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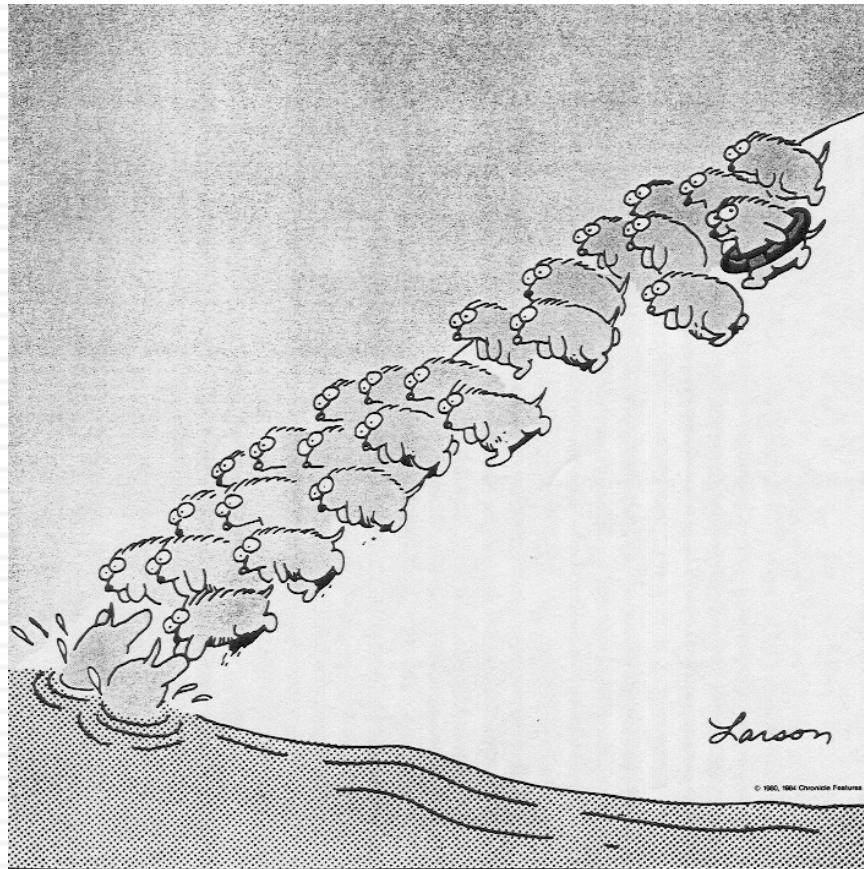
VALUATION: ART, SCIENCE, CRAFT OR MAGIC?

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Some Initial Thoughts

" One hundred thousand lemmings cannot be wrong"

Graffiti



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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.

Risk Adjusted Value: Three Basic Propositions

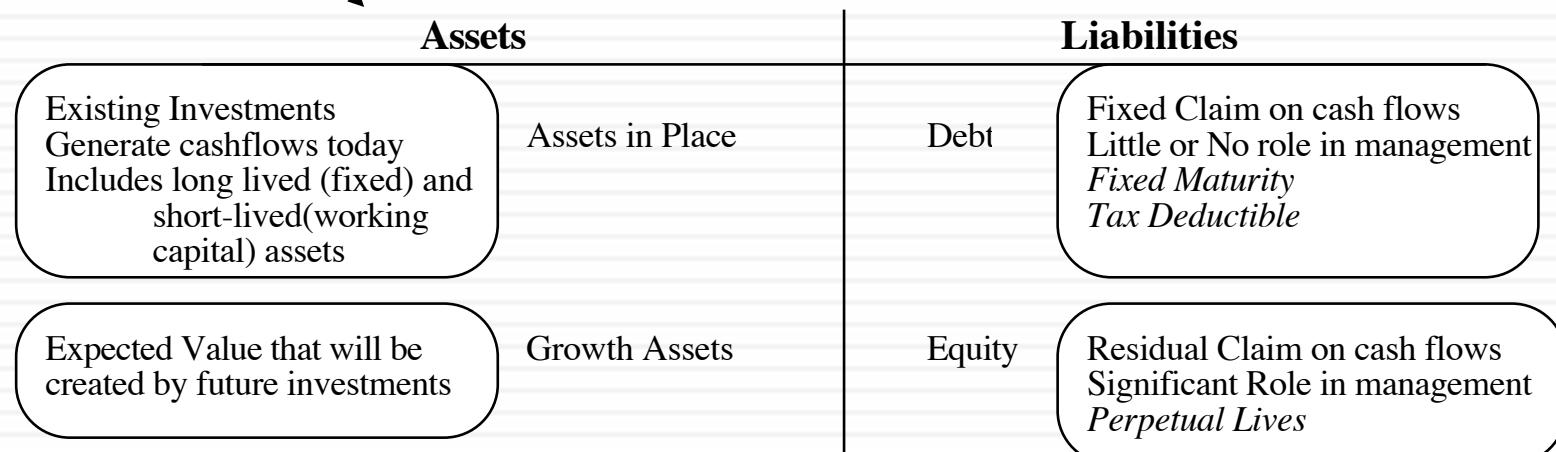
- The value of an asset is the present value of the expected cash flows on that asset, over its expected life:

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

- Proposition 1: If “it” does not affect the cash flows or alter risk (thus changing discount rates), “it” cannot affect value.
- Proposition 2: For an asset to have value, the expected cash flows have to be positive some time over the life of the asset.
- Proposition 3: 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.

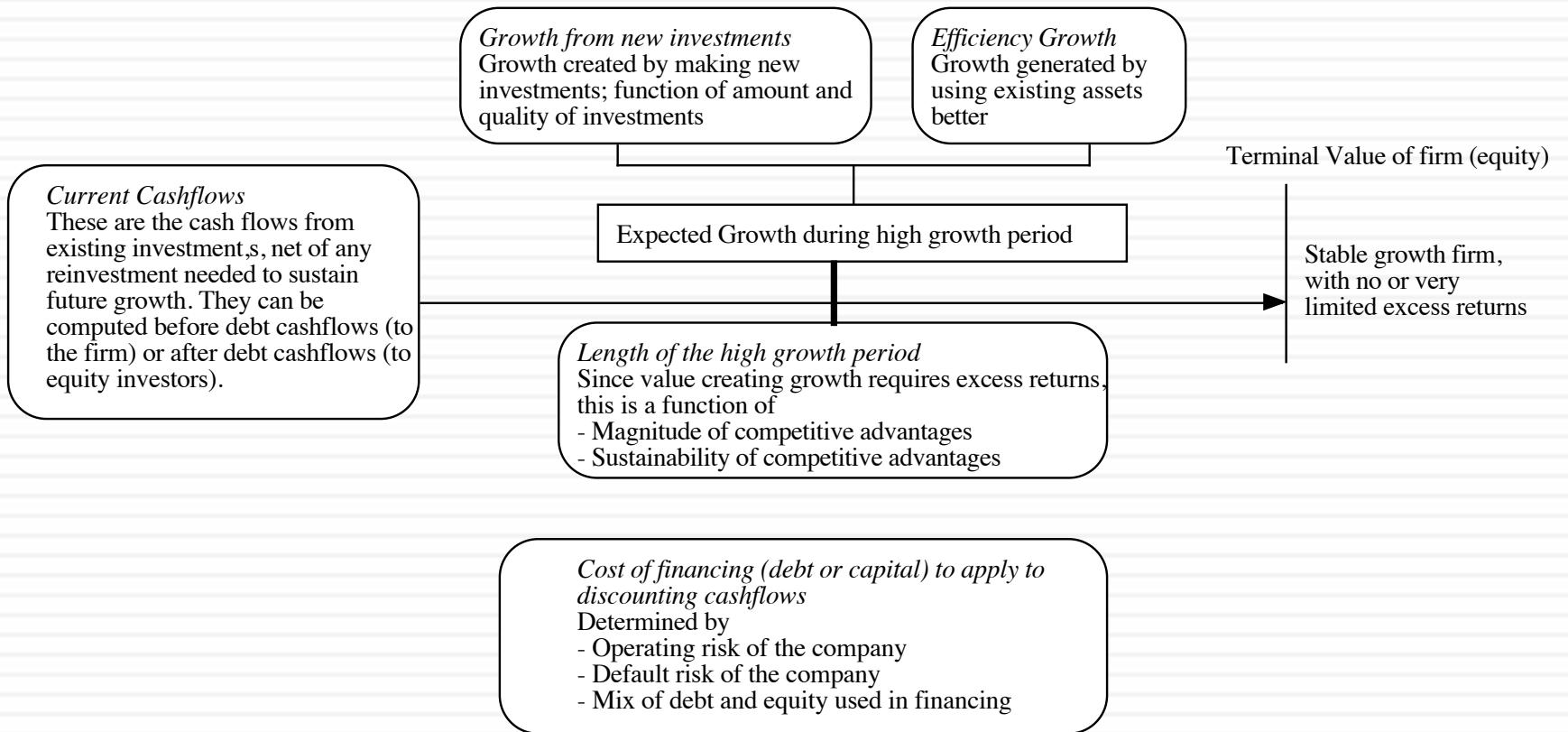
DCF Choices: Equity Valuation versus Firm Valuation

Firm Valuation: Value the entire business

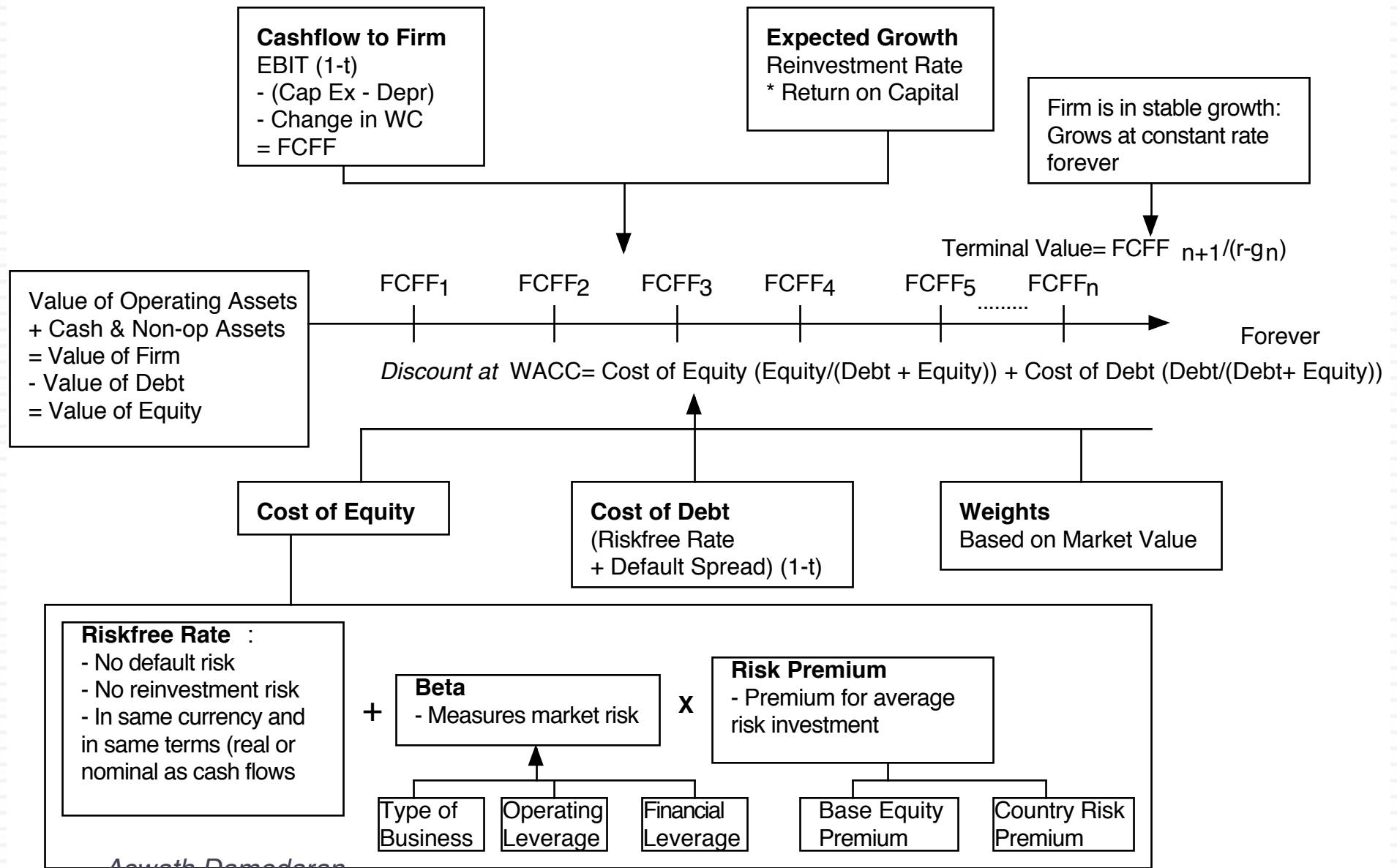


Equity valuation: Value just the equity claim in the business

The Drivers of Value...



DISCOUNTED CASHFLOW VALUATION



$$\text{Cap Ex} = \text{Acc net Cap Ex}(255) + \text{Acquisitions} (3975) + \text{R&D} (2216)$$

Current Cashflow to Firm

$$\begin{aligned}\text{EBIT}(1-t) &= 7336(1-.28) = 6058 \\ -\text{Nt CpX} &= 6443 \\ -\text{Chg WC} &= 37 \\ =\text{FCFF} &= 423 \\ \text{Reinvestment Rate} &= 6480/6058 = 106.98\% \\ \text{Return on capital} &= 16.71\%\end{aligned}$$

Amgen: Status Quo

Reinvestment Rate
60%

Expected Growth
in EBIT (1-t)
 $.60 * .16 = .096$
9.6%

Return on Capital
16%

Stable Growth
 $g = 4\%$; Beta = 1.10;
Debt Ratio = 20%; Tax rate = 35%
Cost of capital = 8.08%
ROC = 10.00%;
Reinvestment Rate = $4/10 = 40\%$

First 5 years
Growth decreases
gradually to 4%

$$\text{Terminal Value}_{10} = 7300 / (.0808 - .04) = 179,099$$

Op. Assets	94214
+ Cash:	1283
- Debt	8272
=Equity	87226
-Options	479
Value/Share	\$ 74.33

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
EBIT	\$9,221	\$10,106	\$11,076	\$12,140	\$13,305	\$14,433	\$15,496	\$16,463	\$17,306	\$17,998
EBIT (1-t)	\$6,639	\$7,276	\$7,975	\$8,741	\$9,580	\$10,392	\$11,157	\$11,853	\$12,460	\$12,958
- Reinvestment	\$3,983	\$4,366	\$4,785	\$5,244	\$5,748	\$5,820	\$5,802	\$5,690	\$5,482	\$5,183
= FCFF	\$2,656	\$2,911	\$3,190	\$3,496	\$3,832	\$4,573	\$5,355	\$6,164	\$6,978	\$7,775

Term Yr
18718
12167
4867
7300

$$\text{Cost of Capital (WACC)} = 11.7\% (0.90) + 3.66\% (0.10) = 10.90\%$$

Debt ratio increases to 20%
Beta decreases to 1.10

On May 1, 2007,
Amgen was trading
at \$ 55/share

Cost of Equity
11.70%

Cost of Debt
 $(4.78\% + ..85\%)(1 - .35)$
= 3.66%

Weights
E = 90% D = 10%

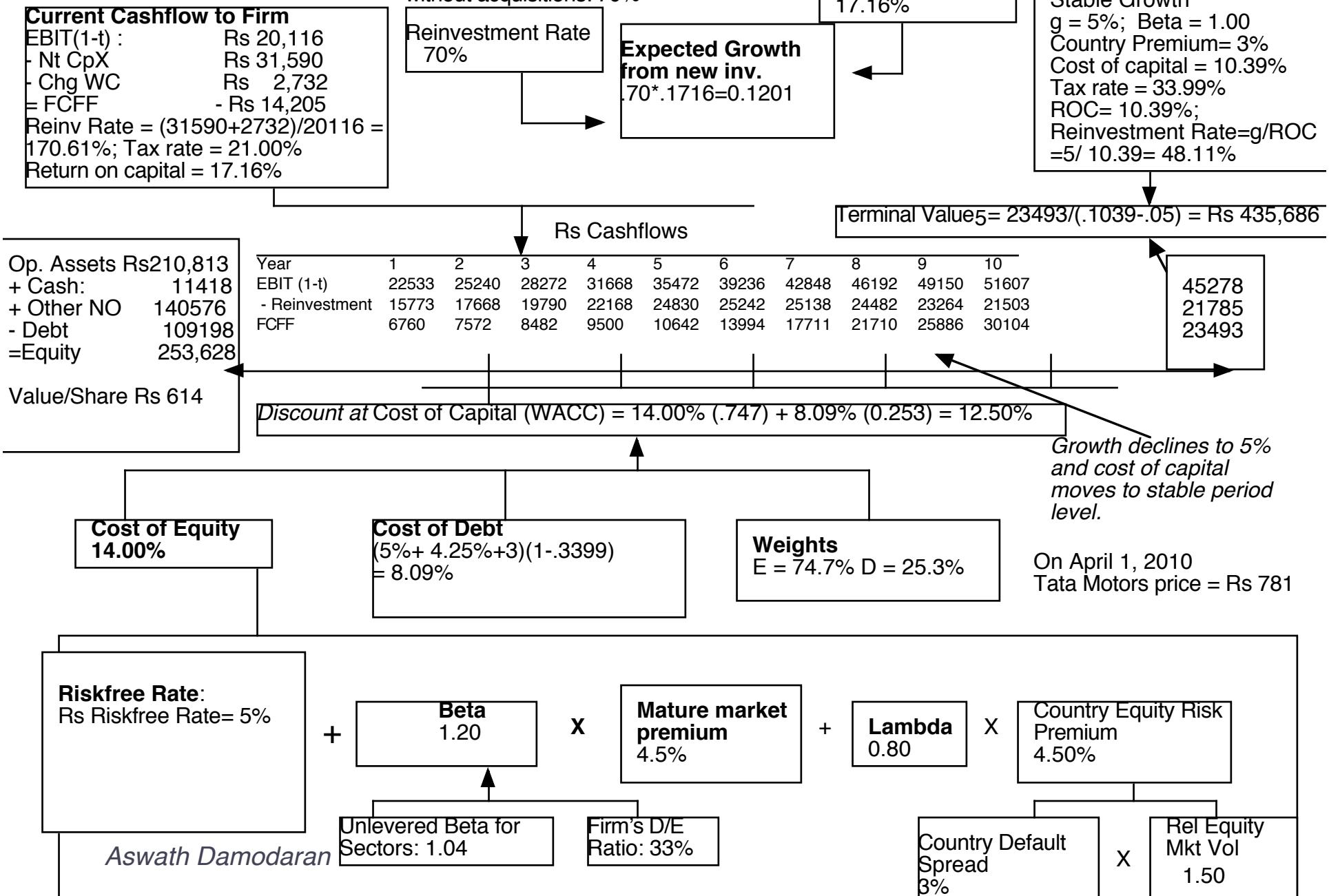
Riskfree Rate:
Riskfree rate = 4.78%

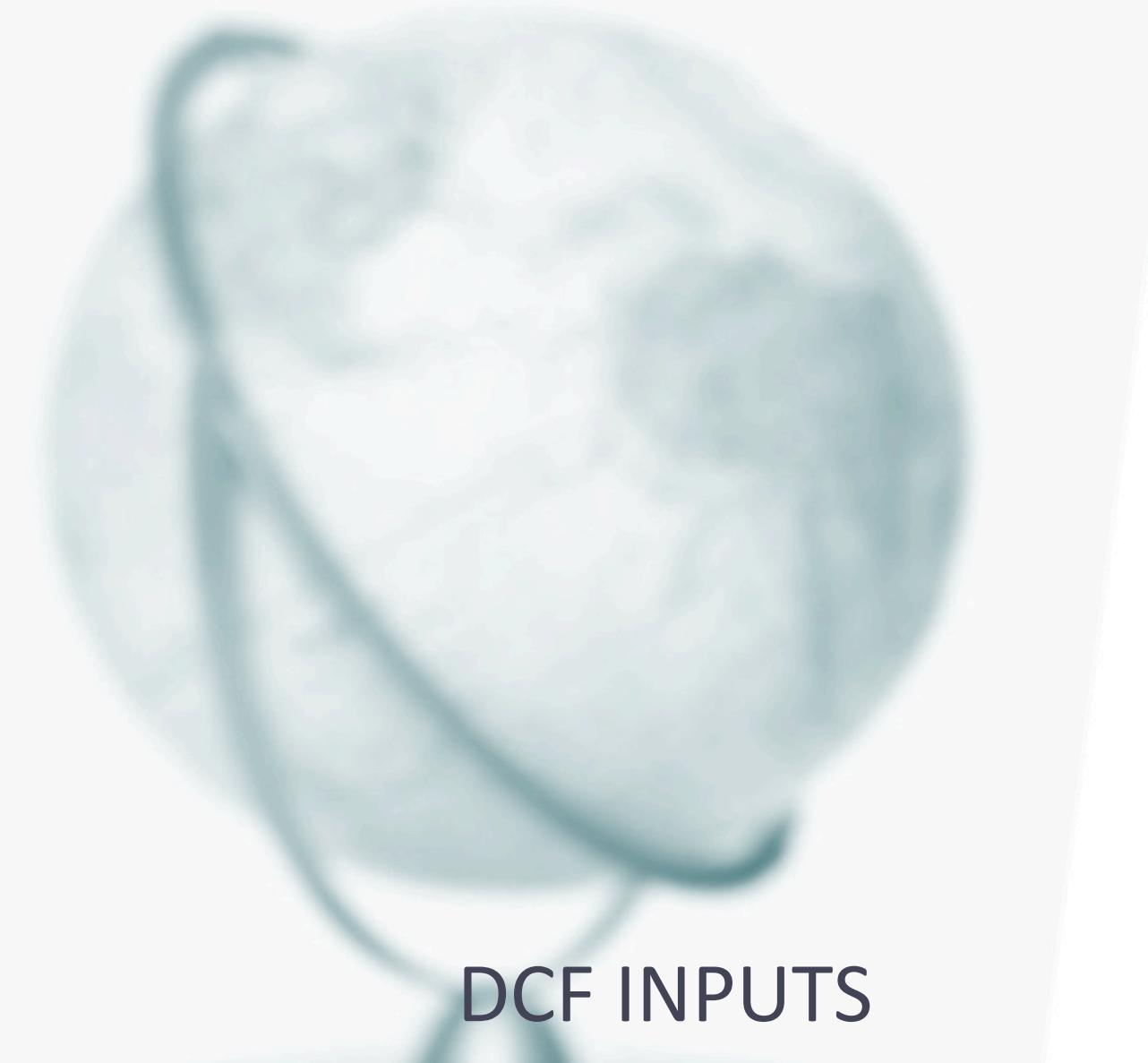
$$+ \quad \text{Beta} \quad \times \quad \text{Risk Premium}$$

