in 2006 = \$3,975 million

■ Total Net Capital Expenditures = \$ 6,443 million

 Acquisitions have been a volatile item. Amgen was quiet on the acquisition front in 2004 and 2005 and had a significant acquisition in 2003.

## III. The government bond rate is not always the riskfree rate

- When valuing Amgen in US dollars, the US\$ ten-year bond rate of 4.78% was used as the riskfree rate. We assumed that the US treasury was default free.
- When valuing Tata Motors in Indian rupees in 2010, the Indian government bond rate of 8% was not default free. Using the Indian government's local currency rating of Ba2 yielded a default spread of 3% for India and a riskfree rate of 5% in Indian rupees.

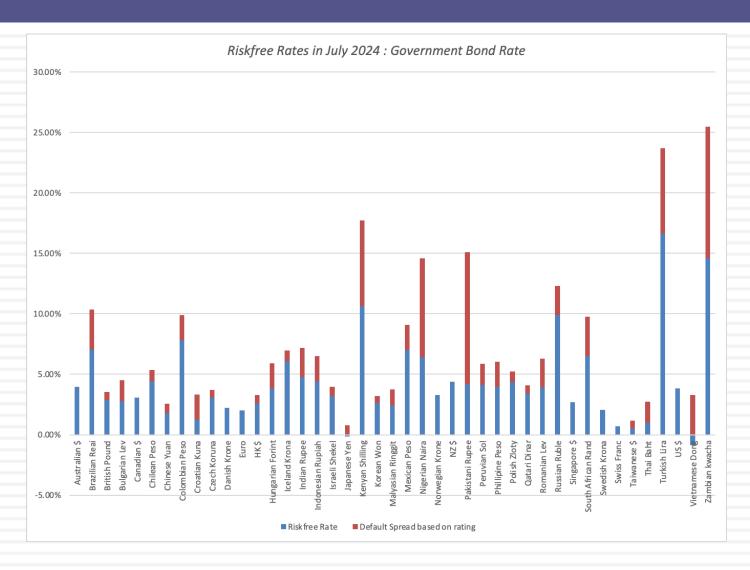
Risk free rate in Indian Rupees in 2010 = 8% - 3% = 5%

To value HCL in August 2024, I used the US treasury bond rate of 3.94% as the riskfree rate, since I chose to do the valuation in US dollars. If I had chosen to value the company in rupees, I would have started with Indian government bond rate and adjusted for default risk:

Risk free rate in Rupees in August 2024 = 7.18% - 2.07% = 5.11%

To value Almarai in Saudi Riayis in August 2024, I used the US treasury bond rate as the riskfree rate in SAR, entirely based upon the assumption that \$/SAR peg will hold.

### Risk free rates will vary across currencies!



## Riskfree Rates in Middle Eastern Currencies

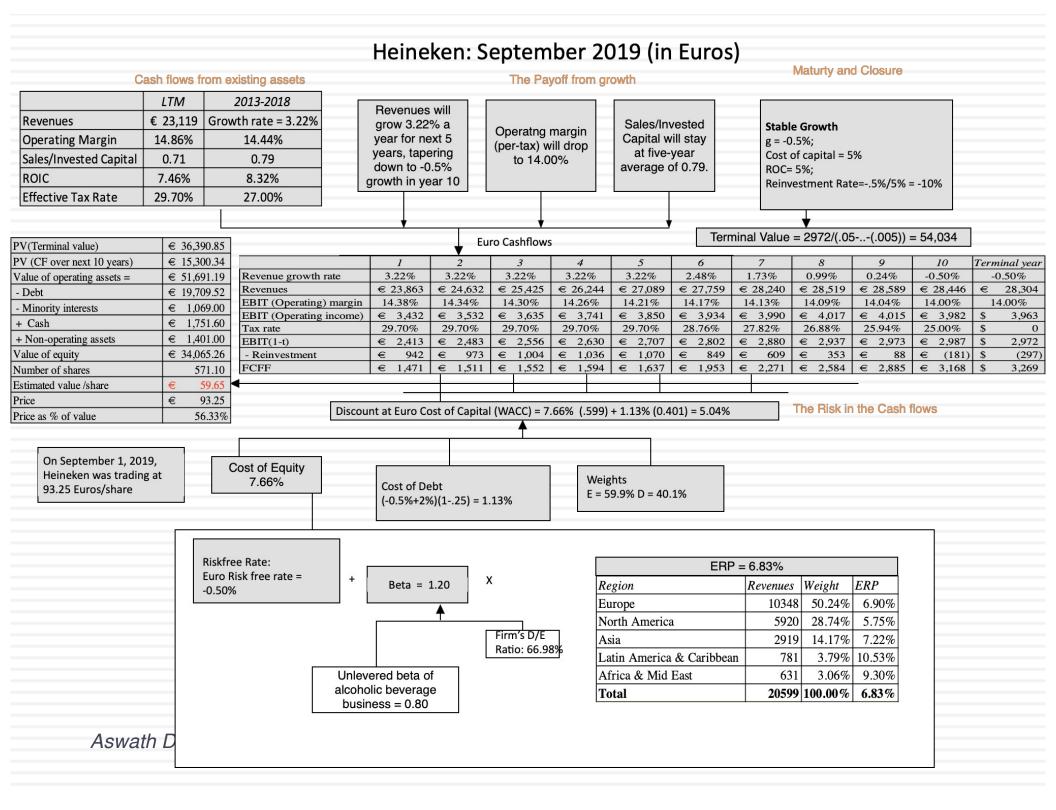
- Assuming that you value businesses in the Middle East and have used the dollar peg as justification for using the US dollar riskfree rate.
  - Is there a way to check whether that assumption is robust?
  - What are the indicators that you would look at to see if the peg will hold?
- If the peg will not hold, how would you go about estimating riskfree rates in local currencies

## Risk free Rates in Currencies without a Government Bond Rate

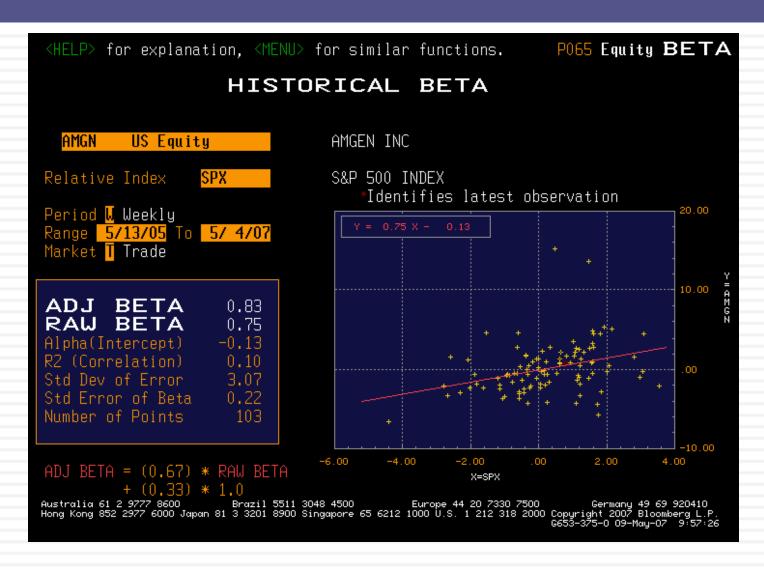
- There are no traded long term Government bonds in some currencies. Hence, you have to improvise.
- One simple technique is to use differential inflation and the US dollar risk free rate. Using this technique on the Egyptian pound, here is what you get:
  - $\blacksquare$  Risk free rate in US dollars on 12/31/15 = 2.27%
  - Expected inflation rate in the US = 1.50%
  - Expected inflation rate in Egypt = 9.70% (last year's estimate)
  - Risk free rate in EGP = (1.0227) \* (1.097/1.015) -1 = 10.53%
- This is also a good way to check government bond rates that you do not trust. For instance, if you believe that expected inflation in Saudi Arabia (long term) is 4%, your riskfree rate would then be as follows (assuming a 3.94% riskfree rate in US dollars, with a 2.5% inflation rate):
  - Riskfree rate in SAR = 1.0394 (1.04/1.025) 1 = 5.46%

## But valuations should not! Revisiting the Tata Motors Valuation

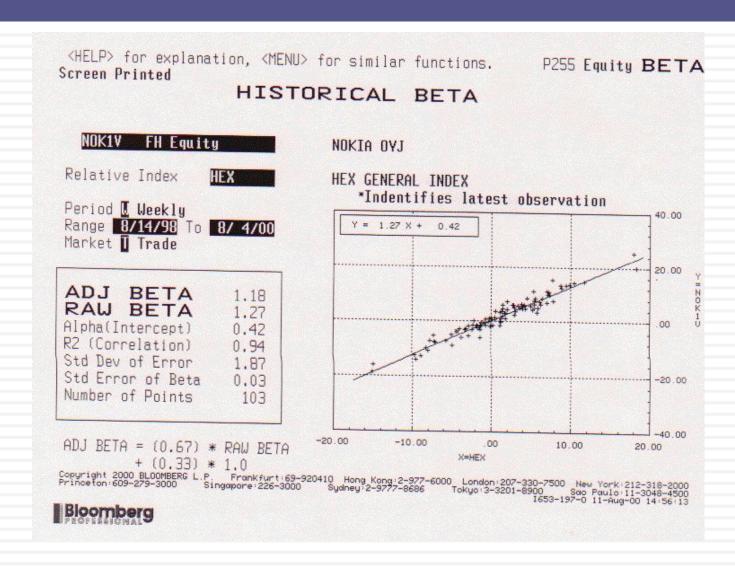
	In Indian Rupees	In US \$
Risk free Rate	5.00%	2.00%
Expected inflation rate	4.00%	1.00%
Cost of capital		
- High Growth	12.50%	9.25%
- Stable Growth	10.39%	7.21%
Expected growth rate		
- High Growth	12.01%	8.78%
- Stable Growth	5.00%	2.00%
Return on Capital		
- High Growth	17.16%	13.78%
- Stable Growth	10.39%	7.21%
Value per share	Rs 614	\$12.79/share (roughly Rs
		614 at current exchange
		rate)



## IV. Betas do not come from regressions... and are noisy...



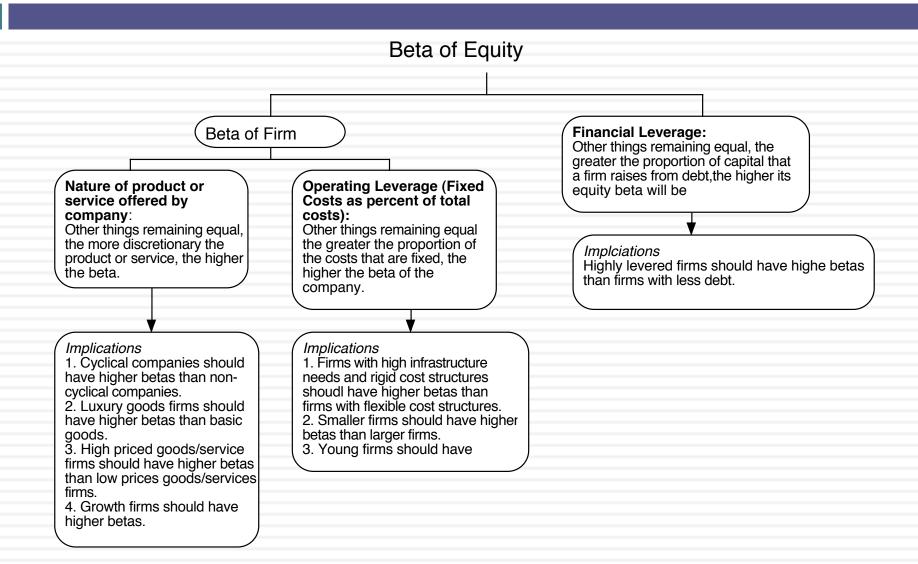
## But should not be trusted, even when they look great...



### One slice of history...



### **Determinants of Betas**



### Bottom-up Betas

Step 1: Find the business or businesses that your firm operates in.

Step 2: Find publicly traded firms in each of these businesses and obtain their regression betas. Compute the simple average across these regression betas to arrive at an average beta for these publicly traded firms. Unlever this average beta using the average debt to equity ratio across the publicly traded firms in the sample. Unlevered beta for business = Average beta across publicly traded firms/ (1 + (1-t) (Average D/E ratio across firms))

Step 3: Estimate how much value your firm derives from each of the different businesses it is in.

Step 4: Compute a weighted average of the unlevered betas of the different businesses (from step 2) using the weights from step 3. Bottom-up Unlevered beta for your firm = Weighted average of the unlevered betas of the individual business

Step 5: Compute a levered beta (equity beta) for your firm, using the market debt to equity ratio for your firm.

Levered bottom-up beta = Unlevered beta (1+ (1-t) (Debt/Equity))

#### Possible Refinements

If you can, adjust this beta for differences between your firm and the comparable firms on operating leverage and product characteristics.

While revenues or operating income are often used as weights, it is better to try to estimate the value of each business.

If you expect the business mix of your firm to change over time, you can change the weights on a year-to-year basis.

If you expect your debt to equity ratio to change over time, the levered beta will change over time.

### Estimating bottom-up betas: Examples

- Amgen
  - The unlevered beta for pharmaceutical firms is 1.59.
  - Bottom-up Beta = 1.59(1+(1-.35)(.11)) = 1.73
- Tata Motors
  - The unlevered beta for automobile firms is 0.98.
  - Bottom-up Beta = 0.98 (1+ (1-.3399)(.3387)) = 1.20
- Almarai

Business	Revenues	EV/Sales	Estimated Value	Unlevered Beta
Food Processing	\$15,488	1.4098	\$21,834	0.6039
Farming/Agriculture	\$4,088	1.0834	\$4,429	0.5740
Company	\$19,576		\$26,264	0.5989

Levered Beta = 0.5989 (1 + (1 - .05)(.01941)) = 0.71

HCL

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Business	Revenues	EV/Sales	Estir	nated Value	Unlevered Beta
Business Services	\$ 9,796.00	2.0557	\$	20,137.97	0.9641
Engineering & R&D	\$ 2,122.00	1.5902	\$	1,341.04	0.7059
Software	\$ 1,411.00	2.2690	\$	12,984.21	1.2856
HCL	\$ 13,329.00		\$	34,463.22	1.0752

Levered Beta = 1.0752 (1+(1-.25)(.0148)) = 1.09

### V. And the past is not always a good indicator of the future.

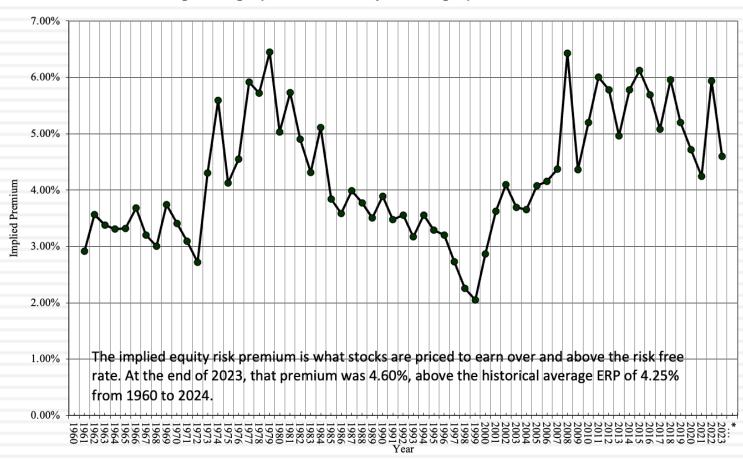
	Arithmet	tic Average	Geometric Average		
	Stocks - T. Bills	Stocks - T. Bonds	Stocks - T. Bills	Stocks - T. Bonds	
1928-2023	8.32%	6.80%	6.50%	5.23%	
Std Error	2.03%	2.14%			
1974-2023	8.18%	5.95%	6.79%	4.97%	
Std Error	2.45%	2.73%			
2014-2023	11.70%	11.17%	10.63%	10.44%	
Std Error	4.97%	3.86%			

- □ If you are going to use a historical risk premium, make it
  - Long term (because of the standard error)
  - Consistent with your risk free rate
  - A "compounded" average
- No matter which estimate you use, recognize that it is backward looking, is noisy and may reflect selection bias

**Modified Payout** In the trailing 12 months, across all companies in the index. Expected earnings/cashflow growth in next 5 years This computation assumes Earnings growth rate of 8.74% based upon analyst that the payout ratio changes estimates for 2024 and 2025 and growth dropping to over time to reflect a Base year cash flow (last 12 mths) 3.88% over the following years. sustainable payout ratio = g/ Dividends (TTM): 69.69 ROE, in the stable growth. + Buybacks (TTM): 94.56 The resulting ERP is 4.57% = Cash to investors (TTM): 164.25 Actual Forecasted numbers numbers Earnings and Cash Last 12 months 2024 2025 2026 2027 2028 Terminal Year flows grow @3.88% 238.89 333.96 Earnings 219.70 259.76 282.45 307.13 346.92 (set equal to risk free 77.85% 77.85% 77.85% 77.85% 77.85% Cash Payout (%) 77.85% 77.85% rate) a year forever. 259.97 Cash Return 164.25 185.97 202.21 219.88 239.09 270.06 S&P 500 on 1/1/24= 4769.83 The last term in this equation is the  $4769.83 = \frac{185.97}{(1+r)} + \frac{202.21}{(1+r)^2} + \frac{219.88}{(1+r)^3} + \frac{239.09}{(1+r)^4} + \frac{259.97}{(1+r)^5} + \frac{270.06}{(r-.0388)(1+r)^5}$ expected index level at the end of year 5 (capturing price Solve for r appreciation) r = Implied Expected Return on Stocks = 8.48% Minus Risk free rate = T.Bond rate on 1/1/24= 3.88% Equals Implied Equity Risk Premium (1/1/24) = 8.48% - 3.88% = 4.60%

### Implied ERP for the S&P 500: History

#### Implied Equity Risk Premium for US Equity Market: 1960-2023



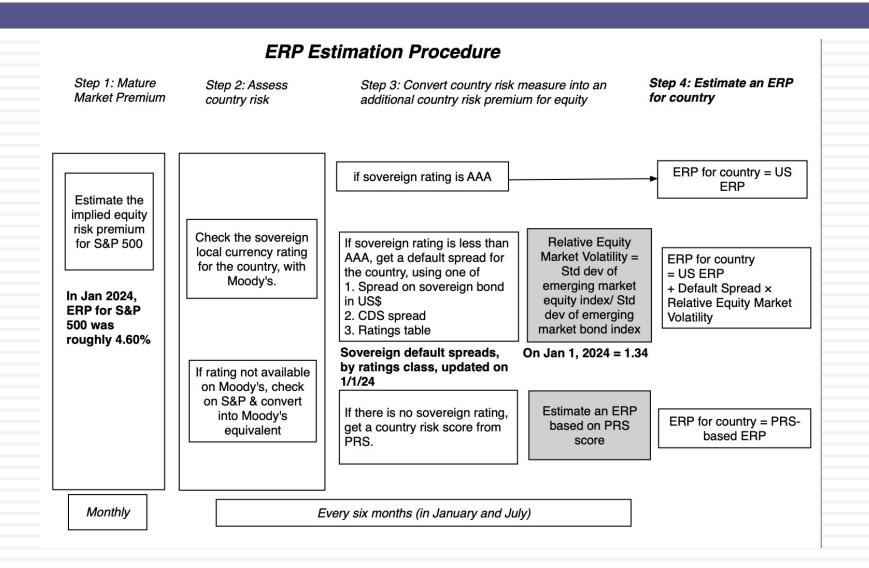
# Implied Premium for India using the Sensex: April 2010

- □ Level of the Index = 17559
- FCFE on the Index = 3.5% (Estimated FCFE for companies in index as % of market value of equity)
- Other parameters
  - Riskfree Rate = 5% (Rupee)
  - Expected Growth (in Rupee)
    - Next 5 years = 20% (Used expected growth rate in Earnings)
    - After year 5 = 5%
- Solving for the expected return:
  - Expected return on Equity = 11.72%
  - Implied Equity premium for India =11.72% 5% = 6.72%

### VI. There is a downside to globalization...

- Emerging markets offer growth opportunities but they are also riskier. If we want to count the growth, we have to also consider the risk.
- Two ways of estimating the country risk premium:
  - Sovereign Default Spread: In this approach, the country equity risk premium is set equal to the default spread of the bond issued by the country.
    - Equity Risk Premium for mature market = 6.00%
    - Default Spread for India = 200% (based on rating)
    - Equity Risk Premium for India = 6.00% + 2.00% = 8.00%
  - Adjusted for equity risk: The country equity risk premium is based upon the volatility of the equity market relative to the government bond rate.
    - Country risk premium= Default Spread\* Std Deviation<sub>Country Equity</sub> / Std Deviation<sub>Country Bond</sub>
    - Standard Deviation in Sensex = 21%
    - Standard Deviation in Indian government bond= 14%
    - Default spread on Indian Bond= 2%
    - Additional country risk premium for India = 2% (21/14) = 3.00%
    - Total equity risk premium = US equity risk premium + CRP for India = 6.00% + 3.00% = 9.00%

### A Template for Estimating the ERP



# ERP : July 2024

Andorra	Baa1	1.95%	6.06%	Italy	Baa3	2.68%	6.79%
Austria	Aal	0.49%	4.60%	Jersey (States of)	Aa3	0.73%	4.84%
Belgium	Aa3	0.73%	4.84%	Liechtenstein	Aaa	0.00%	4.11%
Cyprus	Baa2	2.33%	6.44%	Luxembourg	Aaa	0.00%	4.11%
Denmark	Aaa	0.00%	4.11%	Malta	A2	1.03%	5.14%
Finland	Aa1	0.49%	4.60%	Netherlands	Aaa	0.00%	4.11%
France	Aa2	0.60%	4.71%	Norway	Aaa	0.00%	4.11%
Germany	Aaa	0.00%	4.11%	Portugal	A3	1.46%	5.57%
Greece	Ba1	3.06%	7.17%	Spain	Baa1	1.95%	6.06%
Guernsey (States of)	A1	0.86%	4.97%	Sweden	Aaa	0.00%	4.11%
Iceland	A2	1.03%	5.14%	Switzerland	Aaa	0.00%	4.11%
Ireland	Aa3	0.73%	4.84%	Turkey	B3	7.94%	12.05%
Isle of Man	Aa3	0.73%	4.84%	United Kingdom	Aa3	0.73%	4.84%
				EU & Environs		1.13%	5.24%

Canada	Aaa	0.00%	4.11%
United States	Aaa	0.00%	4.11%
N. America		0.00%	4.11%

Caribbean		7.41%	11.52%
Argentina	Ca	14.66%	18.77%
Belize	Caa2	11.00%	15.11%
Bolivia	Caa3	12.22%	16.33%
Brazil	Ba2	3.67%	7.78%
Chile	A2	1.03%	5.14%
Colombia	Baa2	2.33%	6.44%
Costa Rica	B1	5.50%	9.61%
Ecuador	Caa3	12.22%	16.33%
El Salvador	Caa1	9.16%	13.27%
Guatemala	Ba1	3.06%	7.17%
Honduras	B1	5.50%	9.61%
Mexico	Baa2	2.33%	6.44%
Nicaragua	B2	6.72%	10.83%
Panama	Baa3	2.68%	6.79%
Paraguay	Ba1	3.06%	7.17%
Peru	Baa1	1.95%	6.06%
Suriname	Caa3	12.22%	16.33%
Uruguay	Baa1	1.95%	6.06%
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	Angola	B3	7.94%	12.05%
	Benin	B1	5.50%	9.61%
	Botswana	A3	1.46%	5.57%
	Burkina Faso	Caa1	9.16%	13.27%
	Cameroon	Caa1	9.16%	13.27%
	Cape Verde	B3	7.94%	12.05%
	Congo (DR)	B3	7.94%	12.05%
	Congo (Rep of)	Caa2	11.00%	15.11%
	Côte d'Ivoire	Ba2	3.67%	7.78%
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	Gabon	Caa2	11.00%	15.11%
	Ghana	Caa3	12.22%	16.33%
	Kenya	В3	7.94%	12.05%
	Mali	Caa2	11.00%	15.11%
	Mauritius	Baa3	2.68%	6.79%
	Morocco	Ba1	3.06%	7.17%
	Mozambique	Caa2	11.00%	15.11%
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	Nigeria	Caa1	9.16%	13.27%
	Rwanda	B2	6.72%	10.83%
	Senegal	Ba3	4.39%	8.50%
	South Africa	Ba2	3.67%	7.78%
	Swaziland	В3	7.94%	12.05%
	Tanzania	B1	5.50%	9.61%
	Togo	B3	7.94%	12.05%
	Tunisia	Caa2	11.00%	15.11%
	Uganda	В3	7.94%	12.05%
	Zambia	Caa2	11.00%	15.11%
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Country	PRS	CRP	ERP
Algeria	69.25	3.67%	7.78%
Brunei	81.75	0.73%	4.84%
Gambia	66.75	5.50%	9.61%
Guinea	59.00	11.00%	15.11%
Guinea-Bissau	63.00	7.94%	12.05%
Guyana	74.50	1.95%	6.06%
Haiti	55.00	14.66%	18.77%
Iran	63.25	7.94%	12.05%
Korea, D.P.R.	49.25	22.72%	26.83%
Liberia	61.50	9.16%	13.27%
Libya	74.75	1.95%	6.06%
Madagascar	63.25	7.94%	12.05%
Malawi	52.25	14.66%	18.77%
Myanmar	58.00	11.00%	15.11%
Russia	71.25	3.67%	7.78%
Sierra Leone	58.00	11.00%	15.11%
Somalia	54.25	14.66%	18.77%
Sudan	43.50	22.72%	26.83%
Syria	44.25	22.72%	26.83%
Yemen, Republic	51.50	14.66%	18.77%
Zimbabwe	58.00	11.00%	15.11%

Bangladesh	B1	5.50%	9.61%
Cambodia	B2	6.72%	10.83%
China	A1	0.86%	4.97%
Fiji	B1	5.50%	9.61%
Hong Kong	Aa3	0.73%	4.84%
India	Baa3	2.68%	6.79%
Indonesia	Baa2	2.33%	6.44%
Japan	A1	0.86%	4.97%
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Taiwan	Aa3	0.73%	4.84%
Thailand	Baa1	1.95%	6.06%
Vietnam	Ba2	3.67%	7.78%
Asia		1.40%	5.51%

Australia	Aaa	0.00%	4.11%
Cook Islands	B1	5.50%	9.61%
New Zealand	Aaa	0.00%	4.11%
Aus & NZ		0.00%	4.11%

Blue: Moody's Rating Red: Added Country Risk Green #: Total ERP

# VII. And it is not just emerging market companies that are exposed to this risk...

- The "default" approach in valuation has been to assign country risk based upon your country of incorporation. Thus, if you are incorporated in a developed market, the assumption has been that you are not exposed to emerging market risks. If you are incorporated in an emerging market, you are saddled with the entire country risk.
- As companies globalize and look for revenues in foreign markets, this practice will underestimate the costs of equity of developed market companies with significant emerging market risk exposure and over estimate the costs of equity of emerging market companies with significant developed market risk exposure.

