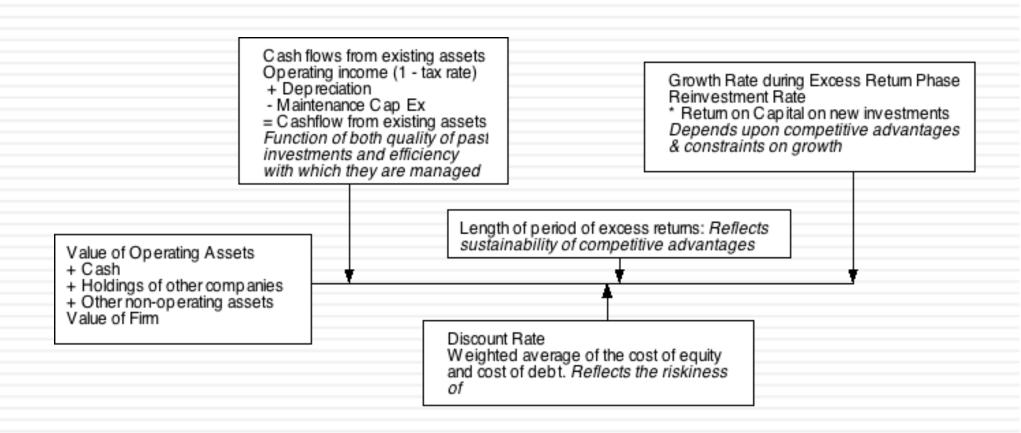
# VALUATION: CLOSING THOUGHTS

Spring 2022 "It ain't over till its over"

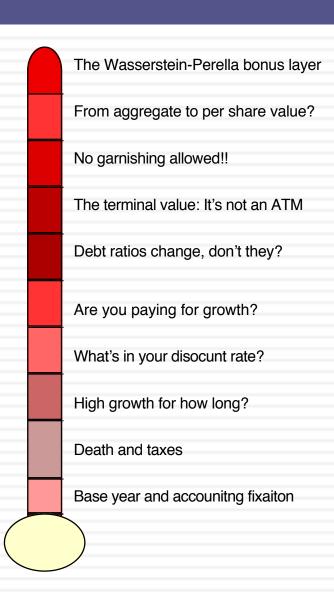
# Back to the very beginning: Approaches to Valuation

- Discounted Cashflow Valuation, where we try
   (sometimes desperately) to estimate the intrinsic
   value of an asset by using a mix of theory, guesswork
   and prayer.
- Relative valuation, where we pick a group of assets, attach the name "comparable" to them and tell a story.
- Contingent claim valuation, where we take the valuation that we did in the DCF valuation and divvy it up between the potential thieves (equity) and the victims of this crime (lenders)

### Intrinsic Valuation: The set up



# Dante meets DCF: Nine layers of valuation hell.. And a bonus layer..



#### Layer 1: Base Year fixation....

The Wasserstein-Perella bonus layer
From aggregate to per share value?
No garnishing allowed!!
Debt ratios change, don't they?
The terminal value: It's not an ATM
Are you paying for growth?
What's in your disocunt rate?
High growth for how long?
Death and taxes

□ You are valuing Exxon Mobil, using the financial state ents of the firm from 2008. The following provides the key numbers:

Revenues \$477 billion

EBIT (1-t) \$ 58 billion

Net Cap Ex \$ 3 billion

Chg WC \$ 1 billion

FCFF \$ 54 billion

- The cost of capital for the firm is 8% and you use a very conservative stable growth rate of 2% to value the firm. The market cap for the firm is \$373 billion and it has \$ 10 billion in debt outstanding.
  - a. How under or over valued is the equity in the firm?
  - b. Would you buy the stock based on this valuation? Why or why not?

### Layer 2: Taxes and Value

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- Assume that you have been asked to value a company and have been provided with the recent year's financial statements:
- □ EBITDA 140
- □ DA 40
- □ EBIT 100 Free Cash flow to firm
- Taxable income 80 -(Cap Ex Depreciation)
- Taxes Change in non-cash WC
- $\square$  Net Income 48 =FCFF
- Assume also that cash flows will be constant and that there is no growth in perpetuity. What is the free cash flow to the firm?
  - a. 88 million (Net income + Depreciation)
  - b. 108 million (EBIT taxes + Depreciation)
  - c. 100 million (EBIT (1-tax rate)+ Depreciation)
  - d. 60 million (EBIT (1- tax rate))
  - e. 48 million (Net Income)
  - f. 68 million (EBIT Taxes)

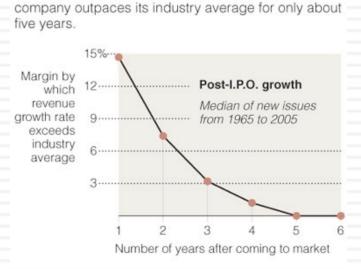
# Layer 3: High Growth for how long...

