Should there be a risk premium for foreign projects?

- The exchange rate risk should be diversifiable risk (and hence should not command a premium) if
  - the company has projects is a large number of countries (or)
  - the investors in the company are globally diversified.
  - For Disney, this risk should not affect the cost of capital used. Consequently, we would not adjust the cost of capital for Disney's investments in other mature markets (Germany, UK, France)
- The same diversification argument can also be applied against some political risk, which would mean that it too should not affect the discount rate. However, there are aspects of political risk especially in emerging markets that will be difficult to diversify and may affect the cash flows, by reducing the expected life or cash flows on the project.
- For Disney, this is the risk that we are incorporating into the cost of capital when it invests in Brazil (or any other emerging market)

Estimating a hurdle rate for Rio Disney

- We did estimate a cost of capital of 6.61% for the Disney theme park business, using a bottom-up levered beta of 0.7537 for the business.
- This cost of equity may not adequately reflect the additional risk associated with the theme park being in an emerging market.
- The only concern we would have with using this cost of equity for this project is that it may not adequately reflect the additional risk associated with the theme park being in an emerging market (Brazil). We first computed the Brazil country risk premium (by multiplying the default spread for Brazil by the relative equity market volatility) and then re-estimated the cost of equity:
  - Country risk premium for Brazil = 5.5%+ 3% = 8.5%
  - Cost of Equity in US$= 2.75% + 0.7537 (8.5%) = 9.16%
- Using this estimate of the cost of equity, Disney's theme park debt ratio of 10.24% and its after-tax cost of debt of 2.40% (see chapter 4), we can estimate the cost of capital for the project:
  - Cost of Capital in US$ = 9.16% (0.8976) + 2.40% (0.1024) = 8.46%

Would lead us to conclude that...

- Do not invest in this park. The return on capital of 4.18% is lower than the cost of capital for theme parks of 8.46%; This would suggest that the project should not be taken.
- Given that we have computed the average over an arbitrary period of 10 years, while the theme park itself would have a life greater than 10 years, would you feel comfortable with this conclusion?
  - Yes
  - No

A Tangent: From New to Existing Investments: ROC for the entire firm

How "good" are the existing investments of the firm?

Assets		Liabilities	
Existing Investments Generate cashflows today Includes long lived (fixed) and short-lived(working capital) assets	Assets in Place	Debt	Fixed Claim on cash flows Little or No role in management *Fixed Maturity* *Tax Deductible*
Expected Value that will be created by future investments	Growth Assets	Equity	Residual Claim on cash flows Significant Role in management *Perpetual Lives*

Measuring ROC for existing investments..

