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# **Overview of equity securities**

#### Common shares

- benefits
  - o residual claim
  - voting
    - proxy if unable to attend the annual meeting
- voting
  - o statutory voting: one share for one candidate
  - o **cumulative** voting: allocate votes to one or more
    - good for minority
- option
  - o callable
    - repurchase if stock price increase
  - o puttable
    - sell to company when rice drop
    - sold for higher price

### **Preferred Stock**

- stock
  - o similar to common: dividend not a contractual
  - o similar to debt: make **fixed** periodic payment and no voting
- cumulative 以前的损失(未支付的 dividend)
  - cumulative preferred share
    - promised fixed dividend, unpaid divided should be paid before common share holders
  - o non-cumulative
    - dividends are not accumulated
- participating 新的盈利
  - o participating 多余盈利和多余价值
    - receive extra dividend if profits exceed a threshold
    - receive extra value (>par) if firm is liquidated
  - non-participating
    - no share of profits
    - claim=par in liquidation
- Convertible
  - o Convert to common share
  - Advantages
    - Dividend > common dividend
    - Less risk than common share: stable dividend and priority in liquidation
  - When to convert
    - Profitable, then convert to common stock

- Conversion option valuable when stock price increase
- Purpose
  - Financial risky venture capital and PE

#### **Stock Class**

- Different classes: class A and class B
- Higher
  - Greater voting power (more ownership)
  - Seniority in liquidation
  - o Different in dividend, stock splits, other

### **Private equity**

- Characteristic
  - Less liquidity 流动性不好
  - Negotiated share price
  - Limited financial disclosure
  - Less reporting costs
  - Weaker corporate governance
  - o Greater ability to focus on long-term 关注长期
  - o Greater return once goes public
- Types
  - Venture capital
    - Early in capital: development and growth
    - Start-up, early state, mezzanine financing
    - Illiquid: three-to-ten years
  - Leveraged buyouts (LBO)
    - Buy equity share using debt financing
    - Have **cash flow** that is adequate to service debt 高现金流
    - Or have undervalued asset that can be sold to pay debt 低估致残
    - MBO (buyer is the current management)
  - Private investment in public equity (PIPE)
    - Public firm needs capital quickly sell private equity to investors
    - · Have **growth** chances, in **distress**, or large amount of **debt** 增长
    - Buy stock at a sizeable discount to its market price 折扣

## Non-domestic equity securities

- Listing in foreign exchange
  - Increase publicity, liquidity, transparency
- Direct investment in foreign companies 直接投资
  - Buy firm securities in foreign market
  - Arbitrage and currency risk exposure
  - o Obstacles
    - Denominated in foreign currency
    - Foreign stock exchange may be illiquid
    - Reporting may be less strict
    - Must be familiar with regulations and procedures

# • Depository receipts (DRs)

- Ownership in a foreign firm and are traded in market of other countries in local market currencies
- o Bank deposits shares and issue receipts of ownership
- Depository bank
  - Custodian and manage dividend, splits
- o No need to convert, but still be affected by exchange rate
- o Sponsored DR
  - Firms is involved, **investor** has **voting** rights
- Unsponsored DR
  - Bank retain voting

## Global depository receipts (GDR)

- o Issued outside US and outside home country
- o Denominated in US
- Not subject to capital flow imposed by government
- o Trade on London and Luxembourg exchange

# American depository receipts (ADRs)

- o Denominated in US and trade in US
- Based on American depository share (ADS)
- o Trade in domestic market
- o Can raise capital in US and acquire other firms
  - Most register in SEC, but some can be privately placed
- Level 3 can raise capital with high listing fee

	Level I	Level II	Level III	Rule 144A
Stock	Over-the-coun	NYSE	NYSE	Private
Exchange	ter (OTC)	NASDA	NASDA	Equity
	Markets	AMEX	AMEX	
SEC	Required	Required	Required	Not
Registration				required
If Permit				
Fundraising	No	No	Yes	No
in US				
Listing cost	Low	Higher	Highest	low

### Global registered shares (GRS)

- o Trade in different currencies on stock exchange around the world
- Basket of listed depository receipts (BLDR)
  - o ETF that is collection of DRs
  - o Trade like common stock

