# The Integrated Theory of Business Valuation

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### So Many Questions



#### DCF and the Very Basics of Value

» The Value of a Business today is ...



### Grapes of Value

**Organizing Principles of Business Valuation** 

- G Growth
- R Risk & Reward
- A Alternative Investments
- P Present Value
- **E** Expectations
- S Sanity, Rationality, and Consistency



#### The Basic DCF Model

Value = 
$$\mathbf{V_0} = \left(\frac{CF_1}{(1+r)^1} + \frac{CF_2}{(1+r)^2} + \frac{CF_3}{(1+r)^3} + \frac{CF_4}{(1+r)^4} + \dots + \frac{CF_n}{(1+r)^n}\right)$$

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The Integrated Theory of Business Valuation

#### The Starting Point for the Integrated Theory

$$\mathbf{V_o} = \frac{\mathbf{CF_1}}{\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{g}}$$

#### Key Assumptions

- » The cash flows are expected to grow at the constant rate of *g*, and
- » All cash flows are either distributed to shareholders or reinvested in the firm at the discount rate, g



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#### Marketable Minority Interest Level of Value







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#### **Control Levels of Value**

- » Financial Control
- » Strategic Control

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#### **Financial Control Premium**

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Nath's observation was that, given the relatively low number of acquisitions in any year relative to total number of public companies, the difference, in most instances, must be zero (or not large enough to warrant the interest of financial buyers). This suggests that public market pricing could reflect both marketable minority and financial control pricing. There is a growing consensus among appraisers that there is a difference between financial and strategic control values, and a growing recognition that, to the extent they exist, financial control premiums are likely small.

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### Prerogatives of Control

- » Appoint or change operational management
- » Appoint or change members of the board of directors
- » Determine management compensation and perquisites
- » Set operational and strategic policy and change the course of the business
- » Acquire, lease, or liquidate business assets, including plant, property, and equipment
- » Select suppliers, vendors, and subcontractors with whom to do business and award contracts
- » Negotiate and consummate mergers and acquisitions
- » Liquidate, dissolve, sell out, or recapitalize the company
- » Sell or acquire treasury shares
- » Register the company's equity securities for an initial or secondary public offering
- » Register the company's debt securities for an initial or secondary public offering

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#### Minority Interest Discount (Discount for Lack of Control)

- Minority shareholders of public companies lack control (vested in management and boards of directors)
- But marketable minority and financial control values tend to be approximately same (Nath, Mercer)
- » No (or very little discount) for the lack of control in public pricing
- » All cash flows of publics are distributed or reinvested and share prices are not diminished because of lack of control
- » Minority shareholders of public companies can sell shares and receive present value of all expected future cash flows
- » Public securities markets appear to eliminate any discount for lack of control



#### Minority Interest Discount (Discount for Lack of Control)









$$\mathbf{V}_{\mathbf{e}(\mathbf{c},\mathbf{s})} = \frac{CF_{\mathbf{e}(\mathbf{c},\mathbf{s})}}{[R_{s} - (G_{mm} + G_{s})]}$$



Strategic Control Value > Financial Control Value if:

- »  $CFF_{e(c,s)}$  is greater than  $CF_{e(c,f)}$
- »  $G_s$  is greater than zero
- »  $R_s$  is less than  $R_f$



Strategic Control Premium

$$\mathbf{CP_s} = \frac{\mathbf{V}_{e(c,s)} - \mathbf{V}_{e(mm)}}{\mathbf{V}_{e(mm)}}$$



#### Strategic Premiums should exist if:

- » The strategic buyer expects to be able to enhance cash flows from the normalized, marketable minority level
- » The strategic buyer is willing to accept a lower return than that available at the marketable minority level
- » There is a single, motivated strategic buyer who is willing to share the expected synergistic or strategic benefits with seller
- » There are multiple strategic buyers who will compete in a bidding process
- » Elements of motivation or irrationality enter into the bidding process



#### Strategic Insight

- » Which *r* do acquirers typically use?
  - Their own or of acquired enterprise
- » Newly acquired CF typically riskier than core?
- » If use own discount rates, may overpay, even highly



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#### Enterprise vs. Shareholder Levels of Value





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#### Shareholder Level Values Typically Lower:

- »  $CF_s \leq CF_e$  (typically less)
- Risks of shareholder of interest intuitively exceeding those of enterprise
- » The "change" to value that investors require is the marketability discount
- » Other things equal

If one investment has lower cash flows and higher risks than another, its value will be lower



