1. Multiples have skewed distributions...

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2. Making statistics "dicey"

	Current PE	Trailing PE	Forward PE
Number of firms	7887	7887	7887
Number with PE	3403	3398	2820
Average	72.13	60.49	35.25
Median	20.88	19.74	18.32
Minimum	0.25	0.4	1.15
Maximum	23,100.	23,100.	5,230.91
Standard deviation	509.6	510.41	139.75
Standard error	8.74	8.76	2.63
Skewness	31.	32.77	25.04
25th percentile	13.578	13.2	14.32
75th percentile	33.86	31.16	25.66

3. Markets have a lot in common : Comparing Global PEs

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3a. And the differences are sometimes revealing... Price to Book Ratios across globe – January 2013



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4. Simplistic rules almost always break down...6 times EBITDA was not cheap in 2010...



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But it may be in 2015, unless you are in Japan, Australia or Canada

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Analytical Tests

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- What are the fundamentals that determine and drive these multiples?
 - Proposition 2: Embedded in every multiple are all of the variables that drive every discounted cash flow valuation - growth, risk and cash flow patterns.
- How do changes in these fundamentals change the multiple?
 - The relationship between a fundamental (like growth) and a multiple (such as PE) is almost never linear.
 - Proposition 3: It is impossible to properly compare firms on a multiple, if we do not know how fundamentals and the multiple move.

A Simple Analytical device

Equity Multiple or Firm Multiple

Equity Multiple

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Firm Multiple

1. Start with an equity DCF model (a dividend or FCFE model)

$$P_0 = \frac{DPS_1}{r - g_n} \qquad P_0 = \frac{FCFE_1}{Cost \text{ of equity} - g_n}$$

2. Isolate the denominator of the multiple in the model

3. Do the algebra to arrive at the equation for the multiple

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I. PE Ratios

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- To understand the fundamentals, start with a basic equity discounted cash flow model.
 - With the dividend discount model,

$$P_0 = \frac{DPS_1}{r - g_n}$$

Dividing both sides by the current earnings per share,

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

$$\blacksquare \text{ If this had been a FCFE Model,}$$

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Using the Fundamental Model to Estimate PE For a High Growth Firm

The price-earnings ratio for a high growth firm can also be related to fundamentals. In the special case of the two-stage dividend discount model, this relationship can be made explicit fairly simply:

$$P_{0} = \frac{EPS_{0}*Payout Ratio*(1+g)*\left(1 - \frac{(1+g)^{n}}{(1+r)^{n}}\right)}{r-g} + \frac{EPS_{0}*Payout Ratio_{n}*(1+g)^{n}*(1+g_{n})}{(r-g_{n})(1+r)^{n}}$$

For a firm that does not pay what it can afford to in dividends, substitute FCFE/Earnings for the payout ratio.

Dividing both sides by the earnings per share:

 $\frac{P_0}{EPS_0} = \frac{Payout Ratio * (1+g) * \left(1 - \frac{(1+g)^n}{(1+r)^n}\right)}{r - g} + \frac{Payout Ratio_n * (1+g)^n * (1+g_n)}{(r - g_n)(1+r)^n}$

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A Simple Example

 Assume that you have been asked to estimate the PE ratio for a firm which has the following characteristics:

Variable	High Growth Phase	Stable Growth Phase
Expected Growth Rate	25%	8%
Payout Ratio	20%	50%
Beta	1.00	1.00
Number of years	5 years	Forever after year 5

Riskfree rate = T.Bond Rate = 6%

Required rate of return = 6% + 1(5.5%) = 11.5%

 $\frac{P_0}{EPS_0} = \frac{.20^*(1.25)^* \left(1 - \frac{(1.25)^5}{(1.115)^5}\right)}{.115 \cdot .25} + \frac{.50^*(1.25)^{5*}(1.08)}{(.115 - .08)(1.115)^5} = 28.75$

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a. PE and Growth: Firm grows at x% for 5 years,8% thereafter

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b. PE and Risk: A Follow up Example

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Example 1: Comparing PE ratios across Emerging Markets- March 2014 (pre- Ukraine)



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Example 2: An Old Example with Emerging Markets: June 2000

