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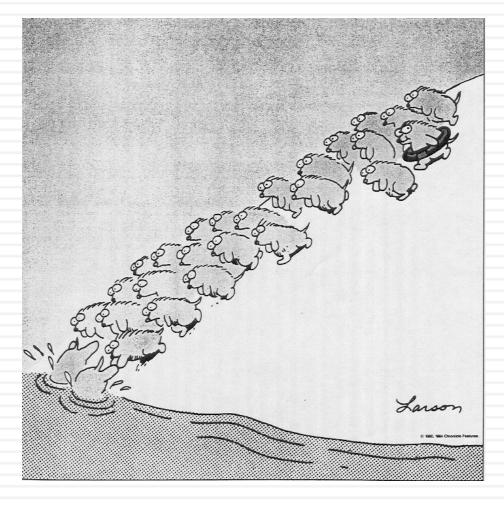
VALUATION: ART, SCIENCE, CRAFT OR MAGIC?

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Some Initial Thoughts

" One hundred thousand lemmings cannot be wrong"

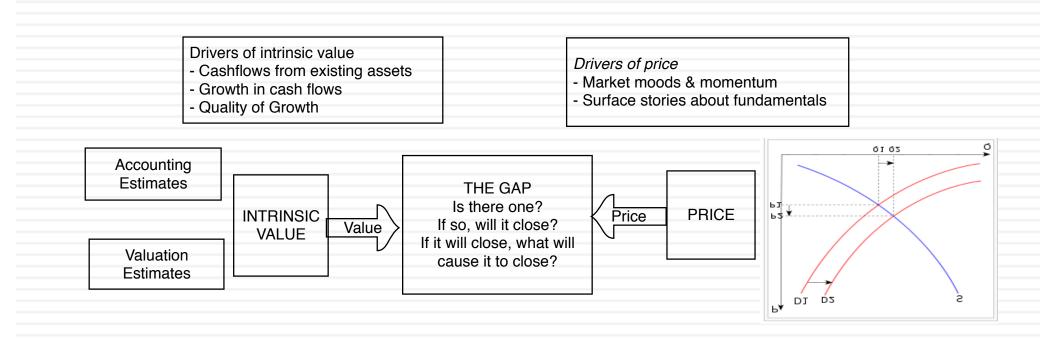
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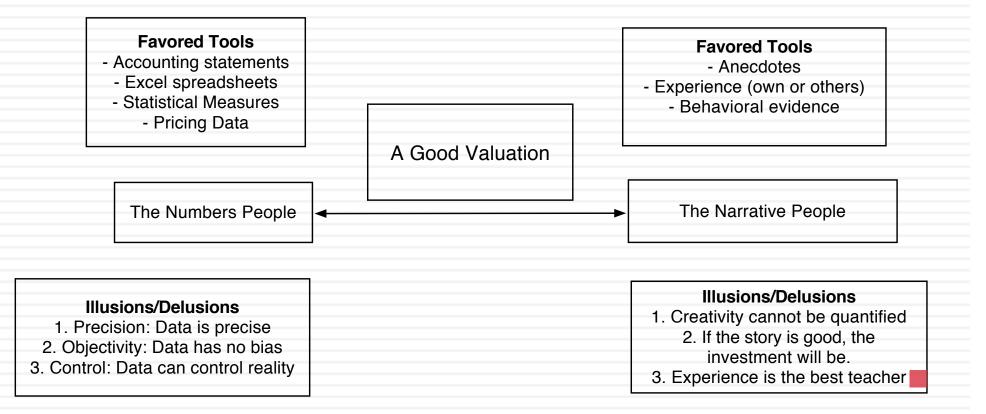
Theme 1: Characterizing Valuation as a discipline

- 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



Theme 3: Good valuation = Story + Numbers



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, estimates the value of an asset by looking at the pricing of 'comparable' assets relative to a common variable like earnings, cashflows, book value or sales.
- Contingent claim valuation, uses option pricing models to measure the value of assets that share option characteristics.

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.

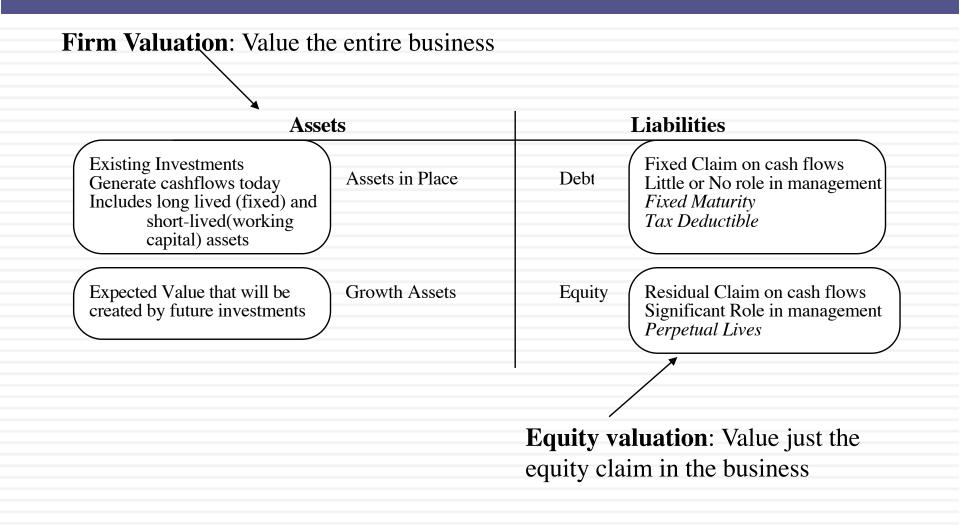
Intrinsic Value: Three Basic Propositions

The value of an asset is the present value of the expected cash flows on that asset, over its expected life:

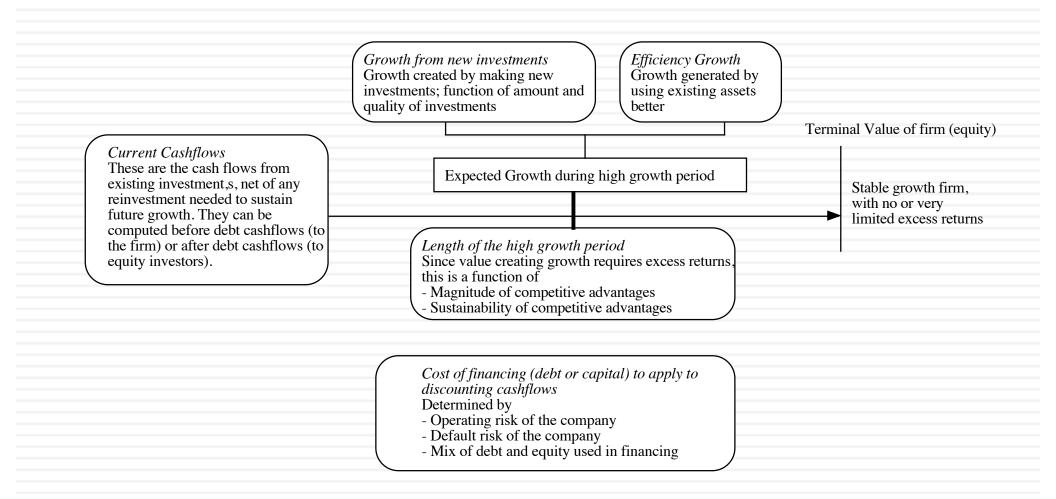
Value of asset = $\frac{E(CF_1)}{(1+r)} + \frac{E(CF_2)}{(1+r)^2} + \frac{E(CF_3)}{(1+r)^3} \dots + \frac{E(CF_n)}{(1+r)^n}$

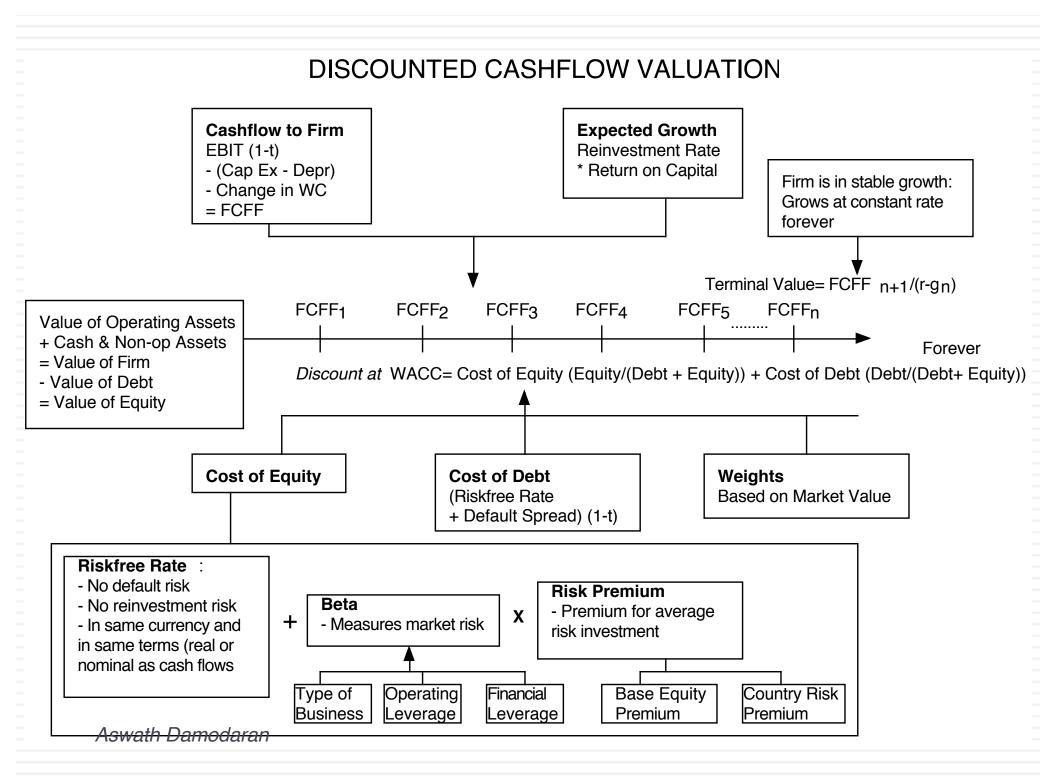
- 1. The IT Proposition: If "it" does not affect the cash flows or alter risk (thus changing discount rates), "it" cannot affect value.
- 2. The DUH Proposition: For an asset to have value, the expected cash flows have to be positive some time over the life of the asset.
- 3. The DON'T FREAK OUT Proposition: 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.

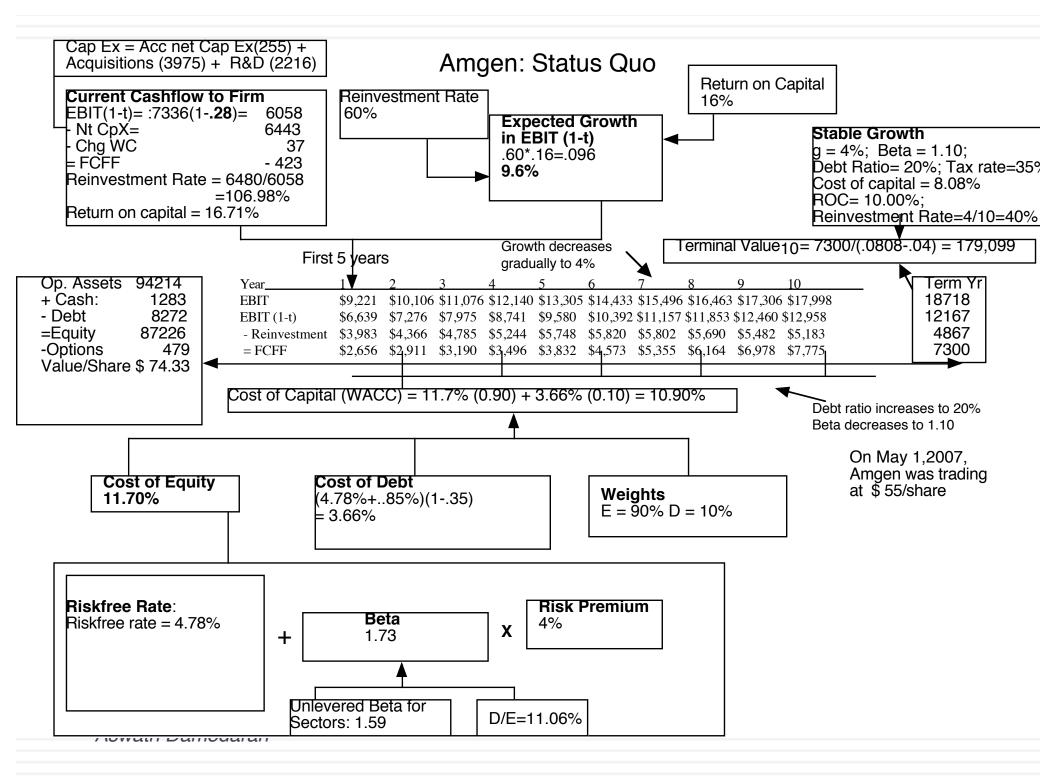
DCF Choices: Equity Valuation versus Firm Valuation

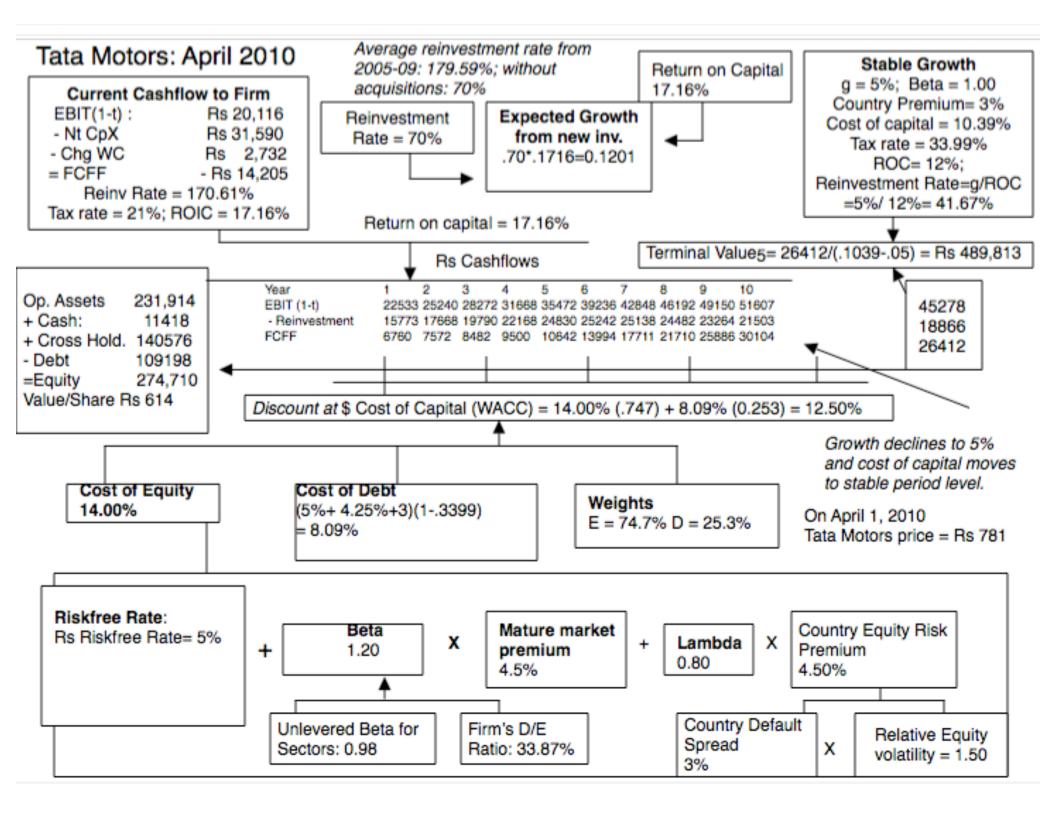


The Drivers of Value...









