MY VALUATION JOURNEY: HAVE FAITH, YOU MUST!

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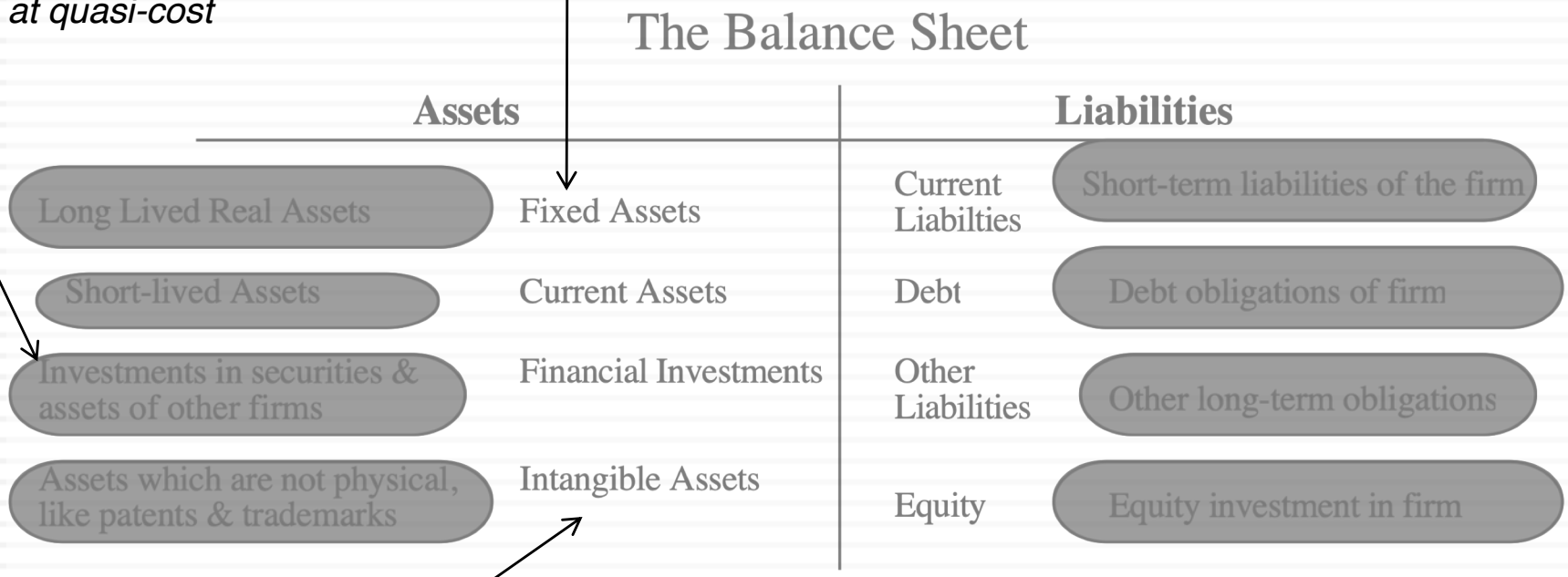
I. Don't mistake accounting for finance

Valued based upon motive for investment – some marked to market, some recorded at cost and some at quasi-cost

Assets are recorded at original cost, adjusted for depreciation.



True intangible assets like brand name, patents and customer did not show up. The only intangible asset of any magnitude (goodwill) is a plug variable that is of consequence only if you do an acquisition.

Equity reflects original capital invested and historical retained earnings.

The financial balance sheet

Recorded at intrinsic value (based upon cash flows and risk), not at original cost

Value will depend upon magnitude of growth investments and excess returns on these investments

Intrinsic value of equity, reflecting intrinsic value of assets, net of true value of debt outstanding.

Shell's accounting balance sheet: December 31, 2015

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET			$ MILLION
	NOTES	Dec 31, 2015	Dec 31, 2014
Assets			
Non-current assets			
Intangible assets	7	6,283	7,076
Property, plant and equipment	8	182,838	192,472
Joint ventures and associates	9	30,150	31,558
Investments in securities	10	3,416	4,115
Deferred tax	16	11,033	8,131
Retirement benefits	17	4,362	1,682
Trade and other receivables	11	8,717	8,304
		246,799	253,338
Current assets			
Inventories	12	15,822	19,701
Trade and other receivables	11	45,784	58,470
Cash and cash equivalents	13	31,752	21,607
		93,358	99,778
Total assets		340,157	353,116
Liabilities			
Non-current liabilities			
Debt	14	52,849	38,332
Trade and other payables	15	4,528	3,582
Deferred tax	16	8,976	12,052
Retirement benefits	17	12,587	16,318
Decommissioning and other provisions	18	26,148	23,834
		105,088	94,118
Current liabilities			
Debt	14	5,530	7,208
Trade and other payables	15	52,770	64,864
Taxes payable	16	8,233	9,797
Retirement benefits	17	350	377
Decommissioning and other provisions	18	4,065	3,966
		70,948	86,212
Total liabilities		176,036	180,330
Equity			
Share capital	20	546	540
Shares held in trust	21	(584)	(1,190)
Other reserves	22	(17,186)	(14,365)
Retained earnings		180,100	186,981
Equity attributable to Royal Dutch Shell plc shareholders		162,876	171,966
Non-controlling interest		1,245	820
Total equity		164,121	172,786
Total liabilities and equity		340,157	353,116

Infosys: Balance Sheet in March 2018

Particulars	Note	As at March 31, 2017	2016	As at April 1, 2015
ASSETS				
Non-current assets				
Property, plant and equipment	2.4	9,751	8,637	7,685
Capital work-in-progress		1,365	960	776
Goodwill	2.5	3,652	3,764	3,091
Other intangible assets	2.5	776	985	638
Investment in associate	2.25	71	103	93
Financial assets				
Investments	2.6	6,382	1,714	1,305
Loans	2.7	29	25	31
Other financial assets	2.8	309	286	173
Deferred tax assets (net)	2.17	540	536	536
Income tax assets (net)	2.17	5,716	5,230	4,089
Other non-current assets	2.11	1,059	1,357	698
Total non-current assets		29,650	23,597	19,115
Current assets				
Financial assets				
Investments	2.6	9,970	75	874
Trade receivables	2.9	12,322	11,330	9,713
Cash and cash equivalents	2.10	22,625	32,697	30,367
Loans	2.7	272	303	222
Other financial assets	2.8	5,980	5,190	4,527
Other current assets	2.11	2,536	2,158	1,541
Total current assets		53,705	51,753	47,244
Total assets		83,355	75,350	66,359
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
Equity				
Equity share capital	2.13	1,144	1,144	572
Other equity		67,838	60,600	54,198
Total equity attributable to equity holders of the Company		68,982	61,744	54,770
Non-controlling interests		–	–	–
Total equity		68,982	61,744	54,770
Liabilities				
Non-current liabilities				
Financial liabilities				
Other financial liabilities	2.14	70	69	–
Deferred tax liabilities (net)	2.17	207	252	159
Other non-current liabilities	2.15	83	46	47
Total non-current liabilities		360	367	206
Current liabilities				
Financial liabilities				
Trade payables		367	386	140
Other financial liabilities	2.14	6,349	6,302	5,983
Other current liabilities	2.15	3,007	2,629	1,964
Provisions	2.16	405	512	478
Income tax liabilities (net)	2.17	3,885	3,410	2,818
Total current liabilities		14,013	13,239	11,383
Total equity and liabilities		83,355	75,350	66,359

Royal Dutch: Financial Balance Sheet on December 31, 2015

Assets	*31-Dec-15*	*Liabilities*	*31-Dec-15*
Upstream Assets	$ 183,653	Debt	$ 58,379
Downstream Assets		Minority Interests	$ 1,245
Subsidiary Holdings	$ 33,566	Equity	$ 189,347
Cash	$ 31,752		
	$ 248,971		$ 248,971

Infosys: Financial Balance Sheet

	Value		Value
Assets in Place	₹ 167,961	Debt	₹ -
Growth Assets	₹ 47,751	Equity	₹ 244,893
Cash & Non-operating Assets	₹ 29,181		

Twitter: A Contrast of Balance Sheets

Accounting Balance Sheet

Cash	$550	Debt (leases)	$21
PP&E	$ 62	Preferred stock	$835
Intangible assets	$6	Equity	$202
Goodwill	$ 47		

Intrinsic Value Balance Sheet (post-IPO)

Cash	$ 1,616	Debt	$ 214
Assets in place	$ 73	Equity	$11,106
Growth assets	$ 9,631		

Market Price Balance Sheet (post-IPO)

Cash	$ 1,816	Debt	$ 214
Assets in place	$ 73	Equity	$28,119
Growth assets	$ 26,444		

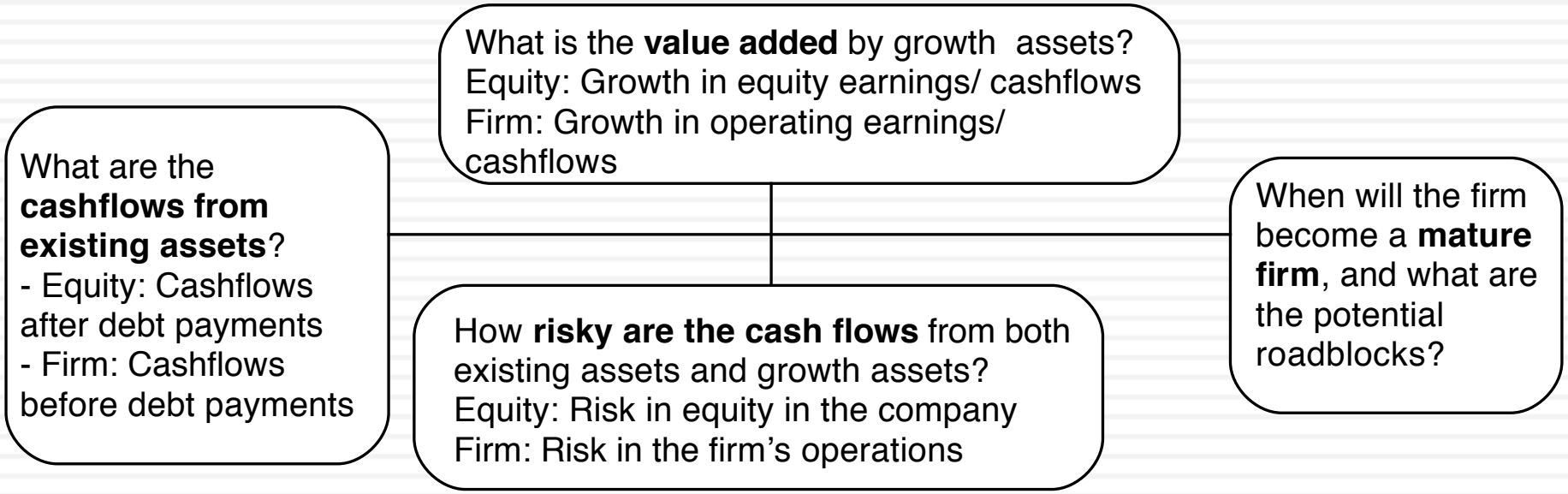
II. Don't assume that D+CF = DCF

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

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

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

The drivers of value..



DCF as a tool for intrinsic valuation

Value of growth
The future cash flows will reflect expectations of how quickly earnings will grow in the future (as a positive) and how much the company will have to reinvest to generate that growth (as a negative). The net effect will determine the value of growth.
Expected Cash Flow in year t = E(CF) = Expected Earnings in year t - Reinvestment needed for growth

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

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Steady state
The value of growth comes from the capacity to generate excess returns. The length of your growth period comes from the strength & sustainability of your competitive advantages.

Risk in the Cash flows
The risk in the investment is captured in the discount rate as a beta in the cost of equity and the default spread in the cost of debt.

A. Cash Flows

To get to cash flow	Here is why
Operating Earnings	This is the earnings before interest & taxes you generate from your existing assets. Operating Earnings = Revenues * Operating Margin Measures the operating efficiency of your assets & can be grown either by growing revenues and/or improving margins.
(minus) Taxes	These are the taxes you would pay on your operating income and are a function of the tax code under which you operate & your fidelity to that code.
(minus) Reinvestment	Reinvestment is designed to generate future growth and can be in long term and short term assets. Higher growth usually requires more reinvestment, and the efficiency of growth is a function of how much growth you can get for your reinvestment.
Free Cash Flow to the Firm	This is a pre-debt cash flow that will be shared by lenders (as interest & principal payments) and by equity investors (as dividends & buybacks).

Shell: From Revenues to Cash flows

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Revenues	**$470,171**	**$467,153**	**$451,235**	**$421,105**	**$264,960**
Operating Margin	9.31%	8.11%	6.15%	5.47%	-0.88%
Operating Income	**$43,764**	**$37,879**	**$27,769**	**$23,026**	**$(2,322)**
Effective tax rate	42.07%	44.02%	46.63%	50.80%	47.98%
Operating Income after taxes	**$25,352**	**$21,205**	**$14,821**	**$11,328**	**$(1,208)**
Depreciation	$11,713	$13,518	$16,099	$17,196	$16,779
Cap Ex	$26,301	$32,576	$39,975	$31,676	$26,131
Change in WC	$6,471	$(3,391)	$(2,988)	$(6,405)	$(5,521)
FCFF	**$4,293**	**$5,538**	**$(6,067)**	**$3,253**	**$(5,039)**
Reinvestment	$21,059	$15,667	$20,888	$8,075	$3,831

Infosys: From Revenues to Cash flows

Year	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	LTM
Revenues	₹ 401,674	₹ 494,280	₹ 544,568	₹ 629,679	₹ 661,427	₹ 683,119
Operating Income	₹ 104,301	₹ 120,439	₹ 143,972	₹ 159,193	₹ 163,283	₹ 165,945
Effective Tax Rate	26.3%	27.6%	28.6%	28.0%	28.0%	21.0%
After-tax Operating Income	**₹ 76,823**	**₹ 87,180**	**₹ 102,845**	**₹ 114,579**	**₹ 117,494**	**₹ 131,155**
- (Cap Ex - Depreciation)	₹ 21,229	₹ 13,542	₹ 25,006	₹ 20,810	₹ 11,080	₹ 2,936
- Change in non-cash WC	₹ 10,859	₹ 1,498	₹ 11,503	₹ 22,799	₹ 18,791	₹ 766
FCFF	**₹ 44,734**	**₹ 72,140**	**₹ 66,336**	**₹ 70,970**	**₹ 87,623**	**₹ 127,453**
Reinvestment Rate	41.77%	17.25%	35.50%	38.06%	25.42%	2.82%

Includes acquisitions

B. Discount rates

Expected Return on a Risky Investment = Cost of Equity

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Risk free Rate
Rate of return on a long term, default free bond.

Will vary across currencies and across time.

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Beta
Relative measure of risk added to a diversified portfolio.

Determined by the business or businesses that you operate in, with more exposure to macro economic risk translating into a higher beta.

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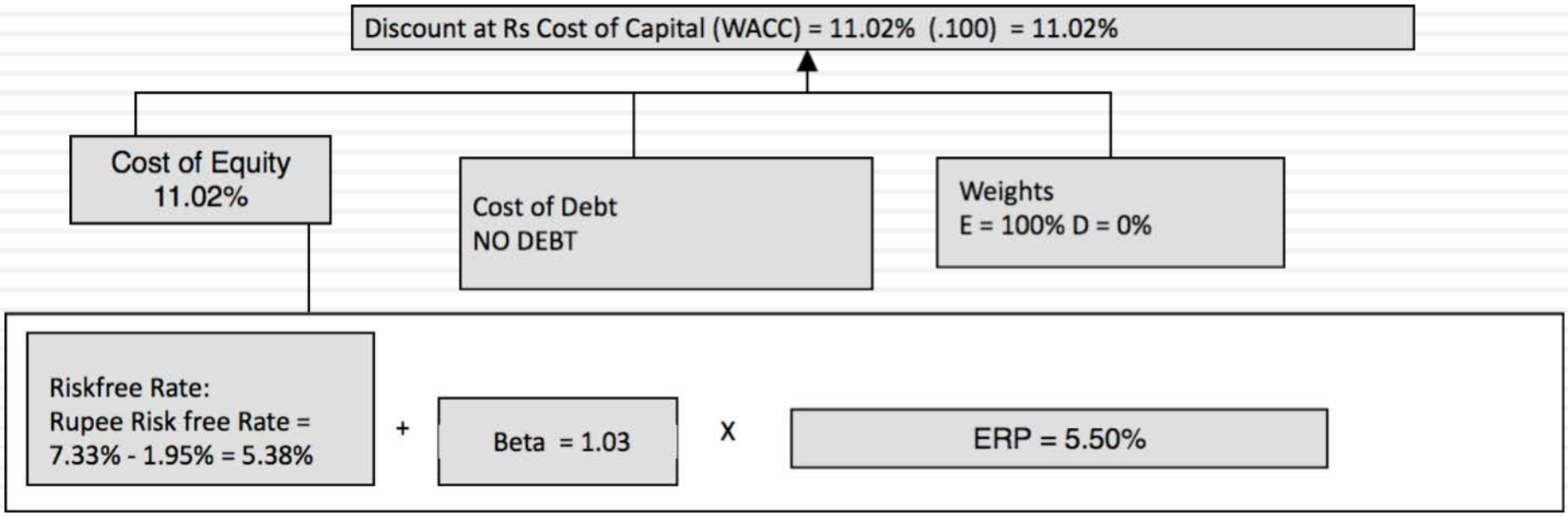
Equity Risk Premium
Premium investors demand over and above the risk free rate for investing in equities as a class.

Function of the countries that you do business in and how much value you derive from each country.

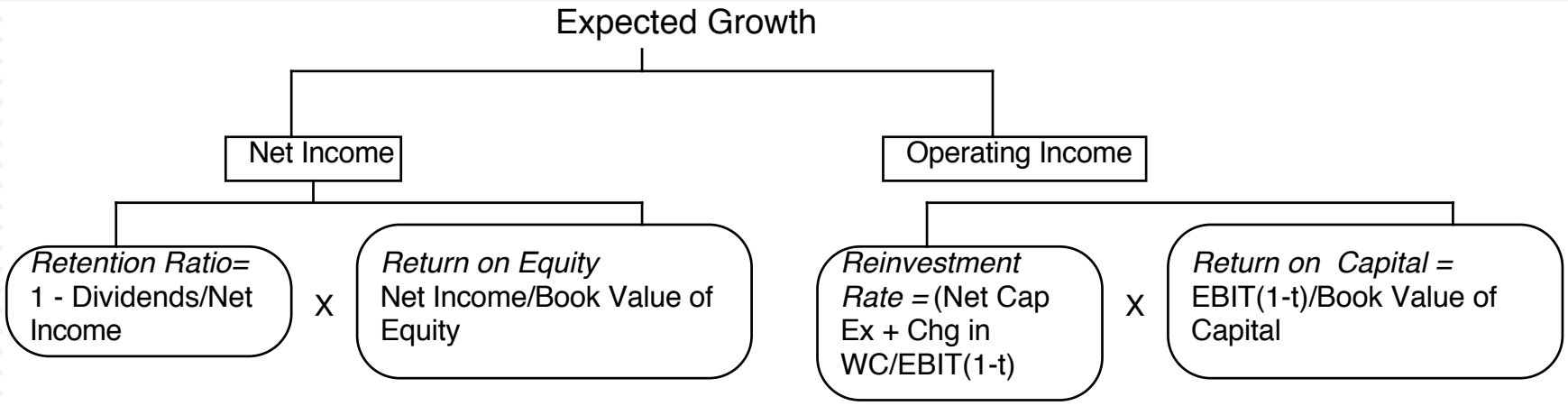
Shell's cost of capital

Business	% of Company	Unlevered Beta	D/E Ratio	Beta	**Cost of Equity (in US$)**	
Upstream	56.56%	1.13	30.63%	1.39	**13.47%**	
Downstream	43.44%	0.85	30.63%	1.05	**10.63%**	
Shell	100.00%	1.01	30.63%	1.24	**12.24%**	
Business	Cost of Equity	E/(D+E)	Pre-tax Cost of Debt	After-tax Cost of debt	D/(D+E)	**Cost of Capital**
Upstream	13.47%	76.55%	3.10%	2.33%	23.45%	**10.86%**
Downstream	10.63%	76.55%	3.10%	2.33%	23.45%	**8.68%**
Shell	12.24%	76.55%	3.10%	2.33%	23.45%	**9.91%**

Infosys: Cost of capital

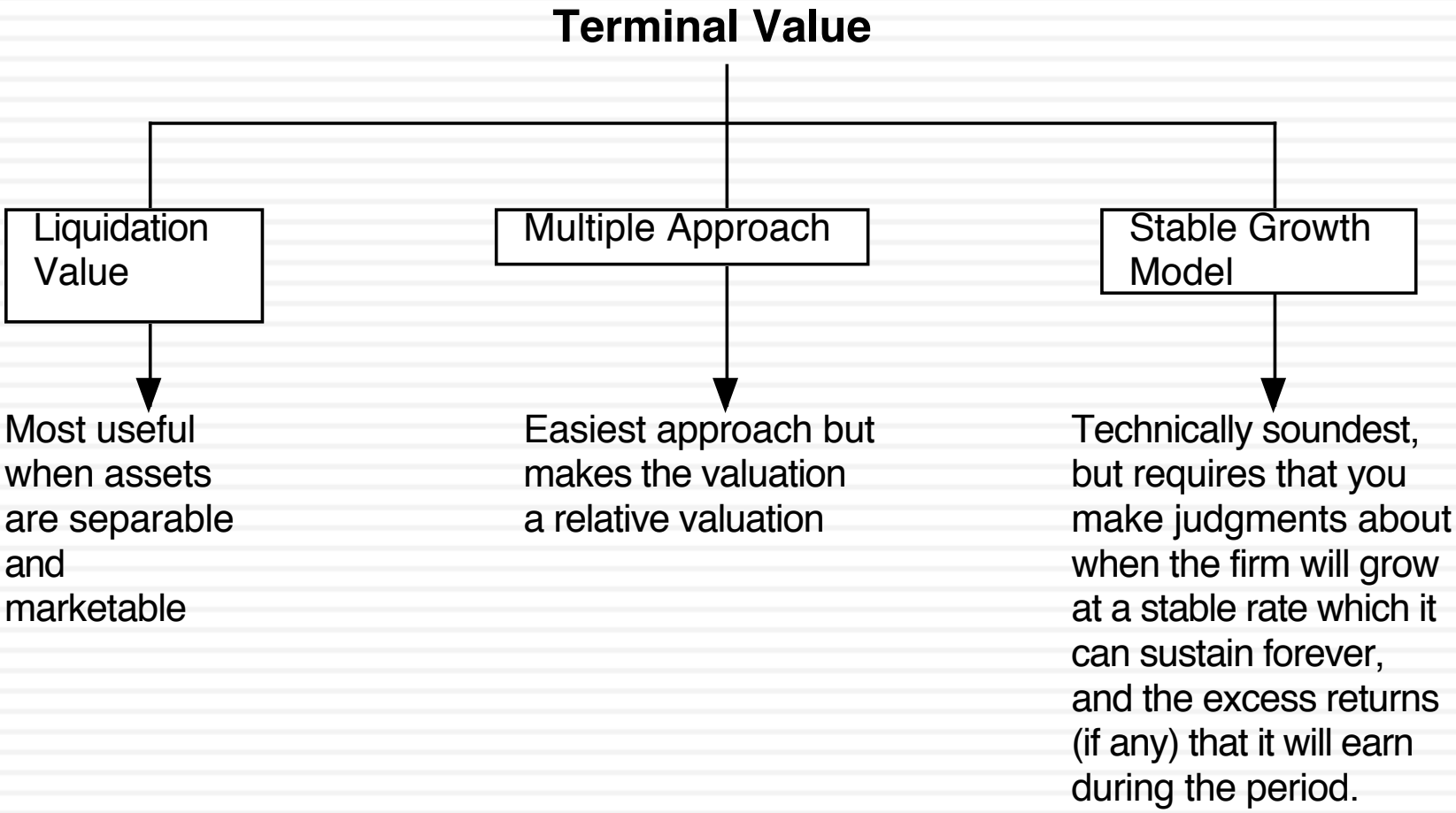


C. Expected Growth



- Quality growth is rare and requires that a firm be able to reinvest a lot and reinvest well (earnings more than your cost of capital) at the same time.
- The larger you get, the more difficult it becomes to maintain quality growth.
- You can grow while destroying value at the same time.

D. The Terminal Value

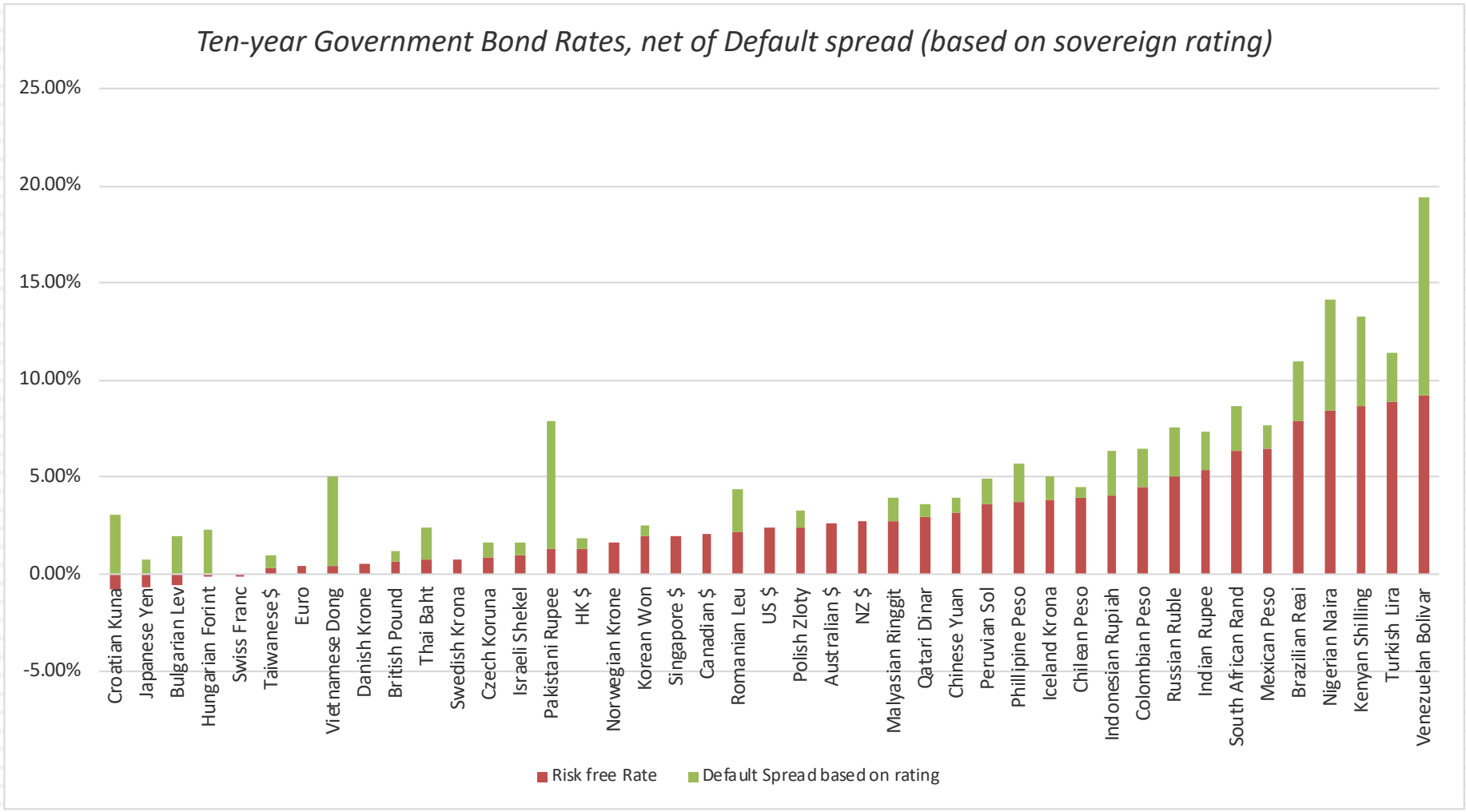


1. The government bond rate is not always the risk free rate

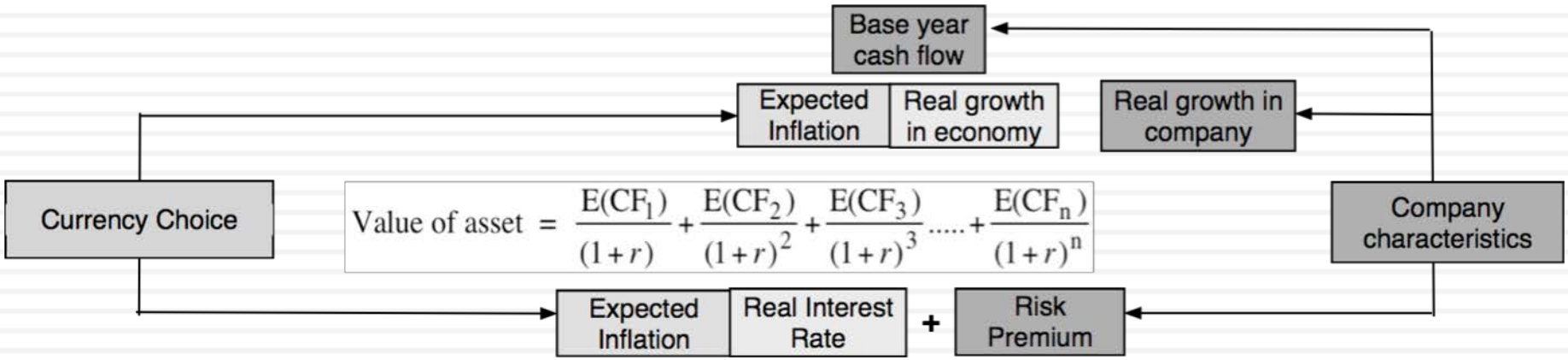
- The risk free rate in a currency is the guaranteed rate that you will earn on a long term investment. For a security to be risk free, its issuing entity has to have no default risk. That is why we are often asked to use government bond rates as risk free rates.
- But not all governments are default free. In fact, almost half of all sovereign defaults in the last 30 years have been in the local currency.
- To value Infosys in Rupees, you need a risk free rate in Rupees. The Indian Rupee government bond was yielding 7.33% on March 28, 2018. The bond rating for India is Baa2, with a default spread of 1.95%, yielding a riskfree rate of 5.38%.

