Amazon in January 2000

Current Revenue $ 1,117

Current Margin: -36.71%

EBIT -410m

From previous years

NOL: 500 m

Sales to capital ratio and expected margin are retail industry average numbers

Sales Turnover Ratio: 3.00

Competitive Advantages

Revenue Growth: 42%

Expected Margin: -> 10.00%

Stable Growth

Stable Revenue Growth: 6%

Stable Operating Margin: 10.00%

Stable ROC=20% Reinvest 30% of EBIT(1-t)

Terminal Value= 1881/(.0961-.06) =52,148

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Term. Year
Revenue Growth	150.00%	100.00%	75.00%	50.00%	30.00%	25.20%	20.40%	15.60%	10.80%	6.00%	6%
Revenues	$ 2,793	$ 5,585	$ 9,774	$ 14,661	$ 19,059	$ 23,862	$ 28,729	$ 33,211	$ 36,798	$ 39,006	$ 41,346
Operating Margin	-13.35%	-1.68%	4.16%	7.08%	8.54%	9.27%	9.64%	9.82%	9.91%	9.95%	10.00%
EBIT	-$373	-$94	$407	$1,038	$1,628	$2,212	$2,768	$3,261	$3,646	$3,883	$4,135
EBIT(1-t)	-$373	-$94	$407	$871	$1,058	$1,438	$1,799	$2,119	$2,370	$2,524	$2,688
- Reinvestment	$600	$967	$1,420	$1,663	$1,543	$1,688	$1,721	$1,619	$1,363	$961	$155
FCFF	-$931	-$1,024	-$989	-$758	-$408	-$163	$177	$625	$1,174	$1,788	$1,881

Forever

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Cost of Equity	12.90%	12.90%	12.90%	12.90%	12.90%	12.42%	11.94%	11.46%	10.98%	10.50%
Cost of Debt	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	7.80%	7.75%	7.67%	7.50%	7.00%
After-tax cost of debt	8.00%	8.00%	8.00%	6.71%	5.20%	5.07%	5.04%	4.98%	4.88%	4.55%
Cost of Capital	12.84%	12.84%	12.84%	12.83%	12.81%	12.13%	11.62%	11.08%	10.49%	9.61%

Value of Op Assets	$ 15,170
+ Cash	$ 26
= Value of Firm	$14,936
- Value of Debt	$ 349
= Value of Equity	$14,847
- Equity Options	$ 2,892
Value per share	$ 35.08

All existing options valued as options, using current stock price of $84.

Amazon was trading at $84 in January 2000.

Cost of Equity
12.90%

Used average interest coverage ratio over next 5 years to get BBB rating.

Cost of Debt
6.5%+1.5%=8.0%
Tax rate = 0% -> 35%

Weights
Debt= 1.2% -> 15%

Pushed debt ratio to retail industry average of 15%.

Dot.com retailers for firrst 5 years
Convetional retailers after year 5

Riskfree Rate:
T. Bond rate = 6.5%

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Beta
1.60 -> 1.00

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Risk Premium
4%

Internet/ Retail

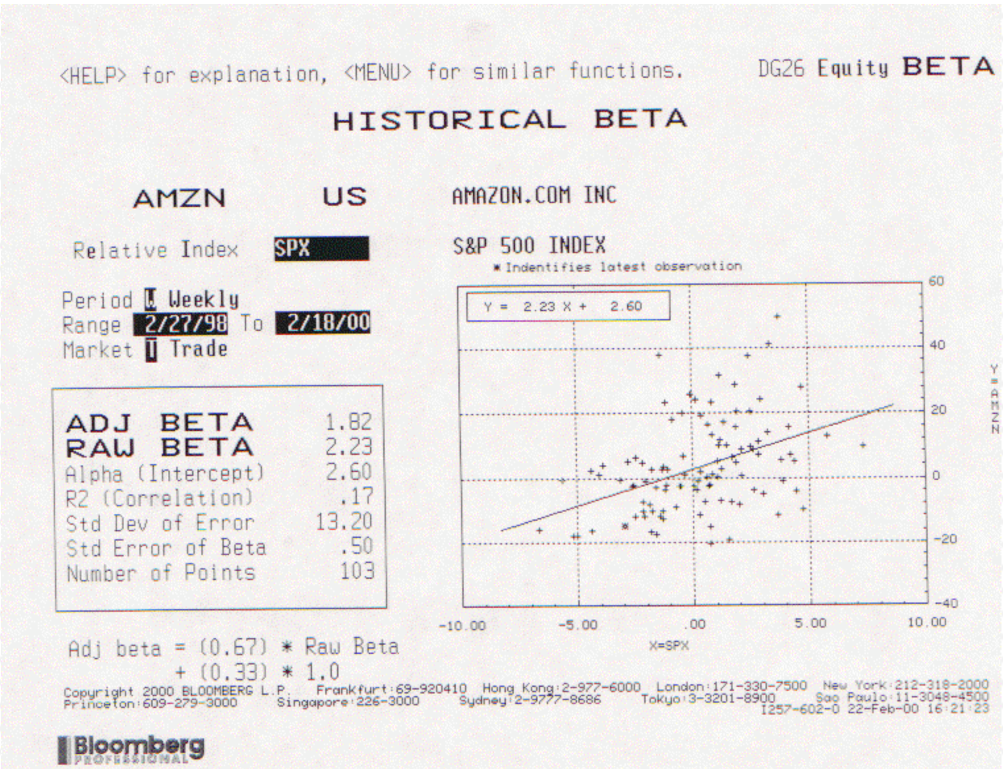
Operating Leverage

Current D/ E: 1.21%

Base Equity Premium

Country Risk Premium

Lesson 1: Don't sweat the small stuff



- Spotlight the business the company is in & use the beta of that business.
- Don't try to incorporate failure risk into the discount rate.
- Let the cost of capital change over time, as the company changes.
- If you are desperate, use the cross section of costs of capital to get your estimation going (use the 90th or 95th percentile across all companies).