Unlevered Beta for Sectors: 1.59
D/E = 11.06%

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Tata Motors: April 2010



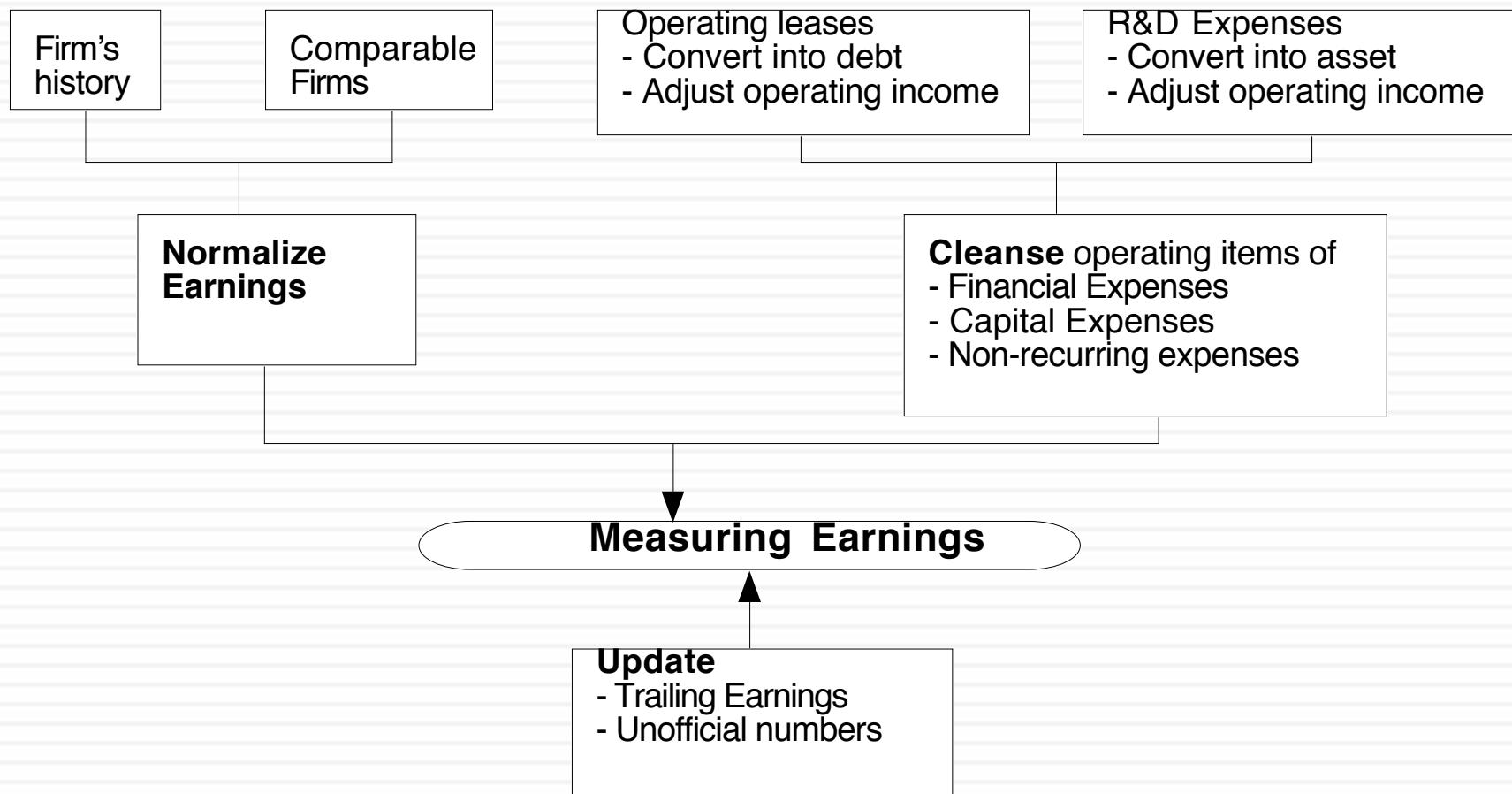


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DCF INPUTS

“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 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)
- 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	Unamortized portion	Amortization this year
Current	3366.00	1.00	3366.00
-1	2314.00	0.90	2082.60
-2	2028.00	0.80	1622.40
-3	1655.00	0.70	1158.50
-4	1117.00	0.60	670.20
-5	865.00	0.50	432.50
-6	845.00	0.40	338.00
-7	823.00	0.30	246.90
-8	663.00	0.20	132.60
-9	631.00	0.10	63.10
-10	558.00	0.00	55.80
Value of Research Asset =		\$10,112.80	\$1,149.90
□ 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 re-categorized 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 non-debt 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 risk free rate

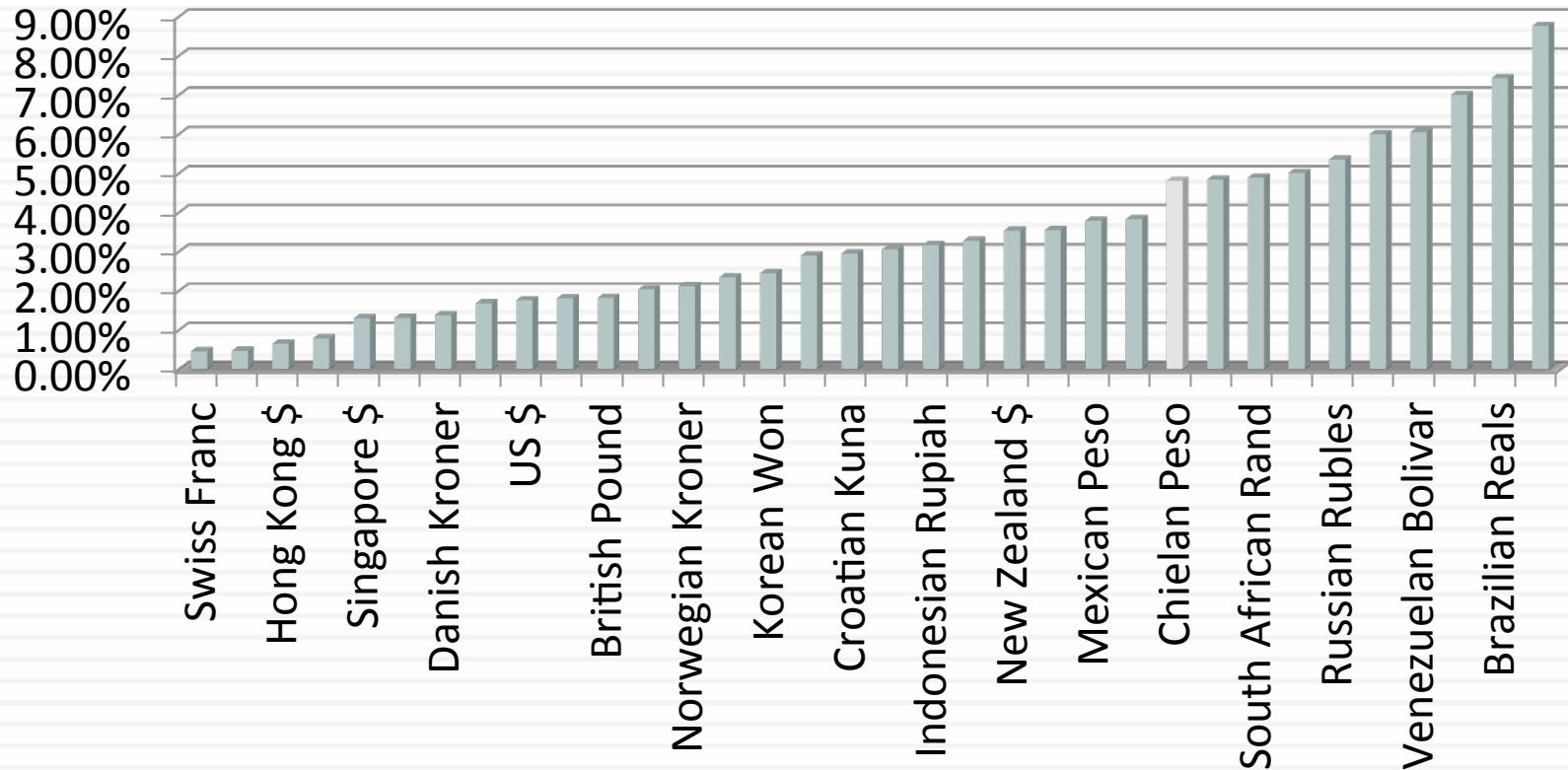
- When valuing Amgen in US dollars, the US\$ ten-year bond rate of 4.78% was used as the risk free rate. We assumed that the US treasury was default free.
- When valuing Tata Motors in Indian rupees in 2010, the Indian government bond rate of 7% was not default free. Using the Indian government's local currency rating of Ba2 yielded a default spread of 3% for India and a riskfree rate of 4% in Indian rupees.

$$\text{Risk free rate in Indian Rupees} = 7\% - 3\% = 4\%$$

- Since LATAM's numbers are reported in US \$, we will be valuing the company in dollars. The risk free rate that we will be using is the US ten-year T.Bond rate.

Risk free rates will vary across currencies

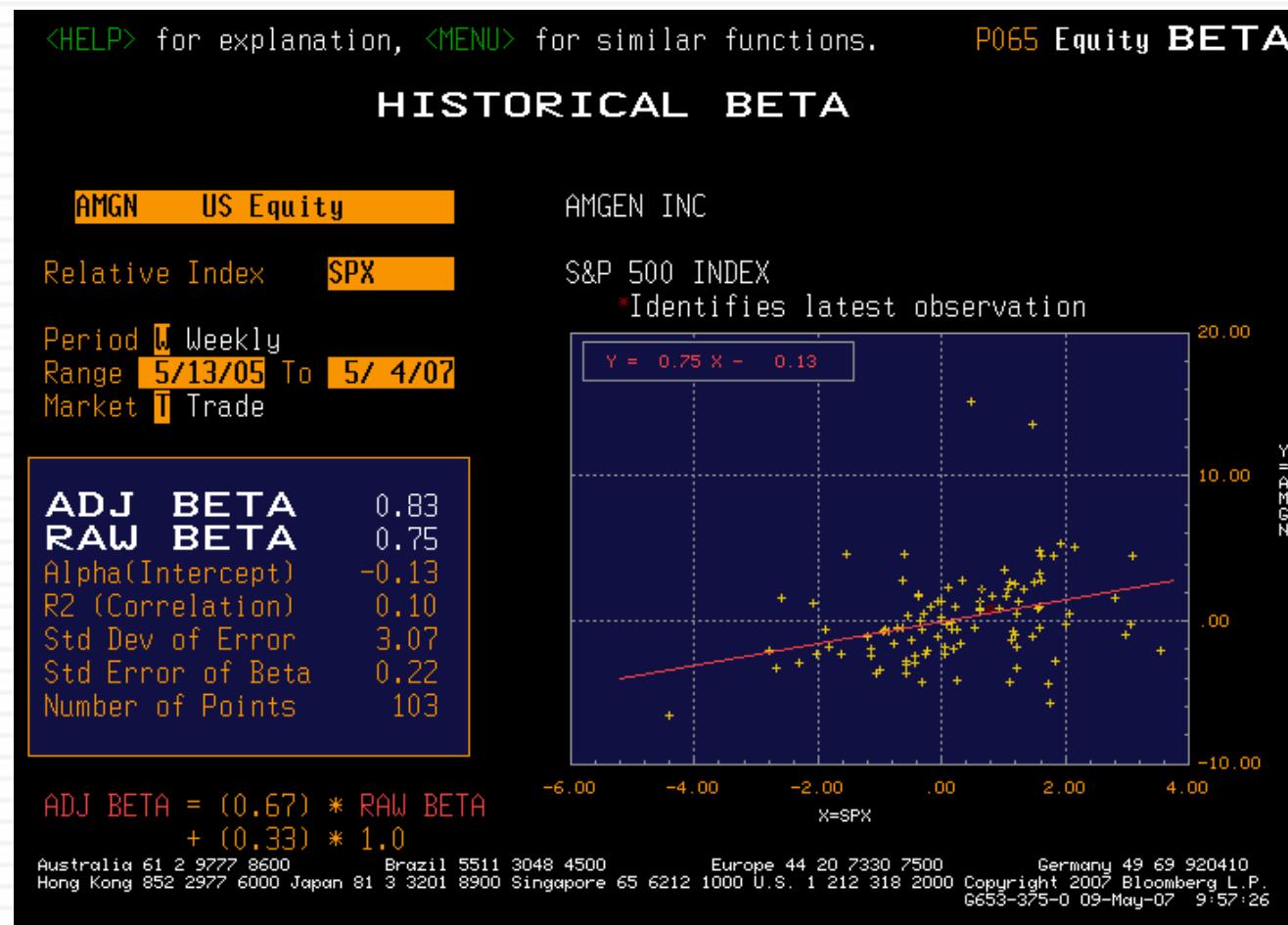
Risk free Rates by Currency: January 2013



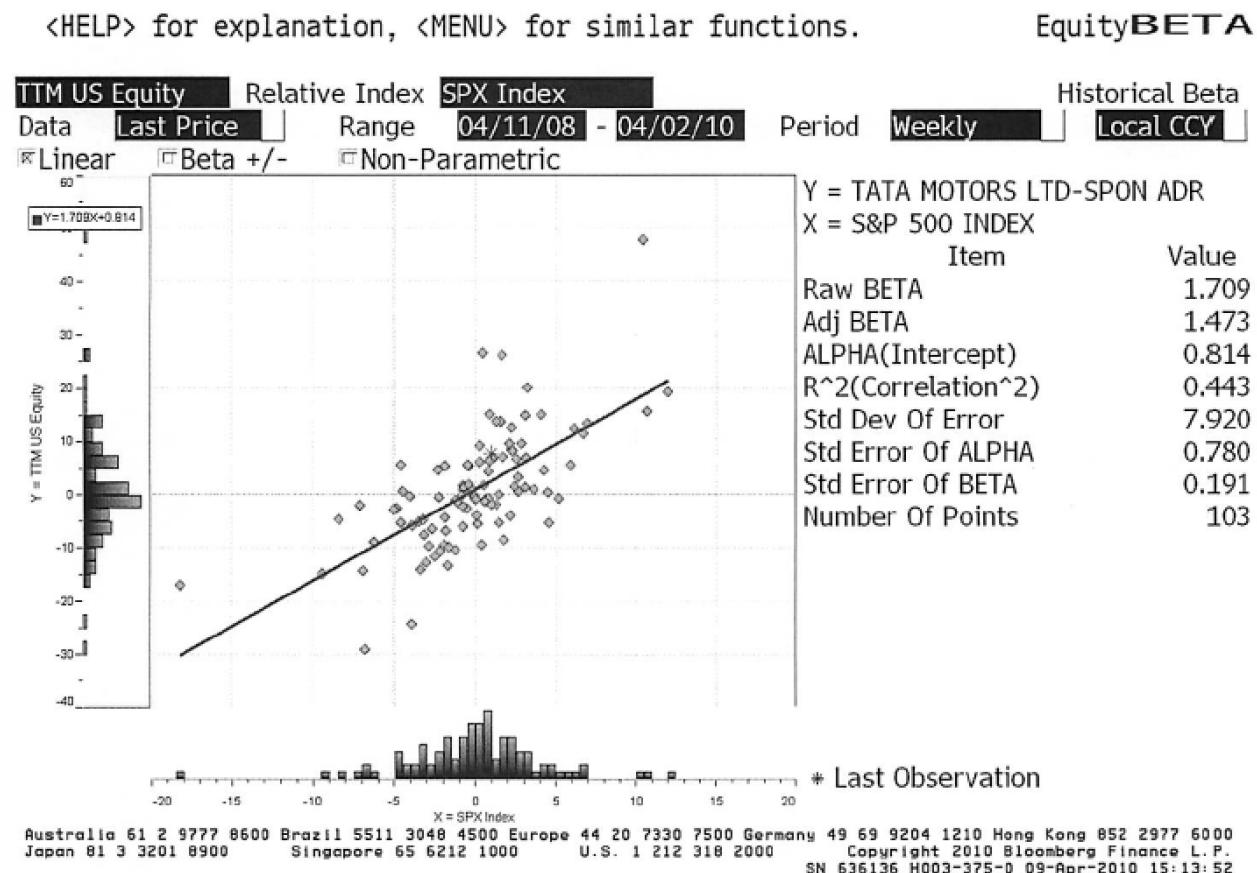
But valuations should not

	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)

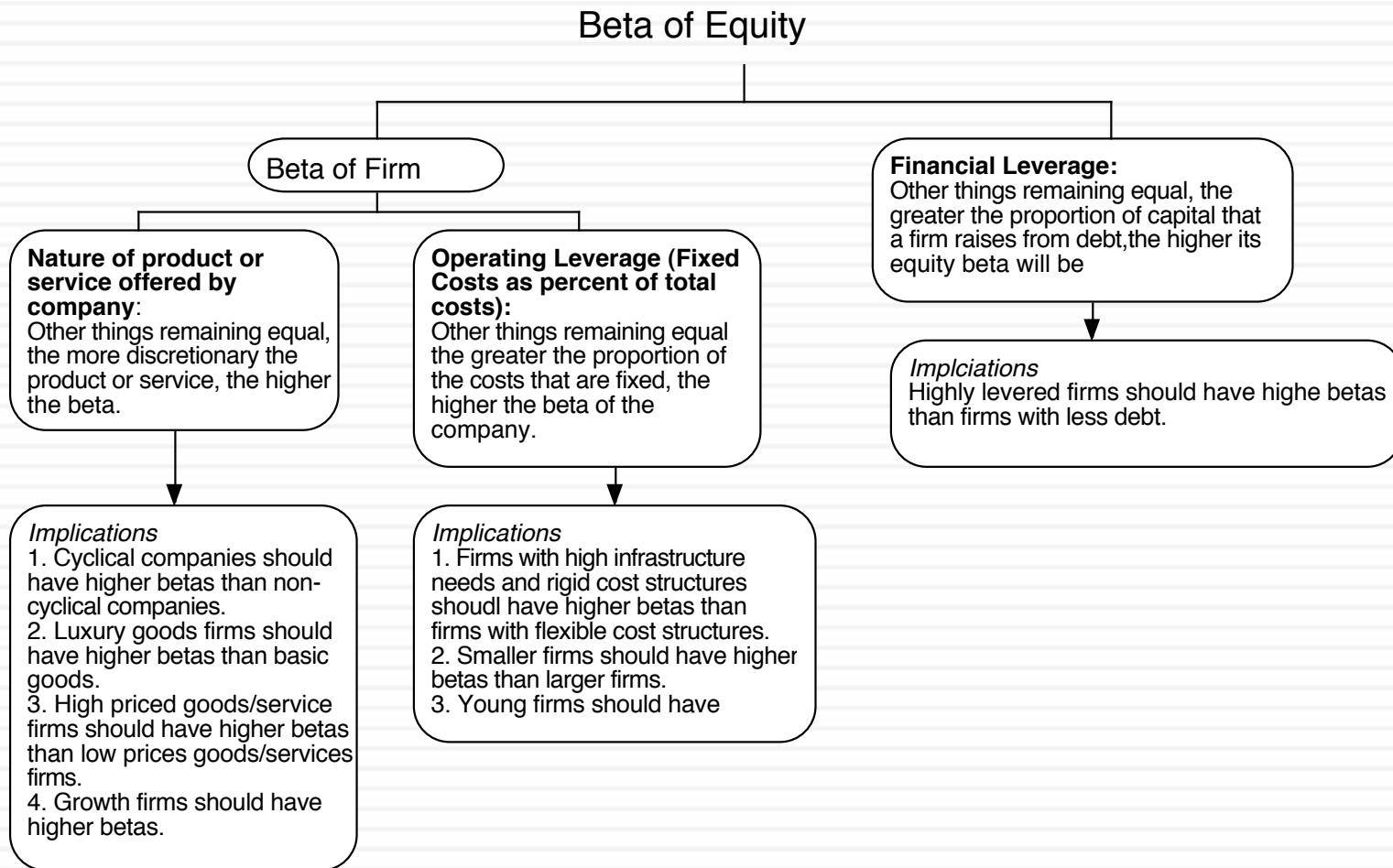
IV. Betas do not come from regressions... and are noisy...



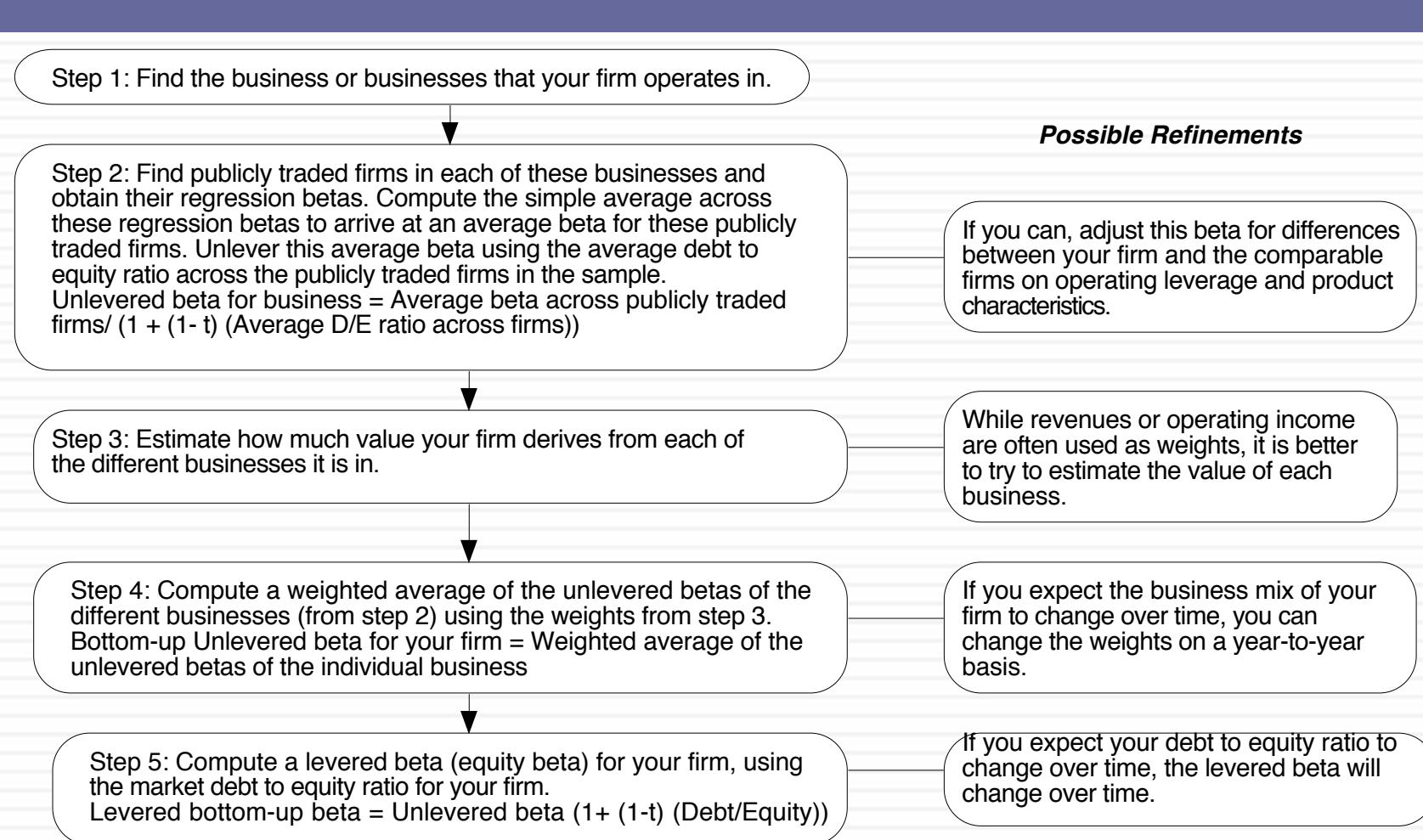
Look better for some companies, but only because they are run against narrow indices



Determinants of Betas



Bottom-up 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 = $1.59 \times (1 + (1 - .35)(.11)) = 1.73$

□ Tata Motors

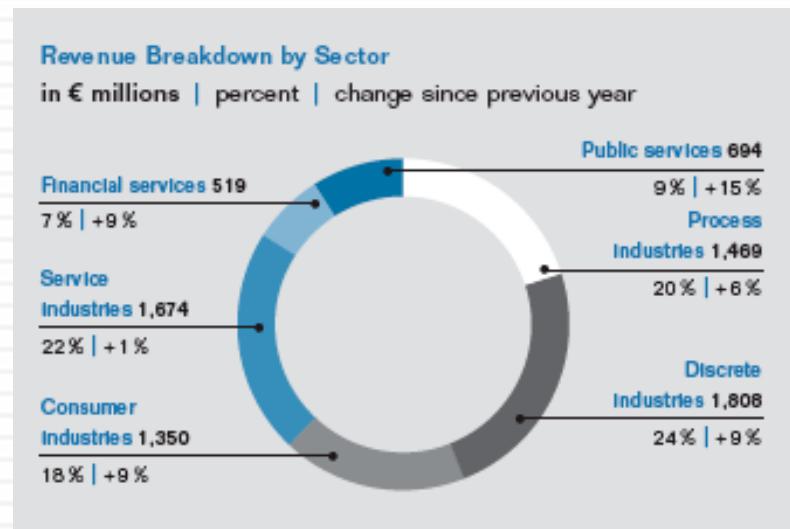
- The unlevered beta for automobile firms is 0.98. Using Tata Motor's debt to equity ratio of 33.87%, the bottom up beta for Tata Motors is
- Bottom-up Beta = $0.98 \times (1 + (1 - .3399)(.3387)) = 1.20$

A multi-business company: SAP in 2004

- *Approach 1: Based on business mix*
 - ▣ SAP is in three business: software, consulting and training. We will aggregate the consulting and training businesses

Business	Revenues	EV/Sales Value	Weights	Beta
Software	\$ 5.3	3.25	17.23	80% 1.30
Consulting	\$ 2.2	2.00	4.40	20% 1.05
SAP	\$ 7.5		21.63	1.25

- *Approach 2: Customer Base*



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

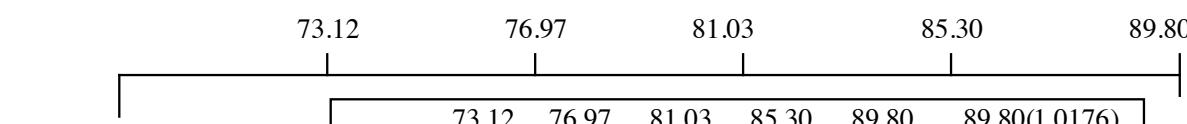
- It is standard practice to use historical premiums as forward looking premiums. :

	Arithmetic Average		Geometric Average	
	Stocks - T. Bills	Stocks - T. Bonds	Stocks - T. Bills	Stocks - T. Bonds
1928-2012	7.65%	5.88%	5.74%	4.20%
Std error	2.20%	2.33%		
1962-2012	5.93%	3.91%	4.60%	2.93%
Std error	2.38%	2.66%		
2002-2012	7.06%	3.08%	5.38%	1.71%
Std error	5.82%	8.11%		

In 2012, the actual cash returned to stockholders was 72.25. Using the average total yield for the last decade yields 69.46

Analysts expect earnings to grow 7.67% in 2013, 7.28% in 2014, scaling down to 1.76% in 2017, resulting in a compounded annual growth rate of 5.27% over the next 5 years. We will assume that dividends & buybacks will grow 5.27% a year for the next 5 years.

