## Advanced-Valuation

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### Some Initial Thoughts

" One hundred thousand lemmings cannot be wrong"



Graffiti

#### 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.

#### 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 <u>life of the asset</u>
  - to estimate the <u>cash flows</u> during the life of the asset
  - to estimate the <u>discount rate</u> to apply to these cash flows to get present value
- Market Inefficiency: Markets are assumed to make <u>mistakes</u> in pricing assets <u>across time</u>, and are assumed to correct themselves over time, as new information comes out about assets.

### DCF Choices: Equity Valuation versus Firm Valuation



#### The Drivers of Value...









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

Approximate Operating income= 5,071 m + 870 m (.0563) = 5,120 million

### Capitalizing R&D Expenses: Amgen

R	& D	was	assumed	to	have a	a 10-	year	life
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Year	R&D Expense	Unamor	tized portion	Amortization this year
Current	3366.00	1.00	3366.00	
-1	2314.00	0.90	2082.60	\$231.40
-2	2028.00	0.80	1622.40	\$202.80
-3	1655.00	0.70	1158.50	\$165.50
-4	1117.00	0.60	670.20	\$111.70
-5	865.00	0.50	432.50	\$86.50
-6	845.00	0.40	338.00	\$84.50
-7	823.00	0.30	246.90	\$82.30
-8	663.00	0.20	132.60	\$66.30
-9	631.00	0.10	63.10	\$63.10
-10	558.00	0.00	0.00	\$55.80
Value of Rea	search Asset =		\$10,112.80	\$1,149.90
Adjusted Op	perating Income = \$5,12	20 + 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

- <u>Research and development expenses</u>, once they have been re-categorized as capital expenses.
- <u>Acquisitions of other firms</u>, 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

If we define capital expenditures broadly to include R&D and acquisitions:Accounting Capital Expenditures =\$1,218 million- Accounting Depreciation =\$ 963 millionAccounting Net Cap Ex =\$ 255 millionNet R&D Cap Ex = (3366-1150) =\$2,216 millionAcquisitions in 2006 =\$3,975 millionTotal 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. Betas do not come from regressions...



## Look better for some companies, but looks can be deceptive...





#### Bottom-up Betas



#### Two examples...

#### Amgen

- The unlevered beta for pharmaceutical firms is 1.59. Using Amgen's debt to equity ratio of 11%, the bottom up beta for Amgen is
- Bottom-up Beta = 1.59 (1 + (1 .35)(.11)) = 1.73

#### **Tata Motors**

- The unlevered beta for automobile firms is 0.98. Using Tata Motor's debt to equity ratio of 33.87%, the bottom up beta for Tata Motors is
- Bottom-up Beta = 0.98 (1 + (1 .3399)(.3387)) = 1.20
- A Question to ponder: Tata Motors recently made two big investments.
  - <u>Tata Nano</u>: Promoted as the cheapest car in the world, Tata Motors hopes that volume (especially in Asia) will make up for tight margins.
  - <u>Jaguar/Land Rover</u>: Tata acquired both firms, catering to luxury markets. What effect will these investments have on Tata Motor's beta?

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

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

	Arithmet	tic Average	Geometric Average		
	Stocks - T. Bills	Stocks - T. Bonds	Stocks - T. Bills	Stocks - T. Bonds	
1928-2011	7.55%	5.79%	5.62%	4.10%	
	2.22%	2.36%			
1962-2011	5.38%	3.36%	4.02%	2.35%	
	2.39%	2.68%			
2002-2011	3.12%	-1.92%	1.08%	-3.61%	
	6.46%	8.94%			

#### An alternative is to back out the premium from market prices:

In the trailing 12 months, the cash returned to stockholders was 74.17. Using the average cash yield of 4.71% for 2002-2011 the cash returned would have been 59.29.

Analysts expect earnings to grow 9.6% in 2012, 11.9% in 2013, 8.2% in 2014, 4.5% in 2015 and 2% therafter, resulting in a compounded annual growth rate of 7.18% over the next 5 years. We will assume that dividends & buybacks will grow 7.18% a year for the next 5 years.

After year 5, we will assume that earnings on the index will grow at 1.87%, the same rate as the entire economy (= riskfree rate).

