

Business Valuation & Corporate Restructuring

Exploring how companies like Microsoft and LinkedIn navigate business valuation and restructuring—balancing financial metrics with ethics, regulation, and stakeholder impact.

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Key Valuation Methods



Asset-Based Valuation

Measures liquidation vs. going-concern value.

Microsoft's \$26.2B

LinkedIn buyout included debt assumptions.



Market-Based (Comparables)

Uses multiples from peer companies. LinkedIn's pre-merger \$131/share vs. \$196 control premium.



Income-Based (Discounted Cash Flows)

Projects future cash flows, discounted to present value. Terminal value accounts for long-term growth.

Ethics & Social Responsibility

Ethical Dilemmas

- Fair Premiums: Was LinkedIn's 50% premium justified?
- Stakeholder Trade-offs: Layoffs vs. \$8.7B to LinkedIn investors

Social Responsibility

- Salesforce's antitrust claims highlighted regulatory scrutiny
- Employee impacts: Stock-based compensation losses

Valuation isn't just math—it's about people. A 'fair' premium for shareholders might mean layoffs or culture clashes post-merger.



Government Regulation & Shareholder Wealth

Regulatory Review

Antitrust scrutiny of Microsoft-LinkedIn deal following Salesforce's objections



Long-term Success

LinkedIn's growth to 700M users post-merger shows integration matters



Short-term Gains

Shareholders gain from premiums (LinkedIn's \$941M to Reid Hoffman)



Restructuring & Value Creation



Restructuring isn't just cutting costs—it's reinventing. Success requires change management—without buy-in, even the best plans fail.





Balancing Art & Science in Valuation

Numbers Matter

Valuation methods set the price, but they're only as good as their assumptions.

Ethics Define Success

Maximizing shareholder wealth can't ignore employees, customers, or regulators.

Integration Delivers Value

Microsoft-LinkedIn synergy shows that vision plus execution creates lasting value.

Key takeaway: Valuation is both art and science—balancing numbers with ethics, regulation, and human impact.

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