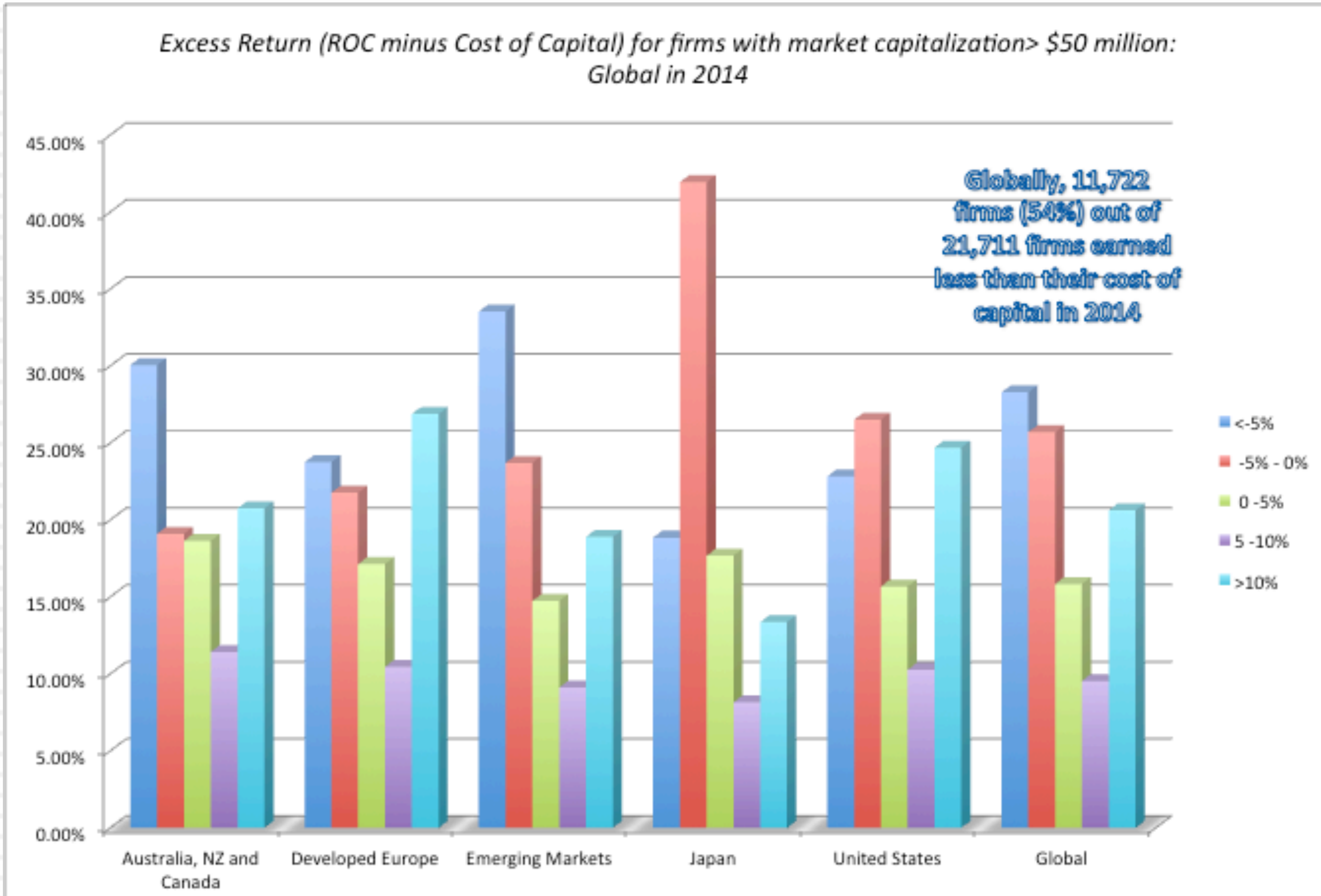
Company	*EBIT (1-t)*	*BV of Debt*	*BV of Equity*	*Cash*	*BV of Capital*	*Return on Capital*	*Cost of Capital*	*ROC - Cost of Capital*
Disney	$6,920	$16,328	$41,958	$3,387	$54,899	12.61%	7.81%	4.80%
Vale	$12,432	$49,246	$75,974	$5,818	$119,402	10.41%	8.20%	2.22%
Baidu	¥9,111	¥13,561	¥27,215	¥10,456	¥30,320	30.05%	12.42%	17.63%
Tata Motors	120,905₹	471,489₹	330,056₹	225,562₹	575,983₹	20.99%	11.44%	9.55%
Bookscape	$1,775	$12,136	$8,250	$1,250	$19,136	9.28%	10.30%	-1.02%

Old wine in a new bottle.. Another way of presenting the same results…

- The key to value is earning excess returns. Over time, there have been attempts to restate this obvious fact in new and different ways. For instance, Economic Value Added (EVA) developed a wide following in the the 1990s:
- EVA = (ROC – Cost of Capital) (Book Value of Capital Invested)
- The excess returns for the four firms can be restated as follows:

Company	ROC - Cost of Capital	BV of Capital	EVA
Disney	4.80%	$54,899	$2,632
Vale	2.22%	$119,402	$2,645
Baidu	17.63%	$30,320	$5,347
Deutsche Bank	NMF	NMF	NMF
Tata Motors	9.55%	$575,983	$55,033
Bookscape	-1.02%	$19,136	-$195

Return Spreads Globally….



⌛ Application Test: Assessing Investment Quality

- For the most recent period for which you have data, compute the after-tax return on capital earned by your firm, where after-tax return on capital is computed to be
- After-tax ROC = EBIT (1-tax rate)/ (BV of debt + BV of Equity-Cash)previous year
- For the most recent period for which you have data, compute the return spread earned by your firm:
- Return Spread = After-tax ROC - Cost of Capital
- For the most recent period, compute the EVA earned by your firm

  EVA = Return Spread * ((BV of debt + BV of Equity-Cash)previous year

The cash flow view of this project..