# Equity Risk Premium in 2024: Almarai and HCL

#### Almarai

Country	Revenues	ERP	Weight	Weighted ERP
Saudi Arabia	\$13,188.00	4.97%	67.37%	3.35%
Middle East	\$6,388.00	6.41%	32.63%	2.09%
Total	\$19,576.00		100.00%	5.44%

HCL

Region	Revenues	Weight	ERP
North America	\$7,699	57.76%	4.11%
Western Europe	\$3,533	26.50%	5.24%
India	\$481	3.61%	6.79%
Rest of the World	\$1,617	12.13%	5.63%
HCL	\$13,330	100.00%	4.70%

#### Questions to ponder:

- 1. I used revenue weights. Why?
- 2. Under what conditions would you consider using alternate metrics like EBIT or BV of assets as weights?

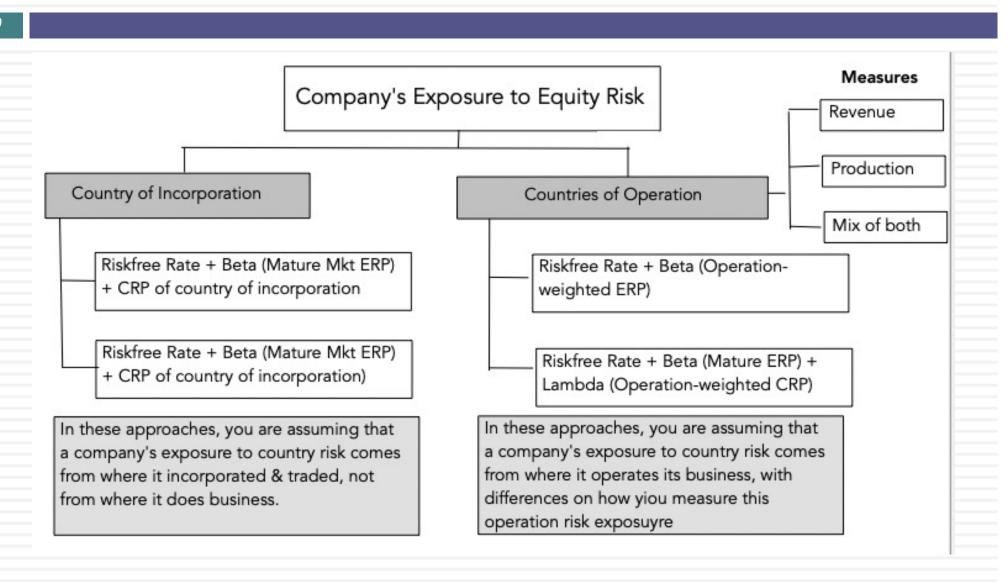
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# A Production-based ERP: Royal Dutch Shell in 2015

Country	Oil & Gas Production	% of Total	ERP
Denmark	17396	3.83%	6.20%
Italy	11179	2.46%	9.14%
Norway	14337	3.16%	6.20%
UK	20762	4.57%	6.81%
Rest of Europe	874	0.19%	7.40%
Brunei	823	0.18%	9.04%
Iraq	20009	4.40%	11.37%
Malaysia	22980	5.06%	8.05%
Oman	78404	17.26%	7.29%
Russia	22016	4.85%	10.06%
Rest of Asia & ME	24480	5.39%	7.74%
Oceania	7858	1.73%	6.20%
Gabon	12472	2.75%	11.76%
Nigeria	67832	14.93%	11.76%
Rest of Africa	6159	1.36%	12.17%
USA	104263	22.95%	6.20%
Canada	8599	1.89%	6.20%
Brazil	13307	2.93%	9.60%
Rest of Latin America	576	0.13%	10.78%
Royal Dutch Shell	454326	100.00%	8.26%

### Estimating country risk premium exposure\_ Variants

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# An alternate way: Estimating a company's exposure to country risk (Lambda)

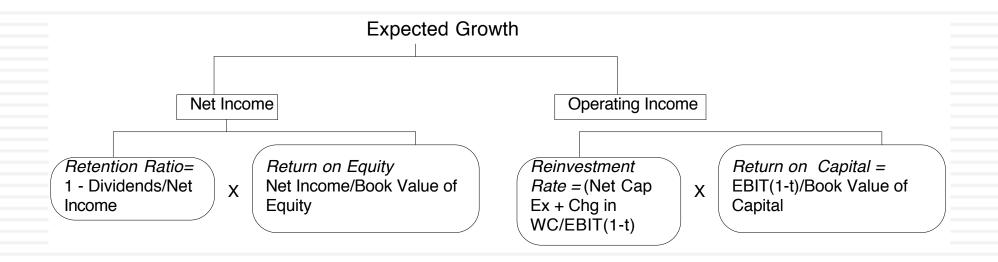
- Just as beta measures exposure to macro economic risk, lambda measures exposure just to country risk. Like beta, it is scaled around one.
- The easiest and most accessible data is on revenues. Most companies break their revenues down by region. One simplistic solution would be to do the following:

Lambda = % of revenues domestically firm/ % of revenues domestically average firm

- In 2008-09, Tata Motors got about 91.37% of its revenues in India and TCS got 7.62%. The average Indian firm gets about 80% of its revenues in India:
  - Lambda <sub>Tata Motors</sub> = 91%/80% = 1.14
  - The danger of focusing just on revenues is that it misses other exposures to risk (production and operations).

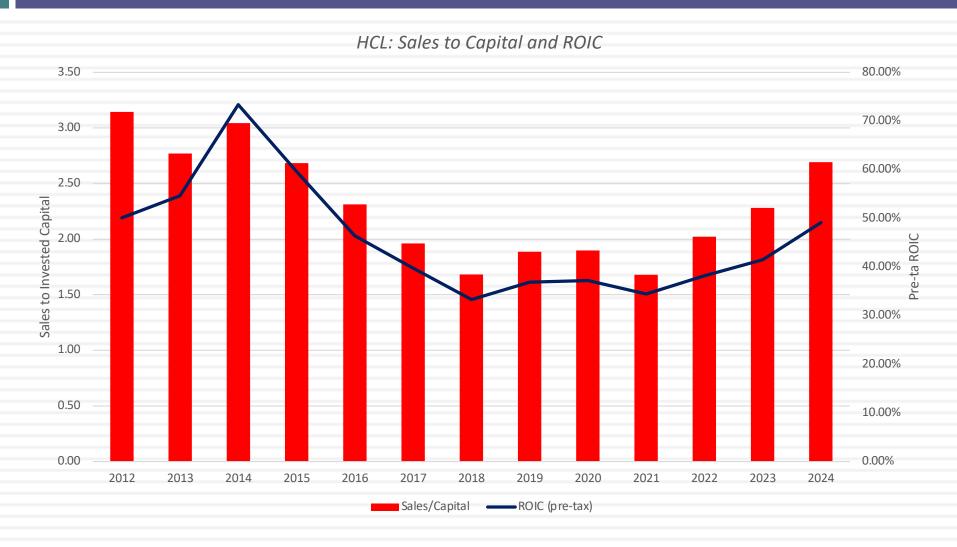
	Tata Motors	TCS
% of production/operations in India	High	High
% of revenues in India	91.37% (in 2009) Estimated 70% (in 2010)	7.62%
Lambda	0.80	0.20
Flexibility in moving operations	Low. Significant physical assets.	High. Human capital is mobil <u>e</u> ,

# VIII. Growth has to be earned (not endowed or estimated): Sustainable Growth



- No free growth: In the long term, to grow, you have to reinvest.
- Growth Quality: For a given reinvestment, the higher the return you generate on your reinvestment, the faster you can grow.
- Scaling up is hard to do: As companies get larger, it gets more difficult to sustain value-adding growth.

# Operating income, Reinvestment & Return on Capital – HCL's History



# Earn at least your cost of capital! But companies seem to have trouble in practice...

				% of firms with			% of firms with	% of firms with	% of firms with
Region	# firms	ROE	COE	ROE>COE	ROIC	WACC	ROIC>WACC	ROIC-WACC>5%	ROIC-WACC<5%
Africa and Middle East	2,423	7.55%	10.98%	32.03%	4.77%	9.33%	25.05%	16.59%	83.41%
Australia & NZ	1,798	-12.08%	8.51%	18.19%	-11.59%	8.36%	19.24%	13.68%	86.32%
Canada	2,791	-20.66%	8.64%	11.64%	-18.59%	8.41%	12.54%	8.10%	91.90%
China	7,504	4.34%	10.07%	23.87%	3.36%	8.94%	25.49%	15.27%	84.73%
EU & Environs	5,925	6.73%	9.83%	33.96%	5.48%	8.59%	33.59%	24.76%	75.24%
Eastern Europe & Russia	325	10.17%	10.38%	34.46%	4.32%	9.17%	26.46%	16.31%	83.69%
India	4,446	8.32%	11.12%	34.14%	5.61%	9.90%	29.94%	19.50%	80.50%
Japan	4,020	7.14%	10.05%	33.23%	7.15%	8.62%	41.32%	26.87%	73.13%
Latin America & Caribbean	984	9.28%	12.30%	35.37%	7.37%	9.76%	35.98%	24.19%	75.81%
Small Asia	9,876	5.19%	10.86%	25.65%	3.81%	9.37%	23.78%	14.14%	85.86%
UK	1,125	1.47%	9.71%	29.16%	4.76%	8.74%	37.16%	28.80%	71.20%
United States	6,481	2.64%	8.80%	26.68%	0.05%	7.91%	23.59%	17.74%	82.26%
Global	47,698	4.93%	9.92%	27.54%	3.73%	8.68%	27.12%	18.02%	81.98%

# When everything is in flux: Changing growth and margins

- The elegant connection between reinvestment and earnings growth, captured by a sustainable growth rate, when you have a company in transition, and margins are changing over time.
- If that is the case, you have to estimate cash flows in three steps:
  - Forecast revenue growth and revenues in future years, taking into account market potential and competition.
  - Forecast a "target" margin in the future and a pathway from current margins to the target.
  - Estimate reinvestment from revenues, using a sales to capital ratio (measuring the dollars of revenues you get from each dollar of investment).

### 1. Revenue Growth

#### Revenue Growth and Magnitude

#### Market Size and Growth

- 1. Current Market size: The size of the market for the company's products & services, given geography it is targeting and product type.
- 2. Expected Growth in Market: Gowth in total market, as technology and market conditions change.

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#### Market Share

- 1. Company's current market share: If company's current market share is low, potential for growth in market share at expense of competition.
- 2. Industry economics: Nature of the business (a few big winners or splintered competition).
- 3. Strength of company's competitive advantages: Stronger and more sustainable competitive advantages should allow for higher market share.

The potential for revenue growth is greater for companies with small revenues (and market share) in a big and growing market, especially if the company has strong competitive advantages in winner-take-all businesses.

### 2. Target Margins (and path there)...

#### **Operating Margin: Target and Pathway**

#### Target Operating Margin

- 1. Unit Economics: Profits on extra unit sold (Gross Margins), as percent of price, with higher profitability going with higher operating margin.
- 2. Economies of scale: Costs growth relative to revenue growth, with greater economies of scale allowing for higher margins.
- 3. Competition: Pricing behavior among competitiors, with more aggressive pricing leading to lower margins.

#### Pathway to Profitability

- 1. Company's current operating margin: The lower a company's current margin, relative to the target, the steeper the path to profitability.
- 2. Profitability versus Growth trade off: Companies that put growth ahead of profitability will wait longer before getting to target margin.
- 3. Business model: The more well formed a business model, the speedier the pathway to the target margin.

While all companies would like higher margins in steady state, the level of these margins will be determined by the sector in which a firm operates and its choice of business model, and the speed with which you move towards those target margins will be determined by a company's ambitions and business model choices.

# 3. Sales to Invested Capital: A Pathway to estimating Reinvestment

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#### Sales to Invested Capital: Reinvestment

Current (Historical) Sales to Capital

The sales to invested capital ratio relates the revenues of the firm to its invested capital, with the latter defined the same way that you would in the return on invested capital calculation.

= Revenues/ (Book Equity + Book Debt – Cash)

Sales to Capital

The ratio measures the efficiency with which a firm delivers its revenue growth, with higher values indicating more efficiency. You can look at:

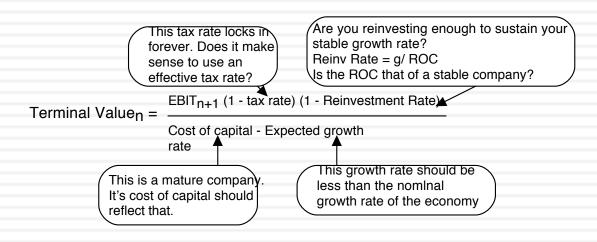
- 1. The company's historical sales to capital ratio
- 2. The industry average sales to capital ratio

Future Sales to Capital

- 1. Scaling Effects: As companies get bigger, the sales to invested capital ratio can rise or fall, depending on the sector being analyzed. (Looking at the peer group may give some guidance).
- <u>2. Excess Capacity</u>: If a company has excess capacity, created by past investments, it should be able to generate revenue growth with less investment, i.e., with higher sales to capital ratios.
- 3. Lag between investment and growth: If reinvestment creates growth quickly (or instantaneously), the reinvestment in a year can be estimated based upon revenue change in that year. If there is a lag, the reinvestment may have to be tied to revenue change in a future year.

A company with higher expected growth in revenues will need to reinvest more, though how much will be determined by the businesss that it operates in, with less reinvestment needed if it has excess capacity and a lag between reinvestment and growth.

# IX. All good things come to an end..And the terminal value is not an ATM...



Myth 5.1: The only way to estimate terminal value is to use the perpetual growth model.

Myth 5.2: The perpetual growth model can give you an infinite value. Myth 5.3: The growth rate is your biggest driver of terminal value. Myth 5.4: Your growth rate cannot be negtive in a perpetual growth model. Myth 5.5: If your terminal value is a high proportion of your DCF value, it is flawed.

$$Value \ of \ an \ asset \ with \ life > n \ years = \frac{E(CF_1)}{(1+r)^1} + \frac{E(CF_2)}{(1+r)^2} + \ldots + \frac{E(CF_n)}{(1+r)^n} + \frac{Terminal \ Value_n}{(1+r)^n}$$

Truth 5.1: The terminal value can be based on annuities or a liquidation value. Truth 5.2: Not if growth forever is capped at the growth rate of the economy.

Truth 5.3: Growth is not free & increasing growth can add or destory value.

Truth 5.4: Growth can be negative forever & is often more reflective of reality.

Truth 5.5: The terminal value should be a high percent of value today.

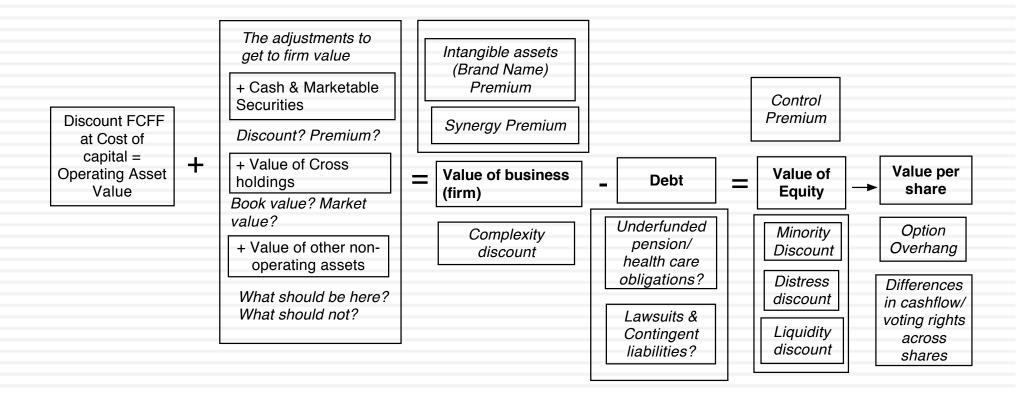
### Terminal Value and Growth

Stable Growth Rate	Amgen	Tata Motors	HCL	Almarai
0%	\$150,652	₹ 435,686	₹ 42,975	ر.س.58,649
1%	\$154,479	₹ 435,686	₹ 48,477	ر.س63,368
2%	\$160,194	₹ 435,686	₹ 55,636	ر.س69,183
3%	\$167,784	₹ 435,686	₹ 65,422	ر.س76,731
4%	\$179,099	₹ 435,686	₹ 79,770	ر.س87,298
5%		₹ 435,686		
Risk free Rate	4.78%	5.00%	3.94%	3.81%
ROIC	10.00%	10.39%	20.00%	10.84%
Cost of capital	8.08%	10.39%	8.05%	7.92%

### Intrinsic Valuation: Loose Ends

A premium here, a discount there, and soon you are where you wanted to be in the first place..

# Getting from DCF to value per share: The Loose Ends



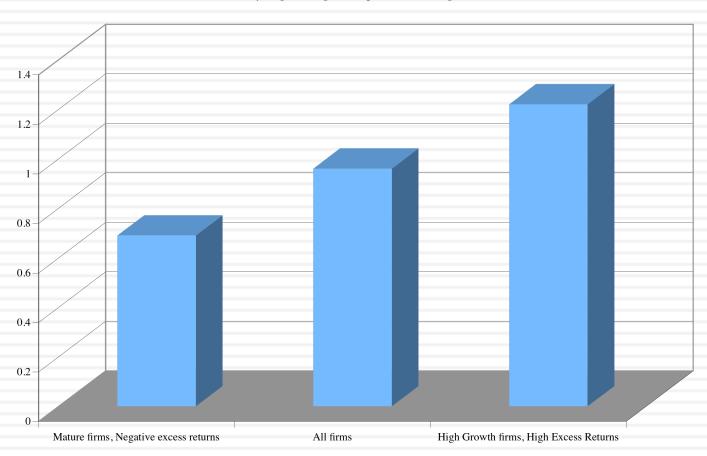
## 1. The Value of Cash An Exercise in Cash Valuation

	Company A	Company B	Company C
Enterprise Value	\$ 1 billion	\$ 1 billion	\$ 1 billion
Cash	\$ 100 mil	\$ 100 mil	\$ 100 mil
Return on Capital	10%	5%	22%
Cost of Capital	10%	10%	12%
Trades in	US	US	Argentina

In which of these companies is cash most likely to trade at face value, at a discount and at a premium?

### Cash: Discount or Premium?

Market Value of \$ 1 in cash: Estimates obtained by regressing Enterprise Value against Cash Balances



### 2. Dealing with Holdings in Other firms

- Holdings in other firms can be categorized into
  - Minority passive holdings, in which case only the dividend from the holdings is shown in the balance sheet
  - Minority active holdings, in which case the share of equity income is shown in the income statements
  - Majority active holdings, in which case the financial statements are consolidated.
- We tend to be sloppy in practice in dealing with cross holdings. After valuing the operating assets of a firm, using consolidated statements, it is common to add on the balance sheet value of minority holdings (which are in book value terms) and subtract out the minority interests (again in book value terms), representing the portion of the consolidated company that does not belong to the parent company.

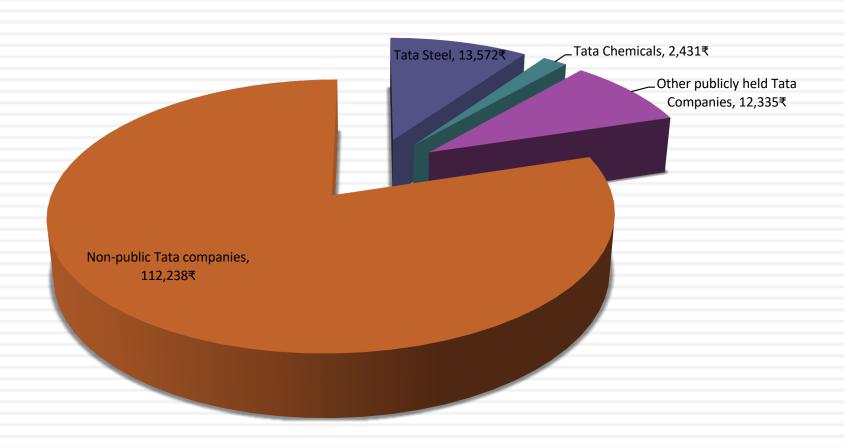
# How to value holdings in other firms.. In a perfect world..

- In a perfect world, we would strip the parent company from its subsidiaries and value each one separately. The value of the combined firm will be
  - Value of parent company + Proportion of value of each subsidiary
- To do this right, you will need to be provided detailed information on each subsidiary to estimate cash flows and discount rates.

### Two compromise solutions...

- The market value solution: When the subsidiaries are publicly traded, you could use their traded market capitalizations to estimate the values of the cross holdings. You do risk carrying into your valuation any mistakes that the market may be making in valuation.
- The relative value solution: When there are too many cross holdings to value separately or when there is insufficient information provided on cross holdings, you can convert the book values of holdings that you have on the balance sheet (for both minority holdings and minority interests in majority holdings) by using the average price to book value ratio of the sector in which the subsidiaries operate.

