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Corporate Governance and ESG: An Introduction



Stakeholder theory & board of directors and committees

Corporate governance

定义

Corporate governance is the **internal system** including checking, balancing and incenting various parties, which could minimize and manage the conflicting interests between insiders and shareholders.

Corporate governance theory

Shareholder theory takes the view that the most important responsibility of a company's managers is to maximize shareholder returns.

Stakeholder theory broadens a company's focus beyond the interests of only its shareholders to its customers, suppliers, employees, and others who have an interest in the company.



Stakeholder theory & board of directors and committees

Various stakeholder groups' interests

Shareholders	Growth in corporate profitability to maximize a company's value
Managers and employees	Interest in company's viability
Board of directors	Experienced individuals that fulfill responsibility toward shareholders and company
Creditors	Stability of company's operation and performance
Suppliers	Company's ability to generate cash flow to meet its financial obligations
Customers	Satisfy their needs with a given price and safety standards Company's stability
Governments/regulators	Protect the interest of general public, and ensure well-being of their nation's economies

Stakeholder theory & board of directors and committees

Conflict interests	Reasons
Principal-agent	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Shareholder with diversified investment portfolios may have a relatively high risk tolerance➤ “Information asymmetry”➤ Board is influenced by insiders➤ Influential shareholders over other shareholders
Controlling and minority shareholder	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Straight voting leaves minority shareholders less representation on the board➤ Controlling shareholders’ decision might have impact on minority shareholder’s wealth

Stakeholder theory & board of directors and committees

Conflict interests	Reasons
Shareholder and creditor	➤ Difference risk tolerance
Customers and shareholders	➤ High price and reduce costs
Customers and suppliers	➤ Credit terms
Shareholders and governments or regulators	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ E.G. accounting policy to reduce tax burden➤ E.G. bank's shareholders prefer a lower equity capital base while regulators prefer a higher capital position

Stakeholder theory & board of directors and committees

General management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Communication and active engagement ➤ Balance their interests and limit the impact of conflicts
Stakeholder management frameworks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Legal infrastructure ➤ The contractual infrastructure ➤ The organizational infrastructure ➤ The governmental infrastructure
Mechanisms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ General meetings ➤ Board of director mechanisms ➤ The audit function ➤ Reporting and transparency ➤ Policies on related-party transactions ➤ Remuneration policies ➤ Say on pay ➤ Employee laws and contracts ➤ Contractual agreements with customers and suppliers ➤ Laws and regulations

Stakeholder theory & board of directors and committees

Board of directors

Composition factors

- Company size
- Structure
- Complexity of operations

Types

- One tier
- Two tier
- Staggered boards

Functions and responsibilities

- Duty of care and the duty of loyalty
- Board directors are elected by shareholders
- Ensures leadership continuity
- Board delegate activities to management- implement strategies
- Board evaluate performance-aligns
- Company's audit and control systems
- Corporate governance principles
- Risk management system

Stakeholder theory & board of directors and committees

Committees

Audit committee

- Independent auditor (internal & external)

Nominations committee

- Nomination procedures and policies

Remuneration / compensation committee

- Appropriate executive compensation packages
- Reasonable option schemes

Governance committee

- Corporate governance code

Risk committee

- Risk policy, profile, and appetite
- Establishes ERM

Investment committee

- Investment strategy and policies



Corporate governance and ESG

Market factors that affect stakeholder relationships and corporate governance

Shareholder engagement

Annual shareholder meeting and analyst calls

In order to build support against short-term activist investors

Competitive dynamics

Help align managerial interests with those of its stakeholders

Preservation of employment status against takeover

Shareholder activism

Maximize shareholder value

Strategies used by shareholders to attempt to compel a company to act in a desired manner



Corporate governance and ESG

Non-market factors that affect stakeholder relationships and corporate governance

Legal environment

The key difference between the two systems lies in the ability of a judge to create laws