Riskfree rate in INR = 7.33% - 1.95% = 5.38%

Match your cash flows to your discount rates..



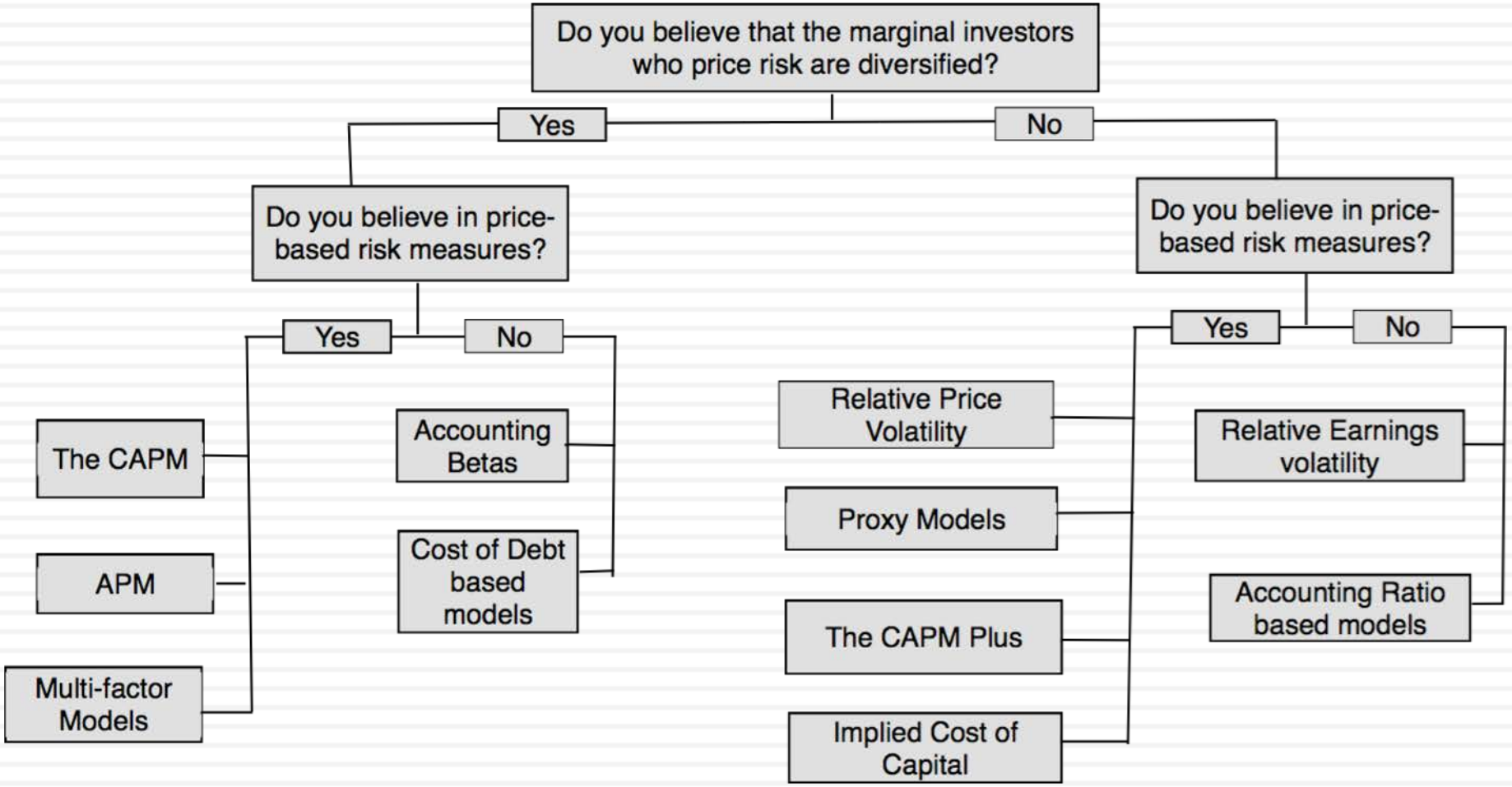
The Currency Effect



Valuing Infosys in Rupees and Dollars

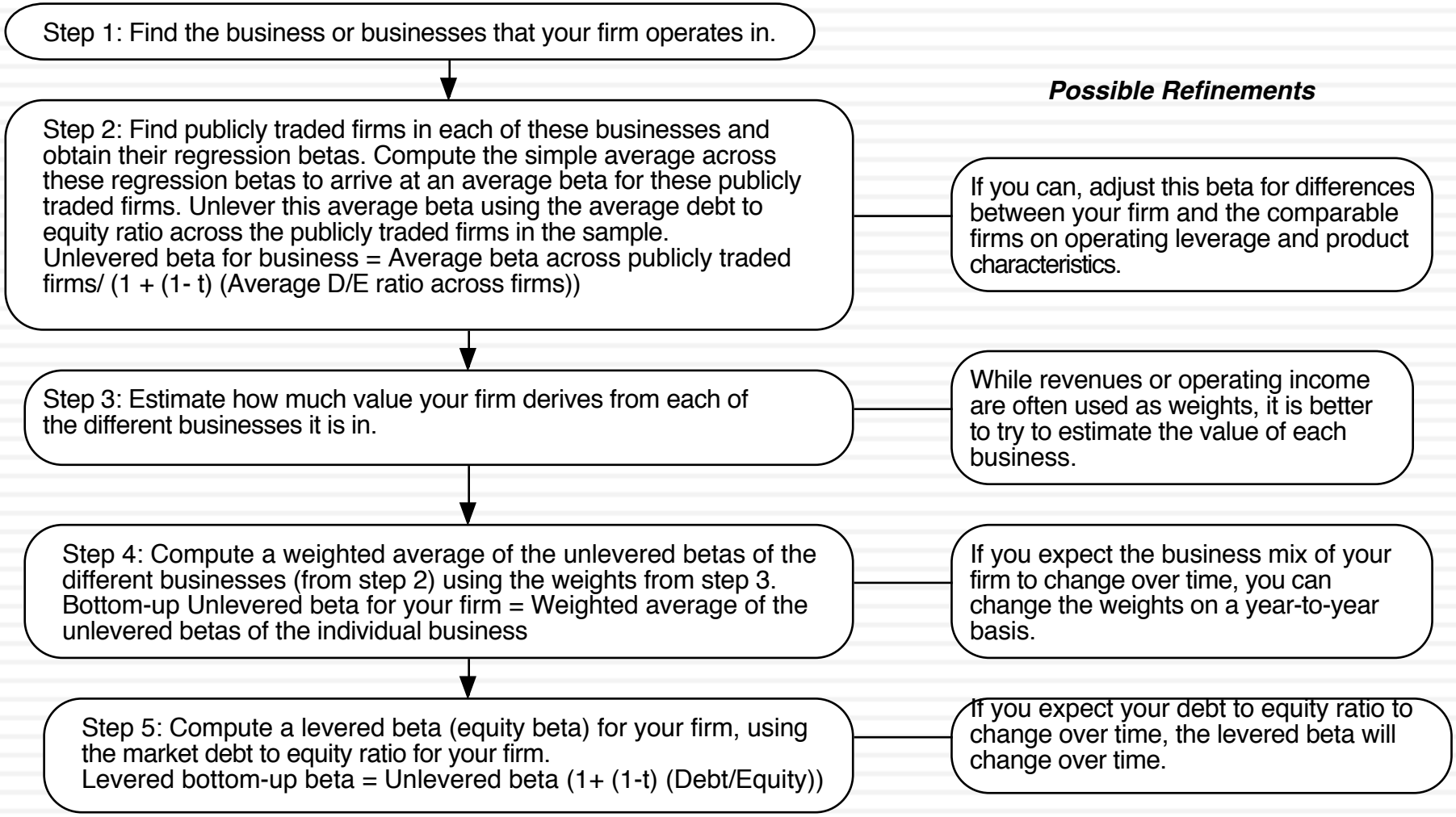
	In Rupees	In Dollars
Risk free Rate	5.38%	2.85%
Expected growth rate	10.00% for next 5 years, scaling down to 5.38% in year 10 (and forever)	7.37% for next 5 years, scaling down to 2.85% in year 10 (and forever)
Return on Capital	Marginal ROIC of 39.70%, scaling down to 15% forever	Marginal ROIC of 37.68%, scaling down to 12.36% forever.
Cost of capital	11.02% for next 5 years, scaling down to 9.88% in year 10 (and beyond)	8.36% for next 5 years, scaling down to 7.23% in year 10 (and beyond)
Value per share	Rs 1072.22 per share about 7% below stock price of Rs 1,150/share	$16.86 per share about 7% below stock price of $18.02/share

2. Don't let your "beta" dislike get in the way of assessing risk



And if you do use betas, don't use a regression beta

Bottom-up Betas



Infosys: A Bottom up Beta

- Based on its business breakdown into software and services.

Business	Revenues	EV/Sales	Estimated Value	Value Weight	Unlevered Beta
Computer Software	₹ 2,101	6.3640	₹ 13,371	13.51%	1.1114
Computer Services	₹ 66,383	1.2899	₹ 85,630	86.49%	1.0136
Company	₹ 68,484		₹ 99,001		1.0268

Levered Beta = 1.03 (1+ (1-.30)(0)) = 1.03

- Infosys provides a breakdown of its clients, by business type.

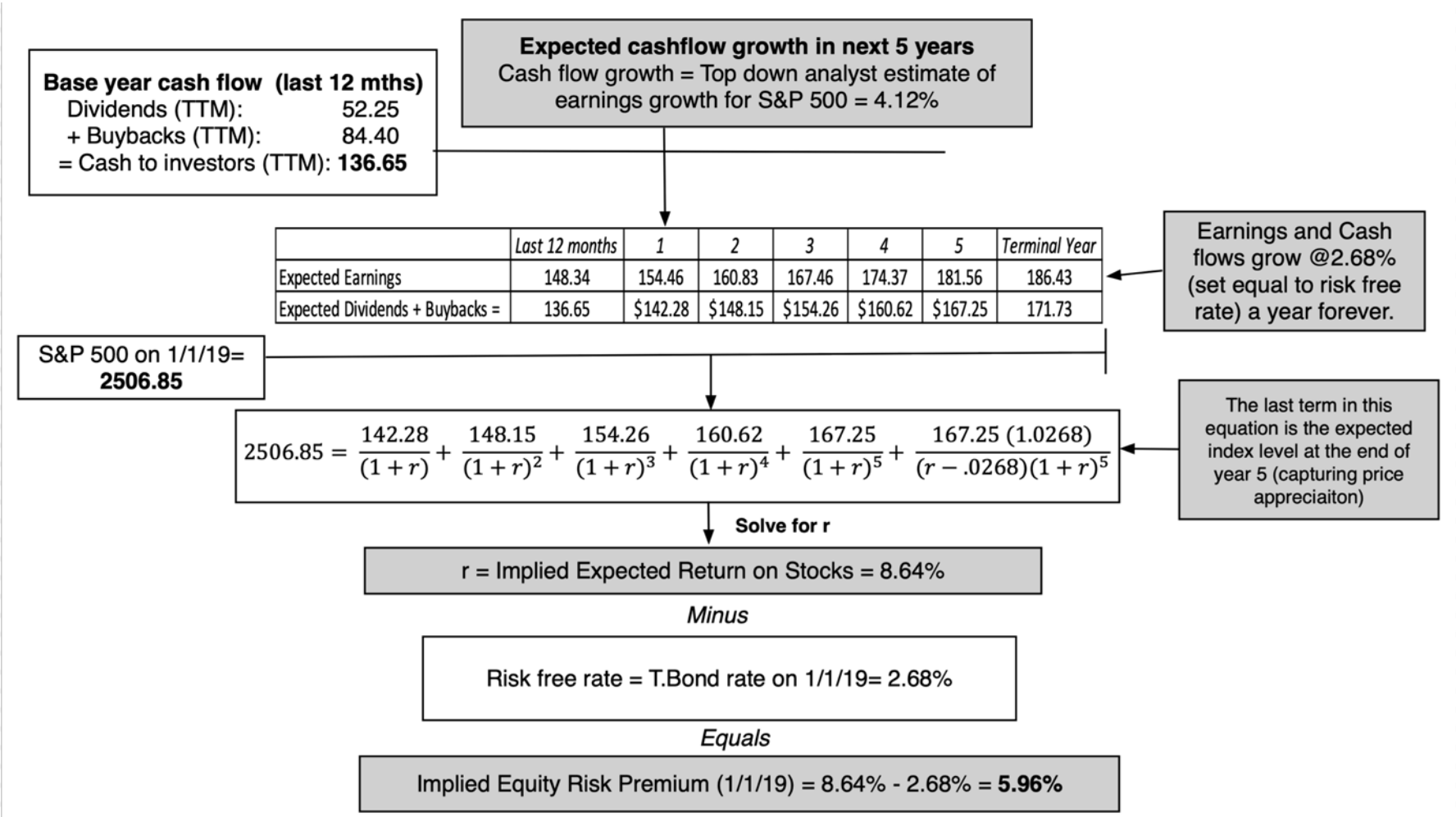
Business	*Revenues*	*Weight*	*Unlevered Beta*
Financial Services	₹ 18,555	28.00%	1.0703
Manufacturing	₹ 7,507	11.33%	1.0377
Energy	₹ 15,430	23.28%	0.9133
Retail	₹ 11,225	16.94%	0.6958
Healthcare	₹ 8,437	12.73%	0.7202
Hi-tech	₹ 5,122	7.73%	0.8837
Company	**₹ 66,276**		**0.9076**

3. Risk is not in the past..

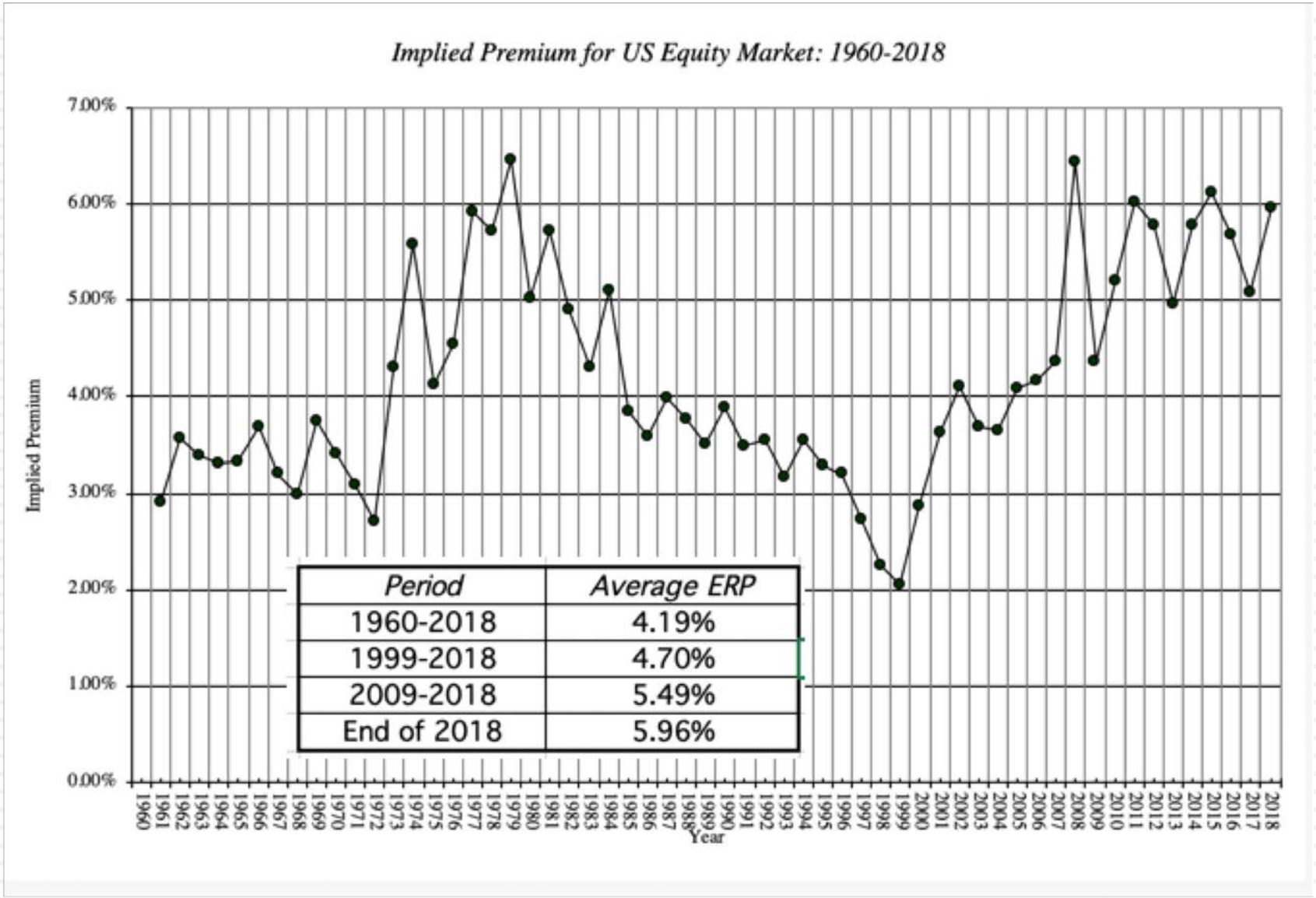
	Arithmetic Average		Geometric Average	
	Stocks - T. Bills	Stocks - T. Bonds	Stocks - T. Bills	Stocks - T. Bonds
1928-2017	8.09%	6.38%	6.26%	4.77%
Std Error	2.10%	2.24%		
1968-2017	6.58%	4.24%	5.28%	3.29%
Std Error	2.39%	2.70%		
2008-2017	9.85%	5.98%	8.01%	4.56%
Std Error	6.12%	8.70%		

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

But in the future..



Implied ERP for the S&P 500: History

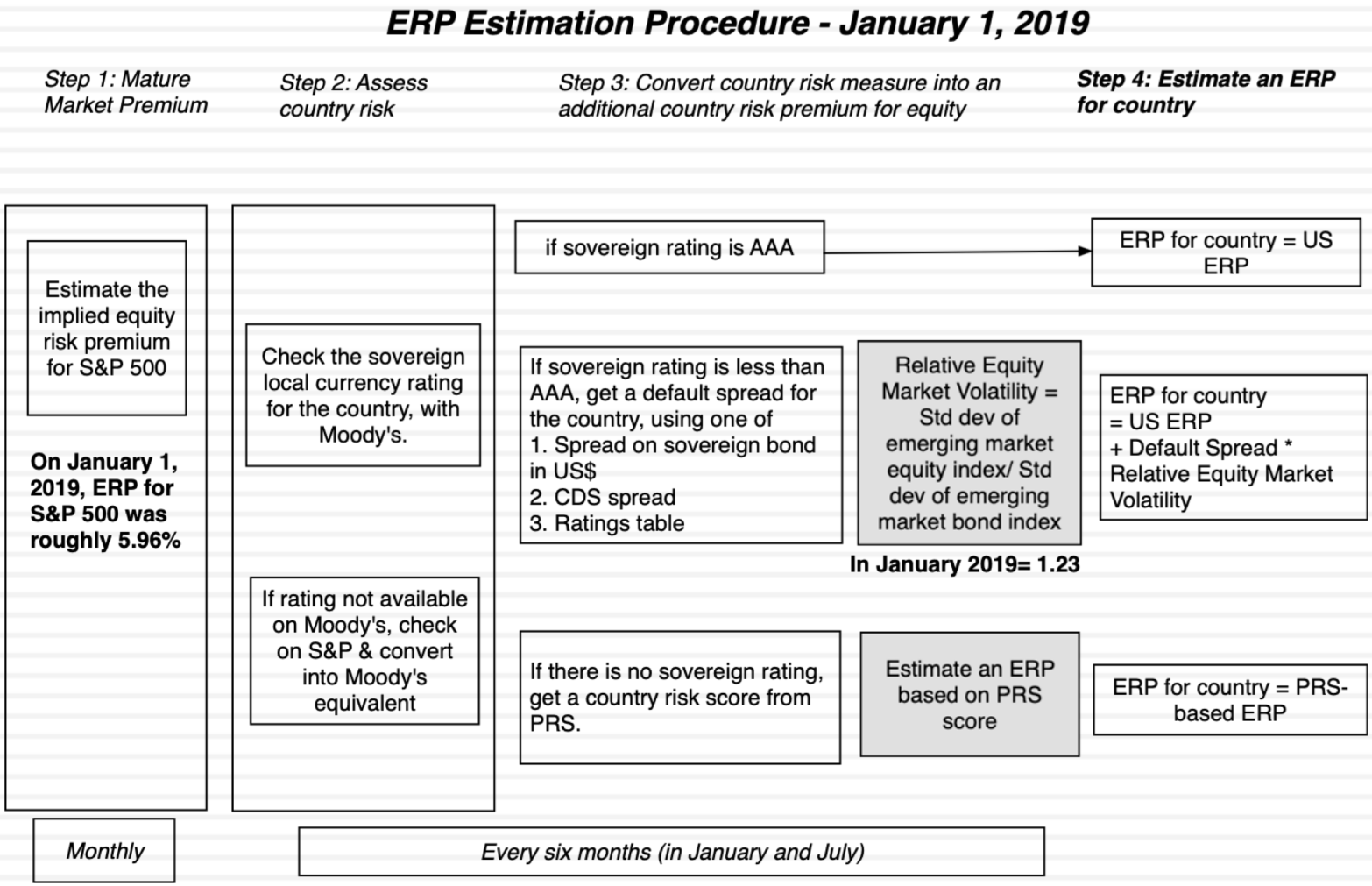


Period	Average ERP
1960-2018	4.19%
1999-2018	4.70%
2009-2018	5.49%
End of 2018	5.96%

4. Globalization is not a buzz word

- As companies get globalized, the valuations that we do have to reflect that globalization. In particular, we need to be wary of
  - Currency mismatches: Multinationals derive their revenues in many currencies but you have to be currency-consistent.
  - Beta gaming: When a company is listed in many markets, you can get very different betas, depending on how you set up and run a beta regression
  - Equity Risk Premiums: The standard practice of estimating equity risk premiums based on your country of incorporation will lead to skewed valuations.