### Tata Motor's Cross Holdings



# 3. Other Assets that have not been counted yet..

- Unutilized assets: If you have assets or property that are not being utilized (vacant land, for example), you have not valued it yet. You can assess a market value for these assets and add them on to the value of the firm.
- Overfunded pension plans: If you have a defined benefit plan and your assets exceed your expected liabilities, you could consider the over funding with two caveats:
  - Collective bargaining agreements may prevent you from laying claim to these excess assets.
  - There are tax consequences. Often, withdrawals from pension plans get taxed at much higher rates.
- **Do not double count an asset**. If you count the income from an asset in your cash flows, you cannot count the market value of the asset in your value.



The longtime home of Playboy magazine founder Hugh Hefner is to be sold to Daren Metropoulos, a principal at private-equity firm Metropoulos & Co. PHOTO: GETTY IMAGES

### The "real estate" play

- Assume that Accor Hotels, a hotel company, has real estate investments underlying its operations. Assume that you estimate a real estate value of \$1.5 billion for the real estate. Can you add this value on to your DCF value that you get for the hotel business?
- a. Yes.
- b. No.
- c. Depends
- What would you do if the value of the land exceeds the present value that you have estimated for them as operating assets?
  - a. Nothing
  - b. Use the higher of the two values
  - c. Use the lower of the two values
  - d. Use a weighted average of the two values

# 4. A Discount for Complexity: An Experiment

	Company A	Company B		
Operating Income	\$ 1 billion	\$ 1 billion		
Tax rate	40%	40%		
ROIC	10%	10%		
<b>Expected Growth</b>	5%	5%		
Cost of capital	8%	8%		
Business Mix	Single	Multiple Businesses		
Holdings	Simple	Complex		
Accounting	Transparent	Opaque		
Which firm would you value more highly?				

## Measuring Complexity: Volume of Data in Financial Statements

Company	Number of pages in last 10Q	Number of pages in last 10K
General Electric	65	410
Microsoft	63	218
Wal-mart	38	244
Exxon Mobil	86	332
Pfizer	171	460
Citigroup	252	1026
Intel	69	215
AIG	164	720
Johnson & Johnson	63	218
IBM	85	353

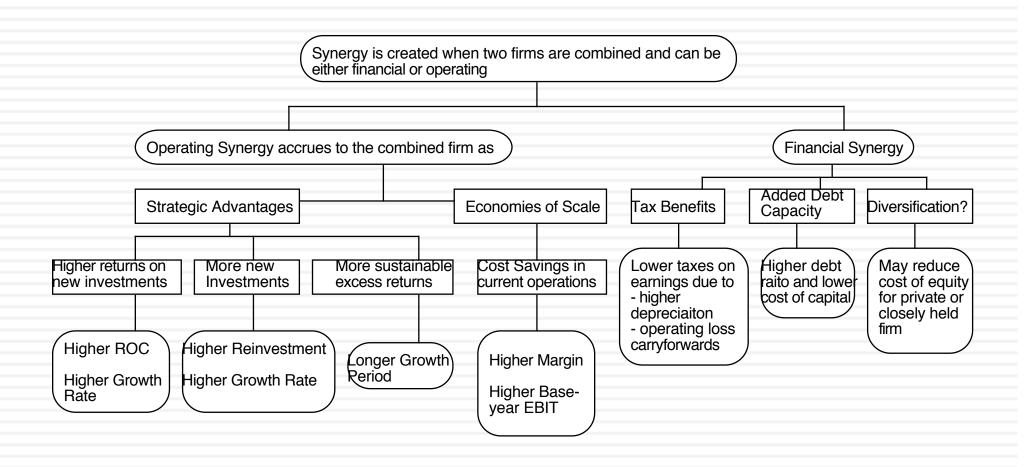
## Measuring Complexity: A Complexity Score

Item	Factors	Follow-up Question	Answer	Weighting factor	Gerdau Score	GE Score
Operating Income	1. Multiple Businesses	Number of businesses (with more than 10% of				
		revenues) =	1	2.00	2	30
		Percent of operating income =	10%	10.00	1	0.8
	3. Income from unspecified sources	Percent of operating income =	0%	10.00	0	1.2
	4. Items in income statement that are volatile	Percent of operating income =	15%	5.00	0.75	1
Tax Rate	1. Income from multiple locales	Percent of revenues from non-domestic locales =	70%	3.00	2.1	1.8
	2. Different tax and reporting books	Yes or No	No	Yes=3	0	3
	3. Headquarters in tax havens	Yes or No	No	Yes=3	0	0
	4. Volatile effective tax rate	Yes or No	Yes	Yes=2	2	0
Capital Expenditures	1. Volatile capital expenditures	Yes or No	Yes	Yes=2	2	2
	2. Frequent and large acquisitions	Yes or No	Yes	Yes=4	4	4
	3. Stock payment for acquisitions and	2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 - 2 -			•	
	investments	Yes or No	No	Yes=4	0	4
Working capital	1. Unspecified current assets and current					
	liabilities	Yes or No	No	Yes=3	0	0
	2. Volatile working capital items	Yes or No	Yes	Yes=2	2	2
Expected Growth rate	1. Off-balance sheet assets and liabilities					
	(operating leases and R&D)	Yes or No	No	Yes=3	0	3
	2. Substantial stock buybacks	Yes or No	No	Yes=3	0	3
	3. Changing return on capital over time	Is your return on capital volatile?	Yes	Yes=5	5	5
	4. Unsustainably high return	Is your firm's ROC much higher than industry average?		Yes=5	0	0
Cost of capital	1. Multiple businesses	Number of businesses (more than 10% of revenues) =	1	1.00	1	20
	2. Operations in emerging markets	Percent of revenues=	50%	5.00	2.5	2.5
	3. Is the debt market traded?	Yes or No	No	No=2	2	0
	4. Does the company have a rating?	Yes or No	Yes	No=2	0	0
	5. Does the company have off-balance sheet	165 01 170	105	110 2	0	
	debt?	Yes or No	No	Yes=5	0	5
No-operating assets	Minority holdings as percent of book assets	Minority holdings as percent of book assets	0%	20.00	0	0.8
Firm to Equity value	Consolidation of subsidiaries	Minority interest as percent of book value of equity	63%	20.00	12.6	1.2
Per share value Dan	Shares with different voting rights	Does the firm have shares with different voting rights?	Yes	Yes = 10	10	0
<del>лэман Бан</del>	Equity options outstanding	Options outstanding as percent of shares	0%	10.00	0	0.2\overline{7}4
		Complexity Score =	0,0	10.00	48.95	90.55

### **Dealing with Complexity**

- In Discounted Cashflow Valuation
  - The Aggressive Analyst: Trust the firm to tell the truth and value the firm based upon the firm's statements about their value.
  - The Conservative Analyst: Don't value what you cannot see.
  - The Compromise: Adjust the value for complexity
    - Adjust cash flows for complexity
    - Adjust the discount rate for complexity
    - Adjust the expected growth rate/length of growth period
    - Value the firm and then discount value for complexity
- In relative valuation
  - In a relative valuation, you may be able to assess the price that the market is charging for complexity:
  - With the hundred largest market cap firms, for instance:

### 5. The Value of Synergy



### Valuing Synergy

- (1) the firms involved in the merger are valued independently, by discounting expected cash flows to each firm at the weighted average cost of capital for that firm.
- (2) the value of the combined firm, with no synergy, is obtained by adding the values obtained for each firm in the first step.
- (3) The effects of synergy are built into expected growth rates and cashflows, and the combined firm is re-valued with synergy.

Value of Synergy = Value of the combined firm, with synergy - Value of the combined firm, without synergy

## Inbev + SAB Miller: Where's the synergy?

			Combined	
			firm (status	Combined firm
	Inbev	SABMiller	quo)	(synergy)
Levered Beta	0.85	0.8289	0.84641	0.84641
Pre-tax cost of debt	3.0000%	3.2000%	3.00%	3.00%
Effective tax rate	18.00%	26.36%	19.92%	19.92%
Debt to Equity Ratio	30.51%	23.18%	29.71%	29.71%
Revenues	\$45,762.00	\$22,130.00	\$67,892.00	\$67,892.00
Operating Margin	32.28%	19.97%	28.27%	30.00%
Operating Income (EBIT)	\$14,771.97	\$4,419.36	\$19,191.33	\$20.368
After-tax return on capital	12.10%	12.64%	11.68%	12.00%
Reinvestment Rate =	50.99%	33.29%	43.58%	50.00%
Expected Growth Rate	6.17%	4.21%	5.09%	6.00%

## The value of synergy

			Combined firm	Combined firm							
	Inbev	SABMiller	(status quo)	(synergy)							
Cost of Equity =	8.93%	9.37%	9.12%	9.12%							
After-tax cost of debt =	2.10%	2.24%	2.10%	2.10%							
Cost of capital =	7.33%	8.03%	7.51%	7.51%							
After-tax return on capital =	12.10%	12.64%	11.68%	12.00%							
Reinvestment Rate =	50.99%	33.29%	43.58%	50.00%							
Expected growth rate=	6.17%	4.21%	5.09%	6.00%							
Value of firm											
PV of FCFF in high growth =	\$28,733	\$9,806	\$38,539	\$39,151							
Terminal value =	\$260,982	\$58,736	\$319,717	\$340,175							
Value of operating assets =	\$211,953	\$50,065	\$262,018	\$276,610							

Value of synergy = 276,610 - 262,018 = 14,592 million

# 6. Brand name, great management, superb product ...Are we short changing intangibles?

- There is often a temptation to add on premiums for intangibles. Here are a few examples.
  - Brand name
  - Great management
  - Loyal workforce
  - Technological prowess
- There are two potential dangers:
  - For some assets, the value may already be in your value and adding a premium will be double counting.
  - For other assets, the value may be ignored but incorporating it will not be easy.

# A Single Intangible: Valuing Brand Name at Coca Cola

	Coca Cola	With Cott Margins
Current Revenues =	\$21,962.00	\$21,962.00
Length of high-growth period	10	10
Reinvestment Rate =	50%	50%
Operating Margin (after-tax)	15.57%	5.28%
Sales/Capital (Turnover ratio)	1.34	1.34
Return on capital (after-tax)	20.84%	7.06%
Growth rate during period (g) =	10.42%	3.53%
Cost of Capital during period =	7.65%	7.65%
Stable Growth Period		
Growth rate in steady state =	4.00%	4.00%
Return on capital =	7.65%	7.65%
Reinvestment Rate =	52.28%	52.28%
Cost of Capital =	7.65%	7.65%
Value of Firm =	\$79,611.25	\$15,371.24

# Multiple Intangibles: Valuing Birkenstock's many intangibles!

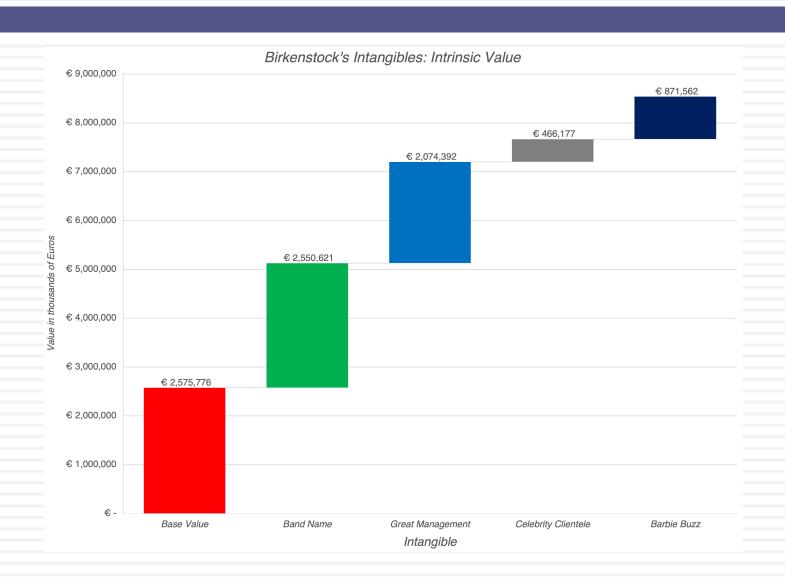
- 1. <u>Brand Name</u>: It is undeniable that Birkenstock not only has a brand name, in terms of recognition and visibility, but has the pricing power and operating margins to back up that brand name.
- <u>Celebrity Customer Base</u>: Birkenstock attracts celebrities in different age groups, from Gwyneth Paltrow & Heidi Klum to Paris Jackson & Kendall Jenner, and more impressively, it does so without paying them sponsorship fees. If the best advertising is unsolicited, Birkenstock clearly has mastered the game.
- Good Management: Birkenstock seems to have struck gold with Oliver Reichert. Not only has he steered the company towards high growth, but he has done so without upsetting the balance that lies behind its brand name.
- 4. The Barbie Buzz: Margot Robbie's <u>pink Birkenstock sandals in that movie</u>, which has been the blockbuster hit of the year, hyper charged the demand for the company's footwear. It is true that buzzes fade, but not before they create a revenue bump and perhaps even increase the customer base for the long term.

					Birkensto	ck IPO Valuati	on							Sep-23	
Base Year and	d Comparison			Gro	owth Story		Profitab	ility Story		Gro	wth Efficiency S	Story			
		Big Apparel			% in year 1, follow	ed		argin of 23% in	,		quartile (2.62) o			Terminal Va	alue
CAGR in Revenues (2013-22)	18.20%	0 11		-	6 in years 2-5			g to 25% over			arel & footwear f	•		Growth Rate	2.74%
Revenue (LTM)	€ 1,439,976	1						ng four years.	· '					Cost of capital	7.749
Operating Margin (LTM)	22.31%	14.74%	,	Barbie Buzz	z in year 1. Stror	10	Brand na	<b>me</b> allows for	,	Free celeb	rity advertisi	i <b>ng</b> and more		Return on capital	12.00%
Operating Income	€ 321,230	1			ent finds growth i	_		& slight growth	<i>i</i> '		nip deals will allo		i '	Reinvestment Rate	22.83%
EBIT (1-t)	€ 224,861	1			s/proudcts, withou			rofit margins.	<i>'</i>		icient reinvestme		i T		
					ng brand name.										
PV(Terminal value)	€ 6,087,285	1		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Terminal year	
PV (CF over next 10 years)	€ 2,862,595		Revenue Growth	25.00%							7.64%				
Probability of failure =	0.00%			- 1, 1								€ 4,417,113			
Value of operating assets =	€ 8,949,880		Operating Margin	23.00%							25.00%				
- Debt	€ 1,874,002						,					€ 1,104,278		, ,	
- Minority interests	€ -			€ 289,795	· ·				,			, , , , , ,			
+ Cash	€ 307,078			€ 103,052			,		,	- /-	€ 83,213	_	,		
+ Non-operating assets	€ -	<b></b> '	FCFF	€ 186,743	€ 226,34	47 € 266,964	€ 314,674	€ 400,153	€ 483,524	€ 568,848	€ 651,629	,	€ 746,715		
Value of equity	€ 8,382,956	4											€ 12,592,600		
- Value of options	€ -	<b>4</b>													
Value of equity (common stock)			Cost of Capital	7.45%											
Number of shares	202,853.00	<b></b> '	Cumulated WACC	0.9306	0.86	0.8060	0.7501	0.6980	0.6493	0.6036	0.5608	0.5208	0.4834	4	
Estimated value /share	€ 41.33	4													
			Sales to Capital	2.62		.62 2.62									
Price per share	€ 46.50		ROIC	7.38%	8.50	6% 9.73%	11.01%	12.41%	13.51%	14.44%	15.18%	15.70%	15.98%	12.00%	
% Under or Over Valued	12.52%														
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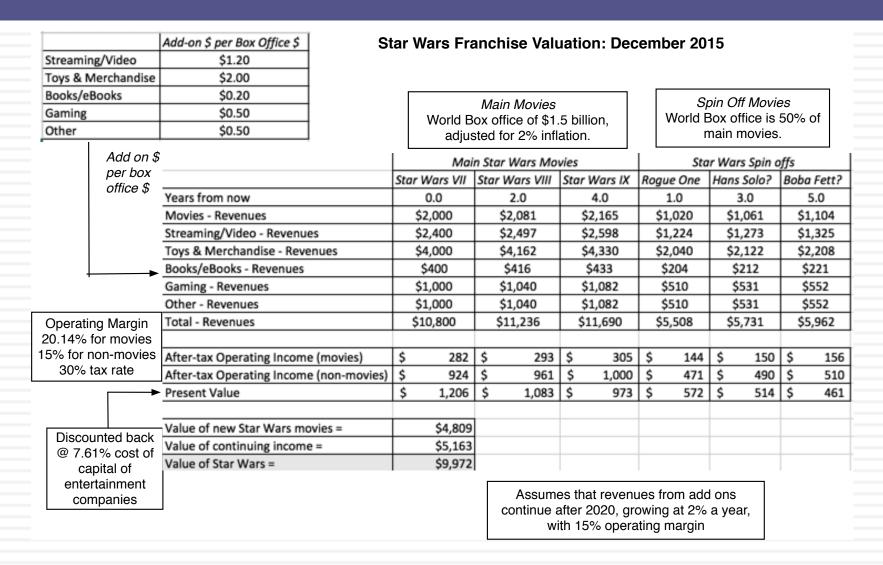
## Where are the intangibles?

Intangible	Input with intangible	Input without Intangible	Value Without	Value Effect
Barbie Buzz Effect	Higher revenue growth in the next year (25%)	Revenue growth in year 1 reverts to CAGR of 15% in year s 2-5.	€ 7,666,966	€ 871,562
Celebrity Clientele	Growth delivered more efficiently, with sales to capital of 2.62 (third quartile of big brand apparel/footwear)	Growth delivered as efficiently as typical brand name company (1.59)	€ 7,200,789	€ 466,177
Good/Great Management	Expected CAGR of 15% in revenues	Expected CAGR of 8.66%, matching growth at big, brand name apparel/footwear firms.	€ 5,126,397	€ 2,074,392
Brand Name	Operating margin of 23% next year, rising to 25% in year 5.	Operating margin set to 14.74%, average for entire apparel/footwear sector.	€ 2,575,776	€ 2,550,621

## Birkenstock: Intangibles in Value



### Valuing a Franchise: Star Wars



# 7. Be circumspect about defining debt for cost of capital purposes...

- General Rule: Debt generally has the following characteristics:
  - Commitment to make fixed payments in the future
  - The fixed payments are tax deductible
  - Failure to make the payments can lead to either default or loss of control of the firm to the party to whom payments are due.
- Defined as such, debt should include
  - All interest bearing liabilities, short term as well as long term
  - All leases, operating as well as capital
- Debt should not include
  - Accounts payable or supplier credit

# But should consider other potential liabilities when getting to equity value...

- If you have under funded pension fund or health care plans, you should consider the under funding at this stage in getting to the value of equity.
  - If you do so, you should not double count by also including a cash flow line item reflecting cash you would need to set aside to meet the unfunded obligation.
  - You should not be counting these items as debt in your cost of capital calculations....
- If you have contingent liabilities for example, a potential liability from a lawsuit that has not been decided - you should consider the expected value of these contingent liabilities
  - Value of contingent liability = Probability that the liability will occur \* Expected value of liability

#### 8. The Value of Control

- The value of the control premium that will be paid to acquire a block of equity will depend upon two factors -
  - Probability that control of firm will change: This refers to the probability that incumbent management will be replaced. this can be either through acquisition or through existing stockholders exercising their muscle.
  - Value of Gaining Control of the Company: The value of gaining control of a company arises from two sources - the increase in value that can be wrought by changes in the way the company is managed and run, and the side benefits and perquisites of being in control
  - Value of Gaining Control = Present Value (Value of Company with change in control Value of company without change in control) + Side Benefits of Control

#### Changing Value

#### 2.1: Increase value from growth (by growing less)

If you are in a bad business, where you earn less than your cost of capital, reinvest & grow less.

#### Current Cashflows

These are the cash flows from existing investments, net of any reinvestment needed to sustain future growth. They can be computed before debt cashflows (to the firm) or after debt cashflows (to equity investors).

#### 1. Increase current cash flows

Increase cash flows from existing assets, by redeploying poorly utilized assets, cutting costs, reducing taxes paid or managing working capital better. Growth from new investments
Growth created by making new
investments; function of amount and
quality of investments

Efficiency Growth Growth generated by using existing assets better

#### 2.2: Increase value from growth (by growing more)

If you are in a good business, where you earn more than your cost of capital, reinvest & grow more.

Terminal Value of firm (equity)

Expected Growth during high growth period

Stable growth firm, with no or very limited excess returns

Length of the high growth period

Since value creating growth requires excess returns, this is a function of

- Magnitude of competitive advantages
- Sustainability of competitive advantages

3. Develop & grow competitive advanatges

If you have no competitive advantages, develop some, and if you do, build on them.

Cost of financing (debt or capital) to apply to discounting cashflows

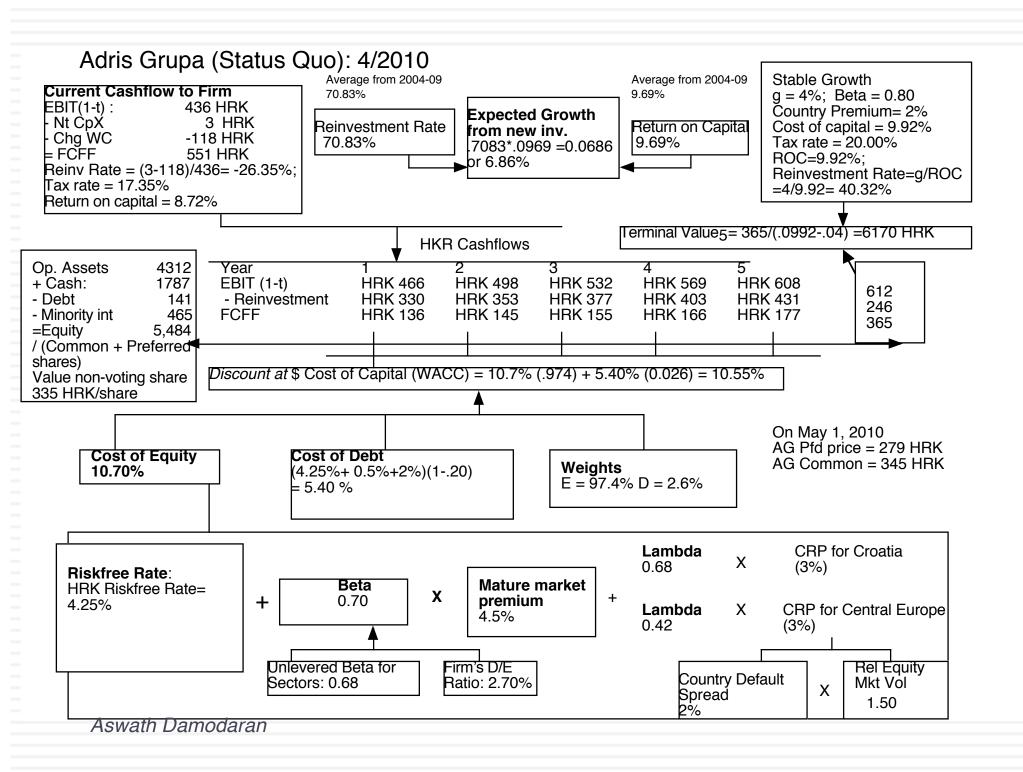
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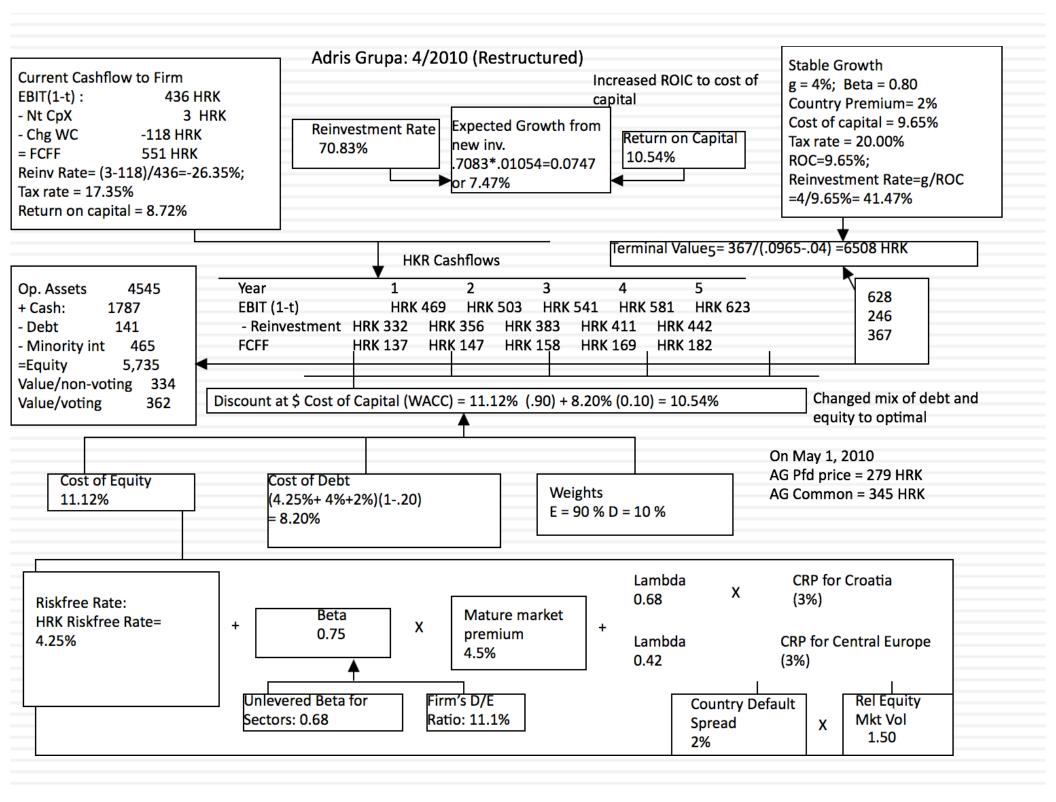
- Operating risk of the company
- Default risk of the company
- Mix of debt and equity used in financing

#### 4. Reduce your cost of capital

Reduce your overall cost of capital by

- a. Changing mix of debt and equity
- b. Matching debt to your assets
- c. Reducing fixed costs
- d. Making your products/services less discretionary





#### Value of Control and the Value of Voting Rights

- Adris Grupa has two classes of shares outstanding: 9.616
   million voting shares and 6.748 million non-voting shares.
- To value a non-voting share, we assume that all non-voting shares essentially have to settle for status quo value. All shareholders, common and preferred, get an equal share of the status quo value.