Valuing Shell at prevailing oil price (\$40) in **April 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

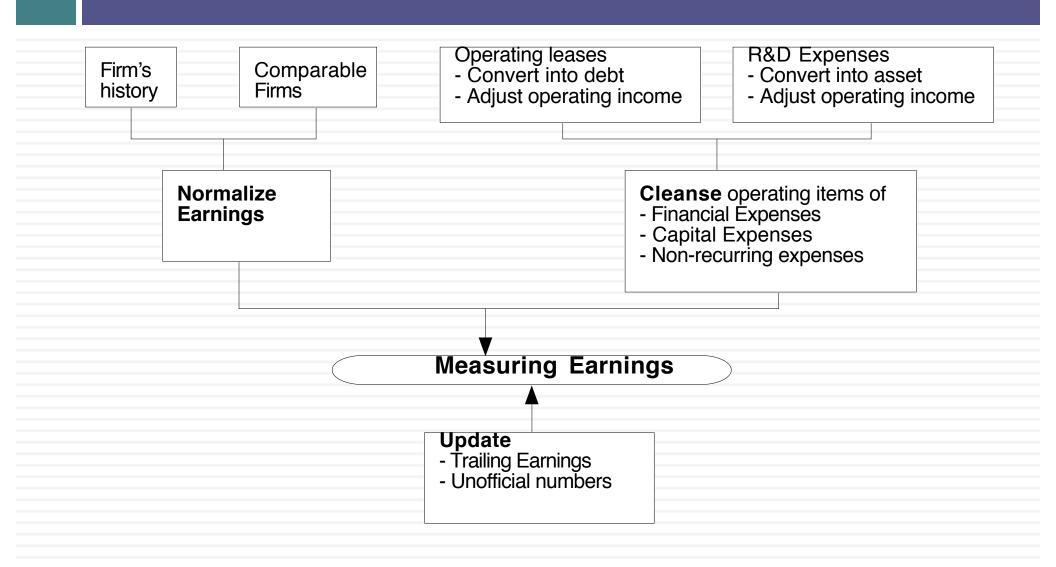
	Base Year	1		2		3		4		5	Те	rminal Year	
Revenues	\$ 201,569	\$ 209,450	\$	217,639	\$	226,149	\$	234,991	\$	244,180	\$	249,063	Operating
Operating Margin	3.01%	6.18%		7.76%		8.56%		8.95%		9.35%		9.35%	margin
Operating Income	\$ 6,065.00	\$ 12,942.85	\$	16,899.10	\$	19,352.39	\$	21,040.39	\$	22,830.80	\$	23,287.41	converges on
Effective tax rate	30.00%	30.00%		30.00%		30.00%		30.00%		30.00%		30.00%	Shell's historical
AT Operating Income	\$ 4,245.50	\$ 9,060.00	\$	11,829.37	\$	13,546.68	\$	14,728.27	\$	15,981.56	\$	16,301.19	average margin
+ Depreciation	\$ 26,714.00	\$ 27,759	\$	28,844	\$	29,972	\$	31,144	\$	32,361			of 9.35% from
- Cap Ex	\$ 31,854.00	\$ 33,099	\$	34,394	\$	35,738	\$	37,136	\$	38,588			200-2015
- Chg in WC		\$ 472.88	\$	491.37	\$	510.58	\$	530.55	\$	551.29			200-2013
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%	D .
Cost of Capital		9.91%		9.91%		9.91%		9.91%		9.91%		8.00%	Return on
Cumulated Discount Factor		1.0991		1.2080		1.3277		1.4593		1.6039			capital reverts
Present Value		\$ 2,953.45	\$	4,791.47	\$	5,474.95	\$	5,622.81	\$	140,940.73			and stays at
Value of Operating Assets	\$ 159,783.41												Shell's historic
+ Cash	\$ 31,752.00												average of
+ Cross Holdings	\$ 33,566.00			ng term in			-						12.37% from
- Debt	\$ 58,379.00	subt	rac	ted out mi		•	t in	consolida	iteo	1			200-2015
- Minority Interets	\$ 1,245.00				h	oldings.							
Value of Equity	\$ 165,477.41												
Number of shares	4209.7												
Value per share	\$ 39.31												

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DCF INPUTS

"Garbage in, garbage out"

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 Va	alue of leases =	\$869.55
Debt ou	utstanding at Amgen = \$	\$7,402 + \$ 870 = \$8,272 million
Adjuste	d Operating Income = S	stated OI + Lease expense this year – Depreciation
	= 5,071 m + 69 m - 870	/12 = \$5,068 million (12 year life for assets)

- Approximate Operating income= stated OI + PV of Lease commitment * Pre-tax cost of debt
- = \$5,071 m + 870 m (.0563) = \$5,120 million

Capitalizing R&D Expenses: Amgen

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

Year	R&D Expense	Unamortiz	ed portion Amortiza	tion 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 =		\$10,112.80	\$1,149.90
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Adjusted Operating Income = \$5,120 + 3,366 - 1,150 = \$7,336 million

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 =
 - Accounting Depreciation =
 - Accounting Net Cap Ex =
- \$ 255 million We define capital expenditures broadly to include R&D and acquisitions:
 - Accounting Net Cap Ex =
 - Net R&D Cap Ex = (3366-1150) =
 - Acquisitions in 2006 =
 - Total Net Capital Expenditures =

\$ 255 million \$2,216 million \$3,975 million \$ 6,443 million

\$1,218 million

\$ 963 million

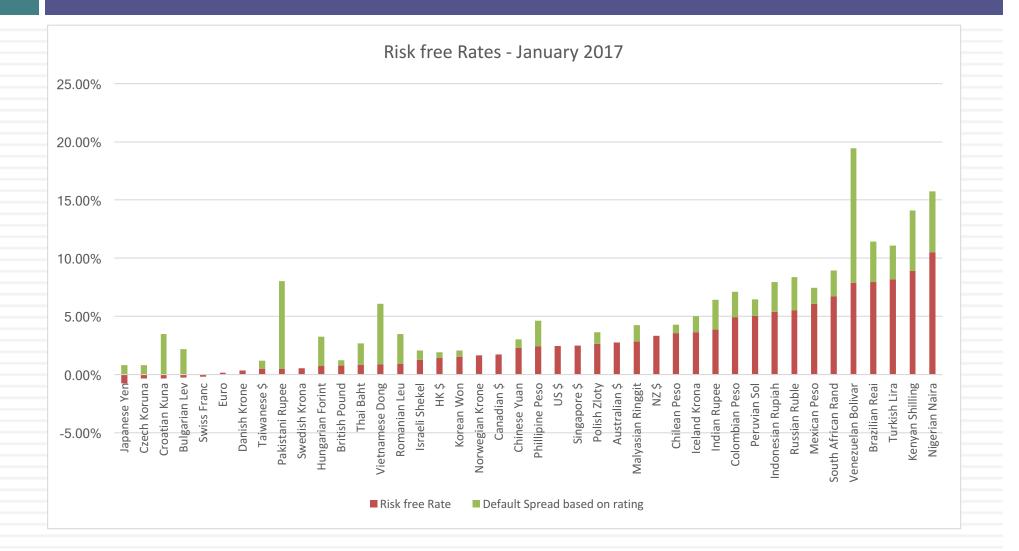
Acquisitions have been a volatile item. Amgen was quiet on the acquisition front in 2004 and 2005 and had a significant acquisition in 2003.

III. The government bond rate is not always the risk free rate

- When valuing Amgen in US dollars, the US\$ ten-year bond rate of 4.78% was used as the risk free 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 = 8% - 3% = 5%

Risk free rates will vary across currencies: January 2017

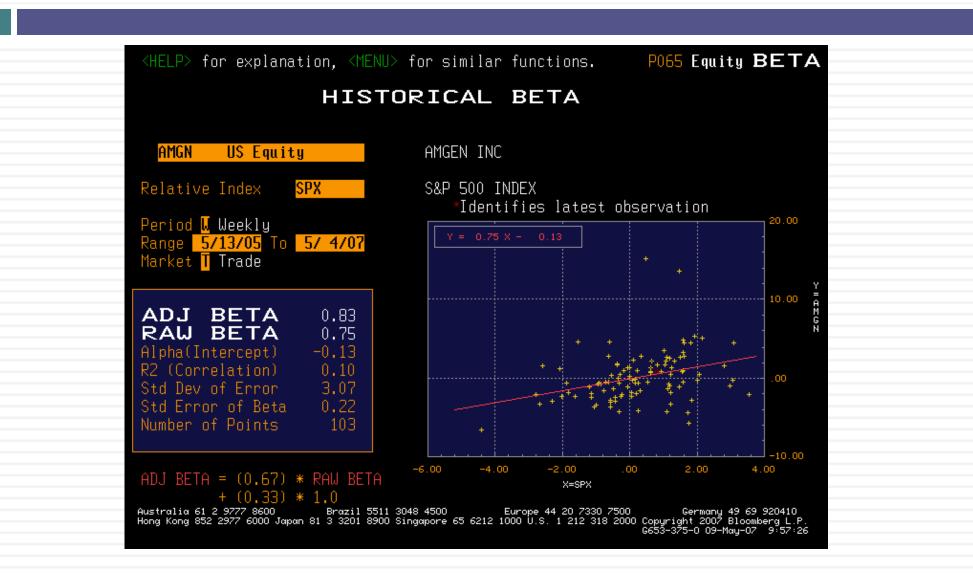


But valuations should not

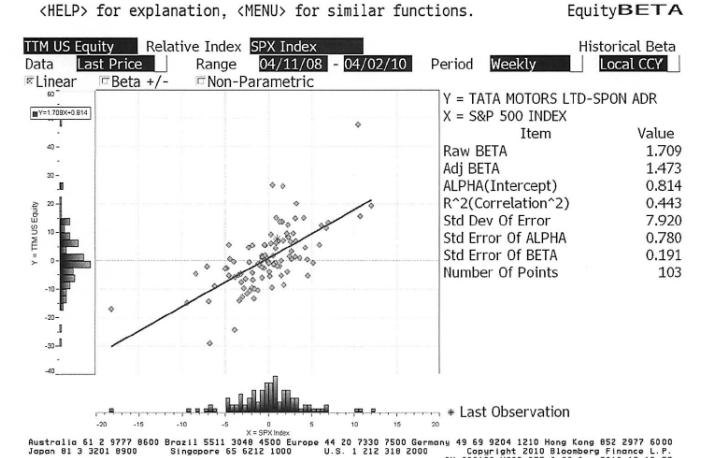
	In Indian Rupees	In US \$
Risk free Rate	5.00%	2.00%
Expected inflation rate	4.00%	1.00%
Cost of capital		
- High Growth	12.50%	9.25%
- Stable Growth	10.39%	7.21%
Expected growth rate		
- High Growth	12.01%	8.78%
- Stable Growth	5.00%	2.00%
Return on Capital		
- High Growth	17.16%	13.78%
- Stable Growth	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...