The media

Powerful tool to influence corporate matters

The corporate governance industry

External corporate governance services

Corporate governance and ESG

Potential risks and benefits of corporate governance

Risks of poor governance

- Weak control systems
- Ineffective decision making
- Legal, regulatory, and reputational
- Default and bankruptcy risks

Benefits of effective governance

- Operational efficiency
- Improved control
- Better operating and financial performance
- Lower default risk and cost of debt



Corporate governance and ESG

Dual-class structures

定义

Voting power is decoupled from ownership
Common shares may be divided into two classes, one of which has superior voting rights to the other

类型

- A common arrangement is when a share class carries one vote per share and is publicly traded whereas another share class carries several votes per share and is held exclusively by company insiders or family members. (e.g. Facebook)
- Another mechanism used to separate voting control from economic ownership is when one class of stock (held by insiders) elects a majority of the board. (e.g. Alibaba)

Corporate governance and ESG

Other considerations

- Economic ownership and voting control (**dual-class structures**)
- Board of directors representation
- Remuneration and company performance
- Investors in the company
- Strength of shareholders' rights
- Managing long-term risks



Corporate governance and ESG

ESG considerations

ESG definition

- The practice of considering environmental, social, and governance factors in the investment process is known as ESG integration

ESG integration

- Sustainable investing (SI) and responsible investing
- Socially responsible investing (SRI)
- Impact investing

ESG factors in investment analysis

- Environment factor
- Social factor
- Governance factor

ESG implementation methods

- Negative screening
- Positive screening
- The best-in-class approach
- Thematic investing strategies
- Impact investing



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Capital Budgeting



The basic of capital budgeting

Capital budgeting 概念

Capital budgeting process	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Generating ideas ➤ Analyzing individual proposals ➤ Planning capital budget ➤ Monitoring and post-audit 	Classification of capital project ★★★	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Replacement projects ➤ Expansion projects ➤ Mandatory investment ➤ Other projects
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Basic principles

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Based on cash flows 	Incremental cash flows Ignore: sunk costs & financing costs Include: externalities & opportunity costs
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Timing of cash flows is crucial 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cash flows are analyzed on an after tax basis 	

有限资本下选择project

Capital rationing

Independent projects	Mutually exclusive projects
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NPV & IRR

	公式	筛选	Advantages	Disadvantages
NPV ★	$NPV = CF_0 + \frac{CF_1}{1+r} + \frac{CF_2}{(1+r)^2} + \dots + \frac{CF_n}{(1+r)^n}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 独立项目 : $NPV > 0$, ➤ 互斥项目 : 选NPV最大的项目投资 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Shows gains as currency amount ➤ +NPV adds value to the firm rather than creditors ➤ Includes opportunity costs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ignores the size of the projects
IRR ★	$0 = CF_0 + \frac{CF_1}{1+IRR} + \frac{CF_2}{(1+IRR)^2} + \dots + \frac{CF_n}{(1+IRR)^n}$	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 独立项目 : $IRR > \text{cost of capital}$ ➤ 互斥项目 : 最高IRR 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reflects the profitability (%) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Reinvestment at IRR ➤ No IRR & multiple IRRs
当NPV、IRR冲突，选NPV为标准				



PBP, DPBP

	公式	筛选	Advantages	Disadvantages
PBP	$\text{PBP} = \text{full year until recovery} + (\text{unrecovered cost/cash flow})$	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 独立项目：$\text{PBP} < \text{benchmark PBP}$➤ 互斥项目：最短 PBP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Simple➤ An indication of a project's risk and liquidity	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Ignores time value of money➤ Ignores cash flows after the payback period➤ Ignores project profitability
DPBP	$\text{DPBP} = \text{full year until recovery} + (\text{unrecovered cost/discounted cash flow})$	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 独立项目：$\text{DPBP} < \text{benchmark DPBP}$➤ 互斥项目：最短 DPBP	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ An indication of a project's risk and liquidity➤ Considers time value of money	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Ignores cash flows after the payback period➤ Ignores project profitability