A Template for Estimating the ERP



ERP : Jan 2019

Andorra	8.60%	2.64%	Italy	9.02%	3.06%
Austria	6.51%	0.55%	Jersey (States of)	6.80%	0.84%
Belgium	6.80%	0.84%	Liechtenstein	5.96%	0.00%
Cyprus	10.13%	4.17%	Luxembourg	5.96%	0.00%
Denmark	5.96%	0.00%	Malta	7.63%	1.67%
Finland	6.51%	0.55%	Netherlands	5.96%	0.00%
France	6.65%	0.69%	Norway	5.96%	0.00%
Germany	5.96%	0.00%	Portugal	9.02%	3.06%
Greece	14.99%	9.03%	Spain	8.18%	2.22%
Guernsey (States of)	6.80%	0.84%	Sweden	5.96%	0.00%
Iceland	7.63%	1.67%	Switzerland	5.96%	0.00%
Ireland	7.14%	1.18%	Turkey	10.96%	5.00%
Isle of Man	6.65%	0.69%	United Kingdom	6.65%	0.69%
			Western Europe	**7.11%**	**1.15%**

Canada	5.96%	0.00%
United States	5.96%	0.00%
North America	**5.96%**	**0.00%**

Caribbean	**13.61%**	**7.65%**

Argentina	13.60%	7.64%
Belize	14.99%	9.03%
Bolivia	10.96%	5.00%
Brazil	10.13%	4.17%
Chile	6.94%	0.98%
Colombia	8.60%	2.64%
Costa Rica	12.21%	6.25%
Ecuador	14.99%	9.03%
El Salvador	16.37%	10.41%
Guatemala	9.43%	3.47%
Honduras	12.21%	6.25%
Mexico	7.63%	1.67%
Nicaragua	13.60%	7.64%
Panama	8.60%	2.64%
Paraguay	9.43%	3.47%
Peru	7.63%	1.67%
Suriname	13.60%	7.64%
Uruguay	8.60%	2.64%
Venezuela	28.10%	22.14%
Central and South America	**10.61%**	**4.65%**

Angola	14.99%	9.03%
Benin	12.21%	6.25%
Botswana	7.14%	1.18%
Burkina Faso	13.60%	7.64%
Cameroon	13.60%	7.64%
Cape Verde	13.60%	7.64%
Congo (DR)	14.99%	9.03%
Congo (Rep)	18.46%	12.50%
Côte d'Ivoire	10.96%	5.00%
Egypt	14.99%	9.03%
Ethiopia	12.21%	6.25%
Gabon	16.37%	10.41%
Ghana	14.99%	9.03%
Kenya	13.60%	7.64%
Morocco	9.43%	3.47%
Mozambique	19.83%	13.87%
Namibia	9.43%	3.47%
Nigeria	13.60%	7.64%
Rwanda	13.60%	7.64%
Senegal	10.96%	5.00%
South Africa	9.02%	3.06%
Swaziland	13.60%	7.64%
Tanzania	12.21%	6.25%
Tunisia	13.60%	7.64%
Uganda	13.60%	7.64%
Zambia	16.37%	10.41%
Africa	**12.63%**	**6.67%**

Albania	12.21%	6.25%
Armenia	12.21%	6.25%
Azerbaijan	10.13%	4.17%
Belarus	14.99%	9.03%
Bosnia and Herzegovina	14.99%	9.03%
Bulgaria	8.60%	2.64%
Croatia	10.13%	4.17%
Czech Republic	6.94%	0.98%
Estonia	6.94%	0.98%
Georgia	10.13%	4.17%
Hungary	9.02%	3.06%
Kazakhstan	9.02%	3.06%
Kyrgyzstan	13.60%	7.64%
Latvia	7.63%	1.67%
Lithuania	7.63%	1.67%
Macedonia	10.96%	5.00%
Moldova	14.99%	9.03%
Montenegro	12.21%	6.25%
Poland	7.14%	1.18%
Romania	9.02%	3.06%
Russia	9.43%	3.47%
Serbia	10.96%	5.00%
Slovakia	7.14%	1.18%
Slovenia	8.18%	2.22%
Tajikistan	9.43%	3.47%
Ukraine	18.46%	12.50%
Eastern Europe & Russia	**9.24%**	**3.28%**

Abu Dhabi	6.65%	0.69%
Bahrain	13.60%	7.64%
Iraq	16.37%	10.41%
Israel	6.94%	0.98%
Jordan	12.21%	6.25%
Kuwait	6.65%	0.69%
Lebanon	14.99%	9.03%
Oman	9.02%	3.06%
Qatar	6.80%	0.84%
Ras Al Khaimah (Emirate of)	7.14%	1.18%
Saudi Arabia	6.94%	0.98%
Sharjah	7.63%	1.67%
United Arab Emirates	6.65%	0.69%
Middle East	**7.96%**	**2.00%**

Black #: Total ERP
Red #: Country risk premium
Regional #: GDP weighted average

Country	*PRS*	*ERP*	*CRP*	*Country*	*PRS*	*ERP*	*CRP*
Algeria	65	13.60%	7.64%	Malawi	61	16.37%	**10.41%**
Brunei	80.5	6.94%	0.98%	Mali	61.3	16.37%	10.41%
Gambia	63.3	14.99%	9.03%	Myanmar	62	16.37%	10.41%
Guinea	54.3	22.61%	16.65%	Niger	54.5	22.61%	16.65%
Guinea-Bissau	62	16.37%	10.41%	Sierra Leone	54.8	22.61%	16.65%
Guyana	66.5	12.21%	6.25%	Somalia	53.5	22.61%	16.65%
Haiti	60	18.46%	12.50%	Sudan	38.8	28.10%	22.14%
Iran	69.3	10.13%	4.17%	Syria	51.8	22.61%	16.65%
Korea, D.P.R.	53	22.61%	16.65%	Togo	61	16.37%	10.41%
Liberia	53.5	22.61%	16.65%	Yemen, Republic	48	28.10%	22.14%
Libya	66.5	12.21%	6.25%	Zimbabwe	59.3	18.46%	12.50%
Madagascar	64	14.99%	9.03%				

Bangladesh	10.96%	5.00%
Cambodia	13.60%	7.64%
China	6.94%	0.98%
Fiji	10.96%	5.00%
Hong Kong	6.65%	0.69%
India	8.60%	2.64%
Indonesia	8.60%	2.64%
Japan	6.94%	0.98%
Korea	6.65%	0.69%
Macao	6.80%	0.84%
Malaysia	7.63%	1.67%
Maldives	13.60%	7.64%
Mauritius	8.18%	2.22%
Mongolia	14.99%	9.03%
Pakistan	14.99%	9.03%
Papua New Guinea	13.60%	7.64%
Philippines	8.60%	2.64%
Singapore	5.96%	0.00%
Solomon Islands	14.99%	9.03%
Sri Lanka	12.21%	6.25%
Taiwan	8.18%	2.22%
Thailand	8.18%	2.22%
Vietnam	10.96%	5.00%
Asia	**7.43%**	**1.47%**

Australia	5.96%	0.00%
Cook Islands	12.21%	6.25%
New Zealand	5.96%	0.00%
Australia & New Zealand	**5.96%**	**0.00%**

And your country risk exposure comes from where you operate, not where you incorporate!

Region	*Revenues*	*ERP*	*Weight*	*Weighted ERP*
North America	₹ 42,408	5.08%	62.01%	3.1499%
Europe	₹ 15,302	6.01%	22.37%	1.3437%
Rest of the World	₹ 8,504	6.21%	12.43%	0.7721%
India	₹ 2,180	7.27%	3.19%	0.2317%
Total	₹ 68,394		100.00%	5.4974%

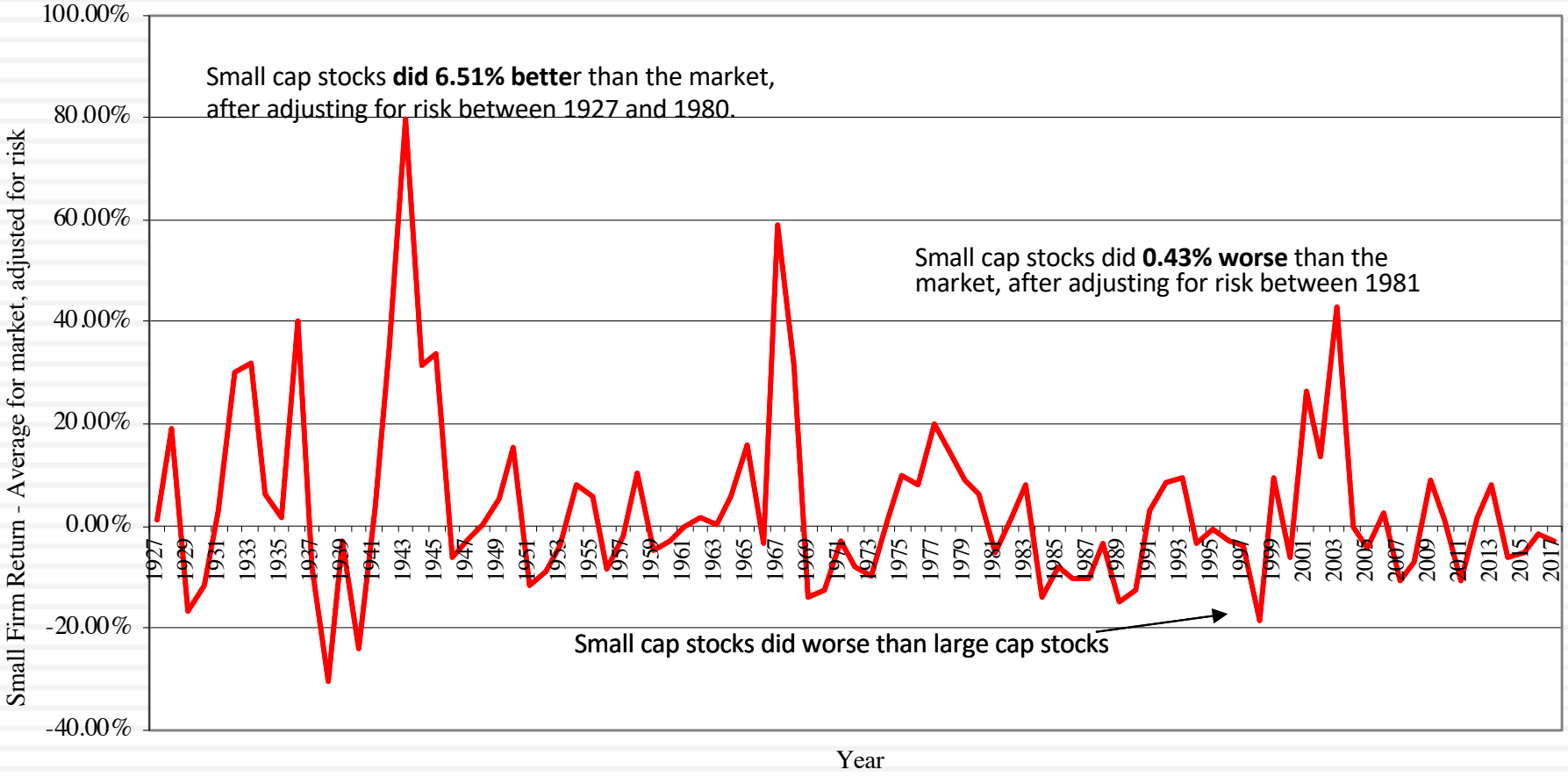
1. By focusing on revenues, are we misestimating country risk exposure?
2. As the company looks to grow in Latin America and Asia, how do you see this premium evolving?

Shell: Equity Risk Premium- March 2016

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

5. Everyone may do it, but that does not make it right.. The small cap premium

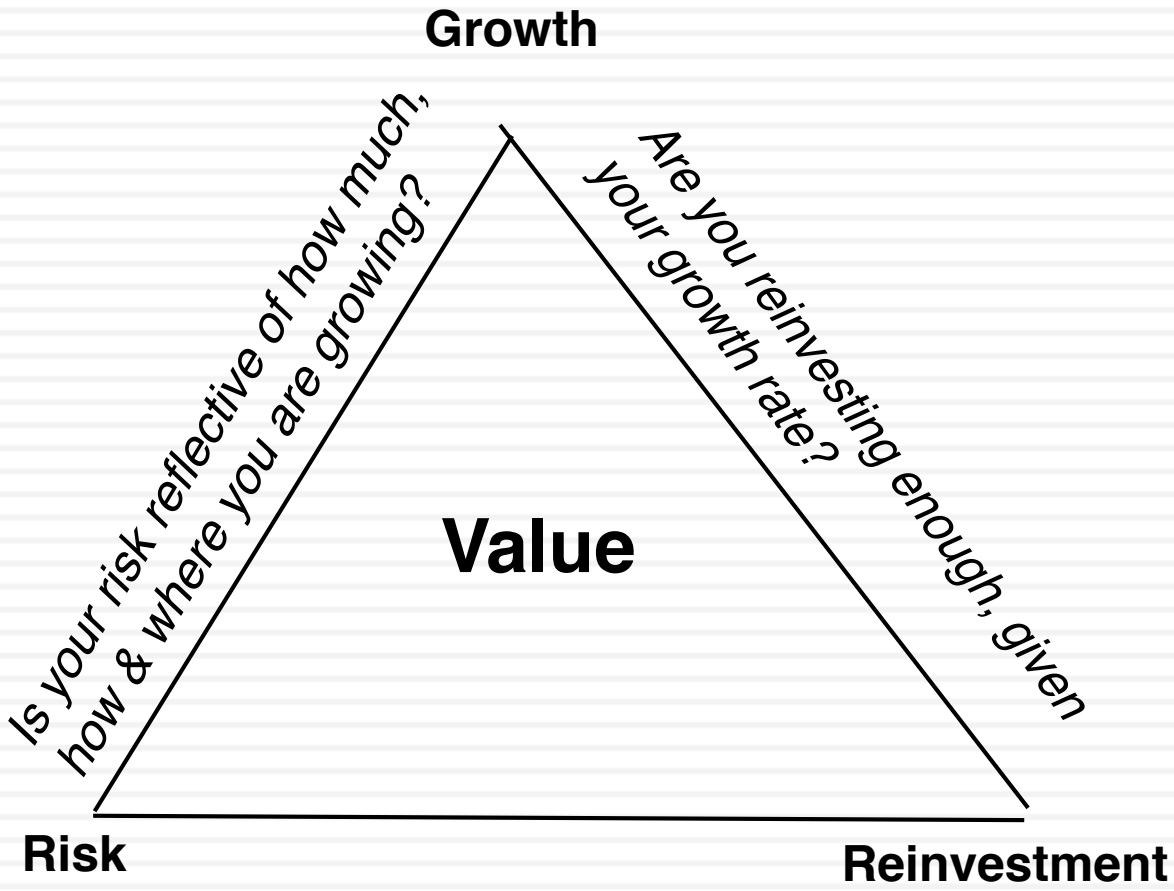
Figure 4: Small Firm Premium over time- 1927 -2017



The Inertia of Practice

- Once bad practices get embedded into valuation, it is very difficult to remove them.
- This is especially true if you are doing accounting or legal valuations, where rules and precedents are given more respect than good sense.
- It is **easier to defend a bad valuation that is based on established practices** than a **good valuation that upends the existing rules**.

6. Don’t let your inputs be at war with each other..



Is your risk consistent with your reinvestment strategy?

The Improbable: Willy Wonkitis

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

	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	FY 2028
Unit Volume	24,298	36,883	64,684	86,713	149,869	214,841	291,861	384,747	466,559	550,398	643,850	726,655	820,645	922,481	1,034,215	1,137,780
% Growth		52%	75%	34%	73%	43%	36%	32%	21%	18%	17%	13%	13%	12%	12%	10%
Automotive Revenue Per Unit ($)	93,403	85,342	83,432	78,932	65,465	58,258	56,407	55,553	55,991	56,586	56,969	57,540	58,138	58,603	59,002	59,554
% Growth		-9%	-2%	-5%	-17%	-11%	-3%	-2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
Automotive Sales	2,462	3,321	5,613	7,051	10,025	12,720	16,685	21,595	26,347	31,357	36,897	42,022	47,949	54,283	61,221	67,980
Development Service Sales	16	40	42	44	46	49	51	54	56	59	62	65	68	72	75	79
Total Sales	**2,478**	**3,361**	**5,655**	**7,095**	**10,072**	**12,768**	**16,736**	**21,648**	**26,403**	**31,416**	**36,959**	**42,087**	**48,017**	**54,355**	**61,296**	**68,059**
% Growth		36%	68%	25%	42%	27%	31%	29%	22%	19%	18%	14%	14%	13%	13%	11%
EBITDA	**148**	**417**	**920**	**1,042**	**1,586**	**2,150**	**3,138**	**4,066**	**4,857**	**5,723**	**6,328**	**7,182**	**8,144**	**9,688**	**10,874**	**12,099**
% Margin	6.0%	12.4%	16.3%	14.7%	15.7%	16.8%	18.7%	18.8%	18.4%	18.2%	17.1%	17.1%	17.0%	17.8%	17.7%	17.8%
D&A	103	158	172	203	301	353	389	537	606	696	811	938	1,088	1,260	1,451	1,661
% of Capex	41%	79%	55%	65%	62%	69%	78%	86%	79%	77%	75%	76%	76%	76%	76%	77%
EBIT	**45**	**259**	**748**	**839**	**1,285**	**1,796**	**2,749**	**3,529**	**4,252**	**5,027**	**5,517**	**6,244**	**7,056**	**8,429**	**9,423**	**10,439**
% Margin	1.8%	7.7%	13.2%	11.8%	12.8%	14.1%	16.4%	16.3%	16.1%	16.0%	14.9%	14.8%	14.7%	15.5%	15.4%	15.3%
Net Interest Income (Expense)	(27)	(1)	9	33	47	90	108	155	199	278	358	445	542	651	784	934
Other Income	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pretax Income	**46**	**258**	**758**	**872**	**1,332**	**1,886**	**2,857**	**3,684**	**4,451**	**5,305**	**5,875**	**6,688**	**7,598**	**9,080**	**10,207**	**11,373**
Income Taxes	3	2	14	34	86	262	462	641	807	1,003	1,134	1,317	1,470	1,761	2,028	2,323
% Effective Rate	6%	1%	2%	4%	6%	14%	16%	17%	18%	19%	19%	20%	19%	19%	20%	20%
Net Income	**44**	**256**	**744**	**839**	**1,246**	**1,624**	**2,395**	**3,043**	**3,644**	**4,303**	**4,741**	**5,372**	**6,128**	**7,319**	**8,179**	**9,050**
Plus																
After-tax Interest Expense (Income)	27	1	(9)	(33)	(47)	(90)	(108)	(154)	(199)	(278)	(357)	(444)	(541)	(650)	(782)	(932)
Depreciation of PP&E	103	158	172	203	301	353	389	537	606	696	811	938	1,088	1,260	1,451	1,661
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Less																
Change in Working Capital	(155)	(14)	(157)	(167)	(172)	(325)	(163)	(81)	(28)	(299)	(356)	(328)	(219)	(329)	(365)	(376)
% of Change in Sales		-2%	-7%	-12%	-6%	-12%	-4%	-2%	-1%	-6%	-6%	-6%	-4%	-5%	-5%	-6%
Capital Expenditures	250	200	312	312	486	510	497	623	765	906	1,078	1,236	1,437	1,660	1,898	2,149
% of Sales	10%	6%	6%	4%	5%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Unlevered Free Cash Flow	**78**	**229**	**750**	**863**	**1,186**	**1,702**	**2,343**	**2,884**	**3,314**	**4,113**	**4,472**	**4,959**	**5,456**	**6,597**	**7,315**	**8,005**

EBITDA	12,099
Sales	68,059
Net Debt (Cash)	(260)
Tesla Diluted Shares	142

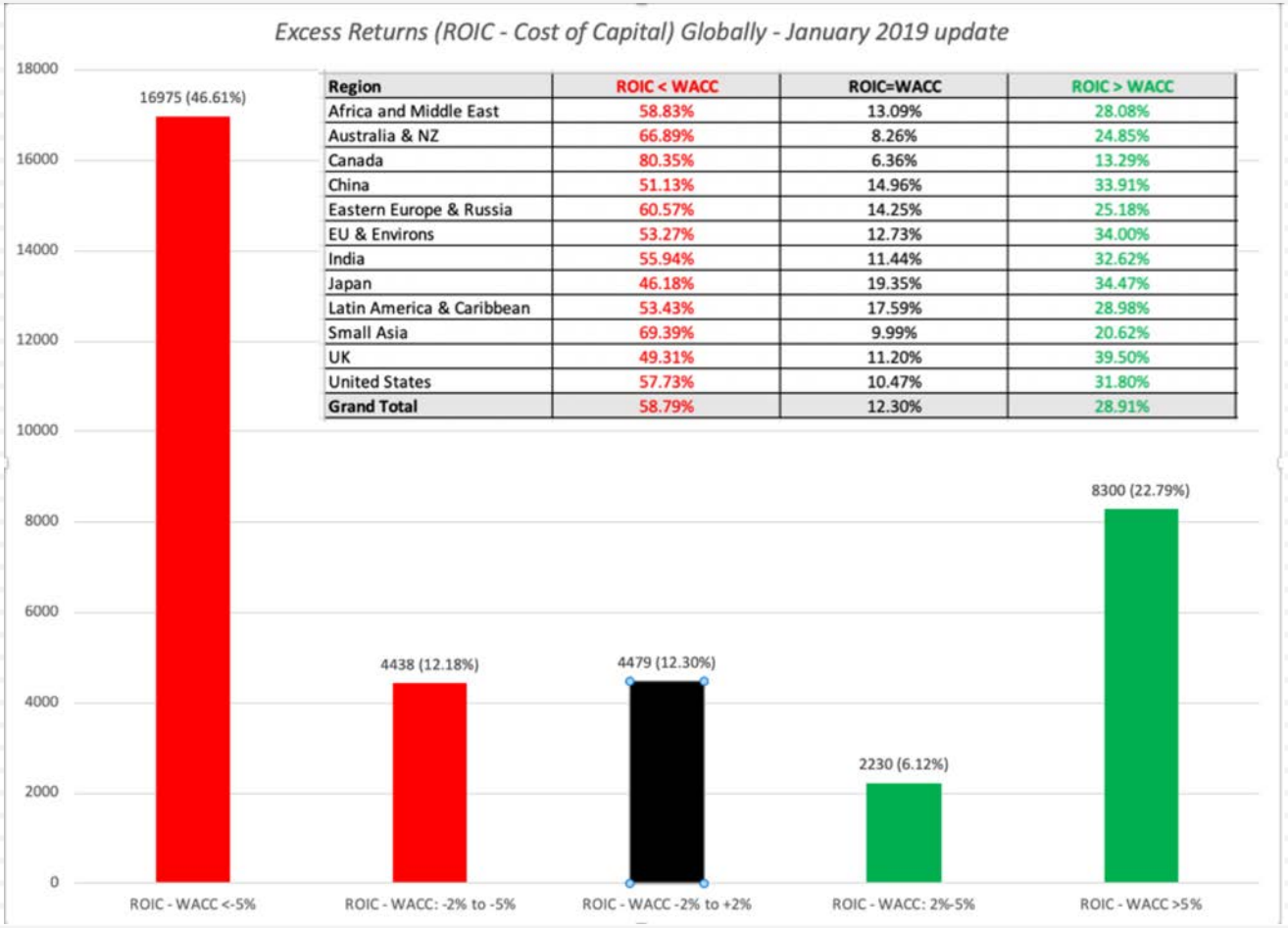
Exit EBITDA High	12.0 x	Exit PPG High	5.0%	Exit P/Sales High	180%
Exit EBITDA Low	8.0 x	Exit PPG Low	3.0%	Exit P/Sales Low	130%

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

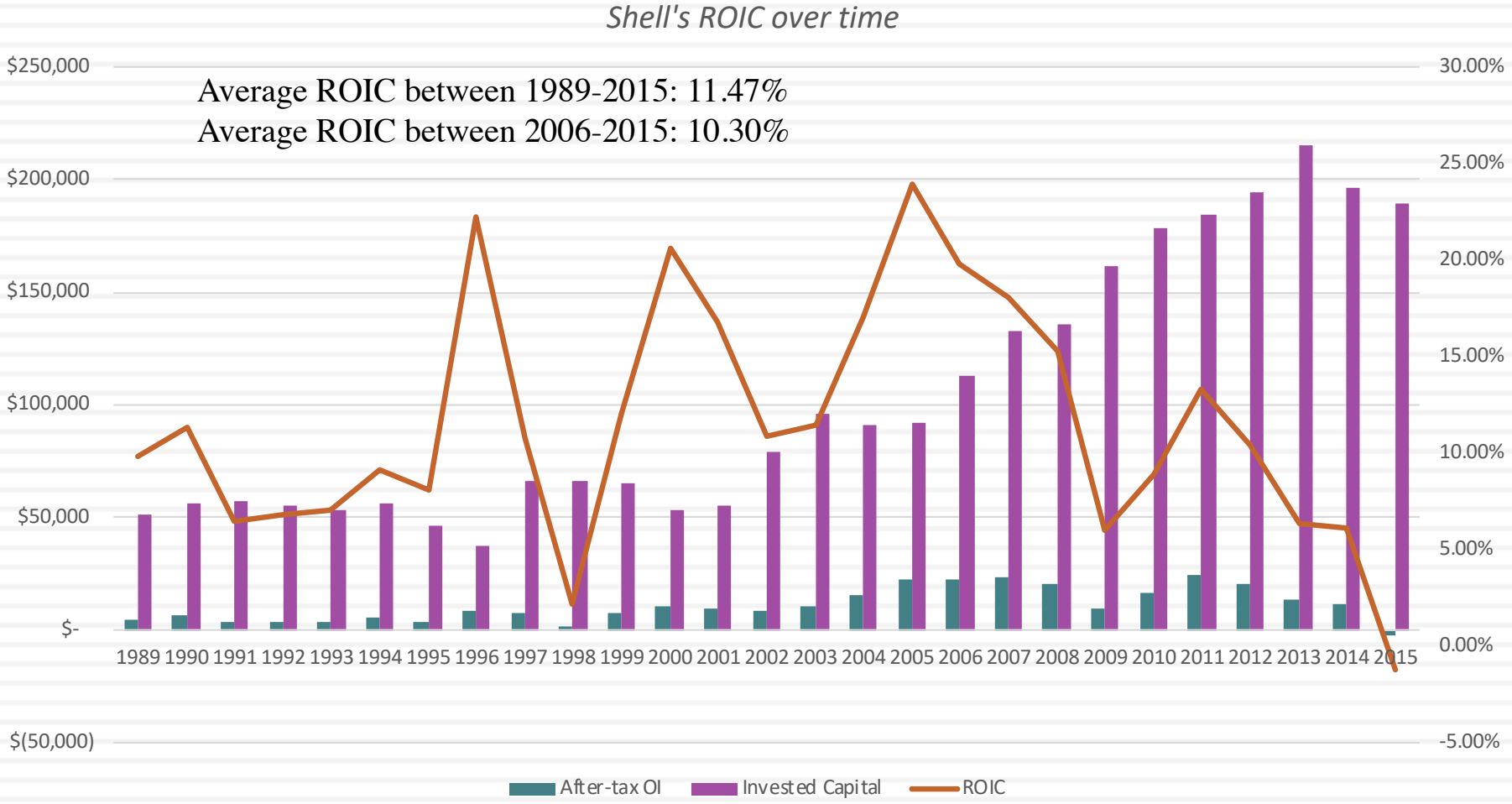
And consider the trade offs..