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□ Assume that you are valuing a young, high growth firm with great potential, just after its initial public offering. How long would you set your high growth period?

Source: Andrew Metrick

- a) < 5 years
- b) 5 years
- c) 10 years
- d) >10 years



Typically, the revenue growth rate of a newly public

The New York Times

## Layer 4: The Cost of Capital

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 The cost of capital for Chippewa Technologies, a US technology firm with 20% of its revenues from Brazil, has been computed using the following inputs:

Cost of equity = Riskfree Rate + Beta (ERP) + Small firm premium = 14% (5%)= 5% +1.20+ 3% Replaced current "Adjusted" Both from Ibbotson data base, derived Beta from T.Bond rate of 3% from 1926-2008 data ERP: Stocks - T.Bonds (Arithmetic with normalized Bloomberg rate of 5% average) Small firm: Smal stocks - Overall market Cost of capital = Cost of equity (Equity/ (Debt + Equity)) + Cost of debt (1- tax rate) (Debt/ (Debt + Equity) (1000/2000) = 8.05%= 14% (1000/2000)3% (1-.30)Used market value of To be conservative. Company is not Used From rated and has no counted all liabilities. above equity effective tax bonds. Used rate of 30% other than equity, as

book interest rate = Int exp/ BV of debt

debt and used book value.

# The Correct Cost of Capital for Chippewa

Input	What was used	What should have been used
Riskfree Rate	Corrected treasury bond rate = 5%	Actual treasury bond rate = 3%
Beta	Bloomberg adjusted beta = 1.20	Sector average adjusted beta = 1.60
		(Based on small cap companies in sector)
Equity Risk Premium	Ibbotson premium =5%	Updated implied ERP = 6.5%
Other adjustments to	Small cap premium = 3%	No small cap premium
cost of equity		Country risk adjustment = Lambda <sub>Brazil</sub> *
		Brazil CRP = 0.26*6.77% = 2.28%
Cost of equity	5%+ 1.2 (5%) + 3% = 14%	3% + 1.6 (6.5%) + 2.28% = 15.68%
Cost of debt (pre-tax)	3%	3%+6% (based on synthetic rating)=9%
Tax rate	Effective tax rate =30%	Marginal tax rate = 40%
Cost of debt (after-	3% (13) = 2.1%	9% (14) = 5.4%
tax)		
Debt ratio	Book ratio: Liabilities=50%	Market ratio: Interest bearing debt = 30%;
	Equity=50%	Equity= 70%
Cost of capital	14% (.5) + 2.1% (.5) = 8.05%	15.68% (.7) + 5.4% (.3) = 12.60%

### Layer 5: The price of growth...

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You are looking at the projected cash flows provided by the management of the firm, for use in valuation

Year	Current	1	2	3	4
Growth rate		10%	10%	10%	10%
Revenues	\$100.00	\$110.00	\$121.00	\$133.10	\$146.41
EBIT (1-t)	\$30.00	\$33.00	\$36.30	\$39.93	\$43.92
+ Depreciation	\$15.00	\$16.50	\$18.15	\$19.97	\$21.96
- Cap Ex	\$18.00	\$19.80	\$21.78	\$23.96	\$26.35
- Chg in WC	\$3.00	\$3.30	\$3.63	\$3.99	\$4.39
FCFF	\$24.00	\$26.40	\$29.04	\$31.94	\$35.14

What questions would you raise about the forecasts?





- You have been asked to value Hormel Foods, a firm which currently has the following cost of capital:
  - $\Box$  Cost of capital = 7.31% (.9) + 2.36% (.1) = 6.8%
- You believe that the target debt ratio for this firm should be 30%. What will the cost of capital be at the target debt ratio?

Which debt ratio (and cost of capital) should you use in valuing this company?

### Layer 7: The Terminal Value

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Base year and accounting fixation

- The best way to compute terminal value is to
- Use a stable growth model and assume cash flows grow at a fixed rate forever
- b. Use a multiple of EBITDA or revenues in the terminal year
- c. Use the estimated liquidation value of the assets
- You have been asked to value a business. The business expects to \$ 120 million in after-tax earnings (and cash flow) next year and to continue generating these earnings in perpetuity. The firm is all equity funded and the cost of equity is 10%; the riskfree rate is 3% and the ERP is 7%. What is the value of the business?
- Assume now that you were told that the firm can grow earnings at 2% a year forever. Estimate the value of the business.

