## The Balance Sheet

- A <u>snapshot</u> of the firm's assets and liabilities at a given point in time ("as of ...")
- Assets
  - Left-hand side (or upper portion)
  - In order of decreasing <u>liquidity</u>
- Liabilities and Owners' Equity
  - Right-hand side (or lower portion)
  - In ascending order of when due to be paid
- Balance Sheet Identity
  - Assets = Liabilities + Owners' Equity (ALOE)