PI

	公式	筛选	Advantages	Disadvantages
PI	$PI = \frac{\text{PV of future cash flow}}{ CF_0 }$ $= 1 + \frac{NPV}{ CF_0 }$	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ 独立项目： PI > 1➤ 互斥项目： 选PI最大的 项目投资	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Measures profitability of the project	<ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Not reflect the absolute amount of profit gain of the project



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Cost of Capital



WACC

$$\text{WACC (weighted average cost of capital)} = (w_d)[r_d(1-t)] + (w_{ps})(r_{ps}) + (w_e)(r_e)$$

w_d = the proportion of debt that the company uses when it raises new funds

r_d = the before-tax marginal cost of debt

t = the company's marginal tax rate

w_{ps} = the proportion of preferred stock the company uses when it raises new funds

r_{ps} = the marginal cost of preferred stock

w_e = the proportion of equity that the company uses when it raises new funds

r_e = the marginal cost of equity

**应该用project risk
对应的折现率**

- If a project's risk > firm's risk → NPV overestimated if using WACC
- If a project's risk < firm's risk → NPV underestimated if using WACC



Cost of the different sources of capital

After-tax cost of debt ($r_d(1-t)$)

Yield to maturity approach

计算器计算:

N = the number of payment periods remaining to maturity

PMT_t = coupon payment in period t

PV = (-) current market price of the bond

FV = the maturity value of the bond

CPT (I/Y) I/Y = period rate of one payment period

$r_d = YTM = \text{annualized } I/Y$

Debt-rating approach

r_d = yield on comparably rated bonds for maturities that closely match that of the company's existing debt

Cost of preferred stock

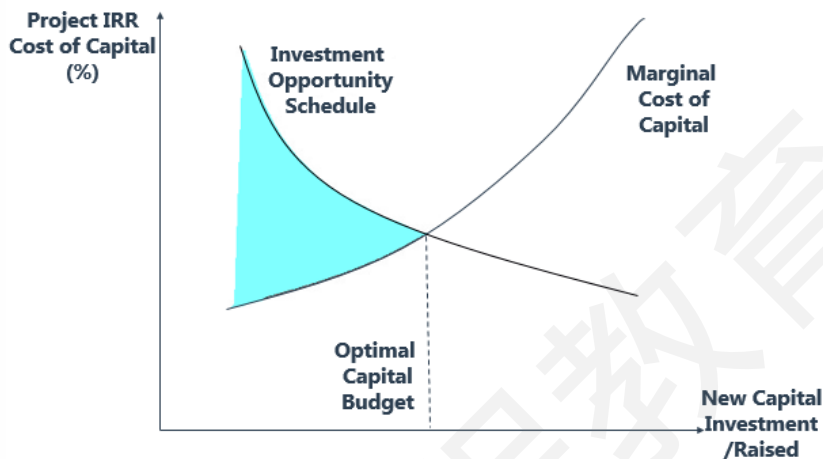
$$r_{ps} = \frac{D_1}{P}$$

Cost of equity

CAPM	上市	$r_e = r_f + \beta(r_m - r_f)$
	非上市	$\beta_{\text{asset}} = \beta_{\text{equity}} \frac{1}{[1 + (1-t)\frac{D}{E}]}$ $\beta^*_{\text{equity}} = \beta^*_{\text{asset}} [1 + (1-t')\frac{D'}{E'}] \longrightarrow r_e^* = r_f + \beta^*(r_m - r_f)$
	CRP	$r_e = R_f + \beta[E(R_{\text{mkt}}) - R_f + \text{CRP}]$ $\text{CRP} = \text{Sovereign yield spread} \times \frac{\sigma_e \text{ of developing country (annualized)}}{\sigma_{\text{sovereign bond}} \text{ of the developed market currency (annualized)}}$
DDM	Gordon Growth Model	$P_0 = D_1 / (r_e - g), r_e = D_1 / P_0 + g$
Bond yield plus RP	$r_e = \text{bond yield} + \text{risk premium}$	

Optimal capital budgeting, marginal cost of capital & flotation costs

Optimal capital budgeting



- 选择 $IRR > \text{marginal cost of capital}$ 的项目。
- investment opportunity schedule 和 marginal cash of capital 相交时, optimal capital budgeting

Marginal cost of capital

Marginal cost of capital usually refers to the average cost of capital for different amounts of capital raised.