Lesson 2: Work backwards and keep it simple…

Year	Revenue Growth	Sales	Operating Margin	EBIT	EBIT (1-t)
Tr 12 mths		$1,117	-36.71%	-$410	-$410
1	150.00%	$2,793	-13.35%	-$373	-$373
2	100.00%	$5,585	-1.68%	-$94	-$94
3	75.00%	$9,774	4.16%	$407	$407
4	50.00%	$14,661	7.08%	$1,038	$871
5	30.00%	$19,059	8.54%	$1,628	$1,058
6	25.20%	$23,862	9.27%	$2,212	$1,438
7	20.40%	$28,729	9.64%	$2,768	$1,799
8	15.60%	$33,211	9.82%	$3,261	$2,119
9	10.80%	$36,798	9.91%	$3,646	$2,370
10	6.00%	$39,006	9.95%	$3,883	$2,524
TY	6.00%	$41,346	10.00%	$4,135	$2,688

Lesson 3: Scaling up is hard to do & failure is common

- Lower revenue growth rates, as revenues scale up.
- Keep track of dollar revenues, as you go through time, measuring against market size.

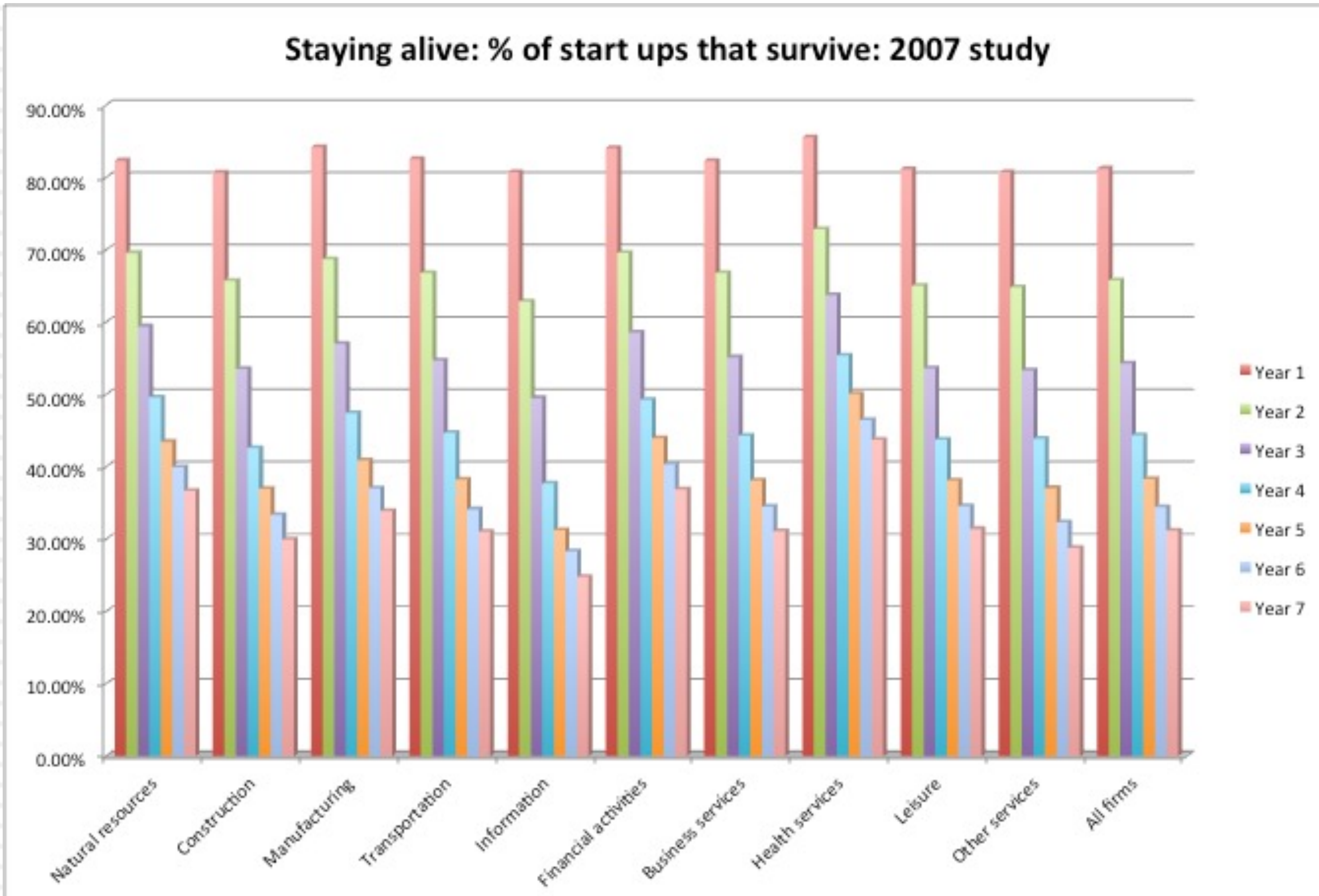
Lesson 4: Don't forget to pay for growth…

Year	Revenues	Δ Revenue	Sales/Cap	Δ Investment	Invested Capital	EBIT (1-t)	Imputed ROC
Tr 12 mths	$1,117				$ 487	-$410	
1	$2,793	$1,676	3.00	$559	$ 1,045	-$373	-76.62%
2	$5,585	$2,793	3.00	$931	$ 1,976	-$94	-8.96%
3	$9,774	$4,189	3.00	$1,396	$ 3,372	$407	20.59%
4	$14,661	$4,887	3.00	$1,629	$ 5,001	$871	25.82%
5	$19,059	$4,398	3.00	$1,466	$ 6,467	$1,058	21.16%
6	$23,862	$4,803	3.00	$1,601	$ 8,068	$1,438	22.23%
7	$28,729	$4,868	3.00	$1,623	$ 9,691	$1,799	22.30%
8	$33,211	$4,482	3.00	$1,494	$ 11,185	$2,119	21.87%
9	$36,798	$3,587	3.00	$1,196	$ 12,380	$2,370	21.19%
10	$39,006	$2,208	3.00	$736	$ 13,116	$2,524	20.39%
TY	$41,346	$2,340	NA		Assumed to be =		20.00%