After year 5, we will assume that earnings on the index will grow at 1.76%, the same rate as the entire economy (= riskfree rate).



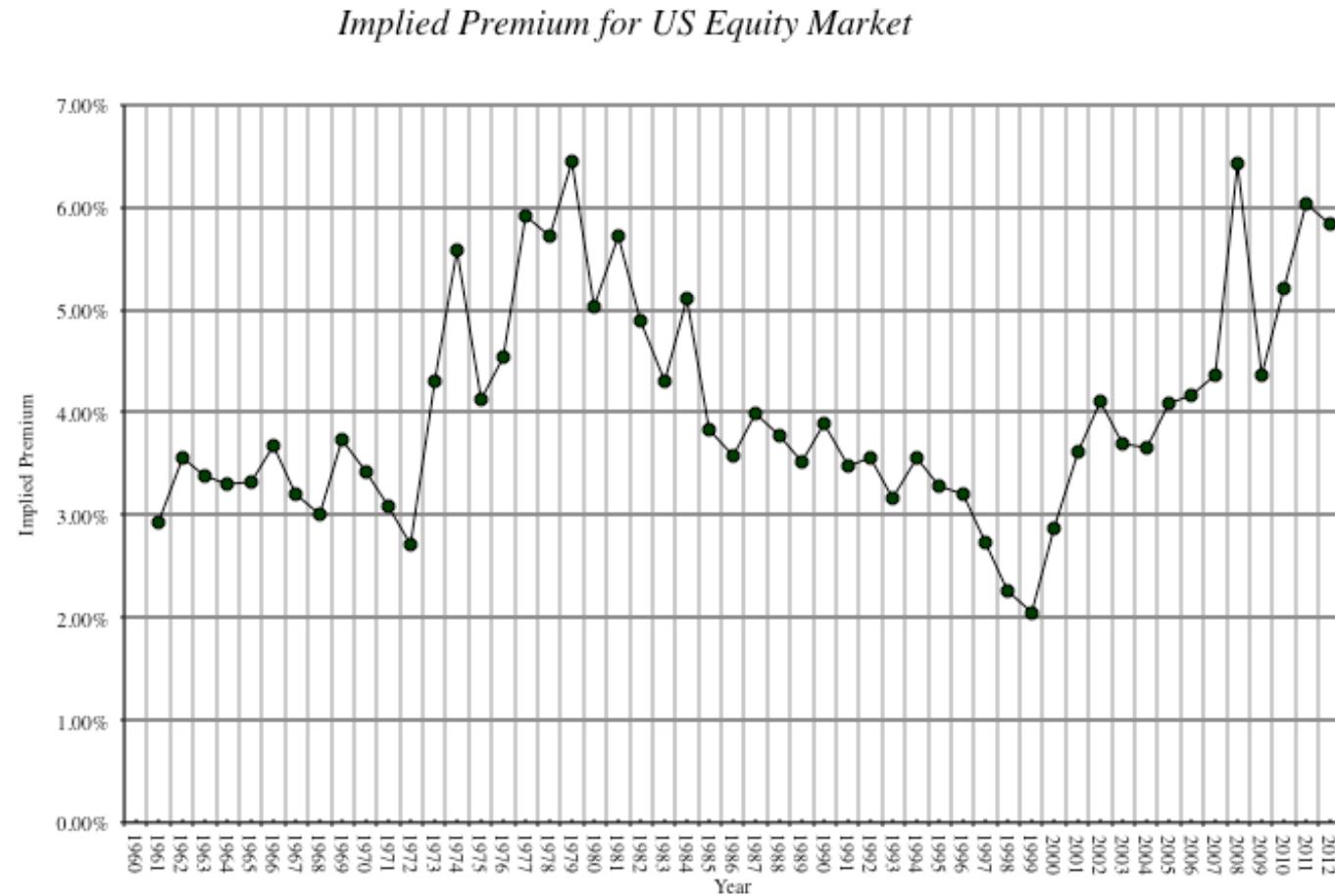
January 1, 2013
S&P 500 is at 1426.19

Adjusted Dividends & Buybacks
for base year = 69.46

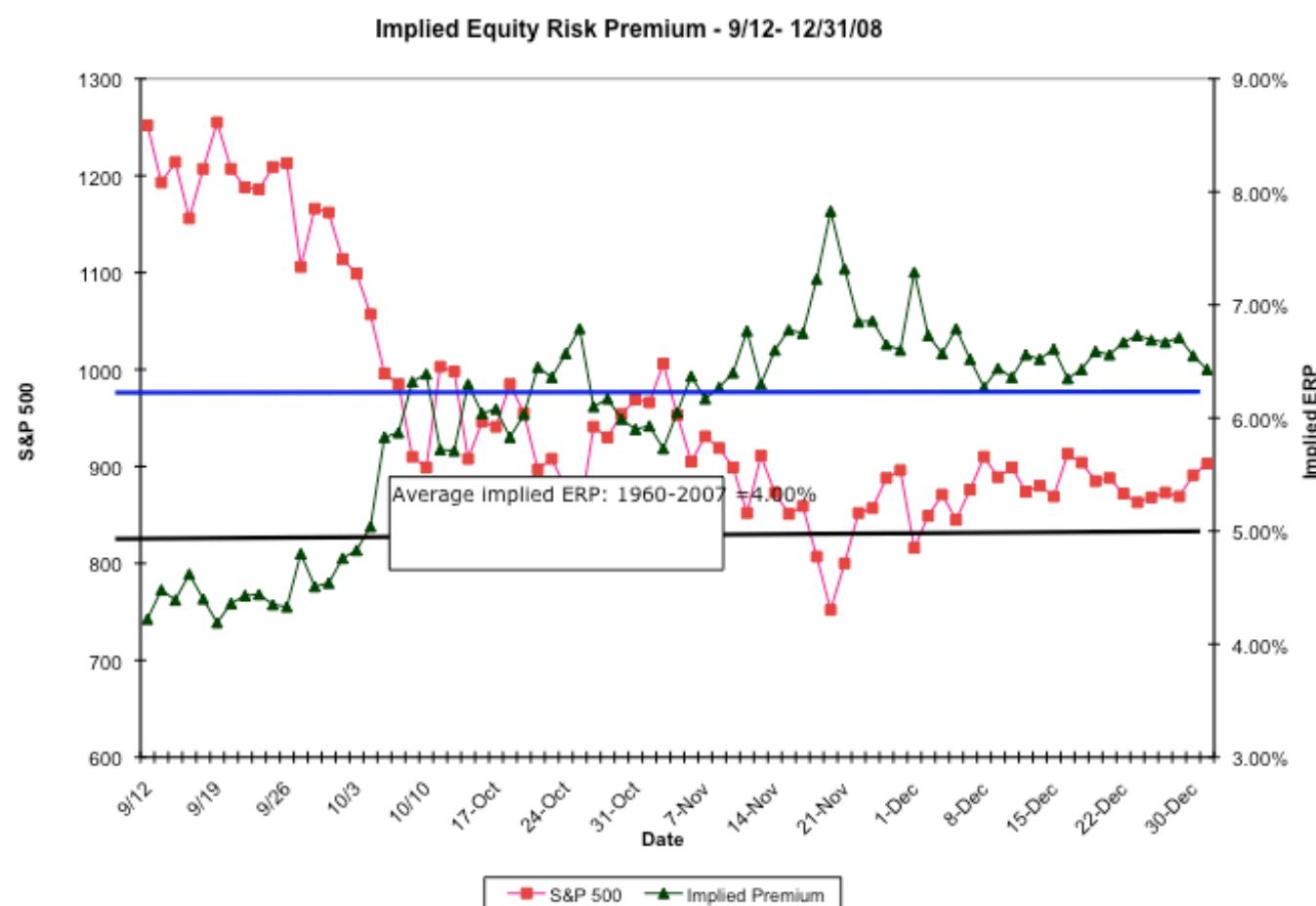
Expected Return on Stocks (1/1/13) = 7.54%
T.Bond rate on 1/1/13 = 1.76%
Equity Risk Premium = 7.54% - 1.76% = 5.78%

Data Sources:
Dividends and Buybacks last year: S&P
Expected growth rate: S&P, Media reports, Factset, Thomson-Reuters

Implied Premiums in the US: 1960-2012



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



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 = $11.72\% - 5\% = 6.72\%$

Emerging versus Developed Markets: Implied Equity Risk Premiums

$$PBV = \frac{(Return\ on\ equity - Expected\ growth\ rate)}{(Cost\ of\ equity - Expected\ growth\ rate)}$$

$$Cost\ of\ Equity = \frac{(ROE - Expected\ growth\ rate)}{PBV} + Expected\ growth\ rate$$

	PBV- Developed	PBV - Emerging	ROE - Developed	ROE- Emerging	T.Bond rate	Cost of equity (Developed)	Cost of equity (Emerging)	Differential
2004	2.00	1.19	10.81%	11.65%	4.22%	7.52%	10.46%	2.95%
2005	2.09	1.27	11.12%	11.93%	4.39%	7.61%	10.33%	2.72%
2006	2.03	1.44	11.32%	12.18%	4.70%	7.96%	9.89%	1.93%
2007	1.67	1.67	10.87%	12.88%	4.02%	8.12%	9.33%	1.20%
2008	0.87	0.83	9.42%	11.12%	2.21%	10.50%	12.94%	2.45%
2009	1.20	1.34	8.48%	11.02%	3.84%	7.71%	9.20%	1.49%
2010	1.39	1.43	9.14%	11.22%	3.29%	7.50%	8.84%	1.34%
2011	1.12	1.08	9.21%	10.04%	1.88%	8.42%	9.44%	1.01%
2012	1.17	1.18	9.10%	9.33%	1.76%	8.03%	8.18%	0.14%
Jun-13	1.17	1.17	8.79%	9.37%	2.55%	7.88%	8.38%	0.50%

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= 2%
 - Additional country risk premium for India = 2% (21/14) = 3%
 - Total equity risk premium = US equity risk premium + CRP for India = 6% + 3% = 9%

Country Risk Premiums

July 2013

Canada	0.00%	5.75%
United States	0.00%	5.75%
North America	0.00%	5.75%

Argentina	10.13%	15.88%
Belize	14.25%	20.00%
Bolivia	5.40%	11.15%
Brazil	3.00%	8.75%
Chile	1.20%	6.95%
Colombia	3.38%	9.13%
Costa Rica	3.38%	9.13%
Ecuador	12.00%	17.75%
El Salvador	5.40%	11.15%
Guatemala	4.13%	9.88%
Honduras	8.25%	14.00%
Mexico	2.55%	8.30%
Nicaragua	10.13%	15.88%
Panama	3.00%	8.75%
Paraguay	5.40%	11.15%
Peru	3.00%	8.75%
Suriname	5.40%	11.15%
Uruguay	3.38%	9.13%
Venezuela	6.75%	12.50%
Latin America	3.94%	9.68%

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Andorra	1.95%	7.70%
Austria	0.00%	5.75%
Belgium	1.20%	6.95%
Cyprus	16.50%	22.25%
Denmark	0.00%	5.75%
Finland	0.00%	5.75%
France	0.45%	6.20%
Germany	0.00%	5.75%
Greece	10.13%	15.88%
Iceland	3.38%	9.13%
Ireland	4.13%	9.88%
Isle of Man	0.00%	5.75%
Italy	3.00%	8.75%
Liechtenstein	0.00%	5.75%
Luxembourg	0.00%	5.75%
Malta	1.95%	7.70%
Netherlands	0.00%	5.75%
Norway	0.00%	5.75%
Portugal	5.40%	11.15%
Spain	3.38%	9.13%
Sweden	0.00%	5.75%
Switzerland	0.00%	5.75%
Turkey	3.38%	9.13%
UK	0.45%	6.20%
W. Europe	1.22%	6.97%
Angola	5.40%	11.15%
Benin	8.25%	14.00%
Botswana	1.65%	7.40%
Burkina Faso	8.25%	14.00%
Cameroon	8.25%	14.00%
Cape Verde	6.75%	12.50%
Egypt	12.00%	17.75%
Gabon	5.40%	11.15%
Ghana	6.75%	12.50%
Kenya	6.75%	12.50%
Morocco	4.13%	9.88%
Mozambique	6.75%	12.50%
Namibia	3.38%	9.13%
Nigeria	5.40%	11.15%
Rwanda	8.25%	14.00%
Senegal	6.75%	12.50%
South Africa	2.55%	8.30%
Tunisia	4.73%	10.48%
Zambia	6.75%	12.50%
Africa	5.90%	11.65%
Albania	6.75%	12.50%
Armenia	4.73%	10.48%
Azerbaijan	3.38%	9.13%
Belarus	10.13%	15.88%
Bosnia	10.13%	15.88%
Bulgaria	3.00%	8.75%
Croatia	4.13%	9.88%
Czech Republic	1.43%	7.18%
Estonia	1.43%	7.18%
Georgia	5.40%	11.15%
Hungary	4.13%	9.88%
Kazakhstan	3.00%	8.75%
Latvia	3.00%	8.75%
Lithuania	2.55%	8.30%
Macedonia	5.40%	11.15%
Moldova	10.13%	15.88%
Montenegro	5.40%	11.15%
Poland	1.65%	7.40%
Romania	3.38%	9.13%
Russia	2.55%	8.30%
Serbia	5.40%	11.15%
Slovakia	1.65%	7.40%
Slovenia	4.13%	9.88%
Uganda	6.75%	12.50%
Ukraine	10.13%	15.88%
E. Europe/Russia	3.13%	8.88%
Bahrain	2.55%	8.30%
Israel	1.43%	7.18%
Jordan	6.75%	12.50%
Kuwait	0.90%	6.65%
Lebanon	6.75%	12.50%
Oman	1.43%	7.18%
Qatar	0.90%	6.65%
Saudi Arabia	1.20%	6.95%
UAE	0.90%	6.65%
Middle East	1.38%	7.13%
Bangladesh	5.40%	11.15%
Cambodia	8.25%	14.00%
China	1.20%	6.95%
Fiji	6.75%	12.50%
Hong Kong	0.45%	6.20%
India	3.38%	9.13%
Indonesia	3.38%	9.13%
Japan	1.20%	6.95%
Korea	1.20%	6.95%
Macao	1.20%	6.95%
Malaysia	1.95%	7.70%
Mauritius	2.55%	8.30%
Mongolia	6.75%	12.50%
Pakistan	12.00%	17.75%
Papua NG	6.75%	12.50%
Philippines	4.13%	9.88%
Singapore	0.00%	5.75%
Sri Lanka	6.75%	12.50%
Taiwan	1.20%	6.95%
Thailand	2.55%	8.30%
Vietnam	8.25%	14.00%
Asia	1.77%	7.52%
Australia	0.00%	5.75%
Cook Islands	6.75%	12.50%
New Zealand	0.00%	5.75%
Australia & NZ	0.00%	5.75%

Black #: Total ERP

Red #: Country risk premium

AVG: GDP weighted average

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.

One way of dealing with this: Operation-based ERP

- Single emerging market: Embraer, in 2004, reported that it derived 3% of its revenues in Brazil and the balance from mature markets. The mature market ERP in 2004 was 5% and Brazil's CRP was 7.89%.

	Revenues	Total ERP	CRP
US and other mature markets	97%	5.00%	0.00%
Brazil	3%	12.89%	8%
Embraer		5.24%	0.24%

- Multiple emerging markets: Coca Cola's 2011 ERP estimate:

Region	Revenues	Total ERP	CRP
Western Europe	19%	6.67%	0.67%
Eastern Europe & Russia	5%	8.60%	2.60%
Asia	15%	7.63%	1.63%
Latin America	15%	9.42%	3.42%
Australia	4%	6.00%	0.00%
Africa	4%	9.82%	3.82%
North America	40%	6.00%	0.00%
Coca Cola	100%	7.14%	1.14%

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:

$$\text{Lambda} = \% \text{ of revenues domestically}_{\text{firm}} / \% \text{ of revenues domestically}_{\text{average firm}}$$

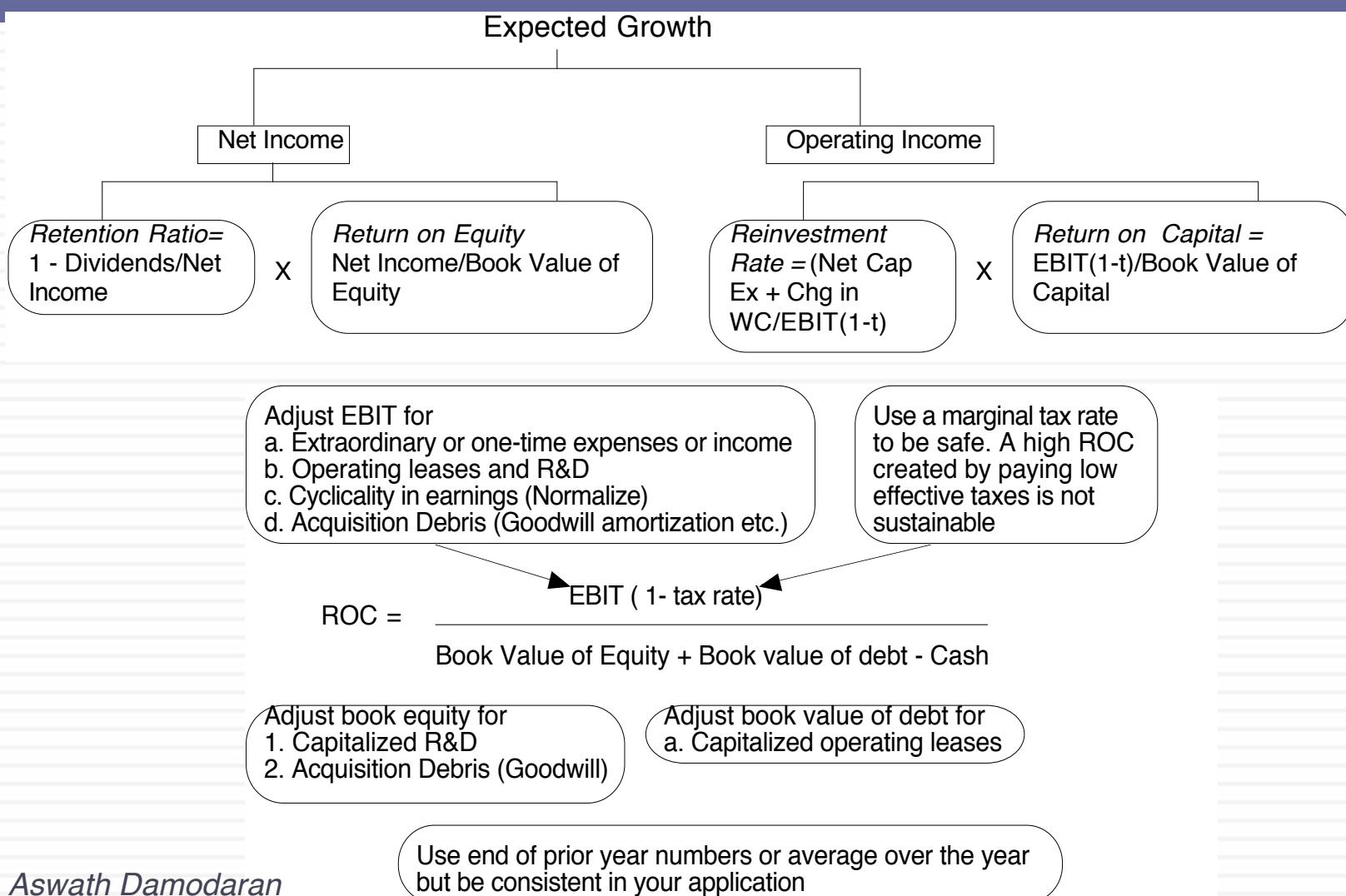
- In 2008-09, Tata Motors got about 91.37% of its revenues in India and TCS got 7.62%. The average Indian firm gets about 80% of its revenues in India:

- $\text{Lambda}_{\text{Tata Motors}} = 91\% / 80\% = 1.14$

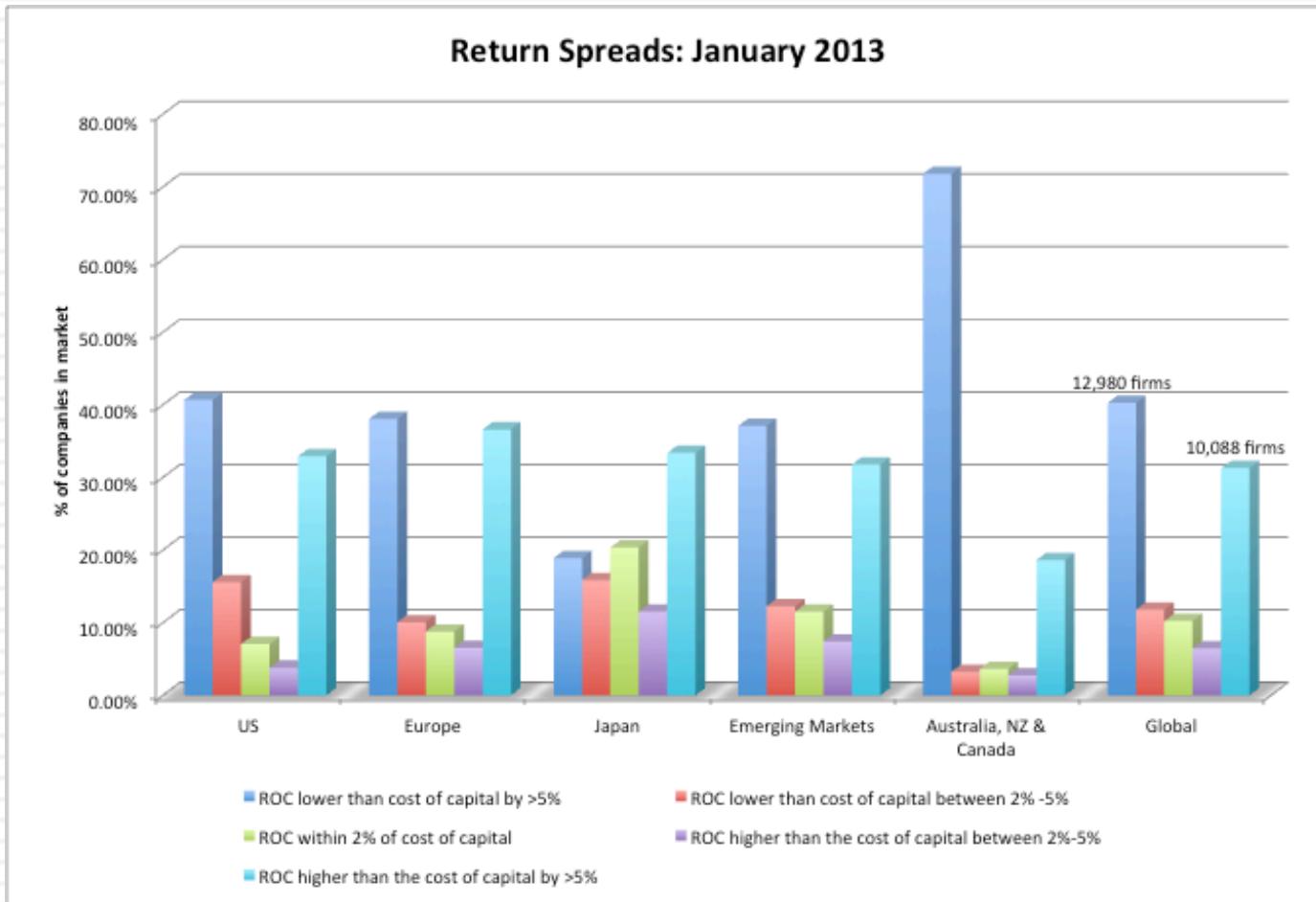
- The danger of focusing just on revenues is that it misses other exposures to risk (production and operations).