		63.54	68.11	73.00	78.24	83.86
		1257 60 -	63.54 68.11	73.00 78.24	83.86 83.8	6(1.0187)
	January 1, 2012	1257.00 -	$\frac{1}{(1+r)} \frac{1}{(1+r)^2}$	$(1+r)^3$ $(1+r)^4$	$\frac{1}{(1+r)^5} + \frac{1}{(r0)^5}$	$(187)(1+r)^5$
	S&P 500 is at 1257.60					/ / /
	Adjusted Dividends &		Expected	Return on Sto	cks (1/1/12)	= 7.91%
	Buybacks for $2011 = 59.2$	.9	T.Bond ra	ate on 1/1/12		= 1.87%
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#### Data Sources:

Dividends and Buybacks last year. S&P Expected growth rate: News stories, Yahoo! Finance, Bloomberg

#### Implied Premiums in the US: 1960-2011



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



#### V. 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:
  - *Default spread on Country Bond*: 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 = 4.5%
    - Equity Risk Premium for India = 4.5% + 3% = 7.5%
  - *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\*  $\sigma_{\text{Country Equity}} / \sigma_{\text{Country Bond}}$ 

- Standard Deviation in Sensex = 30%
- Standard Deviation in Indian government bond= 20%
- Default spread on Indian Bond= 3%
- Total equity risk premium for India = 4.5% + 3% (30/20) = 9%

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							Albania	12.00%		Bangladesh	10.88%
			Aust	ia [1]	6.00%		Armenia	10.13%		Cambodia	13.50%
	_, , _		Belgi	um [1]	7.05%		Azerbaijan	9.60%		China	7.05%
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Br	azil	8.63%	Portu	gal [1]	10.13%		Moldova	15.00%		Philippines	10.13%
Ch	nile	7.05%	Spair		7.28%		Montenegro	10.88%		Singapore	6.00%
Co	olombia	9.00%	Swee	len	6.00%		Poland Poland	1.50%	)	Sri Lanka	12.00%
Co	osta Rica	9.00%	Switz	erland	6.00%		Romania	9.00%	0	Taiwan	7.05%
Ec	uador	18.75%	Unite	d Kingdom	6.00%		Russia Slavalia	8.23%	-	Thailand	8.25%
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Gu	ıatemala	9.60%		•	(			12 500	1	Vietnam	12.00%
Ho	onduras	13.50%	Angola	1	0.88%		Ukraine	15.30%	23	_ /	
Me	exico	8.25%	Botswa	na	7.50%	Bah	rain	8 25%	-	Australia	6.00%
Ni	caragua	15.00%	Egypt	1	3.50%	Isra	el	7 28%		New Zealand	6.00%
Pa	nama	9.00%	Mauriti	us	8.63%	Ior	lan	10.13%		0	
Pa	raguay	12.00%	Morocc	0	9.60%	Kux	vait	675%			
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6.75%

United Arab Emirates

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

If we treat country risk as a separate risk factor and allow firms to have different exposures to country risk (perhaps based upon the proportion of their revenues come from non-domestic sales)

E(Return)=Riskfree Rate+  $\beta$  (US premium) +  $\lambda$  (Country ERP)

The easiest and most accessible data is on revenues. Most companies break their revenues down by region. One simplistic solution would be to do the following:

 $\lambda = \%$  of revenues domestically<sub>firm</sub>/ % of revenues domestically<sub>avg firm</sub>

Consider two firms – Tata Motors and Tata Consulting Services. 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:

$$\begin{split} \lambda_{Tata\;Motors} &= 91\%/80\% = 1.14 \\ \lambda_{TCS} &= 7.62\%/80\% = 0.09 \end{split}$$

- There are two implications
  - A company's risk exposure is determined by where it does business and not by where it is located
  - Firms might be able to actively manage their country risk exposures

### Estimating lambdas: Tata Motors versus TCS

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

# VII. Discount rates can (and often should) change over time...

- The inputs into the cost of capital the cost of equity (beta), the cost of debt (default risk) and the debt ratio can change over time. For younger firms, they should change over time.
- At the minimum, they should change when you get to your terminal year to inputs that better reflect a mature firm.