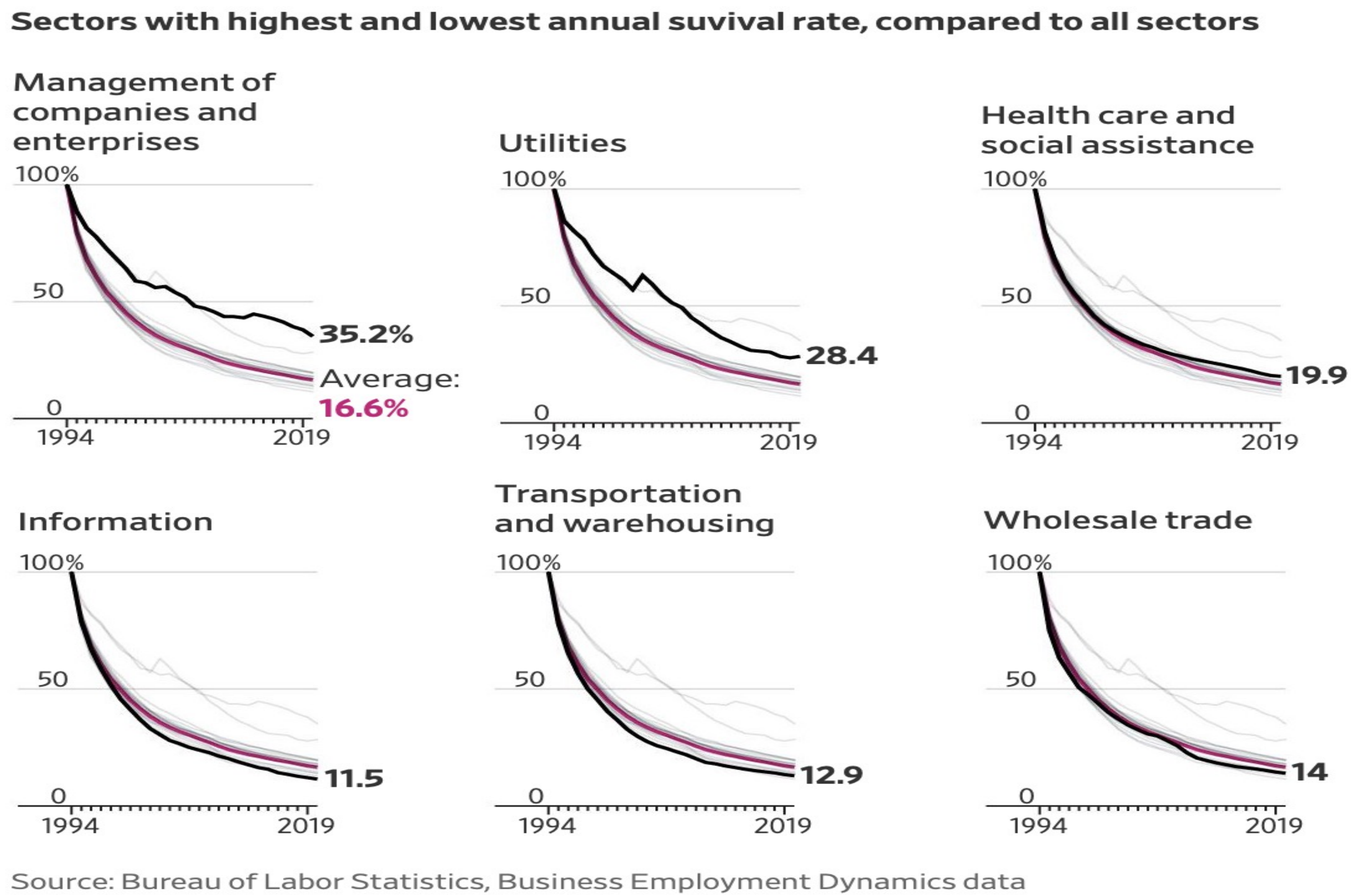
Lesson 5: The dilution is taken care off..

- With young growth companies, it is almost a given that the number of shares outstanding will increase over time for two reasons:
  - To grow, the company will have to issue new shares either to raise cash to take projects or to offer to target company stockholders in acquisitions
  - Many young, growth companies also offer options to managers as compensation and these options will get exercised, if the company is successful.
- Both effects are already incorporated into the value per share, even though we use the current number of shares in estimating value per share
  - The need for new equity issues is captured in negative cash flows in the earlier years. The present value of these negative cash flows will drag down the current value of equity and this is the effect of future dilution. In the Amazon valuation, the value of equity is reduced by $3.09 billion (the present value of negative FCFF in the first 6 years), about a 16% reduction. That takes care of new issues in the future.
  - The existing options are valued and netted out against the current value, taking care of the option overhang. The future earnings are after stock based compensation expenses (don’t fall for the “its not a cash expense” ploy) to take care of future option grants.

Lesson 6: If you are worried about failure, incorporate into value



A 2019 Update: Sector Comparison



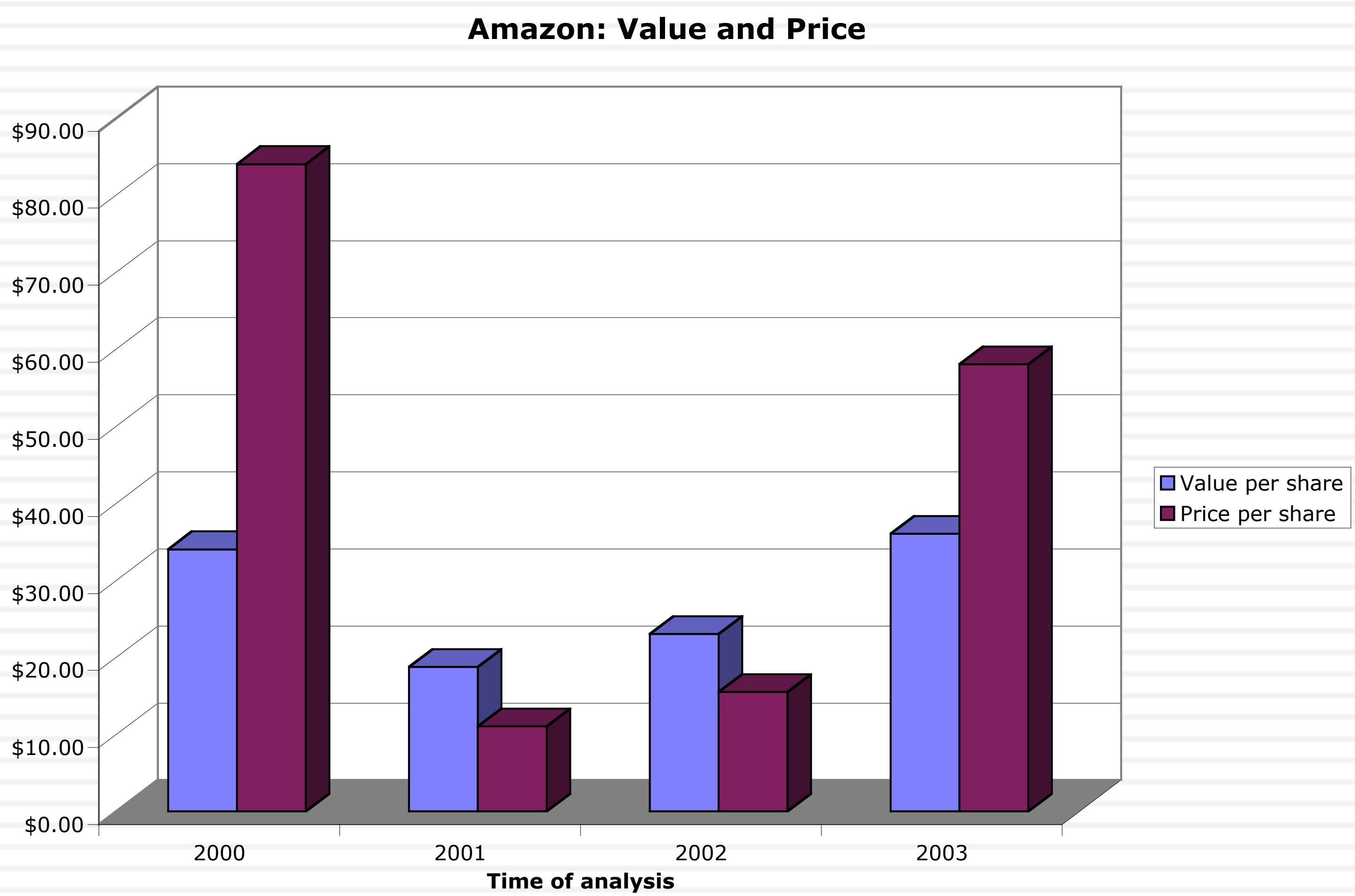
Lesson 7: There are always scenarios where the market price can be justified…