	<i>Tata Motors</i>	<i>TCS</i>
% 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 mobile.

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



The Quality of Growth



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

$$\text{Terminal Value}_n = \frac{\text{EBIT}_{n+1} (1 - \text{tax rate}) (1 - \text{Reinvestment Rate})}{\text{Cost of capital} - \text{Expected growth rate}}$$

This tax rate locks in forever. Does it make sense to use an effective tax rate?

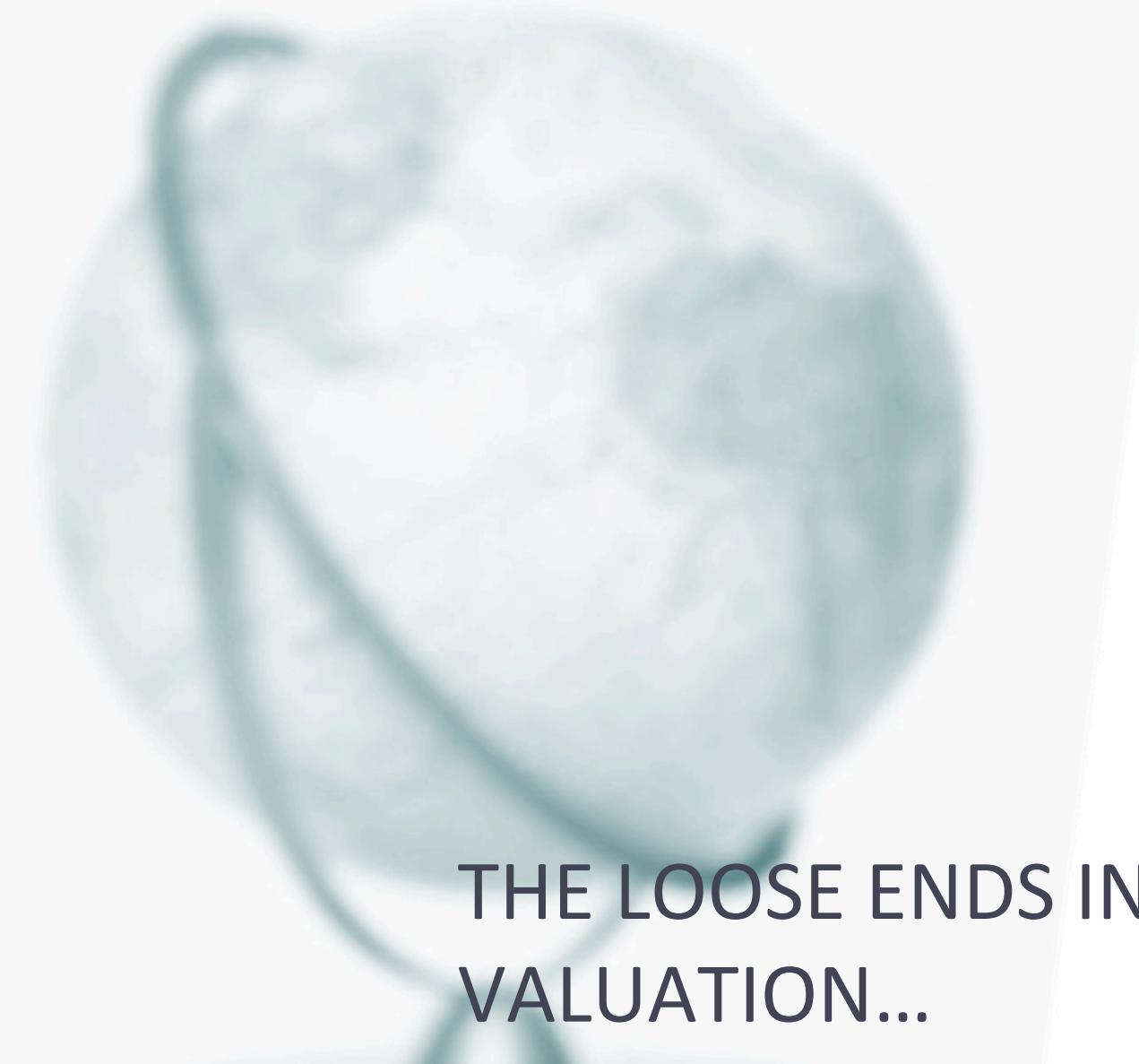
Are you reinvesting enough to sustain your stable growth rate?
Reinv Rate = g/ ROC
Is the ROC that of a stable company?

This is a mature company. Its cost of capital should reflect that.

This growth rate should be less than the nominal growth rate of the economy

Terminal Value and Growth

<i>Stable growth rate</i>	<i>Amgen</i>	<i>Tata Motors</i>
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%

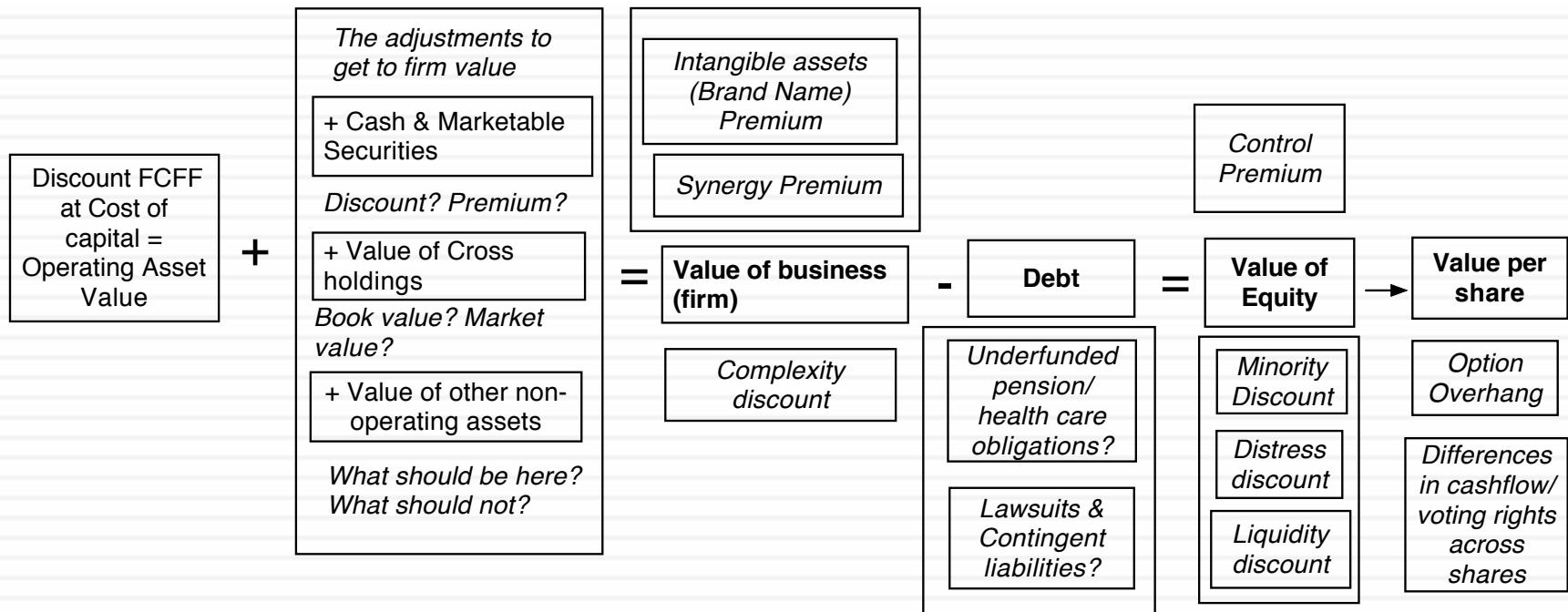


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THE LOOSE ENDS IN VALUATION...

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Getting from DCF to value per share: The Loose Ends



1. The Value of Cash

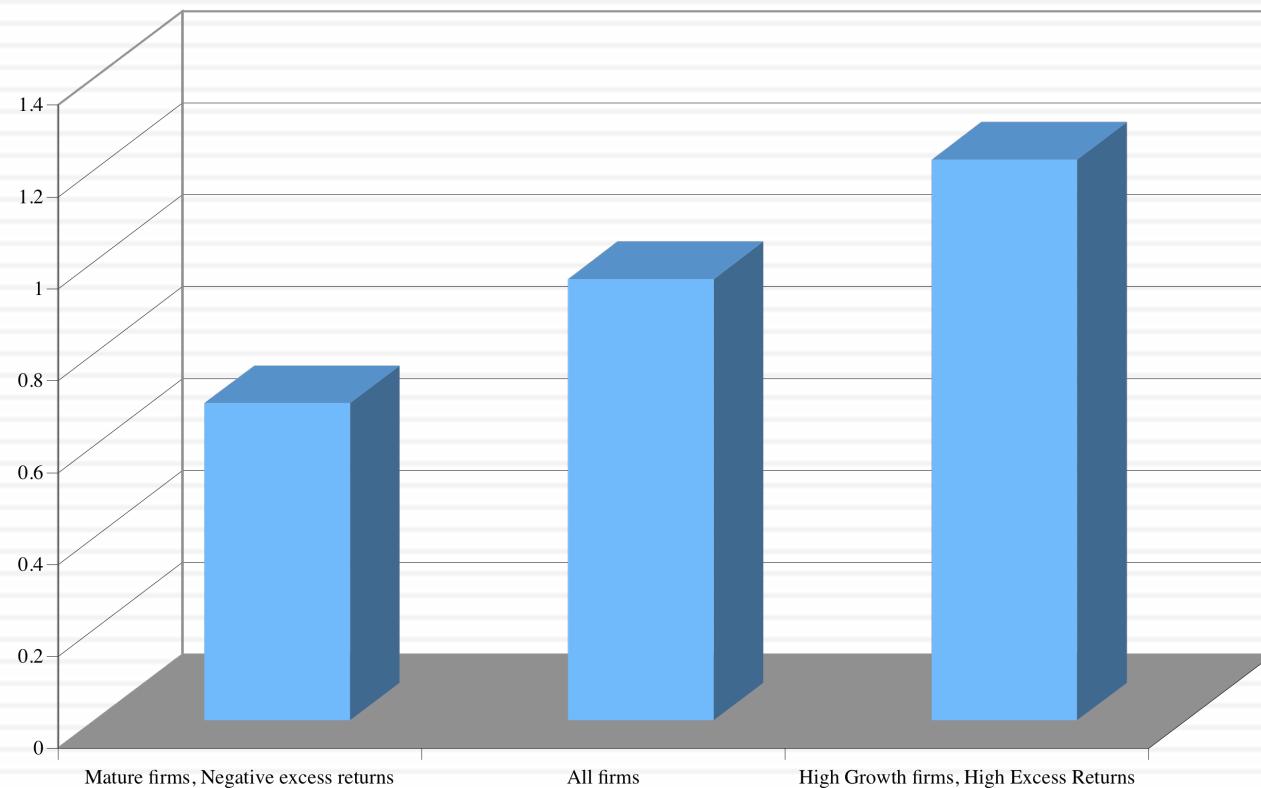
An Exercise in Cash Valuation

	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*



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.

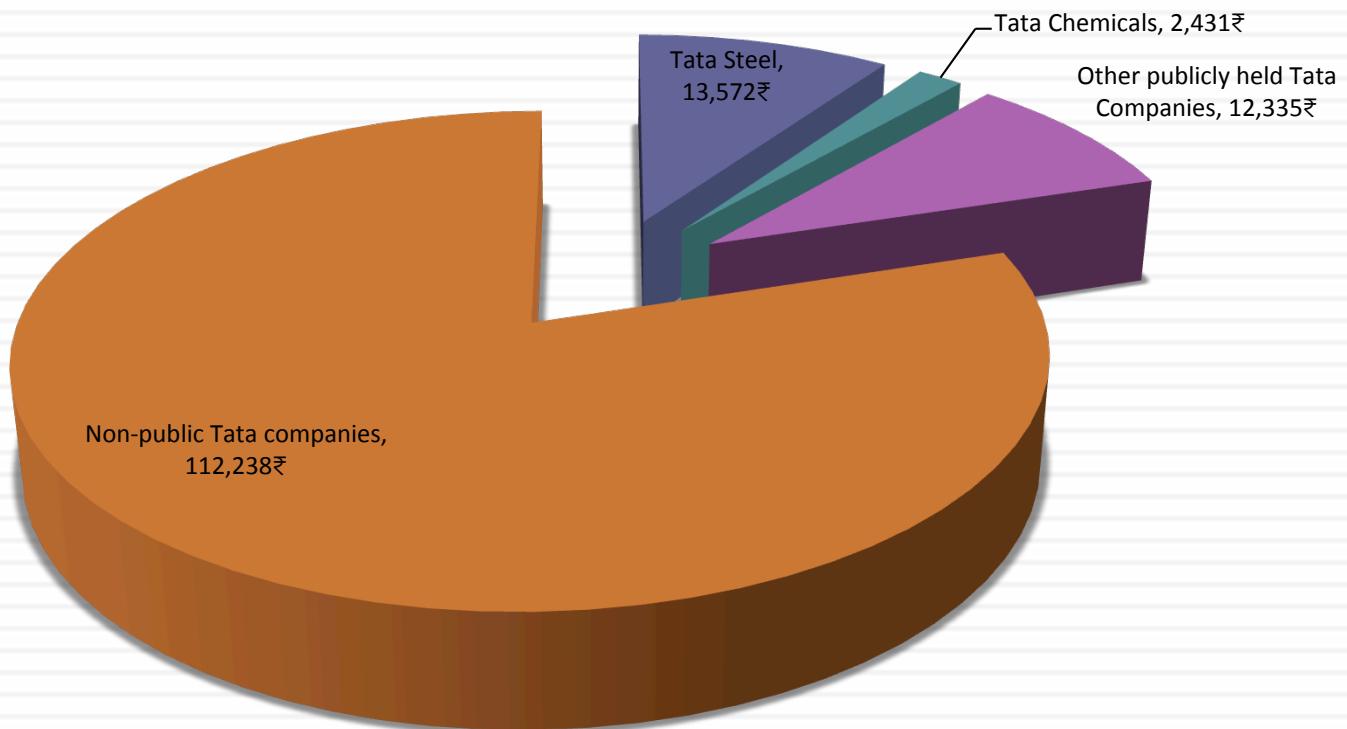
How to value holdings in other firms.. In a perfect world..

- 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.

4. A Discount for Complexity: An Experiment

	Company A	Company B
Operating Income	\$ 1 billion	\$ 1 billion
Tax rate	40%	40%
ROIC	10%	10%
Expected Growth	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

<i>Company</i>	<i>Number of pages in last 10Q</i>	<i>Number of pages in last 10K</i>
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

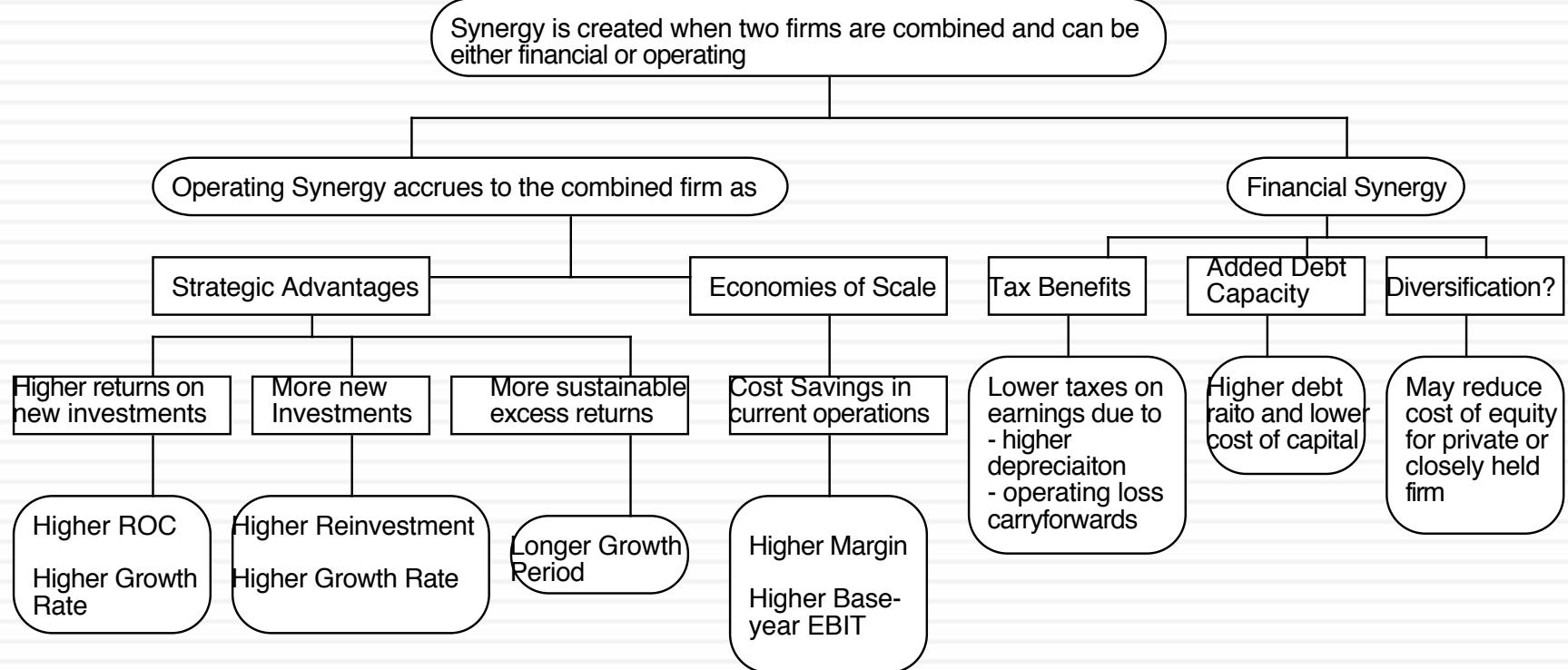
Item	Factors	Follow-up Question	Answer	Weighting factor	Gerdau Score	GE Score
Operating Income	1. Multiple Businesses	Number of businesses (with more than 10% of revenues) =	1	2.00	2	30
	2. One-time income and expenses	Percent of operating income =	10%	10.00	1	0.8
	3. Income from unspecified sources	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 investments	Yes or No	No	Yes=4	0	4
	4. Unspecified current assets and current liabilities	Yes or No	No	Yes=3	0	0
Working capital	2. Volatile working capital items	Yes or No	Yes	Yes=2	2	2
	1. Off-balance sheet assets and liabilities (operating leases and R&D)	Yes or No	No	Yes=3	0	3
Expected Growth rate	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?	No	Yes=5	0	0
	1. Multiple businesses	Number of businesses (more than 10% of revenues) =	1	1.00	1	20
Cost of capital	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 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	Shares with different voting rights	Does the firm have shares with different voting rights?	Yes	Yes = 10	10	0
	Equity options outstanding	Options outstanding as percent of shares	0%	10.00	0	0.52
		Complexity Score =			48.95	90.55

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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:
$$PBV = 0.65 + 15.31 \text{ ROE} - 0.55 \text{ Beta} + 3.04 \text{ Expected growth rate} - 0.003 \# \text{ Pages in 10K}$$

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

Valuing Synergy: P&G + Gillette

Assume that \$250 million in operating expenses will be cut immediately. Translates into an after-tax increase in operating income of approximately \$158 million.

	P&G	Gillette	Piglet: No Synergy	Piglet: Synergy
Free Cashflow to Equity	\$5,864.74	\$1,547.50	\$7,412.24	\$7,569.73
Growth rate for first 5 years	12%	10%	11.58%	12.50%
Growth rate after five years	4%	4%	4.00%	4.00%
Beta	0.90	0.80	0.88	0.88
Cost of Equity	7.90%	7.50%	7.81%	7.81%
Value of Equity	\$221,292	\$59,878	\$281,170	\$298,355

Assume that the combined company will grow at a faster rate (for the next decade) starting immediately.

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.

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

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

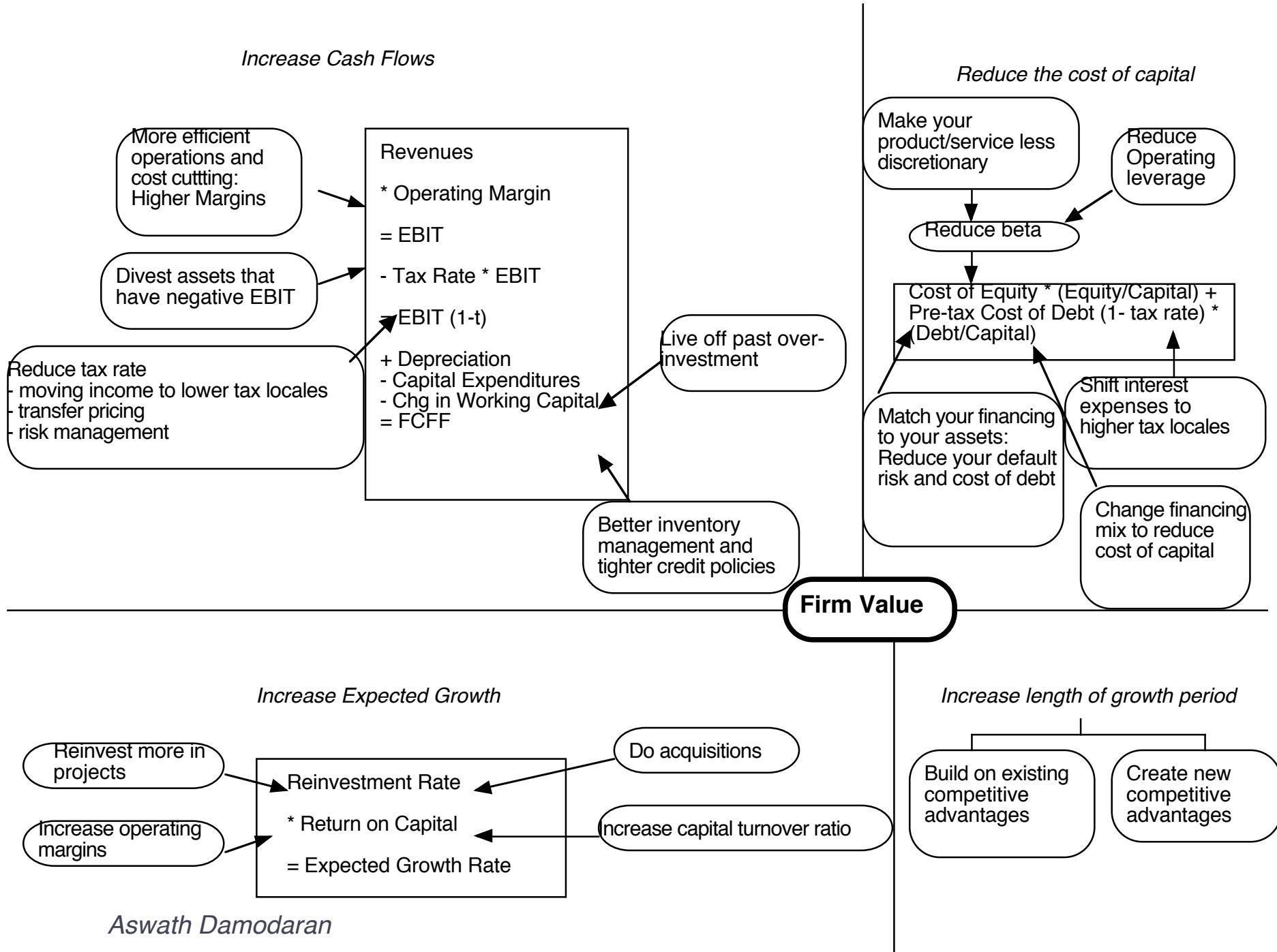
- General Rule: Debt generally has the following characteristics:
 - Commitment to make fixed payments in the future
 - The fixed payments are tax deductible
 - Failure to make the payments can lead to either default or loss of control of the firm to the party to whom payments are due.
- Defined as such, 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...