Country	PE Ratio	Interest	GDP Real	Country
		Rates	Growth	Risk
Argentina	14	18.00%	2.50%	45
Brazil	21	14.00%	4.80%	35
Chile	25	9.50%	5.50%	15
Hong Kong	20	8.00%	6.00%	15
India	17	11.48%	4.20%	25
Indonesia	15	21.00%	4.00%	50
Malaysia	14	5.67%	3.00%	40
Mexico	19	11.50%	5.50%	30
Pakistan	14	19.00%	3.00%	45
Peru	15	18.00%	4.90%	50
Phillipines	15	17.00%	3.80%	45
Singapore	24	6.50%	5.20%	5
South Korea	21	10.00%	4.80%	25
Thailand	21	12.75%	5.50%	25
Turkey	12	25.00%	2.00%	35
Venezuela	20	15.00%	3.50%	45

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Regression Results

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The regression of PE ratios on these variables provides the following –

PE = 16.16 - 7.94 Interest Rates

+ 154.40 Growth in GDP

- 0.1116 Country Risk

R Squared = 73%

Predicted PE Ratios

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Country	PE Ratio	Interest Rates	GDP Real Growth	Country Risk	Predicted PE
Argentina	14	18.00%	2.50%	45	13.57
Brazil	21	14.00%	4.80%	35	18.55
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Hong Kong	20	8.00%	6.00%	15	23.11
India	17	11.48%	4.20%	25	18.94
Indonesia	15	21.00%	4.00%	50	15.09
Malaysia	14	5.67%	3.00%	40	15.87
Mexico	19	11.50%	5.50%	30	20.39
Pakistan	14	19.00%	3.00%	45	14.26
Peru	15	18.00%	4.90%	50	16.71
Phillipines	15	17.00%	3.80%	45	15.65
Singapore	24	6.50%	5.20%	5	23.11
South Korea	21	10.00%	4.80%	25	19.98
Thailand	21	12.75%	5.50%	25	20.85
Turkey	12	25.00%	2.00%	35	13.35
Venezuela	20	15.00%	3.50%	45	15.35

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PE ratios globally: July 2014



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Example 3: PE ratios for the S&P 500 over

time

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PE Ratios for the S&P 500: 1969-2014



Is low (high) PE cheap (expensive)?

- A market strategist argues that stocks are expensive because the PE ratio today is high relative to the average PE ratio across time. Do you agree?
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - If you do not agree, what factors might explain the higher PE ratio today?
 - Would you respond differently if the market strategist has a Nobel Prize in Economics?

E/P Ratios, T.Bond Rates and Term Structure



Regression Results

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- There is a strong positive relationship between E/P ratios and T.Bond rates, as evidenced by the correlation of 0.65 between the two variables.,
- □ In addition, there is evidence that the term structure also affects the PE ratio.
- In the following regression, using 1960-2014 data, we regress E/P ratios against the level of T.Bond rates and a term structure variable (T.Bond - T.Bill rate)
 - E/P = 3.47% + 0.5661 T.Bond Rate 0.1428 (T.Bond Rate -T.Bill Rate) (4.93) (6.15) (-0.67)

R squared = 40.94[%

□ Going back to 2008, this is what the regression looked like:

E/P = 2.56% + 0.7044 T.Bond Rate - 0.3289 (T.Bond Rate -T.Bill Rate) (4.71) (7.10) (1.46)

R squared = 50.71%

The R-squared has dropped and the T.Bond rate and the differential with the T.Bill rate have noth lost significance. How would you read this result?

II. PEG Ratio

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- PEG Ratio = PE ratio/ Expected Growth Rate in EPS
 - For consistency, you should make sure that your earnings growth reflects the EPS that you use in your PE ratio computation.
 - The growth rates should preferably be over the same time period.
- To understand the fundamentals that determine PEG ratios, let us return again to a 2-stage equity discounted cash flow model:

$$P_{0} = \frac{EPS_{0}*Payout Ratio*(1+g)*\left(1-\frac{(1+g)^{n}}{(1+r)^{n}}\right)}{r-g} + \frac{EPS_{0}*Payout Ratio_{n}*(1+g)^{n}*(1+g_{n})}{(r-g_{n})(1+r)^{n}}$$