	6%	8%	10%	12%	14%
30%	$ (1.94)	$ 2.95	$ 7.84	$ 12.71	$ 17.57
35%	$ 1.41	$ 8.37	$ 15.33	$ 22.27	$ 29.21
40%	$ 6.10	$ 15.93	$ 25.74	$ 35.54	$ 45.34
45%	$ 12.59	$ 26.34	$ 40.05	$ 53.77	$ 67.48
50%	$ 21.47	$ 40.50	$ 59.52	$ 78.53	$ 97.54
55%	$ 33.47	$ 59.60	$ 85.72	$ 111.84	$ 137.95
60%	$ 49.53	$ 85.10	$ 120.66	$ 156.22	$ 191.77

Lesson 8: You will be wrong 100% of the time and it really is not your fault…

- 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.
- A test: If your valuations are unbiased, you should find yourself increasing estimated values as often as you are decreasing values. In other words, there should be equal doses of good and bad news affecting valuations (at least over time).

And the market is often “more wrong”….



Assessing my 2000 forecasts, in 2014

	Revenues		Operating Income		Operating Margin	
Year	My forecast (2000)	Actual	My forecast (2000)	Actual	My forecast (2000)	Actual
2000	$2,793	$2,762	-$ 373	-$ 664.00	-13.35%	-24.04%
2001	$5,585	$3,122	-$ 94	-$ 231.00	-1.68%	-7.40%
2002	$9,774	$3,932	$ 407	$ 106.00	4.16%	2.70%
2003	$14,661	$5,264	$ 1,038	$ 271.00	7.08%	5.15%
2004	$19,059	$6,921	$ 1,628	$ 440.00	8.54%	6.36%
2005	$23,862	$8,490	$ 2,212	$ 432.00	9.27%	5.09%
2006	$28,729	$10,711	$ 2,768	$ 389.00	9.63%	3.63%
2007	$33,211	$14,835	$ 3,261	$ 655.00	9.82%	4.42%
2008	$36,798	$19,166	$ 3,646	$ 842.00	9.91%	4.39%
2009	$39,006	$24,509	$ 3,883	$ 1,129.00	9.95%	4.61%
2010	$41,346	$34,204	$ 4,135	$ 1,406.00	10.00%	4.11%
2011	$43,827	$48,077	$ 4,383	$ 862.00	10.00%	1.79%
2012	$46,457	$61,093	$ 4,646	$ 676.00	10.00%	1.11%
2013	$49,244	$74,452	$ 4,925	$ 745.00	10.00%	1.00%
2014 (LTM)	$51,460	$85,247	$ 5,146.35	$ 97.00	10.00%	0.11%

Amazon

The Greatest (and most Feared) Disruptive Platform in History

Amazon will complete its metaphorsis from being a retail company to one that can take its competitive advantages - access to capital & willingness to lose money for long periods, while disrupting and changing the status quo - to any business that it targets, giving it the potential for high revenue growth on top of already-large revenues. It will be able to use the pricing power it accumulates in each business it is in, to increase profit margins, partly through economies of scale and partly through higher prices. Its low debt ratio and divergent business mix give it a low cost of capital.

The Assumptions

	Base year	*Years 1-5*	*Years 6-10*		*After year 10*	*Link to story*
Revenues (a)	$ 208,125	15.00%	3.00%		3.00%	Expanding into new businessses
Operating margin (b)	7.71%	7.71%	12.50%		12.50%	Economies of scale and pricing power increase margins
Tax rate	20.20%	20.20%	24.00%		24.00%	Converging on a global tax rate of 25%
Reinvestment (c)		Sales to capital ratio	5.95	RIR =	30.00%	Big payoffs from investing in technology and content
Return on capital	15.24%	Marginal ROIC =	89.16%		10.00%	The last man standing...
Cost of capital (d)		7.97%	7.50%		7.50%	Low debt & diverse business mix

The Cash Flows

	Revenues	*Operating Margin*	*EBIT*	*EBIT (1-t)*	*Reinvestment*	*FCFF*
1	$ 239,344	8.67%	$ 20,753	$ 16,560	$ 5,249	$ 11,311
2	$ 275,245	9.63%	$ 26,501	$ 21,147	$ 6,037	$ 15,110
3	$ 316,532	10.59%	$ 33,506	$ 26,736	$ 6,942	$ 19,794
4	$ 364,012	11.54%	$ 42,017	$ 33,527	$ 7,983	$ 25,544
5	$ 418,614	12.50%	$ 52,327	$ 41,754	$ 9,181	$ 32,573
6	$ 471,359	12.50%	$ 58,920	$ 46,568	$ 8,869	$ 37,699
7	$ 519,438	12.50%	$ 64,930	$ 50,825	$ 8,084	$ 42,741
8	$ 559,954	12.50%	$ 69,994	$ 54,258	$ 6,813	$ 47,446
9	$ 590,191	12.50%	$ 73,774	$ 56,628	$ 5,084	$ 51,544
10	$ 607,897	12.50%	$ 75,987	$ 57,750	$ 2,977	$ 54,773
Terminal year	$ 626,134	12.50%	$ 78,267	$ 59,483	$ 17,845	$ 41,638