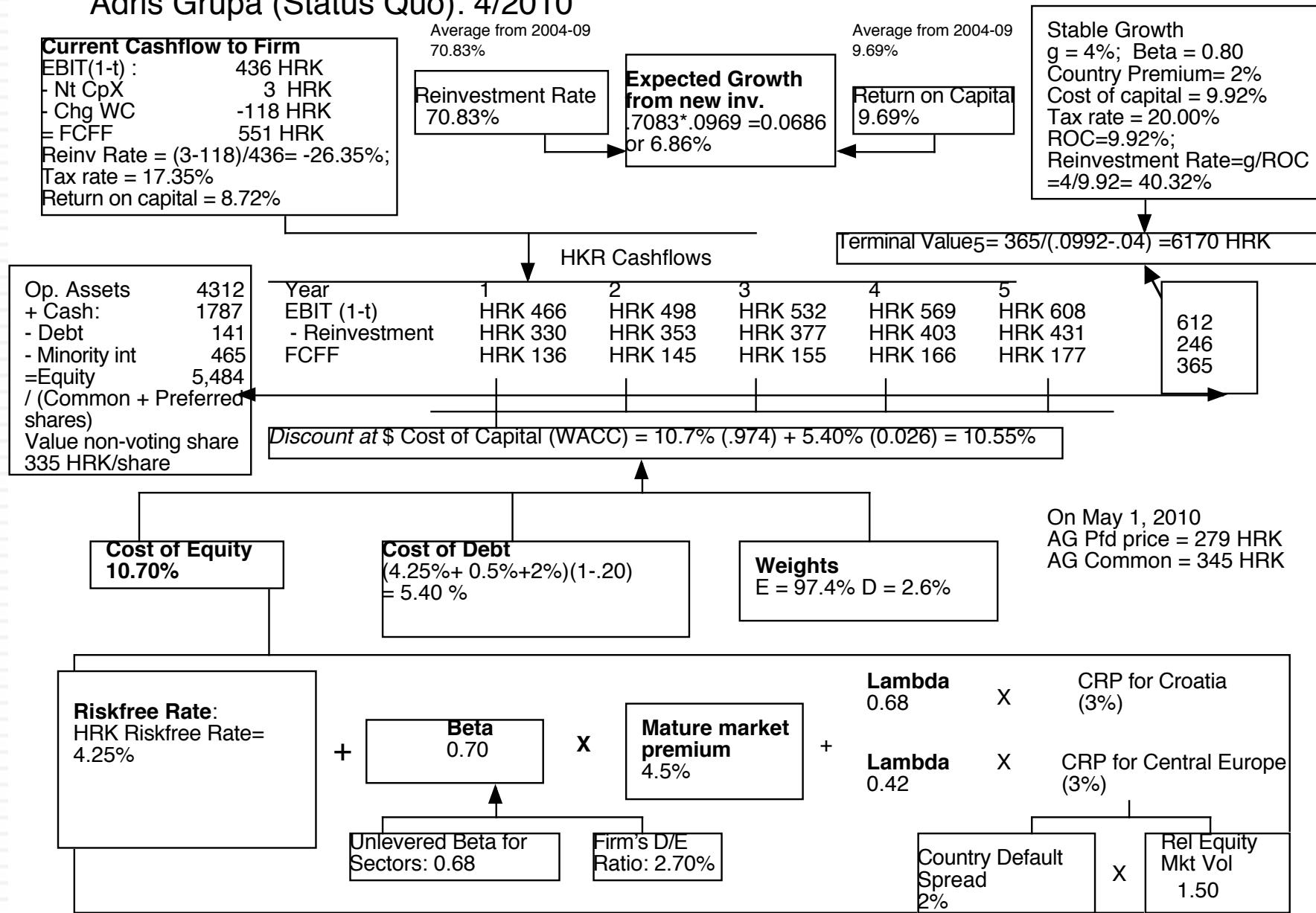
- If you have under funded pension fund or health care plans, you should consider the under funding at this stage in getting to the value of equity.
 - ▣ If you do so, you should not double count by also including a cash flow line item reflecting cash you would need to set aside to meet the unfunded 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

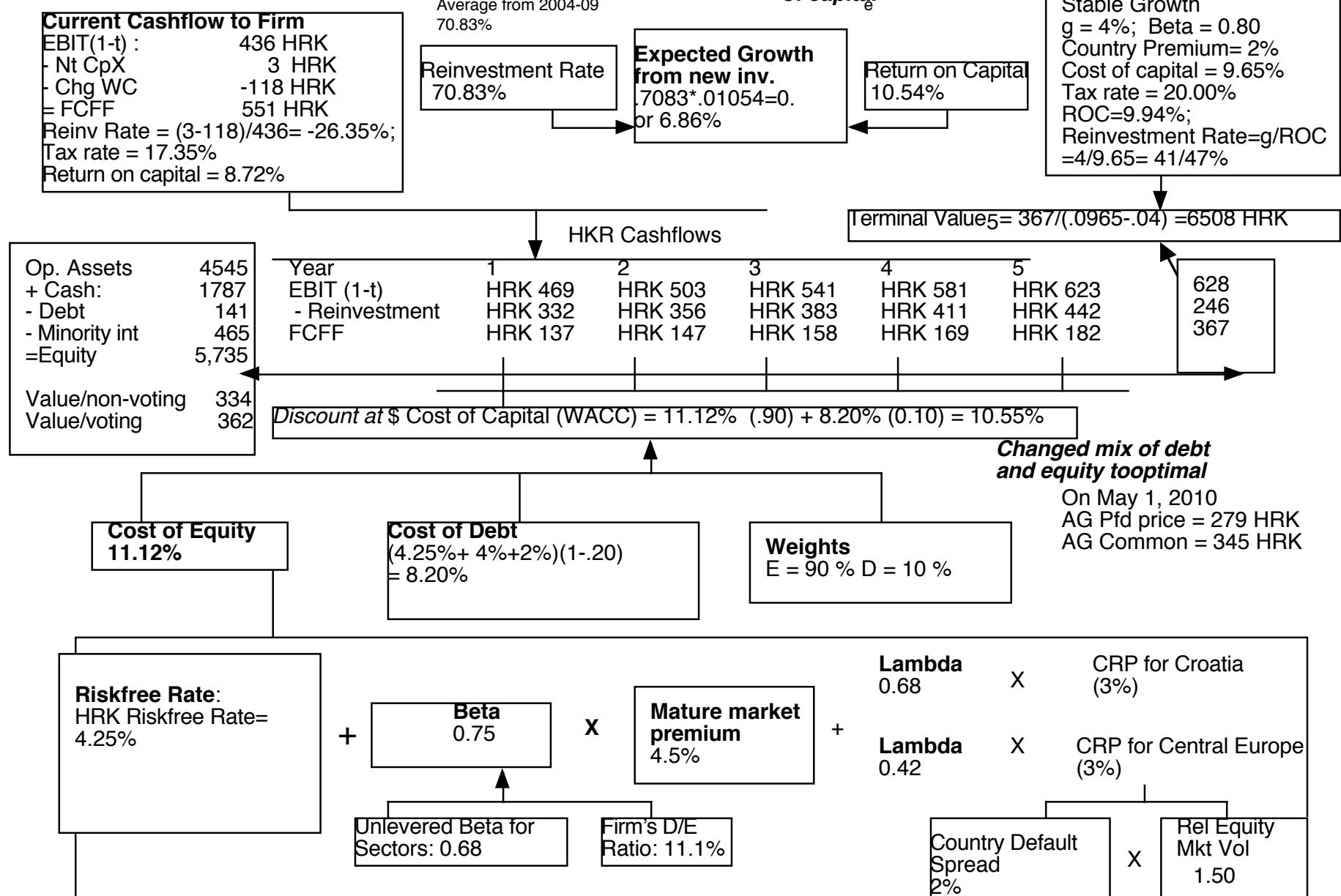


Adris Grupa (Status Quo): 4/2010



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Adris Grupa: 4/2010 (Restructured)



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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 = $334 \text{ HKR} + 249 / 9.616 = 362$ HKR



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THE DARK SIDE OF VALUATION: 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 because 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 on 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.

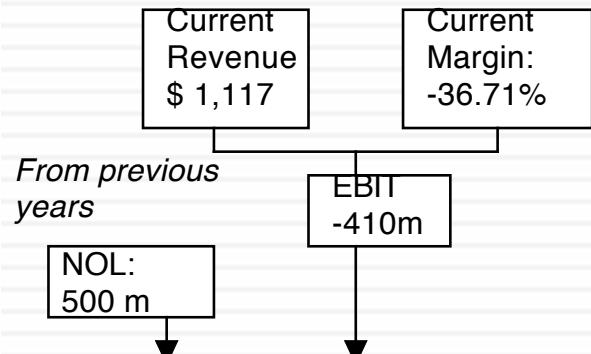
When will the firm become a mature firm, and what are the potential roadblocks?

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.

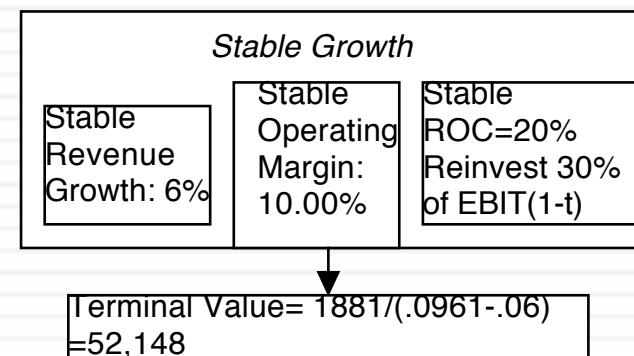
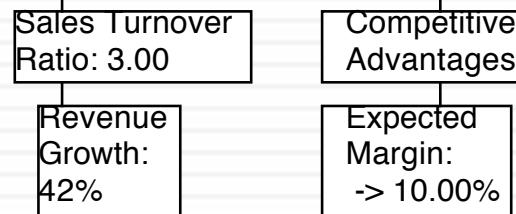
Upping the ante.. Young companies in young businesses...

- 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...

Amazon in January 2000



Sales to capital ratio and expected margin are retail industry average numbers



$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{Value of Op Assets } \$ 15,170 \\
 + \text{Cash} &\quad \$ 26 \\
 = \text{Value of Firm} &\quad \$ 15,196 \\
 - \text{Value of Debt} &\quad \$ 349 \\
 = \text{Value of Equity} &\quad \$ 14,847 \\
 - \text{Equity Options} &\quad \$ 2,892 \\
 \text{Value per share} &\quad \$ 35.08
 \end{aligned}$$

All existing options valued as options, using current stock price of \$84.

Cost of Equity
12.90%

Used average interest coverage ratio over next 5 years to get BBB rating.

Cost of Debt
 $6.5\% + 1.5\% = 8.0\%$
Tax rate = 0% $\rightarrow 35\%$

Weights
Debt = 1.2% $\rightarrow 15\%$

Term. Year
6%
\$ 41,346
10.00%
\$ 4,135
9.91%
\$ 2,688
9.95%
\$ 155
\$ 1,881

Forever

Amazon was trading at \$84 in January 2000.

Pushed debt ratio to retail industry average of 15%.

Dot.com retailers for first 5 years
Conventional retailers after year 5

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Riskfree Rate:} & \quad T. \text{ Bond rate} = 6.5\% \\
 + \text{Beta} & \quad 1.60 \rightarrow 1.00 \\
 & \quad \times \quad \text{Risk Premium} \\
 & \quad 4\%
 \end{aligned}$$

Internet/ Retail	Operating Leverage	Current D/ E: 1.21%	Base Equity Premium	Country Risk Premium
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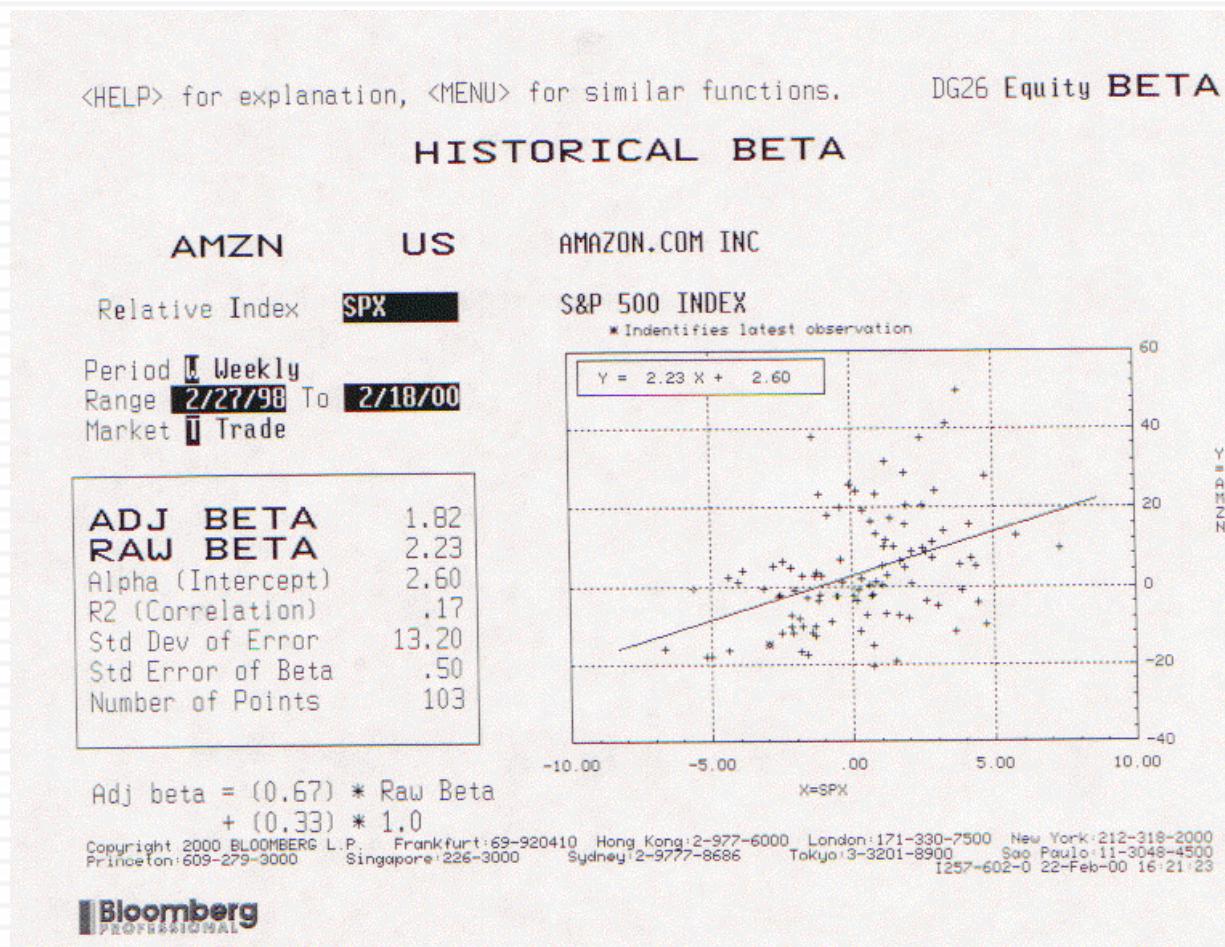
Revenue Growth	150.00%	100.00%	75.00%	50.00%	30.00%	25.20%	20.40%	15.60%	10.80%	6.00%
Revenues	\$ 2,793	\$ 5,585	\$ 9,774	\$ 14,661	\$ 19,059	\$ 23,862	\$ 28,729	\$ 33,211	\$ 36,798	\$ 39,006
Operating Margin	-13.35%	-1.68%	4.16%	7.08%	8.54%	9.27%	9.64%	9.82%	9.91%	9.95%
EBIT	-\$373	-\$94	\$407	\$1,038	\$1,628	\$2,212	\$2,768	\$3,261	\$3,646	\$3,883
EBIT(1-t)	-\$373	-\$94	\$407	\$871	\$1,058	\$1,438	\$1,799	\$2,119	\$2,370	\$2,524
- Reinvestment	\$600	\$967	\$1,420	\$1,663	\$1,543	\$1,688	\$1,721	\$1,619	\$1,363	\$961
FCFF	-\$931	-\$1,024	-\$989	-\$758	-\$408	-\$163	\$177	\$625	\$1,174	\$1,788
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10

Riskfree Rate:
T. Bond rate = 6.5%

$$\begin{aligned}
 + \text{Beta} & \quad 1.60 \rightarrow 1.00 \\
 & \quad \times \quad \text{Risk Premium} \\
 & \quad 4\%
 \end{aligned}$$

Risk Premium
4%

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

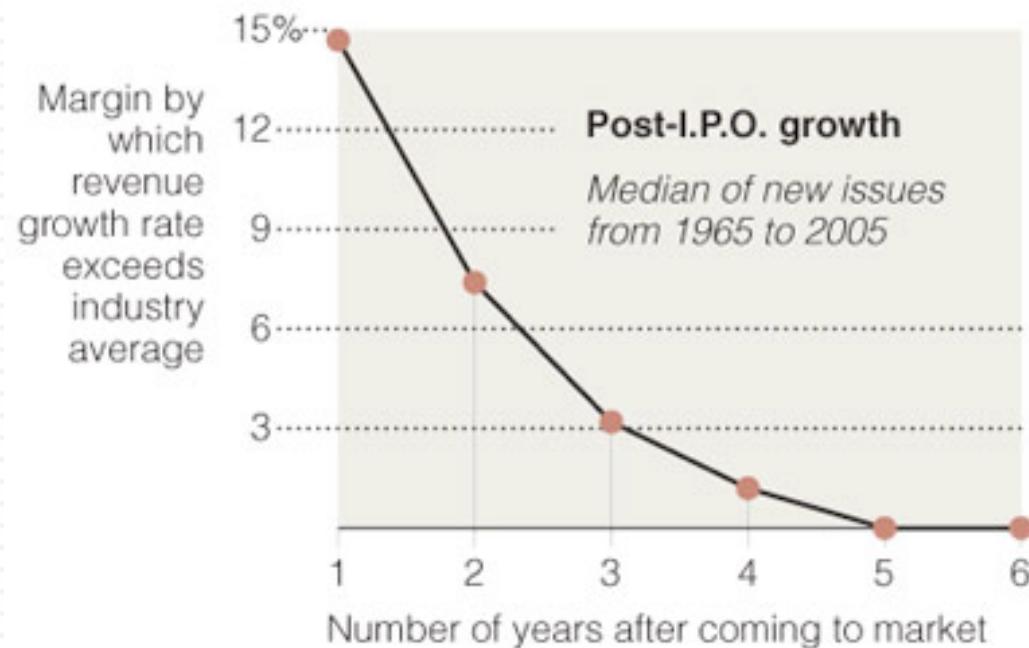


Lesson 2: Work backwards and keep it simple...

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...

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

Compounded annual Revenue Growth rate	Target pre-tax Operating Margin					
	6%	8%	10%	12%	14%	
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	
50%	\$ 21.47	\$ 40.50	\$ 59.52	\$ 78.53	\$ 97.54	
55%	\$ 33.47	\$ 59.60	\$ 85.72	\$ 111.84	\$ 137.95	
60%	\$ 49.53	\$ 85.10	\$ 120.66	\$ 156.22	\$ 191.77	

Lesson 6: 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

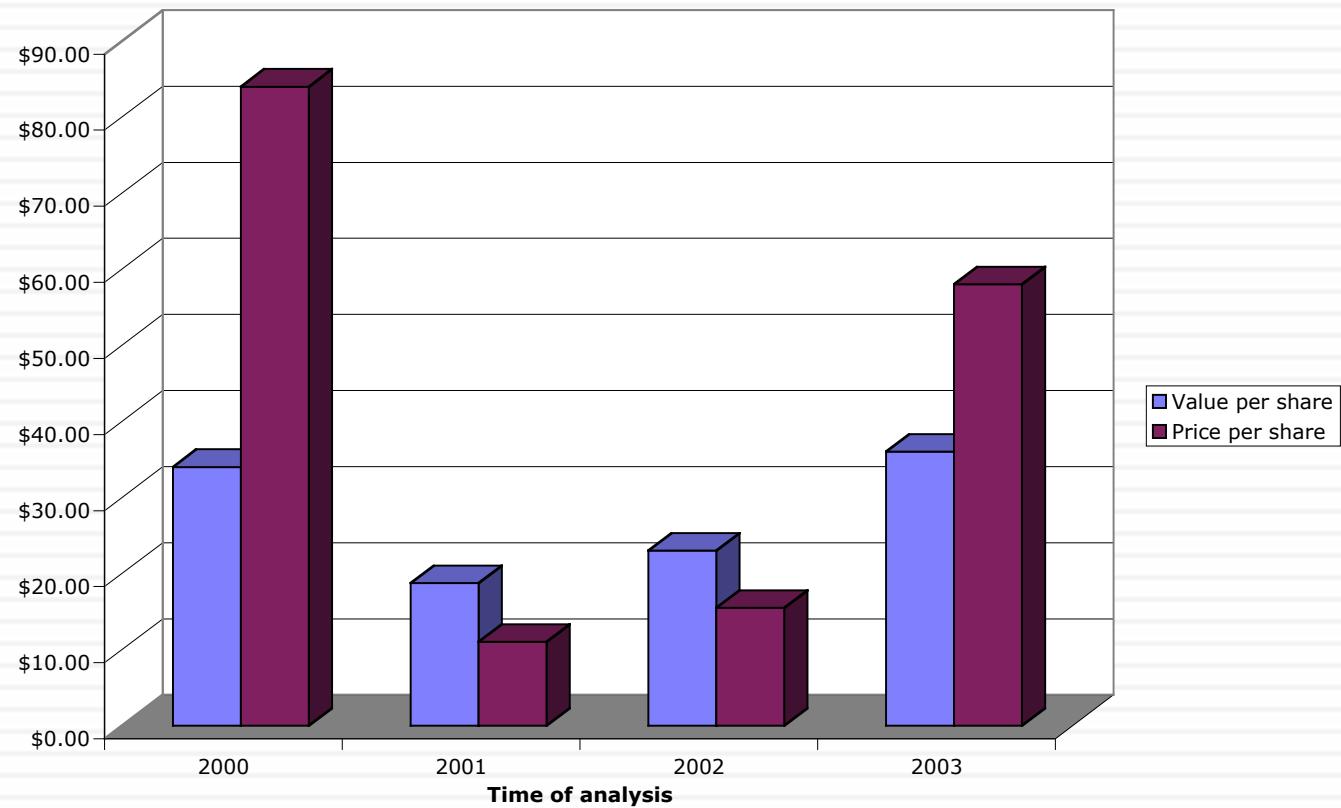
Lesson 7: You will be wrong 100% of the time... and it really is not (always) your fault...

- 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. Mature Companies in transition..

- Mature companies are generally the easiest group to value. They have long, established histories that can be mined for inputs. They have investment policies that are set and capital structures that are stable, thus making valuation more grounded in past data.
- However, this stability in the numbers can mask real problems at the company. The company may be set in a process, where it invests more or less than it should and does not have the right financing mix. In effect, the policies are consistent, stable and bad.
- If you expect these companies to change or as is more often the case to have change thrust upon them,

The perils of valuing mature companies...

Figure 7.1: Estimation Issues - Mature Companies

Lots of historical data on earnings and cashflows. Key questions remain if these numbers are volatile over time or if the existing assets are not being efficiently utilized.

What are the cashflows from existing assets?

Equity claims can vary in voting rights and dividends.

What is the value of equity in the firm?

Growth is usually not very high, but firms may still be generating healthy returns on investments, relative to cost of funding. Questions include how long they can generate these excess returns and with what growth rate in operations. Restructuring can change both inputs dramatically and some firms maintain high growth through acquisitions.

What is the value added by growth assets?

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

Operating risk should be stable, but the firm can change its financial leverage. This can affect both the cost of equity and capital.

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

Maintaining excess returns or high growth for any length of time is difficult to do for a mature firm.

Hormel Foods: The Value of Control Changing

Hormel Foods sells packaged meat and other food products and has been in existence as a publicly traded company for almost 80 years. In 2008, the firm reported after-tax operating income of \$315 million, reflecting a compounded growth of 5% over the previous 5 years.

The Status Quo

Run by existing management, with conservative reinvestment policies (reinvestment rate = 14.34% and debt ratio = 10.4%).

Anemic growth rate and short growth period, due to reinvestment policy

Low debt ratio affects cost of capital

Year	Operating income after taxes	Expected growth rate	ROC	Reinvestment Rate	Reinvestment	FCFF	Cost of capital	Present Value
Trailing 12 months	\$315							
1	\$324	2.75%	14.34%	19.14%	\$62	\$262	6.79%	\$245
2	\$333	2.75%	14.34%	19.14%	\$64	\$269	6.79%	\$236
3	\$342	2.75%	14.34%	19.14%	\$65	\$276	6.79%	\$227
Beyond	\$350	2.35%	7.23%	32.52%	\$114	\$4,840	7.23%	\$3,974
Value of operating assets								\$4,682
(Add) Cash								\$155
(Subtract) Debt								\$491
(Subtract) Management Options								\$53
Value of equity in common stock								\$4,293
Value per share								\$31.91

New and better management

More aggressive reinvestment which increases the reinvestment rate (to 40%) and length of growth (to 5 years), and higher debt ratio (20%).

Operating Restructuring ①

Expected growth rate = ROC * Reinvestment Rate

Expected growth rate (status quo) = 14.34% * 19.14% = 2.75%

Expected growth rate (optimal) = 14.00% * 40% = 5.60%

ROC drops, reinvestment rises and growth goes up.