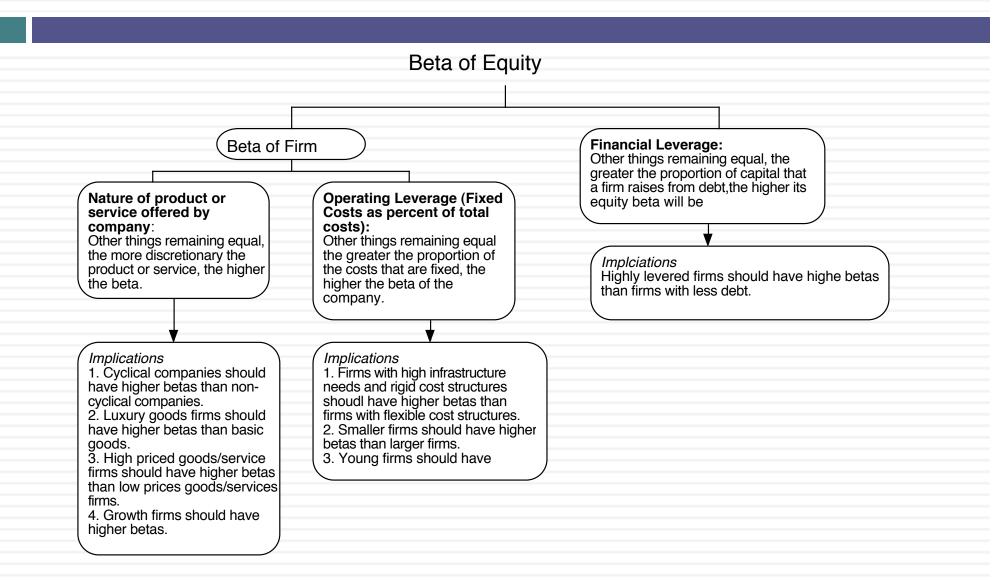


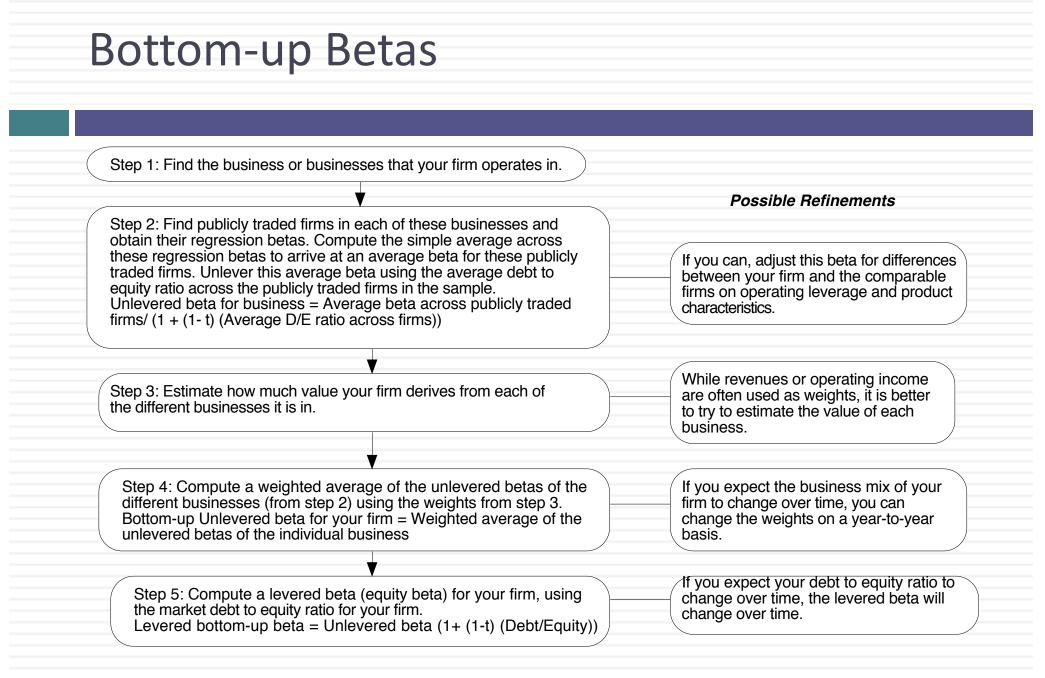
Look better for some companies, but only because they are run against narrow indices



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Determinants of Betas





Working through with our companies

Amgen

- The unlevered beta for pharmaceutical firms is 1.59. Using Amgen's debt to equity ratio of 11%, the bottom up beta for Amgen is
- Bottom-up Beta = 1.59 (1+ (1-.35)(.11)) = 1.73
- Tata Motors
 - The unlevered beta for automobile firms is 0.98. Using Tata Motor's debt to equity ratio of 33.87%, the bottom up beta for Tata Motors is
 - Bottom-up Beta = 0.98 (1+ (1-.3399)(.3387)) = 1.20

Bottom up beta for Shell..

Shell classifies its business into upstream (exploration and development) and downstream.

	Revenues (2015)	Earnings (2015)	Revenues (2013-15)	Earnings (2013-15)	% of firm	Unlevered Beta	
Upstream	\$53,927	\$(5,663)	\$239,125	\$22,816	56.56%	1.13	
Downstream	\$237,746	\$10,243	\$1,020,219	\$17,523	43.44%	0.85	
Corporate	\$96	\$(425)	\$362	\$(209)			
Shell	\$291,769	\$4,155	\$1,259,706	\$40,130	100.00%	1.01	

- The proportion of Shell's value that comes from upstream and downstream is very different, depending on whether you look at revenues (which weight downstream a lot more) than at earnings. I used the earnings because the margins are very different across the businesses.
- When the numbers are volatile, as is evidenced in the 2015 values, the averages across time are better indicators.

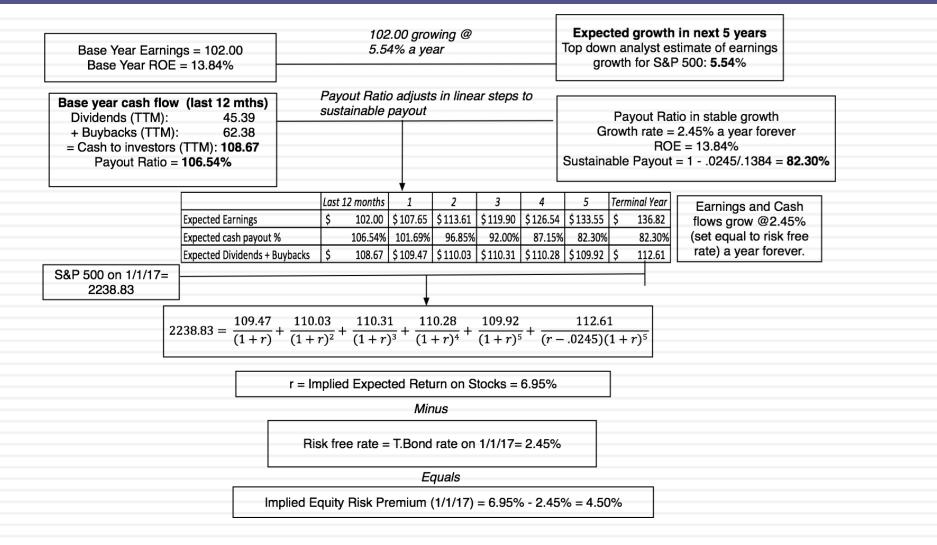
V. And the past is not always a good indicator of the future.

	Arithme	tic Average	Geometric Average			
	Stocks - T. Bills	Stocks - T. Bonds	Stocks - T. Bills	Stocks - T. Bonds		
1928-2016	7.96%	6.24%	6.11%	4.62%		
Std Error	2.13%	2.28%				
1967-2016	6.57%	4.37%	5.26%	3.42%		
Std Error	2.42%	2.74%				
2007-2016	7.91%	3.62%	6.15%	2.30%		
Std Error	6.06%	8.66%				

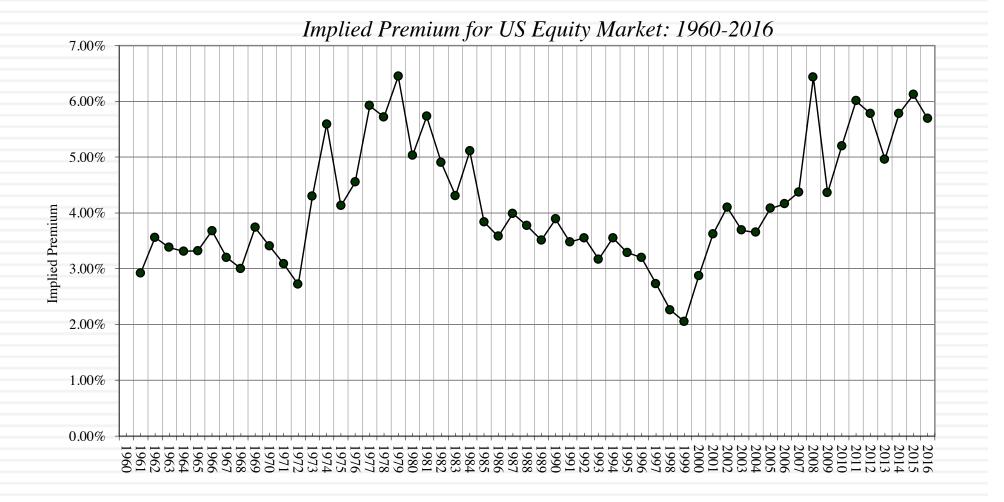
- □ If you are going to use a historical risk premium, make it
 - Long term (because of the standard error)
 - Consistent with your risk free rate
 - A "compounded" average
- No matter which estimate you use, recognize that it is backward looking, is noisy and may reflect selection bias.

But in the future..

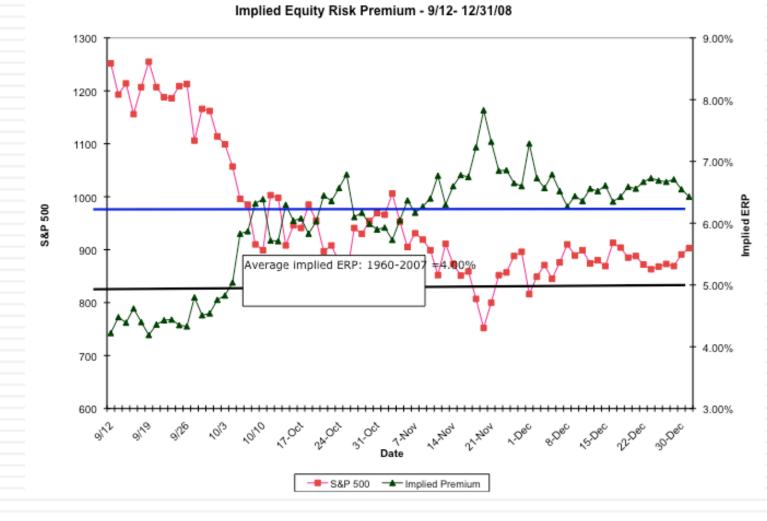
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Implied Premiums in the US: 1960-2017



The Anatomy of a Crisis: Implied ERP from September 12, 2008 to January 1, 2009



Implied Premium for India using the Sensex: April 2010

- \Box 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 = 4.50%
 - Default Spread for India = 3.00% (based on rating)
 - Equity Risk Premium for India = 4.50% + 3.00%
 - 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_{Country Equity} / Std Deviation_{Country Bond}
 - Standard Deviation in Sensex = 21%
 - Standard Deviation in Indian government bond= 14%
 - Default spread on Indian Bond= 3%
 - Additional country risk premium for India = 3% (21/14) = 4.5%

ERP Estimation: A Picture

Step 1: Mature			into an Step 4: Estimate an ERP
Market Premium	Step 2: Assess country risk	Step 3: Convert country risk measure i additional country risk premium for equ	
Estimate the		if sovereign rating is AAA	ERP for country = US ERP
implied equity risk premium for S&P 500 In January 2017, ERP for S&P 500 was	Check the sovereign local currency rating for the country, with Moody's.	AAA, get a default spread for the country, using one of 1. Spread on sovereign bond in US\$ 2. CDS spread dev of dev of	tive Equity et Volatility = td dev of ging market y index/ Std of emerging et bond index ERP for country = US ERP + Default Spread * Relative Equity Market Volatility
5.69%			ary 2017 = 1.23
	If rating not available on Moody's, check on S&P & convert into Moody's equivalent	get a country risk score from base	ERP for country = PRS- based ERP

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ERP : Jan 2017

Andorra	8.81%	3.12%	Jersey	6.26%	0.57%
Austria	6.26%	0.57%	Liechtenstein	5.69%	0.00%
Belgium	6.55%	0.86%	Luxembourg	5.69%	0.00%
Cyprus	12.09%	6.40%	Malta	7.40%	1.71%
Denmark	5.69%	0.00%	Netherlands	5.69%	0.00%
Finland	6.26%	0.57%	Norway	5.69%	0.00%
France	6.39%	0.70%	Portugal	9.24%	3.55%
Germany	5.69%	0.00%	Spain	8.40%	2.71%
Greece	19.89%	14.20%	Sweden	5.69%	0.00%
Guernsey	6.26%	0.57%	Switzerland	5.69%	0.00%
lceland	7.40%	1.71%	Turkey	9.24%	3.55%
Ireland	7.40%	1.71%	UK	6.26%	0.57%
Isle of Man	6.26%	0.57%	W.Europe	6.81%	1.12%
Italy	8.40%	2.71%			

Canada		5.69%	6	0.00%
USA		5.69%	6	0.00%
North Americ		5.69%	6	0.00%
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Caribbean	13	.81%	8	.12%
Argentina	14	1.93%	Τ	9.24%
Belize	18	8.48%	T	12.79%
Bolivia	1().81%	T	5.12%
Brazil	- 9	.96%	Τ	4.27%
Chile	6	.55%	Т	0.86%
Colombia	8	.40%	Τ	2.71%
Costa Rica	- 9	.24%	Τ	3.55%
Ecuador	14	1.93%		9.24%
El Salvador	14	4.93%		9.24%
Guatemala	- 9	.24%		3.55%
Honduras	13	3.51%		7.82%
Mexico	7	.40%		1.71%
Nicaragua	13	3.51%		7.82%
Panama	8	.40%		2.71%
Paraguay	- 9	.24%		3.55%
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ļ	Senegal	12.09%		6	.40%	
	South Africa	8.4	-0%	2	.71%	
	Tunisia	10.3	81%	5	.12%	
	Uganda	13.	51%	_	.82%	
	Zambia	14.5	93%	9	.24%	-
1	Africa	11.	98%	6	.29%	

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	Armenia	12.09%	6.4	0%			Al
	Azerbaijan	9.24%	3.5	5%			Br
	Belarus	16.34%		55%			Ga
	Bosnia and Her	14.93%	9.2	4%			G
	Bulgaria	8.40%		1%			G
Z	Croatia	9.96%	4.2	7%			G
	Czech Republic	6.69%	1.0	0%		5	Ha
	Estonia	6.69%	1.0	0%	A	5	Ira
	Georgia	10.81%	5.1	2%		1	Ko
	Hungary	8.81%	3.1	2%	1	1	Lik
	Kazakhstan	8.81%	3.1	2%			Lil
	Kyrgyzstan	13.51%	7.8	2%			М
	Latvia	7.40%	1.7	1%			
í	Lithuania	7.40%	1.7	1%			
1	Macedonia	10.81%	5.1	2%			
	Moldova	14.93%	9.24%				
	Montenegro	12.09%	6.40%				
2	Poland	6.90%	1.21%				
3	Romania	8.81%	3.12%				
1	Russia	9.24%	3.55%		2	4	
	Serbia	12.09%	6.4	0%	1	7	
	Slovakia	6.90%	1.2	1%			
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	Israel		6.6				_
	Jordan				09%		_
	Kuwait				40%		_
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	Oman Qatar				40%	0.71	_
		Khaimah			+0% 90%		_
	Saudi A				50% 59%	1.00	_
	Sharjal				40%	1.71	_
		Arab Emir	ates		40%	0.71	_
	Middle				50%	1.81	_
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Black #: Total ERP Red #: Country risk premium AVG: GDP weighted average