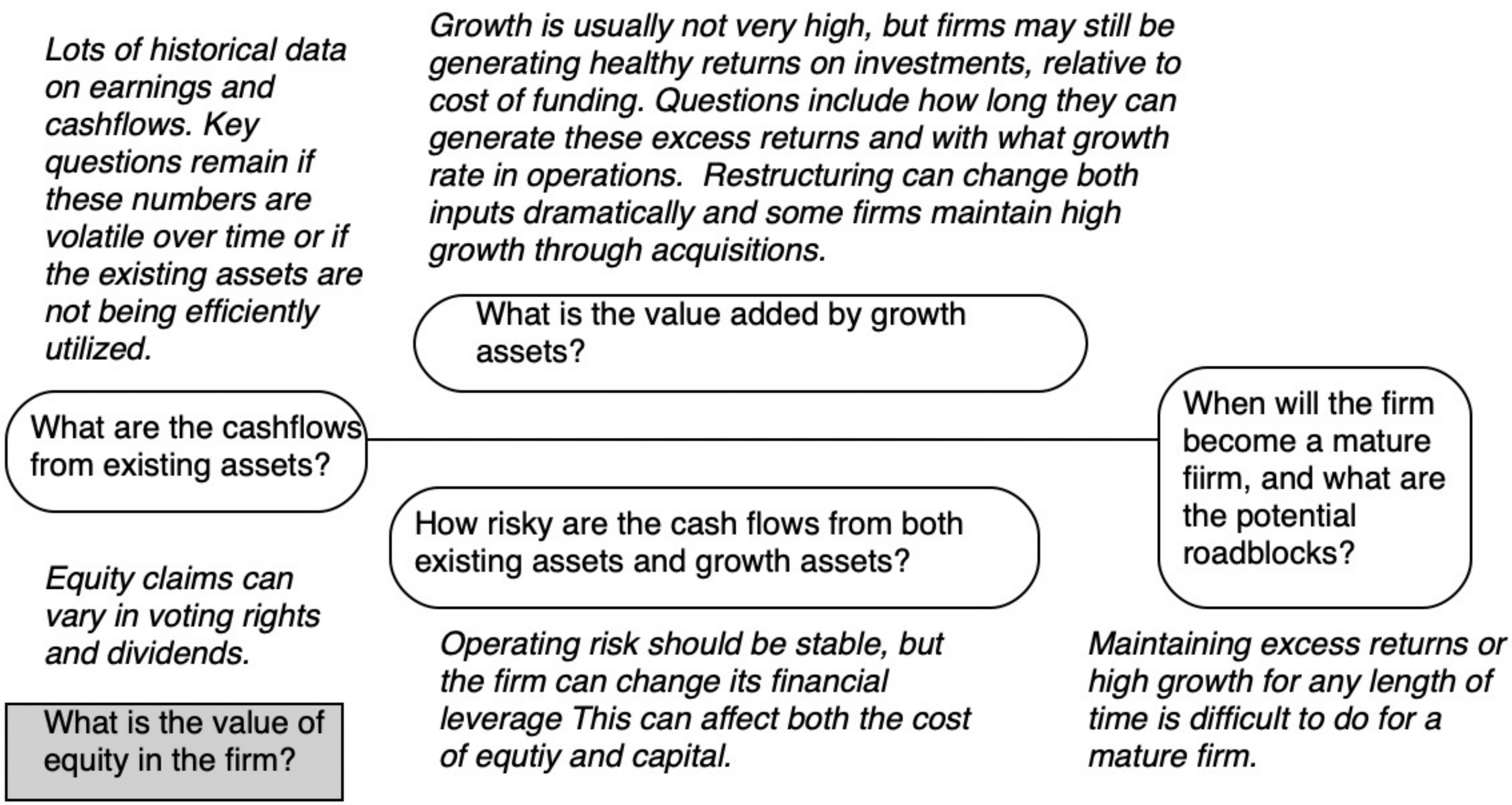
The Value

Terminal value	$ 925,287		
PV(Terminal value)	$ 435,438		
PV (CF over next 10 years)	$ 206,707		
Value of operating assets =	$ 642,144		
Adjustment for distress	$ -	Probability of failure =	0.00%
- Debt & Mnority Interests	$ 45,435		
+ Cash & Other Non-operating assets	$ 27,050		
Value of equity	$ 623,759		
- Value of equity options	$ -		
Number of shares	497.00		
Value per share	$ 1,255.05	Stock was trading at =	$1,970.19

II. Mature Companies in transition..

- Mature companies are generally the easiest group to value. They have long, established histories that can be mined for inputs. They have investment policies that are set and capital structures that are stable, thus making valuation more grounded in past data.
- However, this stability in the numbers can mask real problems at the company. The company may be set in a process, where it invests more or less than it should and does not have the right financing mix. In effect, the policies are consistent, stable and bad.
- If you expect these companies to change or as is more often the case to have change thrust upon them,

The perils of valuing mature companies…



Hormel Foods: The Value of Control Changing

Hormel Foods sells packaged meat and other food products and has been in existence as a publicly traded company for almost 80 years.
In 2008, the firm reported after-tax operating income of $315 million, reflecting a compounded growth of 5% over the previous 5 years.

The Status Quo

Run by existing management, with conservative reinvestment policies (reinvestment rate = 14.34% and debt ratio = 10.4%.

Anemic growth rate and short growth period, due to reinvestment policy

Low debt ratio affects cost of capital

Year	Operating income after taxes	Expected growth rate	ROC	Reinvestment Rate	Reinvestment	FCFF	Cost of capital	Present Value
Trailing 12 months	$315							
1	$324	2.75%	14.34%	19.14%	$62	$262	6.79%	$245
2	$333	2.75%	14.34%	19.14%	$64	$269	6.79%	$236
3	$342	2.75%	14.34%	19.14%	$65	$276	6.79%	$227
Beyond	$350	2.35%	7.23%	32.52%	$114	$4,840	7.23%	$3,974
Value of operating assets								$4,682
(Add) Cash								$155
(Subtract) Debt								$491
(Subtract) Management Options								$53
Value of equity in common stock								$4,293
Value per share								$31.91

New and better management

More aggressive reinvestment which increases the reinvestment rate (to 40%) and tlength of growth (to 5 years), and higher debt ratio (20%).