## $\mathbf{R_{hp}} = \mathbf{R_{mm}} + \mathbf{HPP}$



$$\mathbf{V_{sh}} = \frac{\mathbf{CF_{sh}}}{\mathbf{R_{hp}} - \mathbf{G_v}}$$



PVTV

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Expected Growth Rate in Value ( $G_v$ ) Function of:

- » Dividend policy (and reinvestment rate)
- » Actual expectations for reinvestment
- » Agency costs



# $\mathbf{MD} = \mathbf{1} - \frac{\mathbf{V}_{\mathrm{sh}}}{\mathbf{V}_{\mathrm{mm}}}$



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### **Relevant Valuation Issues in Light of the Integrated Theory**



#### Normalizing Adjustments

- Type 1 Normalizing Adjustments. These adjustments eliminate onetime gains or losses, other unusual items, discontinued business operations, expenses of non-operating assets, and the like. Every appraiser employs such income statement adjustments in the process of adjusting (normalizing) historical income statements. Regardless of the name given to them, there is virtually universal acceptance that Type 1 Normalizing Adjustments are appropriate
- Type 2 Normalizing Adjustments. These adjustments normalize officer/owner compensation and other discretionary expenses that would not exist in a reasonably well-run, publicly traded company.
   Type 2 Normalizing Adjustments should not be confused with control adjustments or Type 1 Normalizing Adjustments



### Normalizing Adjustments

- Normalizing adjustments are made to develop enterprise values
   even if valuing a minority interest
  - Normalize to a "well-run publicly traded equivalent" level of earnings
    - » Non-recurring items, of course
    - » Normal, or market salaries
    - » Normalize for unusual owner expenses (agency costs)
  - Develop value at the marketable minority/financial control level of value
- » Value the illiquid minority interest in light of its expected cash flows, risks and growth in light of the marketable minority value
  - Hint the difference is the Marketability Discount



### Normalizing Adjustments

ABC, Inc.		Normalizing	g Adjustments	
Normalizing Adjustments		Type 1	Type 2	
(\$000's)		Non-Recurring	Normalize to	
	Reported	ltems	Public Equivalent	Normalized
Sales	\$10,000	\$0	\$0	\$10,000
COGS	\$5,800	\$0	\$0	\$5,800
Gross Profit	\$4,200	\$0	\$0	\$4,200
Litigation Settlement	\$200	(\$200)	\$0	\$0
Selling (Cousin Joe)	\$800	\$0	(\$100)	\$700
G&A (Cousin Al)	\$1,800	\$0	(\$100)	\$1,700
Owner Comp (Big Daddy)	\$900	\$0	(\$600)	\$300
Chalet (Big Daddy's Vacation Home)	\$200	\$0	(\$200)	\$0
	\$3,900	(\$200)	(\$1,000)	\$2,700
Operating Profit	\$300			\$1,500
<b>Operating Margin</b> (No debt)	3.0%			15.0%

#### **ABC, Inc. Normalizing Adjustments**



### **Control Adjustments**

#### » Financial Control Adjustments

Might be considered by typical financial buyer

#### » Strategic Control Adjustments

Might be considered by typical strategic or synergistic buyer



### **Control Adjustments**

#### Nature of Control Premiums

- » Are typical buyers financial buyers?
- » Are typical buyers strategic buyers?
- » What accounts for control premiums?



#### **Control Adjustments**

#### **Control Premiums: Valuation Results, Not Drivers**





Fundamental Adjustments to Market Capitalization Rates

$$\mathbf{V} = \frac{\mathbf{CF}}{\mathbf{r} - \mathbf{g}}$$

#### Fundamental Adjustments Relate to:

- » Risk Differentials (relative to publics)
- » Expected Growth Differentials (relative to publics)



#### **Fundamental Adjustments**

#### Compare Publico with Privateco Derive Publico Discount Rate and Adjust for Privateco

Line	Capitalization Rate Components	Publico	Privateco	
1	Base Discount Rate (R)	15.5%	15.5%	Derived for Publico
2	Specific Company Risk ( SCR )	0.0%	2.0%	Greater risks
3	Equity Discount Rate (R)	15.5%	17.5%	
4	Expected Growth ( $G_e$ )	-9.6%	-7.0%	Slow er grow th expectations
5	Capitalization Rate ( $R - G_e$ )	5.9%	10.5%	
6	P/E Multiple 1/(R - $G_e$ )	17.0	9.5	Low er implied P/E for Privateco

**Observed Multiple** 

7 Effective Fundamental Adjustment

#### -44.0%



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#### **Fundamental Adjustments**

#### Determine a Fundamental Adjustment Use the ACAPM to Narrow the Range of Judgment Privateco in Relationship to Guideline Company Group

