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# Intellectual capital: Key effects



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#### Agenda

- Intellectual capital reporting
- Relationship with Financial Capital
- Intellectual capital outside the balance sheet: Preparers' views in IC reporting – pros and cons
- Financial value of non-financial information

## Intellectual Capital Reporting

- The contribution of insight and creativity (human capital)
- ◆ The contribution of best practices (organisational capital)
- The contribution of knowledge about and from relations (relational capital)

### An IC Statement (The DK Guideline)

#### Writing an IC Statement – Movements between 4 items

- An account (narrative) of the usefulness of knowledge Ambitions
- A set of challenges for managing knowledge resources Hurdles
- List of efforts to develop knowledge resources Actions/Investments
- Visualisation of size of, investments in, and effects of knowledge resources
   Reports

#### Reading an IC Statement

- Analytical tool parallel to reading a financial statement
- Analysing assets -> analysing the <u>portfolio</u> of knowledge resources
- Analysing investments -> analysing the <u>qualifying activities regarding</u> knowledge resources
- Analysing profitability -> analysing the <u>effects</u> (competencies) of knowledge resources



	Financial / Control Report	Intellectual Capital Statement
Analysing the numbers of a report/statement	Results Investments/cash flows Assets and liabilities	Effects Upgrades of knowledge resources Portfolio of knowledge resources
Analysing explanations	Management report  •Attainment of objectives  •Statement about strategy  •Statement about future goals	Narrative  •Usefulness of knowledge  •Difference the firm makes to someone or something  •Statement about the challenges to the firm's capabilities

## Society of Knowledge Economics (2011)







Leadership, Culture and Management Practices of High Performing Workplaces in Australia

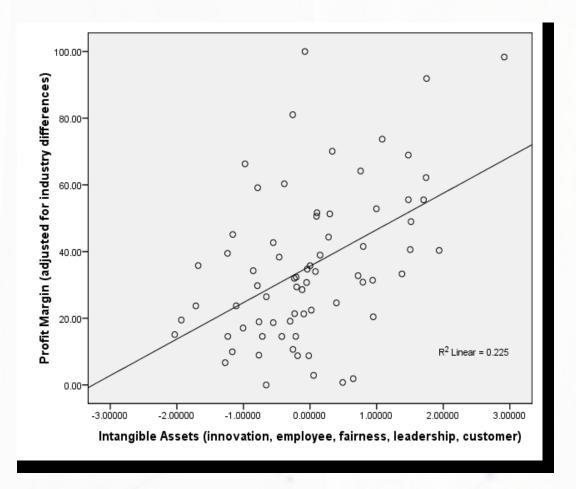
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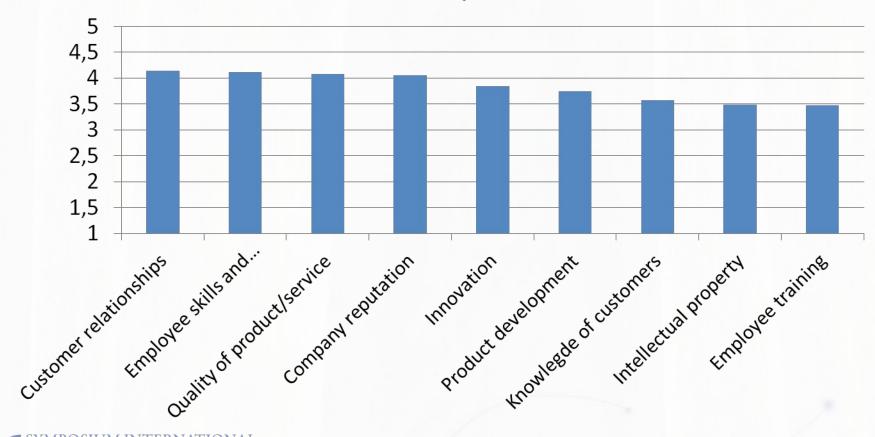


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- ◆ The majority of finance directors believe that more than 50% of corporate value is attributable to IC
- ◆ All IC components contribute significantly to corporate value
- Top IC components are
  - Relational capital (customer relationships, company reputation)
  - Organisational capital (quality of product and service)
  - Human capital (positive employee behaviour)
- Incentive to disclose
  - Correct undervalued share price
  - Yet, disincentive to avoid giving secrets away
- Differences between industries

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#### **CFO** evaluation of importance for value



#### Economic Effects of Non-financial Drivers

- Customer profile -> revenue at risk
- Customer satisfaction -> repeat business -> revenue at risk
- Employee turnover -> loss of productivity and cost of re-hiring
- Employee satisfaction -> loss of productivity
- Best practice tools -> productivity in service execution
- Key personnel staffing -> effectiveness of execution -> (i) innovation,
   (ii) productivity
- Investment in process development -> reuse of best practice -> quality of offer -> revenue increase and/or cost decrease
- Pizza-index -> people on overtime assignments -> deadlineadherence -> customer satisfaction -> revenue at risk

## Comparability and Consequences

- Not word by word, or number by number yet people easily make a difference when reading IC statements
- PWC experiment with financial analysts
  - IFRS report -> analysts cautious and recommending selling the share
  - IC report & IFRS report -> analysts recommended holding/buying the share
- Gröyer and Catasús' experiment with bank lending decisions
  - IC makes lending decisions more likely
- Jensen, Petersen and Plenborg's cross sectional analysis of DK firms
  - Increased quality and quantity of supplementary information reduces cost of capital

## Disclosing Intellectual Capital Information

- Stand alone essays chapters in the Annual Report
- Focus on knowledge focus on sustainability
- Paper information web information
- Internal emphases external emphases

#### Conclusions

- ◆ There seems to be strong relations between IC and FC, even if timelag is difficult to concretise.
- Non-financial indicators have information content and an economic interpretation.
- It is possible to write and read IC statements analytically.
- (it is also possible to verify it by an external body)



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