Excess Returns (ROIC - Cost of Capital) Globally - January 2019 update

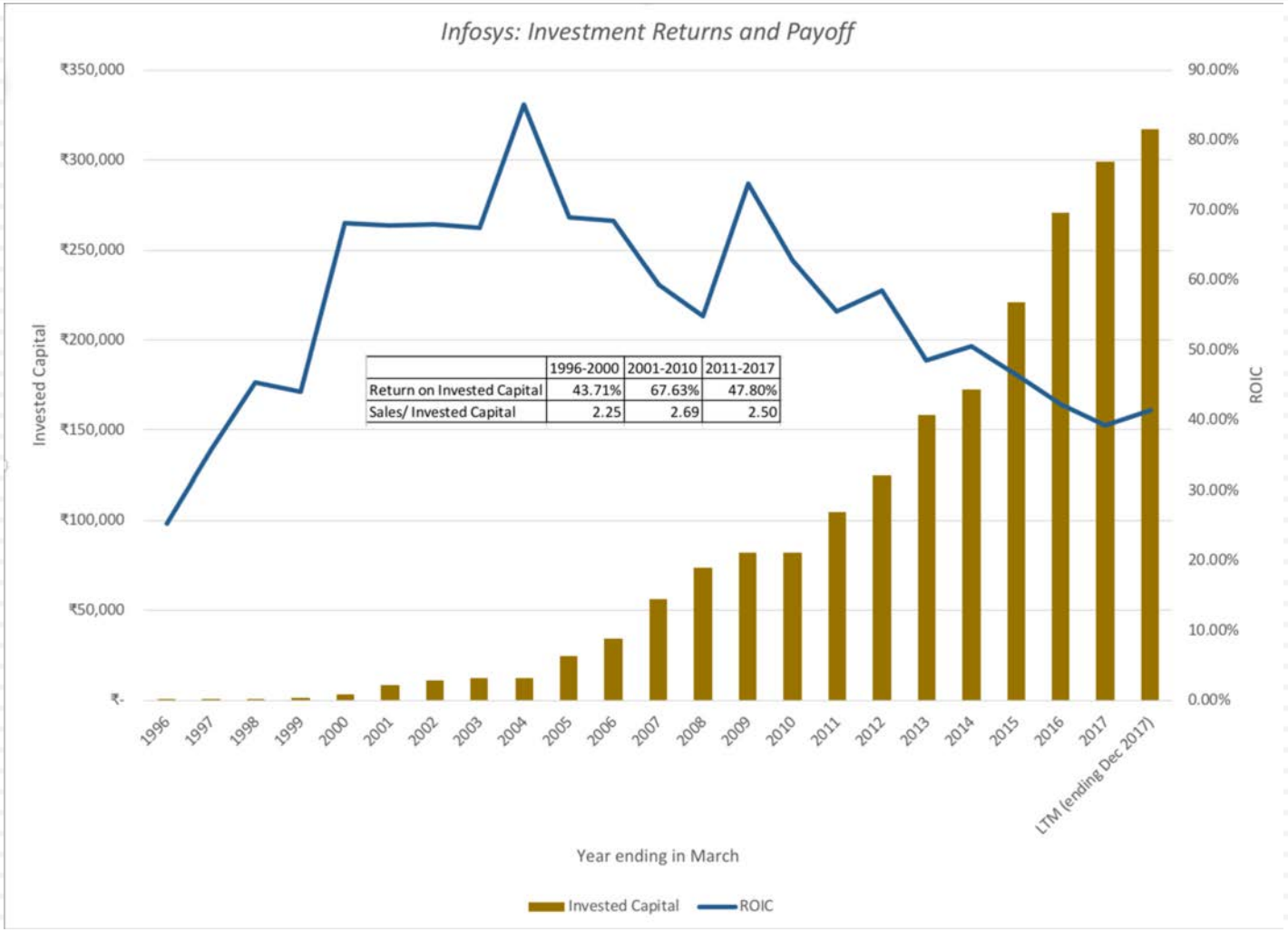
Region	ROIC < WACC	ROIC=WACC	ROIC > WACC
Africa and Middle East	58.83%	13.09%	28.08%
Australia & NZ	66.89%	8.26%	24.85%
Canada	80.35%	6.36%	13.29%
China	51.13%	14.96%	33.91%
Eastern Europe & Russia	60.57%	14.25%	25.18%
EU & Environs	53.27%	12.73%	34.00%
India	55.94%	11.44%	32.62%
Japan	46.18%	19.35%	34.47%
Latin America & Caribbean	53.43%	17.59%	28.98%
Small Asia	69.39%	9.99%	20.62%
UK	49.31%	11.20%	39.50%
United States	57.73%	10.47%	31.80%
Grand Total	58.79%	12.30%	28.91%



Shell's return on capital

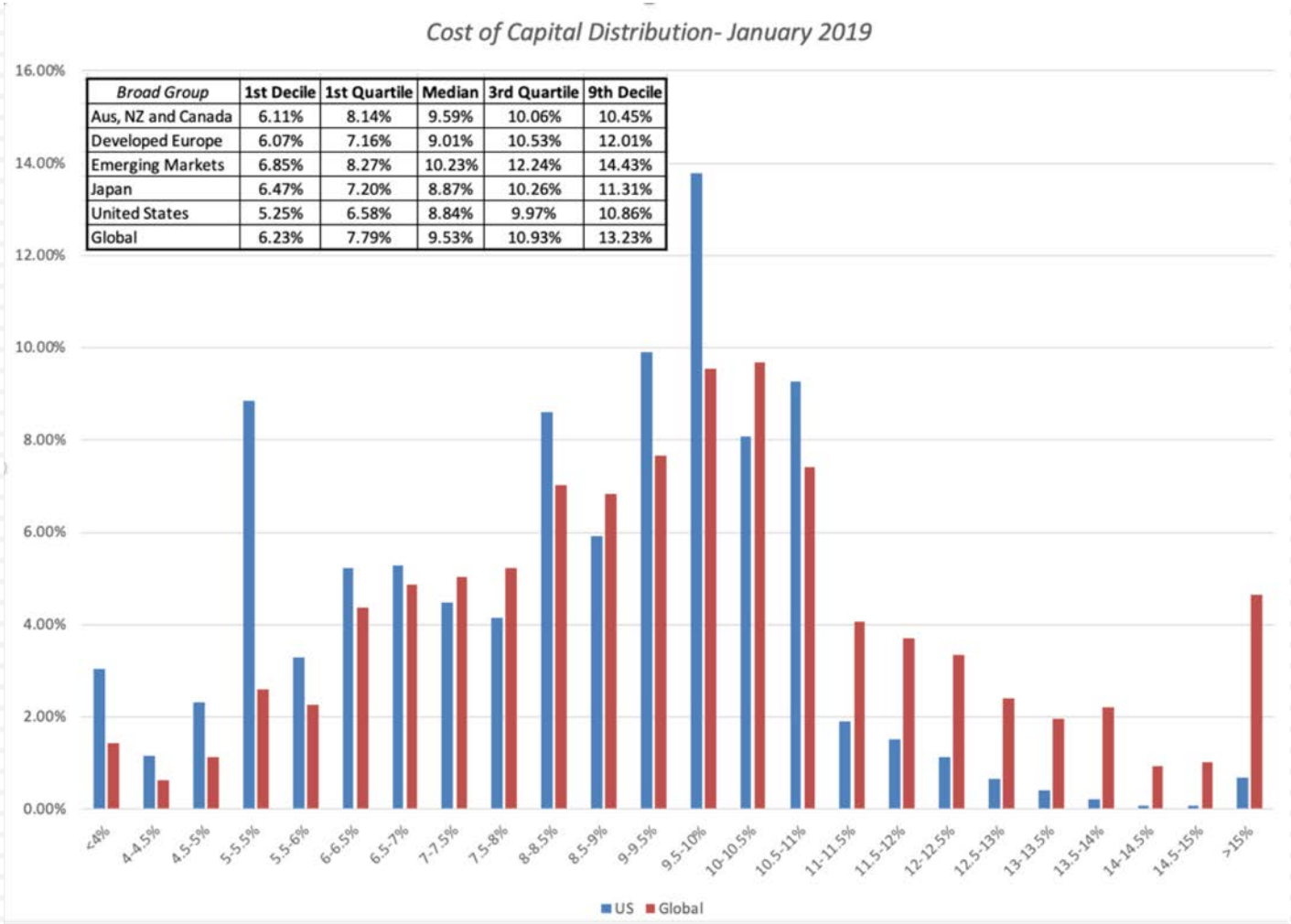


Infosys: Return on Invested Capital



7. Don’t sweat the small stuff

Broad Group	1st Decile	1st Quartile	Median	3rd Quartile	9th Decile
Aus, NZ and Canada	6.11%	8.14%	9.59%	10.06%	10.45%
Developed Europe	6.07%	7.16%	9.01%	10.53%	12.01%
Emerging Markets	6.85%	8.27%	10.23%	12.24%	14.43%
Japan	6.47%	7.20%	8.87%	10.26%	11.31%
United States	5.25%	6.58%	8.84%	9.97%	10.86%
Global	6.23%	7.79%	9.53%	10.93%	13.23%



8. Don't let your terminal value run away with your valuation

- In the terminal value equation, the growth seems to be the magic input, the key driver of value.

$$Terminal\ Value_n = \frac{Free\ Cash\ Flow_{n+1}}{(r-g)}$$

- Since that growth rate has to be maintained in perpetuity, it cannot exceed the growth rate of the economy in which you operate:
  - If your valuation is in nominal terms, it is the nominal growth rate of the economy. If it is is real terms, it is the real growth rate.
  - If your company is purely domestic, it is the growth rate of the domestic economy. If it is global, it is the global economy.

My Simple Proxy: The Risk free Rate

- I use a simpler and more easily observable number as a cap on stable growth: the risk free rate that I have used in the valuation. This take into account the currency automatically (since higher inflation currencies have higher risk free rates) and it is not unreasonable to argue that it is a good proxy for the nominal growth rate in the economy.
- There are three reasons I do it:
  - The best predictor nominal growth in the US economy at the start of every decade has been the US treasury bond rate at the time.
  - It preserves consistency. If you believe, as many have, that the risk free rate is too low in US $ or Euros, it compensates for the resulting too-low cost of capital by also capping the growth rate at the same number (at least in terminal value).
  - It puts a control on my biases.

A Consistent Version of Terminal Value

- The terminal value equation can be restated:

$$\text{Terminal Value in year n} = \frac{EBIT_{n+1}\ (1-t)\left(1-\frac{g}{ROC}\right)}{(\text{Cost of Capital} - g)}$$

Terminal Value for a firm with $100 million in after-tax operating income & cost of capital = 10% (for different g and ROIC)

		Return on capital in perpetuity				
		6%	8%	10%	12%	14%
Growth rate forever	0.00%	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000	$1,000
	0.50%	$965	$987	$1,000	$1,009	$1,015
	1.00%	$926	$972	$1,000	$1,019	$1,032
	1.50%	$882	$956	$1,000	$1,029	$1,050
	2.00%	$833	$938	$1,000	$1,042	$1,071
	2.50%	$778	$917	$1,000	$1,056	$1,095
	3.00%	$714	$893	$1,000	$1,071	$1,122

Dangerous Practice 1: Just grow the FCFF another year!

Valuation of a firm with expected growth in earnings of 10% for next 5 yeras and 3% thereafter; Cost of capital is 10% abd Return on capital is 15%

Terminal Value = FCFF in year 6/ (.10-.03)

		Just Grow FCFF		Recompute FCFF	
Year	EBIT(1-t)	FCFF	Term Value	FCFF	Term Value
1	$ 108.00	$ 36.00		$ 36.00	
2	$ 116.64	$ 38.88		$ 38.88	
3	$ 125.97	$ 41.99		$ 41.99	
4	$ 136.05	$ 45.35		$ 45.35	
5	$ 146.93	$ 48.98	$ 720.67	$ 48.98	$ 1,729.61
6	$ 151.34	$ 50.45		$ 121.07	
Value today	$ 605.27			$ 1,073.95	

Reinvestment Rate in first 5 years = g/ ROC = 10%/15% = 66.67%

FCFF in year 6 = $29.39 (1.03)

Reinvestment Rate in year 6 = g/ ROC = 3%/15% = 20%
FCFF in year 6 = 149.87 (1-.20) = $119.90

Dangerous Practice 2: No reinvestment needed!

- Approximately half of all the DCFs assume that when you get to stable growth, you can set capital expenditures = depreciation, ignore working capital changes and effectively make the reinvestment rate zero, while allowing the firm to continue growing at a stable growth rate.
- That argument fails at two levels.
  - If you reinvest nothing, your invested capital stays constant during your stable growth period, and as operating income rises, your return on invested capital will approach infinity.
  - Even if you assume a growth rate = inflation rate, you will have to replace your existing productive assets as they age and the same inflation that aids you on your revenues will cause the capital expenditures to exceed depreciation.

Dangerous Practice 3: Just use an exit multiple

- In a large proportion of DCFs, the terminal value is estimated by using a multiple of some operating metric (revenues, earnings etc.) in year n to get to a terminal value in that year:

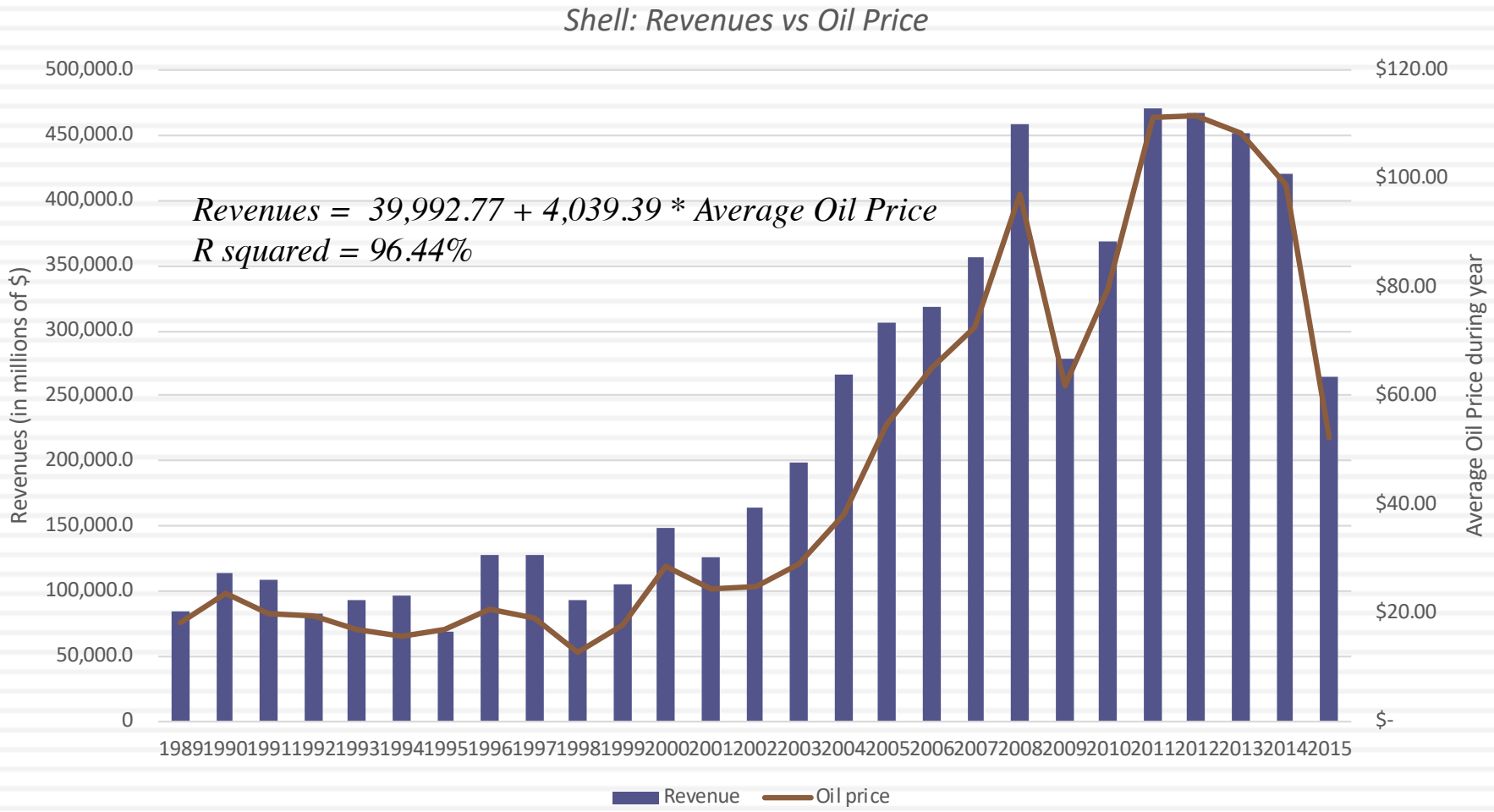
$$\text{Trojan Horse DCF} = \frac{E(CF_1)}{(1+r)} + \frac{E(CF_2)}{(1+r)^2} + \frac{E(CF_3)}{(1+r)^3} \ldots + \frac{(EBITDA_n * \text{Peer Group } \frac{EV}{EBITDA})}{(1+r)^n}$$

- In almost every case where this is done, the multiple that is used to estimate the terminal value comes from looking at what how peer group companies trade today.
- That makes this a pricing, not an intrinsic valuation.

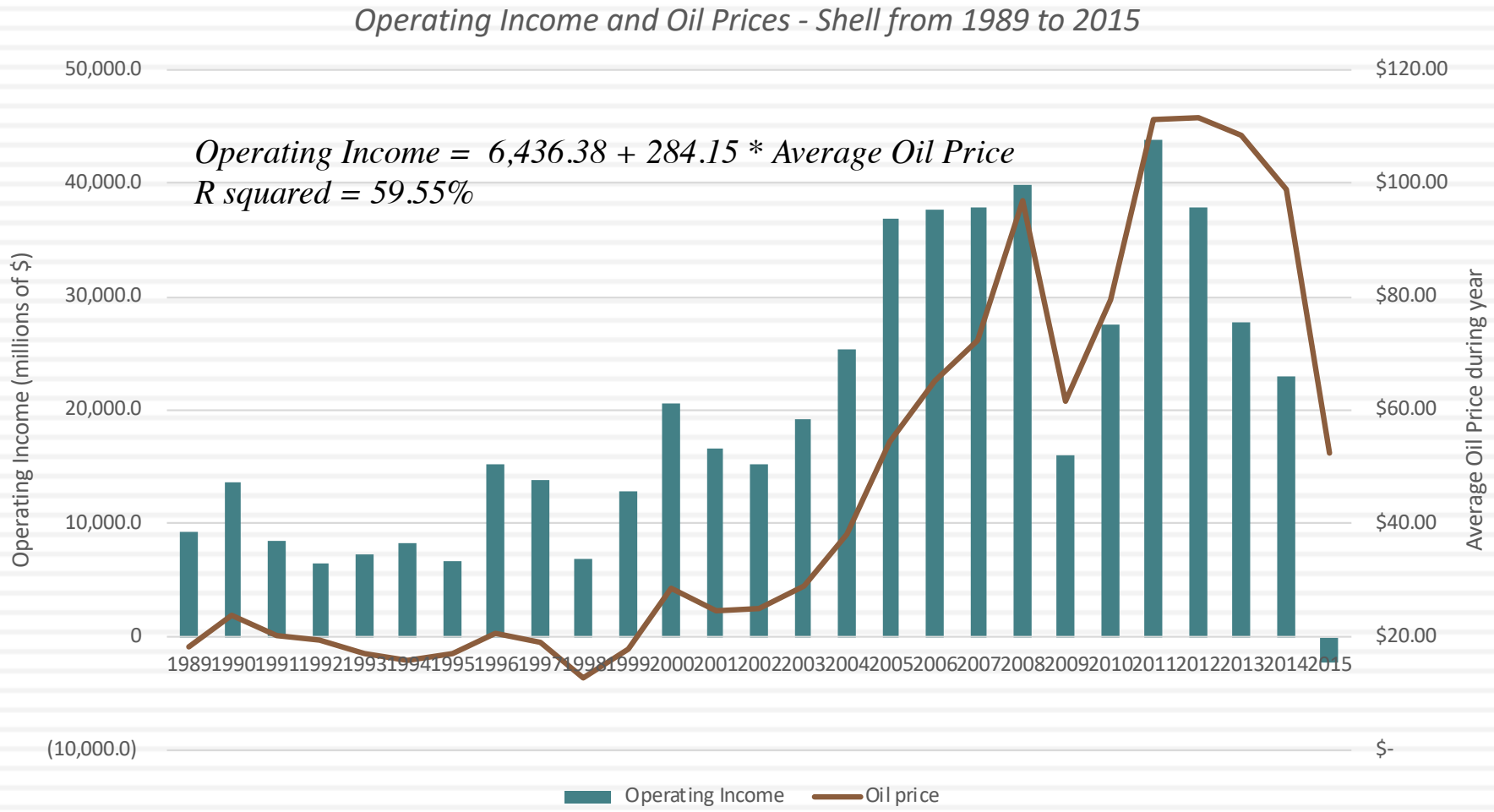
8. Don't let your macro views drown out your micro views..

- When you are asked to value a company, you should keep your focus on what drives that value. If you bring in your specific macro views into the valuation, the value that you obtain for a company will be a joint result of what you think about the company and your macro views.
- **Bottom line**: If you have macro views, provide them separately. You should be as macro-neutral as you can be, in your company valuations.
- **Follow up**: If you find macro risk dominating your thoughts, deal with it frontally.

The biggest driver for Shell (and no surprise) is..



Though they do have some power to alter your income..



Valuing Shell at April 2016 oil price ($40)

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

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

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

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

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

Added long term investments in joint ventures and subtracted out minority interest in consolidated holdings.

Infosys: March 2018 (in Rupees)

Cash flows from existing assets

	LTM	2011-2017	Industry (US data)
Revenue growth =	3.28%	14.22%	15.31%
Pre-tax operating margin =	24.29%	26.16%	8.35%
Sales to capital ratio =	1.81	2.50	3.69
Return on invested capital =	31.57%	47.80%	27.96%

The Payoff from growth

Revenues will grow 10% a year for next 5 years, tapering down to 5.38% growth in year 10

Operatng margin (per-tax) will continue to decline from 24.29% to 23%

Sales/Invested Capital will stay at ten-year average of 1.81

Maturty and Closure

Stable Growth
g = 5.38%;
Cost of capital = 9.88%
ROC= 15%;
Reinvestment Rate=g/ROC
= 5.83%/15.00%= 35.87%

Terminal Value = 169,632/(.0988-..0538) = 3,769,597

Rupee Cashflows

	Base year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Terminal year
Revenue growth rate		10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	10.00%	9.08%	8.15%	7.23%	6.30%	5.38%	5.38%
Revenues	₹ 683,119	₹ 751,431	₹ 826,574	₹ 909,231	₹ 1,000,155	₹ 1,100,170	₹ 1,200,021	₹ 1,297,847	₹ 1,391,656	₹ 1,479,386	₹ 1,558,976	₹ 1,642,849
EBIT (Operating) margin	24.29%	24.16%	24.03%	23.90%	23.78%	23.65%	23.52%	23.39%	23.26%	23.13%	23.00%	23.00%
EBIT (Operating income)	₹ 165,945	₹ 181,568	₹ 198,657	₹ 217,348	₹ 237,790	₹ 260,148	₹ 282,208	₹ 303,536	₹ 323,678	₹ 342,170	₹ 358,565	₹ 377,855
Tax rate	28.00%	28.00%	28.00%	28.00%	28.00%	28.00%	28.40%	28.80%	29.20%	29.60%	30.00%	30.00%
EBIT(1-t)	₹ 119,480	₹ 130,729	₹ 143,033	₹ 156,491	₹ 171,209	₹ 187,306	₹ 202,061	₹ 216,118	₹ 229,164	₹ 240,888	₹ 250,995	₹ 264,499
- Reinvestment		₹ 37,842	₹ 41,626	₹ 45,789	₹ 50,368	₹ 55,404	₹ 55,313	₹ 54,191	₹ 51,966	₹ 48,599	₹ 44,090	₹ 94,867
FCFF		₹ 92,887	₹ 101,407	₹ 110,702	₹ 120,841	₹ 131,902	₹ 146,747	₹ 161,927	₹ 177,198	₹ 192,289	₹ 206,905	₹ 169,632
Cost of capital		11.02%	11.02%	11.02%	11.02%	11.02%	10.80%	10.57%	10.34%	10.11%	9.88%	
Cumulated discount factor		0.9007	0.8113	0.7307	0.6581	0.5928	0.5350	0.4839	0.4386	0.3983	0.3625	
PV(FCFF)		₹ 83,664	₹ 82,268	₹ 80,890	₹ 79,531	₹ 78,190	₹ 78,514	₹ 78,356	₹ 77,712	₹ 76,588	₹ 74,999	

PV(Terminal value)	₹	1,366,411
PV (CF over next 10 years)	₹	790,711
Value of operating assets =	₹	2,157,122
- Debt	₹	-
- Minority interests	₹	-
+ Cash	₹	230,727
+ Non-operating assets	₹	61,081
Value of equity	₹	2,448,930
- Value of options	₹	945
Value of equity in common stock	₹	2,447,985
Number of shares	₹	2,283
Estimated value /share	₹	**1,072.22**

Discount at Rs Cost of Capital (WACC) = 11.02% (.100) = 11.02%

The Risk in the Cash flows

On March 27, 2018, Infosys was trading at Rs 1150/ share

Cost of Equity 11.02%

Cost of Debt
NO DEBT

Weights
E = 100% D = 0%

Riskfree Rate:
Rupee Risk free Rate =
7.33% - 1.95% = 5.38%

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Beta = 1.03

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Firm's D/E Ratio: 0%

Business	Revenues	EV/Sales	Estimated Value	Value Weight	Unlevered Beta
Computer Software	₹ 2,101	6.3640	₹ 13,371	13.51%	1.1114
Computer Services	₹ 66,383	1.2899	₹ 85,630	86.49%	1.0136
Company	**₹ 68,484**		**₹ 99,001**		**1.0268**

ERP = 5.50%

Region	Revenues	ERP	Weight	Weighted ERP
North America	₹ 42,408	5.08%	62.01%	3.1499%
Europe	₹ 15,302	6.01%	22.37%	1.3437%
Rest of the World	₹ 8,504	6.21%	12.43%	0.7721%
India	₹ 2,180	7.27%	3.19%	0.2317%
Total	**₹ 68,394**		**100.00%**	**5.4974%**

The **Chimera DCF** mixes dollar cash flows with peso discount rates, nominal cash flows with real costs of capital and cash flows before debt payments with costs of equity, violating basic consistency rules

In a **Dreamstate DCF**, you build amazing companies on spreadsheets, making outlandish assumptions about growth and operating margins over time.

In a **Dissonant DCF**, assumptions about growth, risk and cash flows are not consistent with each other, with little or no explanation given for the mismatch.

In a **Trojan Horse DCF**, Just as the Greeks used a wooden horse to smuggle soldiers into Troy, analysts use the Trojan Horse of cash flows to smuggle in a pricing (in the form of a terminal value, estimated by using a multiple).

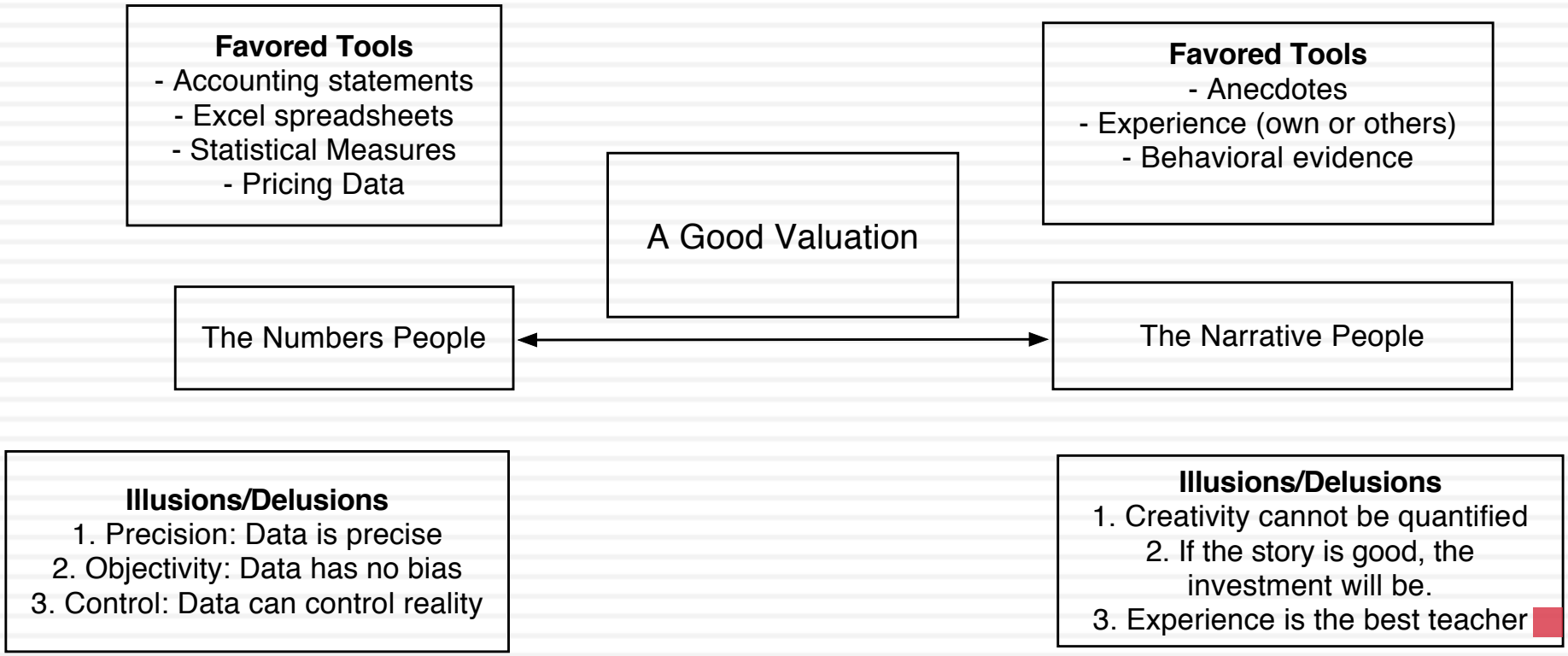
A **Kabuki DCF** is a work of art, where analyst and rule maker (or court) go through the motions of valuation, with the intent of developing models that are legally or accounting-rule defensible rather than yielding reasonable values.