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	Country		ERP	CRP	Country			CRP
	Algeria		13.72%	7.47%	6 Malawi		17.24%	
	Brunei		9.75%		6 Mali		13.90%	
	Gambia		13.72%	7.47%	6 Myanm	ar	13.72%	7.47%
	Guinea		20.00%	13.75%	6 Niger		17.24%	10.99%
	Guinea-	Bissau	12.48%	6.23%	6 Sierra Lo	eone	16.61%	10.36%
	Guyana		12.48%	6.23%	6 Somalia		20.00%	13.75%
2	Haiti		16.61%	10.36%	6 Sudan		20.00%	13.75%
١	Iran		11.22%	4.97%	6 Syria		20.00%	13.75%
	Korea, D).P.R.	17.24%	10.99%	6 Tanzani	а	13.90%	7.65%
	Liberia		17.24%				13.72%	
	Libya		20.00%		6 Yemen,	-	17.24%	
	Madaga	scar	12.48%	6.23%	Zimbab	we	17.24%	10.99%
				50	1)		
		Bangl	adesh		10.81%	5.12%	1	
		Camb	odia		13.51%	7.82%	1	
		China			6.55%	0.86%	1	
		Fiji			12.09%	6.40%]	
	•	Hong	Kong		6.26%	0.57%		
	-	India			8.81%	3.12%		
١	1	Indon	esia		8.81%	3.12%		
1		Japan			6.69%	1.00%		
	V	Korea	l		6.39%	0.70%		
		Maca	0		6.55%	0.86%		
		Malay	/sia		7.40%	1.71%		
		Mauri	itius		7.95%	2.26%		
7	%	Mong	olia		16.34%	10.65%		
5	%	Pakist	tan		14.93%	9.24%	1	
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	%	Taiwa	in		6.55%	0.86%	0	
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_	.76 1%	Vietna	am		12.09%	6.40%	1	
	.%	Asia			7.12%	1.43%		
71	.%				Austral	ia	5.69%	0.00%
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					New Ze	aland	5.69%	0.00%

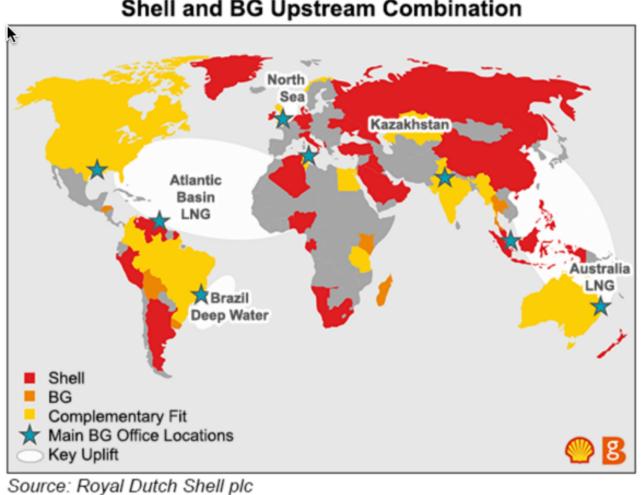
Australia & NZ 5.70%

0.01%

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 under estimate 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.

Shell's Reserves



Shell and BG Upstream Combination

Shell: Equity Risk Premium- March 2016

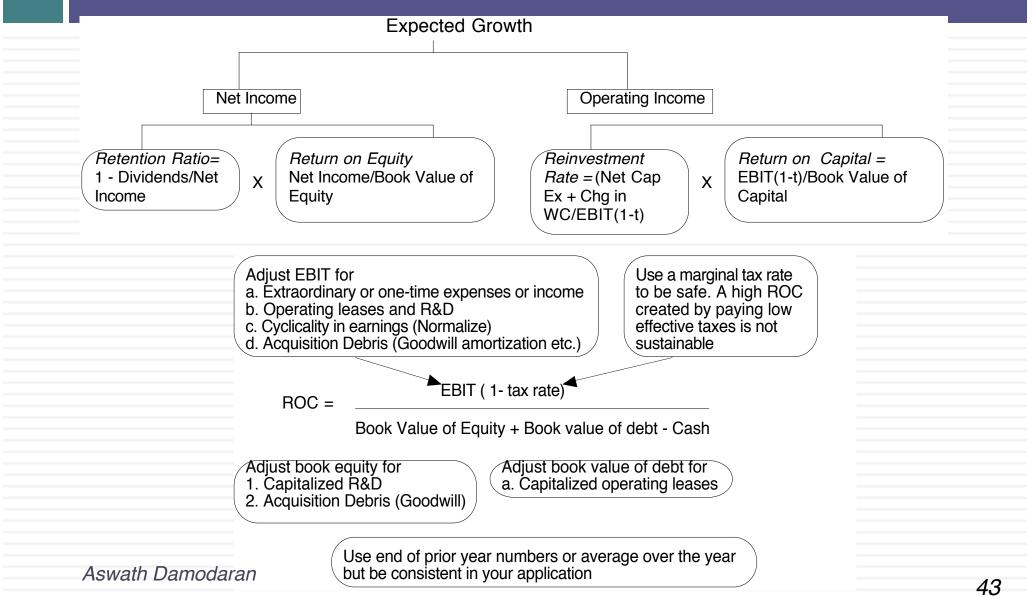
Country	Oil & Gas Production	% of Total	ERP
Denmark	17396	3.83%	6.20%
Italy	11179	2.46%	9.14%
Norway	14337	3.16%	6.20%
UK	20762	4.57%	6.81%
Rest of Europe	874	0.19%	7.40%
Brunei	823	0.18%	9.04%
Iraq	20009	4.40%	11.37%
Malaysia	22980	5.06%	8.05%
Oman	78404	17.26%	7.29%
Russia	22016	4.85%	10.06%
Rest of 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%

A Company Lambda?

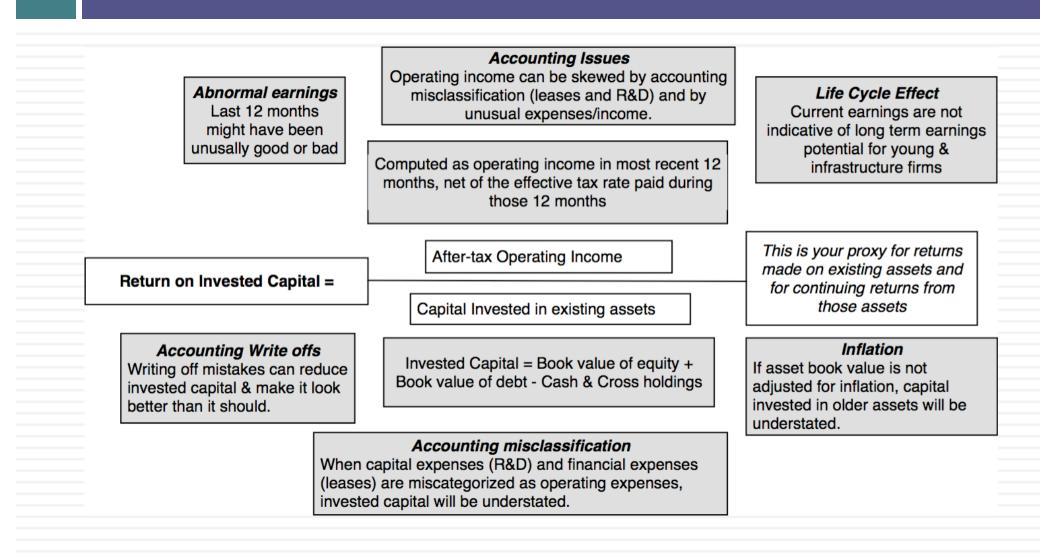
- If you are exposed to one emerging market and you feel that estimating exposure just based on revenues or production is too approximate, you can try to estimate the company's risk exposure to country risk by looking at every aspect of the connection of the company to the country:
 - Revenues from the country versus the rest of the world
 - Production/Operating from country versus the rest of the world
 - Ease of moving operations, if there is a crisis

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

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

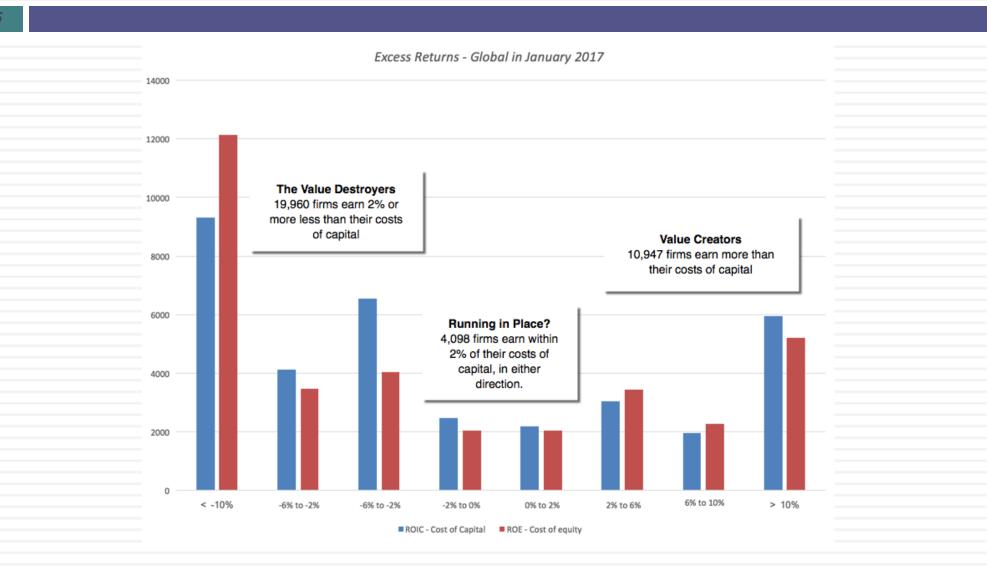


ROIC: Truth in Advertising

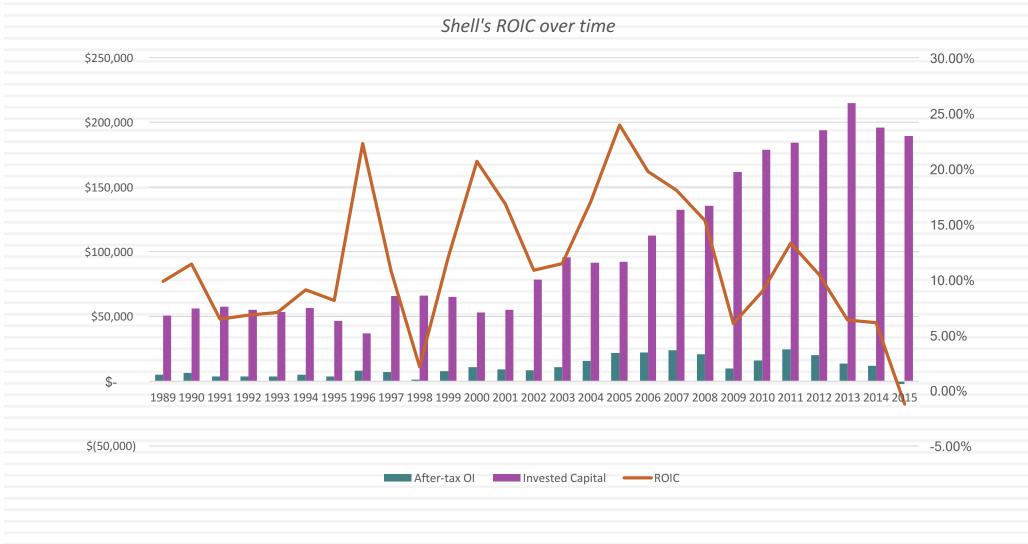


The Quality of Growth

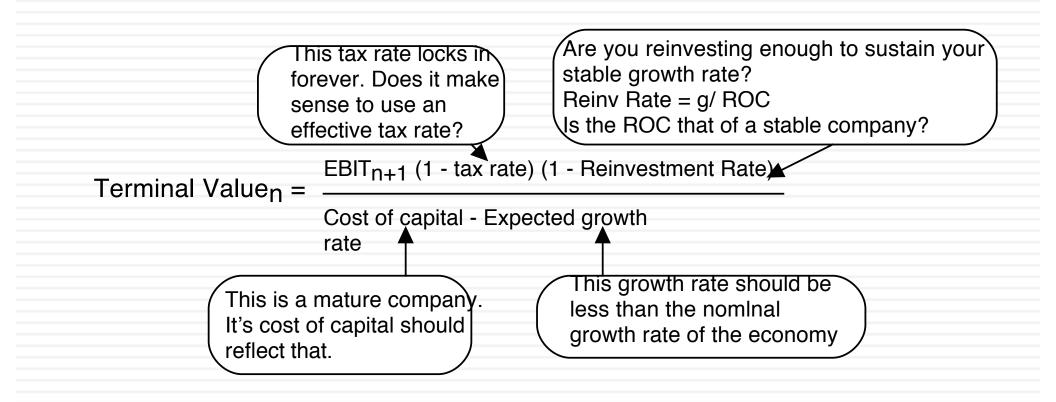




And it can change over time: Shell



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



Terminal Value and Growth

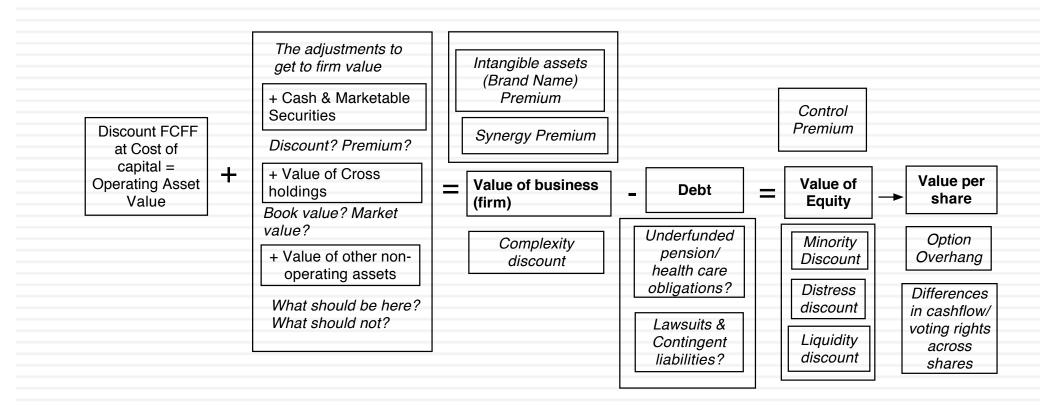
Stable growth rate	Amgen	Tata Motors
0%	\$150,652	435,686₹
1%	\$154,479	435,686₹
2%	\$160,194	435,686₹
3%	\$167,784	435,686₹
4%	\$179,099	435,686₹
5%		435,686₹
Riskfree rate	4.78%	5%
ROIC	10%	10.39%
Cost of capital	8.08%	10.39%

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THE LOOSE ENDS IN VALUATION...