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



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



#### Terminal Value and Growth

	Amgen	Tata Motors	Kristin Kandy	Amazon
0%	\$150,652	INR 435,686	\$3,387	\$27,973
1%	\$154,749	INR 435,686	\$3,387	\$29,662
2%	\$160,194	INR 435,686	\$3,387	\$31,794
3%	\$167,784	INR 435,686	\$3,387	\$34,573
4%	\$179,099	INR 435,686	\$3,387	\$38,342
ROIC	10.00%	10.39%	12.54%	20.00%
Cost of capital	8.08%	10.39%	12.54%	9.61%

#### X. The loose ends matter...

Value of Operating Assets	Since this is a discounted cashflow valuation, should there be a real option premium?
+ Cash and Marketable Securities	Operating versus Non-opeating cash Should cash be discounted for earning a low return?
+ Value of Cross Holdings	How do you value cross holdings in other companies? What if the cross holdings are in private businesses?
+ Value of Other Assets	What about other valuable assets? How do you consider under utililized assets?
Value of Firm	Should you discount this value for opacity or complexity? How about a premium for synergy? What about a premium for intangibles (brand name)?
- Value of Debt	What should be counted in debt? Should you subtract book or market value of debt? What about other obligations (pension fund and health care? What about contingent liabilities? What about minority interests?
= Value of Equity	Should there be a premium/discount for control? Should there be a discount for distress
- Value of Equity Options	What equity options should be valued here (vested versus non-vested)? How do you value equity options?
= Value of Common Stock	Should you divide by primary or diluted shares?
/ Number of shares	
= Value per share	Should there be a discount for illiquidity/ marketability? Should there be a discount for minority interests?

#### 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?



### 2. Dealing with Holdings in Other firms

The accounting for cross holdings is varied (and confounding)

- <u>Minority passive holdings</u>, in which case only the dividend from the holdings is shown in the balance sheet
- <u>Minority active holdings</u>, in which case the share of equity income is shown in the income statements
- <u>Majority active holdings</u>, in which case the financial statements are consolidated.
- 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 with parent company only financials & detailed information on each subsidiary to estimated cash flows and discount rates.
- In the real world, that is not always forthcoming leaving you with the following approximations:
  - Market value of holdings, for publicly traded subsidiaries
  - Price to book ratio applied to book holdings, for private subisidiaries

### 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 cashflows, 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%
<b>Business Mix</b>	Single Business	Multiple Businesses
Holdings	Simple	Complex
Accounting	Transparent	Opaque

■ Which firm would you value more highly?

### Measuring Complexity: Volume of Data in Financial Statements

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

#### Measuring Complexity: A Complexity Score

ltem	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	
Fax 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	1
	3. Headquarters in tax havens	Yes or No	No	Yes=3	0	0	1
	4. Volatile effective tax rate	Yes or No	Yes	Yes=2	2.	0	1
Capital Expenditures	1. Volatile capital expenditures	Yes or No	Yes	Yes=2	2	2	1
	2. Frequent and large acquisitions	Yes or No	Yes	Yes=4	4	<u> </u>	1
	3. Stock payment for acquisitions and		105		•		
	investments	Yes or No	No	Yes=4	0	4	
Working capital	1. Unspecified current assets and current						
	liabilities	Yes or No	No	Yes=3	0	0	1
	2. Volatile working capital items	Yes or No	Yes	Yes=2	2	2	1
expected Growth rate	1. Off-balance sheet assets and liabilities (operating leases and $R \& D$ )						
	(operating leases and K&D)	Yes or No	No	Yes=3	0	3	
	<ol> <li>Substantial stock buybacks</li> <li>Changing return on capital over time</li> </ol>	Yes or No	No	Yes=3	0	3	
		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	
lost of capital	1. Multiple businesses	Number of businesses (more than 10% of revenues) =	1	1.00	1	20	
	2. Operations in emerging markets	Percent of revenues=	50%	5.00	2.5	2.5	1
	3. Is the debt market traded?	Yes or No	No	No=2	2	0	1
	4. Does the company have a rating?	Yes or No	Yes	No=2	0	0	1
	5. Does the company have off-balance sheet		105	110 2			1
	debt?	Yes or No	No	Yes=5	0	5	
lo-operating assets	Minority holdings as percent of book assets	Minority holdings as percent of book assets	0%	20.00	0	0.8	1
firm to Equity value	Consolidation of subsidiaries	Minority interest as percent of book value of equity	63%	20.00	12.6	1.2	1
er share value	Shares with different voting rights	Does the firm have shares with different voting rights?	Yes	Yes = 10	10	0	1
	Equity options outstanding	Options outstanding as percent of shares	0%	10.00	0	0.25	1
		Complexity Score =			48.95	90.55	l I