D+CF ≠ DCF

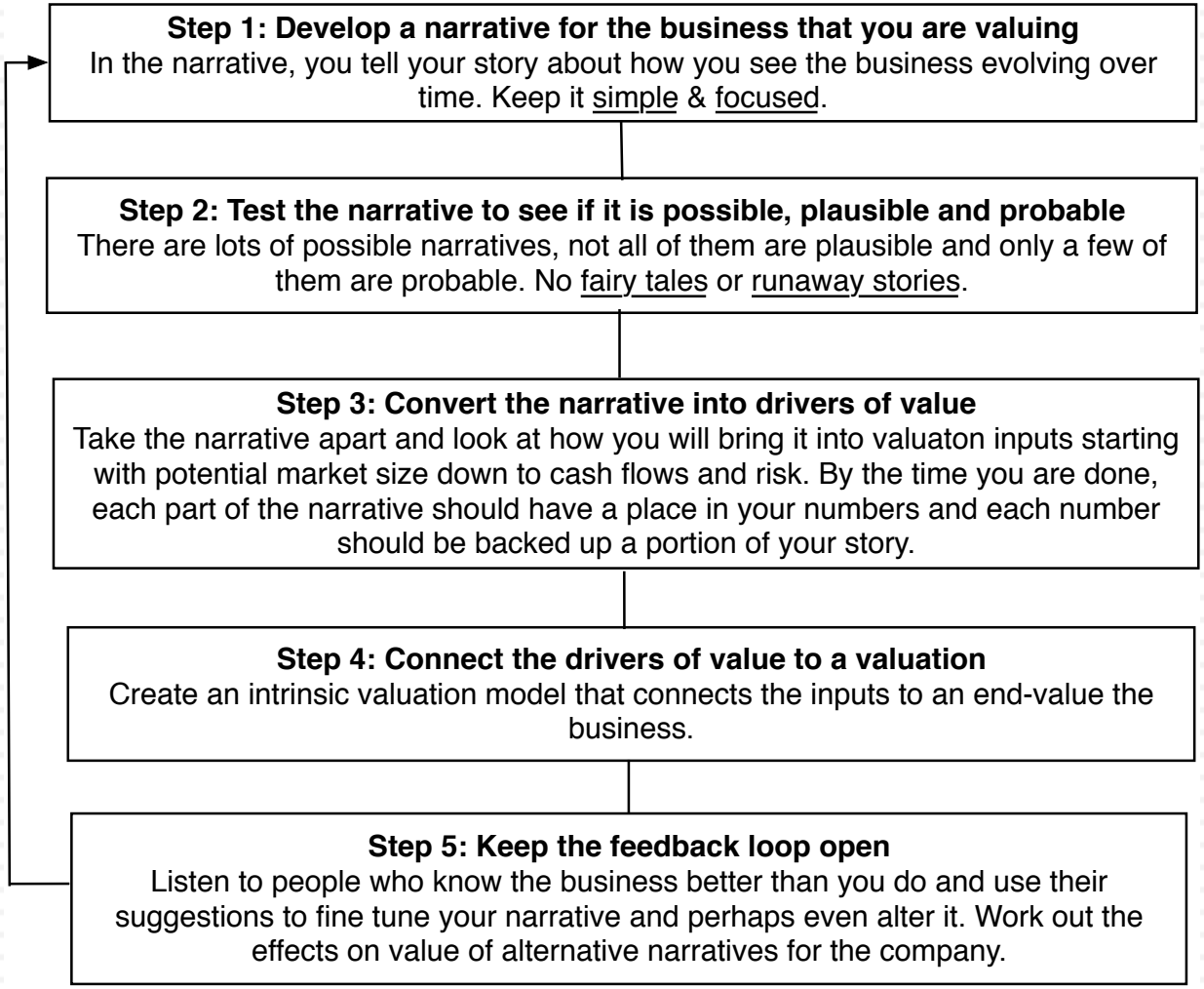
In a **Robo DCF**, the analyst builds a valuation almost entirely from the most recent financial statements and automated forecasts.

A **Mutant DCF** is a collection of numbers where items have familiar names (free cash flow, cost of capital) but the analyst putting it together has neither a narrative nor a sense of the basic principles of

III. Don’t mistake modeling for valuation



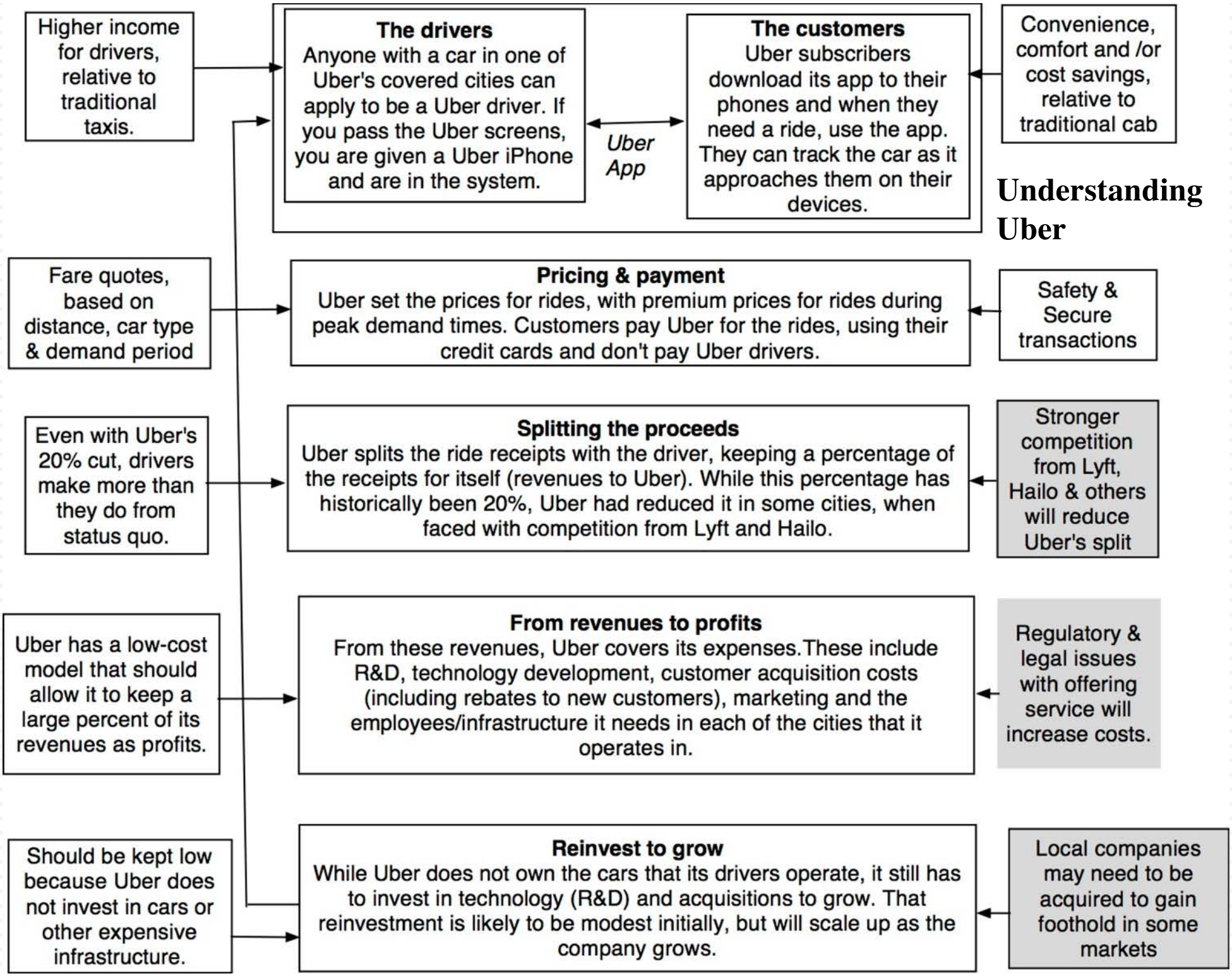
From story to numbers and beyond..



Step Zero: Survey the landscape

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

Understanding Uber



The Auto Business

Low Growth

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

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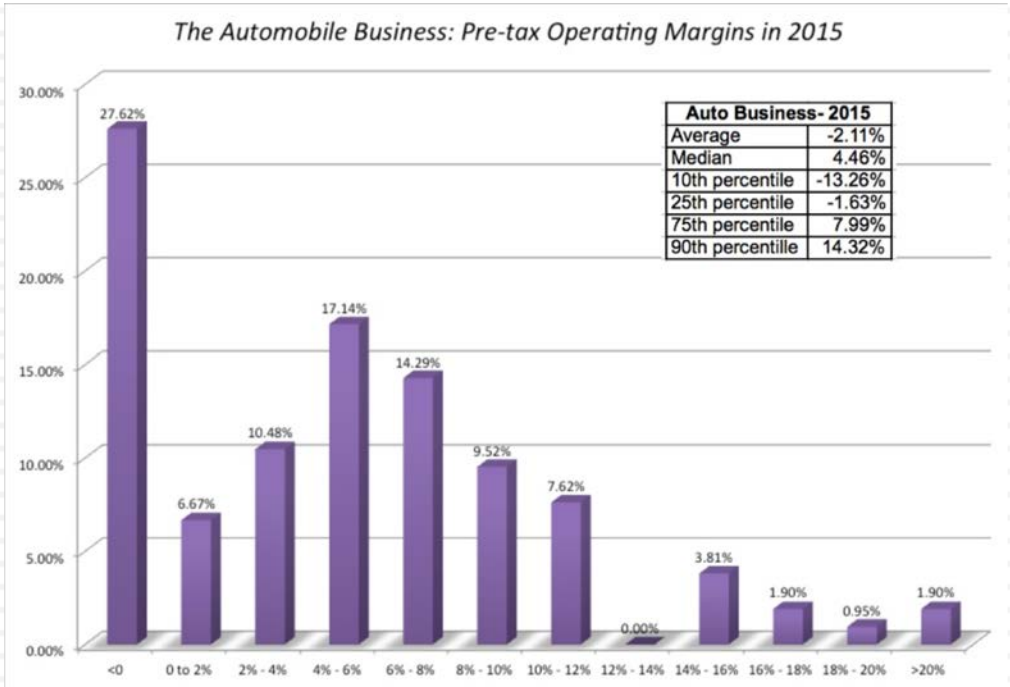
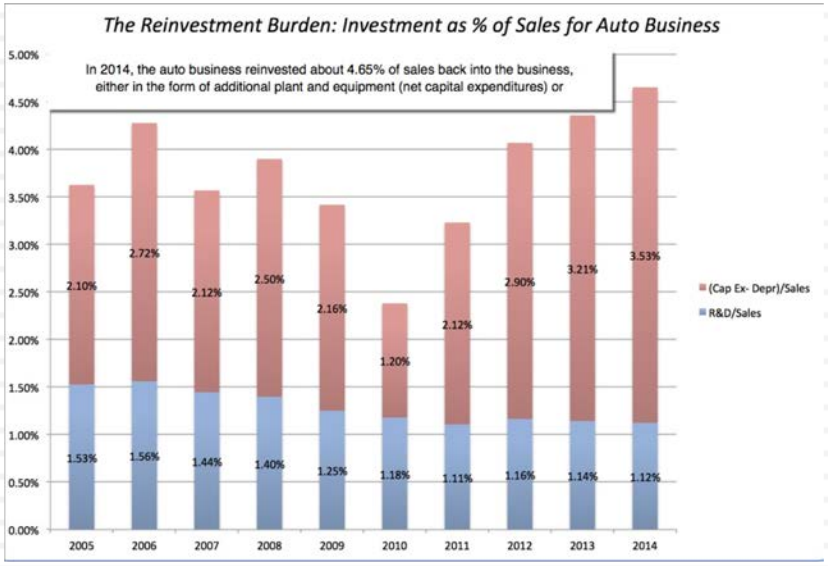
Low Margins



High & Increasing Reinvestment



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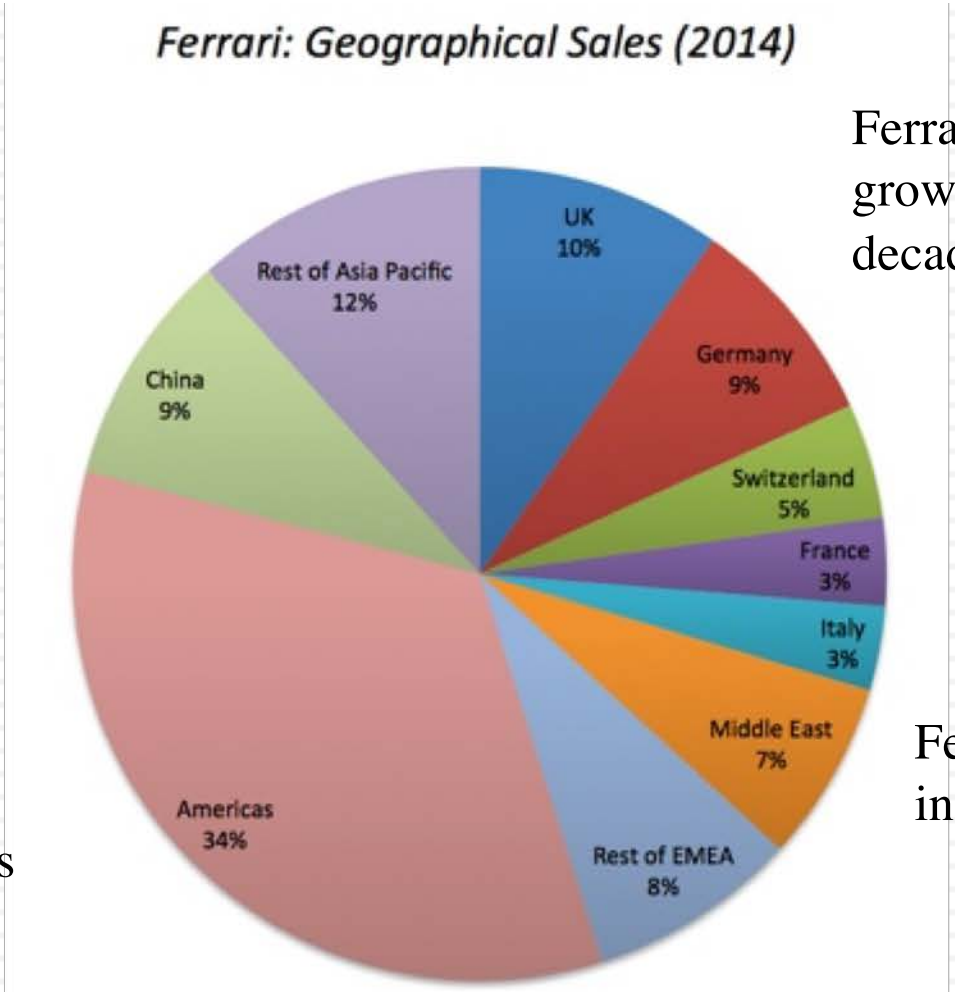
Bad Business

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

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

What makes Ferrari different?

Ferrari sold only 7,255 cars in all of 2014



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

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

Ferrari has not invested in new plants.

Step 1: The Uber Narrative

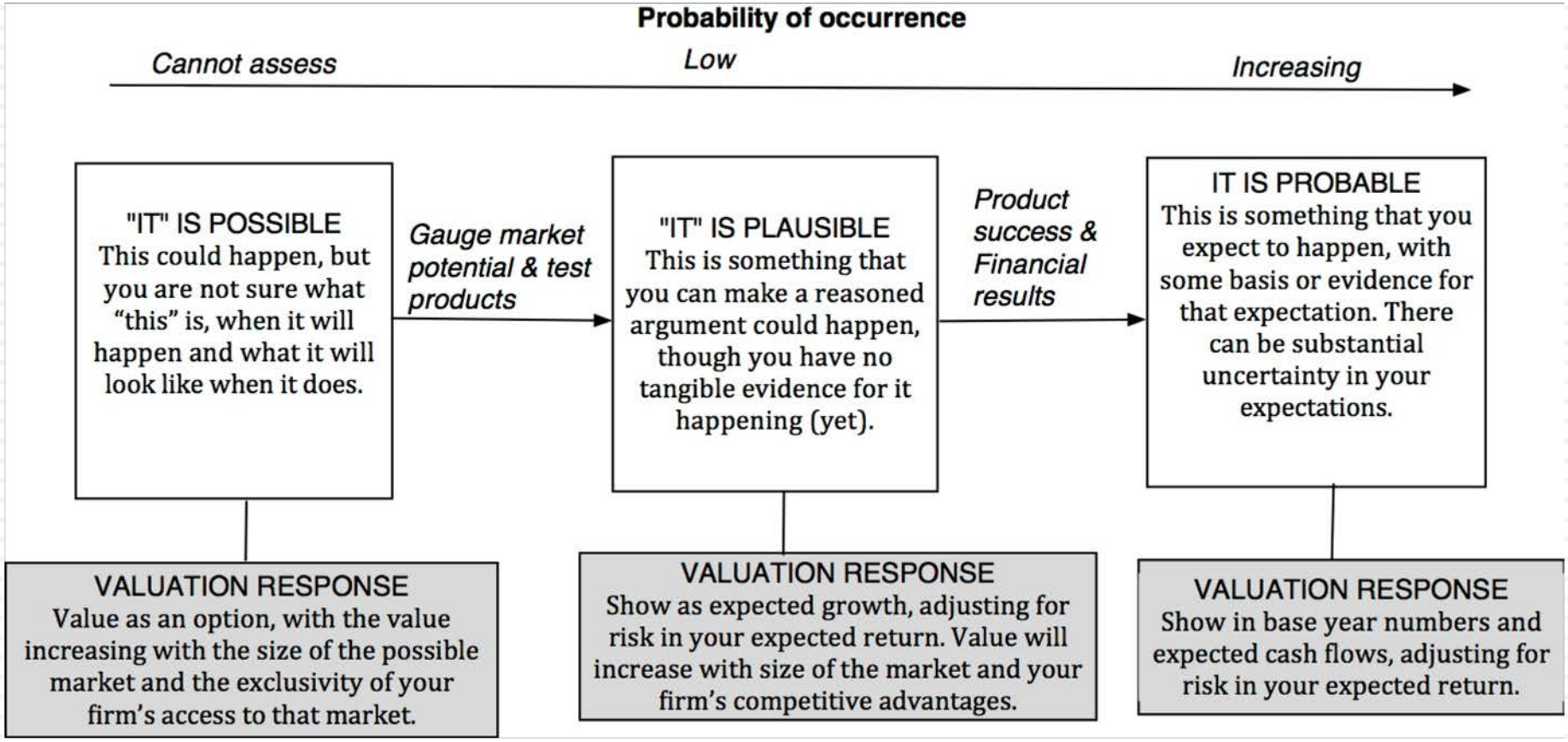
In June 2014, my initial narrative for Uber was that it would be

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

The Ferrari Narrative

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

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



The Impossible, The Implausible and the Improbable

The Impossible

Bigger than the economy
Assuming Growth rate for company in perpetuity> Growth rate for economy

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

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

Depreciation without cap ex
Assuming that depreciation will exceed cap ex in perpetuity.

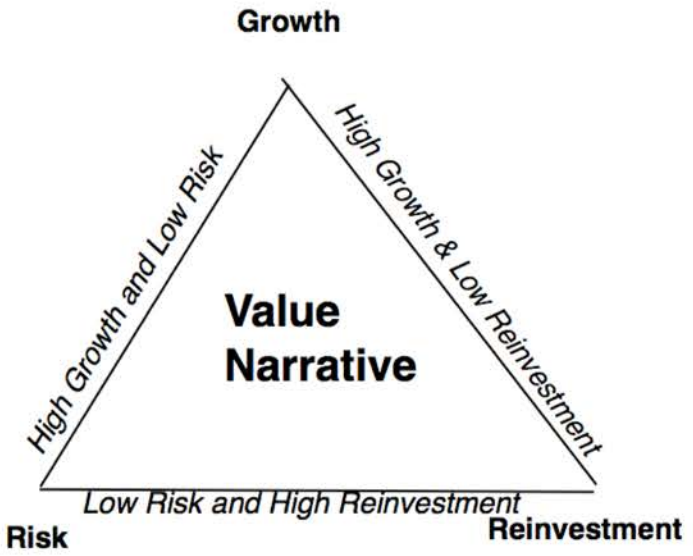
The Implausible

Growth without reinvestment
Assuming growth forever without reinvestment.

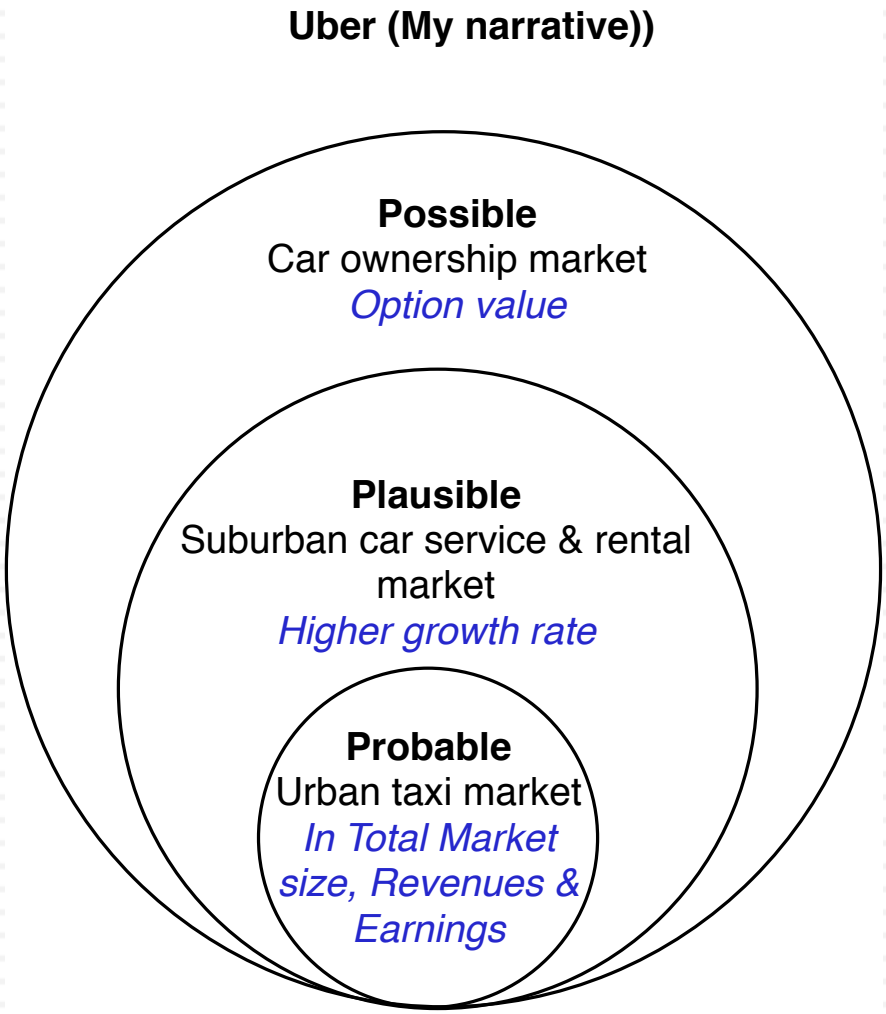
Profits without competition
Assuming that your company will grow and earn higher profits, with no competition.

Returns without risk
Assuming that you can generate high returns in a business with no risk.

The Improbable



Uber: Possible, Plausible and Probable



The Impossible: The Runaway Story

The Story

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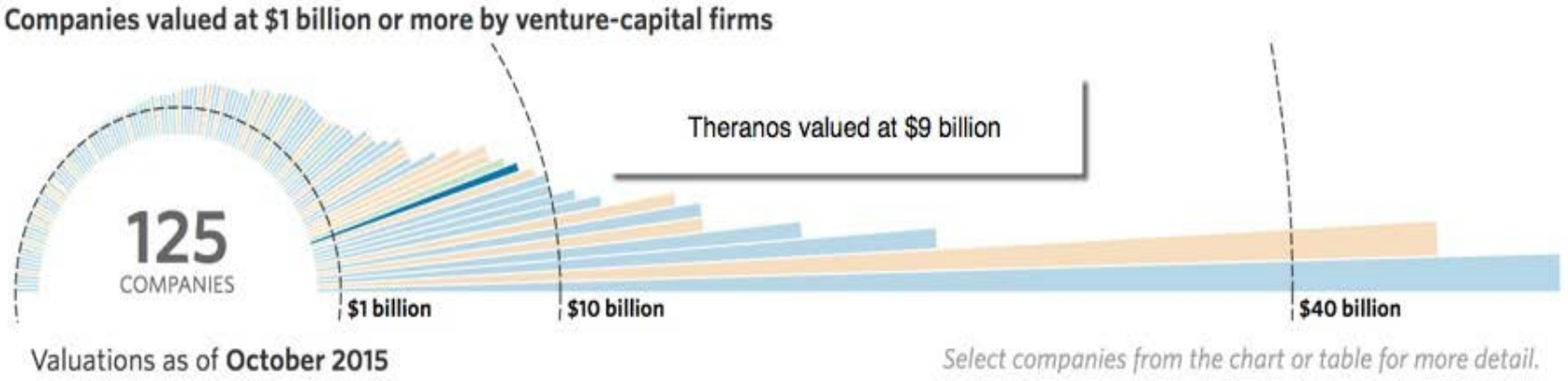
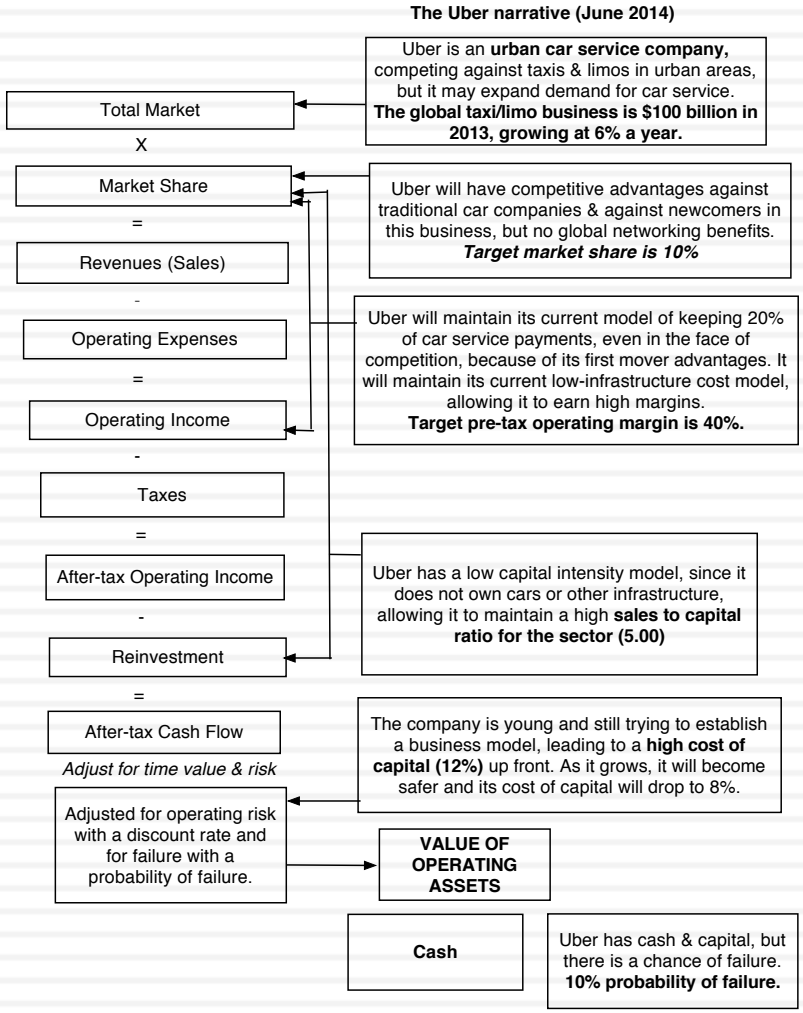
The Checks (?)

