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Investment Banking

5. Bonds and Hybrid Instruments



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- It is a negotiable debt security whereby the issuer receives money from the security buyer/investor in exchange for
 - Interest income (coupon)
 - Repayment (of the principal) at a later date (maturity)
According to the conditions set out upon the bond issue
- Advantages
 - Normally has more favourable conditions in terms of interest than the bank loan, due to the fact that risk is borne by multiple investors
 - Special conditions can be added to the structure of the deal, such as equity conversion, anticipated payback, and so on.



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Characteristics

- **Face Value**
 - Debt amount, the value that is written in the security
 - Basis to calculate the interest
- **Issue Price**
 - Amount that the first buyer of the bond has to pay
 - if Price > VN: issue above-par
 - if Price < VN: issue below-par
 - if Price = VN: issue at par
- **Interest (or Coupon) Rate**
 - Applied to the face value to calculate the periodic interest
 - Can be fixed or variable (floating)
 - Caps and Floors
- **Principal Repayment**
 - Normally done once at the time of maturity (bullet payment)
 - Specific situations: Sinking funds and Serial bonds



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Characteristics

■ Guarantees

- Bondholders have priority, vis-a-vis equity holders, over the company's cash-flows (or, in case of bankruptcy, over the company assets)
- However, not all the creditors / bondholders have the same priority
- Different seniority/priority levels

■ Maturity

- Date for the last payment of principal
- Time-to-Maturity is the time between today and the maturity date

■ Covenants

- Clauses designed to protect bondholders



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Market Price vs. Transaction Price

- **Market Price (or clean price)**
 - (Quoted) Price of a bond not including any accrued interest
 - Normally expressed as percentage of face value
- **Transaction Price (or dirty price or full price)**
 - The price of a bond which includes this accrued interest

$$\text{Clean Price} + \frac{\text{Number of days since last interest was paid}}{\text{Number of days between two consecutive interest payments}} \times \text{Interest}$$



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Valuation of Bonds

$$B_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{I_i}{(1 + k_d)^i} + \frac{F}{(1 + k_d)^n}$$

- B_0 – value of a bond;
- F – face value of a bond (repayment amount of a standard bond);
- I_i – interest (coupon);
- n – number of periods to maturity;
- k_d – required rate of return (market rate or discount rate) for an investor as a function of the rating (credit risk of the firm)



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Bondholder required rate of return (k_d)

- $k_d = \text{risk-free rate} + \text{default spread}$
 - Company cost of debt
 - Default spread (risk premium) is function of the firm credit risk
 - As credit risk increases, the probability of default increase and so the risk premium required by debtholders also increase which led to an increase in the cost of debt;
- How to estimate the default spread?
 - Rating



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Rating

S&P/Fitch		Moody's		
AAA		Aaa		Insignificant default risk
AA	AA+	Aa	Aa1	The probability of default is very small
	AA		Aa2	
	AA-		Aa3	
A	A+	A	A1	The probability of default is very small but the company has some weaknesses
	A		A2	
	A-		A3	
BBB	BBB+	Baa	Baa1	The probability of default is still small but the company has more weaknesses
	BBB		Baa2	
	BBB-		Baa3	
BB	BB+	Ba	Ba1	There is doubt that the company will be able to pay the debt service
	BB		Ba2	
	BB-		Ba3	
B	B+	B	B1	The probability of default is high
	B		B2	
	B-		B3	
CCC		Caa		The company is near of default
CC		Ca		The company is very near of default
C		C		The probability of default is extremely high
D		C		Default



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- Main indicators of default risk (median values for each rating class)

	AAA	AA	A	BBB	BB	B	CCC
EBIT interest coverage (EBIT/Interest)	17.5	10.8	6.8	3.9	2.3	1.0	0.2
EBITDA interest coverage (EBITDA/Interest)	21.8	14.6	9.6	6.1	3.8	2.0	1.4
Operating Cash-flow / Debt (%)	105.8	55.8	46.1	30.5	19.2	9.4	5.8
(Op. Cash-flow – Investments)/Debt (%)	55.4	24.6	15.6	6.6	1.9	-4.5	-14.0
Net Profit/(Equity + Debt) (%)	28.2	22.9	19.9	14.0	1.7	7.2	0.5
Operating Income / Turnover (%)	29.2	21.3	18.3	15.3	15.4	11.2	13.6
Long Term Debt /(Sh. Equity + Debt) (%)	15.2	26.4	32.5	41.0	55.8	70.7	80.3
Debt/(Sh. Equity + Debt) (%)	26.9	35.6	40.1	47.4	61.3	74.6	89.4

Source: Aswath Damodaran, Applied Corporate Finance (3rd edition)



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Rating

- Is rating really a true measure of credit risk?