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Getting from DCF to value per share: The Loose Ends



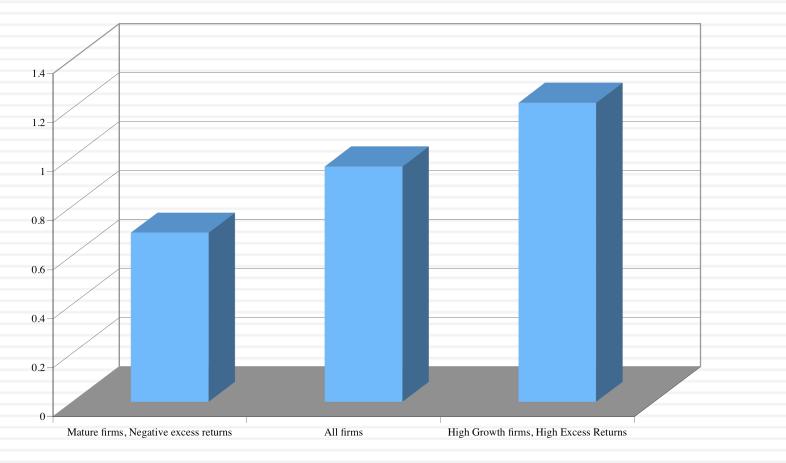
1. The Value of Cash An Exercise in Cash Valuation

	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



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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.

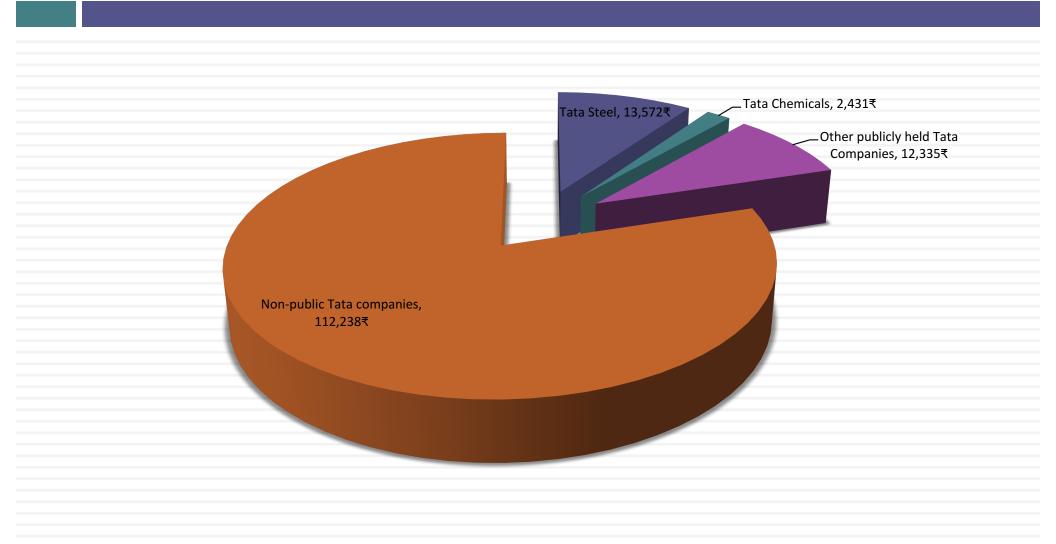
How to value holdings in other firms.. In a perfect world..

- 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



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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.

An Uncounted Asset?



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

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4. Brand name, great management, superb product ...Don't double count!

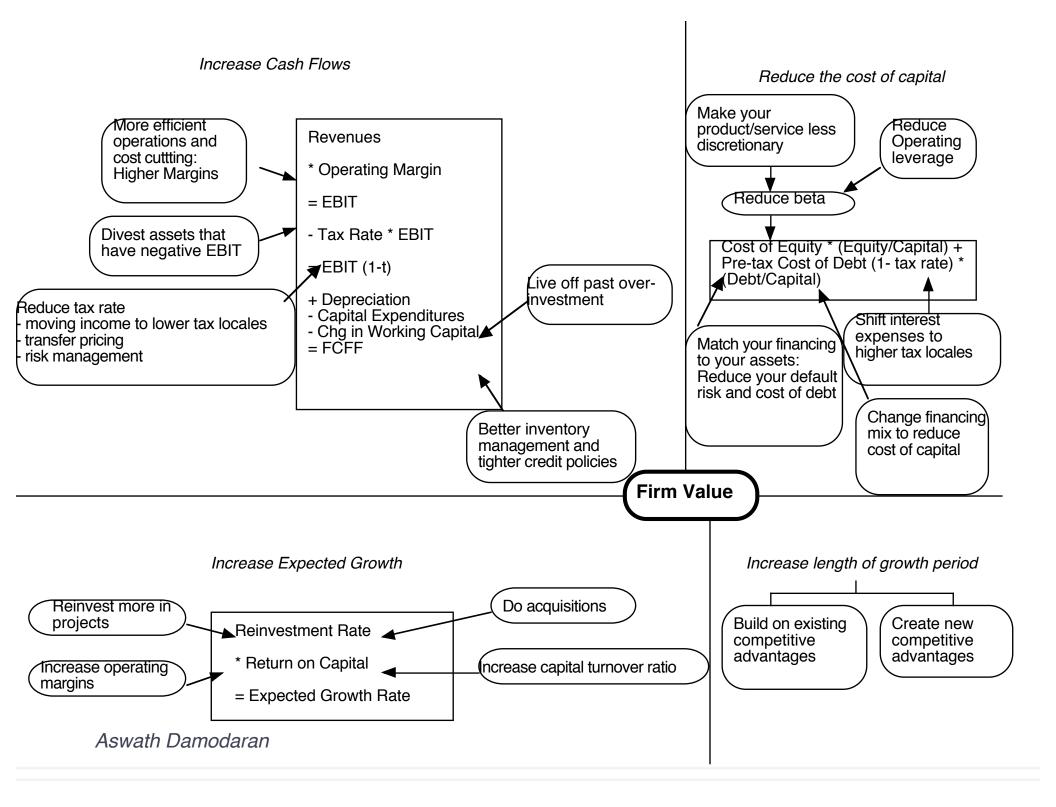
- There is often a temptation to add on premiums for intangibles. Here are a few examples.
 - Brand name
 - Great management
 - Loyal workforce
 - Technological prowess
- There are two potential dangers:
 - For some assets, the value may already be in your value and adding a premium will be double counting.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

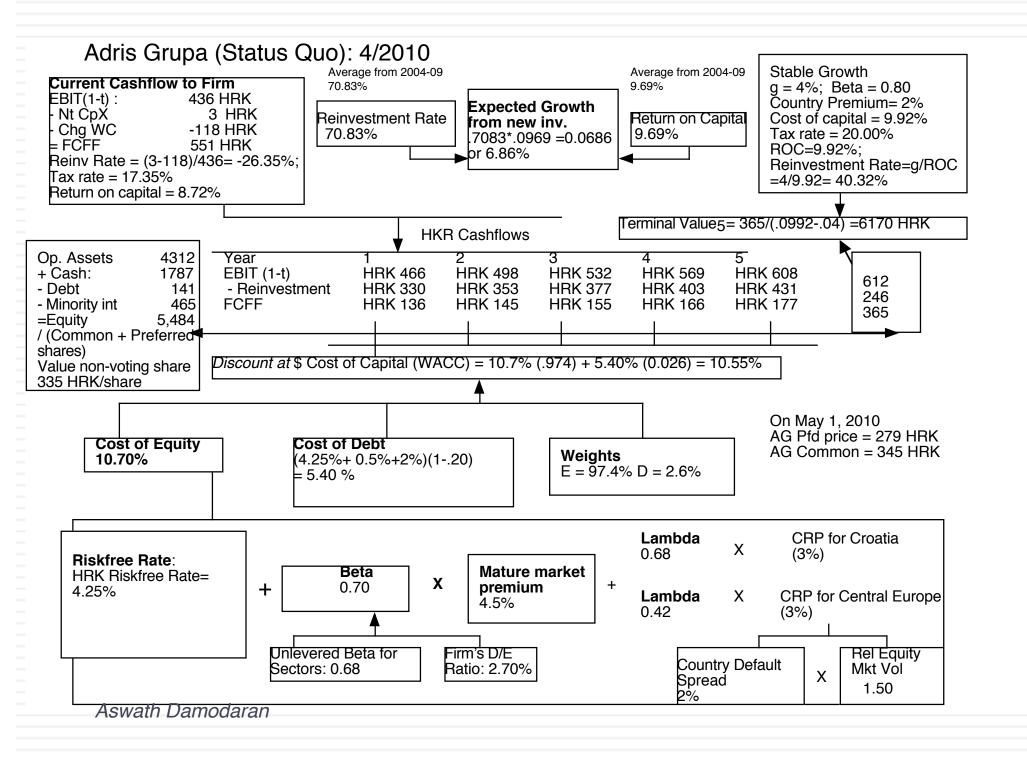
Valuing Brand Name

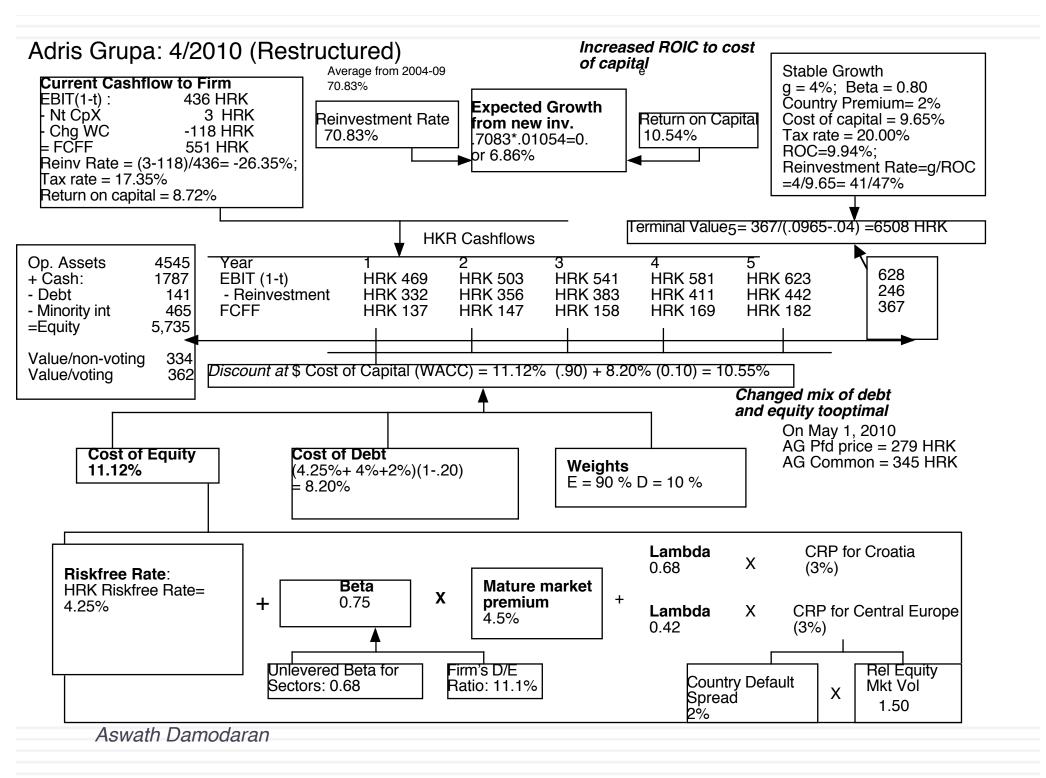
	Coca Cola	With Cott Margins
Current Revenues =	\$21,962.00	\$21,962.00
Length of high-growth period	10	10
Reinvestment Rate =	50%	50%
Operating Margin (after-tax)	15.57%	5.28%
Sales/Capital (Turnover ratio)	1.34	1.34
Return on capital (after-tax)	20.84%	7.06%
Growth rate during period (g) =	10.42%	3.53%
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

5. The Value of Control: It's not always worth 20%!!

- 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







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

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THE DARK SIDE OF VALUATION: VALUING DIFFICULT-TO-VALUE COMPANIES

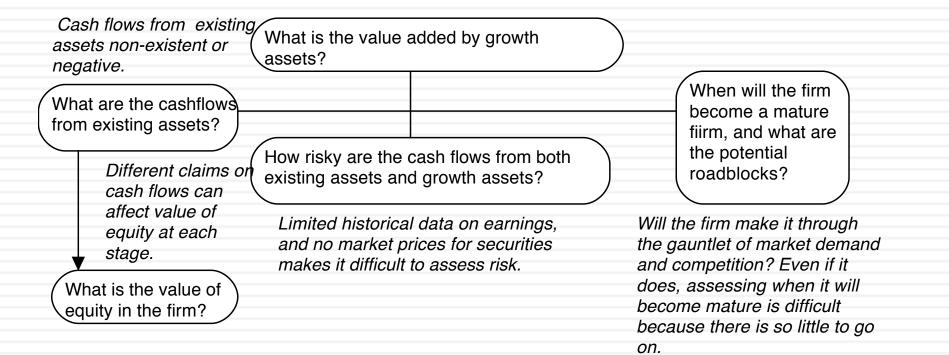
The Dark Side of Valuation...