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
After-tax Operating Income		-$32	-$96	-$54	$68	$202	$249	$299	$352	$410	$421
+ Depreciation & Amortization	$0	$50	$425	$469	$444	$372	$367	$364	$364	$366	$368
- Capital Expenditures	$2,500	$1,000	$1,188	$752	$276	$258	$285	$314	$330	$347	$350
- Change in non-cash Work Capital		$0	$63	$25	$38	$31	$16	$17	$19	$21	$5
Cashflow to firm	($2,500)	($982)	($921)	($361)	$198	$285	$314	$332	$367	$407	$434

To get from income to cash flow, we

I. added back all non-cash charges such as depreciation. Tax benefits:
II. subtracted out the capital expenditures
III. subtracted out the change in non-cash working capital

The Depreciation Tax Benefit

- While depreciation reduces taxable income and taxes, it does not reduce the cash flows.
- The benefit of depreciation is therefore the tax benefit. In general, the tax benefit from depreciation can be written as:
- Tax Benefit = Depreciation * Tax Rate
- Disney Theme Park: Depreciation tax savings (Tax rate = 36.1%)

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Depreciation	$50	$425	$469	$444	$372	$367	$364	$364	$366	$368
Tax Bendfits from Depreciation	$18	$153	$169	$160	$134	$132	$132	$132	$132	$133

- Proposition 1: The tax benefit from depreciation and other non-cash charges is greater, the higher your tax rate.
- Proposition 2: Non-cash charges that are not tax deductible (such as amortization of goodwill) and thus provide no tax benefits have no effect on cash flows.

Depreciation Methods

- Broadly categorizing, depreciation methods can be classified as straight line or accelerated methods. In straight line depreciation, the capital expense is spread evenly over time, In accelerated depreciation, the capital expense is depreciated more in earlier years and less in later years. Assume that you made a large investment this year, and that you are choosing between straight line and accelerated depreciation methods. Which will result in higher net income this year?
  - Straight Line Depreciation
  - Accelerated Depreciation
- Which will result in higher cash flows this year?
  - Straight Line Depreciation
  - Accelerated Depreciation

The Capital Expenditures Effect

- Capital expenditures are not treated as accounting expenses but they do cause cash outflows.
- Capital expenditures can generally be categorized into two groups
  - New (or Growth) capital expenditures are capital expenditures designed to create new assets and future growth
  - Maintenance capital expenditures refer to capital expenditures designed to keep existing assets.
- Both initial and maintenance capital expenditures reduce cash flows
- The need for maintenance capital expenditures will increase with the life of the project. In other words, a 25-year project will require more maintenance capital expenditures than a 2-year project.

To cap ex or not to cap ex?

- Assume that you run your own software business, and that you have an expense this year of $ 100 million from producing and distribution promotional CDs in software magazines. Your accountant tells you that you can expense this item or capitalize and depreciate it over three years. Which will have a more positive effect on income?
  - Expense it
  - Capitalize and Depreciate it
- Which will have a more positive effect on cash flows?
  - Expense it
  - Capitalize and Depreciate it

The Working Capital Effect

- Intuitively, money invested in inventory or in accounts receivable cannot be used elsewhere. It, thus, represents a drain on cash flows
- To the degree that some of these investments can be financed using supplier credit (accounts payable), the cash flow drain is reduced.
- Investments in working capital are thus cash outflows
  - Any increase in working capital reduces cash flows in that year
  - Any decrease in working capital increases cash flows in that year
- To provide closure, working capital investments need to be salvaged at the end of the project life.
- Proposition 1: The failure to consider working capital in a capital budgeting project will overstate cash flows on that project and make it look more attractive than it really is.
- Proposition 2: Other things held equal, a reduction in working capital requirements will increase the cash flows on all projects for a firm.