### **Risk and Return**

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- Price change, dividend, gains & losses in currency exchange
- Reinvestment of dividend
- Preferred stock less risky than common, so lower return
- Risky
- Preferred < common
- Cumulative < non-cumulative
- Puttable (lower dividend) < callable (higher dividend)

#### Roles

- Purchase
- Buy
- compensation
- liquidity

### **Book and market value**

- Book: asset liability, balance sheet
  - Net income and retained earning
- Market
  - Outstanding shares (expectation of future performance)

### ROE

- Accounting return on equity (ROE)
  - ROE =net income / average equity
    - Book value is volatile
  - $\circ \quad \text{Or ROE}_{t} = \frac{NI_{t}}{BV_{t-1}}$ 
    - Stable
- Price-to-book/ market-to-book
  - o Lower: value, higher: growth (成长股,被高估)

# **Cost of equity**

- Cost of equity
  - o **minimum** rate of return required by investor
  - o Expected equilibrium total return on its share market
- Dividend-discount or CAPM
- Share price decrease -> increase **expected** return -> decrease intrinsic value

### Introduction to industry and component analysis

#### **Importance**

- Framework for understanding firm
- Understand business environment
  - o Firm potential growth, competition, and risk
- Active management
  - o Identify undervalued or overvalued industries to weight them
  - o Industry rotation: based on business cycle
- Performance attribution analysis
  - Source of return relative to benchmark

### **Classification system**

- Base on **products and services** 基于产品和服务
  - By a firm's principal business activity (sale earnings)
- Sector: a group of similar industries
- Based on **business cycle**: cyclical and non-cyclical 经济周期
- Statistical approach: clustering (correlation)

#### **Commercial classification**

- · Basic materials and processing
- Customer discretionary: cyclical 周期性
  - o Automotive, apparel, hotels and restaurants
- Customer staples: less cyclical 非周期性
  - o Food, beverage, tobacco, personal care
- Energy, financial, technology, health care,
- Telecommunications, utilities

### **Government classification**

- Make comparisons constant across time and country 一致性
- Weakness
  - o No constituent firms 没有组成公司
  - o Update **less** frequently (a few years) 更新慢
  - No distinguish between small & large, for-profit and not-for-profit firms, private and public firms
- Limitation
  - Two firms in the same narrowest industry cannot be used as peer groups

## Cyclical and non-cyclical (defensive, and growth)

- Firm (周期和非周期)
  - o Cyclical: depend on stage of business 周期
    - High earnings volatility and operating leverage
  - o Non-cyclical: demand is stable over business cycle 非周期
    - health care, utilities, telecommunications, consumer staples
- Sectors
  - o Cyclical: energy, financial, technology, material, consumer discretionary

- o Non-cyclical: health care, consumer staples, utilities
- Non-cyclical
  - o Defensive 防御性
    - Least affected by stage of business cycle
    - Utilities, consumer staples, basic service
    - May not always safe investment: grocery
    - May contain truly defensive and some growth firms
  - o Growth 成长型
    - Demand so strong they are largely unaffected by stage
    - Earn higher returns than WACC, low dividend-payout ratios
    - 盈利高,分红少

#### **Stocks**

- Defensive
  - o Do not decline or decline less than the market
  - Small positive or negative beta
- Growth
  - o Rapid growth and sales, high P/E and P/B 高股价,高估
- Value
  - o Undervalued, low P/E, and P/B 低股价. 低估

### Peer group

- A set of similar companies used for valuation
  - o Similar business activity, demand drivers, cost structure, availability of capital
  - Minimize the effects of finance subsidiaries
  - o difficult to have the same valuation
- Process
  - o Commercial classification system: starting point
  - Identify companies in the same industry
  - Check key competitors in annual reports
  - Other competitors of competitors

# **Industry analysis**

- Strategic group
- Life-cycle state: embryonic, growth, shakeout, mature, declining
- Experience curve
  - o cost per unit relative to output 单位产出的代价
  - o **Decline** because of productivity, high **fixed** costs 随着产能下降
- Factors: GES, TMD
- Forces:

# Strategic analysis - five forces

- Forward looking
- Rivalry among existing competitors
  - Slow growth
- Threat of entry

Large barriers -> easy to maintain premium pricing

#### • Threat of substitutes

- Limit the profit potential (increasing the elasticity of demand)
- Commodify-like: high competition and low profit margins
- o More differentiated -> less competition