				Step 1	Step 2	Step 3
				SetRisk =	Set G =	GROWTH =
		Medians	Privateco	Privateco	Privateco	Privateco
		for	ACAPM	GROWTH =	RISK =	RISK =
Line	Subject Company Analysis	Public Group	Build-up	Public	Public	Privateco
1	Long-Term Government Bond Yield-to-Maturity	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%
2	+ Total Equity Premium (Line 6 from Exhibit 5.2)	10.6%	10.6%	10.6%	10.6%	10.6%
3	+ Specific Company Risk Premium	0.0%	2.0%	2.0%	0.0%	2.0%
4	= Discount Rate (required rate of return)	15.5%	17.5%	17.5%	15.5%	17.5%
5	- Growth Rate Estimates	-9.6%	-7.0%	-9.6%	-7.0%	-7.0%
6	= Implied Capitalization Rates	5.9%	10.5%	7.9%	8.5%	10.5%
7	Implied P/E Multiples	17.0	9.5	12.7	11.8	9.5
8	Implied Adjustment from Guideline Median P/E	na		-25.4%	-30.8%	-44.0%

9 Step 4: Selected Fundamental Adjustment

-35.0%



Fundamental Adjustments for Total Capital Methods

### » FATC = FAE x AF

» AF = (MVE/MVSC)



#### Impact of Fundamental Adjustment on Marketable Minority Level of Value

#### Impact of Fundamental Adjustment on Marketable Minority Level of Value





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#### Fundamental Adjustments to Market Capitalization Rates



Median Pricing



#### Influence of Fundamental Adjustment on the Various Levels of Value

Influence of Fundamental Adjustment on the Various Levels of Value





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### Understanding the QMDM

- » The QMDM is a shareholder-level discounted cash flow model consistent with the Integrated Theory
  - It is inextricably linked to the enterprise valuation, since the shareholder cash flows are derived from (alternatively, are a subset of) the enterprise cash flows
  - The value of any business is a function of its expected cash flows, risks, and expected growth
  - The value of an interest in a business is a function of its expected cash flows (derived from the enterprise cash flows), risks (in addition to those of the enterprise), and expected growth (in the value of the enterprise)



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### Challenges

- » What are the three most important elements of an income approach to valuing nonmarketable minority interests?
  - 1\_\_\_\_\_\_
    2\_\_\_\_\_\_
    3\_\_\_\_\_\_

» Hint: Think in terms of DCF



### The QMDM is a Shareholder Level DCF

Enterprise Level DCF Assumptions	Shareholder Level DCF (QMDM) Assumptions
1. Forecast Period	1. Range of Expected Holding Periods
<ol> <li>Projected Interim Cash Flows (during forecast period)</li> </ol>	<ul> <li>2a. Expected Distribution / Dividend Yield</li> <li>2b. Expected Growth in Distributions / Dividends</li> <li>2c. Timing (Mid-Year or End of Year)</li> </ul>
<ol> <li>Projected Terminal Value (at end of forecast period)</li> </ol>	3a. Growth in Value over Holding Period 3b. Premium or Discount to Projected Enterprise Value
4. Discount Rate	<ol><li>Range of Required Holding Period Returns</li></ol>



### **Components of Marketability Discounts**

		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1. Expected Holding Period	Years	10	10	10	10
2a. Expected Distribution / Dividend Yield	Yield	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%
2b. Expected Growth in Distribution / Div. Yield	Growth	6.0%	5.0%	6.0%	5.0%
2c. Timing (Mid-Year or End of Year)	Timing	E	Е	Е	Е
3a. Growth in Value over Holding Period	G <sub>v</sub>	6.0%	5.0%	6.0%	5.0%
3b. Premium or Discount to Marketable Value	Prem/Disc.	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
4. Required Holding Period Returns	Low	16.0%	16.0%	20.0%	20.0%

Marke	Marketability Discount		5.7%	20.3%	24.6%
(1)	Enterprise Value (Figure 7-6)		1	1	<b>↑</b>
(2)	Suboptimal Reinvestment Only (Figure 7-7)				
(3)	Incremental Risk Only (Figure 7-8)				
(4)	Suboptimal Reinvestment and Incremental Risk (Figure 7-5)				



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#### Marketability Discounts: Controlling Interests





#### Marketability Discounts





### Marketability Discounts Conclusion

- » Marketability discount (DLOM)
  - The largest valuation discount
  - Consider how methods employed treat the "factors influencing marketability"
  - Consider the implied rate of return based on any marketability discount conclusion
- » Marketability discount for controlling interests
  - A discount of "convenience" until someone shows otherwise with credibility



#### Last Look: The Integrated Theory of Business Valuation

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#### Last Look: Levels of Value





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