# Layer 8. From firm value to equity value: The Garnishing Effect...

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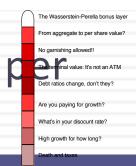
  Are you paying for growth?

  What's in your disocunt rate?

  High growth for how long?
- For a firm with consolidated financial statements, you have discounted free cashflows to the firm at the cost of capital to arrive at a firm value of \$ 100 million. The firm has
  - A cash balance of \$ 15 million
  - Debt outstanding of \$ 20 million
  - A 5% holding in another company: the book value of this holding is \$ 5 million. (Market value of equity in this company is \$ 200 million)
  - Minority interests of \$ 10 million on the balance sheet
- What is the value of equity in this firm?

How would your answer change if you knew that the firm was the target of a lawsuit it is likely to win but where the potential payout could be \$ 100 million if it loses?

#### Layer 9. From equity value to equity value p share



You have valued the equity in a firm at \$ 200 million. Estimate the value of equity per share if there are 10 million shares outstanding..

How would your answer change if you were told that there are 2 million employee options outstanding, with a strike price of \$ 20 a share and 5 years left to expiration?

# Layer 10. The final circle of hell...

The Wasserstein-Perella bonus layer

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Sales					\$885.9 \$	1,005.2	70.6	\$1,265.5 : 84.7	93.2	\$1,531.3 \$	112.7	124.0	136.4
Net income (before adjustments)				43.1 6.5	7.8	8.5	9.2	9.8	10.7	11.7	12.8	14.0	15.4
Interest adjustment				2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Goodwill adjustment <sup>2</sup>				2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
Net income (after adjustments)	-			\$31.8	\$38.1	\$ 46.8	\$ 56.6	\$ 70.1	\$ 77.7	\$ 86.0	\$ 95.1	\$ 105.2	116.2
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Working capital	\$198.8	+ 100.0 - 140.0	\$195.8	\$202.9	\$223.0	\$248.1	\$274.2	\$302.8	\$329.3	\$358.6	\$390.7	\$426.1	\$465.0
Property, plant, and equipment	181.8	+ 124.0	305.8	334.2	367.4	384.6	400.1	411.6	437.5	466.6	499.1	535.6	576.1
Goodwill		+ 80.0	80.0	78.0	76.0	74.0	72.0	70.0	68.0	66.0	64.0	62.0	60.0 1,500.3
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Capital contributed by Kennecott Debt financing (net)				34.7	17.9	14.1	13.9	13.3	17.6	19.8	\$62.6	\$69.9	\$77.4
Total capital added				\$34.8	\$51.3	\$40.3	\$39.6	\$38.1	\$50.4	\$56.4	\$02.0	\$69.9	\$77.4
Key financial ratios				40		-				10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
Growth rate in sales (%)				10.1	12.1	13.5	12.4	12.0	10.0				
Sales/assets				0.96	1.00	1.00							
Profit/sales				2.01	2.01	2.02							
Assets/net worth				0.078							6 0.15	0.15	6 0.160
Cash flow to Kennecott Acquisition of Carborundum Dividends to Kennecotts Utilization of Kennecott tax loss			\$(550.0) 140.0	\$31.7	\$ 4.7	\$20.6	\$30.9	\$45.3	\$44.9	\$49.4	\$54.4	\$59.8	
carryforwards*				20.0						4-0.4	47.4	479.8	\$ 65.9
Tax shelter from plant write-up adj.*. Terminal value at 10 times earnings?				20.0	20.0	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8
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Kennecott would pay \$550 million to acquire Carborundum's equity which had a book wine of \$309 million. The \$241 million in excess of purchase price over book value of assets acquired would be allocated as follows:

(a) \$137.0 million would be added to net plant and equipment to reflect the explacement cost of inventories:

(b) \$11.0 million would be added to net plant and equipment to reflect the the next cost of plant and equipment; and (c) \$800 million and plant and equipment; and (c) \$800 million and \$100 million an

	Cost of Equity	Cost of Capital
Kennecott Corp (Acquirer)	13.0%	10.5%
Carborandum (Target)	16.5%	12.5%

# YOUR NUMBERS/FINDINGS

"The truth shall set you free".