Rating (S&P at issuance date)	Percentage of default after		
	1 year after issuance	5 years after issuance	10 years after issuance
AAA	0.0	0.1	0.5
AA	0.0	0.3	0.9
A	0.1	0.7	2.0
BBB	0.4	3.4	6.9
BB	1.4	12.4	21.0
B	6.1	26.8	35.4
CCC	30.9	53.0	58.4

Source: Brealey, Myers and Allen, Principles of Corporate Finance (9th Edition)



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Rating

- How to get a rating?

- Rating companies
- Synthetic rating
 - We can include several ratios and simulate a rating, or
 - We can use a main debt indicator (e.g., EBIT/Interests) and relate it to a rating

[\(pages.stern.nyu.edu/~adamodar/New_Home_Page/datafile/ratings.htm\)](http://pages.stern.nyu.edu/~adamodar/New_Home_Page/datafile/ratings.htm)



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Rating

Sources: Aswath Damodaran, Corporate Finance, Theory and Practice (2nd Edition) – March 1999 | Aswath Damodaran, Applied Corporate Finance (3rd Edition) – January 2009 | Aswath Damodaran website – January 2020

- Assuming that the rating is a good measure / predictor of the credit risk of a company, the demanded rate of return should be established according to the rating

Rating	Default Spreads		
	March 1999	January 2009	January 2020
AAA	0.20%	1.25%	0.63%
AA	0.50%	1.75%	0.78%
A+	0.80%	2.25%	0.98%
A	1.00%	2.50%	1.08%
A-	1.25%	3.00%	1.22%
BBB	1.50%	3.50%	1.56%
BB+	1.75%	4.00%	2.00%
BB	2.00%	4.25%	2.40%
B+	2.50%	5.00%	3.51%
B	3.25%	6.00%	4.21%
B-	4.25%	7.25%	5.15%
CCC	5.00%	8.50%	8.20%
CC	6.00%	10.00%	8.64%
C	7.50%	12.00%	11.34%
D	10.00%	15.00%	15.12%



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Yield-to-maturity (k_{YTM})

- **Expected rate of return**

- implicit rate of return for which the present value of cash-flows of the bond equals its actual price (P_0)

$$P_0 = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{I_i}{(1 + k_{YTM})^i} + \frac{F}{(1 + k_{YTM})^n}$$

- **Assumptions:**

- The bond is kept until its maturity;
- Periodic cash-flows are reinvested and generate a return equal to ytm .



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Warrant Bonds

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- Bond with one or more warrants embedded
 - Warrant – is a right to buy shares of a company at a pre-determined price that can be exercised in a predetermined date or period of time
- The bond and warrant are autonomous rights
 - The exercise of the warrant does not imply the loss of the bond
 - After the issue, they can be independently traded
- Value of a bond with warrants = (Straight) Value of the bond + Value of the warrant(s)
 - Warrant – similar to a call option on the shares of the company;
 - Fixed exercise price;
 - Exercise price is paid in cash;



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Valuation

- Just like a call the investor will exercise the warrant if $S > X$
 - S – Share price
 - X – Exercise price
- However, at maturity, the profit of the warrant holder is not the same as in the call ($S - X$)
 - Since the company has to issue new shares when the warrant is exercised, there is a dilution effect to the existing shares
 - This dilution is similar to a seasoned equity offer (SEO) as in practice the exercise of a warrant is a form of raising equity for the company
 - After a SEO, the equilibrium price (P_E) is equal to

$$P_E = (N_0 \cdot P_0 + n \cdot S) / N_1$$

Where N_0 = Number of shares before the issue

P_0 = Share price before the issue

n = Number of new shares

S = Subscription price of new shares

N_1 = Number of shares after the issue



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Valuation

- After the exercise of the warrants, the new value for the shares will be equal to:
 - $S' = (nS + mqX) / (n + mq)$, where
 - n – number of existing shares
 - m – number of issued warrants
 - q – number of shares to be issued per warrant
- So, the value of the warrant at maturity is equal to $S' - X$,
- Defining $\lambda = mq / (mq + n)$ (dilution factor)^{*}
 - We can demonstrate that the value of the warrant is equal to $[1 - \lambda] \times C$
 - In which C is the value of the call without the dilution effect

*Number of new shares/Total number of shares after warrant exercise



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Black and Scholes Model

- Value of call (C) can be calculated using the Black-Scholes Model (B&S)

$$C_0 = S_0 e^{-\delta T} N(d_1) - X e^{-r T} N(d_2)$$

$$\left[\begin{array}{l} d_1 = \frac{\ln(S_0/X) + (r - \delta + \sigma^2/2)T}{\sigma\sqrt{T}} \\ d_2 = d_1 - \sigma\sqrt{T} \end{array} \right]$$

- S_0 – Share price;
- σ – Share risk, measure by the standard deviation of annual returns on the share;
- X – Exercise (striking) price;
- r – Risk-free rate of return (on annual basis)
- δ – dividend-yield (on annual basis)
- T – Time to exercise/maturity (as an year fraction);
- $N(d)$ – cumulative probability of d , based on the standard normal probability distribution;
- \ln – natural logarithmic function.