Operating Restructuring 1
Expected growth rate = ROC * Reinvestment Rate
Expected growth rae (status quo) = 14.34% * 19.14% = 2.75%
Expected growth rate (optimal) = 14.00% * 40% = 5.60%
ROC drops, reinvestment rises and growth goes up.

Financial restructuring 2
Cost of capital = Cost of equity (1-Debt ratio) + Cost of debt (Debt ratio)
Status quo = 7.33% (1-.104) + 3.60% (1-.40) (.104) = 6.79%
Optimal = 7.75% (1-.20) + 3.60% (1-.40) (.20) = 6.63%
Cost of equity rises but cost of capital drops.

Year	Operating income after taxes	Expected growth rate	ROC	Reinvestment Rate	Reinvestment	FCFF	Cost of capital	Present Value
Trailing 12 months	$315							
1	$333	5.60%	14.00%	40.00%	$133	$200	6.63%	$187
2	$351	5.60%	14.00%	40.00%	$141	$211	6.63%	$185
3	$371	5.60%	14.00%	40.00%	$148	$223	6.63%	$184
4	$392	5.60%	14.00%	40.00%	$260	$235	6.63%	$182
5	$414	5.60%	14.00%	40.00%	$223	$248	6.63%	$180
Beyond	$423	2.35%	6.74%	34.87%	$148	$6,282	6.74%	$4,557
Value of operating assets								$5,475
(Add) Cash								$155
(Subtract) Debt								$491
(Subtract) Management Options								$53
Value of equity in common stock								$5,085
Value per share								$37.80

Probability of management change = 10% 3
Expected value =$31.91 (.90) + $37.80 (.10) = $32.50 4

Financial leverage is a double-edged sword..

Exhibit 7.1: Optimal Financing Mix: Hormel Foods in January 2009

As debt ratio increases, equity becomes riskier.(higher beta) and cost of equity goes up. 1

As firm borrows more money, its ratings drop and cost of debt rises 2

Debt Ratio	Beta	Cost of Equity	Bond Rating	Interest rate on debt	Tax Rate	Cost of Debt (after-tax)	WACC	Firm Value (G)
0%	0.78	7.00%	AAA	3.60%	40.00%	2.16%	7.00%	$4,523
10%	0.83	7.31%	AAA	3.60%	40.00%	2.16%	6.80%	$4,665
10.39%	**0.83**	**7.33%**	**AAA**	**3.60%**	**40.00%**	**2.16%**	**6.79%**	**$4,680**
20%	0.89	7.70%	AAA	3.60%	40.00%	2.16%	6.59%	$4,815
30%	0.97	8.20%	A+	4.60%	40.00%	2.76%	6.57%	$4,834
40%	1.09	8.86%	A-	5.35%	40.00%	3.21%	6.60%	$4,808
50%	1.24	9.79%	B+	8.35%	40.00%	5.01%	7.40%	$4,271
60%	1.47	11.19%	B-	10.85%	40.00%	6.51%	8.38%	$3,757
70%	1.86	13.52%	CCC	12.35%	40.00%	7.41%	9.24%	$3,398
80%	2.70	18.53%	CC	14.35%	38.07%	8.89%	10.81%	$2,892
90%	5.39	34.70%	CC	14.35%	33.84%	9.49%	12.01%	$2,597

Current Cost of Capital

Optimal: Cost of capital lowest between 20 and 30%.

Debt ratio is percent of overall market value of firm that comes from debt financing.

At debt ratios > 80%, firm does not have enough operating income to cover interest expenses. Tax rate goes down to reflect lost tax benefits. 3

As cost of capital drops, firm value rises (as operating cash flows remain unchanged)

III. Dealing with decline and distress…

Historial data often reflects flat or declining revenues and falling margins. Investments often earn less than the cost of capital.

What are the cashflows from existing assets?

Growth can be negative, as firm sheds assets and shrinks. As less profitable assets are shed, the firm's remaining assets may improve in quality.

What is the value added by growth assets?

When will the firm become a mature fiirm, and what are the potential roadblocks?

There is a real chance, especially with high financial leverage, that the firm will not make it. If it is expected to survive as a going concern, it will be as a much smaller entity.

How risky are the cash flows from both existing assets and growth assets?

Depending upon the risk of the assets being divested and the use of the proceeds from the divestuture (to pay dividends or retire debt), the risk in both the firm and its equity can change.

Underfunded pension obligations and litigation claims can lower value of equity. Liquidation preferences can affect value of equity

What is the value of equity in the firm?

a. Dealing with Decline

- In decline, firms often see declining revenues and lower margins, translating in negative expected growth over time.
- If these firms are run by good managers, they will not fight decline. Instead, they will adapt to it and shut down or sell investments that do not generate the cost of capital. This can translate into negative net capital expenditures (depreciation exceeds cap ex), declining working capital and an overall negative reinvestment rate. The best case scenario is that the firm can shed its bad assets, make itself a much smaller and healthier firm and then settle into long-term stable growth.
- As an investor, your worst case scenario is that these firms are run by managers in denial who continue to expand the firm by making bad investments (that generate lower returns than the cost of capital). These firms may be able to grow revenues and operating income but will destroy value along the way.