Optimal capital budgeting, marginal cost of capital & flotation costs

Flotation cost

- When a company raises new capital, it generally seeks the assistance of investment bankers. Investment bankers charge the company the flotation costs based on the size and type of offering.
- 如果有flotation costs，就需要在分母P上进行衡量：

$$r_e = \left[\frac{D_1}{P_0(1-f)} \right] + g$$

- 如果有flotation costs，在计算NPV时，CFA协会认为应该将其在initial CF进行调整，而不需要在分母上进行调整：

$$NPV = -\text{initial cash flow} - \text{floatation cost} + \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{CF_i}{(1+WACC)^i}$$



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Measures of Leverage



Leverage and risk

Leverage is the use of fixed costs in a company's cost structure

Fixed cost

- Operating fixed costs create operating leverage
- Financial fixed costs create financial leverage

Leverage

- Leverage increases the volatility and risks
- Greater leverage → greater risk → greater discount rate → 影响 Equity and enterprise value
- During downturn, greater chance to incur significant losses, accelerate financial distress and bankruptcy

Cost structure

- The risk of future earnings and cash flows of a company are affected by the company's **cost structure**
- **Fixed costs:** expenses regardless of the production and sales of the company
- **Variable costs:** fluctuate with the level of production and sales

Conclusion

- **More fixed costs** (both financial and operating) relative to variable costs → greater variation of net income, as the fluctuation of revenue (changes in sales volume)

Leverage and risk

Business risk: operating earnings (costs of producing revenues)

Sales risk

- **Sales risk** associates with the price and quantity
- **Factors influence the sales risk:** economic conditions, industry dynamics, government regulation, and demographics

Operating risk

- **Operating risk** arise from the operating cost structure
- The greater the fixed operating costs relative to variable operating costs, the greater the operating risk

Degree of operating leverage

- DOL=percentage change in operating income/percentage change in units produced and sold
- Operating costs are very similar among companies in the same industry

DOL	定义	计算
	$DOL = \frac{\text{percentage change in EBIT}}{\text{percentage change in sales}} = \frac{\frac{\Delta EBIT}{EBIT}}{\frac{\Delta Q}{Q}}$	$DOL = \frac{Q(P-VC)}{Q(P-VC)-FC} = \frac{S-TVC}{S-TVC-FC}$

Leverage and risk

Financial risk is the risk associated with how a company finances its operation

Degree of financial risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ DFL=percentage change in net income/percentage change in operating income ➤ Using financial leverage generally increases the variability of the return on equity 	
DFL	定义	计算
	$DFL = \frac{\text{percentage change in EPS}}{\text{percentage change in EBIT}} = \frac{\frac{\Delta EPS}{EPS}}{\frac{\Delta EBIT}{EBIT}}$	$DFL = \frac{EBIT}{EBIT - \text{Interest}}$



Leverage and risk

Total leverage: both financial and operating leverage contribute to the risk associated with their future cash flows.

Degree of total leverage

- DTL measure the sensitivity of net income to changes in the number of units produced and sold.
- $DTL = \text{percentage change in net income} / \text{percentage change in the number of units produced and sold}$

定义

计算

DTL

$$DTL = DOL \times DFL = \frac{\% \Delta EBIT}{\% \Delta \text{sales}} \times \frac{\% \Delta EPS}{\% \Delta EBIT}$$
$$= \frac{\% \Delta EPS}{\% \Delta \text{sales}}$$

$$DTL = \frac{Q(P-VC)}{Q(P-VC) - FC - I}$$
$$= \frac{S - TVC}{S - TVC - FC - I}$$