Financial restructuring ②

Cost of capital = Cost of equity (1 - Debt ratio) + Cost of debt (Debt ratio)

Status quo = 7.33% (1 - .104) + 3.60% (1 - .40) (.104) = 6.79%

Optimal = 7.75% (1 - .20) + 3.60% (1 - .40) (.20) = 6.63%

Cost of equity rises but cost of capital drops.

Year	Operating income after taxes	Expected growth rate	ROC	Reinvestment Rate	Reinvestment	FCFF	Cost of capital	Present Value
Trailing 12 months	\$315							
1	\$333	5.60%	14.00%	40.00%	\$133	\$200	6.63%	\$187
2	\$351	5.60%	14.00%	40.00%	\$141	\$211	6.63%	\$185
3	\$371	5.60%	14.00%	40.00%	\$148	\$223	6.63%	\$184
4	\$392	5.60%	14.00%	40.00%	\$260	\$235	6.63%	\$182
5	\$414	5.60%	14.00%	40.00%	\$223	\$248	6.63%	\$180
Beyond	\$423	2.35%	6.74%	34.87%	\$148	\$6,282	6.74%	\$4,557
Value of operating assets								\$5,475
(Add) Cash								\$155
(Subtract) Debt								\$491
(Subtract) Management Options								\$53
Value of equity in common stock								\$5,085
Value per share								\$37.80

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Probability of management change = 10%
Expected value = \$31.91 (.90) + \$37.80 (.10) = \$32.50

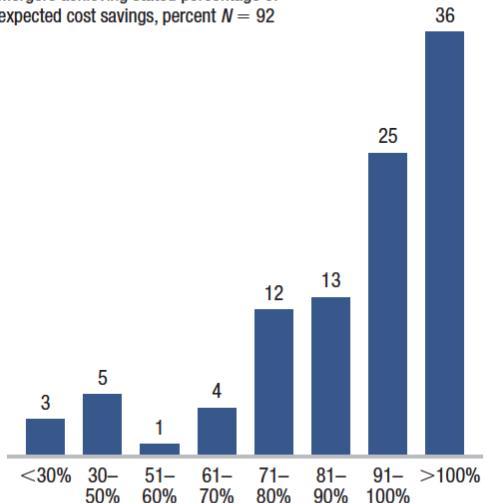
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Lesson 1: Cost cutting and increased efficiency are easier accomplished on paper than in practice...

Cost-synergy estimation is better, but there are patterns emerging in the errors

Mergers achieving stated percentage of expected cost savings, percent $N = 92$



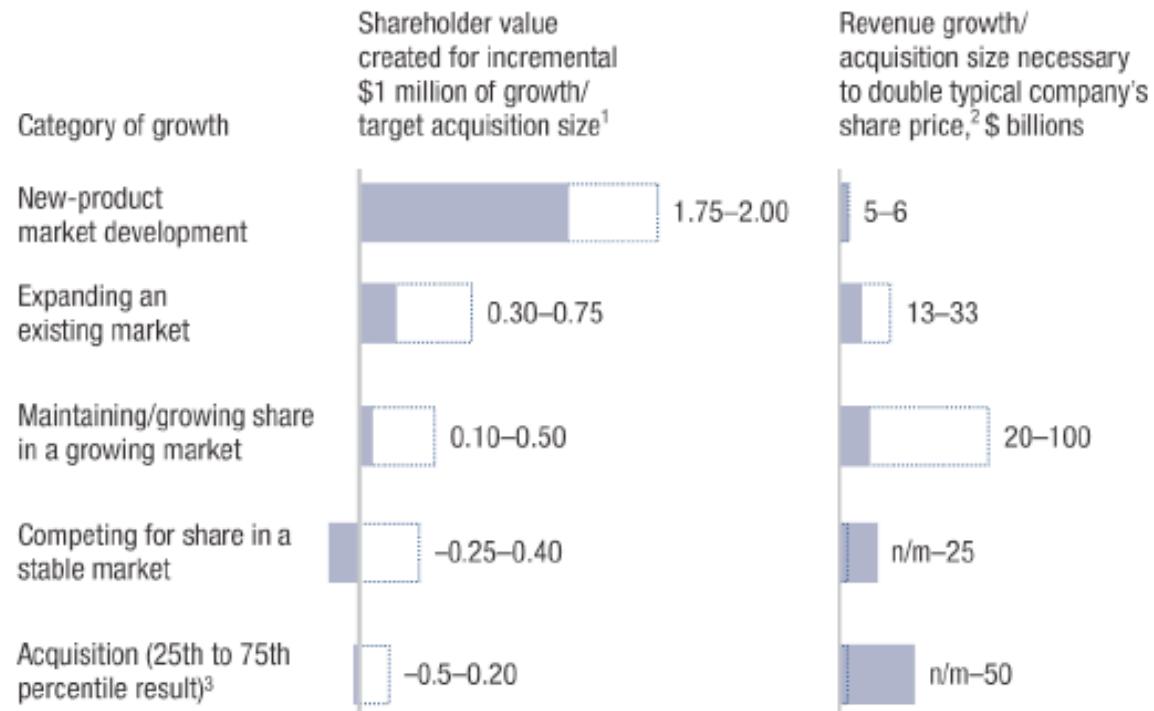
Typical sources of estimation error

- Underestimating one-time costs
- Using benchmarks from noncomparable situations
- Not sanity-checking management estimates against precedent transactions
- Failing to ground estimates in bottom-up analysis (e.g., location-by-location review of overlaps)

Source: McKinsey (2002) Postmerger Management Practice client survey; client case studies

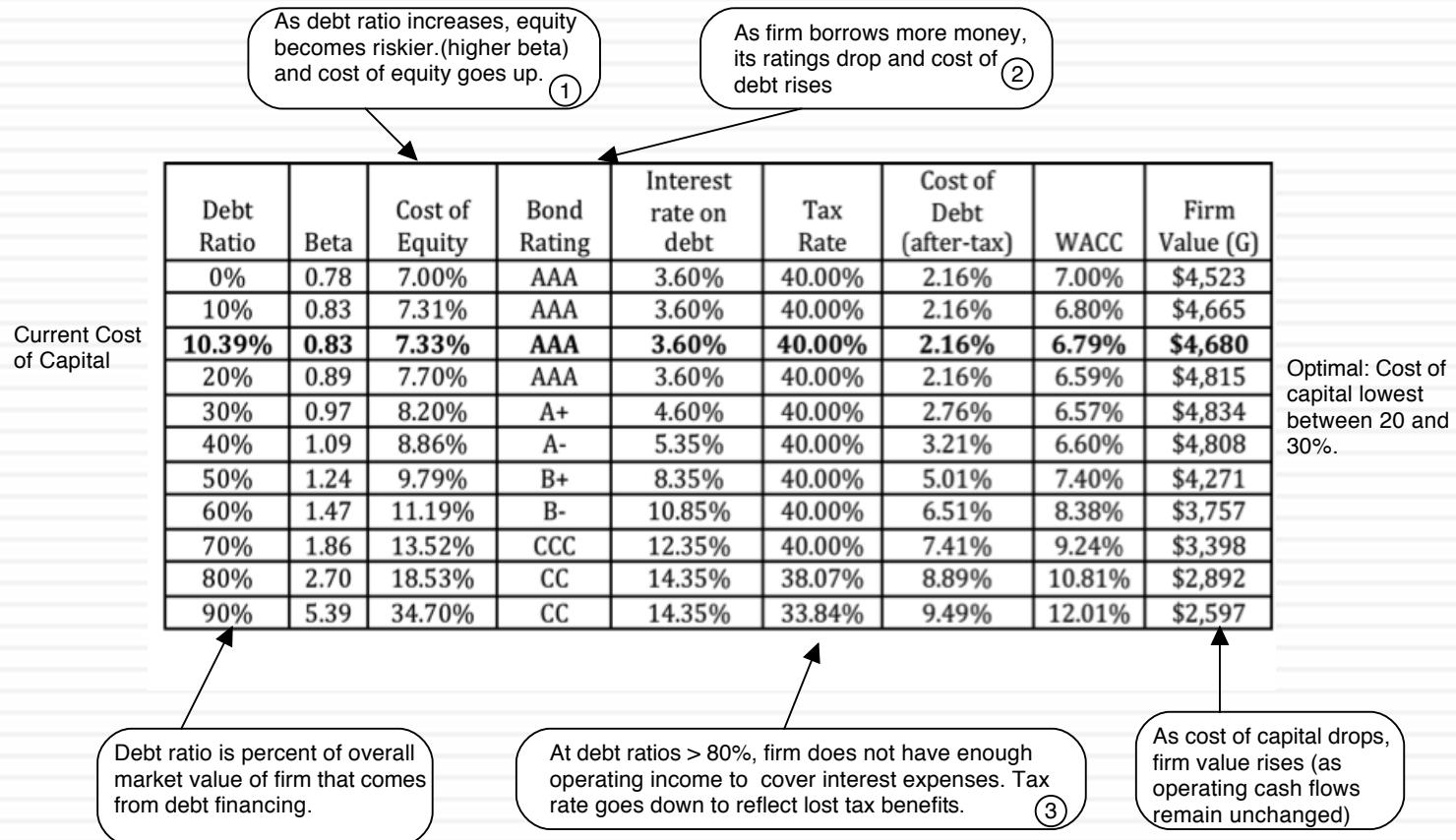
Lesson 2: Increasing growth is not always an option (or at least not a good option)

Modes of organic growth vary in value creation intensity— consumer goods industry



Lesson 3: Financial leverage is a double-edged sword..

Exhibit 7.1: Optimal Financing Mix: Hormel Foods in January 2009



III. Dealing with decline and distress...

Historical 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?

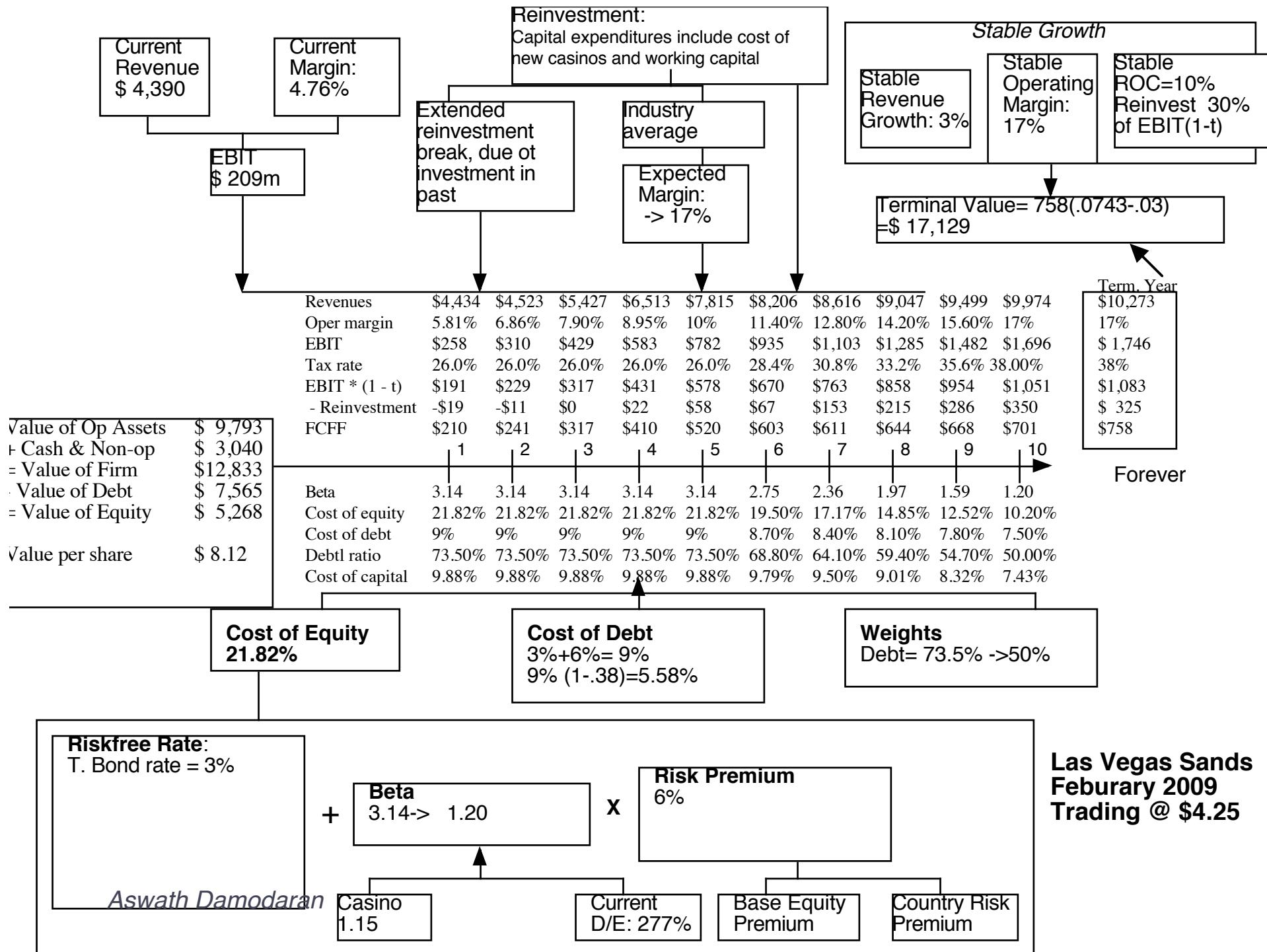
Depending upon the risk of the assets being divested and the use of the proceeds from the divestiture (to pay dividends or retire debt), the risk in both the firm and its equity can change.

When will the firm become a mature firm, 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 cashflows (a distress sale value), DCF valuations will underestimate the value of the firm.
- Value of Equity = DCF value of equity $(1 - \text{Probability of distress}) + \text{Distress sale value of equity} (\text{Probability of distress})$
- 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).



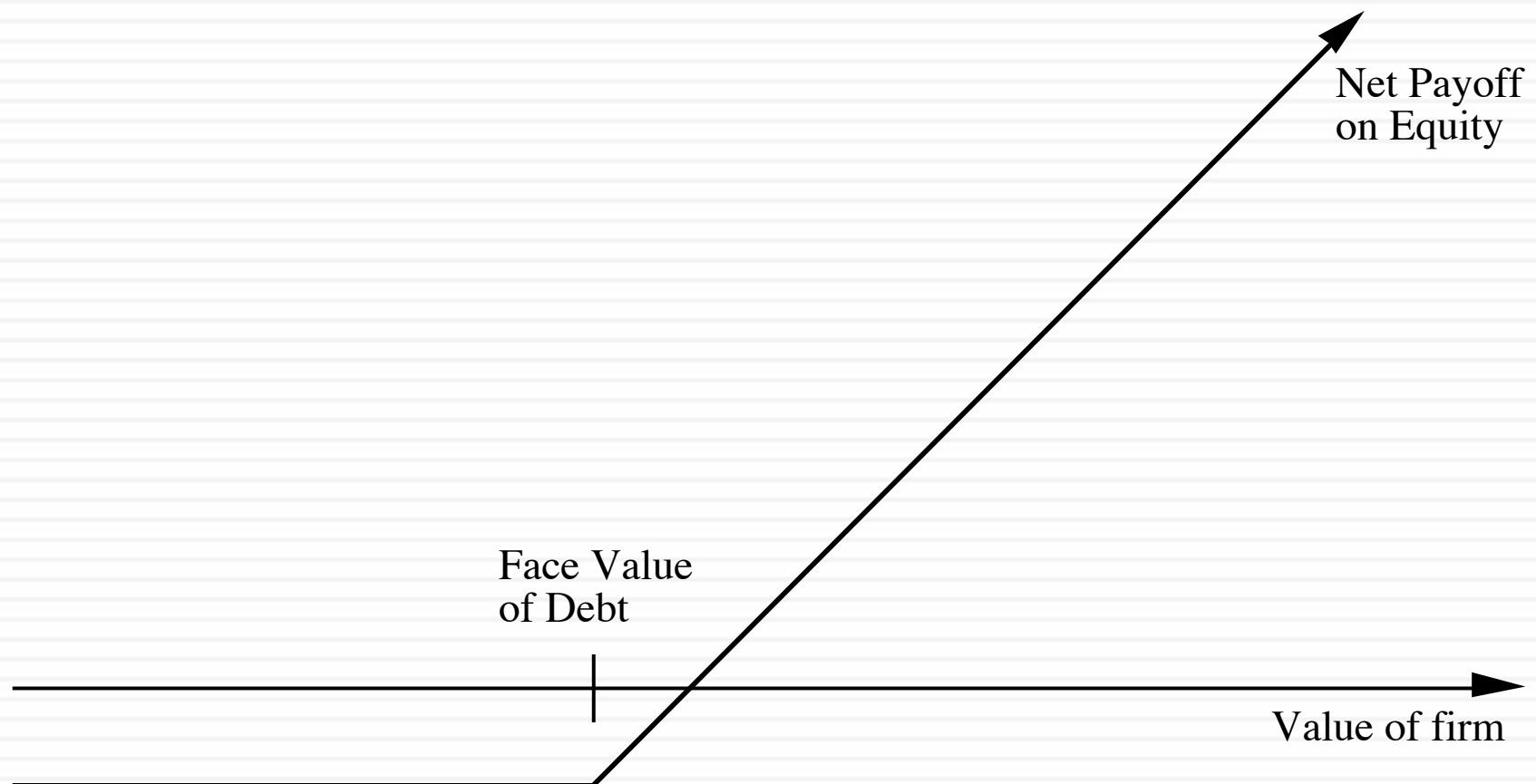
Adjusting the value of LVS for distress..

- 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:

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

- Solving for the probability of bankruptcy, we get:
 - $\pi_{\text{Distress}} = \text{Annual probability of default} = 13.54\%$
 - 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 becomes distressed:
 - Expected distress sale proceeds = \$2,769 million < Face value of debt
 - Expected equity value/share = \$0.00
- Expected value per share = $\$8.12 (1 - .7666) + \$0.00 (.7666) = \$1.92$

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 = σ^2 = Variance in firm value = 0.16
- Riskless rate = r = Treasury bond rate corresponding to option life = 10%

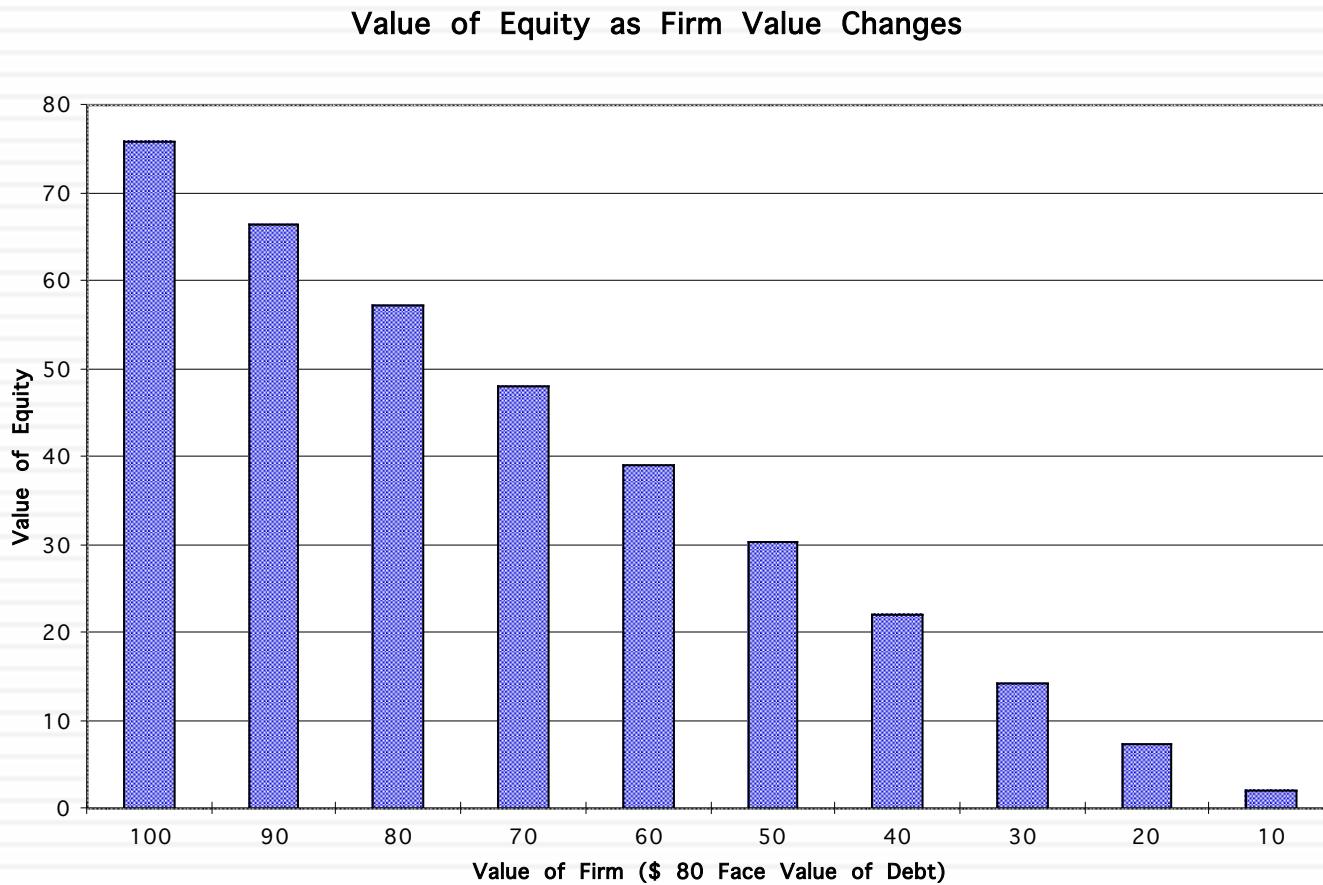
□ The output

- The Black-Scholes model provides the following value for the call:
 - $d_1 = 1.5994$ $N(d_1) = 0.9451$
 - $d_2 = 0.3345$ $N(d_2) = 0.6310$
- 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:
 - $d_1 = 1.0515$ $N(d_1) = 0.8534$
 - $d_2 = -0.2135$ $N(d_2) = 0.4155$
 - ▣ 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..



IV. 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.

What are the cashflows from existing assets?

Preferred stock is a significant source of capital.

What is the value of equity in the firm?

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?

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 firm, 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 to regulators. If they do not, they can be taken over and shut down.

2b. Goldman Sachs: August 2008

Rationale for model

Why dividends? Because FCFE cannot be estimated

Why 3-stage? Because the firm is behaving (reinvesting, growing) like a firm with potential.

Left return on equity at 2008 levels. well below 16% in 2007 and 20% in 2004-2006.

Dividends
 EPS = \$16.77 *
 Payout Ratio 8.35%
 DPS = \$1.40
 (Updated numbers for 2008 financial year ending 11/08)

Retention Ratio = 91.65%

Expected Growth in first 5 years =
 $91.65\% * 13.19\% = 12.09\%$

ROE = 13.19%

$g = 4\%: ROE = 10\% (> \text{Cost of equity})$
 Beta = 1.20
 Payout = $(1 - 4/10) = .60$ or 60%

$$\text{Terminal Value} = \text{EPS}_{10} * \text{Payout} / (r - g) \\ = (42.03 * 1.04 * .6) / (.095 - .04) = 476.86$$

Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
EPS	\$18.80	\$21.07	\$23.62	\$26.47	\$29.67	\$32.78	\$35.68	\$38.26	\$40.41	\$42.03
Payout ratio	8.35%	8.35%	8.35%	8.35%	8.35%	18.68%	29.01%	39.34%	49.67%	60.00%
DPS	\$1.57	\$1.76	\$1.97	\$2.21	\$2.48	\$6.12	\$10.35	\$15.05	\$20.07	\$25.22

Value of Equity per share = PV of Dividends & Terminal value = \$222.49

Forever

Discount at Cost of Equity

Between years 6-10, as growth drops to 4%, payout ratio increases and cost of equity decreases.

In August 2008, Goldman was trading at \$ 169/share.

$$\text{Cost of Equity} \\ 4.10\% + 1.40 (4.5\%) = 10.4\%$$

Riskfree Rate:
 Treasury bond rate
 4.10%

$$+ \boxed{\text{Beta}} \\ 1.40 \quad X \\ \uparrow \\ \text{Average beta for investment banks} = 1.40$$

Risk Premium
 4.5%
 Implied Equity Risk premium in 8/08

$$\boxed{\text{Mature Market}} \\ 4.5\% \quad \boxed{\text{Country Risk}} \\ 0\%$$

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Lesson 1: Financial service companies are opaque...

- With financial service firms, we enter into a Faustian bargain. They tell us very little about the quality of their assets (loans, for a bank, for instance are not broken down by default risk status) but we accept that in return for assets being marked to market (by accountants who presumably have access to the information that we don't have).
- In addition, estimating cash flows for a financial service firm is difficult to do. So, we trust financial service firms to pay out their cash flows as dividends. Hence, the use of the dividend discount model.