Board Member	Designation	Age
Henry Kissinger	Former Secretary of State	92
Bill Perry	Former Secretary of Defense	88
George Schultz	Former Secretary of State	94
Bill Frist	Former Senate Majority Leader	63
Sam Nunn	Former Senator	77
Gary Roughead	Former Navy Admiral	64
James Mattis	Former Marine Corps General	65
Dick Kovocovich	Former CEO of Wells Fargo	72
Riley Bechtel	Former CEO of Bechtel	63
William Foege	Epidemologist	79
Elizabeth Holmes	Founder & CEO, Theranos	31
Sunny Balwani	President & COO, Theranos	NA

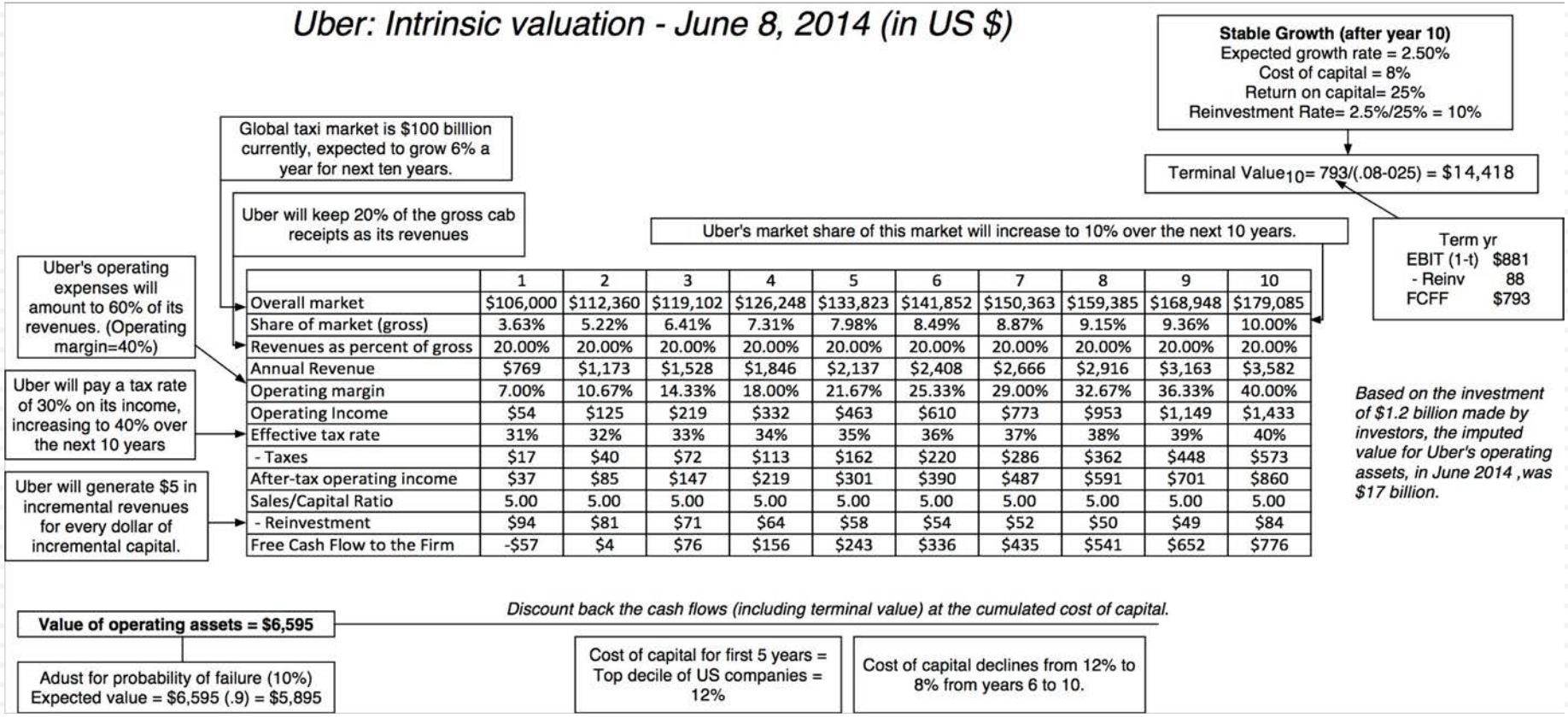
+ Money



Step 3: Connect your narrative to key drivers of value



Step 4: Value the company (Uber)



	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Overall market	$106,000	$112,360	$119,102	$126,248	$133,823	$141,852	$150,363	$159,385	$168,948	$179,085
Share of market (gross)	3.63%	5.22%	6.41%	7.31%	7.98%	8.49%	8.87%	9.15%	9.36%	10.00%
Revenues as percent of gross	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%	20.00%
Annual Revenue	$769	$1,173	$1,528	$1,846	$2,137	$2,408	$2,666	$2,916	$3,163	$3,582
Operating margin	7.00%	10.67%	14.33%	18.00%	21.67%	25.33%	29.00%	32.67%	36.33%	40.00%
Operating Income	$54	$125	$219	$332	$463	$610	$773	$953	$1,149	$1,433
Effective tax rate	31%	32%	33%	34%	35%	36%	37%	38%	39%	40%
- Taxes	$17	$40	$72	$113	$162	$220	$286	$362	$448	$573
After-tax operating income	$37	$85	$147	$219	$301	$390	$487	$591	$701	$860
Sales/Capital Ratio	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
- Reinvestment	$94	$81	$71	$64	$58	$54	$52	$50	$49	$84
Free Cash Flow to the Firm	-$57	$4	$76	$156	$243	$336	$435	$541	$652	$776

Ferrari: The "Exclusive Club" Value

Stay Super Exclusive: Revenue growth is low

	Base year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Terminal year
Revenue growth rate		4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	4.00%	3.34%	2.68%	2.02%	1.36%	0.70%	0.70%
Revenues	€ 2,763	€ 2,874	€ 2,988	€ 3,108	€ 3,232	€ 3,362	€ 3,474	€ 3,567	€ 3,639	€ 3,689	€ 3,714	€ 3,740
EBIT (Operating) margin	18.20%	18.20%	18.20%	18.20%	18.20%	18.20%	18.20%	18.20%	18.20%	18.20%	18.20%	18.20%
EBIT (Operating income)	€ 503	€ 523	€ 544	€ 566	€ 588	€ 612	€ 632	€ 649	€ 662	€ 671	€ 676	€ 681
Tax rate	33.54%	33.54%	33.54%	33.54%	33.54%	33.54%	33.54%	33.54%	33.54%	33.54%	33.54%	33.54%
EBIT(1-t)	€ 334	€ 348	€ 361	€ 376	€ 391	€ 407	€ 420	€ 431	€ 440	€ 446	€ 449	€ 452
- Reinvestment		€ 78	€ 81	€ 84	€ 87	€ 91	€ 79	€ 66	€ 51	€ 35	€ 18	€ 22
FCFF		€ 270	€ 281	€ 292	€ 303	€ 316	€ 341	€ 366	€ 389	€ 411	€ 431	€ 431
Cost of capital		6.96%	6.96%	6.96%	6.96%	6.96%	6.96%	6.97%	6.98%	6.99%	7.00%	7.00%
PV(FCFF)		€ 252	€ 245	€ 238	€ 232	€ 225	€ 228	€ 228	€ 227	€ 224	€ 220	

Terminal value	€ 6,835
PV(Terminal value)	€ 3,485
PV (CF over next 10 years)	€ 2,321
Value of operating assets =	€ 5,806
- Debt	€ 623
- Minority interests	€ 13
+ Cash	€ 1,141
Value of equity	€ 6,311

High Prices + No selling cost = Preserve current operating margin

Minimal Reinvestment due to low growth

The super rich are not sensitive to economic downturns

Step 5: Keep the feedback loop open

- When you tell a story about a company (either explicitly or implicitly), it is natural to feel attached to that story and to defend it against all attacks. Nothing can destroy an investor more than hubris.
- Being open to other views about a company is not easy, but here are some suggestions that may help:
  - Face up to the uncertainty in your own estimates of value.
  - Present the valuation to people who don't think like you do.
  - Create a process where people who disagree with you the most have a say.
  - Provide a structure where the criticisms can be specific and pointed, rather than general.

The Gurley Pushback

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

Valuing Bill Gurley's Uber narrative

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

Different narratives, Different Numbers

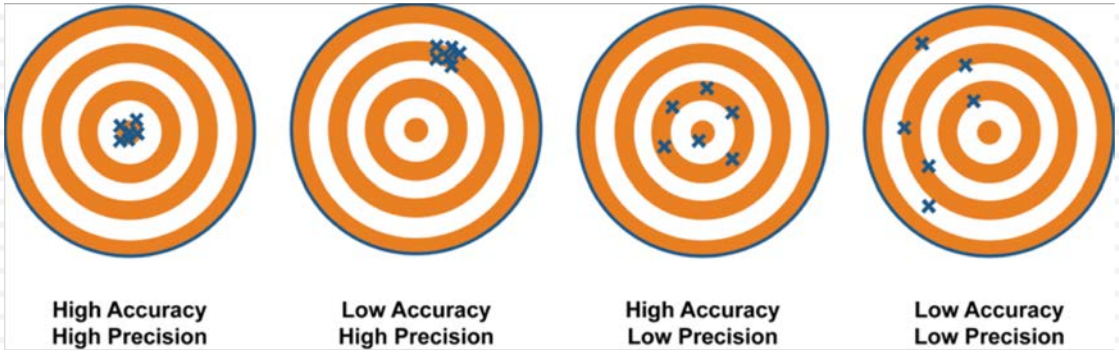
Total Market	*Growth Effect*	*Network Effect*	*Competitive Advantages*	*Value of Uber*
A4. Mobility Services	B4. Double market size	C5. Strong global network effects	D4. Strong & Sustainable	$90,457
A3. Logistics	B4. Double market size	C5. Strong global network effects	D4. Strong & Sustainable	$65,158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

The Real World Intrudes: Be ready to modify narrative as events unfold

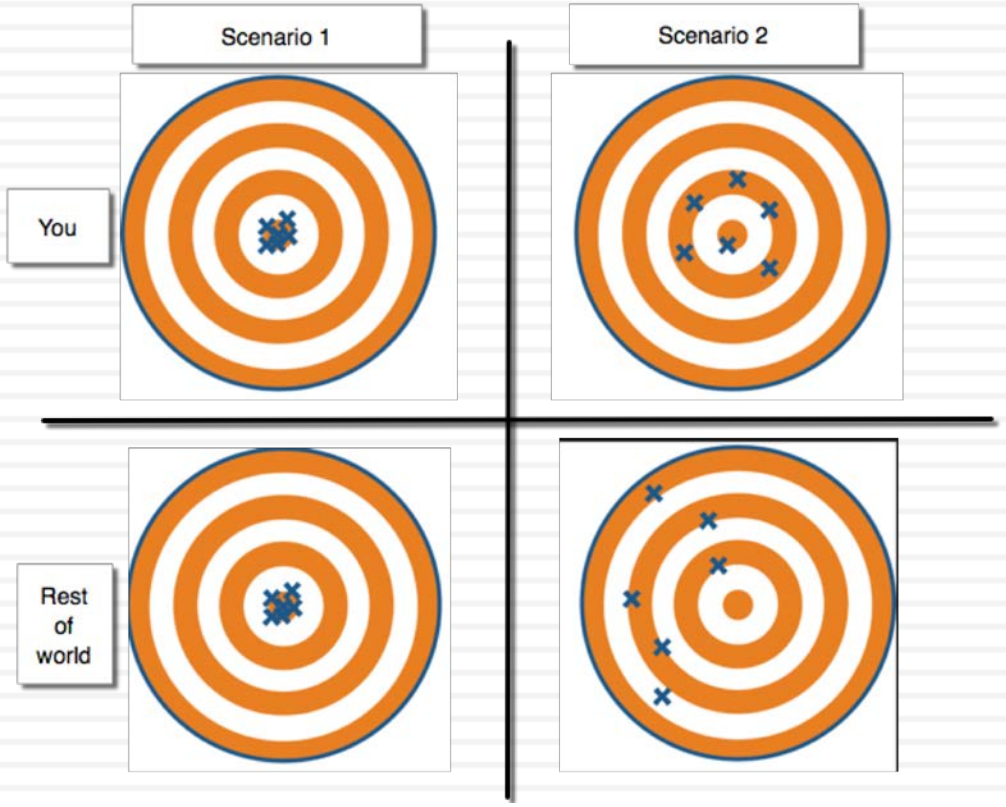
Narrative Break/End	Narrative Shift	Narrative Change (Expansion or Contraction)
Events, external (legal, political or economic) or internal (management, competitive, default), that can cause the narrative to break or end.	Improvement or deterioration in initial business model, changing market size, market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

IV. Don't mistake precision for accuracy.. And accuracy for payoff..

Better accurate than precise

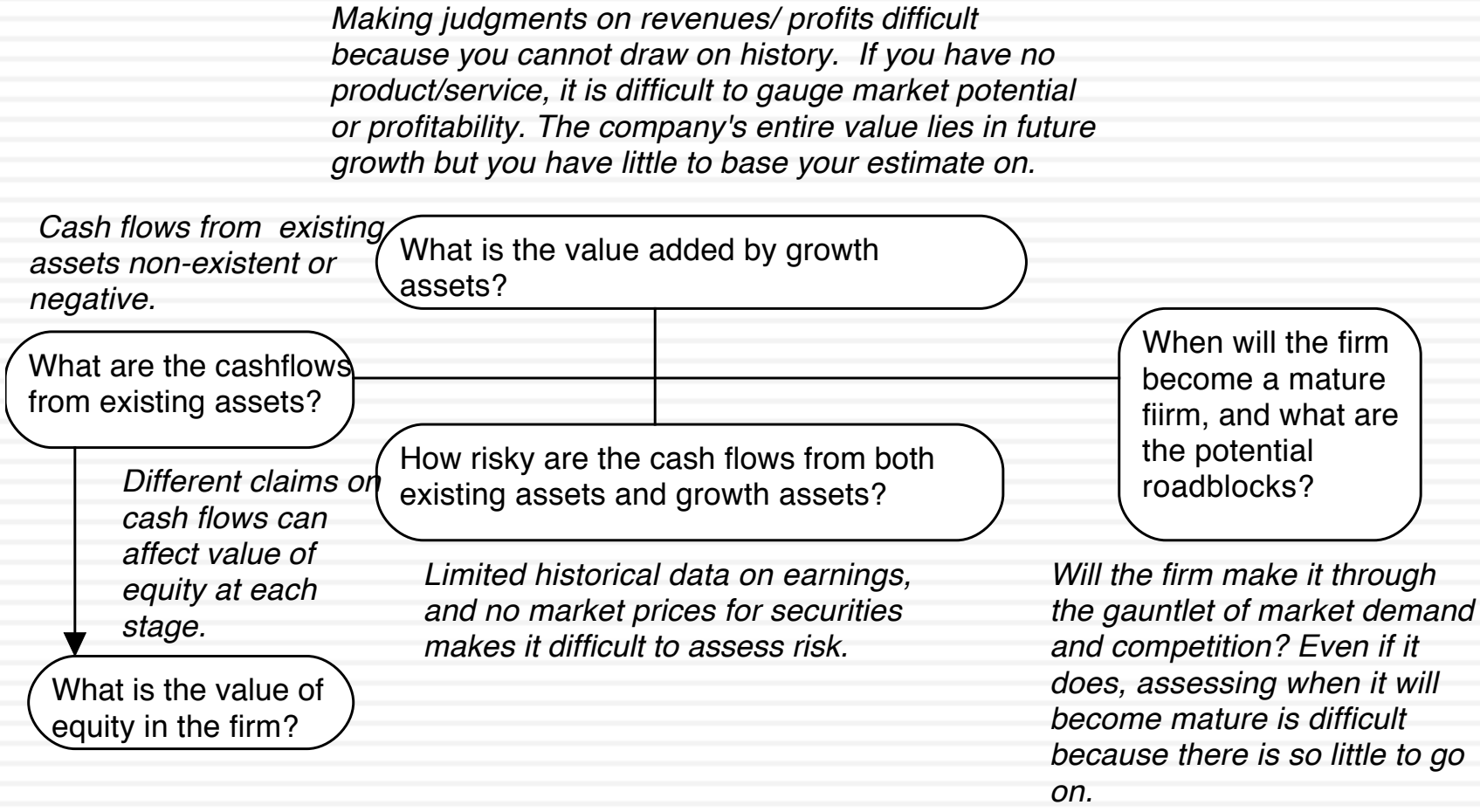


It's all relative



Valuing a start up is hard to do..

Figure 3: Estimation Issues - Young and Start-up Companies



And the dark side will beckon..

- With young start up companies, you will be told that it is "too difficult" or even "impossible" to value these companies, because there is so little history and so much uncertainty in the future.
- Instead, you will be asked to come over to the "dark side", where
  - You will see value metrics that you have never seen before
  - You will hear "macro" stories, justifying value
  - You will be asked to play the momentum game
- While all of this behavior is understandable, none of it makes the uncertainty go away. You have a choice. You can either hide from uncertainty or face up to it.

Twitter: Setting the table in October 2013

	Last 10K	Trailing 12 month
Revenues	$316.93	$534.46
Operating Income	($77.06)	($134.91)
Adjusted Operating Income		$7.66
Invested Capital		$955.00
Adjusted Operating Margin		1.44%
Sales/ Invested Capital		$0.56

Twitter: Priming the Pump for Valuation

1. Make small revenues into big revenues

	2011		2012		2013	
	%	$	%	$	%	$
Google	32.09%	$27.74	31.46%	$32.73	33.24%	$38.83
Facebook	3.65%	$3.15	4.11%	$4.28	5.04%	$5.89
Yahoo!	3.95%	$3.41	3.37%	$3.51	3.10%	$3.62
Microsoft	1.27%	$1.10	1.63%	$1.70	1.78%	$2.08
IAC	1.15%	$0.99	1.39%	$1.45	1.47%	$1.72
AOL	1.17%	$1.01	1.02%	$1.06	0.95%	$1.11
Amazon	0.48%	$0.41	0.59%	$0.61	0.71%	$0.83
Pandora	0.28%	$0.24	0.36%	$0.37	0.50%	$0.58
Twitter	0.16%	$0.14	0.28%	$0.29	0.50%	$0.58
Linkedin	0.18%	$0.16	0.25%	$0.26	0.32%	$0.37
Millennial Media	0.05%	$0.04	0.07%	$0.07	0.10%	$0.12
Other	55.59%	$48.05	55.47%	$57.71	52.29%	$61.09
Total Market	100%	$86.43	100.00%	$104.04	100.00%	$116.82

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

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

2. Make losses into profits

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

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

3. Reinvest for growth

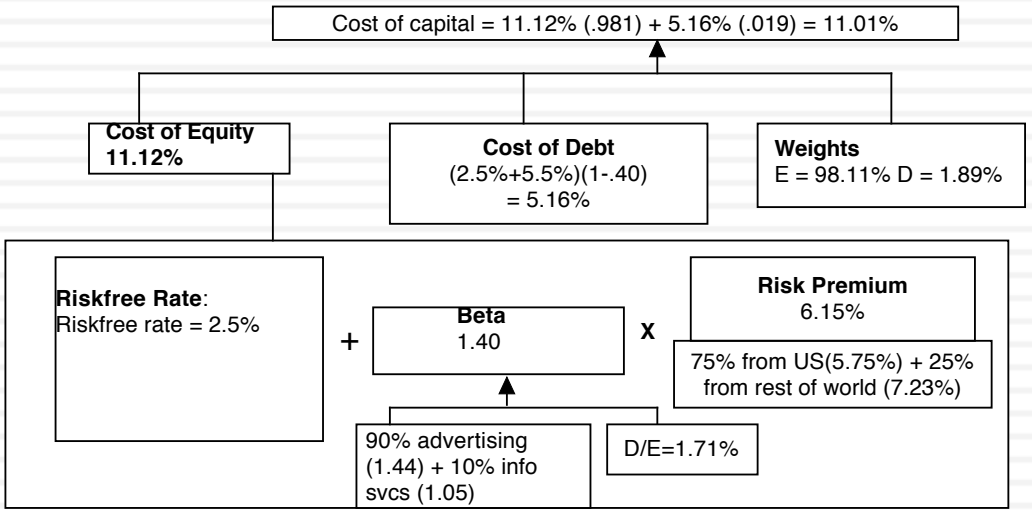
	Sales/ Invested Capital
Twitter (2013)	1.10
Advertising Companies	1.40
Social Media Companies	1.05

My estimate for Twitter: Sales/Capital will be 1.50 for next 10 years

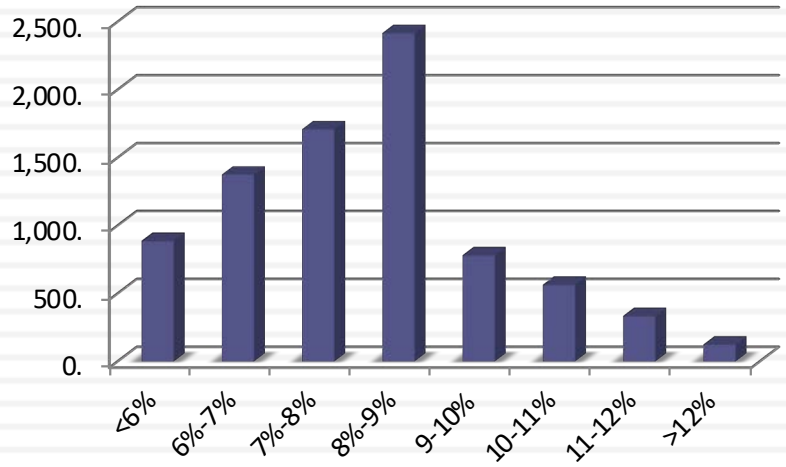
The Cost of Capital for Twitter

Risk in the discount rate

My estimate for Twitter



Cost of Capital: US - Nov '13



0% *Survival Risk* 100%

Probability that the firm will not make it as a going concern

Certain to make it as going concern → *Certain to fail*

My assumption for Twitter

Twitter Pre-IPO Valuation: October 27, 2013

Starting numbers

	Last 10K	Trailing 12 month
Revenues	$316.93	$534.46
Operating income	-$77.06	-$134.91
Adjusted Operating Income		$7.67
Invested Capital		$955.00
Adjusted Operatng Margin		1.44%
Sales/ Invested Capital		0.56
Interest expenses	$2.49	$5.30

Revenue growth of 51.5% a year for 5 years, tapering down to 2.5% in year 10

Pre-tax operating margin increases to 25% over the next 10 years

Sales to capital ratio of **1.50** for incremental sales

Stable Growth
g = 2.5%; Beta = 1.00;
Cost of capital = 8%
ROC= **12**%;
Reinvestment Rate=2.5%/12% = 20.83%

Terminal Value$_{10}$= 1466/(.08-.025) = $26,657

	1	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*	*7*	*8*	*9*	*10*
Revenues	$ 810	$1,227	$1,858	$2,816	$4,266	$6,044	$7,973	$9,734	$10,932	$11,205
Operating Income	$ 31	$ 75	$ 158	$ 306	$ 564	$ 941	$1,430	$1,975	$ 2,475	$ 2,801
Operating Income after tax	$ 31	$ 75	$ 158	$ 294	$ 395	$ 649	$ 969	$1,317	$ 1,624	$ 1,807
- Reinvestment	$ 183	$ 278	$ 421	$ 638	$ 967	$1,186	$1,285	$1,175	$ 798	$ 182
FCFF	$(153)	$ (203)	$ (263)	$ (344)	$ (572)	$ (537)	$ (316)	$ 143	$ 826	$ 1,625

Terminal year (11)
EBIT (1-t) $ 1,852
- Reinvestment $ 386
FCFF $ 1,466

Operating assets	$9,705
+ Cash	321
+ IPO Proceeds	1295
- Debt	214
Value of equity	11,106
- Options	713
Value in stock	10,394
/ # of shares	582.46
Value/share	$17.84

Cost of capital = 11.12% (.981) + 5.16% (.019) = 11.01%

Cost of capital decreases to 8% from years 6-10

Cost of Equity
11.12%

Cost of Debt
(2.5%+5.5%)(1-.40)
= 5.16%

Weights
E = 98.1% D = 1.9%

Riskfree Rate:
Riskfree rate = 2.5%

+

Beta
1.40

90% advertising (1.44) + 10% info svcs (1.05)

D/E=1.71%

x

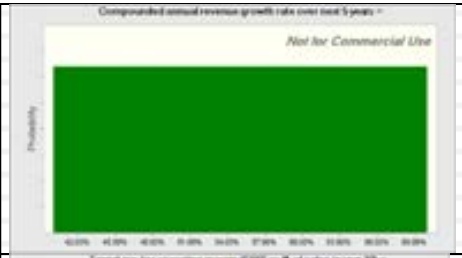
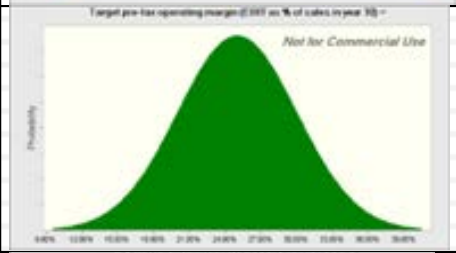
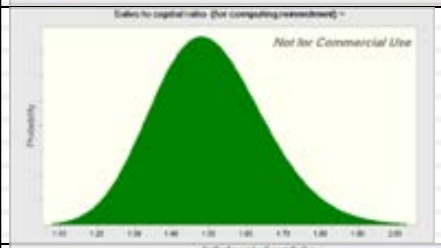
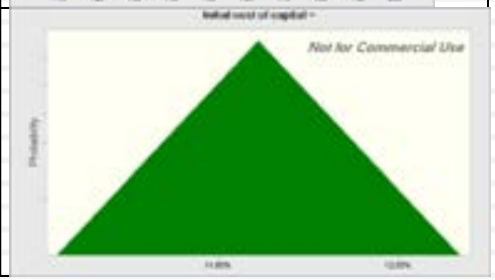
Risk Premium
6.15%

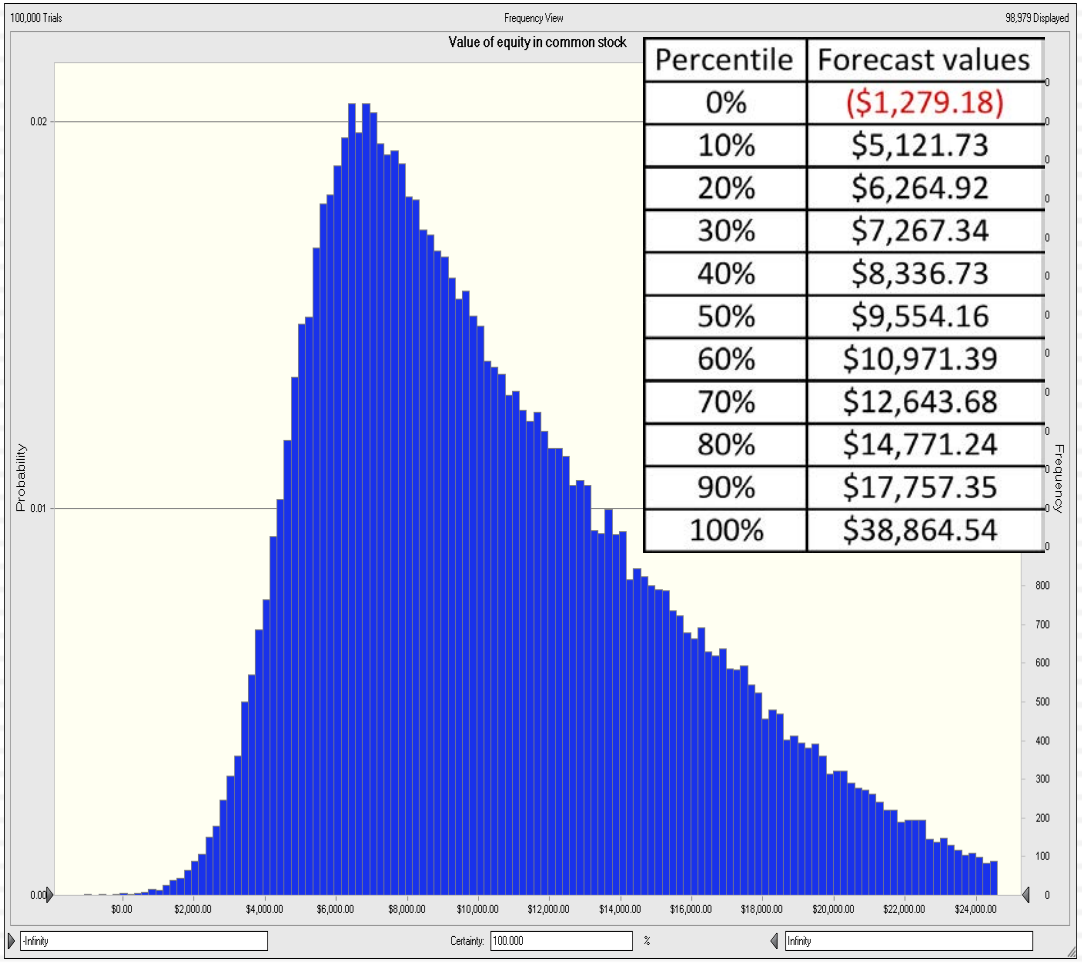
75% from US(5.75%) + 25% from rest of world (7.23%)

A sobering reminder: You will be "wrong" and it is okay

- 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.
- Remember that it is not just your value that is changing, but so is the price, and the price will change a great deal more than the value.