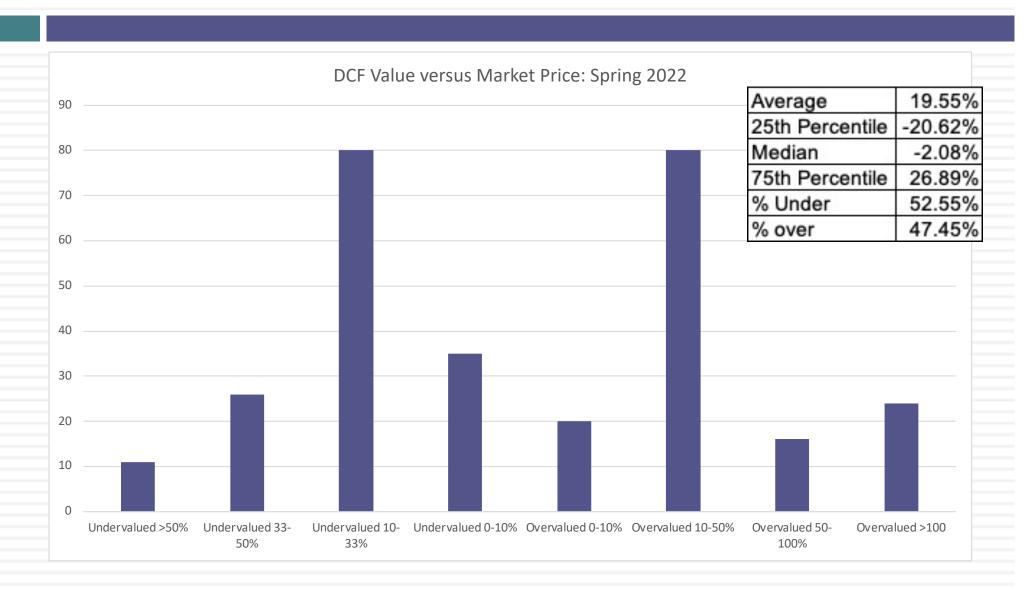
# The Most Valued Company (Companies)...

Company	Number of analyses
Netflix	11
Apple	6
Peloton	6
Lululemon	5
Nvidia	5
Spotify	5
Target	5

# And here is why its not a problem..

Company	Date	Prce/Share	DCF Value/Share	Multiple	Pricing/share	Recommendation
Netflix	6-May	180.76	\$224.61	EV/Invested Capital	\$243.09	Buy
Netflix	5/6/22	180.97	194.61	EV/EBITDA	238.32	Buy
Netflix	5/7/22	\$180.97	\$209.38	EV/Sales	\$174.92	Buy
Netflix	5/7/22	180.97	248.38	P/BV	174	Buy
Netflix	8-May	\$186.88	\$233.60	P/BV	\$204.93	Buy
Netflix	May 6th	\$180.97	\$186.13	EV/Sales	\$512.45	Buy
Netflix	May 6th	180.97	177.91	EV/Sales	212.57	Buy
Netflix	3-May	\$199.83	\$224.10	EV/EBITDA	\$268.24	Hold
Netflix	5/6/22	\$180.97	\$145.24	EV/EBITDA	\$103.45	Sell
Netflix	4/28/22	\$180.60	\$128.45	EV/EBITDA	154.7	Sell
Netflix	5-May	186.92	181.69	EV/Revenue	166.2	Sell
Netflix	6-May	\$180.97	\$146.88	EV/Sales	\$217.11	Hold

# What you found...



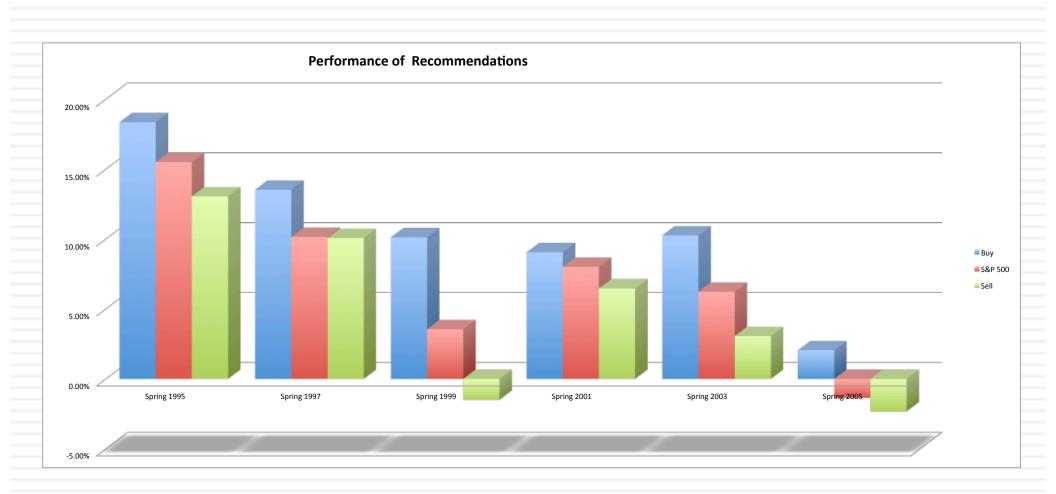
### The most undervalued stocks...