Lesson 2: 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:
 - $FCFE = \text{Net Income} - \text{Reinvestment in regulatory capital (book equity)}$

2d. Deutsche Bank: March 2009

Last 2 years

	2007	2008
Net Income	3,954 m	-3,855 m
Dividends	2,146 m	285 m
Risk adjusted assets =	312,882m	
Book Equity =		31,914 m
Regulatory Capital =		

Normalized
Net Income
for base year
3,000 m
Normalized
ROE = 9.4%

Expected
growth in
asset base
4%

Target capital
ratio 10%
Target ROE
10.2%

Stable Growth
 $g = 3\%$; Beta = 1.00
Cost of equity = 10.20%
Return on equity = 10.20%
Reinvestment Rate = $g/ROE = 3/10.20\% = 29.41\%$

Cashflows

$$\text{Terminal Value} = 2,823 / (1.102 - 0.03) = 39,209 \text{ m}$$

	1	2	3	4	5
Asset Base	325,398 €	338,414 €	351,950 €	366,028 €	380,669 €
Capital ratio	10.16%	10.12%	10.08%	10.04%	10.00%
Regulatory Capital	33,060 €	34,247 €	35,477 €	36,749 €	38,067 €
Change in capital	1,146 €	1,187 €	1,229 €	1,273 €	1,318 €
ROE	9.56%	9.72%	9.88%	10.04%	10.20%
Net Income	3,161 €	3,329 €	3,505 €	3,690 €	3,883 €
-Reinvestment	1,146 €	1,187 €	1,229 €	1,273 €	1,318 €
FCFE	2,014 €	2,142 €	2,276 €	2,417 €	2,565 €

3,999
1,176
2,823

PV of CF = 31,383 m
/ # shares 581.85
Value/Share 53.94 €

$$\text{Discount at Cost of equity} = 3.60\% + 1.162 * 6\% + -0.60\% = 11.172\%$$

In March 2009
Deutsche Bank price = 48
Euros/share (down from 89
Euros in early 2008)

Riskfree Rate:
Euro Riskfree Rate =
3.6%

+ Beta
1.162

X

Mature market
premium
6%

Region	Lambda	CRP
Western Europe	0.68	0.00%
United States	0.42	0.00%
Latin America	0.01	4.50%
Africa & Middle East	0.01	7.00%
Asia	0.11	3.50%
Eastern Europe	0.04	3.00%
Deutshce Bank		0.60%

Beta for commercial &
investment banking

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V. 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 are the cashflows from existing assets?

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

What is the value added by growth assets?

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 firm, 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

Year	Revenues	Operating Income	EBITDA	Operating Margin
FY1 1992	¥10,163,380	¥218,511	¥218,511	2.15%
FY1 1993	¥10,210,750	¥181,897	¥181,897	1.78%
FY1 1994	¥9,362,732	¥136,226	¥136,226	1.45%
FY1 1995	¥8,120,975	¥255,719	¥255,719	3.15%
FY1 1996	¥10,718,740	¥348,069	¥348,069	3.25%
FY1 1997	¥12,243,830	¥665,110	¥665,110	5.43%
FY1 1998	¥11,678,400	¥779,800	¥1,382,950	6.68%
FY1 1999	¥12,749,010	¥774,947	¥1,415,997	6.08%
FY1 2000	¥12,879,560	¥775,982	¥1,430,982	6.02%
FY1 2001	¥13,424,420	¥870,131	¥1,542,631	6.48%
FY1 2002	¥15,106,300	¥1,123,475	¥1,822,975	7.44%
FY1 2003	¥16,054,290	¥1,363,680	¥2,101,780	8.49%
FY1 2004	¥17,294,760	¥1,666,894	¥2,454,994	9.64%
FY1 2005	¥18,551,530	¥1,672,187	¥2,447,987	9.01%
FY1 2006	¥21,036,910	¥1,878,342	¥2,769,742	8.93%
FY1 2007	¥23,948,090	¥2,238,683	¥3,185,683	9.35%
FY1 2008	¥26,289,240	¥2,270,375	¥3,312,775	8.64%
FY 2009 (Estimate)	¥22,661,325	¥267,904	¥1,310,304	1.18%
		¥1,306,867		7.33%

Normalized Earnings ①

As a cyclical company, Toyota's earnings have been volatile and 2009 earnings reflect the troubled global economy. We will assume that when economic growth returns, the operating margin for Toyota will revert back to the historical average.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Normalized Operating Income} &= \text{Revenues in 2009} * \text{Average Operating Margin (98--09)} \\ &= 22661 * .0733 = 1660.7 \text{ billion yen} \end{aligned}$$

In early 2009, Toyota Motors had the highest market share in the sector. However, the global economic recession in 2008-09 had pulled earnings down.

Normalized Return on capital and Reinvestment ②

Once earnings bounce back to normal, we assume that Toyota will be able to earn a return on capital equal to its cost of capital (5.09%). This is a sector, where earning excess returns has proved to be difficult even for the best of firms. To sustain a 1.5% growth rate, the reinvestment rate has to be:

$$\text{Reinvestment rate} = 1.5\% / 5.09\% = 29.46\%$$

Operating Assets	19,640
+ Cash	2,288
+ Non-operating assets	6,845
- Debt	11,862
- Minority Interests	583
Value of Equity	
/ No of shares	/3,448
Value per share	¥4735

$$\text{Value of operating assets} = \frac{1660.7 (1.015) (1 - .407) (1 - .2946)}{(.0509 - .015)} = 19,640 \text{ billion}$$

Normalized Cost of capital ③

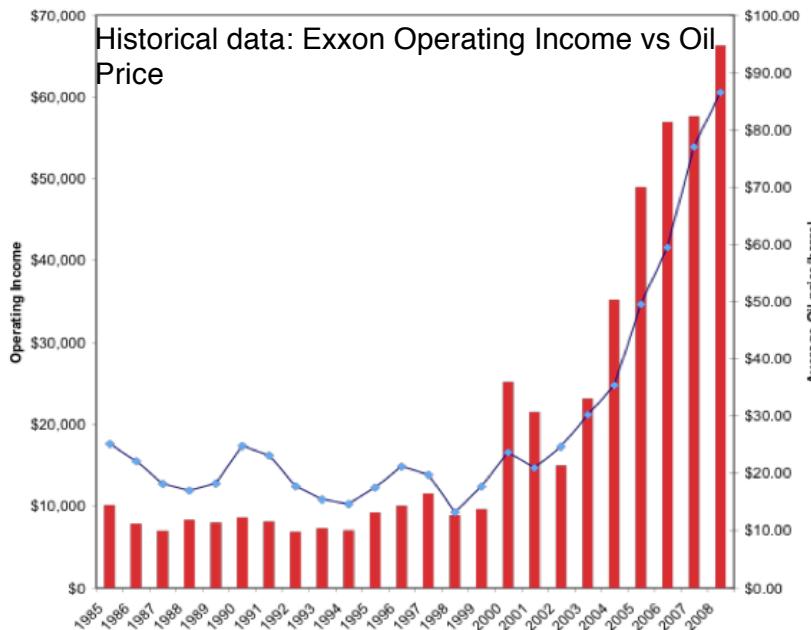
The cost of capital is computed using the average beta of automobile companies (1.10), and Toyota's cost of debt (3.25%) and debt ratio (52.9% debt ratio). We use the Japanese marginal tax rate of 40.7% for computing both the after-tax cost of debt and the after-tax operating income

$$\text{After-tax Capital Cost} = 1.10 * (.0509) + 3.25\% (1 - .407) (.529) = 5.09\%$$

Stable Growth ④

Once earnings are normalized, we assume that Toyota, as the largest market-share company, will be able to maintain only stable growth (1.5% in Yen terms)

Valuing a commodity company - Exxon in Early 2009



Regressing Exxon's operating income against the oil price per barrel from 1985-2008:

$$\text{Operating Income} = -6,395 + 911.32 (\text{Average Oil Price}) \quad R^2 = 90.2\% \\ (2.95) \quad (14.59)$$

Exxon Mobil's operating income increases about \$9.11 billion for every \$ 10 increase in the price per barrel of oil and 90% of the variation in Exxon's earnings over time comes from movements in oil prices.

Estimate normalized income based on current oil price ①

At the time of the valuation, the oil price was \$ 45 a barrel. Exxon's operating income based on this price is

$$\text{Normalized Operating Income} = -6,395 + 911.32 (\$45) = \$34,614$$

Estimate return on capital and reinvestment rate based on normalized income ②

This operating income translates into a return on capital of approximately 21% and a reinvestment rate of 9.52%, based upon a 2% growth rate.

$$\text{Reinvestment Rate} = g / \text{ROC} = 2 / 21\% = 9.52\%$$

$$\text{Value of operating assets} = \frac{34,614(1 - .38)(1 - .0952)}{(.0818 - .02)} = \$320,472 \text{ million}$$

Exxon's cost of capital ④

Exxon has been a predominantly equity funded company, and is expected to remain so, with a debt ratio of only 2.85%. Its cost of equity is 8.35% (based on a beta of 0.90) and its pre-tax cost of debt is 3.75% (given AAA rating). The marginal tax rate is 38%.

$$\text{Cost of capital} = 8.35\% (0.7157) + 3.75\% (1 - .38) (.0285) = 8.18\%.$$

Expected growth in operating income ③

Since Exxon Mobile is the largest oil company in the world, we will assume an expected growth of only 2% in perpetuity.

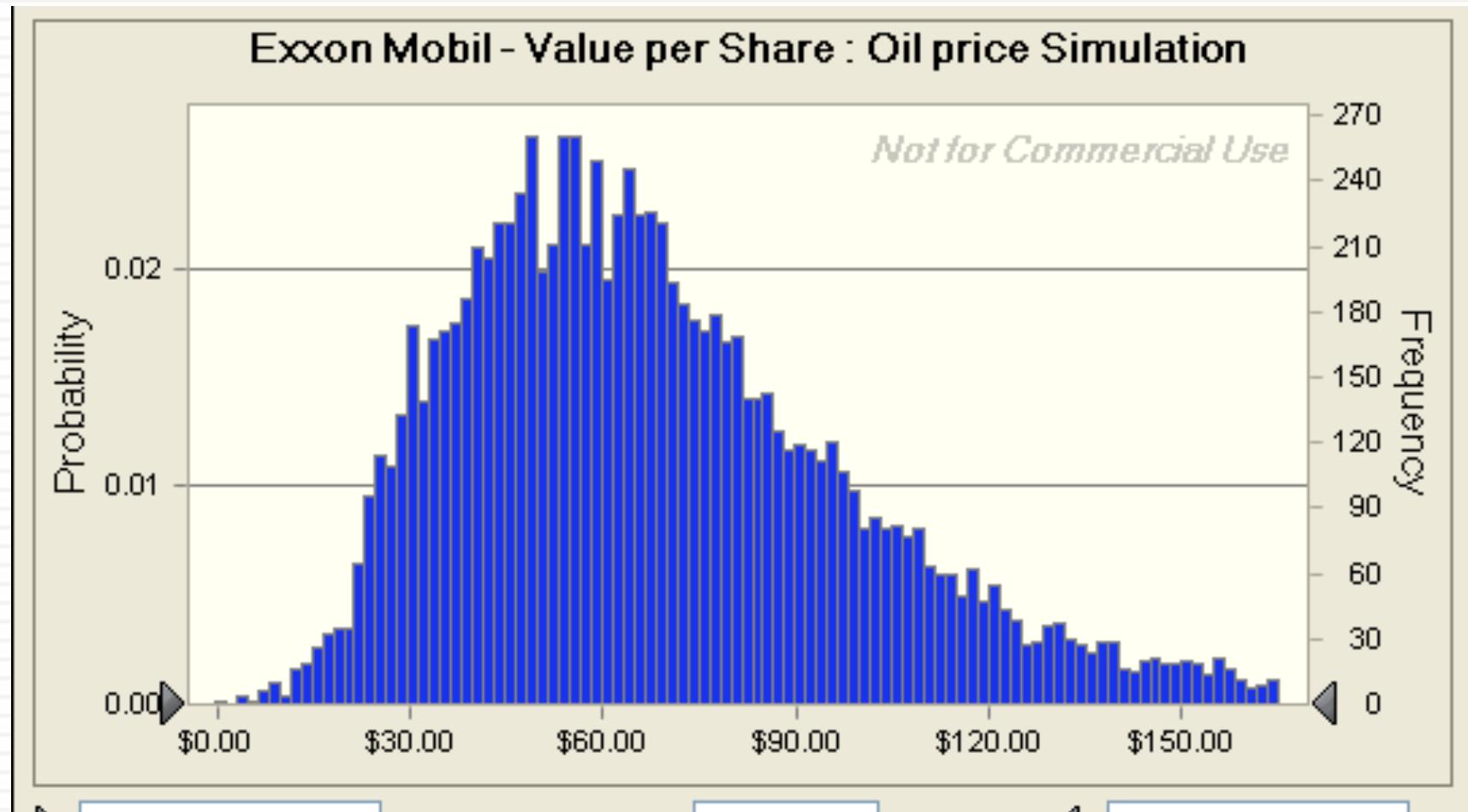
Lesson 1: With “macro” companies, it is easy to get lost in “macro” assumptions...

- 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.

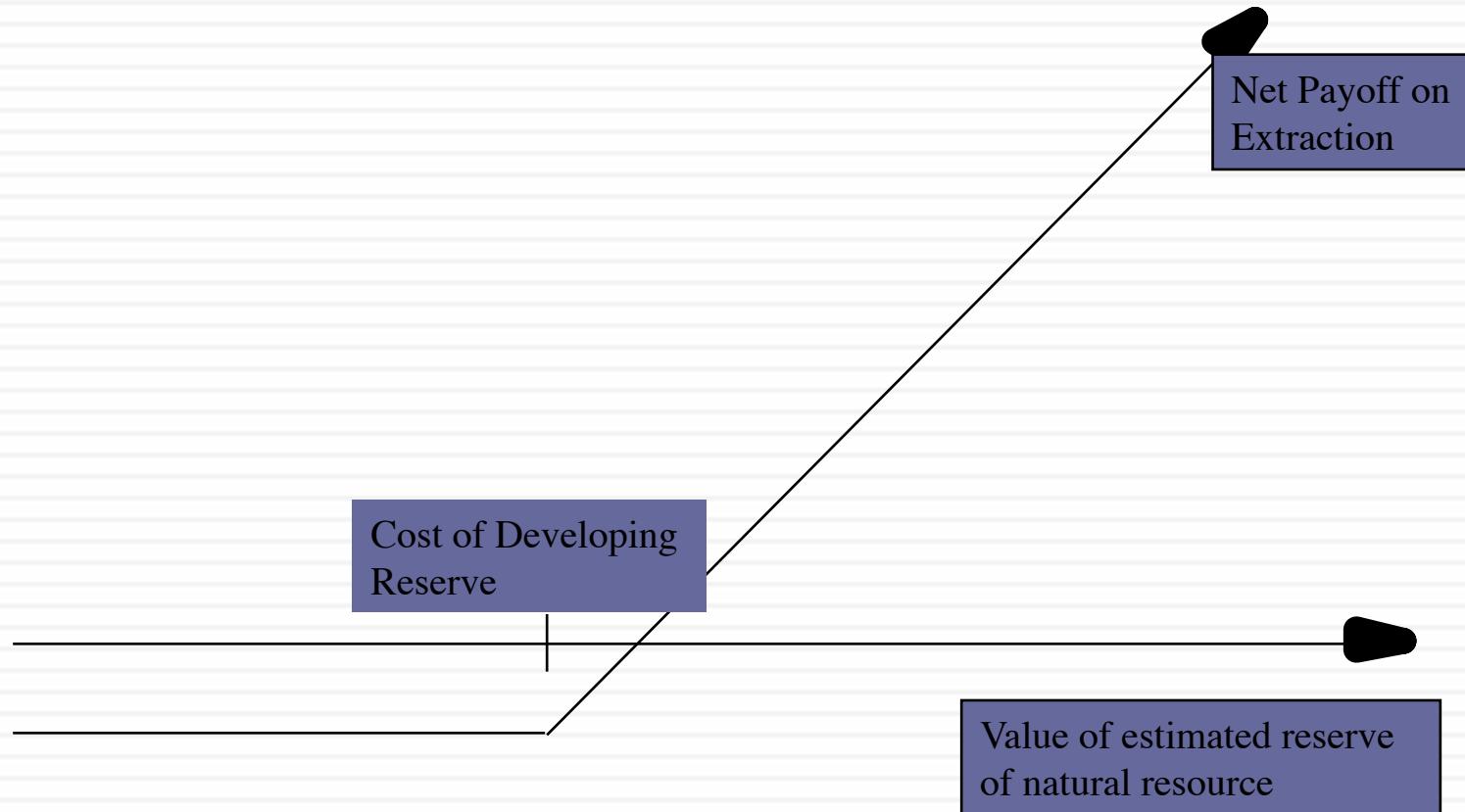
Lesson 2: Use probabilistic tools to assess value as a function of macro variables...

- 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)

Exxon Mobil Valuation: Simulation



The optionality in commodities: Undeveloped reserves as an option



Valuing Gulf Oil

- Gulf Oil was the target of a takeover in early 1984 at \$70 per share (It had 165.30 million shares outstanding, and total debt of \$9.9 billion).
 - ▣ It had estimated reserves of 3038 million barrels of oil and the average cost of developing these reserves was estimated to be \$10 a barrel in present value dollars (The development lag is approximately two years).
 - ▣ The average relinquishment life of the reserves is 12 years.
 - ▣ The price of oil was \$22.38 per barrel, and the production cost, taxes and royalties were estimated at \$7 per barrel.
 - ▣ The bond rate at the time of the analysis was 9.00%.
 - ▣ Gulf was expected to have net production revenues each year of approximately 5% of the value of the developed reserves. The variance in oil prices is 0.03.

Valuing Undeveloped Reserves

- Inputs for valuing undeveloped reserves
 - Value of underlying asset = Value of estimated reserves discounted back for period of development lag= $3038 * (\$ 22.38 - \$7) / 1.05^2 = \$42,380.44$
 - Exercise price = Estimated development cost of reserves = $3038 * \$10 = \$30,380$ million
 - Time to expiration = Average length of relinquishment option = 12 years
 - Variance in value of asset = Variance in oil prices = 0.03
 - Riskless interest rate = 9%
 - Dividend yield = Net production revenue/ Value of developed reserves = 5%
- Based upon these inputs, the Black-Scholes model provides the following value for the call:
 - $d_1 = 1.6548 \quad N(d_1) = 0.9510$
 - $d_2 = 1.0548 \quad N(d_2) = 0.8542$
- Call Value= $42,380.44 \exp^{(-0.05)(12)} (0.9510) - 30,380 (\exp^{(-0.09)(12)} (0.8542)) = \$13,306$ million

The composite value...

- In addition, Gulf Oil had free cashflows to the firm from its oil and gas production of \$915 million from already developed reserves and these cashflows are likely to continue for ten years (the remaining lifetime of developed reserves).
- The present value of these developed reserves, discounted at the weighted average cost of capital of 12.5%, yields:
 - Value of already developed reserves = $915 (1 - 1.125^{-10})/.125 = \5065.83
- Adding the value of the developed and undeveloped reserves
 - Value of undeveloped reserves = \$ 13,306 million
 - Value of production in place = \$ 5,066 million
 - Total value of firm = \$ 18,372 million
 - Less Outstanding Debt = \$ 9,900 million
 - Value of Equity = \$ 8,472 million
 - Value per share = $\$ 8,472/165.3 = \51.25

VII. 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

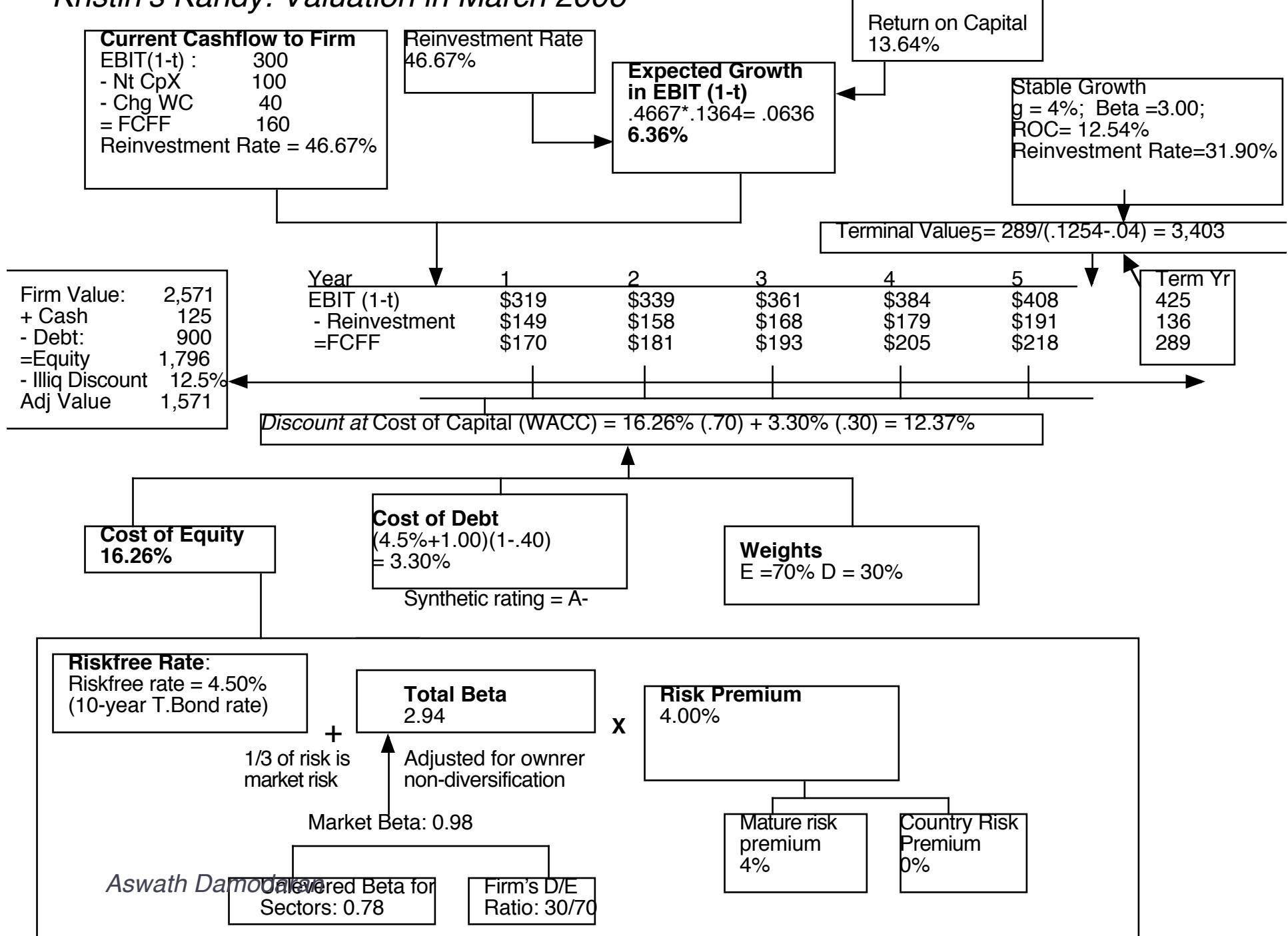
How **risky** are the **cash flows** from both existing assets and growth assets?
Equity: Risk in equity in the company
Firm: Risk in the firm's operations

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

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

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

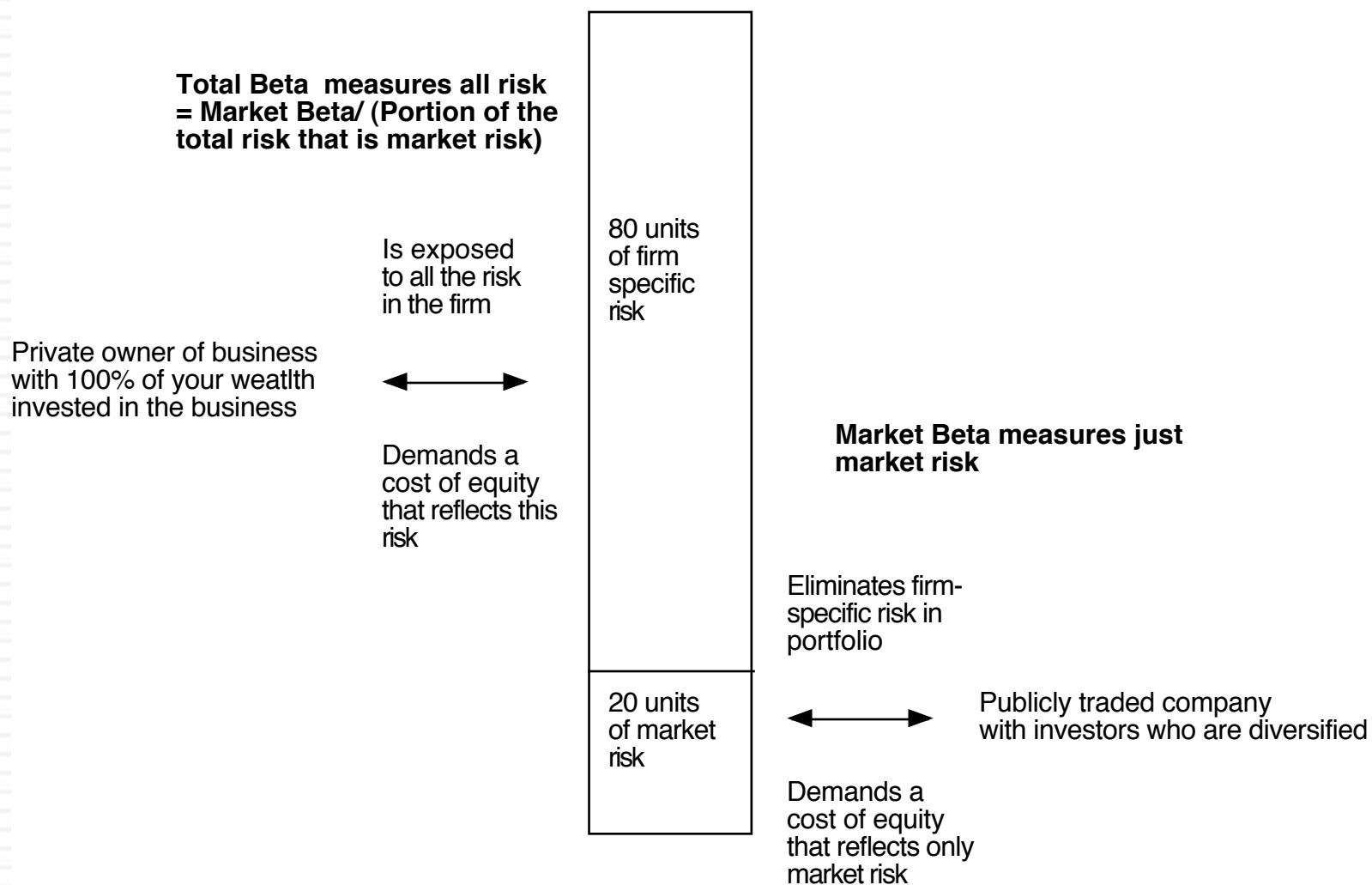
Kristin's Kandy: Valuation in March 2006



Lesson 1: In private businesses, risk in the eyes of the “beholder” (buyer)

Private business owner with entire wealth invested in the business	Venture capitalist, with multiple holdings in the sector.	Public company investor with diversified portfolio
Exposed to all risk in the company. Total beta measures exposure to total risk. Total Beta = Market Beta / Correlation of firm with market	Partially diversified. Diversify away some firm specific risk but not all. Beta will fall between total and market beta.	Firm-specific risk is diversified away. Market or macro risk exposure captured in a market beta or betas.