And your value is not a fact, but an estimate..

Revenue Growth Rate Distribution: Uniform Expected Value = 55% Minimum Value: 40% Maximum Value: 70%	
Target Operating Margin Distribution: Normal Expected Value = 25% Standard Deviation = 5%	
Sales to Capital Ratio Distribution: Lognormal Expected value: 1.50 Standard deviation: 0.15	
Cost of Capital Distribution: Triangular Expected value: 11.22% Minimum value: 10.02% Maximum value: 12.22%	



Percentile	Forecast values
0%	($1,279.18)
10%	$5,121.73
20%	$6,264.92
30%	$7,267.34
40%	$8,336.73
50%	$9,554.16
60%	$10,971.39
70%	$12,643.68
80%	$14,771.24
90%	$17,757.35
100%	$38,864.54

Forecasting in the face of uncertainty. A test:

- In which of these two cities would you find it easier to forecast the weather?

Weather changeability for Honolulu, Hawaii

Temperature	Last Month	Last Year
Average change in high temperature day-to-day	1.7°	1.2°
Average change in low temperature day-to-day	1.5°	2.0°

Precipitation	Last Month	Last Year
Chance of dry day after a precip day	67%	81%
Chance of precip day after a dry day	7%	13%

Weather changeability for Epping, North Dakota

Temperature	Last Month	Last Year
Average change in high temperature day-to-day	8.5°	7.7°
Average change in low temperature day-to-day	7.1°	8.6°

Precipitation	Last Month	Last Year
Chance of dry day after a precip day	50%	65%
Chance of precip day after a dry day	38%	20%

V. Don’t mistake price for value!

Drivers of intrinsic value
- Cashflows from existing assets
- Growth in cash flows
- Quality of Growth

Drivers of price
- Market moods & momentum
- Surface stories about fundamentals

Accounting Estimates

Valuation Estimates

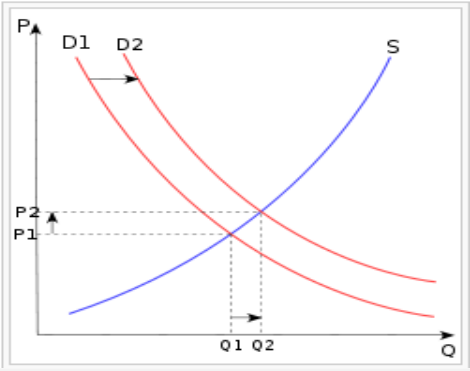
INTRINSIC VALUE

Value

THE GAP
Is there one?
If so, will it close?
If it will close, what will cause it to close?

Price

PRICE



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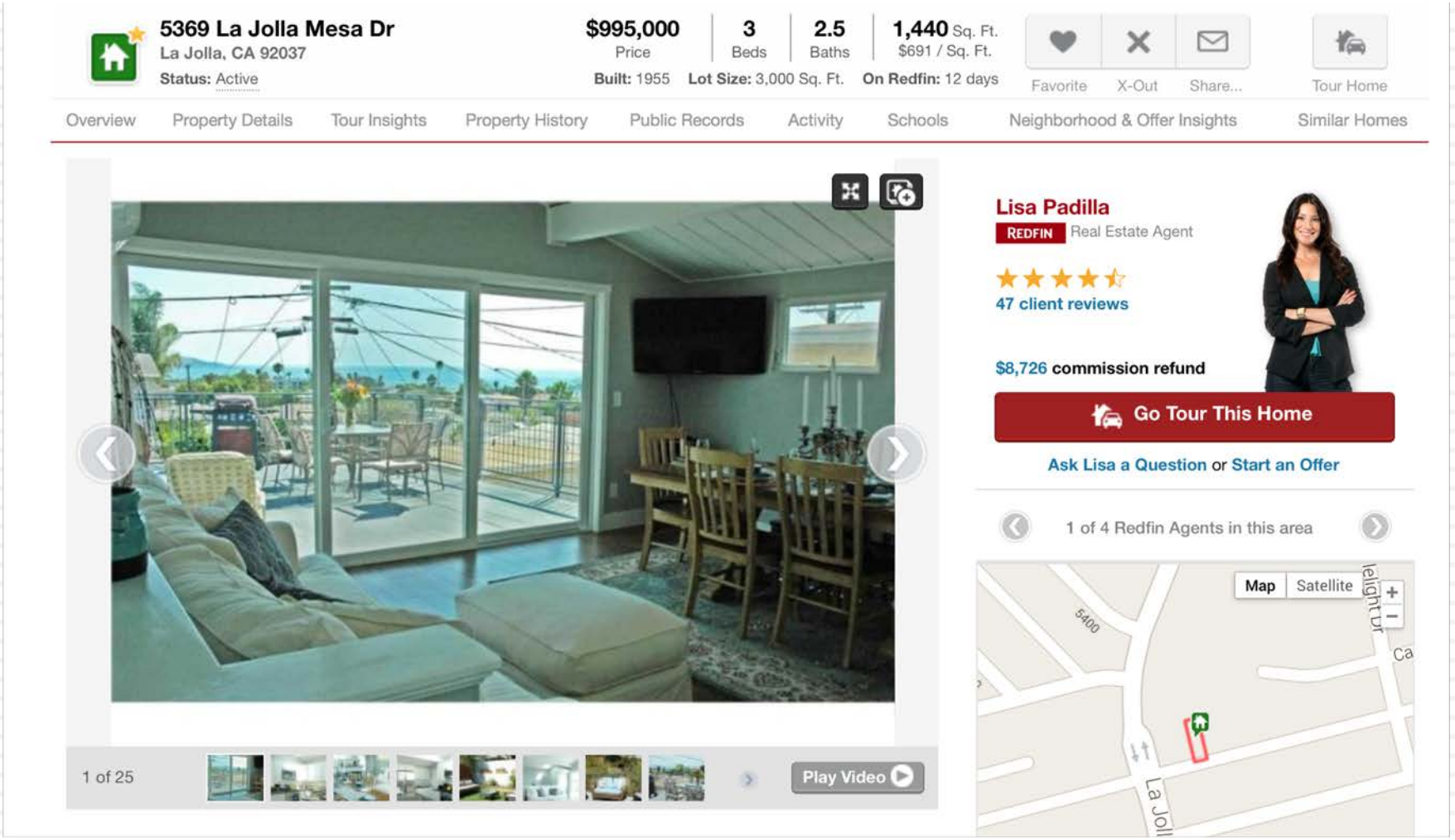


Test 2: Are you pricing or valuing?

Europe
Switzerland

Biotechnology
Biotechnology

Reuters	Bloomberg	Exchange	Ticker
BION.S	BION SW	SWX	BION

Price at 12 Aug 2013 (CHF)	124.00
Price Target (CHF)	164.50
52-week range (CHF)	128.40 - 84.90

Strong sector and stock-picking continue

Impressive performance

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

Biotech industry remains attractive

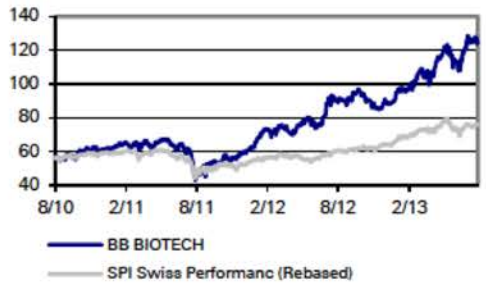
With the re-rating of the pharma sector, investors have also showed increased interest in biotech stocks. Established biotech stocks have delivered encouraging financial results and approvals, while there has also been substantial industry consolidation, which is not surprising in times of "cheap" money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

Key changes

Target Price	106.50 to 164.50	↑	54.5%

Source: Deutsche Bank

Price/price relative



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

The determinants of price

Mood and Momentum
Price is determined in large part by mood and momentum, which, in turn, are driven by behavioral factors (panic, fear, greed).

Liquidity & Trading Ease
While the value of an asset may not change much from period to period, liquidity and ease of trading can, and as it does, so will the price.

The Market Price

Incremental information
Since you make money on price changes, not price levels, the focus is on incremental information (news stories, rumors, gossip) and how it measures up, relative to expectations

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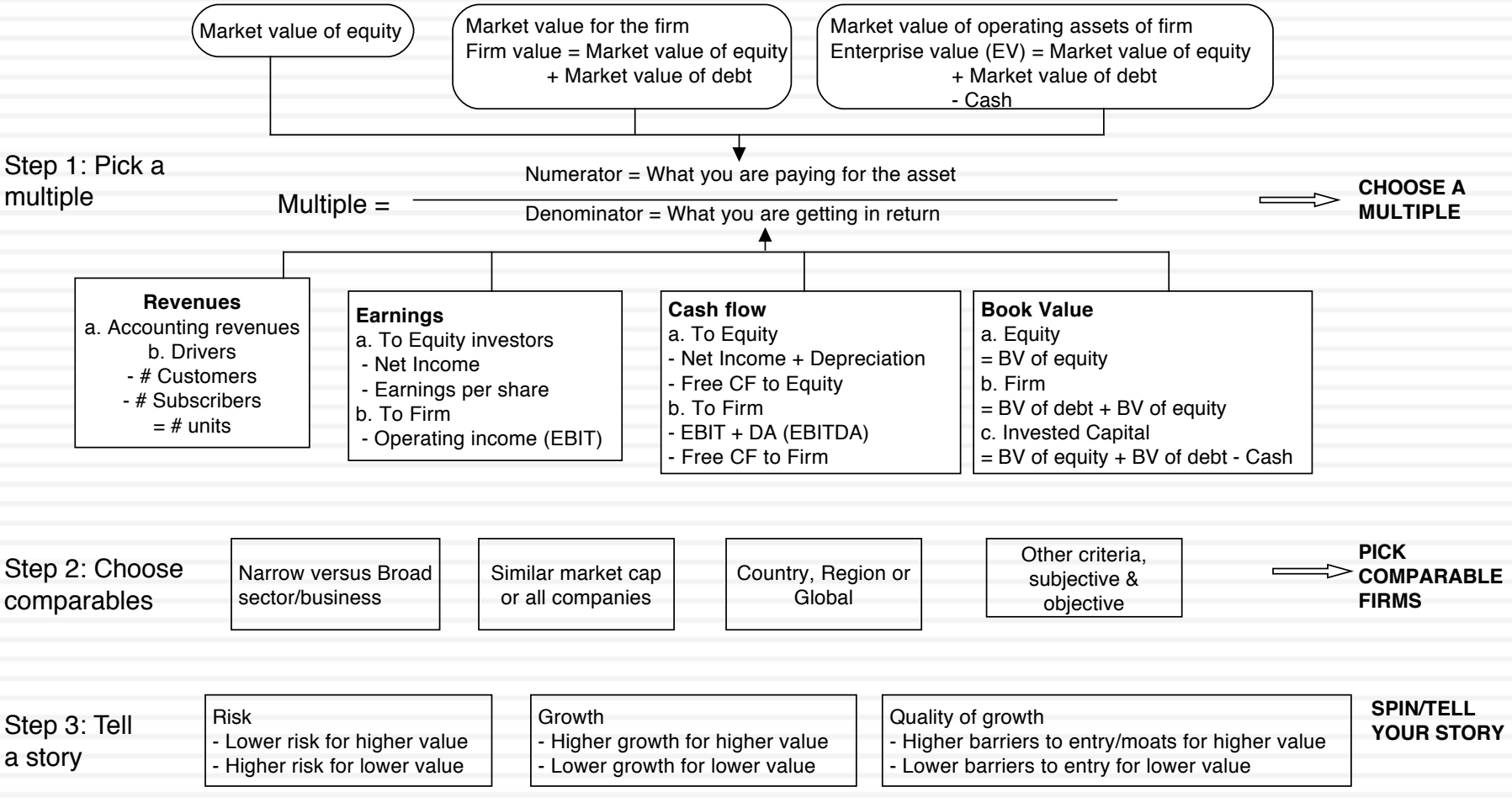
Multiples and Comparable Transactions



To be a better pricer, here are four suggestions

- Check your multiple or consistency/uniformity
  - 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
- Look at all the data, not just the key statistics
  - 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.
- Don't forget the fundamentals ultimately matter
  - It is critical that we understand the fundamentals that drive each multiple, and the nature of the relationship between the multiple and each variable.
- Don't define comparables based only on sector
  - Defining the comparable universe and controlling for differences is far more difficult in practice than it is in theory.

Classifying Investments

1. Cash flow generating assets: Generate cash flows now or are expected to do so in the future. Can be a fixed cash flow claim, a residual claim or a contingent claim.
2. Commodities: Used as raw material to meet another need (energy, food etc.).
3. Currencies: Measure of cash flows, medium of exchange or store of value.
4. Collectibles: May have aesthetic or emotional value but derives its pricing from its scarcity (supply) and the perception of others that it is wanted.

Value versus Price

	To value	To price
Assets	Can be valued based upon expected cashflows, with higher cashflows & lower risk = higher value.	Can be priced against similar assets, after controlling for cash flows and risk.
Commodity	Can be valued, based upon utilitarian demand and supply, but with long lags in both.	Can be priced against its own history (normalized price over time)
Currency	Cannot be valued	Can be priced against other currencies, with greater acceptance & more stable purchasing power = higher price.
Collectible	Cannot be valued	Can be priced based upon scarcity and desirability.

Trading versus Investing

	The Pricing Game	The Value Game
Underlying philosophy	The price is the only real number that you can act on. No one knows what the value of an asset is and estimating it is of little use.	Every asset has a fair or true value. You can estimate that value, albeit with error, and price has to converge on value (eventually).
To play the game	You try to guess which direction the price will move in the next period(s) and trade ahead of the movement. To win the game, you have to be right more often than wrong about direction and to exit before the winds shift.	You try to estimate the value of an asset, and if it is under(over) value, you buy (sell) the asset. To win the game, you have to be right about value (for the most part) and the market price has to move to that value
Key drivers	Price is determined by demand & supply, which in turn are affected by mood and momentum.	Value is determined by cash flows, growth and risk.
Information effect	Incremental information (news, stories, rumors) that shifts the mood will move the price, even if it has no real consequences for long term value.	Only information that alter cash flows, growth and risk in a material way can affect value.
Tools of the game	(1) Technical indicators, (2) Price Charts (3) Investor Psychology	(1) Ratio analysis, (2) DCF Valuation (3) Accounting Research
Time horizon	Can be very short term (minutes) to mildly short term (weeks, months).	Long term
Key skill	Be able to gauge market mood/momentum shifts earlier than the rest of the market.	Be able to “value” assets, given uncertainty.
Key personality traits	(1) Market amnesia (2) Quick Actiing (3) Gambling Instincts	(1) Faith in “value” (2) Faith in markets (3) Patience (4) Immunity from peer pressure
Biggest Danger(s)	Momentum shifts can occur quickly, wiping out months of profits in a few hours.	The price may not converge on value, even if your value is “right”.
Added bonus	Capacity to move prices (with lots of money and lots of followers).	Can provide the catalyst that can move price to value.
Most Delusional Player	A trader who thinks he is trading based on value.	A value investor who thinks he can reason with markets.

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Infosys: Priced against other Indian tech firms

	Trailing PE	PEG	PBV	EV/Sales	Expected Growth	ROE	Operating Margin
Infosys	15.42	1.99	3.97	3.40	8.90%	25.49%	24.29%
TCS	21.02	1.90	6.72	4.60	10.90%	33.23%	25.02%
HCL	15.22	1.34	3.82	2.99	12.30%	30.14%	20.11%
Wipro	14.72	1.83	2.63	2.47	9.12%	17.81%	16.23%
IT India (99 companies)							
25th Percentile	13.75	0.57	1.00	0.72	11.10%	0.88%	1.61%
Median	18.92	1.33	1.83	1.52	13.80%	11.45%	7.69%
75th Percentile	26.94	1.99	3.44	2.68	36.00%	21.13%	14.56%

Controlling for Differences?

- There are clear differences in fundamentals across IT companies, especially when it comes to margins and ROE, which may explain variation in pricing multiples.
- Regressing EV/Sales against pre-tax operating margin, for instance:

  EV/ Sales = 0.924 + 12.93 Operating Margin R^2 = 44.5%

  (2.82) (8.74)
- Plugging in Infosys operating margin (24.29%) into the regression, we get:

  EV/ Sales = 0.924 + 12.93 (.2429) = 3.04

  At 3.40 times sales, Infosys looks over priced by about 10% against other Indian IT companies.

Pricing Twitter: Start with the "comparables"

Company	*Market Cap*	*Enterprise value*	*Revenues*	*EBITDA*	*Net Income*	*Number of users (millions)*	*EV/User*	*EV/Revenue*	*EV/EBITDA*	*PE*
Facebook	$173,540.00	$160,090.00	$7,870.00	$3,930.00	$1,490.00	1230.00	$130.15	20.34	40.74	116.47
Linkedin	$23,530.00	$19,980.00	$1,530.00	$182.00	$27.00	277.00	$72.13	13.06	109.78	871.48
Pandora	$7,320.00	$7,150.00	$655.00	-$18.00	-$29.00	73.40	$97.41	10.92	NA	NA
Groupon	$6,690.00	$5,880.00	$2,440.00	$125.00	-$95.00	43.00	$136.74	2.41	47.04	NA
Netflix	$25,900.00	$25,380.00	$4,370.00	$277.00	$112.00	44.00	$576.82	5.81	91.62	231.25
Yelp	$6,200.00	$5,790.00	$233.00	$2.40	-$10.00	120.00	$48.25	24.85	2412.50	NA
Open Table	$1,720.00	$1,500.00	$190.00	$63.00	$33.00	14.00	$107.14	7.89	23.81	52.12
Zynga	$4,200.00	$2,930.00	$873.00	$74.00	-$37.00	27.00	$108.52	3.36	39.59	NA
Zillow	$3,070.00	$2,860.00	$197.00	-$13.00	-$12.45	*34.50*	$82.90	14.52	NA	NA
Trulia	$1,140.00	$1,120.00	$144.00	-$6.00	-$18.00	*54.40*	$20.59	7.78	NA	NA
Tripadvisor	$13,510.00	$12,860.00	$945.00	$311.00	$205.00	*260.00*	$49.46	13.61	41.35	65.90
						Average	$130.01	11.32	350.80	267.44
						Median	$97.41	10.92	44.20	116.47

Read the tea leaves: See what the market cares about

	Market Cap	Enterprise value	Revenues	EBITDA	Net Income	Number of users (millions)
Market Cap	1.					
Enterprise value	0.9998	1.				
Revenues	0.8933	0.8966	1.			
EBITDA	0.9709	0.9701	0.8869	1.		
Net Income	0.8978	0.8971	0.8466	0.9716	1.	
Number of users (millions)	0.9812	0.9789	0.8053	0.9354	0.8453	1.

Twitter had 240 million users at the time of its IPO. What price would you attach to the company?

Use the "market metric" and "market price"

- The most important variable, in late 2013, in determining market value and price in this sector (social media, ill defined as that is) is the number of users that a company has.
- Looking at comparable firms, it looks like the market is paying about $100/user in valuing social media companies, with a premium for "predictable" revenues (subscriptions) and user intensity.
- Twitter has about 240 million users and can be valued based on the $100/user:
- Enterprise value = 240 * 100 = $24 billion

What is Bitcoin?

- Bitcoin is not an asset, since it does not generate cash flows standing alone for those who hold it (until you sell it) and it is not a commodity, because it is not raw material that can be used in the production of something useful.
- The choice then becomes whether it is a currency or a collectible.
  - Bitcoin can be a currency, but it is not a good one yet, insofar as it has only limited acceptance as a medium of exchange and it is too volatile to be a store of value.
  - Bitcoin can be a collectible, like gold, that people will flee to, when they stop trusting central banks and fiat currencies.

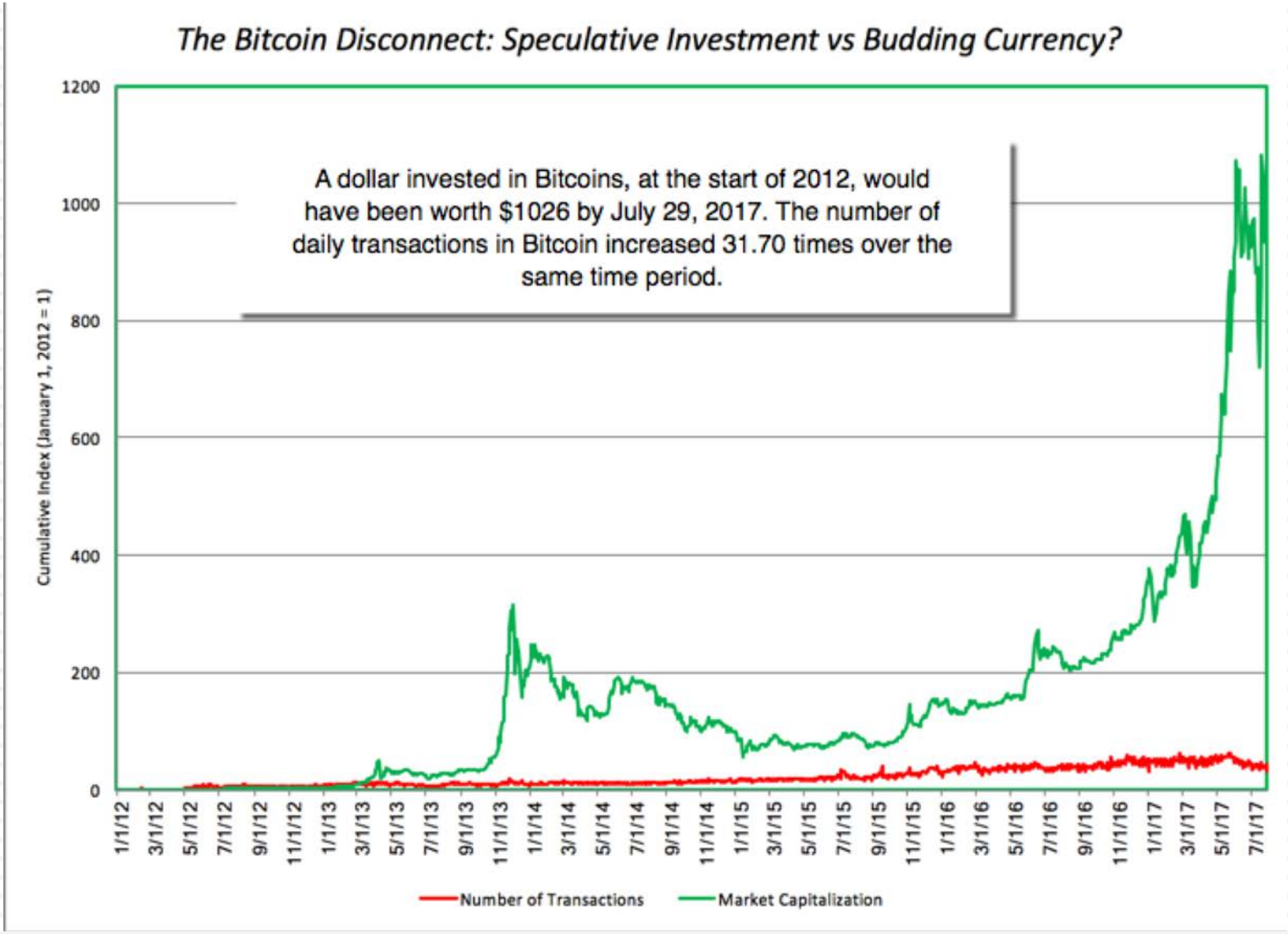
Three Pathways for Bitcoin

- The Global Digital Currency: Bitcoin gains wide acceptance in transactions across the world, becoming a widely used global digital currency. If that happens, it could compete with fiat currencies and given the algorithm set limits on its creation, its high price could be justified.
- Gold for Millennials: Bitcoin becomes a haven for those who do not trust central banks, governments and fiat currencies. In short, it takes on the role that gold has, historically, for those who have lost trust in or fear centralized authority. If this scenario unfolds, and Bitcoin shows the same staying power as gold, it will behave like gold does, rising during crises and dropping in more sanguine time periods.
- The 21st Century Tulip Bulb: In this, the worst case scenario, Bitcoin is like a shooting star, attracting more money as it soars, from those who see it as a source of easy profits, but just as quickly flares out as these traders move on to something new and different. If this happens, Bitcoin could very well become the equivalent of Tulip Bulbs, a speculative asset that saw its prices soar in the sixteen hundreds in Holland, before collapsing in the aftermath.

If Bitcoin is a currency, its pricing over time will depend upon how good it is a currency

- The goodness of a currency is measured on three dimensions:
  - Medium of exchange: A currency has to be accepted as payment for goods and services, with more acceptance going with better currencies.
  - Store of value: The quality of a currency will be proportional to its capacity to hold its purchasing power. Inflation in a currency makes it a less attractive choice.
- Over time, you should expect to see currencies that are are more widely accepted as mediums of exchange and have lower inflation appreciate against currencies that don't measure up well on either dimension.

Bitcoin is not yet a good medium of exchange…



Nor a good store of value..

- It is true that people who put their money in Bitcoin early in the game have made huge amounts of money, but that is a characteristic for a good speculative investment, not a currency.
- Put differently, an investor who put bitcoin in his pocket in January 2018 and forgot about it for two months would have found that it lost more than half of it's purchasing power in those two months.

A Currency Comparison

Currency	*Issuing Entity*	*Transaction Capability*	*Security, Storage & Convertibility*
US Dollar (Euro)	Issuing Entity: The Federal Reserve (ECB) Trust: Has ebbed & flowed over time, depending upon how independent the Fed (ECB) is perceived to be and how focused it is on protecting the dollar's (Euro's) buying power. It is possible that the shift to protecting the US (EU) economy (with quantitative easing) over the last few years has reduced this trust.	Almost universal acceptance, reflecting the size of the US (EU) economy & the depth of financial markets in the US (Euro Region).	Can be saved relatively securely (in insured bank accounts & treasuries), while earning market-set interest rates.
Chinese Yuan	Issuing Entity: The People's Bank of China Trust: While the Chinese Central Bank gets in the news with its currency interventions, the perception (fair or unfair) is that it is a creature of the Chinese Government and will do its bidding.	Acceptance within Chinese borders but only limited acceptance outside China.	Can be saved in Chinese banks or government securities, but at rates influenced or set by the government.
Argentine Peso	Issuing Entity: Central Bank of Argentina Trust: Controlled by the Argentine government. Any attempt at independence is quickly countered.	Accepted in Argentina, but even Argentines may prefer to be paid in other currencies.	Can be saved, but security can be undercut by government decree.
Gold	Issuing Entity: Nature Trust: Absolute, unless the alchemists finally succeed	Almost universal for big transactions, but	Compact & portable. Can be stored but with a cost to the saver, not a return.
Bitcoin	Issuing Entity: Computer Algorithm Trust: Perhaps higher among tech true believers than the rest of us, but depends ultimately on how impervious the algorithm is to internal manipulation or external assault.	Limited to a small subset of transactions among the technologically adept.	Stored on compute servers, with no return to savers. Unregulated nature of business exposes users to risk.

Why is Bitcoin not working as a currency?

- Price volatility: The same volatility that draws investors into playing the Bitcoin pricing game works against it as a currency. Currencies should be boring, not exciting.
- Design flaws: The process by which Bitcoin transactions are checked, with miners competing to solve algorithms, and being rewarded with Bitcoin is not compatible with low enough transactions costs in the long term to be competitive with good currencies.
- Absolute limit: A currency that has an absolute limit on its quantity will result in deflation over time. Even Milton Friedman, who mistrusted central banks, allowed money supply to grow with the real economy.