### Power of buyers

Ability to bargain for lower prices or higher quality -> profitability

### • Power of suppliers

- Raise price or limit supply
- o A few: high pricing power

# **Pricing power and competition**

### Overall

- High barriers -> reduce competition
- Greater concentration -> reduce competition
- Market fragmentation -> increase competition
- Unused capacity -> intensive price competition
- Stable market share -> reduce competition
- More price sensitivity of customer -> greater competition

### Barriers to entry

- Examine composition of the industry
- o Capital, intellectual, attractive to customer
- High barrier -> does not mean pricing power
- Lower barrier -> does not ensure success
- Greater easy of entry -> decrease pricing power
- Greater easy of exit -> increase pricing power 容易退出->增加竞争力

## • Industry concentration

- o Relative market share matter than absolute share
- With greater differentiation: greater pricing power
- Capital intensive: costly to enter or exit, overcapacity -> intense
- High concentrated with good pricing power
  - Tobacco, alcohol, confection
- High concentrated with low pricing power -> high barrier to exists
  - Aircraft, automobile, oil refining
- Concentration no guarantee pricing power, but a fragmented market result in strong competition.

# • Industry capacity (impact pricing power) 产能

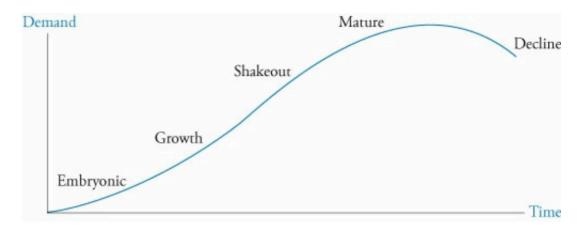
- Clear impact on pricing power
- o under capacity, supply lower -> high pricing power
- overcapacity, supply more -> low pricing power
- o capacity is fixed in the short run and variable in the long run
- o not necessary physical: insurance
- non-physical capacity -> can be reallocated more quickly

#### market share stability

- stable -> less competition
- unstable market share-> highly competitive
- o factors: new products and innovations, increase switching costs

- slow pace of product innovation -> stable
- o **high switching cost** -> lower competition -> stable

### Industry life cycle



- Embryonic (slow)
  - Slow growth, high prices, large investment, high risk of failure
- Growth (fast speed)
  - Rapid growth, failing prices, increasing profitability, limited competitive pressure, low barrier to entry
  - Less pricing wars
- Shakeout (slow speed) 减少成本
  - o Growth has slowed, declining profitability
  - o Increased overcapacity, intensive competition
  - o Increased cost cutting, increased failure
- Mature (slow) 价格稳定。寡头
  - Slow growth, stable pricing
  - o consolidate (oligopoly), high barriers
  - o superior firms gain market share
- Decline (negative) 价格下降,退出
  - Negative growth, declining prices, consolidation (exit or merge)
- Strategy
  - o Growth 关注规模
    - Reinvest, increase economies of scale, build brand loyalty
  - o Mature 关注成本
    - Focus on cost efficiency (large demand from replacement)
    - Pay out cash to investors

### **External factors**

- Macroeconomic
  - Cyclical and structural trend
  - o GDP, interest rate, credit availability, inflation
  - Education level
- Demographic

- Age population and population size, change in composition
- Technological
  - New products: computer software, photography
- Governmental
  - o Tax, regulation
- Social
  - o Work, play, spend
  - Women entered workforce

# **Company analysis**

• Financial condition, products & services, competitive strategy

# competitive strategy

- defensive or offensive
- cost leadership (low-cost) defensive
  - o low cost, **high** volume
  - o managerial incentives promote operational efficiency
  - o predatory pricing
    - drive out competitors and increase prices later
  - o defensive pricing
    - when competitive environment is low rivalry
- product or service **differentiation** strategy offensive
  - o differ in type, quality, delivery
  - o sustainable over time
  - o spend more on market **research** teams and **creative** personnel