- 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)

I. The challenge with young companies...

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

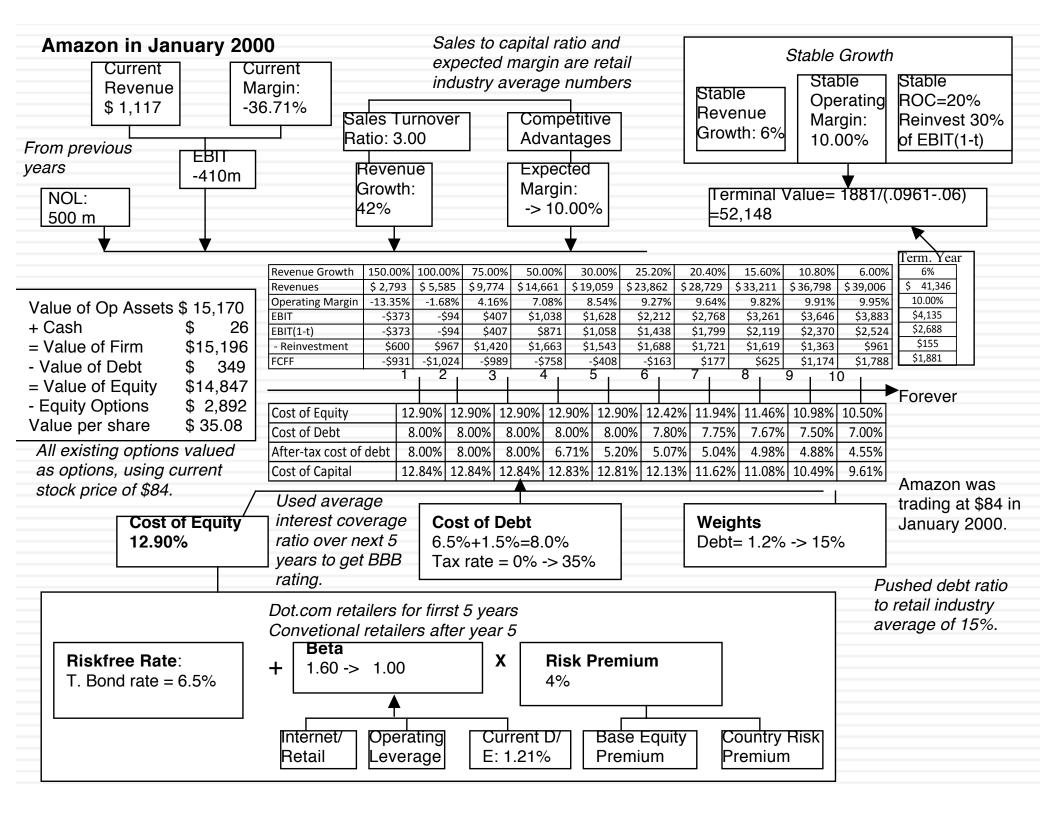
Making judgments on revenues/ profits difficult becaue you cannot draw on history. If you have no product/ service, it is difficult to gauge market potential or profitability. The company's entire value lies in future growth but you have little to base your estimate on.

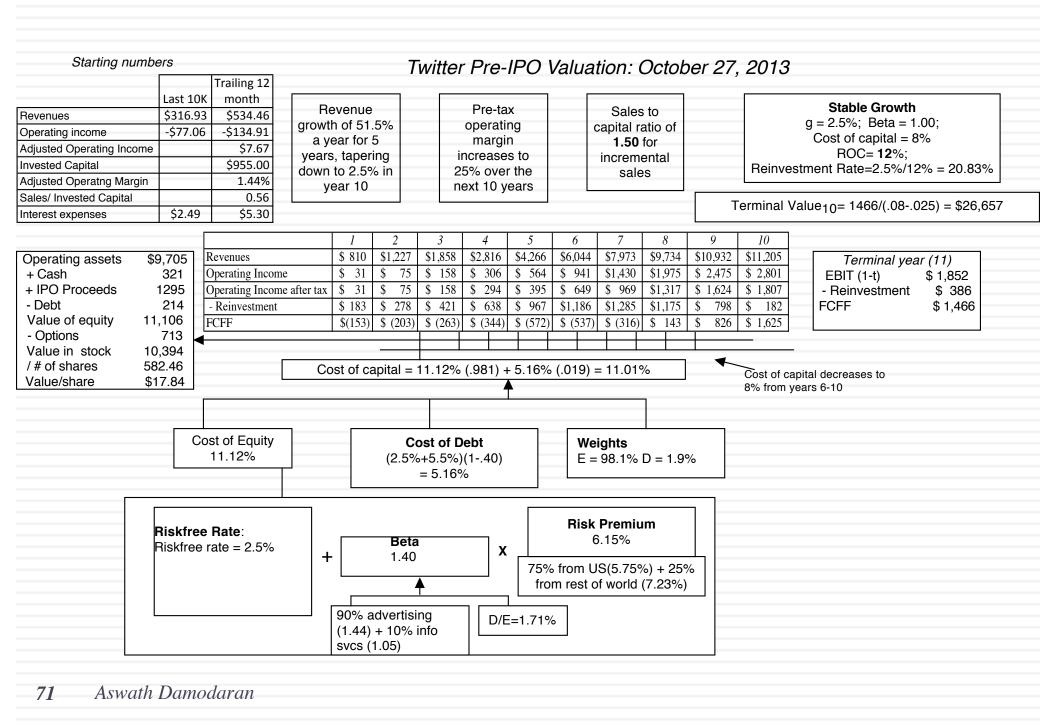


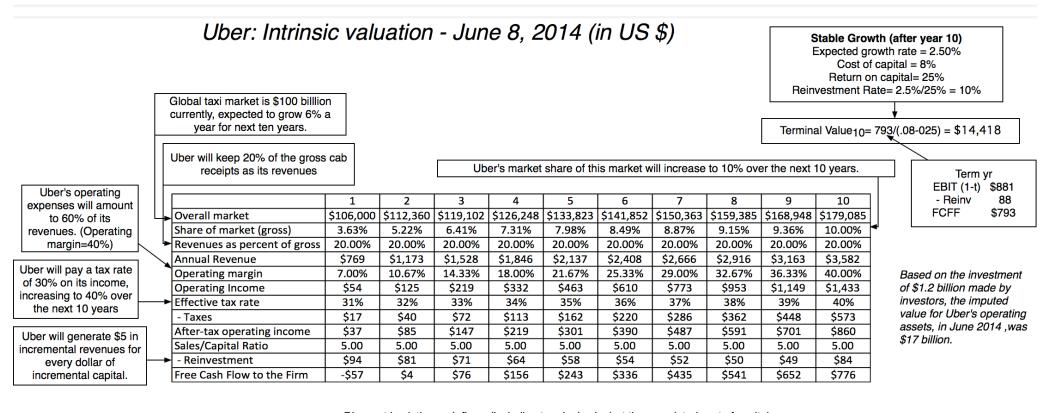
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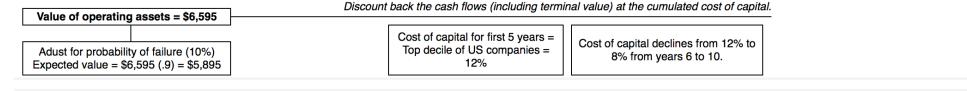
Upping the ante.. Young companies in young businesses...

- 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?
 - **D** 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...

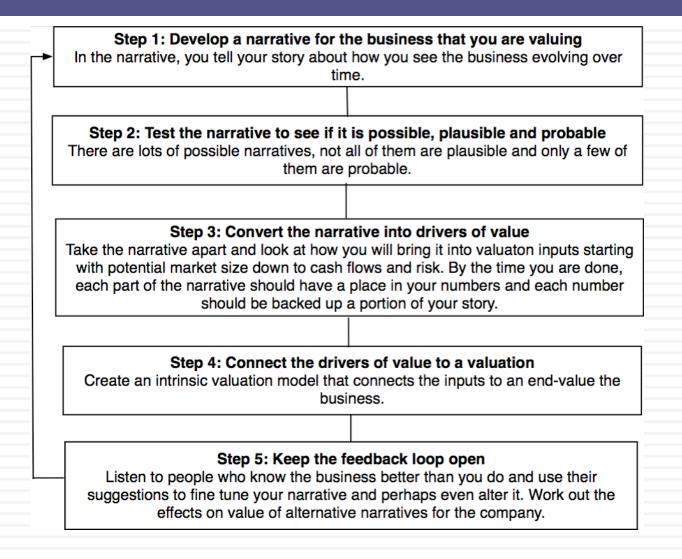








Lesson 1: Have a narrative

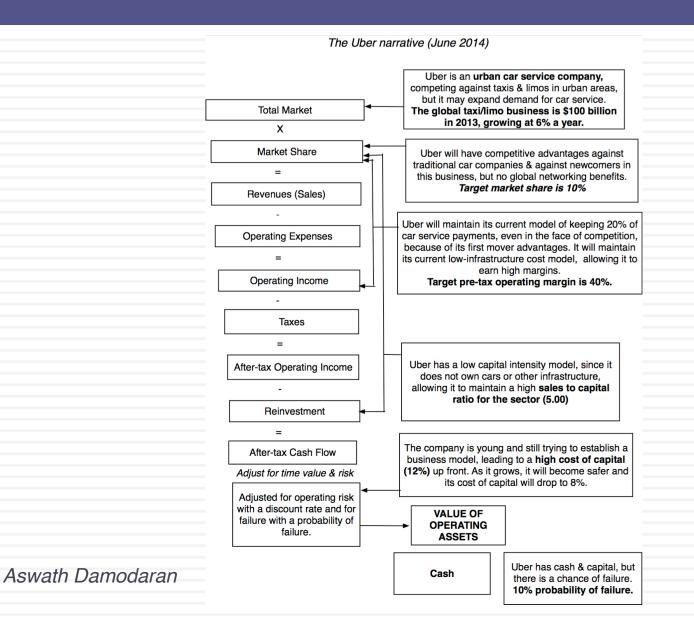


Your narrative and counters

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.
- 3. <u>With local networking benefits</u>: 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.
- 4. Maintain its revenue sharing (20%) system due to strong <u>competitive advantages</u> (from being a first mover).
- 5. And <u>its existing low-capital business model</u>, with drivers as contractors and very little investment in infrastructure.

The narrative to numbers



The Gurley Counter Narrative Valued

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

Lesson 2: Less is more

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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
ΤY	6.00%	\$41,346	10.00%	\$4,135	\$2,688

Use "auto pilot" approaches to estimate future years

Principle of parsimony: Estimate

fewer inputs when faced with uncertainty.

A tougher task at Twitter

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	20	11	20	12	20	13
	%	\$	%	\$	%	\$
Google	32.09%	\$27.74	31.46%	\$32.73	33.24%	\$38.83
Facebook	3.65%	\$3.15	4.11%	\$4.28	5.04%	\$5.89
Yahoo!	3.95%	\$3.41	3.37%	\$3.51	3.10%	\$3.62
Microsoft	1.27%	\$1.10	1.63%	\$1.70	1.78%	\$2.08
IAC	1.15%	\$0.99	1.39%	\$1.45	1.47%	\$1.72
AOL	1.17%	\$1.01	1.02%	\$1.06	0.95%	\$1.11
Amazon	0.48%	\$0.41	0.59%	\$0.61	0.71%	\$0.83
Pandora	0.28%	\$0.24	0.36%	\$0.37	0.50%	\$0.58
Twitter	0.16%	\$0.14	0.28%	\$0.29	0.50%	\$0.58
Linkedin	0.18%	\$0.16	0.25%	\$0.26	0.32%	\$0.37
Millennial Media	0.05%	\$0.04	0.07%	\$0.07	0.10%	\$0.12
Other	55.59%	\$48.05	55.47%	\$57.71	52.29%	\$61.09
Total Market	100%	\$86.43	100.00%	\$104.04	100.00%	\$116.82

		Annual growth rate in Global Advertising Spending								
		2.00%	2.50%	3.00%	3.50%	4.00%				
Onlina	20%	\$124.78	\$131.03	\$137.56	\$144.39	\$151.52				
	25%	\$155.97	\$163.79	\$171.95	\$180.49	\$189.40				
5	30%	\$187.16	\$196.54	\$206.34	\$216.58	\$227.28				
market	35%	\$218.36	\$229.30	\$240.74	\$252.68	\$265.16				
	40%	\$249.55	\$262.06	\$275.13	\$288.78	\$303.04				
	Online Ivertising hare of market	Online 25% Ivertising 30% hare of 35%	2.00% Online 20% \$124.78 Vvertising 25% \$155.97 Share of 30% \$187.16 market 35% \$218.36	2.00% 2.50% Online 20% \$124.78 \$131.03 Vertising 25% \$155.97 \$163.79 share of 30% \$187.16 \$196.54 market 35% \$218.36 \$229.30	2.00% 2.50% 3.00% Online 20% \$124.78 \$131.03 \$137.56 Vertising 25% \$155.97 \$163.79 \$171.95 Share of 30% \$187.16 \$196.54 \$206.34 35% \$218.36 \$229.30 \$240.74	2.00% 2.50% 3.00% 3.50% Online 20% \$124.78 \$131.03 \$137.56 \$144.39 Vertising 25% \$155.97 \$163.79 \$171.95 \$180.49 Share of 30% \$187.16 \$196.54 \$206.34 \$216.58 Market 35% \$218.36 \$229.30 \$240.74 \$252.68				

My estimate for 2023: Overall market will be close to \$200 billion and Twitter will about 5.7% (\$11.5 billion)

Company	Operating Margin
Google Inc. (NasdaqGS:GOOG)	22.82%
Facebook, Inc. (NasdaqGS:FB)	29.99%
Yahoo! Inc. (NasdaqGS:YHOO)	13.79%
Netlfix	3.16%
Groupon	2.53%
LinkedIn Corporation (NYSE:LNKD)	5.18%
Pandora Media, Inc. (NYSE:P)	-9.13%
Yelp, Inc. (NYSE:YELP)	-6.19%
OpenTable, Inc. (NasdaqGS:OPEN)	24.90%
RetailMeNot	45.40%
Travelzoo Inc. (NasdaqGS:TZOO)	15.66%
Zillow, Inc. (NasdaqGS:Z)	-66.60%
Trulia, Inc. (NYSE:TRLA)	-6.79%
Aggregate	20.40%

My estimate for Twitter: Operating margin of 25% in year 10

Lesson 3: Build in "internal" checks for reasonableness...