IV. Valuation is a craft, and you should never stop learning

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

Uber, The Global Logistics Company with a behavior problem (June 2017)

The Story

Uber is a logistics company, doubling the market size by drawing in new users. It will enjoy weak global networking benefits while seeing its slice of revenues slip (85/15), higher costs (with drivers as partial employees) and low capital intensity. *The extracurricular problems at the company, with it legal tangle with Google's Waymo division and accusations of condoning of sexual harassment will slow the company down in the near term but not damage it enough to alter its story significantly.*

The Assumptions

	Base year	Years 1-5	Years 6-10	After year 10	Story link
Total Market	$200,000	Grow 10.39% a year		Grow 1.5% a year	Delivery & Moving + Ridesharing
Gross Market Share	10.00%	10%>40%		40%	Big player
Revenue Share	20.00%	20% -> 15%		15.00%	Lower revenue share
Operating Margin	-43.08%	-43.08% ->20%		20.00%	Cost pressures continue
Reinvestment	NA	Sales to capital ratio of 3.00		Reinvestment rate = 7.5%	More capital investment model
Cost of capital	NA	10.00%	10%->8.00%	8.00%	At 75th percentile of US firms
Risk of failure	5% chance of failure, if pricing meltdown leads to capital being cut off				Cash on hand + Capital access

The Cash Flows

	Total Market	Market Share	Revenues (15% of Gross)	EBIT (1-t)	Reinvestment	FCFF
1	$ 220,780	13.00%	$ 8,826	$ (2,105)	$ 775	$ (2,880)
2	$ 243,719	16.00%	$ 11,309	$ (1,983)	$ 828	$ (2,811)
3	$ 269,041	19.00%	$ 13,930	$ (1,564)	$ 874	$ (2,438)
4	$ 296,995	22.00%	$ 16,661	$ (820)	$ 911	$ (1,731)
5	$ 327,853	25.00%	$ 19,466	$ 270	$ 935	$ (665)
6	$ 361,917	28.00%	$ 22,294	$ 1,715	$ 943	$ 772
7	$ 399,520	31.00%	$ 25,080	$ 3,511	$ 929	$ 2,583
8	$ 441,030	34.00%	$ 27,741	$ 3,884	$ 887	$ 2,997
9	$ 486,853	37.00%	$ 30,173	$ 4,224	$ 811	$ 3,414
10	$ 537,437	40.00%	$ 32,246	$ 4,514	$ 691	$ 3,823
Terminal year	$ 548,723	40.00%	$ 32,923	$ 4,609	$ 484	$ 4,125

The Value

Terminal value	$ 69,920	
PV(Terminal value)	$ 28,479	
PV (CF over next 10 years)	$ (2,103)	
Value of operating assets =	$ 26,376	
Probability of failure	5%	
Value in case of failure	$ -	
Adjusted Value for operating assets	$ 25,057	
+ Cash on hand	$ 5,000	
+ Cross holdings	$ 6,000	
Value of all assets	$ 36,057	Most recent pricing put the price at greater than $70 billion

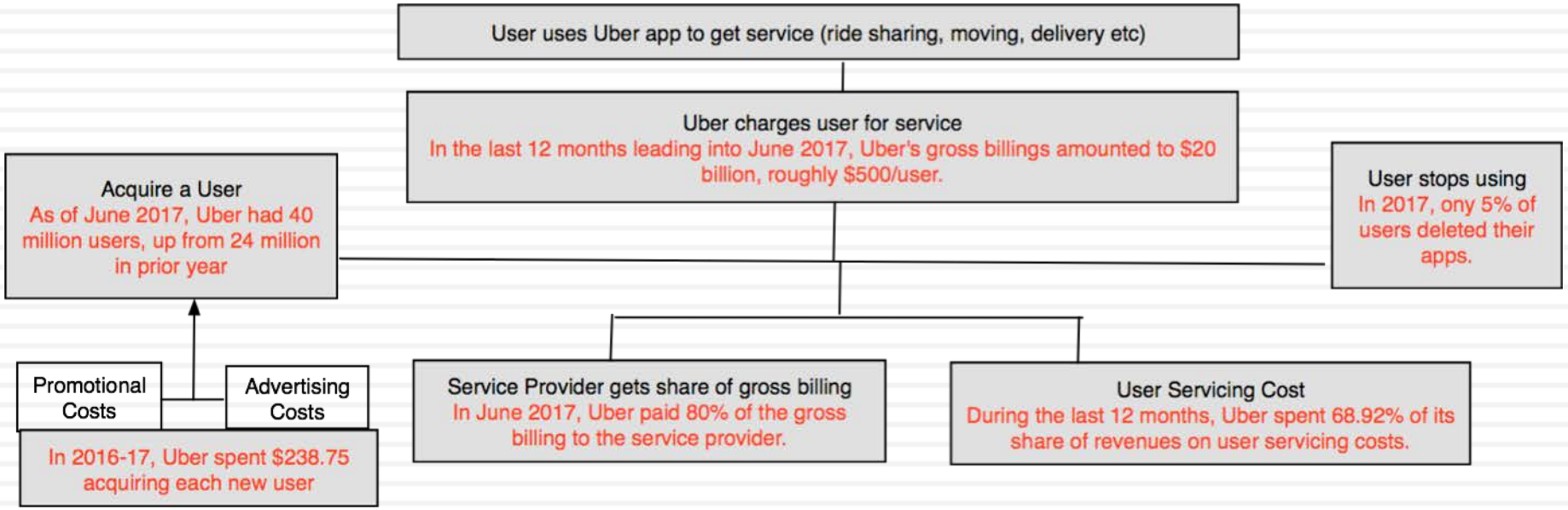
Push back on Uber Valuation

- Input disagreement: Lots of inputs and assumptions and I could be wrong on any or all of them..
- Model debate: DCF was designed for old economy companies and not suited to new economy firms that are more focused on accumulating users & subscribers, making them stick with the firm and sell them products & services over long periods.
- DCF is flexible: DCF models are much more flexible than most people give them credit for, and that they can be modified to reflect other frameworks. If you have a problem with a DCF value, it should not be with the model but with the person using that model.

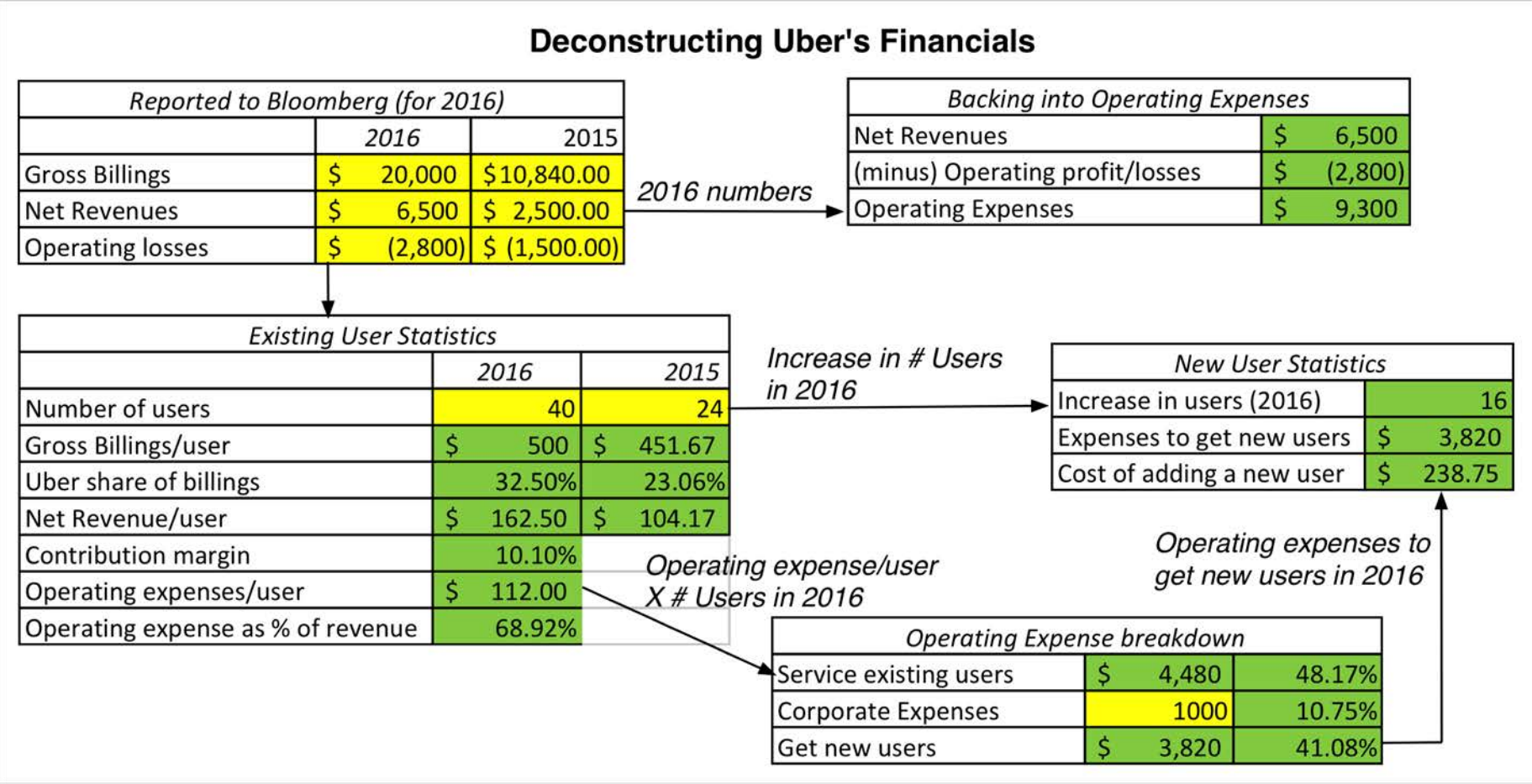
User/ Subscriber/Member Based Valuation

- A user, subscriber or member has value only because he/she generates revenues for the company. The key to valuing a unit then becomes identifying the link to cash flows and value.
- To **value users**, you have to value an individual user first and then estimate the cost of acquiring new users.
  - The value of an existing user is the present value of the expected cash flows that you will generate from that user, over the lifetime that he or she remains a user.
  - The value of a new user will be the value of a user, net of the cost of acquiring a user.
  - The aggregate value of users will be the sum of the values of existing and new users.
- To get to the **value of a company**, you have to net out the other centralized/non-user specific costs that it will face.

Uber User Economics



Uber: Deconstructing the Financials



Reported to Bloomberg (for 2016)	2016	2015
Gross Billings	$ 20,000	$10,840.00
Net Revenues	$ 6,500	$ 2,500.00
Operating losses	$ (2,800)	$ (1,500.00)

Backing into Operating Expenses	
Net Revenues	$ 6,500
(minus) Operating profit/losses	$ (2,800)
Operating Expenses	$ 9,300

Existing User Statistics	2016	2015
Number of users	40	24
Gross Billings/user	$ 500	$ 451.67
Uber share of billings	32.50%	23.06%
Net Revenue/user	$ 162.50	$ 104.17
Contribution margin	10.10%	
Operating expenses/user	$ 112.00	
Operating expense as % of revenue	68.92%	

New User Statistics	
Increase in users (2016)	16
Expenses to get new users	$ 3,820
Cost of adding a new user	$ 238.75

Operating Expense breakdown		
Service existing users	$ 4,480	48.17%
Corporate Expenses	1000	10.75%
Get new users	$ 3,820	41.08%

Uber's Existing User Value

Growth rate in Operating Expenses
Assumed that 80% of operating expenses are variable. Growth rate is 9.9% /year.

Growth rate in Revenues
Assumed 12% growth in annual revenues/user over next 15 years

User Lifetime
Assumed to be 15 years, with an annual renewal probability of 95%.

Value of Existing Users: Uber

	Base	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Gross Billings	$ 500.00	$560.00	$627.20	$702.46	$786.76	$881.17	$986.91	$1,105.34	$1,237.98	$1,386.54	$1,552.92	$1,739.27	$1,947.99	$2,181.75	$2,443.56	$2,736.78
Net Revenue	$ 100.00	$112.00	$125.44	$140.49	$157.35	$176.23	$197.38	$ 221.07	$ 247.60	$ 277.31	$ 310.58	$ 347.85	$ 389.60	$ 436.35	$ 488.71	$ 547.36
Cost of Service	$ 48.17	$ 52.94	$ 58.18	$ 63.94	$ 70.27	$ 77.23	$ 84.87	$ 93.27	$ 102.51	$ 112.66	$ 123.81	$ 136.07	$ 149.54	$ 164.34	$ 180.61	$ 198.49
Operating Profit	$ 51.83	$ 59.06	$ 67.26	$ 76.55	$ 87.08	$ 99.01	$112.51	$ 127.79	$ 145.09	$ 164.65	$ 186.78	$ 211.79	$ 240.06	$ 272.01	$ 308.10	$ 348.87
Operating Profit after tax	$ 36.28	$ 41.34	$ 47.08	$ 53.59	$ 60.96	$ 69.31	$ 78.76	$ 89.46	$ 101.56	$ 115.26	$ 130.74	$ 148.25	$ 168.04	$ 190.41	$ 215.67	$ 244.21
PV of operating profit		$ 37.58	$ 38.91	$ 40.26	$ 41.63	$ 43.03	$ 44.46	$ 45.91	$ 47.38	$ 48.88	$ 50.41	$ 51.96	$ 53.54	$ 55.15	$ 56.79	$ 58.46
Value of user (full life)	$ 714.36															
Probability of full life	46.33%															
Expected life of dropouts	3.75															
Value per existing user	$ 410.31															
Number of existing users	40.00															
Value of existing users	**$ 16,412**															

Adjustment for drop outs
Users who don't make it through full life are assigned an expected life of 25% of the full life, an approximation.

Risk Adjusted Discount Rate
Used a 10% cost of capital, set at 75th percentile of US companies.

Uber's New User Value

Base year Value/ New User
Value of User = $410.31
Cost of adding New User = $238.78
Value added by new user = $171.53

Value Added by New Users: Uber in June 2017

	Base Year	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Total Users	40.00	48.00	60.10	75.75	95.56	120.57	129.57	137.56	145.88	154.70	164.04
New Users	0.00	10.00	14.50	18.65	23.60	29.79	15.04	14.46	15.20	16.11	17.08
Value per new user	$171.53	$174.11	$176.72	$179.37	$182.06	$184.79	$187.56	$190.38	$193.23	$196.13	$199.07
Value added by new users		$1,741	$2,562	$3,345	$4,296	$5,505	$2,820	$2,753	$2,937	$3,159	$3,400
Terminal Value											$7,031
Present Value		**$ 1,555**	**$ 2,043**	**$ 2,381**	**$ 2,730**	**$ 3,124**	**$ 1,429**	**$ 1,245**	**$ 1,186**	**$ 1,139**	**$ 3,359**
Value Added by New Users	**$ 20,191**										

User Growth rates
Years 1-5: 25%
Years 6-10: 10%

Cost of capital
Used 12%, the 90th percentile of US companies

Beyond year 10
User growth continues at 2.1% a year

Uber Corporate Expense Value (Drag)

Base year number
Absent information, assumed

Tax Rate
Assumed =30%

Cost of capital
Used 10%

	Base year	*1*	*2*	*3*	*4*	*5*	*6*	*7*	*8*	*9*	*10*
Corporate Expenses	-$1,000	-$1,040	-$1,081	-$1,125	-$1,170	-$1,216	-$1,265	-$1,316	-$1,368	-$1,423	-$1,480
After-tax Corporate Expenses		-$728	-$757	-$787	-$819	-$851	-$886	-$921	-$958	-$996	-$1,036
Terminal Value											-$13,388
PV of Corporate Expenses		-$662	-$626	-$591	-$559	-$529	-$500	-$473	-$447	-$422	-$5,561
Value drag from expenses	-$10,369										

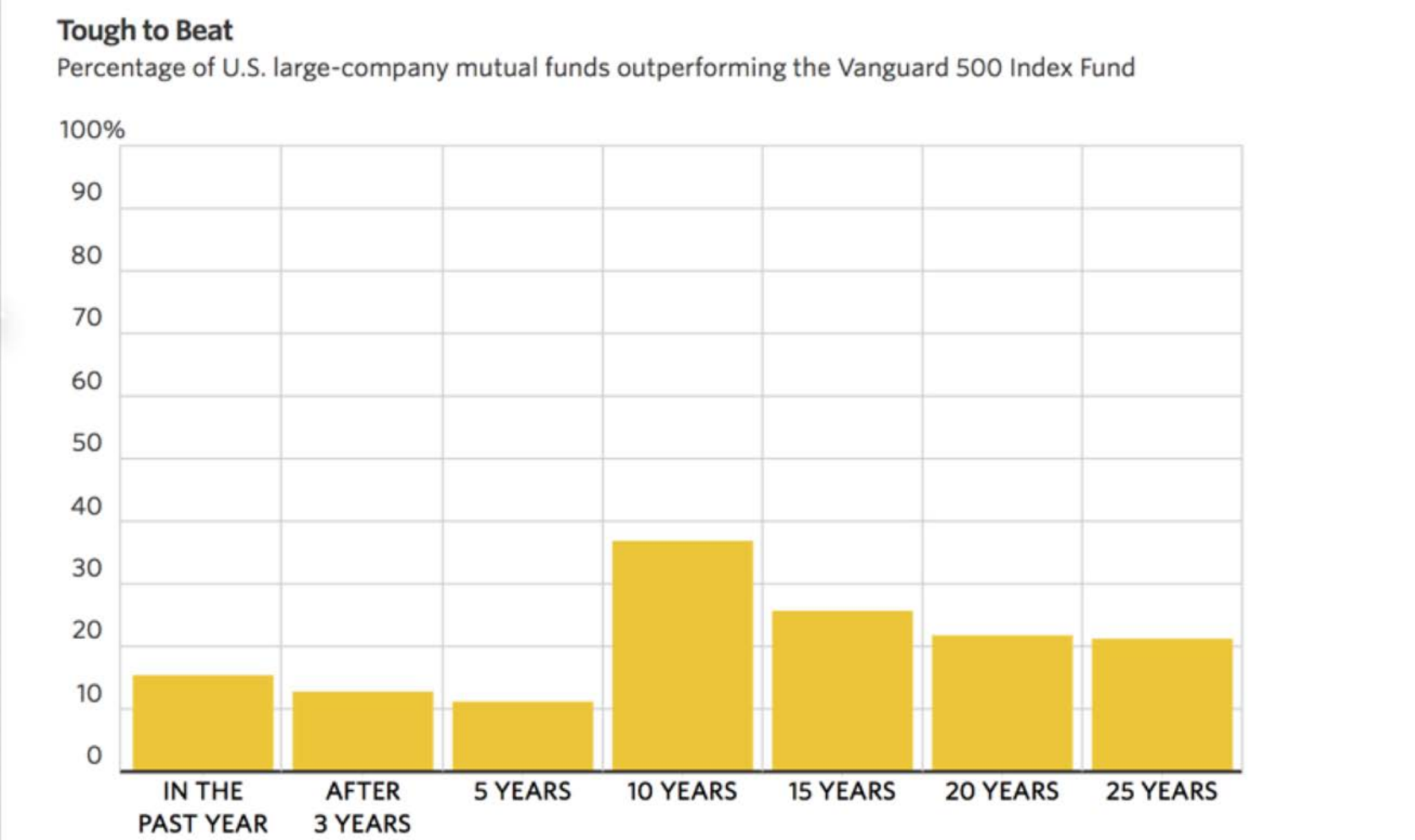
Uber Valuation

	User Value	*Asset value*	*Company Value*	*Equity Value*
Existing Users	$16,412.49			
New Users	$20,190.70			
User Value	$36,603.19	**$36,603.19**		
- Corporate Expense Drag		$(10,369.28)		
Uber Operating Assets		$26,233.91	**$26,233.91**	
+ Cash			$5,000.00	
+ Didi Cross Holding			$6,000.00	
Uber Firm Value			$37,233.91	**$37,233.91**
- Debt				$-
Value of Equity				**$37,233.91**

VII. Investing is an act of faith..

- When investing, we are often told that if you are virtuous (careful in your research, good at valuation, have a long time horizon), you will be rewarded (with high returns).
- That pitch is amplified by anecdotal evidence of righteous ones, i.e., those who have followed the path to success.
- Those who chose not to be virtuous are labeled as "speculators", viewed as shallow and deserving of the fate that awaits them.
- If you have faith in investing, you will be tested.

Active Investing is a loser's game

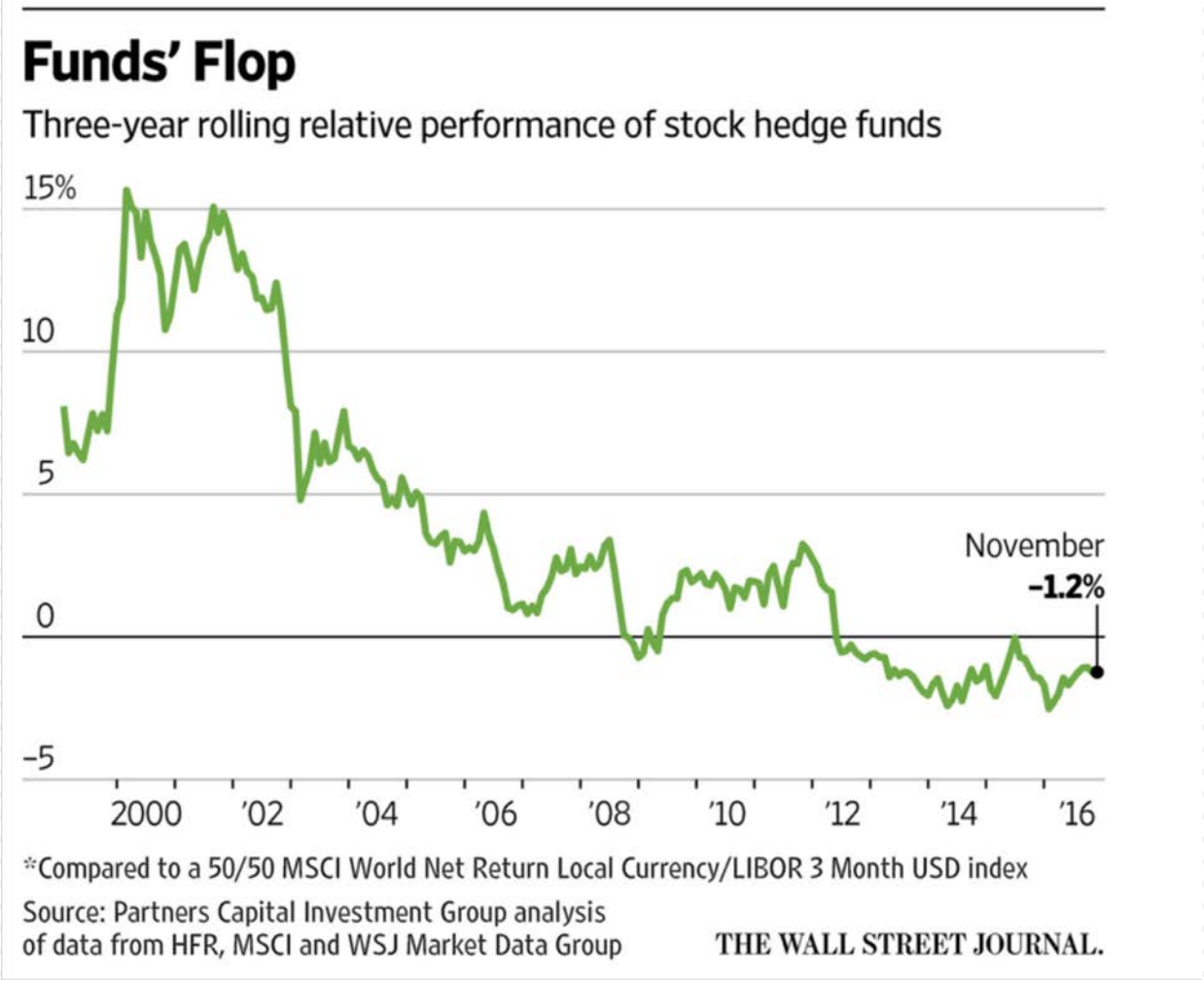


And it stays that way across styles..

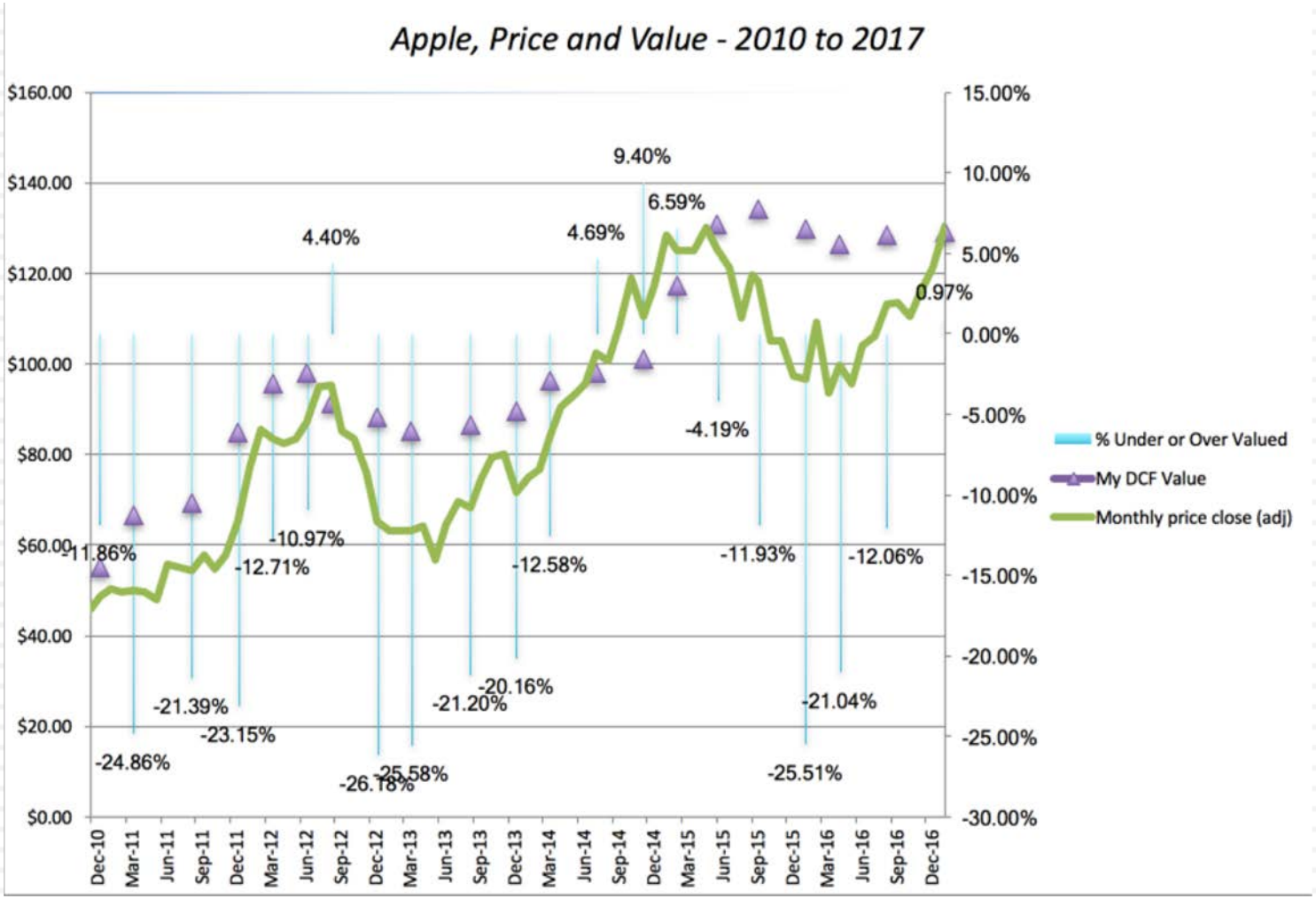
	% of US Mutual Funds that beat their respective indices			
	Value	Growth	Core	All
Large	82.17%	86.54%	88.26%	84.15%
Mid-cap	70.27%	81.48%	76.51%	76.69%
Small	92.31%	91.89%	91.44%	90.13%
All Equity				88.43%
Real Estate				82.64%

S&P computes these percentages for the last year, the last 3 years & the last 10 years. There is not a single period or a single fund grouping where the number is <50%.

And the ”smart” money does not stay smart for very long



Investment Heaven is a promise, not a guarantee..



Follow the yellow brick road..