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Valuation example

■ Actual number of shares (n)	1,000,000
■ Price per share (S_0)	€12
■ Number of warrants (m)	100.000
■ Number of shares per warrant (q)	1
■ Exercise Price (X)	€10/share
■ Maturity (T)	2 years
■ Share Volatility (σ)	25%
■ Risk-free rate (r)	10%



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Valuation example

- **Value of the call (C)**

- $S = 12$
- $X = 10$
- $T = 2$
- $r = 10\%$
- $\sigma = 25\%$

- $d_1 = 1.2581; N(d_1) = 0.8958$
- $d_2 = 0.9046; N(d_2) = 0.8172$
- $e^{-rT} = 0.8187$

- $C = 4.0596$

- **Dilution factor (λ)**

- $\lambda = 100,000/(1,000,000+100,000) = 0.090909$

- **Value of the warrant (W) = $(1-0.090909) \times 4.0596 = 3.69$**



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Convertible Bond

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- At the time of issue it is necessary to define
 - Principal repayment and interest payment dates;
 - Conversion period;
 - Conversion ratio
 - Number of shares into which the bonds are converted
 - Or, conversion price: Face value of the bonds / conversion ratio



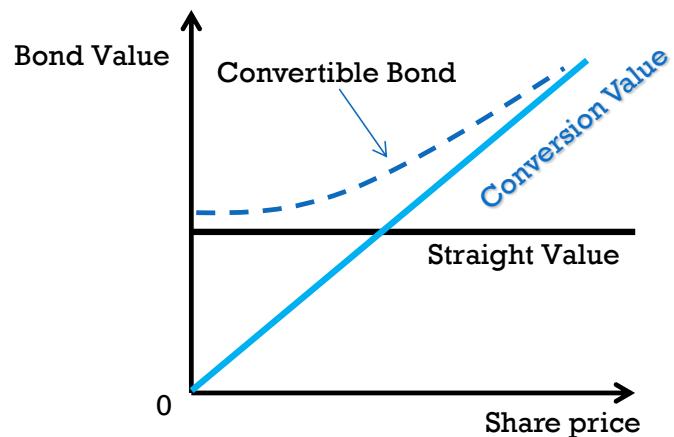
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Valuation

- Value of a standard bond (Straight Value) vs Conversion value
 - Conversion Value
 - Value of the bond if converted at that moment
 - Share price x conversion ratio
 - Since none of components can be negative, they both work as a minimum value for the bond





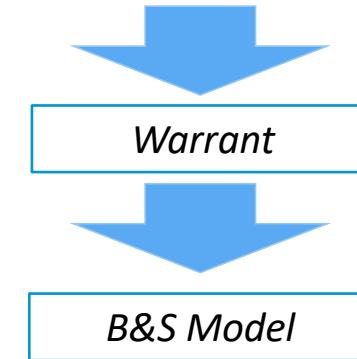
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Valuation

Straight Value + Value of the option to convert



- Exercise price
 - Is not paid in cash like in the warrant bond
 - Equal to the conversion price



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Valuation example

■ Face value (reimbursement)	€ 1,000
■ Number of bonds (m)	130,500
■ Coupon interest	4.5% (annual)
■ YTM of a similar standard bond	7% (annual)
■ Maturity (T)	5 years
■ Conversion ratio	26.225
■ Company Shares	
■ Number of shares (n)	45,207,580
■ Share price (S_0)	€ 31
■ Volatility (σ)	20%
■ Risk-free rate	6.5%



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Valuation example

- **Conversion Price (X)**
 - Face Value/Conversion ratio = 1,000 / 26.225 = 38.131
- **Call option value (C)**
 - $S = \text{€} 31$
 - $X = \text{€} 38.131$
 - $d_1 = 0.4874; N(d_1) = 0.687$
 - $d_2 = 0.0402; N(d_2) = 0.516$
 - $e^{-rT} = 0.7225$
 - $C = 7.08$
- **Dilution factor (λ)**
 - $\lambda = (130,500 \times 26.225) / (45,207,580 + 130,500 \times 26.225) = 0.0704$
- **Value of the option to convert**
 - $(1 - 0.0704) \times 7.08 \times 26.225 = 172.62$

Number of shares into each
bond can be converted



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Valuation example

- **Straight value**

$$\sum_{i=1}^5 \frac{45}{(1 + 7\%)^i} + \frac{1,000}{(1 + 7\%)^5} = 897.5$$

Straight value + Value of the call = € 897.50 + € 172.62 = € 1,070.12