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Year	Revenues	Δ Revenue	Sales/Cap	Δ Investment	Inve	sted 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%
ΤY	\$41,346	\$2,340	NA			Assumed to	be =	20.00%

Check total revenues, relative to the market that it serves... Your market share obviously cannot exceed 100% but there may be tighter constraints. Are the margins and imputed returns on capital 'reasonable' in the outer years?

Lesson 4: 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. 15% Margin by Post-I.P.O. growth 12 which revenue Median of new issues growth rate 9..... from 1965 to 2005 exceeds industry 6 average 3-----2 3 5 6 Number of years after coming to market Source: Andrew Metrick The New York Times

Lesson 5: Don't forget to pay for growth...

Year	Revenues	Δ Revenue	Sales/Cap	Δ Investment	Invested 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%

Lesson 6: There are always scenarios where the market price can be justified...

		Target pre-tax Operating Margin							
Ð		6%		8%		10%		12%	14%
annual vth rate	30%	\$ (1.94)	\$	2.95	\$	7.84	\$	12.71	\$ 17.57
ann th	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
nou	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 Re	60%	\$ 49.53	\$	85.10	\$	120.66	\$	156.22	\$ 191.77

Lesson 7: Don't forget to mop up...

- Watch out for "other" equity claims: If you buy equity in a young, growth company, watch out for other (often hidden) claims on the equity that don't take the form of common shares. In particular, watch for options granted to managers, employees, venture capitalists and others (you will be surprised...).
 - Value these options as options (not at exercise value)
 - Take into consideration expectations of future option grants when computing expected future earnings/cash flows.
- Not all shares are equal: If there are differences in cash flow claims (dividends or liquidation) or voting rights across shares, value these differences.

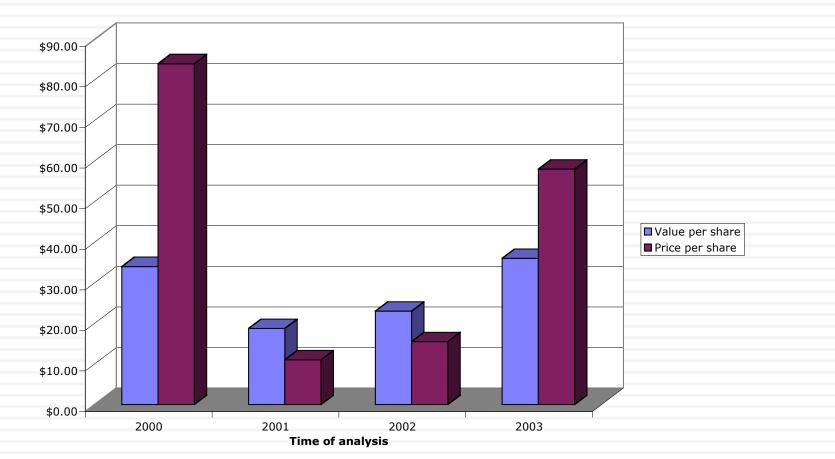
Voting rights matter even at well run companies

Lesson 8: 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



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?

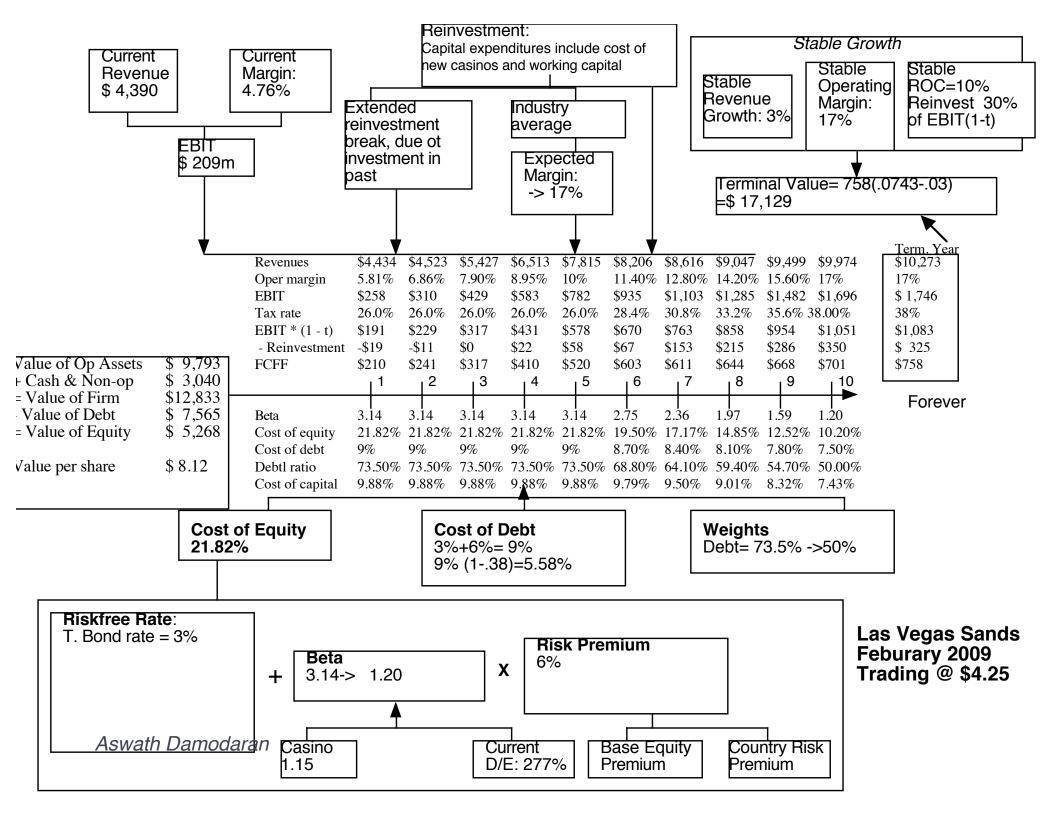
Underfunded pension obligations and litigation claims can lower value of equity. Liquidation preferences can affect value of equity

What is the value of equity in the firm?

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

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

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. 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.



Adjusting the value of LVS for distress..

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:

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

- □ Solving for the probability of bankruptcy, we get:
- \Box π_{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</p>
 - Expected equity value/share = \$0.00
- □ Expected value per share = \$8.12 (1 .7666) + \$0.00 (.7666) = \$1.92

III. Valuing cyclical and commodity companies

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

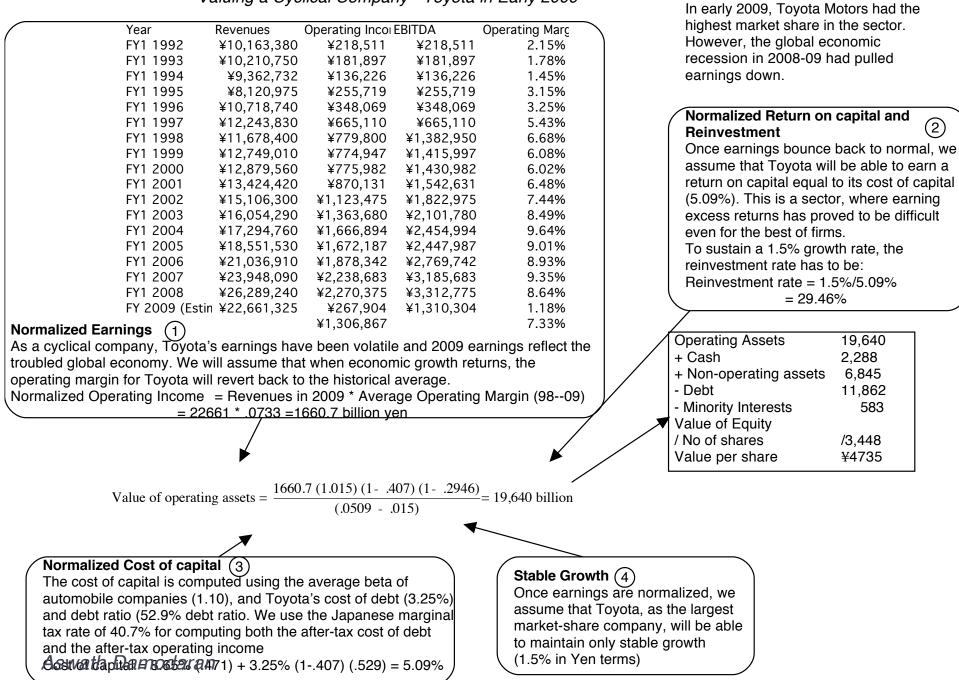
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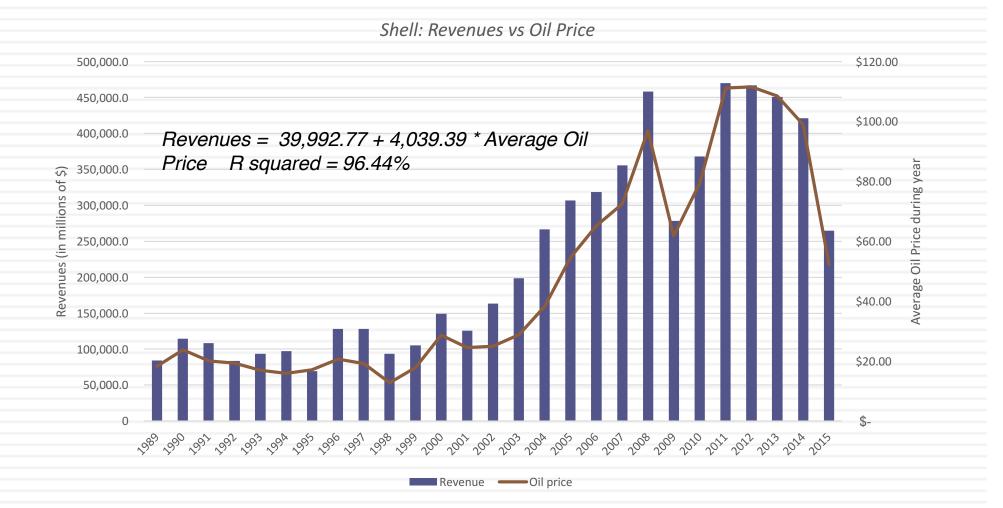
Historial revenue and earnings data are volatile, as the economic cycle and commodity prices change. How risky are the cash flows from both existing assets and growth assets?

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

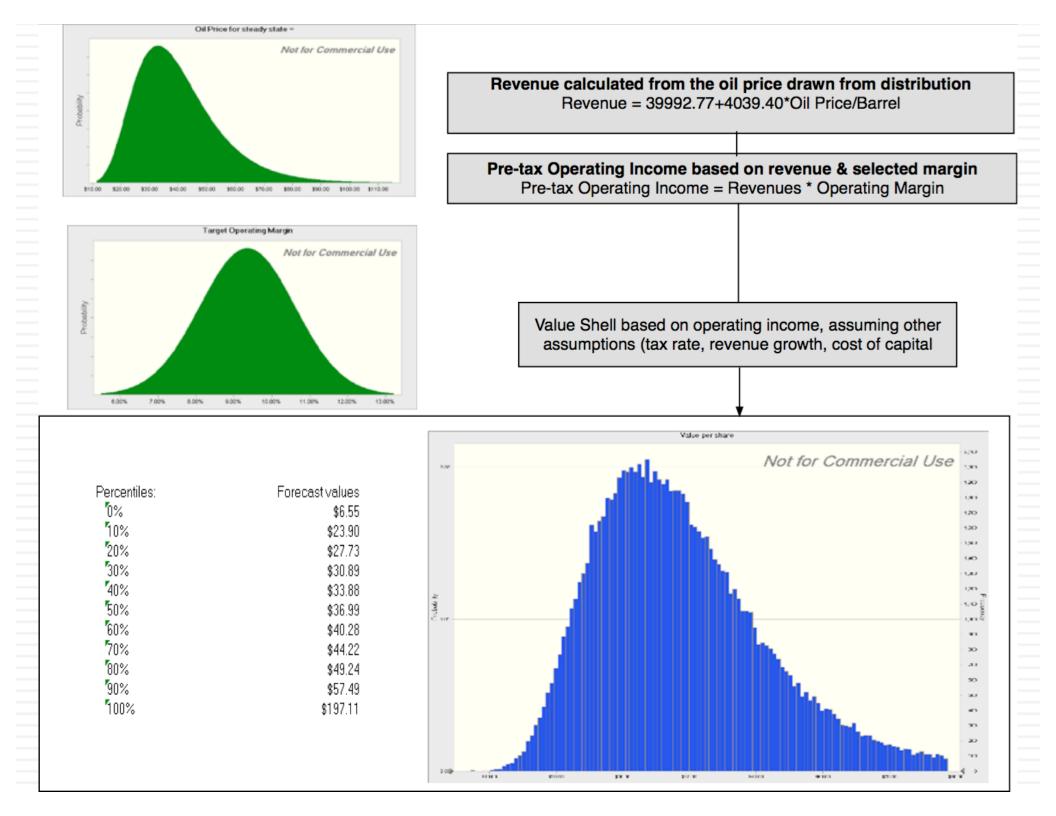
For commodity companies, the fact that there are only finite amounts of the commodity may put a limit on growth forever. For cyclical firms, there is the peril that the next recession may put an end to the firm. Valuing a Cyclical Company - Toyota in Early 2009



Shell's big value driver



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IV. 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