Company	Date	Prce/Share	DCF Value/Share	Multiple	Pricing/share	Option value	Recommendation	Price/DCF
Block Inc.	5/6/22	\$96.19	\$528.87	EV/Sales	\$106.50	7	Buy	18.19%
SmileDirectClub	5/6/22	1.78	9.64	EV/Sales	13.92	13.98	Buy	18.46%
Verizon	5/8/22	48.27	177.03	PBV	87.62		Sell	27.27%
iQYI Inc.	6-May-22	\$3.21	\$10.87	EV/Sales	\$8.73	\$15.68	Hold/Buy	29.53%
Trulieve	8-May	\$14.80	\$43.62	EV/Sa;es	\$32.68		Buy	33.93%
Upstart	8-May	\$83.89	\$227.57	EV/ Sales	\$74.77	\$77.37	Buy	36.86%
Upstart	5/8/22	\$83.85	\$226.67	EV/Sales	\$178.68		Buy	36.99%
Marinus Pharmaceuticals	5/7/22	\$5.95	\$15.38	EV/S	\$16.46	9	Buy	38.69%
Alibaba	4/24/22	86.49	210.73	EV/EBITDA	162.4	N/A	Buy	41.04%
SEA Limited	5/5/22	82	183.06	EV/Sales	343.31		Buy	44.79%
Morgan Stanley	5/8/22	84.23	176.04	PBV	65.54		Buy	47.85%
General Motors	6-May	\$39.60	\$78.27	EV/Sales	\$54.76		Buy	50.59%
Urban Outfitters	5/6/22	\$23.36	\$45.77	EV/Sales	\$21.81	N/A	Buy	51.04%
Under Armour	6-May	\$10.89	\$20.99	EV/Sales	\$21.35		Buy	51.88%
American Airlines	5/6/22	\$17.84	\$33.81	EV/EBITDA	\$65.03		Buy	52.77%

### The Most Overvalued stocks are...

Company	Date	Prce/Share	DCF Value/Share	Multiple	Pricing/share	Option value	Recommendation	Price/DCF
Blackberry	5/5/22	5.82	0.55	EV/Sales	0.22		Sell	1058.18%
AMC	5/7/22	13.76	2.05	EV/Invested 0	14.39	12.06	Sell	671.22%
Lucid Motors	5/7/22	\$18.15	\$3.40	EV/Sales	\$4.89		Sell	533.82%
Twitter	5/7/22	\$49.80	\$9.69	PBV	\$19.29		Hold	513.93%
Nissan	5/7/22	\$7.95	\$1.55	EV/EBITDA	\$1.28	0.01	Sell	512.90%
Live Nation Entertainment	5/8/22	\$92.51	\$21.78	EV/Sales	\$113.06	\$115.07	Sell	424.75%
LifeTime Fitness	6-May	14.58	3.71	EV/Sales	23.75		Sell	392.99%
DraftKings	5/8/22	13.15	3.57	EV/SALES	2.83		Sell	368.35%
Chipotle	5/6/22	1,354.53	\$418.01	EV/Sales	\$709.15		Sell	324.04%
AT&T	5/6/22	19.9	6.21	PE	10.66		Sell	320.45%
Marriott	5/6/22	\$172.52	\$55.95	EV/EBITDA	\$130.66		Sell	308.35%
XPEV	5/6/22	\$22.20	\$8.04	EV/Sales	\$13.75		Sell	276.12%
Arçelik	6-May	\$67.00	\$26.85	PE	\$89.10		Buy	249.53%
Costco	5/6/22	\$517.32	\$212.04	EV/Sales	\$351.66		Sell	243.97%
Zhejiang Huayou Cobalt Co., L	5/8/22	\$11.48	\$4.86	P/BV	\$3.78		Hold	236.21%
CrowdStrike	5/8/22	\$164.81	\$70.35	EV/Sales	\$228.29		Sell	234.27%