Status Quo Value of Equity = 5,484 million HKR Value for a non-voting share = 5484/(9.616+6.748) = 334 HKR/share

To value a voting share, we first value control in Adris Grup as the difference between the optimal and the status quo value:
 Value of control at Adris Grupa = 5,735 – 5484 = 249 million HKR
 Value per voting share = 334 HKR + 249/9.616 = 362 HKR

### Intrinsic Valuation: The Dark Side

Valuing difficult-to-value companies!

#### The fundamental determinants of value...

What are the cashflows from existing assets?

- Equity: Cashflows after debt payments

- Firm: Cashflows before debt payments

What is the **value added** by growth assets? Equity: Growth in equity earnings/ cashflows Firm: Growth in operating earnings/ cashflows

How **risky are the cash flows** from both existing assets and growth assets? Equity: Risk in equity in the company Firm: Risk in the firm's operations

When will the firm become a **mature firm**, and what are the potential roadblocks?

#### The Dark Side of Valuation...

- Valuing stable, money making companies with consistent and clear accounting statements, a long and stable history and lots of comparable firms is easy to do.
- The true test of your valuation skills is when you have to value "difficult" companies. In particular, the challenges are greatest when valuing:
  - Young companies, early in the life cycle, in young businesses
  - Companies that don't fit the accounting mold
  - Companies that face substantial truncation risk (default or nationalization risk)

### Difficult to value companies...

#### Across the life cycle:

- Young, growth firms: Limited history, small revenues in conjunction with big operating losses and a propensity for failure make these companies tough to value.
- Mature companies in transition: When mature companies change or are forced to change, history may have to be abandoned and parameters have to be reestimated.
- Declining and Distressed firms: A long but irrelevant history, declining markets, high debt loads and the likelihood of distress make them troublesome.

#### Across sectors

- Financial service firms: Opacity of financial statements and difficulties in estimating basic inputs leave us trusting managers to tell us what's going on.
- Commodity and cyclical firms: Dependence of the underlying commodity prices or overall economic growth make these valuations susceptible to macro factors.
- Firms with intangible assets: Accounting principles are left to the wayside on these firms.

#### Across the ownership cycle

- Privately owned businesses: Exposure to firm specific risk and illiquidity bedevil valuations.
- Venture Capital (VC) and private equity: Different equity investors, with different perceptions of risk.
- Closely held public firms: Part private and part public, sharing the troubles of both.

### I. The challenge with young companies...

Figure 5.2: Estimation Issues - Young and Start-up Companies

Making judgments on revenues/ profits difficult becaue you cannot draw on history. If you have no product/ service, it is difficult to gauge market potential or profitability. The company's entire value lies in future growth but you have little to base your estimate on.

Cash flows from existing assets non-existent or negative.

What is the value added by growth assets?

What are the cashflows from existing assets?

Different claims or cash flows can affect value of equity at each stage.

What is the value of equity in the firm?

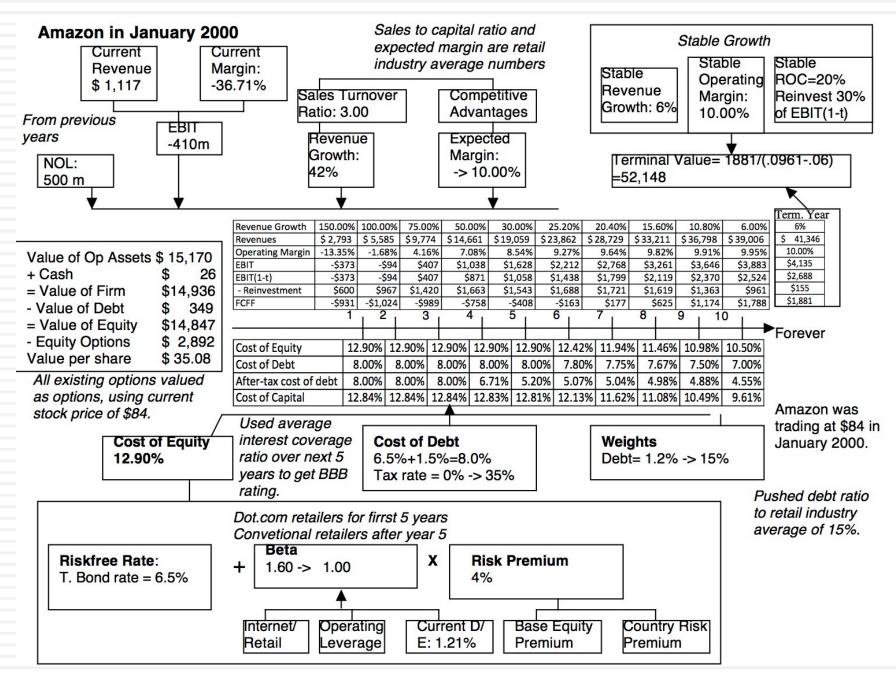
How risky are the cash flows from both existing assets and growth assets?

Limited historical data on earnings, and no market prices for securities makes it difficult to assess risk. When will the firm become a mature fiirm, and what are the potential roadblocks?

Will the firm make it through the gauntlet of market demand and competition? Even if it does, assessing when it will become mature is difficult because there is so little to go on.

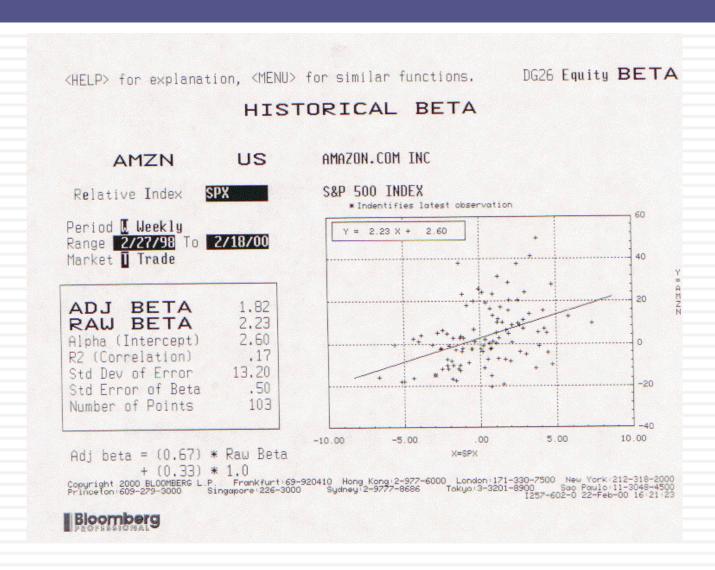
## Upping the ante.. Young companies in young businesses...

- □ When valuing a business, we generally draw on three sources of information
  - The firm's current financial statement
    - How much did the firm sell?
    - How much did it earn?
  - The firm's financial history, usually summarized in its financial statements.
    - How fast have the firm's revenues and earnings grown over time?
    - What can we learn about cost structure and profitability from these trends?
    - Susceptibility to macro-economic factors (recessions and cyclical firms)
  - The industry and comparable firm data
    - What happens to firms as they mature? (Margins.. Revenue growth... Reinvestment needs... Risk)
- It is when valuing these companies that you find yourself tempted by the dark side, where
  - "Paradigm shifts" happen...
  - New metrics are invented ...
  - The story dominates and the numbers lag...



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### Lesson 1: Don't trust regression betas....

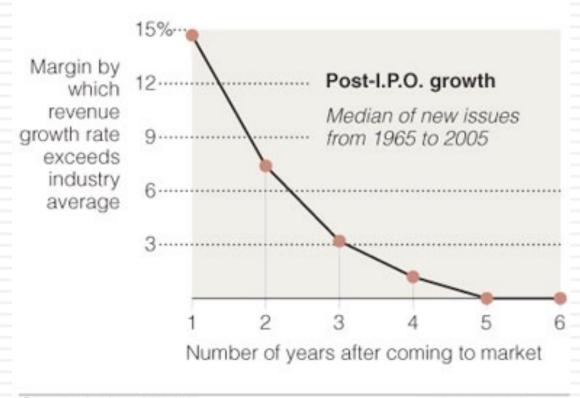


### Lesson 2: Work backwards and keep it simple...

Year	Revenue Growth	Sales	Operating Margin	EBIT	EBIT (1-t)
Tr 12 mths		\$1,117	-36.71%	-\$410	-\$410
1	150.00%	\$2,793	-13.35%	-\$373	-\$373
2	100.00%	\$5,585	-1.68%	-\$94	-\$94
3	75.00%	\$9,774	4.16%	\$407	\$407
4	50.00%	\$14,661	7.08%	\$1,038	\$871
5	30.00%	\$19,059	8.54%	\$1,628	\$1,058
6	25.20%	\$23,862	9.27%	\$2,212	\$1,438
7	20.40%	\$28,729	9.64%	\$2,768	\$1,799
8	15.60%	\$33,211	9.82%	\$3,261	\$2,119
9	10.80%	\$36,798	9.91%	\$3,646	\$2,370
10	6.00%	\$39,006	9.95%	\$3,883	\$2,524
TY	6.00%	\$41,346	10.00%	\$4,135	\$2,688

### Lesson 3: Scaling up is hard to do...

Typically, the revenue growth rate of a newly public company outpaces its industry average for only about five years.



Source: Andrew Metrick

The New York Times

## Lesson 4: Don't forget to pay for growth...

Invested Capital in year t = Invested Capital in year t-1 + Reinvestment in year t-1

Year	Revenues	Δ Revenue	Sales/Cap	∆ Investment	Inves	ted Capital	EBIT (1-t)	Imputed ROC
Tr 12 mths	\$1,117				\$	487	-\$410	
1	\$2,793	\$1,676	3.00	\$559	\$	1,045	-\$373	-76.62%
2	\$5,585	\$2,793	3.00	\$931	\$	1,976	-\$94	-8.96%
3	\$9,774	\$4,189	3.00	\$1,396	\$	3,372	\$407	20.59%
4	\$14,661	\$4,887	3.00	\$1,629	\$	5,001	\$871	25.82%
5	\$19,059	\$4,398	3.00	\$1,466	\$	6,467	\$1,058	21.16%
6	\$23,862	\$4,803	3.00	\$1,601	\$	8,068	\$1,438	22.23%
7	\$28,729	\$4,868	3.00	\$1,623	\$	9,691	\$1,799	22.30%
8	\$33,211	\$4,482	3.00	\$1,494	\$	11,185	\$2,119	21.87%
9	\$36,798	\$3,587	3.00	\$1,196	\$	12,380	\$2,370	21.19%
10	\$39,006	\$2,208	3.00	\$736	\$	13,116	\$2,524	20.39%
TY	\$41,346	\$2,340	NA			Assumed to	be =	20.00%

Return on Capital in year t= EBIT (1-t) in year t/ Invested Capital in year t-1

# Lesson 5: There are always scenarios where the market price can be justified...

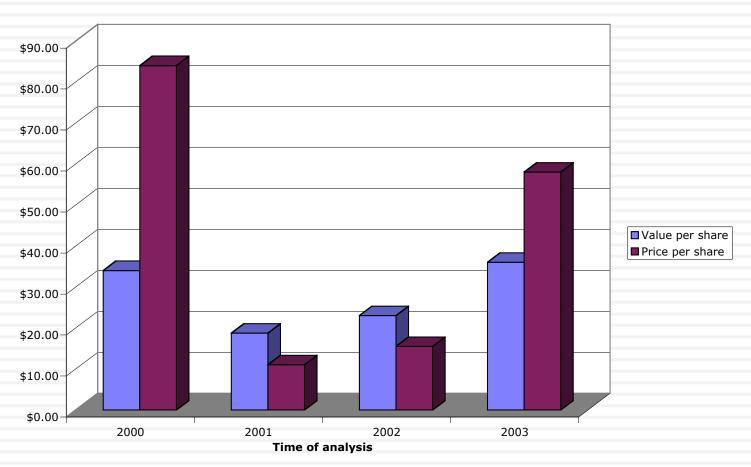
		Target pre-tax Operating Margin									
Φ	(I)		6%	8%		10%		12%			14%
ded annual Growth rate	30%	\$	(1.94)	\$	2.95	\$	7.84	\$	12.71	\$	17.57
	35%	\$	1.41	\$	8.37	\$	15.33	\$	22.27	\$	29.21
	40%	\$	6.10	\$	15.93	\$	25.74	\$	35.54	\$	45.34
	45%	\$	12.59	\$	26.34	\$	40.05	\$	53.77	\$	67.48
on noc	50%	\$	21.47	\$	40.50	\$	59.52	\$	78.53	\$	97.54
Compounded Revenue Grov	55%	\$	33.47	\$	59.60	\$	85.72	\$	111.84	\$	137.95
Co	60%	\$	49.53	\$	85.10	\$	120.66	\$	156.22	\$	191.77

# Lesson 6: You will be wrong 100% of the time... and it really is not (always) your fault...

- No matter how careful you are in getting your inputs and how well structured your model is, your estimate of value will change both as new information comes out about the company, the business and the economy.
- As information comes out, you will have to adjust and adapt your model to reflect the information. Rather than be defensive about the resulting changes in value, recognize that this is the essence of risk.
- A test: If your valuations are unbiased, you should find yourself increasing estimated values as often as you are decreasing values. In other words, there should be equal doses of good and bad news affecting valuations (at least over time).

## And the market is often "more wrong"....

#### **Amazon: Value and Price**



### Valuing an IPO

#### Valuation issues:

- Use of the proceeds from the offering: The proceeds from the offering can be held as cash by the firm to cover future investment needs, paid to existing equity investors who want to cash out or used to pay down debt.
- Warrants/ Special deals with prior equity investors: If venture capitalists and other equity investors from earlier iterations of fund raising have rights to buy or sell their equity at pre-specified prices, it can affect the value per share offered to the public.

#### Pricing issues:

- Institutional set-up: Most IPOs are backed by investment banking guarantees on the price, which can affect how they are priced.
- Follow-up offerings: The proportion of equity being offered at initial offering and subsequent offering plans can affect pricing.

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				The Story						
dominate the market; th	nere will be a near tern the company will cont	n COVID bouncecback tinue to reinvest (acq	k effect. While Amazo uisitions and techno try risk.	on Food remains the wil ology) as it grows. The ris	ld card, economies of sca	one of a few (two or three) players who will les will allow the company to generate high the company's post-IPO cash balance and access				
				Assumptions						
	Base year	Next year	Years 2-5	Years 6-10	After year 10	Link to story				
Indian Food Delivery	₹225,000	₹337,500	30.00% 15.27%		₹1,961,979	Indian food market rebounds in 2021 and growsto about \$25 billion in year 10				
Market Share	42.15%	41.72%		<b>→</b> 40.00%	40.00%	Zomato is one of two or three lead players in Indian food delivery market				
Revenues as % of GOV	21.03%	22.00%			22.00%					
Revenues (a)	₹19,937.89	₹30,975		ket Share* Revenue as of GOV	₹172,654	COVID rebound in 2021 + Growth in food delivery market in India long term				
Operating margin (b)	-24.10%	-10.0%	-10.00% —	<b>→</b> 35.00%	35.00%	Margins improve as growth wanes				
Tax rate	30.00%		30.00%		30.00%	Indian corporate tax rate over time				
Reinvestment (c )		5.00	2.50	3.00	35.42%	Acquisitions & technology investments needed to sustain growth				
Return on capital	-7.15%	Marginal ROIC =	12	7.01%	12.00%	Newworking benefits allow for high ROIC, near and long term.				
Cost of capital (d)			10.25% —	→ 8.97%	Cost of capital reflects Indian country risk					
		<u>-</u>	Th	e Cash Flows	8.97%					
	Total Market	Market Share			Reinvestment	FCFF				
1	₹337,500	41.72%	₹30,974.78 -₹3,097.48		₹2,207.38	-₹ 5,304.86				
2	₹438,750	41.29%	₹39,852.91 ₹498.16		₹3,551.25	-₹ 3,053.09				
3	₹570,375	40.86%	₹51,270.19 ₹3,247.17		₹4,566.91	-₹ 1,319.74				
4	₹741,488	40.43%	₹65,951.07			-₹ 101.64				
5	₹963,934	40.00%	₹84,826.17	₹10,762.32	₹6,291.70	₹4,470.62				
6	₹1,203,471	40.00%	₹105,905.47	₹14,994.01	₹7,026.43	₹7,967.57				
7	₹1,440,555	40.00%	₹126,768.85	₹24,503.10	₹6,954.46	₹17,548.64				
8	₹1,650,156	40.00%	₹145,213.72	₹35,577.36	₹6,148.29	₹29,429.07				
9	₹1,805,271	40.00%	₹158,863.81	₹38,921.63	₹4,550.03	₹34,371.60				
10	₹1,881,995	40.00%	₹165,615.52	₹40,575.80	₹2,250.57	₹38,325.23				
Terminal year	₹1,961,979	40.00%	₹172,654.18	₹42,300.27	₹14,981.35	₹27,318.93				
				The Value						
Terminal value			₹578,790.83							
PV(Terminal value)			₹225,869.40							
PV (CF over next 10 years	•		₹50,979.90							
Value of operating assets	; =		₹276,849.30							
Adjustment for distress				Probability of failure =	10.00%					
- Debt & Minority Intere	ests		₹1,591.72							
+ Cash & Other Non-ope	rating assets			Includes cash proceeds	₹90,000					
Value of equity			₹397,374.81							
- Value of equity ontions	c		₹ 73 244 53	i						

₹73,244.53 7,946.68

₹40.79

Stock was offered at = ₹ 70.00

Number of shares

Value per share

- Value of equity options

### II. Dealing with decline and distress...

Historial data often reflects flat or declining revenues and falling margins. Investments often earn less than the cost of capital.

Growth can be negative, as firm sheds assets and shrinks. As less profitable assets are shed, the firm's remaining assets may improve in quality.

What is the value added by growth assets?

What are the cashflows from existing assets?

Underfunded pension obligations and litigation claims can lower value of equity. Liquidation preferences can affect value of equity

What is the value of equity in the firm?

How risky are the cash flows from both existing assets and growth assets?

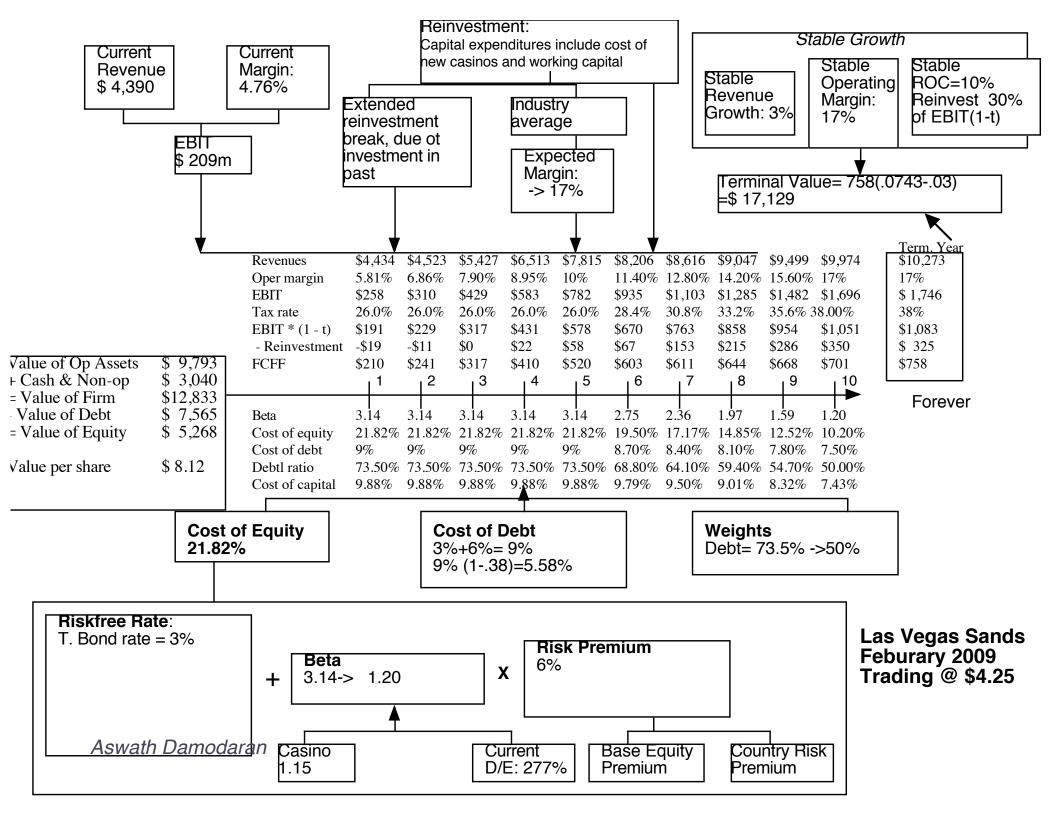
Depending upon the risk of the assets being divested and the use of the proceeds from the divestuture (to pay dividends or retire debt), the risk in both the firm and its equity can change.

When will the firm become a mature fiirm, and what are the potential roadblocks?

There is a real chance, especially with high financial leverage, that the firm will not make it. If it is expected to survive as a going concern, it will be as a much smaller entity.

#### Dealing with the "downside" of Distress

- A DCF valuation values a firm as a going concern. If there is a significant likelihood of the firm failing before it reaches stable growth and if the assets will then be sold for a value less than the present value of the expected cash flows (a distress sale value), DCF valuations will understate the value of the firm.
- Value of Equity= DCF value of equity (1 Probability of distress) + Distress sale value of equity (Probability of distress)
- There are three ways in which we can estimate the probability of distress:
  - Use the bond rating to estimate the cumulative probability of distress over 10 years
  - Estimate the probability of distress with a probit
  - Estimate the probability of distress by looking at market value of bonds...
- The distress sale value of equity is usually best estimated as a percent of book value (and this value will be lower if the economy is doing badly and there are other firms in the same business also in distress).