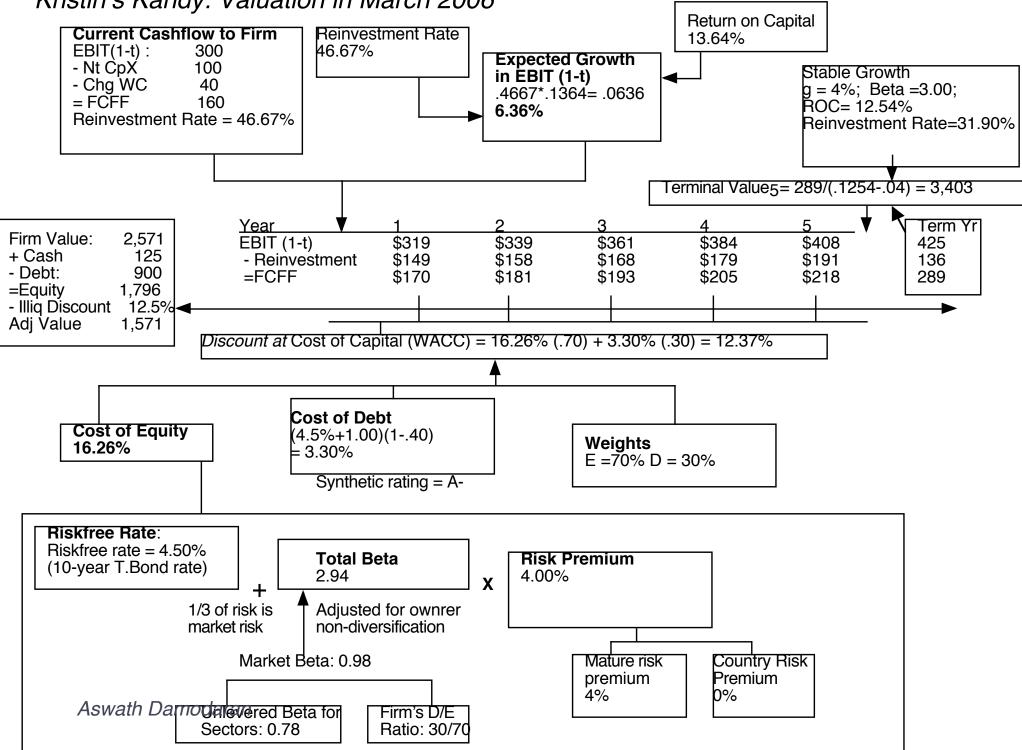
> Reversing investment mistakes is difficult to do. The need for and the cost of illiquidity has to be incorporated into current

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



Kristin's Kandy: Valuation in March 2006

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%

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RELATIVE VALUATION

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.

The Reasons for the allure...

"If you think I'm crazy, you should see the guy who 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

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 EPSnnext year (Forward PE)
 Forecasted EPS in future year

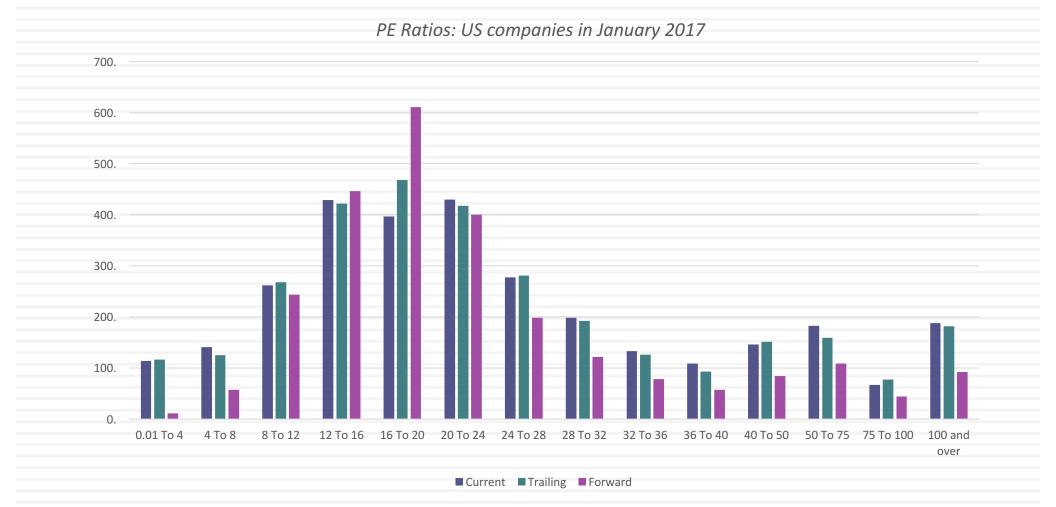
Example 2: Enterprise Value / EBITDA Multiple

- The enterprise value to EBITDA multiple is obtained by netting cash out against debt to arrive at enterprise value and dividing by EBITDA.
 - $\frac{\text{Enterprise Value}}{\text{EBITDA}} = \frac{\text{Market Value of Equity} + \text{Market Value of Debt} \text{Cash}}{\text{Earnings before Interest, Taxes and Depreciation}}$
- □ 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...



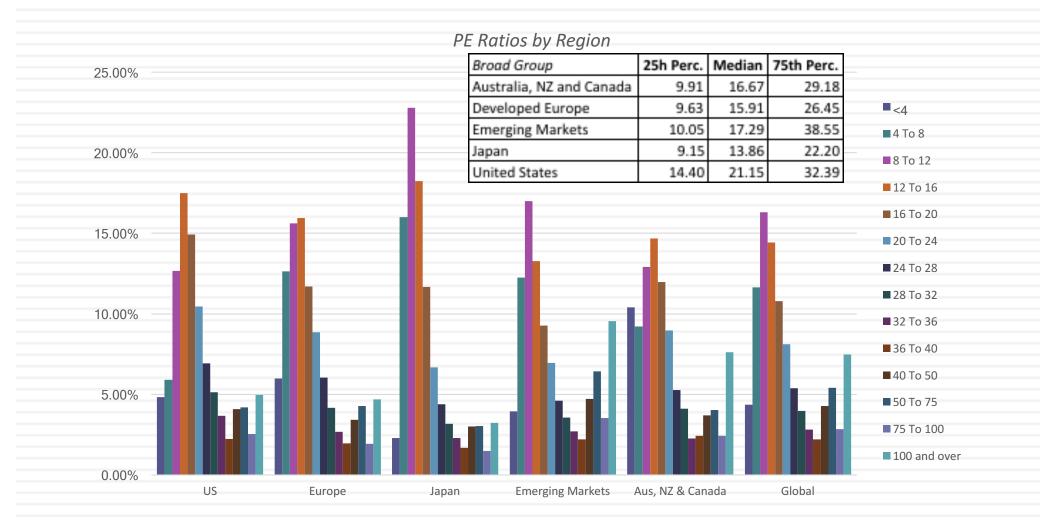
2. Making statistics "dicey"

	Current PE	Trailing PE	Forward PE
Number of firms	7330	7330	7330
Number with PE	3,076.	3,081.	2,553.
Average	114.15	77.30	46.11
Median	21.57	21.15	19.25
Minimum	0.05	0.07	0.3
Maximum	134,400.00	62,228.00	28,210.00
Standard deviation	1603.68	769.28	337.16
Standard error	18.73	8.98	3.94
Skewness	80.51	73.51	80.08
25th percentile	14.33	14.40	15.04
75th percentile	33.33	32.39	26.63

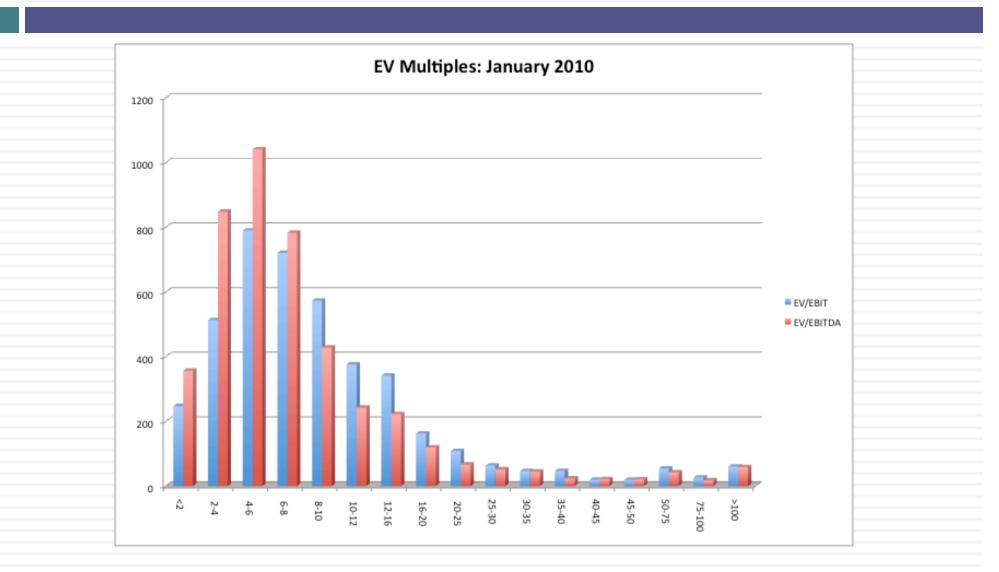
US firms in January 2017

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

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4. Simplistic rules almost always break down...6 times EBITDA may not be cheap... The US in 2010..



But it may be in 2017, unless you are in Japan..

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EV/EBITDA Multiples in January 2017 25.00% Broad Group 25h Perc. Median 75th Perc. Australia, NZ and Canada 6.73 10.64 18.97 Developed Europe 6.64 9.94 16.72 20.00% **Emerging Markets** 6.79 11.75 26.80 6.47 10.25 Japan 4.10 United States 9.12 13.62 35.91 15.00% 10.00% 5.00% 0.00% 6 To 8 8 To 10 10 To 12 12 To 16 16 To 20 20 To 25 25 To 30 30 To 35 35 To 40 40 To 45 45 To 50 50 To 75 75 To 2 To 4 4 To 6 <2 >100 100 Europe Japan Emerging Markets Aus, NZ & Canada Global US

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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.

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,

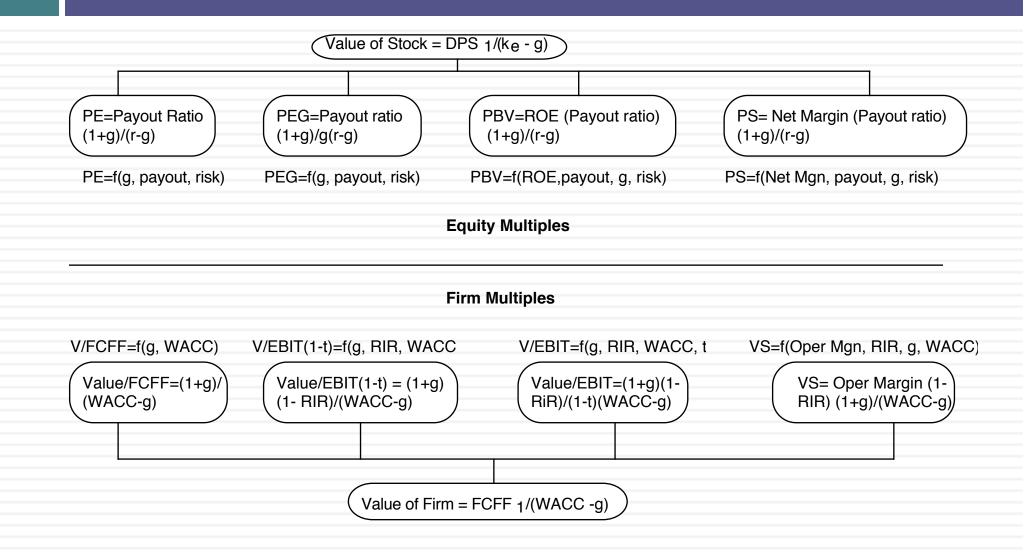
$$\frac{P_0}{EPS_0} = PE = \frac{Payout Ratio * (1 + g_n)}{r - g_n}$$

If this had been a FCFE Model,

$$P_{0} = \frac{FCFE_{1}}{r - g_{n}}$$

$$\frac{P_{0}}{EPS_{0}} = PE = \frac{(FCFE/Earnings)*(1 + g_{n})}{r - g_{n}}$$
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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	Coefficie	ent	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		-13.8531	.3.606	-3.84	0.0009
Emerging Market	is a dum	my:	1 if eme	rging mai	⁻ ket
				0 if not	

Applying to Telebras, Predicted PE = 13.15 + 121.22 (.075) – 13.85 = 8.39 After controlling for lower growth & higher risk, the stock is overvalued.

PE Ratio: Standard Regression for US stocks -January 2017

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Model	Summary ^a
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Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.653 ^b	.427	.426	2275.70504

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

Coefficients^{a,b,c}

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

		Unstandardize	d Coefficients	Standardized Coefficients		
Model		В	Std. Error	Beta	t	Sig.
1	(Constant)	-3.945	1.838		-2.146	.032
	Beta	3.527	1.607	.043	2.194	.028
	Expected growth rate in EPS- Next 5 years	174.025	5.490	.633	31.699	.000
	Payout Ratio	20.584	1.045	.399	19.692	.000

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

PE ratio regressions across markets – January 2017

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	Region	Regression – January 2017	R ²		
	US	$PE = 170.55 g_{EPS} + 19.43 Payout - 0.62 Beta$	42.6%		
	Europe	$PE = 13.89 + 21.42g_{EPS} + 14.90$ Payout – 2.44 Beta	25.1%		
	Japan	$PE = 5.82 + 46.38 g_{EPS} + 28.73 Payout - 1.52 Beta$	32.7%		
	Emerging Markets	$PE = 14.59 + 20.23 g_{EPS} + 10.88 Payout - 1.07 Beta$	12.2%		
	Australia, NZ, Canada	$PE = 8.85 + 52.08 g_{EPS} + 14.64 Payout (Beta not significant)$	17.1%		
	Global	$PE = 15.21 + 48.98 g_{EPS} + 14.01 Payout - 2.52 Beta$	18.2%		
	<u> </u>	<i>Expected Growth</i> : Expected growth in EPS or Net Income: Next 5 years			
		Regression or Bottom up Beta			
	-	<u>ut ratio:</u> Dividends/ Net income from most recent year. Set to zero, if net in	come < 0 116		
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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...