# The ultimate test... Did undervalued stocks make money?



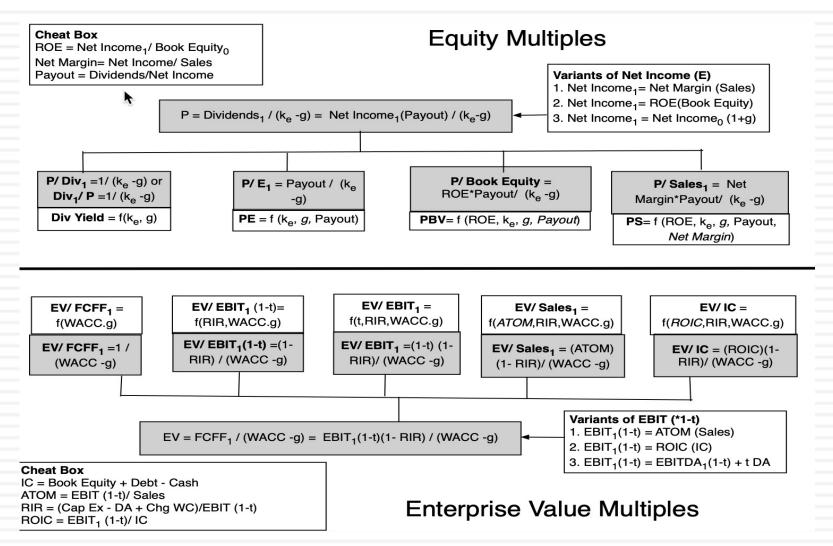
#### More on the winners...

- On average, right: About 60% of all buy recommendations make money; about 45% of sell recommendations beat the market. The average return on buy recommendations was about 4% higher, on an annualized basis, than the average return on sell recommendations.
- More so on some: The excess returns on buy recommendations on small cap and emerging market companies is higher than the excess returns on large market cap companies, with higher mistakes in both directions on the former.
- Skewed payoffs: There are two or three big winners in each period, but the payoff was not always immediate. Buying Apple in 1999 would have led to negative returns for a year or more, before the turnaround occurred.
- Double whammy: Stocks that are under valued on both a DCF and relative valuation basis do better than stocks that are under valued on only one approach.

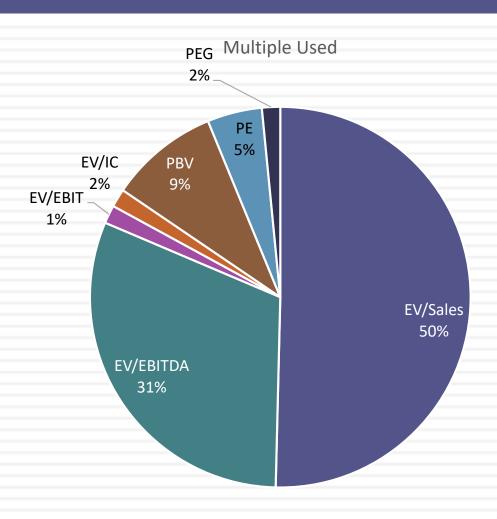
# Relative Valuation: The Four Steps to Understanding Multiples

- Anna Kournikova knows PE.... Or does she?
  - 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
- 8 times EBITDA is not always cheap...
  - 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.
- You cannot get away without making assumptions
  - It is critical that we understand the fundamentals that drive each multiple, and the nature of the relationship between the multiple and each variable.
- There are no perfect comparables
  - Defining the comparable universe and controlling for differences is far more difficult in practice than it is in theory.

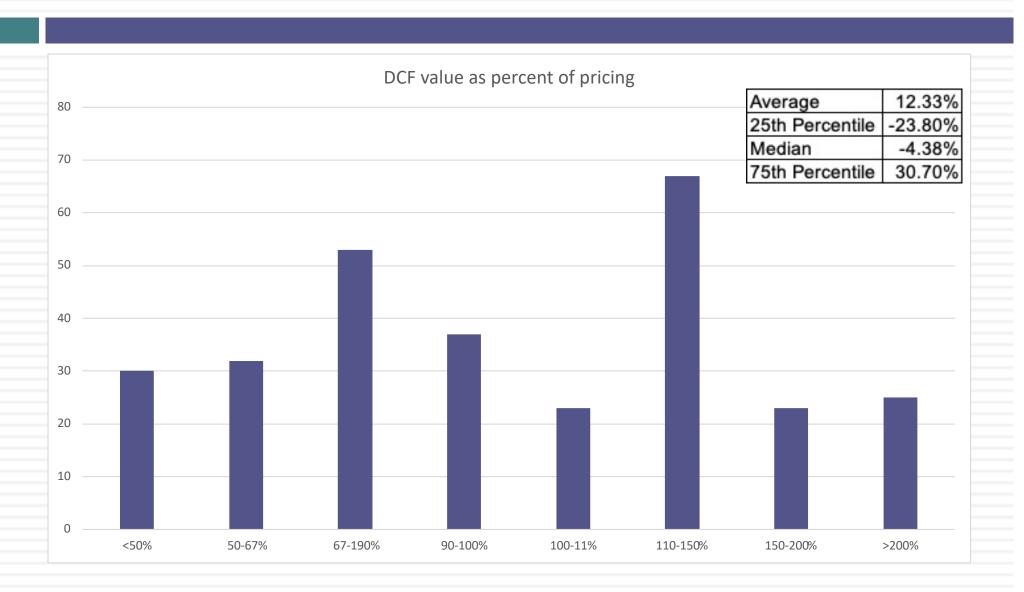
### The Determinants of Multiples...