## spreadsheet modeling

- analyze fundamental
- complexity can make conclusion seem precise

## **Equity Valuation: Concepts and Basic tools**

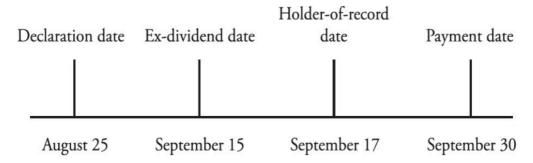
#### Methods

- discounted cash flow 现金流
  - o cash dividend 现金分红
  - o free cash flow 自由现金流
- market multiplier
  - o Price-fundamental 价格基本面
    - price to sales, earnings, book value, cash flow
    - Low multiple -> higher return
    - Price Market or model
      - Fundamental: based on **valuation** model (i.e, Gordon)
      - Comparable: based on market prices
  - o Enterprise value 收购企业
    - EV = debt & equity (common & preferred) cash short-term investment
    - EBIDA or revenue
- Asset-based 普通取价值
  - Common stock = asset liability preferred stock

#### Dividend

- Cash dividend
  - o Reduce market and company value
  - Regularly
  - o Irregular/special/extra
- Stock dividend
  - o Total wealth unchanged
- Stock split
  - Total wealth unchanged
- Stock merge/reverse stock spit
  - Total wealth unchanged
- Share purchase
  - Similar to cash dividend

## **Dividend payment**



- Declaration date
  - o BOD approves. The amount, record and payment date
- Ex-dividend date 交易所确定

- o First day that share purchase will not receive next dividend 当天不再分红
- One or two business days before the record date
- Set by the exchange
- o Price will decrease 价格下降
- Holder-of-record 登记
  - Owners receive dividend payment
- Payment 支付(可能是周末)
  - Payment is made
  - No need to be a business day

#### **DDM**

DDM

$$PV = \sum_{t} \frac{D_t}{(1+k)^t}$$

One-year holing period DDM
$$OPV = \frac{D}{1+k} + \frac{P_1}{1+k}$$

Multiple-year holding DDM

$$O PV = \sum_{i=1}^{t} \frac{D_i}{(1+k)^i} + \frac{P_t}{(1+k)^t}$$

- o  $P_t$  is the selling price immediately after dividend  $D_t$  is paid
- FCEE
  - $FCEE = cash\ flow\ from\ operation FCInv + net\ borrowing$
  - o FCEE = net income + depreciation − increase in working capital − fixed capital investment (FCInv) – debt principal repayment +

$$\circ \quad PV = \sum_{t} \frac{FCFE_t}{(1+k)^t}$$

- Required rate for equity
  - o CAPM

• 
$$k_e = R_F + \beta \times (R_M - R_F)$$

- o Form firms with publicly traded debt
  - $k_e = current \ bond \ yield + premium$
  - $k_e = government bond yield + premium$

## DDM - Preferred stock (non-callable, non-convertible)

- Fixed and indefinite
- $\bullet \quad PV = \sum_{t} \frac{D}{(1+k_n)^t} = \frac{D}{k_p}$
- If one-year maturity and semi-annual compounding

$$O PV = \frac{D_1}{1 + \frac{k_p}{2}} + \frac{D_2}{\left(1 + \frac{k_p}{2}\right)^2} + \frac{P_2}{\left(1 + \frac{k_p}{2}\right)^2}$$

## DDM - Gordon/constant growth model

- Dividend growth at  $g_c$ , next dividend is  $D_1 = D_0 \times (1 + g_c)$ 
  - $\circ$   $D_0$  the dividend paid in the last year

• PV = 
$$\sum_{t} \frac{D_0 (1+g_c)^t}{(1+k_e)^t} = \sum_{t} D_0 \left(\frac{1+g_c}{1+k_e}\right)^2 = D_0 \times \frac{1+g_c}{k_e-g_c} = \frac{D_1}{k_e-g_c}$$

Assumption

- o Dividend growth rate and required return on stock are never change
- Dividend
  - Dividend are measure of shareholder wealth
  - Forever, infinitely, indefinitely
  - o Just paid, recently paid, last dividend ->  $D_0$
  - Will pay or is expected to pay ->  $D_1$
- Contribution of dividend growth?
  - Value value (assume no growth)
  - Dividend contribution =  $\frac{D_1}{k_0 a_0} \frac{D_0}{k_0}$
- Growth rate in dividend
  - Historical growth
  - Median industry dividend
  - Sustainable growth rate (earning/equity/dividend can continue to grow)
    - sustainable growth rate =  $ROE \times retention rate =$ ROE  $\times$  (1 – dividend pay out ratio)
- Timing and amount of first dividend payment
  - Example
    - Year 4 start to pay, earing is 1.64, main payout ratio 50%
    - Expected dividend pay is D4=1.54\*0.5=0.82
    - P3 = D4 /(k-g) = 0.82/(0.1-0.05)=16.4
    - V 0 = P3/1.1^3 = 12.32