Bed, Bath & Beyond						Sep-22
Incredible Shrinking Store						
Bed Bath and Beyond is in a downward spiral, but we see a glimmer of hope, where the company shuts stores that require the most capital and get the least foot traffic over the next decade, shrinking already-shrunk revenues further, but seeing its operating margins improve to the US brick-and-mortar sector average margin, over the next five years. Along the way, the divestritures and shut downs will relase cash that can be returned and used to pay down debt. By the end of the forecast period, BB&B finds a niche market, albeit wiht a smaller footprint, growing at the same rate as the economy and earning no excess returns..						
The Assumptions						
	Base year	*Next year*	*Years 2-5*	*Years 6-10*	*After year 10*	*Link to story*
Revenues (a)	$7,868.00	-10.0%	-5.00% →	3.00%	3.00%	Disruption platform in multiple businesses
Operating margin (b)	-1.00%	-1.0%	-1.00% →	5.54%	5.54%	Margins improve, aided by cloud business & continued economies of scale.
Tax rate	25.00%		25.00% →	25.00%	25.00%	Global/US marginal tax rate over time
Reinvestment (c)		2.00	2.00	2.00	30.00%	Maintined at Amazon's current level
Return on capital	-2.80%	Marginal ROIC =	-57.31%		10.00%	Stronge competitive edges
Cost of capital (d)			8.79% →	7.50%	7.50%	Cost of capital close to median company
The Cash Flows						
	Revenues	*Operating Margin*	*EBIT*	*EBIT (1-t)*	*Reinvestment*	*FCFF*
1	$7,081.20	-1.00%	-$70.81	-$70.81	$0.00	-$70.81
2	$6,727.14	1.62%	$108.72	$108.72	-$177.03	$285.75
3	$6,390.78	2.92%	$186.89	$186.89	-$168.18	$355.06
4	$6,071.24	4.23%	$256.96	$256.96	-$159.77	$416.73
5	$5,767.68	5.54%	$319.56	$244.23	-$151.78	$396.01
6	$5,571.58	5.54%	$308.69	$231.52	-$98.05	$329.57
7	$5,471.29	5.54%	$303.14	$227.35	-$50.14	$277.50
8	$5,460.35	5.54%	$302.53	$226.90	-$5.47	$232.37
9	$5,536.79	5.54%	$306.77	$230.07	$38.22	$191.85
10	$5,702.90	5.54%	$315.97	$236.98	$83.05	$153.92
Terminal year	$5,873.99	5.54%	$325.45	$244.09	$73.23	$170.86
The Value						
Terminal value			$3,796.89			
PV(Terminal value)			$1,695.10			
PV (CF over next 10 years)			$1,644.97			
Value of operating assets =			$3,340.07			
Adjustment for distress			$396.47		Probability of failure =	23.74%
- Debt & Minority Interests			$3,085.00			
+ Cash & Other Non-operating assets			$440.00			
Value of equity			$298.60			
- Value of equity options			$0.00			
Number of shares			92.50			
Value per share			$3.23		Stock was trading at =	$8.79

b. Dealing with the "downside" of Distress

- A DCF valuation values a firm as a going concern. If there is a significant likelihood of the firm failing before it reaches stable growth and if the assets will then be sold for a value less than the present value of the expected cashflows (a distress sale value), DCF valuations will overstate the value of the firm.
- Value of Equity= DCF value of equity (1 - Probability of distress) + Distress sale value of equity (Probability of distress)
- There are three ways in which we can estimate the probability of distress:
  - Use the bond rating to estimate the cumulative probability of distress over 10 years
  - Estimate the probability of distress with a probit
  - Estimate the probability of distress by looking at market value of bonds..
- The distress sale value of equity is usually best estimated as a percent of book value (and this value will be lower if the economy is doing badly and there are other firms in the same business also in distress).

Current Revenue
$ 4,390

Current Margin:
4.76%

EBIT
$ 209m

Reinvestment:
Capital expenditures include cost of new casinos and working capital

Extended reinvestment break, due ot investment in past

Industry average

Expected Margin:
-> 17%

Stable Growth

Stable Revenue Growth: 3%

Stable Operating Margin:
17%

Stable ROC=10%
Reinvest 30% of EBIT(1-t)

Terminal Value= 758(.0743-.03)
=$ 17,129

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Term. Year
Revenues	$4,434	$4,523	$5,427	$6,513	$7,815	$8,206	$8,616	$9,047	$9,499	$9,974	$10,273
Oper margin	5.81%	6.86%	7.90%	8.95%	10%	11.40%	12.80%	14.20%	15.60%	17%	17%
EBIT	$258	$310	$429	$583	$782	$935	$1,103	$1,285	$1,482	$1,696	$ 1,746
Tax rate	26.0%	26.0%	26.0%	26.0%	26.0%	28.4%	30.8%	33.2%	35.6%	38.00%	38%
EBIT * (1 - t)	$191	$229	$317	$431	$578	$670	$763	$858	$954	$1,051	$1,083
- Reinvestment	-$19	-$11	$0	$22	$58	$67	$153	$215	$286	$350	$ 325
FCFF	$210	$241	$317	$410	$520	$603	$611	$644	$668	$701	$758

Forever

Value of Op Assets	$ 9,793
+ Cash & Non-op	$ 3,040
= Value of Firm	$12,833
- Value of Debt	$ 7,565
= Value of Equity	$ 5,268
Value per share	$ 8.12

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Beta	3.14	3.14	3.14	3.14	3.14	2.75	2.36	1.97	1.59	1.20
Cost of equity	21.82%	21.82%	21.82%	21.82%	21.82%	19.50%	17.17%	14.85%	12.52%	10.20%
Cost of debt	9%	9%	9%	9%	9%	8.70%	8.40%	8.10%	7.80%	7.50%
Debtl ratio	73.50%	73.50%	73.50%	73.50%	73.50%	68.80%	64.10%	59.40%	54.70%	50.00%
Cost of capital	9.88%	9.88%	9.88%	9.88%	9.88%	9.79%	9.50%	9.01%	8.32%	7.43%

Cost of Equity
21.82%

Cost of Debt
3%+6%= 9%
9% (1-.38)=5.58%

Weights
Debt= 73.5% ->50%

Riskfree Rate:
T. Bond rate = 3%

+

Beta
3.14-> 1.20

X

Risk Premium
6%

Casino
1.15

Current
D/E: 277%

Base Equity Premium

Country Risk Premium

Las Vegas Sands
Feburary 2009
Trading @ $4.25

Adjusting the value of LVS for distress..

- Ratings based approach: In February 2009, Las Vegas Sands was rated B+, and based upon history (previous ten years), the likelihood of default is 28.25%.
- Bond Price based: In February 2009, LVS was rated B+ by S&P. Historically, 28.25% of B+ rated bonds default within 10 years. LVS has a 6.375% bond, maturing in February 2015 (7 years), trading at \$529. If we discount the expected cash flows on the bond at the riskfree rate, we can back out the probability of distress from the bond price:

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

π_{Distress} = Annual probability of default = 13.54%

Cumulative probability of surviving 10 years = $(1 - .1354)^{10}$ = 23.34%

Cumulative probability of distress over 10 years = 1 - .2334 = .7666 or 76.66%

- If LVS is becomes distressed:
  - Expected distress sale proceeds = \$2,769 million < Face value of debt
  - Expected equity value/share = \$0.00
- Expected value per share
  - With ratings-based approach: \$8.12 (.7175) + \$ 0 (.2825) = \$5.83
  - With bond-based approach: \$8.12 (1 - .7666) + \$0.00 (.7666) = \$1.92

IV. Emerging Market Companies

Estimation Issues - Emerging Market Companies

Big shifts in economic environment (inflation, itnerest rates) can affect operating earnings history. Poor corporate governance and weak accounting standards can lead to lack of transparency on earnings.