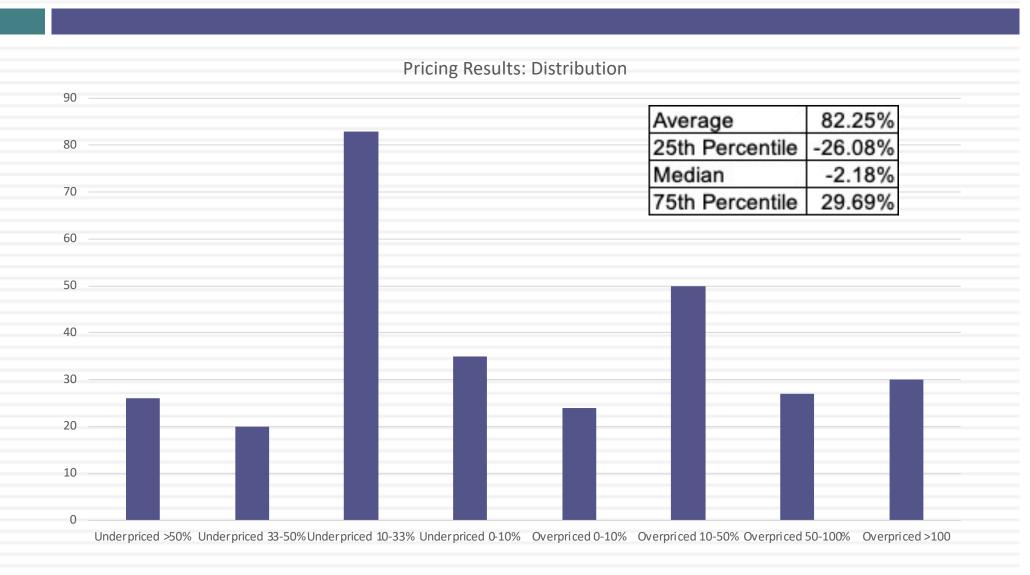
# The Multiples you used were ...



#### DCF vs Relative Valuation



# **Pricing Results**



# Most underpriced on a relative basis...

Company	Date	Prce/Share	DCF Value/Share	Multiple	Pricing/share	Option value	Recommendation	Price/RV
Caesar's Entertainment	7-May	59.95	60.79	EV/EBITDA	\$1,095.97	1/10	Hold	5.47%
Agrify Corp	5/6/22	2.84	1.94	EV/Sales	30.96		Sell	9.17%
SmileDirectClub	5/6/22	1.78	9.64	EV/Sales	13.92	13.98	Buy	12.79%
Coinbase	5/6/22	103.74	162.83	EV/EBITDA	705.96		Buy	14.69%
Blue Apron	5/6/22	\$3.25	\$1.83	EV/Sales	\$17.81		Sell	18.25%
SEA Limited	5/5/22	82	183.06	EV/Sales	343.31		Buy	23.89%
Aston Martin Lagonda	5/7/22	10.31	17.61	EV/Sales	37.59		Buy	27.43%
American Airlines	5/6/22	\$17.84	\$33.81	EV/EBITDA	\$65.03		Buy	27.43%
Nokia	5/3/22	€ 4.97	€ 4.57	EV/EBITDA	€ 16.90		Sell	29.41%
Unity Software	5/4/22	69.41	78.34	EV/EBITDA	221.2		Buy	31.38%
Huya Inc.	5/6/22	\$3.66	\$6.73	EV/Sales	\$11.61	88	Buy	31.52%
Carvana	5/7/22	\$46.48	\$53.18	EV/Sales	\$146.78		Hold	31.67%
Peloton	5/8/22	\$15.70	16.22	EV/Sales	47.18		Hold	33.28%
Peloton	5/7/22	\$15.70	\$20.66	EV/Sales	\$45.03		Buy	34.87%
Netflix	May 6th	\$180.97	\$186.13	EV/Sales	\$512.45		Buy	35.31%