### Adjusting the value of LVS for distress..

- Ratings based approach: In February 2009, Las Vegas Sands was rated B+, and based upon history (previous ten years), the likelihood of default is 28.25%.
- Bond Price based: In February 2009, LVS was rated B+ by S&P. Historically, 28.25% of B+ rated bonds default within 10 years. LVS has a 6.375% bond, maturing in February 2015 (7 years), trading at \$529. If we discount the expected cash flows on the bond at the riskfree rate, we can back out the probability of distress from the bond price:

$$529 = \sum_{t=1}^{t=7} \frac{63.75(1 - \Pi_{\text{Distress}})^t}{(1.03)^t} + \frac{1000(1 - \Pi_{\text{Distress}})^7}{(1.03)^7}$$

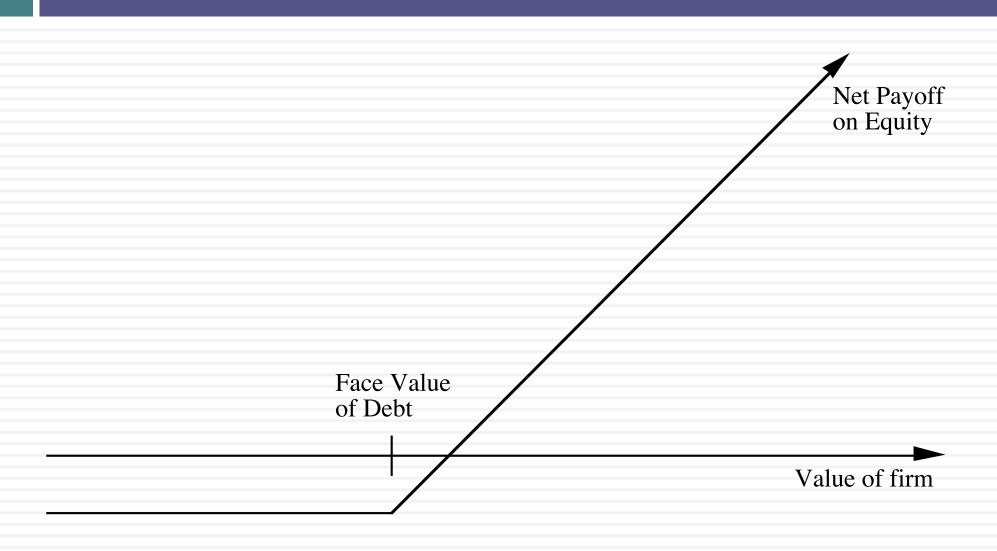
 $\pi_{\text{Distress}}$  = Annual probability of default = 13.54%

Cumulative probability of surviving 10 years =  $(1 - .1354)^{10} = 23.34\%$ 

Cumulative probability of distress over 10 years = 1 - .2334 = .7666 or 76.66%

- □ If LVS is becomes distressed:
  - Expected distress sale proceeds = \$2,769 million < Face value of debt
  - Expected equity value/share = \$0.00
- Expected value per share
  - $\square$  With ratings-based approach: \$8.12 (.7175) + \$0 (.2825) = \$5.83
  - $\square$  With bond-based approach: \$8.12 (1 .7666) + \$0.00 (.7666) = \$1.92

## The "sunny" side of distress: Equity as a call option to liquidate the firm



#### Application to valuation: A simple example

- Assume that you have a firm whose assets are currently valued at \$100 million and that the standard deviation in this asset value is 40%.
- Further, assume that the face value of debt is \$80 million (It is zero coupon debt with 10 years left to maturity).
- □ If the ten-year treasury bond rate is 10%,
  - how much is the equity worth?
  - What should the interest rate on debt be?

#### Model Parameters & Valuation

#### The inputs

- Value of the underlying asset = S = Value of the firm = \$ 100 million
- Exercise price = K = Face Value of outstanding debt = \$80 million
- Life of the option = t = Life of zero-coupon debt = 10 years
- Variance in the value of the underlying asset =  $\sigma^2$  = Variance in firm value = 0.16
- Riskless rate = r = Treasury bond rate corresponding to option life = 10%

#### The output

■ The Black-Scholes model provides the following value for the call:

$$N(d1) = 0.9451$$

$$d2 = 0.3345$$

$$N(d2) = 0.6310$$

- Value of the call = 100 (0.9451) 80  $\exp^{(-0.10)(10)}$  (0.6310) = \$75.94 million
- Value of the outstanding debt = \$100 \$75.94 = \$24.06 million
- Interest rate on debt =  $($80 / $24.06)^{1/10} 1 = 12.77\%$

#### Firm value drops...

- Assume now that a catastrophe wipes out half the value of this firm (the value drops to \$ 50 million), while the face value of the debt remains at \$ 80 million.
- The inputs
  - Value of the underlying asset = S = Value of the firm = \$ 50 million
  - All the other inputs remain unchanged
- The output
  - Based upon these inputs, the Black-Scholes model provides the following value for the call:

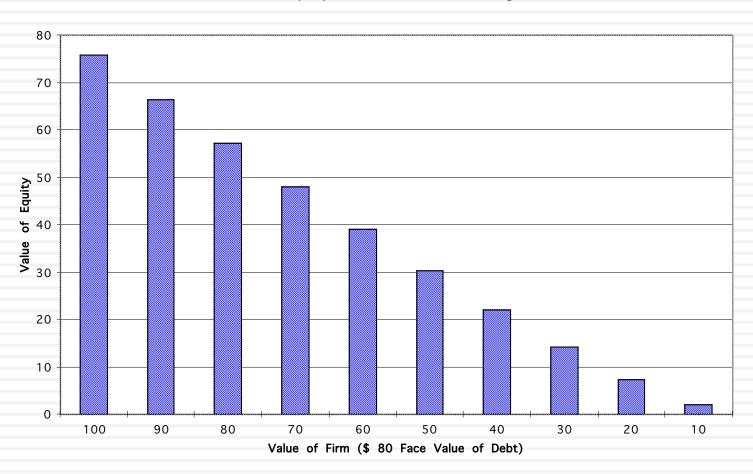
$$N(d1) = 0.8534$$

$$N(d2) = 0.4155$$

- □ Value of the call = 50 (0.8534) 80  $\exp^{(-0.10)(10)}$  (0.4155) = \$30.44 million
- Value of the bond= \$50 \$30.44 = \$19.56 million

### Equity value persists .. As firm value declines..

Value of Equity as Firm Value Changes



### III. Valuing Financial Service Companies

Existing assets are usually financial assets or loans, often marked to market. Earnings do not provide much information on underlying risk.

Defining capital expenditures and working capital is a challenge. Growth can be strongly influenced by regulatory limits and constraints. Both the amount of new investments and the returns on these investments can change with regulatory changes.

What is the value added by growth assets?

What are the cashflows from existing assets?

Preferred stock is a significant source of capital.

What is the value of equity in the firm?

How risky are the cash flows from both existing assets and growth assets?

For financial service firms, debt is raw material rather than a source of capital. It is not only tough to define but if defined broadly can result in high financial leverage, magnifying the impact of small operating risk changes on equity risk.

When will the firm become a mature fiirm, and what are the potential roadblocks?

In addition to all the normal constraints, financial service firms also have to worry about maintaining capital ratios that are acceptable of regulators. If they do not, they can be taken over and shut down.

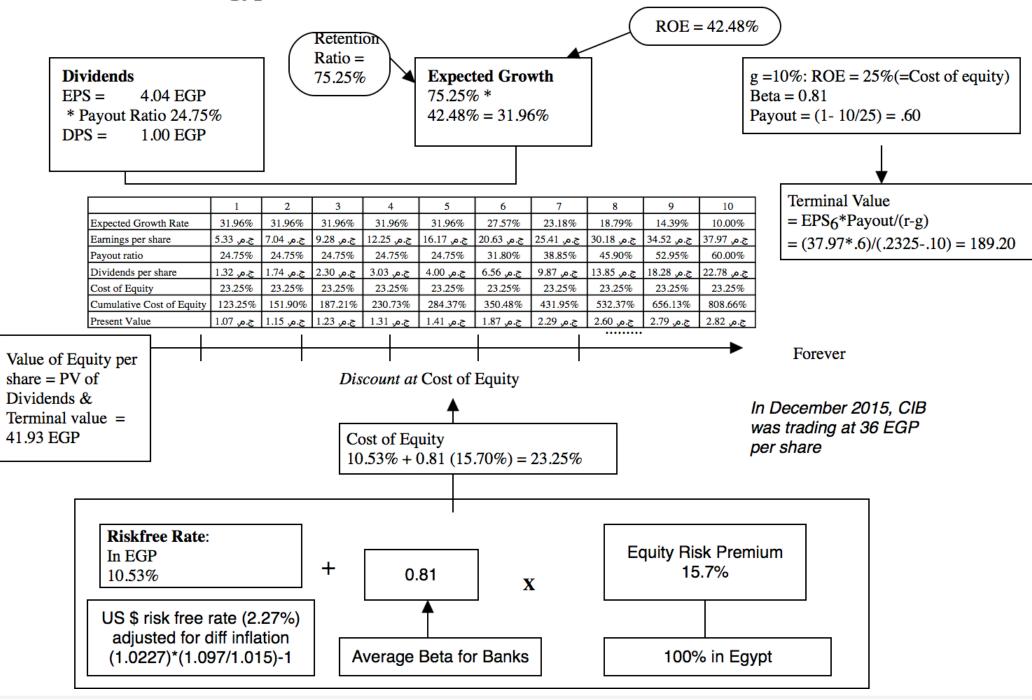
# Lesson 1: Debt to a bank is raw material, not a source of capital

- With conventional firms, you often face a choice of either valuing the entire business (using cash flows to the firm and a cost of capital) or valuing equity.
   Often, valuing the firm is both easier and more robust, and you subtract out debt to get to value of equity.
- With financial service firms, valuing the firm is often a non-starter, since debt to a bank is not a source of capital but raw material.
- Status Quo 1: When you value a bank, it is almost always on an equity basis.

# Lesson 2: Estimating cash flows for a bank is difficult to do..

- Assuming that you want to go down the road of valuing equity using a DCF, the standard definition of cash flows is
  - FCFE = Net Income + Depreciation Cap Ex Change in Noncash Working Capital
- Defining cap ex and working capital for a bank is close to impossible. Consequently, most analysts give up and make one of the two following choices:
  - The indefensible: Discount earnings at the cost of equity, which gives you basically nothing.
  - The defensible: Discount dividends at the cost of equity
- Status Quo 2: The dividend discount model's last stand was with financial service companies.

### **CIB Egypt in December 2015 Valuation in Egyptian Pounds**



## Lesson 3: For financial service companies, book value matters...

- The book value of assets and equity is mostly irrelevant when valuing non-financial service companies. After all, the book value of equity is a historical figure and can be nonsensical. (The book value of equity can be negative and is so for more than a 1000 publicly traded US companies)
- With financial service firms, book value of equity is relevant for two reasons:
  - Since financial service firms mark to market, the book value is more likely to reflect what the firms own right now (rather than a historical value)
  - The regulatory capital ratios are based on book equity. Thus, a bank with negative or even low book equity will be shut down by the regulators.
- From a valuation perspective, it therefore makes sense to pay heed to book value. In fact, you can argue that reinvestment for a bank is the amount that it needs to add to book equity to sustain its growth ambitions and safety requirements:
  - FCFE = Net Income Reinvestment in regulatory capital (book equity)

#### Stodgy and Low-profitability Bank, with investment potential

Citi has fallen behind its biggest rivals on growth and profitability, and investors have built in their low regard for it into its pricing. In my story, Cit will continue on its cautious path of low growth, while earning a return on equity that is well below its cost of equity, but it is well capitalized (even with the write downs on investment securities that may be coming) and continues to earn a lucrative spread on its core banking businesss.

	Current	1	2	3	4	5	Steady state	Estimation notes		
Risk Adjusted Assets	\$1,142,985	\$1,177,275	\$1,212,593	\$1,248,971	\$1,286,440	\$1,325,033	\$1,364,784	Grows 3% a year in perpetuity		
Tier 1 Capital ratio	14.80%	14.84%	14.88%	14.92%	14.96%	15.00%	15.00%	Improves to 15% over 5 years		
Tier 1 Capital	\$169,145	\$174,694	\$180,423	\$186,339	\$192,448	\$198,755	\$204,718	Risk Adjusted Assets * Tier 1 Capital Ratio		
Change in regulatory capital (Tier 1)		\$5,549	\$5,729	\$5,916	\$6,109	\$6,307	\$5,963	Change in Tier 1 capital from year to year		
Book Equity	\$182,194	\$187,743	\$193,472	\$199,388	\$205,497	\$211,804	\$218,158	Book equity + (Net Income - FCFE)		
ROE	8.78%	8.92%	9.07%	9.21%	9.36%	9.50%	9.50%	Improves to 9.5% (5-year average) over time		
Net Income	\$14,845	\$16,254	\$17,021	\$17,820	\$18,653	\$19,522	\$20,121	Book Equity * ROE		
- Investment in Regulatory Capital		\$5,549	\$5,729	\$5,916	\$6,109	\$6,307 \$6,354 Change in regul		Change in regulatory capital		
FCFE		\$10,705	\$11,291	\$11,904	\$12,545	545 \$13,215 \$13,767 Net Income		let Income - Change in regulatory capital		
Terminal value of equity						158,791.87€		3% growth in perpetuity on steady state CF		
Present value		9,586.43 €	9,054.51 €	8,548.36 €	8,067.12€	99,051.91 €		PV of cash flows (and terminal equity value)		
Cost of equity	11.67%	11.67%	11.67%	11.67%	11.67%	11.67%	11.67%	Implied cost of equity of 25 biggest banks		
Value of equity today =	\$134,308									
Number of shares outstanding =	1958.30			Implied cost of equity for big banks						
Value per share =	\$68.58		Media	n price to be	ook = 1.04					

Value per share =

Stock price in May 2023 = \$46.32 % Under or over valued = -32.46%

Median ROE in 2022 = 12.00%

Expected growth rate = 3.3% (equal to T.Bond rate)

PBV = (ROE -g)/ (Cost of equity -g)

1.04 = (.12 -.033)/(Cost of equity - .033)

Solving, Cost of equity = 11.67%

#### IV. Valuing cyclical and commodity companies

Company growth often comes from movements in the economic cycle, for cyclical firms, or commodity prices, for commodity companies.

What is the value added by growth assets?

What are the cashflows from existing assets?

Historial revenue and earnings data are volatile, as the economic cycle and commodity prices change.

How risky are the cash flows from both existing assets and growth assets?

Primary risk is from the economy for cyclical firms and from commodity price movements for commodity companies. These risks can stay dormant for long periods of apparent prosperity.

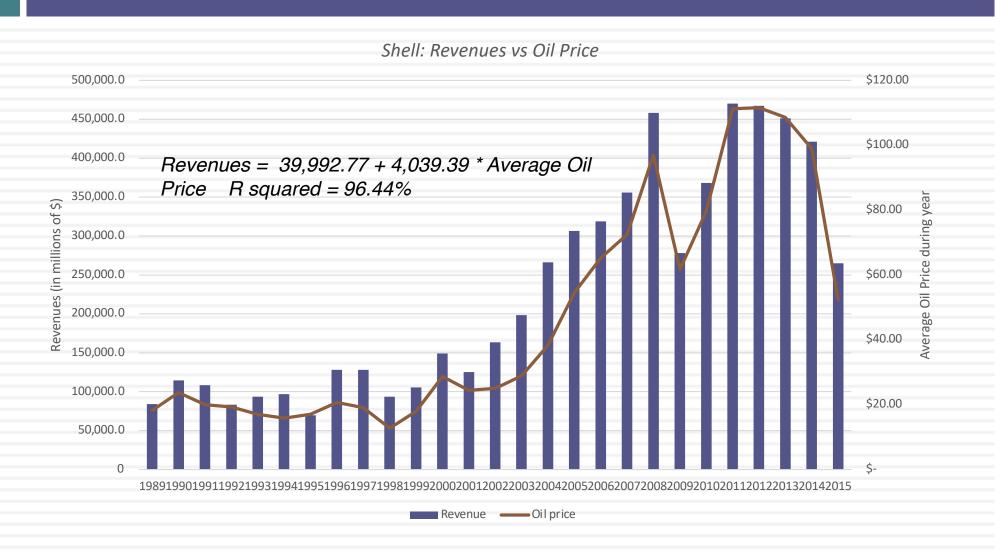
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For commodity companies, the fact that there are only finite amounts of the commodity may put a limit on growth forever. For cyclical firms, there is the peril that the next recession may put an end to the firm.

## Lesson 1: With "macro" companies, it is easy to get lost in "macro" assumptions...

- With cyclical and commodity companies, it is undeniable that the value you arrive at will be affected by your views on the economy or the price of the commodity.
- Consequently, you will feel the urge to take a stand on these macro variables and build them into your valuation. Doing so, though, will create valuations that are jointly impacted by your views on macro variables and your views on the company, and it is difficult to separate the two.
- The best (though not easiest) thing to do is to separate your macro views from your micro views. Use current market based numbers for your valuation, but then provide a separate assessment of what you think about those market numbers.

#### Shell's Revenues & Oil Prices



#### Shell: A "Oil Price" Neutral Valuation: March 2016

Revenue calculated from prevailing oil price of \$40/barrel in March 2016
Revenue = 39992.77+4039.40\*\$40
= \$201,569

Compounded revenue growth of 3.91% a year, based on Shell's historical revenue growth rate from 2000 to 2015

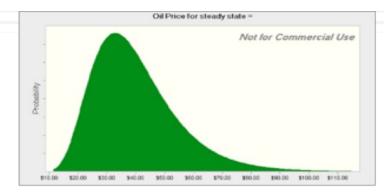
	Base Year	1		2		3		4		5	Te	rminal Year
Revenues	\$ 201,569	\$ 209,450	\$	217,639	\$	226,149	\$	234,991	\$	244,180	\$	249,063
Operating Margin	3.01%	6.18%		7.76%		8.56%		8.95%		9.35%		9.35%
Operating Income	\$ 6,065.00	\$ 12,942.85	\$	16,899.10	\$	19,352.39	\$	21,040.39	\$	22,830.80	\$	23,287.41
Effective tax rate	30.00%	30.00%		30.00%		30.00%		30.00%		30.00%		30.00%
AT Operating Income	\$ 4,245.50	\$ 9,060.00	\$	11,829.37	\$	13,546.68	\$	14,728.27	\$	15,981.56	\$	16,301.19
+ Depreciation	\$ 26,714.00	\$ 27,759	\$	28,844	\$	29,972	\$	31,144	\$	32,361		
- Cap Ex	\$ 31,854.00	\$ 33,099	\$	34,394	\$	35,738	\$	37,136	\$	38,588		
- Chg in WC		\$ 472.88	\$	491.37	\$	510.58	\$	530.55	\$	551.29		
FCFF		\$ 3,246.14	\$	5,788.19	\$	7,269.29	\$	8,205.44	\$	9,203.68	\$	13,011.34
Terminal Value									\$	216,855.71		
Return on capital												12.37%
Cost of Capital		9.91%		9.91%		9.91%		9.91%		9.91%		8.00%
Cumulated Discount Factor		1.0991		1.2080		1.3277		1.4593		1.6039		
Present Value		\$ 2,953.45	\$	4,791.47	\$	5,474.95	\$	5,622.81	\$	140,940.73		
Value of Operating Assets	\$ 159,783.41											
+ Cash	\$ 31,752.00											
+ Cross Holdings	\$ 33,566.00						•	nt venture				
- Debt	\$ 58,379.00	subt	rac	ted out mi			t in	consolida	ite	d		
- Minority Interets	\$ 1,245.00				h	oldings.						
Value of Equity	\$ 165,477.41											
Number of shares	4209.7											
Value per share	\$ 39.31											

Operating margin converges on Shell's historical average margin of 9.35% from 200-2015

Return on capital reverts and stays at Shell's historic average of 12.37% from 200-2015

## Lesson 2: Use probabilistic tools to assess value as a function of macro variables...

- If there is a key macro variable affecting the value of your company that you are uncertain about (and who is not), why not quantify the uncertainty in a distribution (rather than a single price) and use that distribution in your valuation.
- That is exactly what you do in a Monte Carlo simulation, where you allow one or more variables to be distributions and compute a distribution of values for the company.
- With a simulation, you get not only everything you would get in a standard valuation (an estimated value for your company) but you will get additional output (on the variation in that value and the likelihood that your firm is under or over valued)





#### Revenue calculated from the oil price drawn from distribution Revenue = 39992.77+4039.40\*Oil Price/Barrel

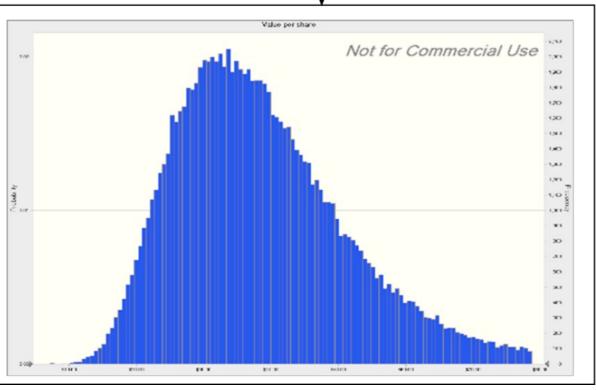
Pre-tax Operating Income based on revenue & selected margin
Pre-tax Operating Income = Revenues \* Operating Margin

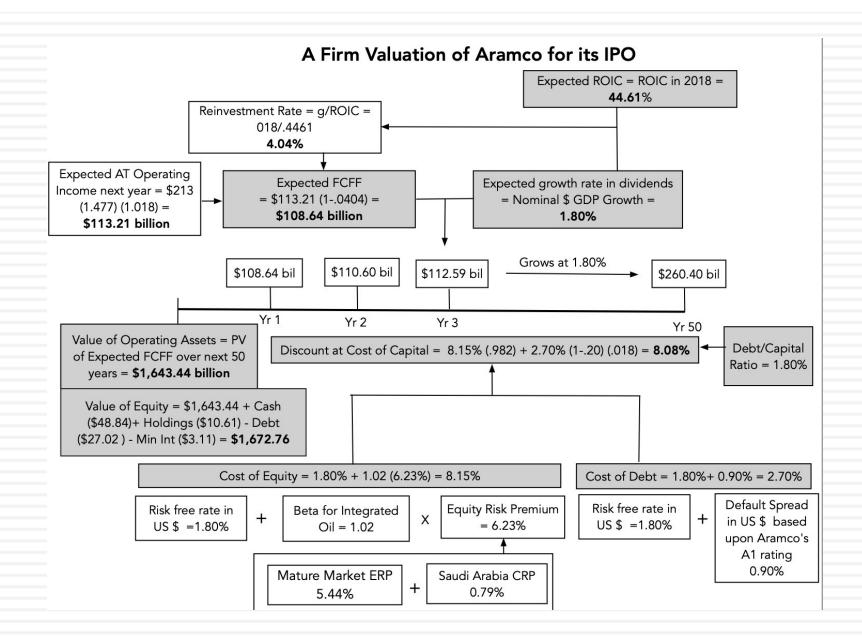
Value Shell based on operating income, assuming other assumptions (tax rate, revenue growth, cost of capital

Percentiles:	Forecast values
0%	\$6.55
10%	\$23.90
20%	\$27.73
30%	\$30.89
40%	\$33.88
50%	\$36.99
60%	\$40.28
70%	\$44.22
80%	\$49.24
90%	\$57.49
100%	\$197.11

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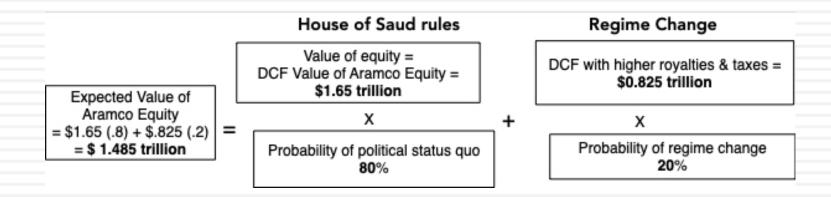
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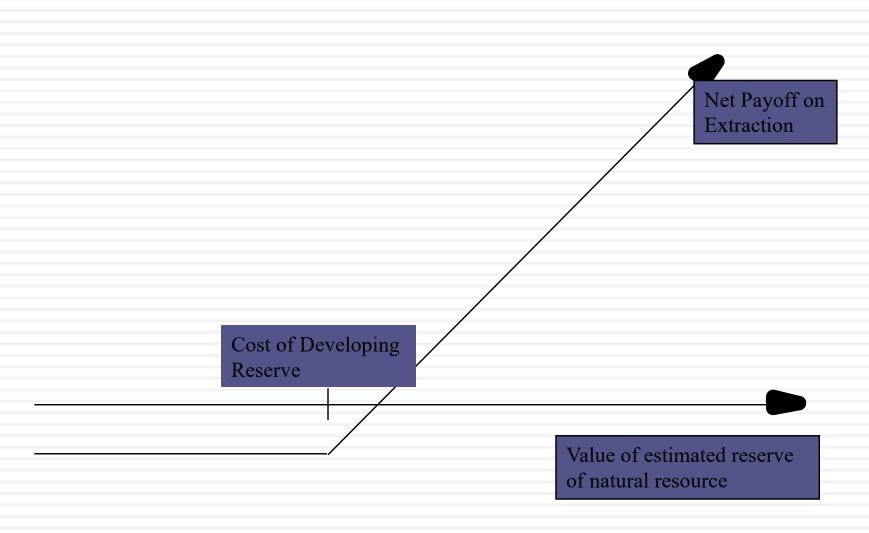


### Adjusting for regime change

- If you believe that there is no chance of regime change, your expected value will remain \$1.65 trillion.
- If you believe that regime change is imminent, and that your equity will be fully expropriated, your expected value will be zero.
- If you believe that there remains a non-trivial chance (perhaps as high as 20%) that there will be a regime change and that if there is one, there will be changes that reduce, but not extinguish, your equity claim:



## The optionality in commodities: Undeveloped reserves as an option



#### **Implications**

- Optionality Premium: Undeveloped reserves have option value that will give them a premium over their DCF value. Put simply, even non-viable reserves have value, because commodity prices can bounce back.
  - The option premium will be greater when commodity prices are low, rather than when oil prices are high.
  - The option premium will increase if commodity prices are expected to become more volatile.
- Level + Variance: The value of a commodity company is affected by both the level of oil prices, as well as the volatility in that level. The former affects your DCF and the latter the optionality.