#### 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

	P&G	Gillette	Piglet: No Synergy	Piglet: Synergy	
Free Cashflow to Equity	\$5,864.74	\$1,547.50	\$7,412.24	\$7,569.73	Annual operating expenses reduced by \$250 million
Growth rate for first 5 years	12%	10%	11.58%	12.50%	Slighly higher growth rate
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 synergy
Value of Equity	\$221,292	\$59,878	\$281,170	\$298,355	\$17,185

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

- There is often a temptation to add on premiums for intangibles. Among them are
  - 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

<u>Value of Gaining Control = Present Value (Value of Company with change in control -</u> <u>Value of company without change in control) + Side Benefits of Control</u>







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

- The value of control at Adris Grupa can be computed as the difference between the status quo value (5469) and the optimal value (5735).
- The value of a voting share derives entirely from the capacity you have to change the way the firm is run. In this case, we have two values for Adris Grupa's Equity.

Status Quo Value of Equity = 5,469 million HKR

All shareholders, common and preferred, get an equal share of the status quo value.

Value for a non-voting share = 5469/(9.616+6.748) = 334 HKR/share

Optimal value of Equity = 5,735 million HKR

Value of control at Adris Grupa = 5,735 - 5469 = 266 million HKR

Only voting shares get a share of this value of control

Value per voting share =334 HKR + 266/9.616 = 362 HKR

### 9. Distress and the Going Concern Assumption

- Traditional valuation techniques are built on the assumption of a going concern, i.e., a firm that has continuing operations and there is no significant threat to these operations.
  - In discounted cashflow valuation, this going concern assumption finds its place most prominently in the terminal value calculation, which usually is based upon an infinite life and ever-growing cashflows.
  - In relative valuation, this going concern assumption often shows up implicitly because a firm is valued based upon how other firms most of which are healthy are priced by the market today.
- When there is a significant likelihood that a firm will not survive the immediate future (next few years), traditional valuation models may yield an over-optimistic estimate of value.



#### The Distress Factor

In February 2009, LVS was rated B+ by S&P. Historically, <u>28.25% of B+</u> <u>rated bonds default within 10 years. LVS has a 6.375% bond, maturing in</u> February 2015 (7 years), trading at \$529. If we discount the expected cash flows on the bond at the riskfree rate, we can back out the probability of distress from the bond price:

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

■ Solving for the probability of bankruptcy, we get:

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

- Cumulative probability of surviving 10 years =  $(1 .1354)^{10} = 23.34\%$
- Cumulative probability of distress over 10 years = 1 .2334 = .7666 or 76.66%
- If LVS is becomes distressed:
  - Expected distress sale proceeds = \$2,769 million < Face value of debt
  - Expected equity value/share = \$0.00
- Expected value per share = \$8.12(1 .7666) + \$0.00(.7666) = \$1.92

#### 10. Analyzing the Effect of Illiquidity on Value

- Investments which are less liquid should trade for less than otherwise similar investments which are more liquid.
- The size of the illiquidity discount should vary across firms and also across time. The conventional practice of relying upon studies of restricted stocks or IPOs will fail sooner rather than later.
  - Restricted stock studies are based upon small samples of troubled firms
  - The discounts observed in IPO studies are too large for these to be arms length transactions. They just do not make sense.
- One solution is to look at the bid-ask spreads of publicly traded firms and to extrapolate the findings to illiquid businesses/assets.

Spread = 0.145 - 0.0022 ln (Annual Revenues) -0.015 (DERN) - 0.016 (Cash/Firm Value) - 0.11 (\$ Monthly trading volume/ Firm Value)

### A closing thought...