 Dividing both sides of the equation by the earnings gives us the equation for the PE ratio. Dividing it again by the expected growth 'g:

$$PEG = \frac{Payout Ratio^{*}(1+g)^{*} \left(1 - \frac{(1+g)^{n}}{(1+r)^{n}}\right)}{g(r-g)} + \frac{Payout Ratio_{n}^{*}(1+g)^{n} (1+g_{n})}{g(r-g_{n})(1+r)^{n}}$$

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PEG Ratios and Fundamentals

- Risk and payout, which affect PE ratios, continue to affect PEG ratios as well.
 - Implication: When comparing PEG ratios across companies, we are making implicit or explicit assumptions about these variables.
- Dividing PE by expected growth does not neutralize the effects of expected growth, since the relationship between growth and value is not linear and fairly complex (even in a 2-stage model)

A Simple Example

 Assume that you have been asked to estimate the PEG ratio for a firm which has the following characteristics:

Variable	High Growth Phase	Stable Growth Phase
Expected Growth Rate	25%	8%
Payout Ratio	20%	50%
Beta	1.00	1.00

- Riskfree rate = T.Bond Rate = 6%
- □ Required rate of return = 6% + 1(5.5%)= 11.5%

The PEG ratio for this firm can be estimated as follows: $0.2 * (1.25) * \left(1 - \frac{(1.25)^5}{(1.115)^5}\right) + \frac{0.5 * (1.25)^5 * (1.08)}{.25(.115 - .08)(1.115)^5} = 115 \text{ or } 1.15$

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PEG Ratios and Risk

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PEG Ratios and Quality of Growth

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PE Ratios and Expected Growth





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PEG Ratios and Fundamentals: Propositions

- Proposition 1: High risk companies will trade at much lower PEG ratios than low risk companies with the same expected growth rate.
 - Corollary 1: The company that looks most under valued on a PEG ratio basis in a sector may be the riskiest firm in the sector
- Proposition 2: Companies that can attain growth more efficiently by investing less in better return projects will have higher PEG ratios than companies that grow at the same rate less efficiently.
 - Corollary 2: Companies that look cheap on a PEG ratio basis may be companies with high reinvestment rates and poor project returns.
- Proposition 3: Companies with very low or very high growth rates will tend to have higher PEG ratios than firms with average growth rates. This bias is worse for low growth stocks.
 - Corollary 3: PEG ratios do not neutralize the growth effect.

III. Price to Book Ratio

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□ Going back to a simple dividend discount model,

$$P_0 = \frac{DPS_1}{r - g_n}$$

Defining the return on equity (ROE) = EPSO / Book Value of Equity, the value of equity can be written as:

$$P_{0} = \frac{BV_{0}*ROE*Payout Ratio*(1+g_{n})}{r-g_{n}}$$
$$\frac{P_{0}}{BV_{0}} = PBV = \frac{ROE*Payout Ratio*(1+g_{n})}{r-g_{n}}$$

 If the return on equity is based upon expected earnings in the next time period, this can be simplified to,

$$\frac{P_0}{BV_0} = PBV = \frac{ROE*Payout Ratio}{r-g_n}$$

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Price Book Value Ratio: Stable Growth Firm Another Presentation

This formulation can be simplified even further by relating growth to the return on equity:

g = (1 - Payout ratio) * ROE

□ Substituting back into the P/BV equation,

$$\frac{P_0}{BV_0} = PBV = \frac{ROE - g_n}{r - g_n}$$

- The price-book value ratio of a stable firm is determined by the differential between the return on equity and the required rate of return on its projects.
- Building on this equation, a company that is expected to generate a ROE higher (lower than, equal to) its cost of equity should trade at a price to book ratio higher (less than, equal to) one.

Now changing to an Enterprise value multiple EV/ Book Capital

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To see the determinants of the value/book ratio, consider the simple free cash flow to the firm model: $V_0 = \frac{FCFF_1}{WACC - g}$ Dividing both sides by the book value, we get: $V_0 _ FCFF_1/BV$ BV WACC-g \square If we replace, FCFF = EBIT(1-t) - (g/ROC) EBIT(1-t), we get: $\frac{V_0}{BV} = \frac{ROC - g}{WACC - g}$ Aswath Damodaran