## V. Valuing Companies across the ownership cycle

Reported income and balance sheet are heavily affected by tax considerations rather than information disclosure requirements. The line between the personal and business expenses is a fine one.

What are the cashflows from existing assets?

- Equity: Cashflows after debt payments

- Firm: Cashflows before debt payments

Reversing investment mistakes is difficult to do. The need for and the cost of illiquidity has to be incorporated into current

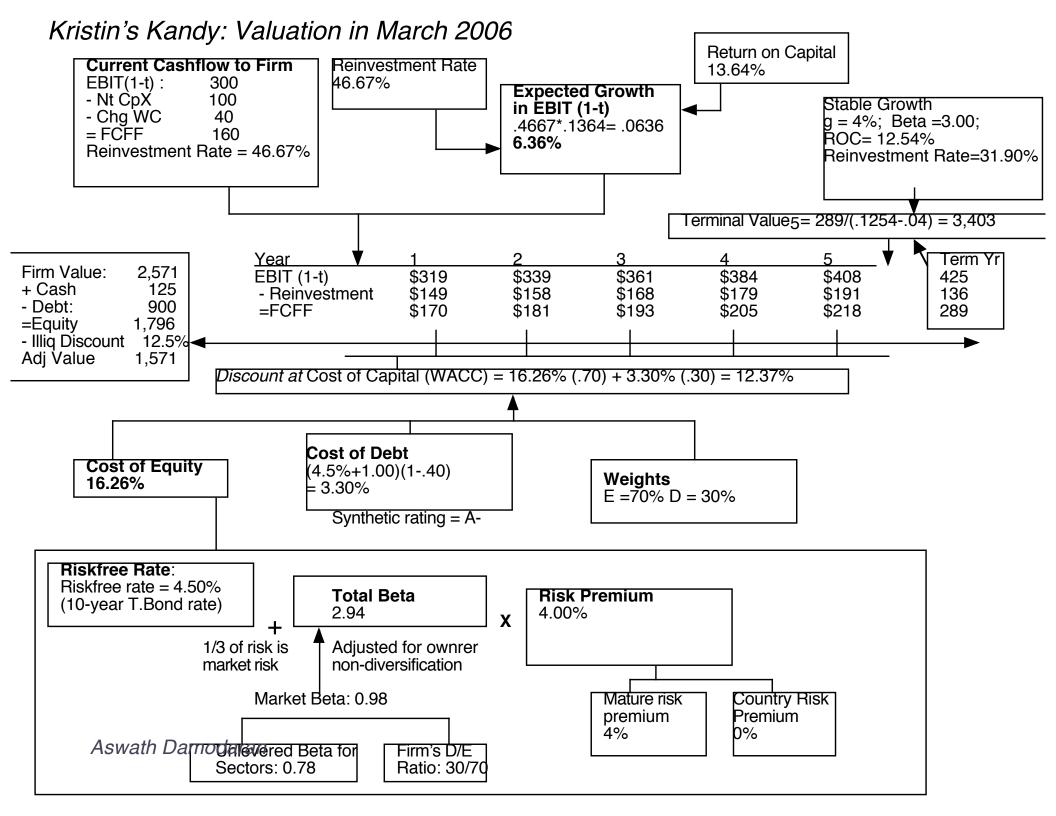
What is the **value added** by growth assets? Equity: Growth in equity earnings/ cashflows Firm: Growth in operating earnings/ cashflows

How **risky are the cash flows** from both existing assets and growth assets? Equity: Risk in equity in the company Firm: Risk in the firm's operations

Different buyers can perceive risk differently in the same private business, largely because what they see as risk will be a function of how diversified they are. The fall back positions of using market prices to extract risk measures does not

When will the firm become a mature fiirm, and what are the potential roadblocks?

Many private businesses are finite life enterprises, not expected to last into perpetuity



#### Private Owner versus Publicly Traded Company Perceptions of Risk in an Investment

Total Beta measures all risk = Market Beta/ (Portion of the total risk that is market risk)

Private owner of business with 100% of your wealth invested in the business

Is exposed to all the risk in the firm

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Demands a cost of equity that reflects this risk

80 units of firm specific risk

Market Beta measures just market risk

Eliminates firmspecific risk in portfolio

20 units of market risk

Publicly traded company with investors who are diversified

Demands a cost of equity that reflects only market risk

#### Total Risk versus Market Risk

- Adjust the beta to reflect total risk rather than market risk. This adjustment is a relatively simple one, since the R squared of the regression measures the proportion of the risk that is market risk.
  - Total Beta = Market Beta / Correlation of the sector with the market
- To estimate the beta for Kristin Kandy, we begin with the bottom-up unlevered beta of food processing companies:
  - Unlevered beta for publicly traded food processing companies = 0.78
  - Average correlation of food processing companies with market = 0.333
  - Unlevered total beta for Kristin Kandy = 0.78/0.333 = 2.34
  - Debt to equity ratio for Kristin Kandy = 0.3/0.7 (assumed industry average)
  - □ Total Beta = 2.34 (1-(1-.40)(30/70)) = 2.94
  - Total Cost of Equity = 4.50% + 2.94 (4%) = 16.26%

#### Lesson 2: With financials, trust but verify...

- Different Accounting Standards: The accounting statements for private firms are often based upon different accounting standards than public firms, which operate under much tighter constraints on what to report and when to report.
- Intermingling of personal and business expenses: In the case of private firms, some personal expenses may be reported as business expenses.
- Separating "Salaries" from "Dividends": It is difficult to tell where salaries end and dividends begin in a private firm, since they both end up with the owner.
- The Key person issue: In some private businesses, with a personal component, the cashflows may be intertwined with the owner being part of the business.

## Lesson 3: Illiquidity is a clear and present danger..

- In private company valuation, illiquidity is a constant theme. All the talk, though, seems to lead to a rule of thumb. The illiquidity discount for a private firm is between 20-30% and does not vary across private firms.
- But illiquidity should vary across:
  - Companies: Healthier and larger companies, with more liquid assets, should have smaller discounts than money-losing smaller businesses with more illiquid assets.
  - Time: Liquidity is worth more when the economy is doing badly and credit is tough to come by than when markets are booming.
  - Buyers: Liquidity is worth more to buyers who have shorter time horizons and greater cash needs than for longer term investors who don't need the cash and are willing to hold the investment.

#### Estimating an Illiquidity Discount

- The Bludgeon Approach: Many practitioners use a fixed illiquidity discount, often around 25%, to reduce the values of all private business, no matter who the buyer, what the firm looks like or market conditions.
- The Refined Bludgeon Approach: Start with a fixed discount, but alter it (subjectively or numerically) to reflect business, buyer and market conditions.
- Illiquidity as an option: In a sense, liquidity provides the option to an asset's holder to sell at the prevailing market price, and not having it therefore can be viewed as the loss of this put option.
- The Bid Ask Spread Variant: All investments, including the most liquid publicly traded stock, are illiquid, with the bid ask spread (as percent of the price) representing the magnitude of the illiquidity.

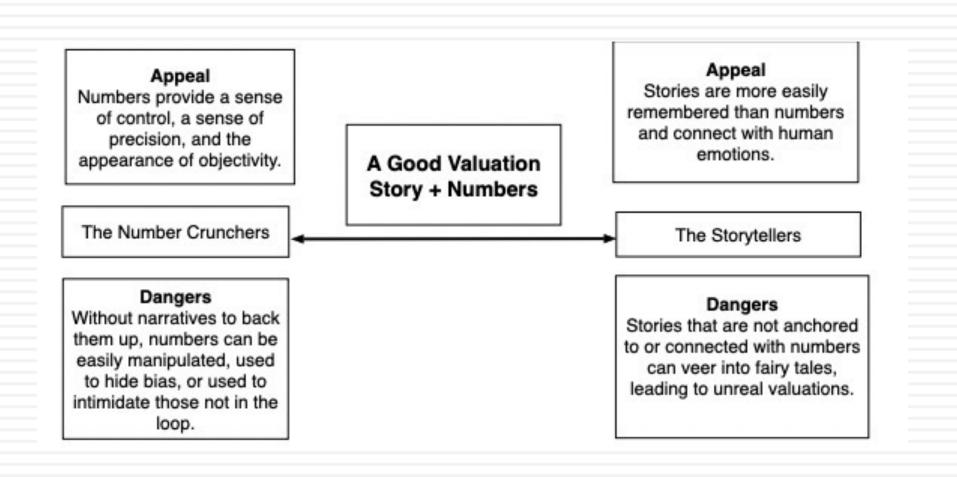
#### And it is not just in private businesses...

- Assume that you are valuing a closely held company in a lightly traded market. Will the possibility of illiquidity affect your valuation of the company?
- a. Yes
- b. No
- If it will affect your valuation, how will it show up?
- If it will not affect your valuation, how would it show up in your investment process?

### Intrinsic Value: Story + Numbers

Work on your weak side...

### Valuation as a bridge



# From story to numbers and beyond...

#### 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. Keep it <u>simple</u> & <u>focused</u>.

### 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. No <u>fairy tales</u> or <u>runaway stories</u>.

#### 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 a portion of your story.

#### Step 4: Connect the drivers of value to a valuation

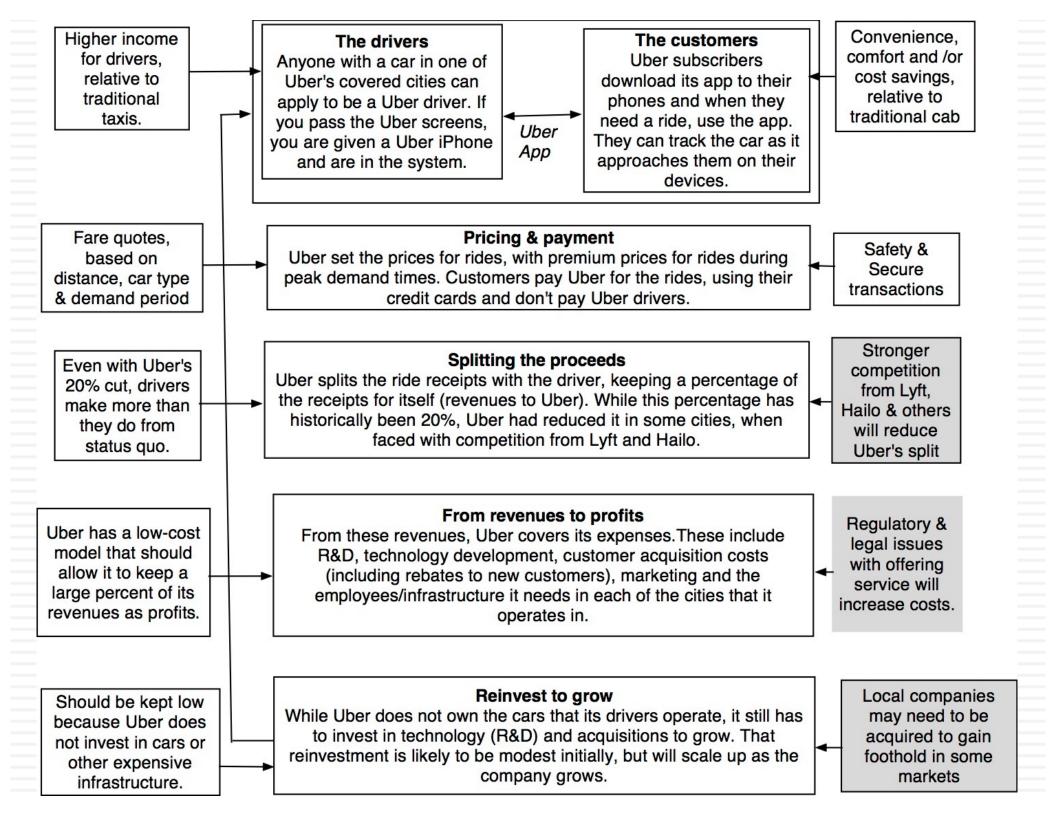
Create an intrinsic valuation model that connects the inputs to an end-value the business.

#### 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.

## Step 1a: Survey the landscape

- Every valuation starts with a narrative, a story that you see unfolding for your company in the future.
- In developing this narrative, you will be making assessments of
  - Your company (its products, its management and its history.
  - The market or markets that you see it growing in.
  - The competition it faces and will face.
  - The macro environment in which it operates.



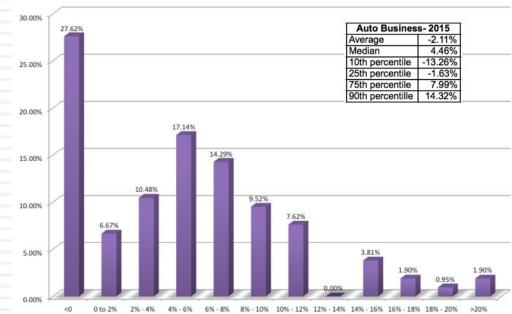
### Low Growth

## The Auto Business

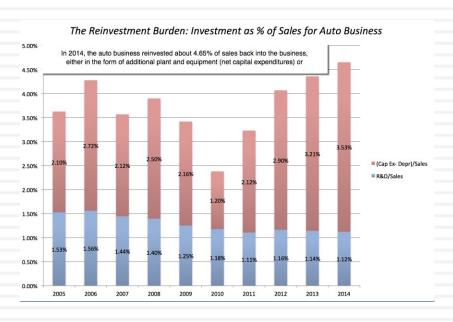
## Low Margins

Year ▼	Revenues (\$)	% Growth Rate ▼
2005	1,274,716.60	
2006	1,421,804.20	11.54%
2007	1,854,576.40	30.44%
2008	1,818,533.00	-1.94%
2009	1,572,890.10	-13.51%
2010	1,816,269.40	15.47%
2011	1,962,630.40	8.06%
2012	2,110,572.20	7.54%
2013	2,158,603.00	2.28%
2014	2,086,124.80	-3.36%
ounded Aver	age =	5.63%

## The Automobile Business: Pre-tax Operating Margins in 2015



## High & Increasing Reinvestment



### **Bad Business**

4	ROIC	Cost of capital	ROiC - Cost of capital
2004	6.82%	7.93%	-1.11%
2005	10.47%	7.02%	3.45%
2006	4.60%	7.97%	-3.37%
2007	7.62%	8.50%	-0.88%
2008	3.48%	8.03%	-4.55%
2009	-4.97%	8.58%	-13.55%
2010	5.16%	8.03%	-2.87%
2011	7.55%	8.15%	-0.60%
2012	7.80%	8.55%	-0.75%
2013	7.83%	8.47%	-0.64%
2014	6.47%	7.53%	-1.06%

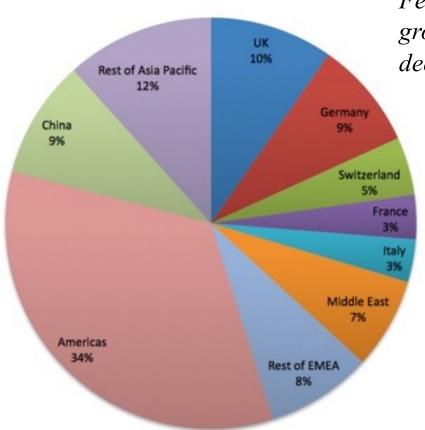
Only once in the last 10 years have auto companies collectively earned more than their cost of capital

## What makes Ferrari different?

Ferrari sold only 7,255 cars in all of 2014

Ferrari had a profit margin of 18.2%, in the 95<sup>th</sup> percentile, partly because of its high prices and partly because it spends little on advertising.

### Ferrari: Geographical Sales (2014)



Ferrari sales (in units) have grown very little in the last decade & have been stable

Ferrari has not invested in new plants.

## Step 1b: Create a narrative for the future

- Every valuation starts with a narrative, a story that you see unfolding for your company in the future.
- In developing this narrative, you will be making assessments of your company (its products, its management), the market or markets that you see it growing in, the competition it faces and will face and the macro environment in which it operates.
  - Rule 1: Keep it simple.
  - Rule 2: Keep it focused.

## The Uber Narrative

In June 2014, my initial narrative for Uber was that it would be

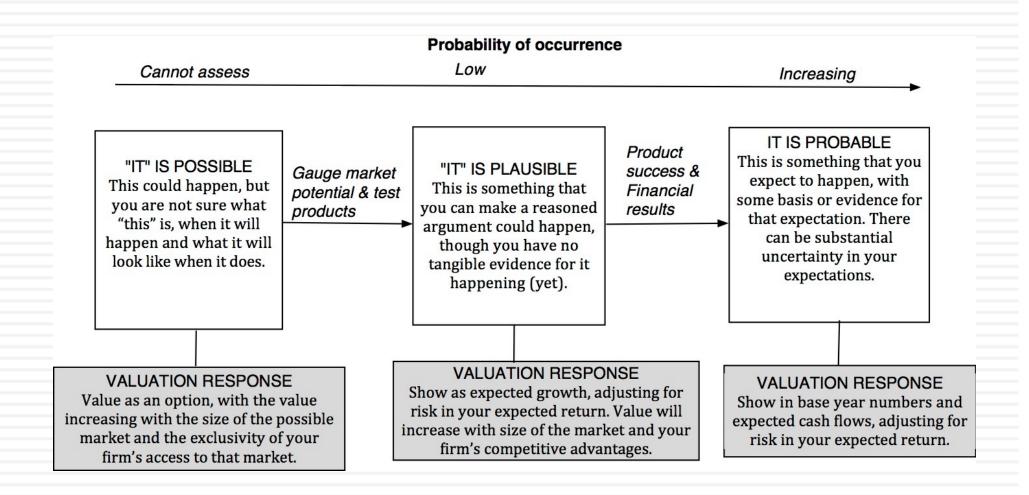
- 1. <u>An urban car service business</u>: I saw Uber primarily as a force in urban areas and only in the car service business.
- 2. Which would expand the business moderately (about 40% over ten years) by bringing in new users.
- With local networking benefits: If Uber becomes large enough in any city, it will quickly become larger, but that will be of little help when it enters a new city.
- Maintain its revenue sharing (20%) system due to strong competitive advantages (from being a first mover).
- 5. And its existing low-capital business model, with drivers as contractors and very little investment in infrastructure.

## The Ferrari Narrative

- Ferrari will stay an exclusive auto club, deriving its allure from its scarcity and the fact that only a few own Ferraris.
- By staying exclusive, the company gets three benefits:
  - It can continue to charge nose bleed prices for its cars and sell them with little or no advertising.
  - It does not need to invest in new assembly plants, since it does not plan to ramp up production.
  - It sells only to the super rich, who are unaffected by overall economic conditions or market crises.

# Step 2: Check the narrative against history, economic first principles & common sense

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# The Impossible, The Implausible and the Improbable

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#### The Impossible

#### Bigger than the economy

Assuming Growth rate for company in perpetuity> Growth rate for economy

#### Bigger than the total market

Allowing a company's revenues to grow so much that it has more than a 100% market share of whatever business it is in.

#### Profit margin > 100%

Assuming earnings growth will exceeds revenue growth for a long enough period, and pushing margins above 100%

#### Depreciation without cap ex

Assuming that depreciation will exceed cap ex in perpetuity.

#### The Implausible

#### **Growth without reinvestment**

Assuming growth forever without reinvestment.

#### **Profits without competition**

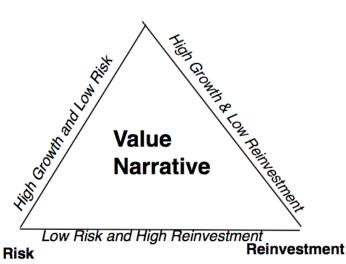
Assuming that your company will grow and earn higher profits, with no competition.

#### **Returns without risk**

Assuming that you can generate high returns in a business with no risk.

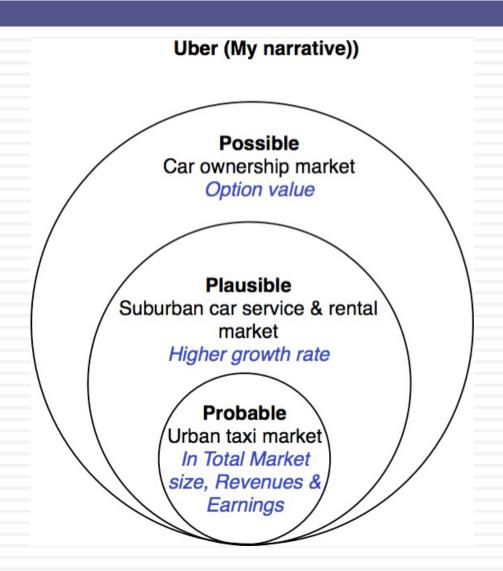
#### The Improbable

#### Growth



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# Uber: Possible, Plausible and Probable



# The Runaway Story: When you want a story to be true...

- With a runaway business story, you usually have three ingredients:
  - Charismatic, likeable Narrator: The narrator of the business story is someone that you want to see succeed, either because you like the narrator or because he/she will be a good role model.
  - Telling a story about disrupting a much business, where you dislike the status quo: The status quo in the business that the story is disrupting is dissatisfying (to everyone involved)>
  - 3. With a societal benefit as bonus: And if the story holds, society and humanity will benefit.
- Since you want this story to work out, you stop asking questions, because the answers may put the story at risk.

## The Impossible: The Runaway Story

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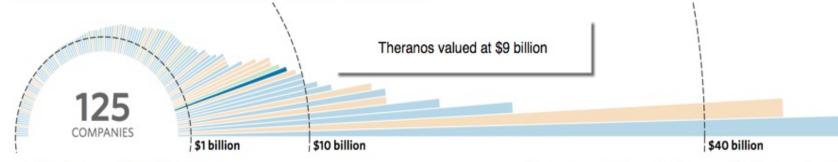






Money

Companies valued at \$1 billion or more by venture-capital firms



Valuations as of October 2015

Select companies from the chart or table for more detail.

