# **Corporate Finance**

### **Group Project Guideline**

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# **Project**

#### A real-world IPO deal

- **Collect** information from public resources
- Organize the information in structured framework
- Analyze the information using valuation tools
  - Doesn't have to be comprehensive, a broad estimation could also work
- Present your findings through an oral presentation with slides

# You are going to



- Form a group with 4-6 members
  - Report your group list to TA by Mar 6
- Choose a deal
  - Report your choice to TA by Mar 10
- Collect information: Details of the deal
- Analyze information and formalize your conclusion
- Submit slides to TA by EOD April 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Present on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> (Last class on April 17<sup>th</sup>: final exam review)



#### IPOs

- including failed/postponed IPOs
- Here is list of suggested deals:

公司英文简称	中文简称	上市日期
Pagoda	百果园	2023/1/16
YH Entertainment	乐华娱乐	2023/1/19
Zhihu. Inc	知 <del>乎</del>	2022/4/22
KE holding.Inc	贝壳	2022/5/11
Reddit	Reddit	2024/3/21
NIO.INN	蔚来汽车	2022/3/10
MINISO	名创优品	2022/7/13

- You can also choose a deal by yourself.
  - Deal size big enough: larger than USD 100M/RMB 500M
  - Launched after January 1, 2022 and completed or cancelled/postponed by March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025.

## **Information Sources**

- News Search & Company Information
  - Bloomberg
  - Wind
- Official filings
  - Mainland: <a href="https://www.sze.com.cn/ipo/disclosure/">https://www.sze.cn/index/index.html;</a> <a href="http://eid.csrc.gov.cn/">http://eid.csrc.gov.cn/</a>
  - US: <u>www.sec.gov/edgar.shtml</u>
  - HK: <a href="https://www.hkexnews.hk/index.htm">https://www.hkexnews.hk/index.htm</a>
  - Company websites
- Other sources (stock prices & company information)
  - Yahoo finance: <a href="https://finance.yahoo.com/">https://finance.yahoo.com/</a>
  - Aastocks (HK companies): <a href="http://www.aastocks.com/">http://www.aastocks.com/</a>



# **Analysis**

- Apply the valuation tools we learnt in this course
- Introduce the company briefly, but focus most your effort on valuation & extension
- For fundamental valuation, focus on
  - Cash flow forecast
  - Cost of capital
- Also use relative valuation method
  - To compare with your fundamental analysis



## **Formalize Your Conclusion**

- Use one sentence to summarize your key point
  - Examples:
  - From the firm's angle:
    - We think going IPO at this time is good/bad idea for company xxx, because our valuation suggests market valuation is high/low...
  - From investors'/ analysts' angle
    - We hold a negative/neutral/positive view on investing in xxx IPO, because the offer price is too high/ fair/ low compared to the fundamental value.
- Distinguish back-test vs. in-time recommendation



## **Extensions**

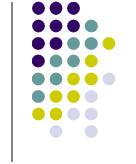
#### Discussions:

- Why did this IPO happen? What was the motivation behind this event?
- Why did it happen at that time and not earlier or later?
- What were the gains and losses of all possible parties related to the event?
- Did the management represent shareholders' interest?
- Do you think this is a good or bad deal from the existing/new investors' perspective?
- Do you think the transaction price is fair?
- Can you think of a trading strategy to profit from this deal?





- Tentative: 18 minutes for each group
  - 15 minutes for presentation
  - 3 minutes for Q&As
  - 2 minutes for other comments & break
- Try to convince us why you think the deal is a good/ bad one.
  - Professional presentation in English
  - Make your point clear in 15 minutes
  - Choose wisely what you want to talk about in limited time



# Grading

## Grading

- 25 points in total
- Every group member has the same grading, unless we received complains about free-riders.

### Expectation

- Show that you could understand and analyze a real-world corporate deal with the tools that you learnt from the course
- Collect and analyze information
- Make an insightful point
- Present your ideas professionally
- Logically explain and defend your arguments