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



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 = $2.34 \left(1 - (1 - 0.4)(30/70) \right) = 2.94$
 - ▣ Total Cost of Equity = $4.50\% + 2.94 \times 4\% = 16.26\%$

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.



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RELATIVE VALUATION

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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 EPS 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.

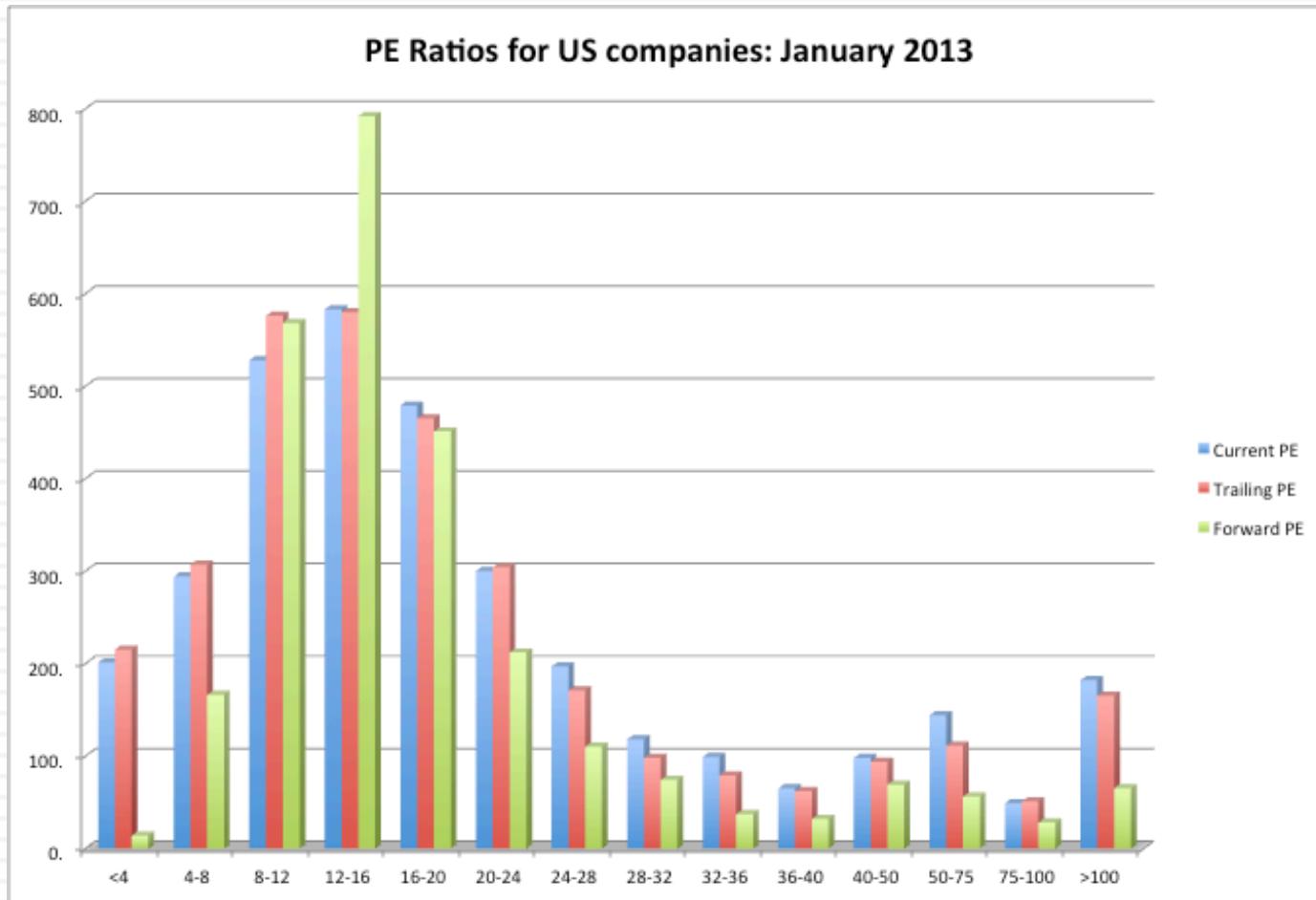
$$\frac{\text{Enterprise Value}}{\text{EBITDA}} = \frac{\text{Market Value of Equity} + \text{Market Value of Debt} - \text{Cash}}{\text{Earnings before Interest, Taxes and Depreciation}}$$

- 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...

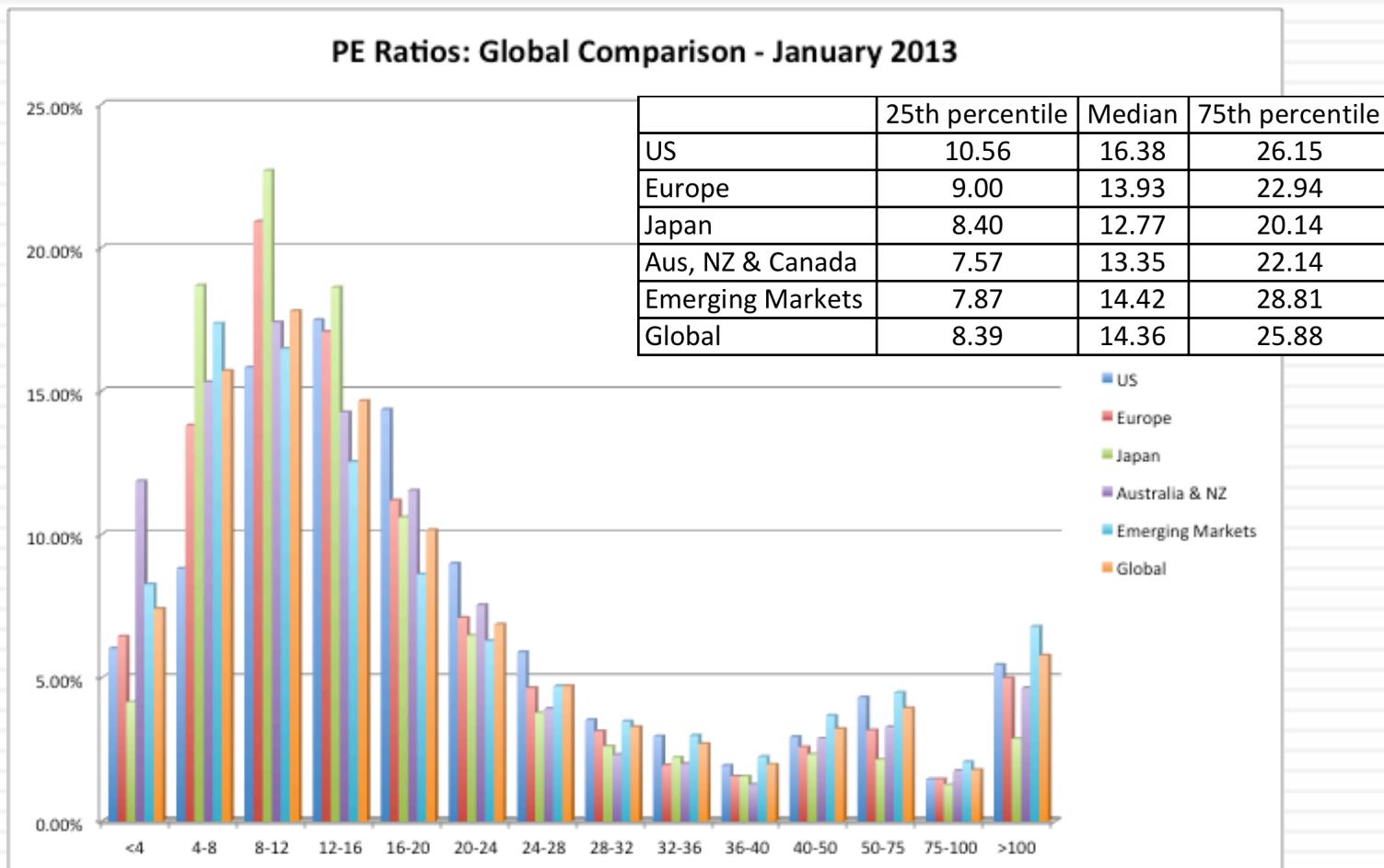


2. Making statistics “dicey”

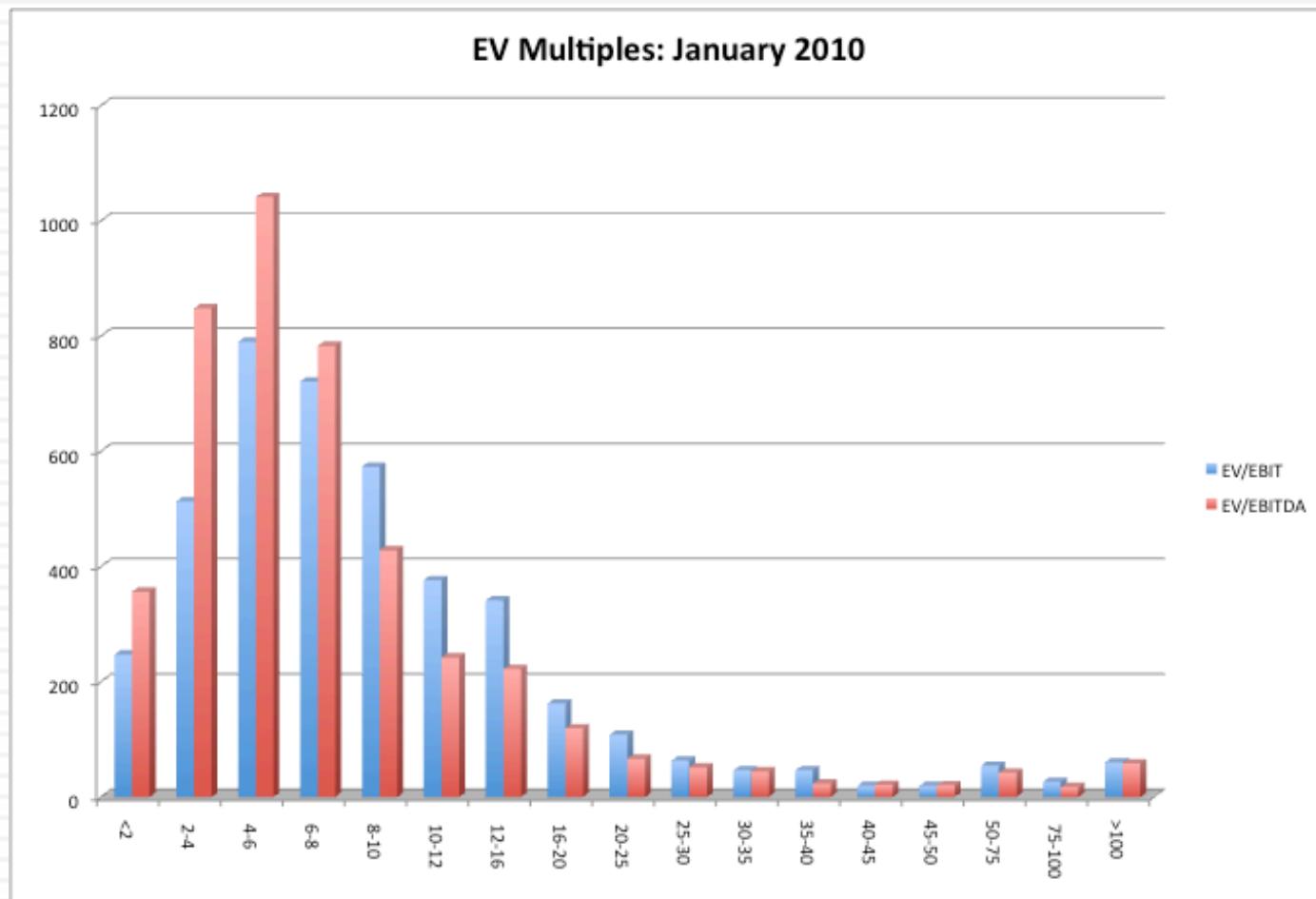
	Current PE	Trailing PE	Forward PE
Total number of firms	7871	7871	7871
Number of firms with PE	3337	3278	2674
Average	83.86	43.88	24.45
Median	16.38	15.79	14.87
Maximum	50,463.64	8,840.31	3,192.76
Standard Deviation	1,299.9	250.87	83.5
Standard Error	22.5	4.38	1.61
Skewness	34.26	22.02	28.92
Kurtosis	1,250.28	620.81	995.61
25th Percentile	10.56	10.17	11.52
75th Percentile	26.15	24.15	20.2

3. Markets have a lot in common

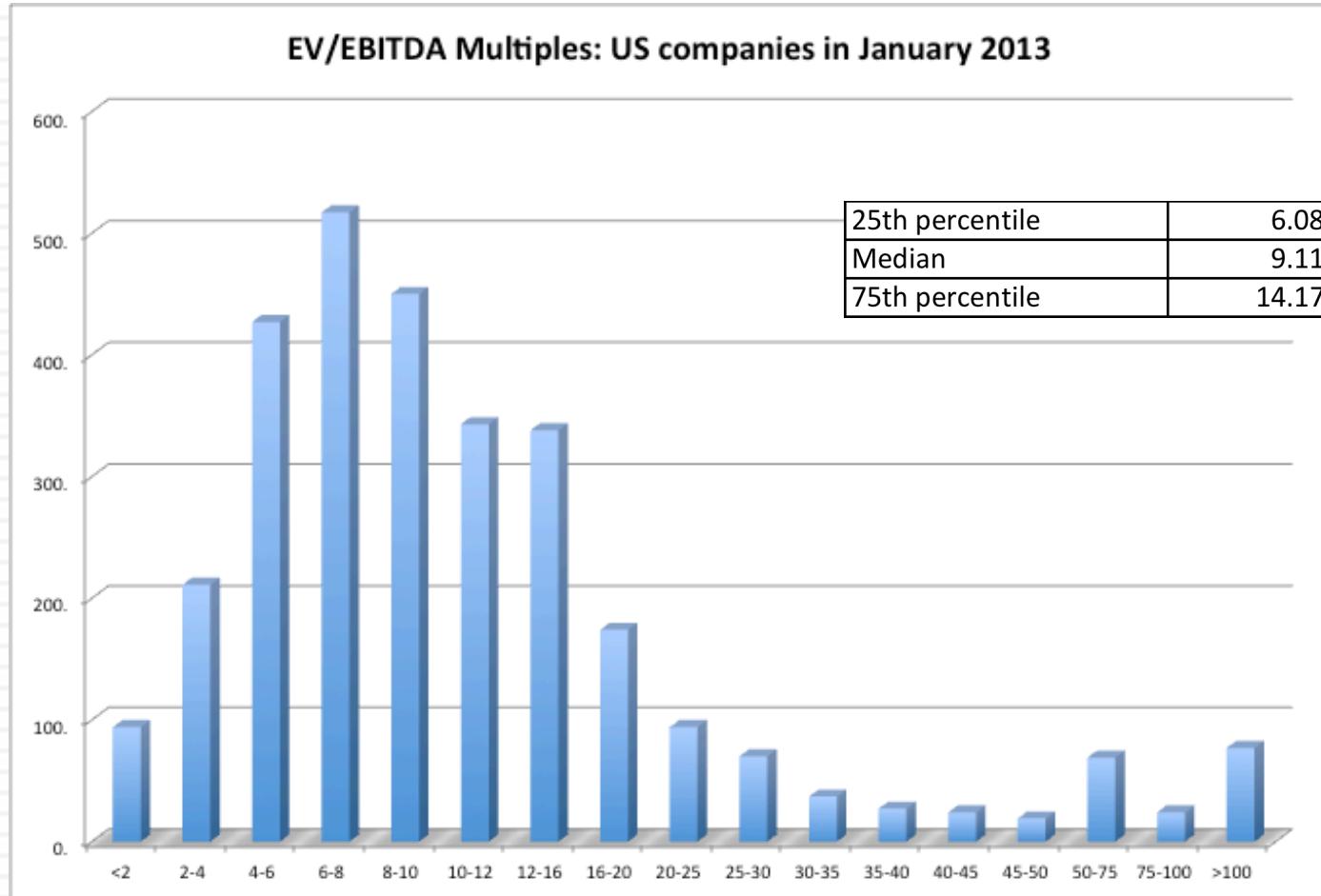
PE Ratios: Global comparison – January 2013



4. Simplistic rules almost always break down...6 times EBITDA may not be cheap...



Or it may be...



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,

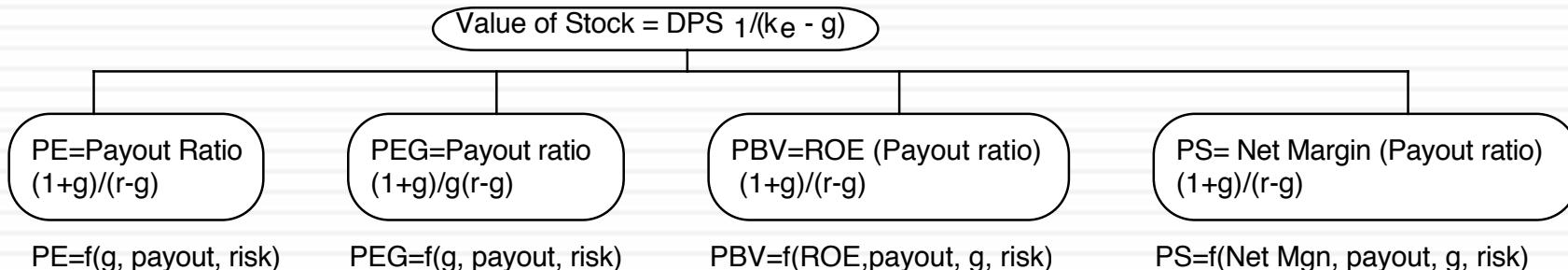
$$\frac{P_0}{EPS_0} = PE = \frac{\text{Payout Ratio} * (1 + g_n)}{r - g_n}$$

- If this had been a FCFE Model,

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

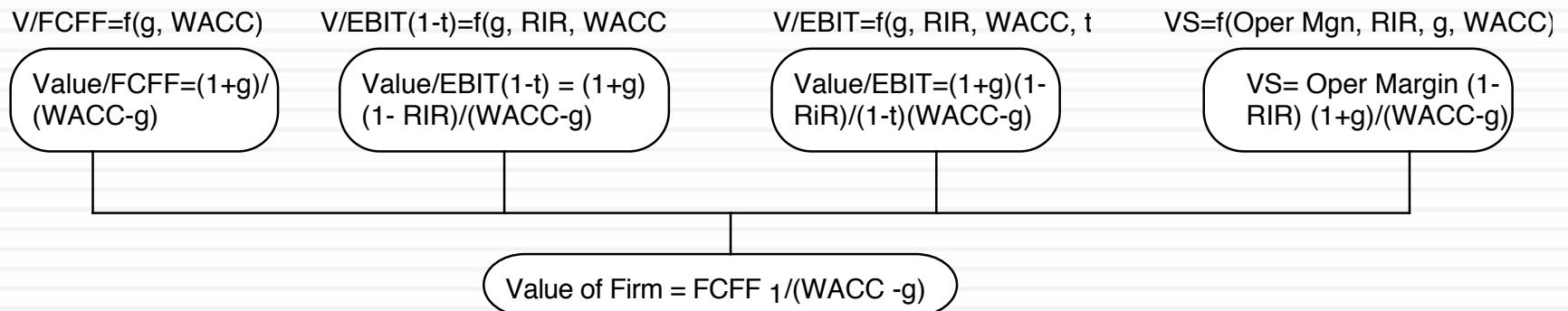
$$\frac{P_0}{EPS_0} = PE = \frac{(FCFE/\text{Earnings}) * (1 + g_n)}{r - g_n}$$

The Determinants of Multiples...



Equity Multiples

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

PE, Growth and Risk

- Dependent variable is: PE
- 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	-13.8531	3.606	-3.84	0.0009
Emerging Market is a dummy:			1 if emerging market 0 if not	

The Drivers of PE Ratios...

- Regressing PE ratios against growth, we get
 $PE = 14.86 + 0.85 \text{ (Expected growth rate)} R^2 = 49\%$
 - Plugging in Amgen's expected growth rate of 15%, we get
 $PE = 14.86 + 0.85 (15) = 27.61$
- At 16 times earnings, Amgen seems to be significantly undervalued by almost 40% relative to the rest of the pharmaceutical sector.

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.

PE Ratio: Standard Regression for US stocks - January 2013

Model Summary

Model	R	R Square	Adjusted R Square	Std. Error of the Estimate
1	.595 ^a	.354	.352	780.421220

a. Predictors: (Constant), Payout Ratio, Expected Growth in EPS: next 5 years, 3-yr Regression Beta

Coefficients^{a,b}

Model		Unstandardized Coefficients		Standardized Coefficients	t	Sig.
		B	Std. Error			
1	(Constant)	7.949	.748	.470	10.625	.000
	Expected Growth in EPS: next 5 years	57.720	3.184		18.128	.000
	3-yr Regression Beta	-3.596	.447		-8.040	.000
	Payout Ratio	11.480	.905		12.686	.000

a. Dependent Variable: Current PE

b. Weighted Least Squares Regression – Weighted by Market Cap

Fundamentals in other markets: PE regressions across markets...

Region	Regression – January 2013	R squared
Europe	PE = 11.39 + 50.75 Expected Growth in EPS for next 5 years + 8.53 Payout – 2.77 Beta	31.9%
Japan	PE = 8.29 + 31.39 Expected Growth in EPS for next 5 years + 17.98 Payout	44.9%
Emerging Markets	PE = 15.22 + 43.52 Expected Growth in EPS for next 5 years + 2.01 Payout – 3.67 Beta	32.9%

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...