# Multistage dividend discount model

- assume dividend at t+1 and beyond grow at constant rate
  - - $P_t = \frac{D_{t+1}}{k_e g_c}$  is the terminal stock value
      - Discounted value of future cash flow starts from t+1
- Dividend
  - The dividend at t is  $D_t$ , the dividend at t+1 is  $D_{t+1}=D_t\times (1+g_c)$
  - The PV at t is  $P_t = \frac{D_{t+1}}{k_e g_c}$
  - o The PV at t-1 is 再向前折现一年

- - 第二年初的现值是  $D_1 \times \frac{1+g}{k-g}$
  - 第一年初的现值是  $\frac{D_1}{k-a}$

#### Gordon

- Single constant
  - Stable and mature, non-cyclical, dividend-paying
- Two-stage
  - High current growth, will drop to a stable rate in the future
  - o Growing slowing or get smaller, growth is expected to stabilize

# • Three-stage

- o Initial high growth, lower growth, constant growth
- o Yong firm still in high growth phase

### **Discounted Cash flow Choices**

- Does not pay dividends, future dividend cannot be estimated reliability -> FCFE as long as growth rate of earnings can be estimated
- Otherwise, use price multiples

# **Price multiple**

- Prices Multiples (Lower -> high return)
  - o Price-to-earnings (P/E): most widely used
  - Price-to-sales (P/S)
  - o Price-to-book value (P/B): book value of equity per share
  - Price-to-cash flow (P/CF)
    - Operating or free cash flow
- Prices
  - Comparable: based on market prices
    - Cons: reflect past historical data
    - Solution: use forward in denominator
  - Fundamental: based on valuation model
- Fundamental
  - $\circ$   $P_0 = \frac{D_1}{k-g}$  Justified P/E (assume correct input, sensitive to input)
  - Leading P/E
    - $\frac{P_0}{E_1} = \frac{D_1/E_1}{k-g} = \frac{1-retention}{k-g}$  (divided by next year's earning)
    - Used as benchmark
  - o Trailing P/E

- Increase dividend payout ratio -> reduce sustainable growth rate
- Dividend displacement of earnings
  - High dividend -> increase value
  - High dividend-> reduce growth rate -> reduce value
- Props
  - Theoretically sound valuation model
  - Widely accepted value metrics
- Cons
  - Sensitive to input (k-g)
- Comparable
  - Time series: historical average
  - Cross-sectional: stock/industry average
  - Cyclical firm: P/E sensitive, use P/S
  - o Cons
    - Lagging price reflect the past
    - Across firms with different size, products, growth
    - Cyclical firms affected by economic conditions

- Different from fundamental
- Different accounting methods
- Negative denominator meaningless
- P/E
  - Cyclical firm: P/S
  - High P/E because of high expense -> P/EBITDA

# **Enterprise value**

- What it takes to acquire the firm: pay the debt and equity, get the liquid
  - EV = equity (common & preferred) + debt − cash − short term investment
- Props
  - o **Independent** of capital structure or earnings are negative and P/E cannot be used 和资本结构无关
  - o Useful for capital-intensive 资本密集型
- EBITDA denominator
  - o Better than net income: because it is always **positive**
  - Disadvantage: often include non-cash revenue and expense
  - Operating income can also be used
- Debt
  - o Problem: no market value
  - Use market value of similar bonds or book value

### Asset-based (market value)

- equity = market or fair value of asset market or fair value of liability
- Props
  - Provide floor/minimal values
  - o Reliable for firms
    - with **tangible short-term** asset 固定短期资产
    - ready market values (financial or natural resource firms) 市值可靠
    - **cease** to operate and is being **liquidated** 停业或者清算
  - o used value **private** firms and now for public firms with **fair value** reporting
- Cons
  - o Market value are difficult to decide 市值难以确定
  - Market differ from book value
  - Difficult during hyper-inflation 恶性通货膨胀
  - o Inaccurate when large intangible assets 无形资产不准确
    - Effect of loss of owner's talents and customer relation on forward earning hard to measure
    - use as minimum value
    - supplement it with forward-looking valuation, discounted cash flow