IV. EV to EBITDA - Determinants

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□ The value of the operating assets of a firm can be written as:

$$EV_0 = \frac{FCFF_1}{WACC - g}$$

Now the value of the firm can be rewritten as

$$EV = \frac{EBITDA (1-t) + Depr (t) - Cex - \Delta Working Capital}{WACC - g}$$

Dividing both sides of the equation by EBITDA,

 $\frac{\text{EV}}{\text{EBITDA}} = \frac{(1-t)}{\text{WACC} - g} + \frac{\text{Depr (t)/EBITDA}}{\text{WACC} - g} - \frac{\text{CEx/EBITDA}}{\text{WACC} - g} - \frac{\Delta \text{ Working Capital/EBITDA}}{\text{WACC} - g}$

- □ The determinants of EV/EBITDA are:
 - The cost of capital
 - Expected growth rate
 - Tax rate
 - Reinvestment rate (or ROC)

A Simple Example

Consider a firm with the	following characteristics:
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- Tax Rate = 36%
- Capital Expenditures/EBITDA = 30%
- Depreciation/EBITDA = 20%
- Cost of Capital = 10%
- The firm has no working capital requirements
- The firm is in stable growth and is expected to grow 5% a year forever.
- In this case, the Value/EBITDA multiple for this firm can be estimated as follows:

$$\frac{\text{Value}}{\text{EBITDA}} = \frac{(1 - .36)}{.10 - .05} + \frac{(0.2)(.36)}{.10 - .05} - \frac{0.3}{.10 - .05} - \frac{0}{.10 - .05} = 8.24$$

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The Determinants of EV/EBITDA



V. EV/Sales Ratio

If pre-tax operating margins are used, the appropriate value estimate is that of the firm. In particular, if one makes the replaces the FCFF with the expanded version:

Free Cash Flow to the Firm = EBIT (1 - tax rate) (1 - Reinvestment Rate)

$$\frac{\text{Value}}{\text{Sales}_{0}} = \text{After-tax Oper. Margin}^{*} \left[\frac{(1-\text{RIR}_{\text{growth}})(1+g)^{*} \left(1 - \frac{(1+g)^{n}}{(1+\text{WACC})^{n}}\right)}{\text{WACC-g}} + \frac{(1-\text{RIR}_{\text{stable}})(1+g)^{n}*(1+g_{n})}{(\text{WACC-g}_{n})(1+\text{WACC})^{n}} \right]$$

$$g = \text{Growth rate in after-tax operating income for the first n years}$$

$$gn = \text{Growth rate in after-tax operating income after n years forever (Stable growth rate)}$$

$$\text{RIR}_{\text{Growth, Stable}} = \text{Reinvestment rate in high growth and stable periods}$$

$$\text{WACC = Weighted average cost of capital}$$

The value of a brand name

- One of the critiques of traditional valuation is that is fails to consider the value of brand names and other intangibles.
- The approaches used by analysts to value brand names are often ad-hoc and may significantly overstate or understate their value.
- One of the benefits of having a well-known and respected brand name is that firms can charge higher prices for the same products, leading to higher profit margins and hence to higher price-sales ratios and firm value. The larger the price premium that a firm can charge, the greater is the value of the brand name.
- □ In general, the value of a brand name can be written as:
 - Value of brand name = $\{(V/S)_b (V/S)_g\}^*$ Sales
 - $(V/S)_b$ = Value of Firm/Sales ratio with the benefit of the brand name
 - (V/S)_g = Value of Firm/Sales ratio of the firm with the generic product

Valuing Brand Name

	Coca Cola	With Cott Margins
Current Revenues =	\$21,962.00	\$21,962.00
Length of high-growth period	10	10
Reinvestment Rate =	50%	50%
Operating Margin (after-tax)	15.57%	5.28%
Sales/Capital (Turnover ratio)	1.34	1.34
Return on capital (after-tax)	20.84%	7.06%
Growth rate during period (g) =	10.42%	3.53%
Cost of Capital during period =	7.65%	7.65%
Stable Growth Period		
Growth rate in steady state =	4.00%	4.00%
Return on capital =	7.65%	7.65%
Reinvestment Rate =	52.28%	52.28%
Cost of Capital =	7.65%	7.65%
Value of Firm =	\$79,611.25	\$15,371.24

Value of brand name = \$79,611 - \$15,371 = \$64,240 million

The Determinants of Multiples...