The incremental cash flows on the project

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Cashflow to firm	($2,500)	($982)	($921)	($361)	$198	$285	$314	$332	$367	$407	$434
+ Pre-project investment (sunk)	$500										
- Pre-project Depreciation * tax rate		$18	$18	$18	$18	$18	$18	$18	$18	$18	$18
+ Non-incremental Allocated Expense (1-t)		$0	$80	$112	$160	$200	$220	$242	$266	$292	$298
Incremental Cash flow to the firm	($2,000)	($1,000)	($860)	($267)	$340	$467	$516	$555	$615	$681	$715

$ 500 million has already been spent & $ 50 million in depreciation will exist anyway

2/3rd of allocated G&A is fixed. Add back this amount (1-t)
Tax rate = 36.1%

A more direct way of getting to incremental cash flows

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Revenues		$0	$1,250	$1,750	$2,500	$3,125	$3,438	$3,781	$4,159	$4,575	$4,667
Direct Expenses		$0	$788	$1,103	$1,575	$1,969	$2,166	$2,382	$2,620	$2,882	$2,940
Incremental Depreciation		$0	$375	$419	$394	$322	$317	$314	$314	$316	$318
Incremental G&A		$0	$63	$88	$125	$156	$172	$189	$208	$229	$233
Incremental Operating Income		$0	$25	$141	$406	$678	$783	$896	$1,017	$1,148	$1,175
- Taxes		$0	$9	$51	$147	$245	$283	$323	$367	$415	$424
Incremental after-tax Operating income		$0	$16	$90	$260	$433	$500	$572	$650	$734	$751
+ Incremental Depreciation		$0	$375	$419	$394	$322	$317	$314	$314	$316	$318
- Capital Expenditures	$2,000	$1,000	$1,188	$752	$276	$258	$285	$314	$330	$347	$350
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Sunk Costs

- What is a sunk cost? Any expenditure that has already been incurred, and cannot be recovered (even if a project is rejected) is called a sunk cost. A test market for a consumer product and R&D expenses for a drug (for a pharmaceutical company) would be good examples.
- The sunk cost rule: When analyzing a project, sunk costs should not be considered since they are not incremental.
- *A Behavioral Aside: It is a well established finding in psychological and behavioral research that managers find it almost impossible to ignore sunk costs.*

Test Marketing and R&D: The Quandary of Sunk Costs

- A consumer product company has spent $ 100 million on test marketing. Looking at only the incremental cash flows (and ignoring the test marketing), the project looks like it will create $25 million in value for the company. Should it take the investment?
  - Yes
  - No
- Now assume that every investment that this company has shares the same characteristics (Sunk costs > Value Added). The firm will clearly not be able to survive. What is the solution to this problem?

Allocated Costs

- Firms allocate costs to individual projects from a centralized pool (such as general and administrative expenses) based upon some characteristic of the project (sales is a common choice, as is earnings)
- For large firms, these allocated costs can be significant and result in the rejection of projects
- To the degree that these costs are not incremental (and would exist anyway), this makes the firm worse off. Thus, it is only the incremental component of allocated costs that should show up in project analysis.

Breaking out G&A Costs into fixed and variable components: A simple example

- Assume that you have a time series of revenues and G&A costs for a company.

Year	Revenues	G&A Costs
1	$1,000	$250
2	$1,200	$270
3	$1,500	$300

  - What percentage of the G&A cost is variable?

To Time-Weighted Cash Flows

- Incremental cash flows in the earlier years are worth more than incremental cash flows in later years.
- In fact, cash flows across time cannot be added up. They have to be brought to the same point in time before aggregation.
- This process of moving cash flows through time is
  - discounting, when future cash flows are brought to the present
  - compounding, when present cash flows are taken to the future

Present Value Mechanics

- Cash Flow Type | Discounting Formula | Compounding Formula

Cash Flow Type	Discounting Formula	Compounding Formula
1. Simple CF	$CF_n / (1+r)^n$	$CF_0 (1+r)^n$
2. Annuity	$A\left[\dfrac{1 - \dfrac{1}{(1+r)^n}}{r}\right]$	$A\left[\dfrac{(1+r)^n - 1}{r}\right]$
3. Growing Annuity	$A(1+g)\left[\dfrac{1 - \dfrac{(1+g)^n}{(1+r)^n}}{r-g}\right]$	
4. Perpetuity	A/r	
5. Growing Perpetuity	Expected Cashflow next year/(r-g)	