Growth rates for a company will be affected heavily be growth rate and political developments in the country in which it operates.

What is the value added by growth assets?

What are the cashflows from existing assets?

When will the firm become a mature fiirm, and what are the potential roadblocks?

How risky are the cash flows from both existing assets and growth assets?

Cross holdings can affect value of equity

Even if the company's risk is stable, there can be significant changes in country risk over time.

Economic crises can put many companies at risk. Government actions (nationalization) can affect long term value.

What is the value of equity in the firm?

Lesson 1: Country risk has to be incorporated… but with a scalpel, not a bludgeon

- Emerging market companies are undoubtedly exposed to additional country risk because they are incorporated in countries that are more exposed to political and economic risk.
- Not all emerging market companies are equally exposed to country risk and many developed markets have emerging market risk exposure because of their operations.
- You can use either the "weighted country risk premium", with the weights reflecting the countries you get your revenues from or the lambda approach (which may incorporate more than revenues) to capture country risk exposure.

Lesson 2: Currency should not matter

- You can value any company in any currency. Thus, you can value a Brazilian company in nominal reais, US dollars or Swiss Francs.
- For your valuation to stay invariant and consistent, your cash flows and discount rates have to be in the same currency. Thus, if you are using a high inflation currency, both your growth rates and discount rates will be much higher.
- For your cash flows to be consistent, you have to use expected exchange rates that reflect purchasing power parity (the higher inflation currency has to depreciate by the inflation differential each year).

Valuing Infosys: In US$ and Indian Rupees

	In Indian Rupees	In US $
Risk free Rate	5.00%	2.00%
Expected inflation rate	4.00%	1.00%
Cost of capital - High Growth - Stable Growth	 12.50% 10.39%	 9.25% 7.21%
Expected growth rate - High Growth - Stable Growth	 12.01% 5.00%	 8.78% 2.00%
Return on Capital - High Growth - Stable Growth	 17.16% 10.39%	 13.78% 7.21%
Value per share	Rs 614	$12.79/share (roughly Rs 614 at current exchange rate)

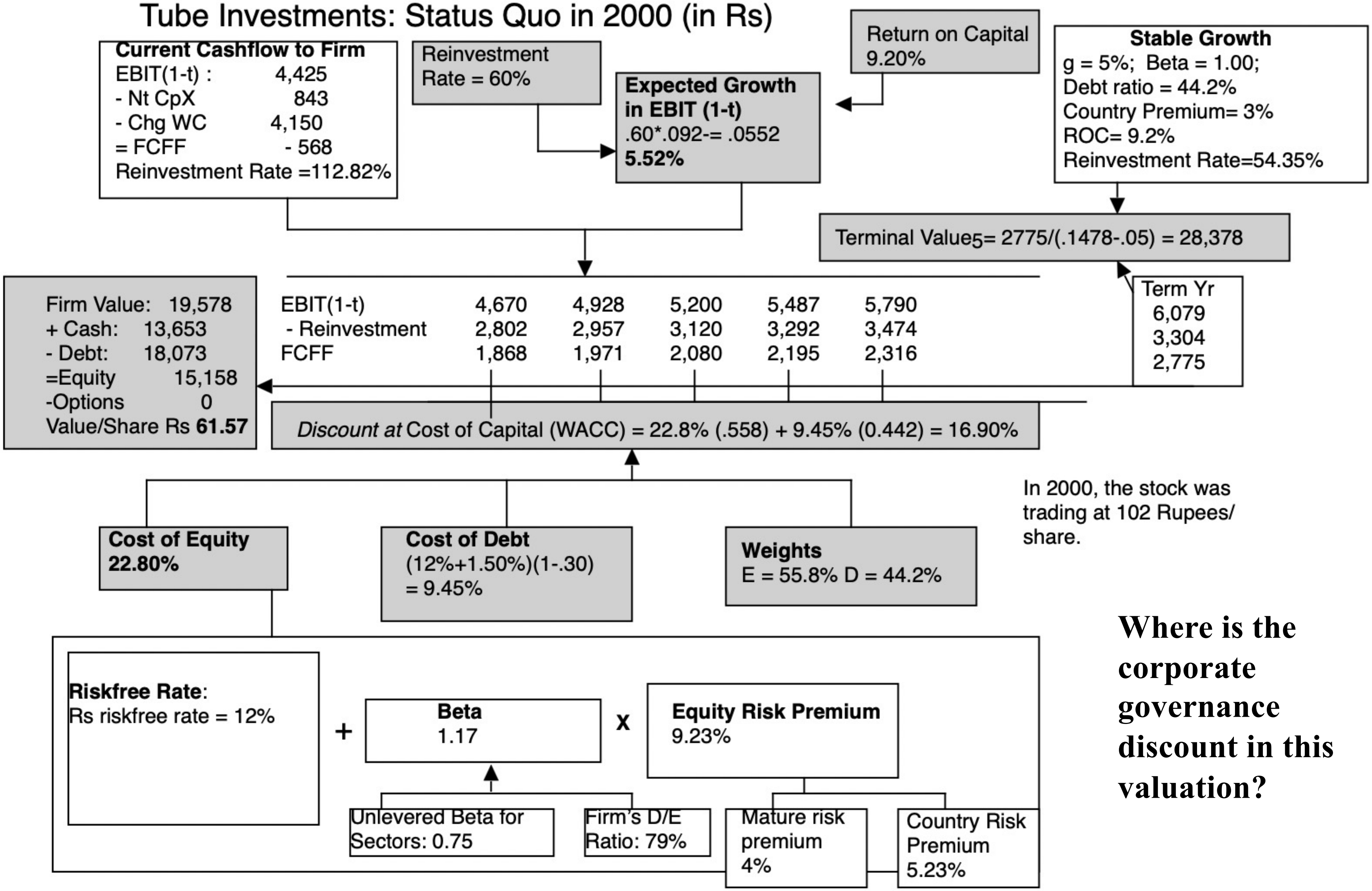
Lesson 3: The "corporate governance" drag

- Stockholders in Asian, Latin American and many European companies have little or no power over the managers of the firm. In many cases, insiders own voting shares and control the firm and the potential for conflict of interests is huge.
- This weak corporate governance is often a reason for given for using higher discount rates or discounting the estimated value for these companies.
- Would you discount the value that you estimate for an emerging market company to allow for this absence of stockholder power?

a. Yes

b. No.

Tube Investments: Status Quo in 2000 (in Rs)



Where is the corporate governance discount in this valuation?