## The Improbable: Willy Wonkitis

### Tesla: Summary 15-year DCF Analysis (DCF valuation as of mid-year 2013)

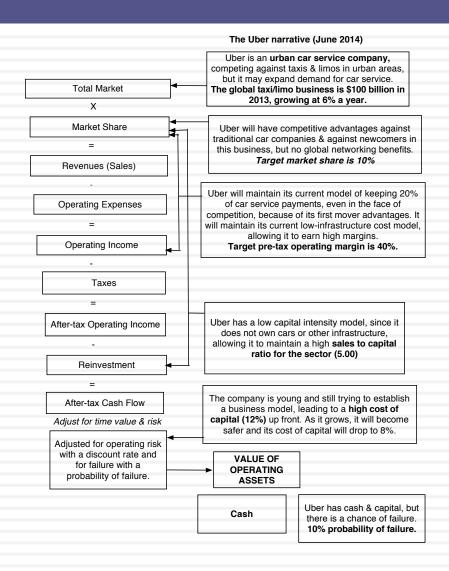
	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Unit Volume	24,298	36,883	64,684	86,713	149,869	214,841	291,861	384,747	466,559	550,398	643,850	726,655	820,645	922,481	1,034,215	1,137,78
% Growth		52%	75%	34%	73%	43%	36%	32%	21%	18%	17%	13%	13%	12%	12%	10%
Automotive Revenue Per Unit (\$)	93,403	85,342	83,432	78,932	65,465	58,258	56,407	55,553	55,991	56,586	56,969	57,540	58,138	58,603	59,002	59,554
% Growth		-9%	-2%	-5%	-17%	-11%	-3%	-2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	116	19
Automotive Sales	2,462	3,321	5,613	7,051	10,025	12,720	16,685	21,595	26,347	31,357	36,897	42,022	47,949	54,283	61,221	67,980
Development Service Sales	16	40	42	44	46	49	51	54	56	59	62	65	68	72	75	79
Total Sales	2,478	3,361	5,655	7,095	10,072	12,768	16,736	21,648	26,403	31,416	36,959	42,087	48,017	54,355	61,296	68,059
% Growth		36%	68%	25%	42%	27%	31%	29%	22%	19%	18%	14%	14%	13%	13%	119
EBITDA	148	417	920	1,042	1,586	2,150	3,138	4,066	4,857	5,723	6,328	7,182	8,144	9,688	10,874	12,099
% Margin	6.0%	12.4%	16.3%	14.7%	15.7%	16.8%	18.7%	18.8%	18.4%	18.2%	17.1%	17.1%	17.0%	17.8%	17.7%	17.89
D&A	103	158	172	203	301	353	389	537	606	696	811	938	1,088	1,260	1,451	1,661
% of Capex	41%	79%	55%	65%	62%	69%	78%	86%	79%	77%	75%	76%	76%	76%	76%	779
EBIT	45	259	748	839	1,285	1,796	2,749	3,529	4,252	5,027	5,517	6,244	7,056	8,429	9,423	10,439
% Margin	1.8%	7.7%	13.2%	11.8%	12.8%	14.1%	16.4%	16.3%	16.1%	16.0%	14.9%	14.8%	14.7%	15.5%	15.4%	15.39
Net Interest Income (Expense)	(27)	(1)	9	33	47	90	108	155	199	278	358	445	542	651	784	934
Other Income	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pretax Income	46	258	758	872	1,332	1,886	2,857	3,684	4,451	5,305	5,875	6,688	7,598	9,080	10,207	11,373
Income Taxes	3	2	14	34	86	262	462	641	807	1,003	1,134	1,317	1,470	1,761	2,028	2,323
% Effective Rate	6%	1%	2%	4%	6%	14%	16%	17%	1856	19%	19%	20%	19%	19%	20%	209
Net Income	44	256	744	839	1,246	1,624	2,395	3,043	3,644	4,303	4,741	5,372	6,128	7,319	8,179	9,050
Plus																
After-tax Interest Expense (Income)	27	1	(9)	(33)	(47)	(90)	(108)	(154)	(199)	(278)	(357)	(444)	(541)	(650)	(782)	(932
Depreciation of PP&E	103	158	172	203	301	353	389	537	606	696	811	938	1,088	1,260	1,451	1,661
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Less																
Change in Working Capital	(155)	(14)	(157)	(167)	(172)	(325)	(163)	(81)	(28)	(299)	(356)	(328)	(219)	(329)	(365)	(376
% of Change in Sales		-2%	-7%	-12%	-6%	-12%	-4%	-2%	-1%	-6%	-6%	-6%	-4%	-5%	-5%	-6%
Capital Expenditures	250	200	312	312	486	510	497	623	765	906	1,078	1,236	1,437	1,660	1,898	2,149
% of Sales	10%	6%	6%	4%	5%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	39
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unlevered Free Cash Flow	78	229	750	863	1,186	1,702	2,343	2,884	3,314	4,113	4,472	4,959	5,456	6,597	7,315	8,005

EBITDA	12,099
Sales	68,059
Net Debt (Cash)	(260)
Tools Dibded Shares	142

Exit EBITDA High	12.0 x	Exit PPG High	5.0%	Exit P/Sales High	180%
Exit EBITDA Low	8.0 x	Exit PPG Low	3.0%	Exit P/Sales Low	130%

Discount Rate High 13.0% FY Month of Valuation Discount Rage Low 9.0% Month of FY End 1.0 (Beginning of this Month) 12.0 (End of this Month)

# Step 3: Connect your narrative to key drivers of value

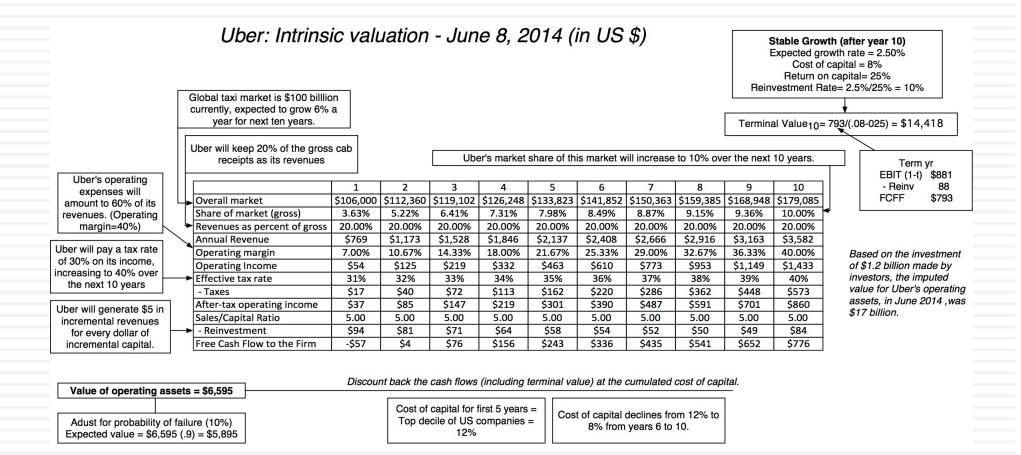


# Ferrari: From story to numbers

The Story	Valuation Inputs
Keep it scarce	Revenue growth of 4% (in Euro terms) a
	year for next 5 years, scaling down to 0.7% in year 10. Translates into an increase in production of about 25% in next 10 years
And pricey	Ferrari's pre-tax operating margin stays at 18.2%, in the 95th percentile of auto business.
Little need for capacity expansion	Sales/Invested Capital stays at 1.42, i.e. every euro invested generates 1.42 euros in sales
Super-rich clients are recession-proof	Cost of capital of 6.96% in Euros and no chance of default.
	Keep it scarce  And pricey  Little need for capacity expansion  Super-rich clients are

## Step 4: Value the company (Uber)

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## Ferrari: The "Exclusive Club" Value

#### Stay Super Exclusive: Revenue growth is low

	Ba	se year		1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10	Ter	minal year
Revenue growth rate			4.	00%	4.	00%	4.	00%	4.	00%	4.0	00%	3.	34%	2.	68%	2.	02%	1.	36%	0.	70%		0.70%
Revenues	€	2,763	€ :	2,874	€	2,988	€	3,108	€	3,232	€ :	3,362	€ :	3,474	€	3,567	€	3,639	€	3,689	€ :	3,714	€	3,740
EBIT (Operating) margin		18.20%	18	.20%	18	.20%	18	.20%	18	.20%	18.	.20%	18	.20%	18	.20%	18	.20%	18	.20%	18.	.20%		18.20%
EBIT (Operating income)	€	503	€	523	€	544	€	566	€	588	€	612	€	632	€	649	€	662	€	671	€	676	€	681
Tax rate		33.54%	33	.54%	33	.54%	33	.54%	33	.54%	33.	54%	33	.54%	33	.54%	33	.54%	33	.54%	33.	.54%		33.54%
EBIT(1-t)	€	334	€	348	€	361	€	376	€	391	€	407	€	420	€	431	€	440	€	446	€	449	€	452
- Reinvestment			€	78	€	81	€	84	€	87	€	91	€	79	€	66	€	51	€	35	€	18	€	22
FCFF			€	270	€	281	€	292	€	303	€	316	€	341	€	366	€	389	€	411	€	431	€	431
Cost of capital			6.	96%	6.	96%	6.	96%	6.	96%	6.9	96%	6.	96%	6.	97%	6.	98%	6.	99%	7.0	00%		7.00%
PV(FCFF)			€	252	€	245	€	238	€	232	€	225	€	228	€	228	€	227	€	224	€	220		
Terminal value	€	6,835																						
PV(Terminal value)	€	3,485																						
PV (CF over next 10 years)	€	2,321																						
Value of operating assets =	€	5,806																						
- Debt	€	623																						
- Minority interests	€	13																						
+ Cash	€	1,141																						
Value of equity	€	6,311	,																					

High Prices
+ No selling
cost =
Preserve
current
operating
margin

Minimal Reinvestment due to low growth

The super rich are not sensitive to economic downturns

## Step 5: Keep the feedback loop

- Not just car service company.: Uber is a car company, not just a car service company, and there may be a day when consumers will subscribe to a Uber service, rather than own their own cars. It could also expand into logistics, i.e., moving and transportation businesses.
- Not just urban: Uber can create new demands for car service in parts of the country where taxis are not used (suburbia, small towns).
- Global networking benefits: By linking with technology and credit card companies, Uber can have global networking benefits.

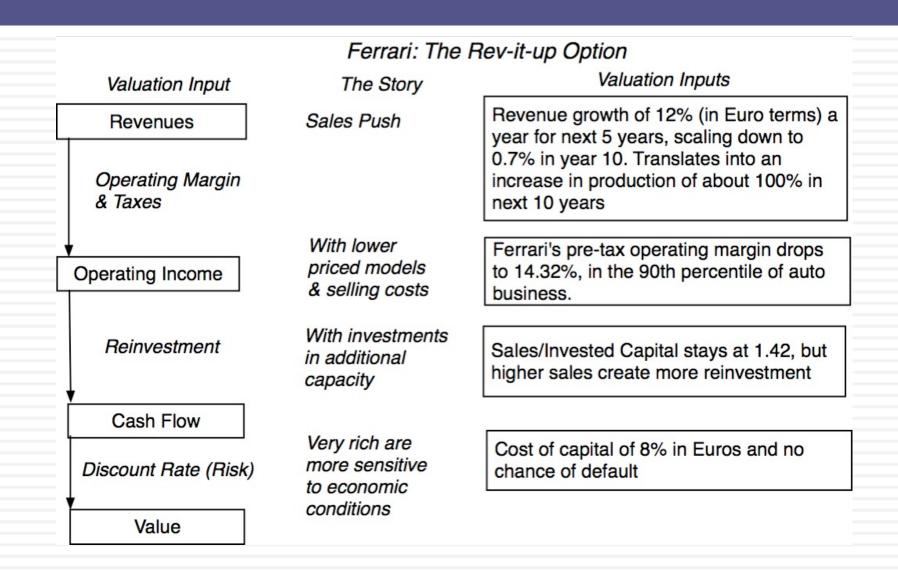
# Valuing Bill Gurley's Uber narrative

	Uber (Gurley)	Uber (Gurley Mod)	Uber (Damodaran)
Narrative	Uber will expand the car service	Uber will expand the car service	Uber will expand the car service
	market substantially, bringing in	market substantially, bringing in	market moderately, primarily in
	mass transit users & non-users	mass transit users & non-users from	urban environments, and use its
	from the suburbs into the market,	the suburbs into the market, and use	competitive advantages to get a
	and use its <u>networking</u> advantage	its <u>networking advantage</u> to gain a	significant but not dominant
	to gain a dominant market share,	dominant market share, while	market share and maintain its
	while maintaining its revenue slice	cutting prices and margins (to 10%).	revenue slice at 20%.
	at 20%.		
Total	\$300 billion, growing at 3% a year	\$300 billion, growing at 3% a year	\$100 billion, growing at 6% a year
Market			
Market	40%	40%	10%
Share			
Uber's	20%	10%	20%
revenue			
slice			
Value for	\$53.4 billion + Option value of	\$28.7 billion + Option value of	\$5.9 billion + Option value of
Uber	entering car ownership market	entering car ownership market (\$6	entering car ownership market (\$2-
	(\$10 billion+)	billion+)	3 billion)

# Different narratives, Different Numbers

Total Market	Growth Effect	Network Effect	Competitive Advantages	Value of Uber
A4. Mobility Services	B4. Double market size	C5. Strong global network effects	D4. Strong & Sustainable	\$90,457
A3. Logistics	B4. Double market size	C5. Strong global network effects	D4. Strong & Sustainable	\$65,158
A4. Mobility Services	B3. Increase market by 50%	C3. Strong local network effects	D3. Semi-strong	\$52,346
A2. All car service	B4. Double market size	C5. Strong global network effects	D4. Strong & Sustainable	\$47,764
A1. Urban car service	B4. Double market size	C5. Strong global network effects	D4. Strong & Sustainable	\$31,952
A3. Logistics	B3. Increase market by 50%	C3. Strong local network effects	D3. Semi-strong	\$14,321
A1. Urban car service	B3. Increase market by 50%	C3. Strong local network effects	D3. Semi-strong	\$7,127
A2. All car service	B3. Increase market by 50%	C3. Strong local network effects	D3. Semi-strong	\$4,764
A4. Mobility Services	B1. None	C1. No network effects	D1. None	\$1,888
A3. Logistics	B1. None	C1. No network effects	D1. None	\$1,417
A2. All car service	B1. None	C1. No network effects	D1. None	\$1,094
A1. Urban car service	B1. None	C1. No network effects	D1. None	\$799

## The Ferrari Counter Narrative



# Ferrari: The "Rev-it-up" Alternative

#### Get less exclusive: Double number of cars sold over next decade

	Ва	se year		1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8		9		10	Te	rminal year
Revenue growth rate			12	.00%	12	.00%	12	.00%	12	.00%	12.	.00%	9.	74%	7.	48%	5.	22%	2.	96%	0.	70%		0.70%
Revenues	€	2,763	€	3,095	€	3,466	€	3,882	€	4,348	€ 4	1,869	€	5,344	€:	5,743	€	6,043	€	6,222	€	6,266	€	6,309
EBIT (Operating) margin		18.20%	17	.81%	17	.42%	17	.04%	16	.65%	16.	26%	15	.87%	15	.48%	15	.10%	14	.71%	14	.32%		14.32%
EBIT (Operating income)	€	503	€	551	€	604	€	661	€	724	€	792	€	848	€	889	€	912	€	915	€	897	€	904
Tax rate		33.54%	33	.54%	33	.54%	33	.54%	33	.54%	33.	54%	33	.54%	33	.54%	33	.54%	33	.54%	33	.54%		33.54%
EBIT(1-t)	€	334	€	366	€	401	€	439	€	481	€	526	€	564	€	591	€	606	€	608	€	596	€	600
- Reinvestment			€	233	€	261	€	293	€	328	€	367	€	334	€	281	€	211	€	126	€	31	€	35
FCFF			€	133	€	140	€	147	€	153	€	159	€	230	€	310	€	395	€	482	€	566	€	565
Cost of capital			8.	00%	8.	00%	8.	00%	8.	00%	8.8	00%	7.	90%	7.	80%	7.	70%	7.	60%	7.	50%		7.50%
PV(FCFF)			€	123	€	120	€	117	€	113	€	108	€	145	€	181	€	215	€	244	€	266		
Terminal value	€	8,315																						
PV(Terminal value)	€	3,906																						
PV (CF over next 10 years)	€	1,631																						
Value of operating assets =	€	5,537																						
- Debt	€	623																						
- Minority interests	€	13																						
+ Cash	€	1,141																						
Value of equity	€	6,042																						

Lower
Prices +
Some selling
cost = Lower
operating
margin

Reinvestment reflects higher sales

The very rich are more sensitive to economic conditions

# And the world is full of feedback.. My Ferrari afterthought!



# Zomato IPO: Alternate Stories (and Values)

Story	TAM (in ₹ millions)	Market Share	Revenue Slice	Target Margin	Cost of Capital	Value/share
Delivery Juggernaut	₹ 5,000,000.00	40%	25%	45%	9.50%	₹ 150.02
Delivery Star	₹5,000,000.00	40%	22%	35%	9.50%	₹ 93.00
Delivery Leader + Competition	₹5,000,000.00	40%	15%	35%	10.99%	₹ 61.55
Restaurant Delivery Juggernaut + High Growth India	₹ 3,000,000.00	40%	25%	45%	9.50%	₹ 94.31
Restaurant Delivery Star + High Growth India	₹3,000,000.00	40%	22%	35%	9.50%	₹ 59.02
Restaurant Delivery + Competition + High Growth India	₹3,000,000.00	40%	20%	25%	10.99%	₹ 35.52
Base Case, Positive	₹ 2,000,000.00	40%	25%	45%	10.25%	₹ 56.66
Base Case	₹ 2,000,000.00	40%	22%	35%	10.25%	₹ 39.48
Base Case, Negative	₹ 2,000,000.00	40%	20%	25%	10.25%	₹ 26.16
Restaurant Delivery Juggernaut + Low Growth India	₹ 1,125,000.00	40%	25%	45%	9.50%	₹ 36.48
Restaurant Delivery Star + Low Growth India	₹ 1,125,000.00	40%	22%	35%	9.50%	₹ 24.02
Restaurant Delivery + Competition + low Growth India	₹ 1,125,000.00	40%	20%	25%	10.99%	₹ 16.58

# Step 6: Be ready to modify narrative as events unfold

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Narrative Break/End	Narrative Shift	Narrative Change (Expansion or Contraction)
Events, external (legal, political or economic) or internal (management, competitive, default), that can cause the narrative to break or end.	Improvement or deterioration in initial business model, changing market size, market share and/or profitability.	Unexpected entry/success in a new market or unexpected exit/failure in an existing market.
Your valuation estimates (cash flows, risk, growth & value) are no longer operative	Your valuation estimates will have to be modified to reflect the new data about the company.	Valuation estimates have to be redone with new overall market potential and characteristics.
Estimate a probability that it will occur & consequences	Monte Carlo simulations or scenario analysis	Real Options

# Pricing 101

Aswath Damodaran

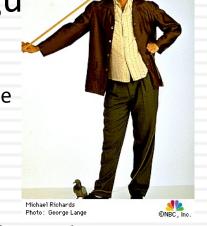
## Relative valuation is pervasive...

- Most asset valuations are relative.
- Most equity valuations on Wall Street are relative valuations.
  - Almost 85% of equity research reports are based upon a multiple and comparables.
  - More than 50% of all acquisition valuations are based upon multiples
  - Rules of thumb based on multiples are not only common but are often the basis for final valuation judgments.
- While there are more discounted cashflow valuations in consulting and corporate finance, they are often relative valuations masquerading as discounted cash flow valuations.
  - The objective in many discounted cashflow valuations is to back into a number that has been obtained by using a multiple.
  - The terminal value in a significant number of discounted cashflow valuations is estimated using a multiple.

# Why relative valuation?

"If you think I'm crazy, you should see the gu lives across the hall"

Jerry Seinfeld talking about Kramer in a Seinfeld episode



"A little inaccuracy sometimes saves tons of explanation"

H.H. Munro

"If you are going to screw up, make sure that you have lots of company"

Ex-portfolio manager

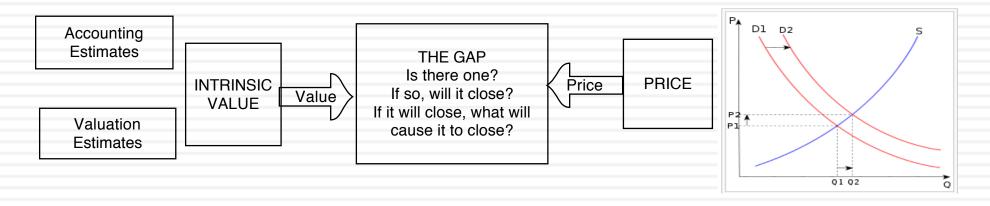
# **Pricing versus Valuation**

Drivers of intrinsic value

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

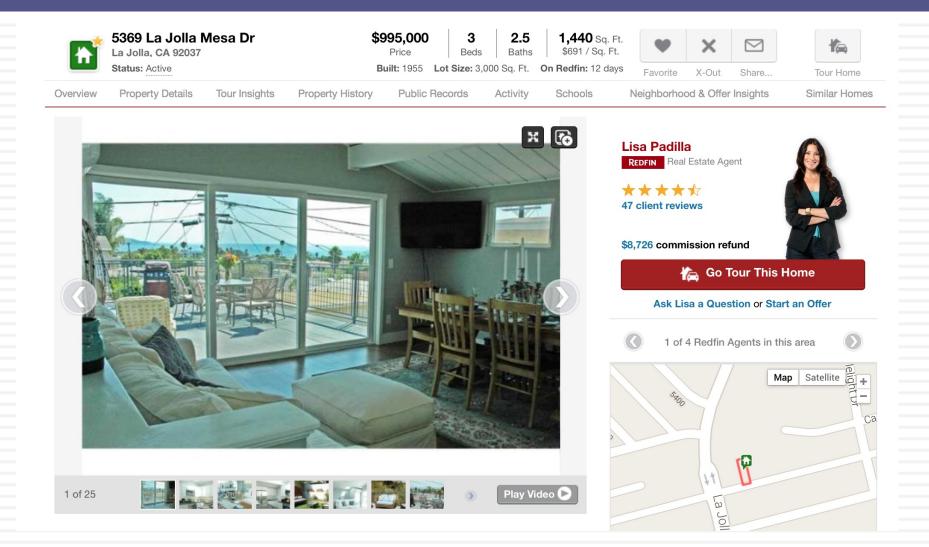
### Drivers of price

- Market moods & momentum
- Surface stories about fundamentals



# Test 1: Are you pricing or valuing?

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# Test 2: Are you pricing or valuing?

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Biotechnology

Biotechnology

Reuters BION.S Bloomberg BION SW Exchange Ticker SWX BION 

 Price at 12 Aug 2013 (CHF)
 124.00

 Price Target (CHF)
 164.50

 52-week range (CHF)
 128.40 - 84.90

# Strong sector and stock-picking continue

#### Impressive performance

Over the past two years, BB Biotech shares have roughly tripled, which could tempt investors to take profits. However, this performance has been well backed by a deserved revival of the biotech industry, encouraging fundamental news, M&A, and increased money flow into health care stocks. In addition, BBB returned to index outperformance by modifying its stock-picking approach. Hence, despite excellent performance, the shares still trade at a 23% discount to the net asset value of the portfolio. Hence, the shares are an attractive value vehicle to capture growth opportunities in an attractive sector.

#### Biotech industry remains attractive

With the re-rating of the pharma sector, investors have also showed increased interest in biotech stocks. Established biotech stocks have delivered encouraging financial results and approvals, while there has also been substantial industry consolidation, which is not surprising in times of "cheap" money and high liquidity. BB Biotech remains an attractive vehicle to capture the future potential of the biotech sector. In addition, investors benefit from a 23% discount to NAV and attractive cash distribution policy of 5% yield p.a. Hence, we reiterate our Ruy on RB Riotech shares.