Breakeven analysis

Breakeven analysis

The number of units at which the net income is zero

$$P \times Q_{BE} = V \times Q_{BE} + F + C$$

Where

- P = the price per unit
- Q_{BE} = the number at which the net income is zero
- V = the variable costs per unit
- F = the fixed operating costs
- C = the fixed financial costs

$$Q_{BE} = \frac{F + C}{P - V} \quad Q_{BE} = \frac{\text{Fixed operating costs} + \text{fixed financial costs}}{\text{Price-variable cost per unit}}$$

Operating breakeven points

$$P \times Q_{OBE} = V \times Q_{OBE} + F$$

$$Q_{OBE} = F / (P - V)$$

$$Q_{OBE} = \frac{\text{Fixed operating costs}}{\text{Price-variable cost per unit}}$$



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Working Capital Management

Liquidity measures and management

Primary sources of liquidity → 正常的流动性来源

Secondary sources of liquidity → 影响公司发展的流动性来源

Working capital	Inventory	Accounts receivable	Accounts payable	Cash
	Current assets - current liabilities = net working capital			

Evaluate relative portfolio performance (risk-adjusted returns)

Drags on liquidity	When receipts lag, drags on liquidity create pressure from the decreased available funds (receive too slowly).
Pulls on liquidity	Disbursements are paid too quickly or trade credit availability is limited, requiring companies to expand fund before the sales fund comes to cover the liability.



Liquidity measures and management

Current ratio = Current assets / current liabilities

Quick ratio = [cash + marketable securities + receivable] / current liabilities

Cash ratio = [cash + marketable securities] / current liabilities

Inventory	A/R	A/P
<u>Inventory turnover</u> = COGS / average inventory	<u>Receivables turnover</u> = Credit sales / average A/R	<u>Payables turnover</u> = purchase / average A/P
<u>Average inventory processing period</u> = 365 / inventory turnover	<u>Average receivables collection period</u> = 365 / receivables turnover	<u>Average payment period</u> = 365 / payables turnover

Operating cycle = collection period + inventory period

Cash conversion cycle = collection period + inventory period - payment period



Liquidity measures and management

Working capital management

管理方法

Inventory management

- Calculate average days of inventory and inventory turnover ratios
- Make comparison within the same industry and business strategies

Payable management

Terms "2/10, net 30" → 计算 Cost of trade credit = $\left(1 + \frac{\text{discount}}{1 - \text{discount}}\right)^{365/t} - 1$

Cash management → 计算

Percentage discount from face value

$$\% \text{discount} = \left(\frac{FV - P}{FV} \right)$$

Discount-basis yield

$$\text{discount basis yield} = \left(\frac{FV - P}{FV} \right) \left(\frac{360}{t} \right) = \% \text{discount} \times \left(\frac{360}{t} \right)$$

The money market yield

$$R_{mm} = \left(\frac{F - P}{P} \right) \left(\frac{360}{t} \right) = \text{HPR} \times \left(\frac{360}{t} \right)$$

The bond equivalent yield

$$\text{BEY} = \left(\frac{F - P}{P} \right) \left(\frac{365}{t} \right) = \text{HPR} \times \left(\frac{365}{t} \right)$$



Short-term funding

The risk short-term investment

- Credit risk
- Market risk

- Liquidity risk
- Foreign exchange risk

From banks

Sources

Definition

Lines of credit

- **Uncommitted line of credit:** bank reserves the right to refuse to honor any request for use of the line;
- **Committed line of credit:** bank charges a fee for making a commitment for short term lending, more reliable;
- **Revolving line of credit:** a commitment for longer term lending, more reliable than committed term lending.

Collateral for borrowings

Pledge assets as collateral for bank borrowings

Banker's acceptances

Mainly used by firms that export goods, who get guarantee from the buyer's bank

Factoring

Sale A/R to bank

For non-bank sources → expensive for small firms

Non-bank finance company

small weak borrowers with weak credits;

Commercial paper

Large corporations, cost of short-term fund is the lowest.



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