# Most overpriced on a relative basis...

Company	Date	Prce/Share	DCF Value/Share	Multiple	Pricing/share	Option value	Recommendation	Price/RV
Didi	5/7/22	\$1.74	\$1.59	P/BV	\$0.01		Sell	17400.00%
Blackberry	5/5/22	5.82	0.55	EV/Sales	0.22		Sell	2645.45%
Royal Caribbean	5/6/22	69.85	80.64	P/BV	2.73	96.17	Buy	2558.61%
Walmart	May 7th 2	\$149.56	\$130.19	EV/EBITDA	\$10.42		Sell	1435.32%
SiriusXM	5/6/22	\$6.07	\$4.09	PE	\$0.49		Sell	1238.78%
Juventus	5/7/22	€ 0.31	0	P/B	€ 0.04		Sell	775.00%
AMC	5/5/22	14.69	10.9	EV/Sales	2.16	16.43	Buy	680.09%
CATL	6-May	376	0	PE	55.73833		Sell	674.58%
Nissan	5/7/22	\$7.95	\$1.55	EV/EBITDA	\$1.28	0.01	Sell	621.09%
Tesla	5/6/22	865.65	799.35	EV/Sales	185.73	N/A	HOLD	466.08%
DraftKings	5/8/22	13.15	3.57	EV/SALES	2.83		Sell	464.66%
Lucid Motors	5/7/22	\$18.15	\$3.40	EV/Sales	\$4.89		Sell	371.17%
Ford	5/7/22	\$14.16	\$19.76	EV/Sales	\$3.94		Buy	359.39%
Lyft	5/6/22	\$20.51	\$37.15	EV/Sales	\$5.74		Buy	357.32%
Ferrari	8-May-22	197.86	€ 212.60	EV/EBITDA	60.61		Buy	326.45%

### Contingent Claim (Option) Valuation

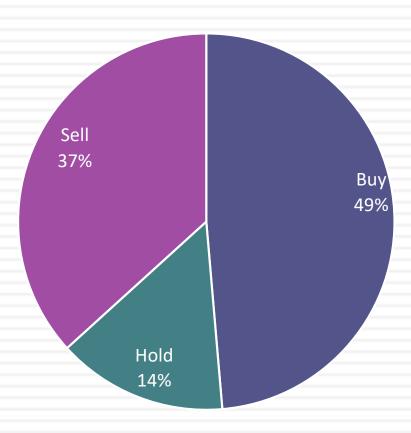
- Options have several features
  - □ They derive their value from an underlying asset, which has value
  - The payoff on a call (put) option occurs only if the value of the underlying asset is greater (lesser) than an exercise price that is specified at the time the option is created. If this contingency does not occur, the option is worthless.
  - They have a fixed life
- Any security that shares these features can be valued as an option.
- □ Number of firms valued using option models = 45
- □ Median Percent increase in value over DCF value= 36.05%

# Acting on valuation: It is not just an academic exercise

- I am not sure yet: Uncertainty is not a shield against action. If you wait until you feel "certain" about your valuation, you will never act.
- All believers now? Ultimately, you have to believe in some modicum of market efficiency. Markets have to correct their mistakes for your valuations to pay off.
- The law of large numbers: Assuming your valuations carry heft, you are far more likely to be right across many companies than on any individual one.

#### Your recommendations were to...

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#### Prior semesters...



### Picking your valuation approach

- Asset characteristics
  - Marketability
  - Cash flow generating capacity
  - Uniqueness
- Your characteristics
  - Time horizon
  - Reasons for doing the valuation
  - Beliefs about markets

### What approach would work for you?

- As an investor, given your investment philosophy, time horizon and beliefs about markets (that you will be investing in), which of the approaches to valuation would you choose?
- Discounted Cash Flow Valuation
- b. Relative Valuation
- Neither. I believe that markets are efficient.

### Story Tellers? Number Crunchers?

- If you are a story teller, I hope that you have
  - More confidence in your number crunching
  - More discipline in your stories
  - Less intimidation, when confronted with number crunchers
- If you are a number cruncher, I hope that you have
  - More willingness to put stories behind your numbers
  - More imagination in your number crunching
  - More understanding, when confronted with story telling

### Some Not Very Profound Advice

- Its all in the fundamentals.
- Focus on the big picture. Don't sweat the small stuff and don't get distracted.
- 3. Anecdotes mean little and experience does not equal knowledge.
- 4. Keep your perspective. It is only a valuation.
- 5. In investing, luck dominates skill and knowledge.

Do not forget to do your CFEs. Your ability to check your grade rests on it.