#### Key changes

Target Price 106.50 to 164.50 ↑ 54.5%

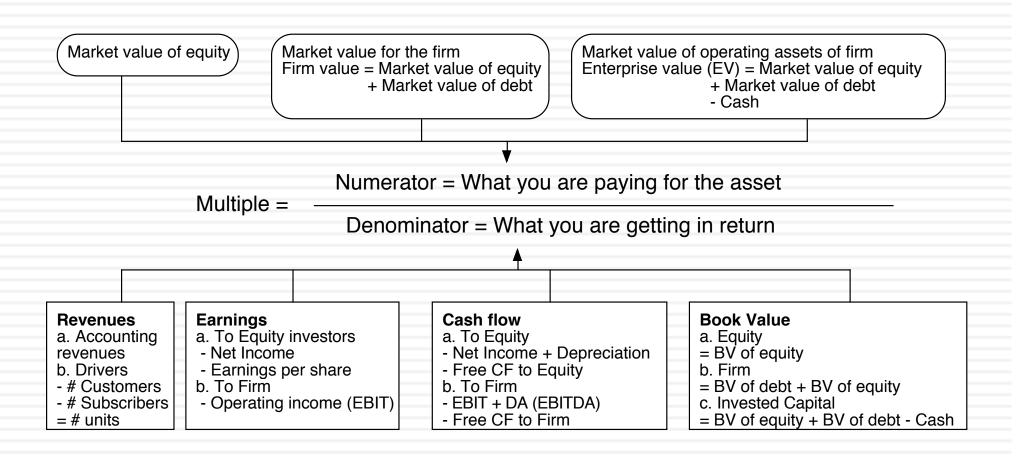
Source: Deutsche Bank

#### Price/price relative



Performance (%)	1m	3m	12m
Absolute	-1.4	5.4	37.4

# The tool for pricing: A multiple



## The Four Steps to Deconstructing Multiples

## Define the multiple

In use, the same multiple can be defined in different ways by different users. When comparing and using multiples, estimated by someone else, it is critical that we understand how the multiples have been estimated

## Describe the multiple

Too many people who use a multiple have no idea what its cross sectional distribution is. If you do not know what the cross sectional distribution of a multiple is, it is difficult to look at a number and pass judgment on whether it is too high or low.

## Analyze the multiple

■ It is critical that we understand the fundamentals that drive each multiple, and the nature of the relationship between the multiple and each variable.

## Apply the multiple

Defining the comparable universe and controlling for differences is far more difficult in practice than it is in theory.

## **Definitional Tests**

- Is the multiple consistently defined?
  - Proposition 1: Both the value (the numerator) and the standardizing variable (the denominator) should be to the same claimholders in the firm. In other words, the value of equity should be divided by equity earnings or equity book value, and firm value should be divided by firm earnings or book value.
- Is the multiple uniformly estimated?
  - The variables used in defining the multiple should be estimated uniformly across assets in the "comparable firm" list.
  - If earnings-based multiples are used, the accounting rules to measure earnings should be applied consistently across assets. The same rule applies with book-value based multiples.

## Example 1: Price Earnings Ratio: Definition

PE = Market Price per Share / Earnings per Share

There are a number of variants on the basic PE ratio in use. They are based upon how the price and the earnings are defined.

Price: is usually the current price is sometimes the average price for the year

EPS: EPS in most recent financial year

EPS in trailing 12 months (Trailing PE)

Forecasted EPS for next year (Forward PE)

Forecasted EPS in future year

#### Example 2: Enterprise Value / EBITDA Multiple

The enterprise value to EBITDA multiple is obtained by netting cash out against debt to arrive at enterprise value and dividing by EBITDA.

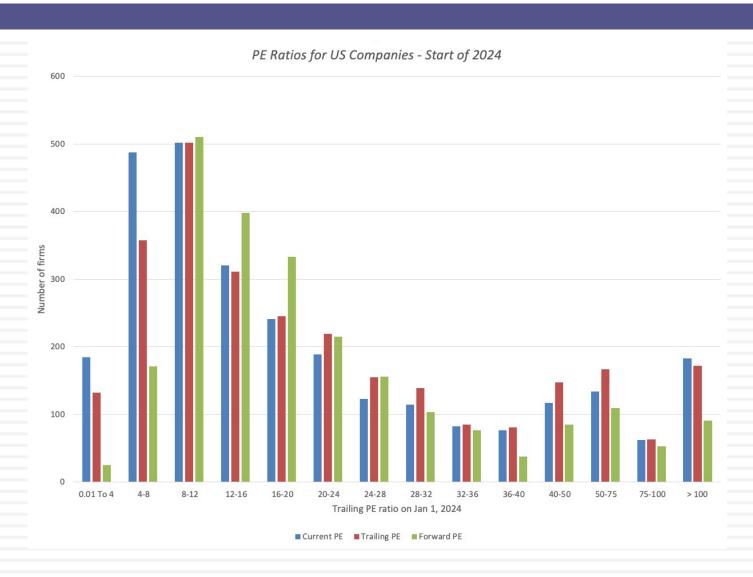
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Enterprise Value | Market Value of Equity + Market Value of Debt - Cash | Earnings before Interest, Taxes and Depreciation
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- Why do we net out cash from firm value?
- What happens if a firm has cross holdings which are categorized as:
  - Minority interests?
  - Majority active interests?

#### **Descriptive Tests**

- What is the average and standard deviation for this multiple, across the universe (market)?
- What is the median for this multiple?
  - The median for this multiple is often a more reliable comparison point.
- How large are the outliers to the distribution, and how do we deal with the outliers?
  - Throwing out the outliers may seem like an obvious solution, but if the outliers all lie on one side of the distribution (they usually are large positive numbers), this can lead to a biased estimate.
- Are there cases where the multiple cannot be estimated? Will ignoring these cases lead to a biased estimate of the multiple?
- How has this multiple changed over time?

### 1. Multiples have skewed distributions...

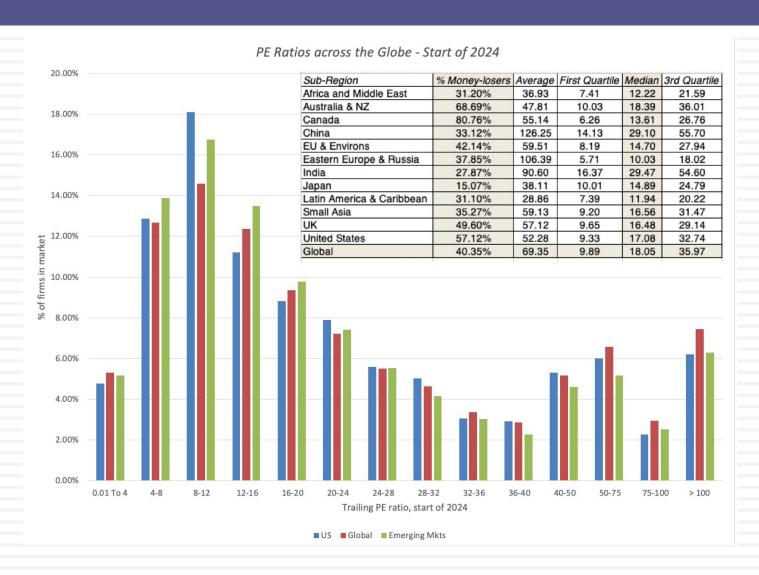


### 2. Making statistics "dicey"

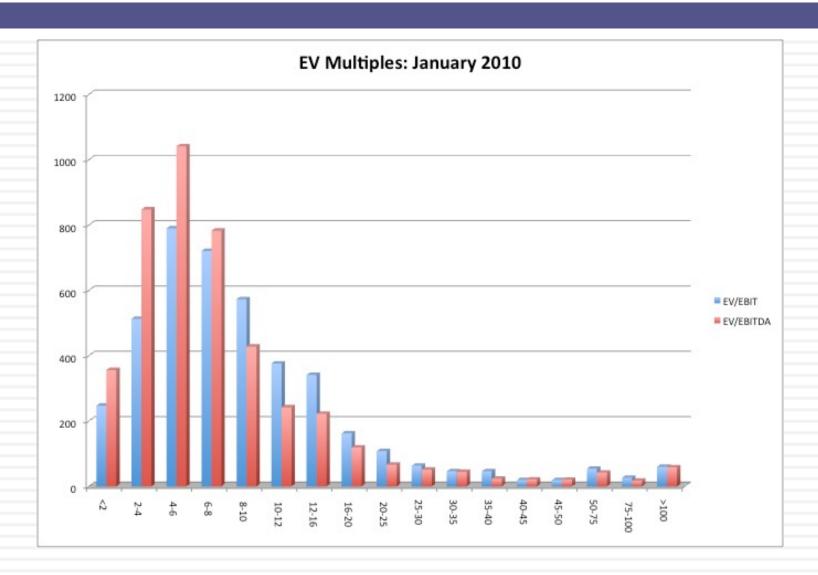
	Current	Trailing	Forward
# firms	6481	6481	6481
# firms with PE	2817	2779	2363
% with no PE	56.53%	57.12%	63.54%
Average	121.65	52.28	31.98
25h Percentile	8.19	9.34	11.19
Median	14.95	17.08	16.85
75th Percentile	29.89	32.71	27.20
Maximum	103000.00	6471.43	2183.33
Standard Deviation	2207.22	254.86	84.26
Standard Error	41.59	4.83	1.73
Skewness	39.11	15.71	15.83

#### 3. Markets have a lot in common: Comparing Global PEs



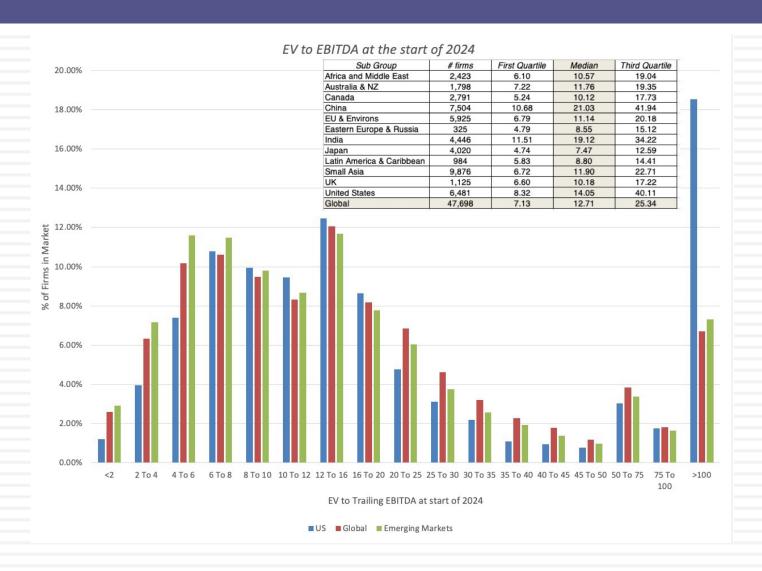


# 4. Simplistic rules almost always break down...6 times EBITDA was not cheap in the US in 2010



# But it may be in 2024, unless you in Japan or Russia...

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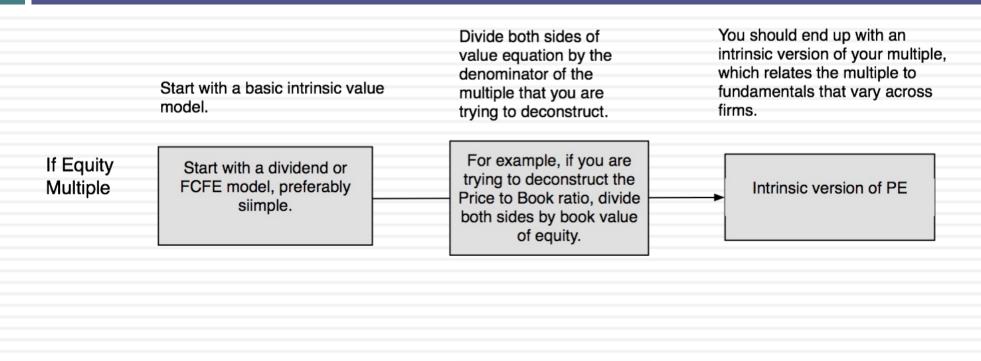


#### **Analytical Tests**

- What are the fundamentals that determine and drive these multiples?
  - Proposition 2: Embedded in every multiple are all of the variables that drive every discounted cash flow valuation - growth, risk and cash flow patterns.
  - In fact, using a simple discounted cash flow model and basic algebra should yield the fundamentals that drive a multiple
- How do changes in these fundamentals change the multiple?
  - The relationship between a fundamental (like growth) and a multiple (such as PE) is seldom linear. For example, if firm A has twice the growth rate of firm B, it will generally not trade at twice its PE ratio
  - Proposition 3: It is impossible to properly compare firms on a multiple, if we do not know the nature of the relationship between fundamentals and the multiple.

#### A Simple Analytical device

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If enterprise value multiple

Start with a firm or operating asset model:.

For example, if you are trying to deconstruct the EV to Sales ratio, dividen both sides oby total sales.

Intrinsic version of EV/ Sale ratio.

#### PE Ratio: Understanding the Fundamentals

- To understand the fundamentals, start with a basic equity discounted cash flow model.
- With the dividend discount model,

$$P_0 = \frac{DPS_1}{r - g_n}$$

Dividing both sides by the current earnings per share,

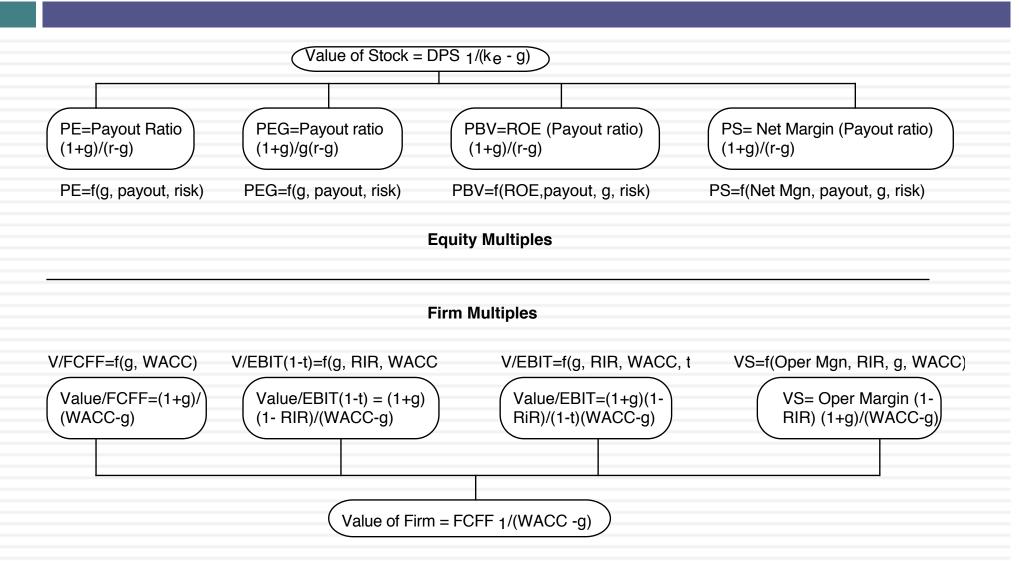
$$\frac{P_0}{EPS_0} = PE = \frac{Payout Ratio * (1 + g_n)}{r - g_n}$$

If this had been a FCFE Model,

$$P_0 = \frac{FCFE_1}{r - g_n}$$

$$\frac{P_0}{EPS_0} = PE = \frac{(FCFE/Earnings)*(1+g_n)}{r-g_n}$$

### The Determinants of Multiples...



#### **Application Tests**

- Given the firm that we are valuing, what is a "comparable" firm?
  - While traditional analysis is built on the premise that firms in the same sector are comparable firms, valuation theory would suggest that a comparable firm is one which is similar to the one being analyzed in terms of fundamentals.
  - Proposition 4: There is no reason why a firm cannot be compared with another firm in a very different business, if the two firms have the same risk, growth and cash flow characteristics.
- Given the comparable firms, how do we adjust for differences across firms on the fundamentals?
  - Proposition 5: It is impossible to find an exactly identical firm to the one you are valuing.

# An Example: Comparing PE Ratios across a

Sector: PE

Company Name	PE	Growth
PT Indosat ADR	7.8	0.06
Telebras ADR	8.9	0.075
Telecom Corporation of New Zealand ADR	11.2	0.11
Telecom Argentina Stet - France Telecom SA ADR B	12.5	0.08
Hellenic Telecommunication Organization SA ADR	12.8	0.12
Telecomunicaciones de Chile ADR	16.6	0.08
Swisscom AG ADR	18.3	0.11
Asia Satellite Telecom Holdings ADR	19.6	0.16
Portugal Telecom SA ADR	20.8	0.13
Telefonos de Mexico ADR L	21.1	0.14
Matav RT ADR	21.5	0.22
Telstra ADR	21.7	0.12
Gilat Communications	22.7	0.31
Deutsche Telekom AG ADR	24.6	0.11
British Telecommunications PLC ADR	25.7	0.07
Tele Danmark AS ADR	27	0.09
Telekomunikasi Indonesia ADR	28.4	0.32
Cable & Wireless PLC ADR	29.8	0.14
APT Satellite Holdings ADR	31	0.33
Telefonica SA ADR	32.5	0.18
Royal KPN NV ADR	35.7	0.13
Telecom Italia SPA ADR	42.2	0.14
Nippon Telegraph & Telephone ADR	44.3	0.2
France Telecom SA ADR	45.2	0.19
Korea Telecom ADR	71.3	0.44

#### PE, Growth and Risk

- Dependent variable is: PE
- $\square$  R squared = 66.2% R squared (adjusted) = 63.1%

Variable	Coefficient	SE	t-ratio	Probability
Constant	13.1151	3.471	3.78	0.0010
Growth rate	121.223	19.27	6.29	≤ 0.0001
Emerging Market	-13.853 1	3.606	-3.84	0.0009

Emerging Market is a dummy: 1 if emerging market

0 if not

Is Indosat cheap?

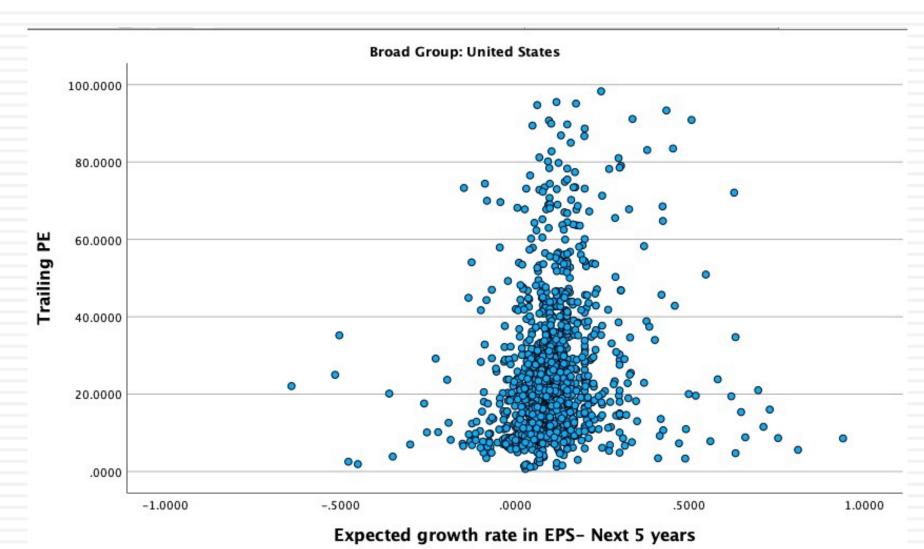
PE = 13.13 + 121.22 (.06) -13.85 (1) = 6.55

At 7.8 times earnings, Indosat is over valued.

#### Comparisons to the entire market: Why not?

- In contrast to the 'comparable firm' approach, the information in the entire cross-section of firms can be used to predict PE ratios.
- The simplest way of summarizing this information is with a multiple regression, with the PE ratio as the dependent variable, and proxies for risk, growth and payout forming the independent variables.

# I. PE Ratio versus the market PE versus Expected EPS Growth: January 2024



# PE Ratio: Standard Regression for US stocks - January 2024

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Model Summary <sup>a</sup>				
Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.580 <sup>b</sup>	.336	.334	3090.43701

- a. Broad Group = United States
- b. Predictors: (Constant), Expected growth rate in EPS-Next 5 years, Payout ratio, Beta

The regression is run with growth and payout entered as decimals, i.e., 25% is entered as 0.25)

		Unstandardize	d Coefficients	Standardized Coefficients		
Mode	el .	В	Std. Error	Beta	t	Sig.
1	(Constant)	-2.109	1.885		-1.119	.264
	Beta	20.755	1.501	.399	13.831	<.001
	Payout ratio	11.378	1.447	.222	7.865	<.001
	Expected growth rate in EPS- Next 5 years	69.566	5.125	.377	13.574	<.001

- a. Broad Group = United States
- b. Dependent Variable: Trailing PE
- c. Weighted Least Squares Regression Weighted by Market Cap (in US \$)

Regression	R Squared	Region
$PE = 19.34 \text{ Beta} + 68.70 \text{ g}_{EPS} + 10.37 \text{ Payout}$ (23.78) (68.70) (10.37)	33.6%	US
PE = 11.89 + 1.47 Beta + 32.44 g <sub>EPS</sub> + 13.18 Payout (8.82) (1.93) (9.96) (10.01)	15.5%	Europe
$PE = 4.65 + 6.94 \text{ Beta} + 25.75 \text{ g}_{EPS} + 17.17 \text{ Payout}$ (2.38) (6.92) (3.80) (7.84)	23.2%	Japan
PE = 15.02 + 0.06 Beta + 41.70 g <sub>EPS</sub> + 3.71 Payout (15.78) (0.12) (22.31) (3.91)	24.8%	Aus, NZ & Canada
PE = 14.41 - 1.24 Beta + 92.94 g <sub>EPS</sub> + 7.49 Payout (6.91) (0.74) (14.80) (5.31)	40.5%	Emerging Markets
PE = 16.90 + 3.20 Beta + 51.53 g <sub>EPS</sub> + 2.68 Payout (22.96) (6.53) (27.77) (3.98)	17.2%	Global

 $g_{EPS}$ =Expected Growth: Expected growth in EPS or Net Income: Next 5 years (decimals)

Beta: Regression or Bottom up Beta

<u>Payout ratio:</u> Dividends/Net income from most recent year. Set to zero, if net income  $\leq 0$ 

#### Choosing Between the Multiples

- As presented in this section, there are dozens of multiples that can be potentially used to value an individual firm.
- In addition, relative valuation can be relative to a sector (or comparable firms) or to the entire market (using the regressions, for instance)
- Since there can be only one final estimate of value, there are three choices at this stage:
  - Use a simple average of the valuations obtained using a number of different multiples
  - Use a weighted average of the valuations obtained using a nmber of different multiples
  - Choose one of the multiples and base your valuation on that multiple

#### Picking one Multiple

- This is usually the best way to approach this issue. While a range of values can be obtained from a number of multiples, the "best estimate" value is obtained using one multiple.
- □ The multiple that is used can be chosen in one of two ways:
  - Use the multiple that best fits your objective. Thus, if you want the company to be undervalued, you pick the multiple that yields the highest value.
  - Use the multiple that has the highest R-squared in the sector when regressed against fundamentals. Thus, if you have tried PE, PBV, PS, etc. and run regressions of these multiples against fundamentals, use the multiple that works best at explaining differences across firms in that sector.
  - Use the multiple that seems to make the most sense for that sector, given how value is measured and created.

### Conventional usage...

Sector	Multiple Used	Rationale
Cyclical Manufacturing	PE, Relative PE	Often with normalized earnings
Growth firms	PEG ratio	Big differences in growth rates
Young growth firms w/ losses	Revenue Multiples	What choice do you have?
Infrastructure	EV/EBITDA	Early losses, big DA
REIT	P/CFE (where CFE = Net income + Depreciation)	Big depreciation charges on real estate
Financial Services	Price/ Book equity	Marked to market?
Retailing	Revenue multiples	Margins equalize sooner or later

## A closing thought...

