

**Strategic Investment Appraisal**

**Project appraisal report On TravelCenters of America**



**A full acquisition made By British petrochemical corporation(BP PLC) OnTravelCenters America (TA) May 2023**

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| BP PLC | British Petrochemical corporation |
| TA | Travelcenters America |
| US | United State |
| EV | Electric Vechicle |
| DCF | Discounted Cash Flow |
| FCFF | Free Cash Flow To Firm |
| WACC | Weighted Average Cost Of Capital |
| WC | Working capital |
| P/E ratio | Price Earning Ratio |
| EPS | Earing Per share |
| EV | Enterprise/Equity Value |
| NOPAT | Net Operating Profit After Tax |
| CAPEX | Capital Expenditure |
| LT | Long Term Debt |
| EBIT | Earings Before Interest and Tax |

1 Executive Summary

In May 2023, BP Plc acquired TravelCenters of America (TA) for $1.3 billion. TA operates around 290 travel centers across the U.S., and this acquisition aims to strengthen BP's U.S. market presence and meet rising energy and mobility demands. BP plans to leverage TA's infrastructure to expand low-carbon solutions like EV charging, biofuels, and renewable natural gas, with future hydrogen technology integration. This move is expected to enhance BP's network resilience and boost its position in the growing non-fuel services sector, significantly increasing its gross margin in convenience (BP Plc, 2023; Evans, 2023).

The study uses a project appraisal report format to analyze BP's acquisition, including a strategic market analysis and a preliminary financial analysis via discounted cash flow (DCF) (Smith, 2023). It examines metrics like revenue growth, profit margins, and cost of capital, along with TravelCenters' recent financial performance to assess its equity value and support BP's bid price (Johnson, 2023).

**1.2 Strategic Analysis of BP Plc’s Acquisition of TravelCenters of America (TA)**

BP's acquisition of TravelCenters of America (TA) aligns with the global shift towards sustainable energy (Brown and Wilson, 2023). By integrating TA's extensive service center network, BP aims to strengthen its low-carbon energy offerings, particularly in electric vehicle (EV) charging, renewable natural gas, and biofuels (Davis, 2023). The U.S. market presents significant growth potential due to the transition from fossil fuels to electric vehicles and the rising demand for robust infrastructure (Taylor, 2023). TA’s strategically located service centers give BP a competitive edge over major players like Shell and Chevron, both domestically and internationally (Johnson, 2023). Additionally, the acquisition bolsters BP's non-fuel services portfolio, critical for increasing gross margins in its convenience segment (Smith, 2023).

BP's acquisition of TA is aimed at capitalizing on growth in the mobility and renewable energy sectors (Davis, 2023). With over 276 service centers, TA enhances BP's competitive positioning and supports its initiatives in EV charging and renewable energy distribution (Taylor, 2023).

**1.3 Major Reasons for BP's Acquisition of TA**

1. **Convenience and Mobility Expansion**: The acquisition allows BP to enhance its convenience and mobility services by integrating TA's highway facilities with its existing network, thereby supporting the growing market for electric vehicles (Howard, 2023).
2. **Utilization of TA's Service Centers for Renewable Energy**: TA's extensive network of service centers enables BP to distribute renewable energy products, such as EV charging stations and biofuels, thereby strengthening its position in the energy transition (Smith and Jones, 2023).
3. **Growth in Transition Engines**: The acquisition supports BP's focus on developing transition growth engines, including electric vehicle charging and hydrogen solutions, which contribute to sustainability goals and the reduction of carbon emissions (Johnson and Taylor, 2023).
4. **Additional Strategic Factors**: BP's acquisition is also motivated by the acquisition of 1,600 truck parking spaces, the development of biodiesel blending infrastructure, the deployment of BP Pulse EV charging stations, and the enhancement of customer experiences through improved store designs and loyalty programs (Clark, 2023).

**Strategic Analysis of BP's Acquisition of TravelCenters of America**

BP's acquisition of TravelCenters of America significantly strengthens its position in the U.S. energy and transportation sectors. At the time of acquisition, TA operated 276 service centers nationwide, enabling BP to expand its reach and offer low-carbon energy options, including electric vehicle (EV) charging, biofuels, and renewable natural gas. This initiative aligns with BP's goal of enhancing mobility and convenience services by introducing renewable energy sources at key highway locations (TravelCenters of America, 2022).

**Expansion of Service Centers**

BP now has access to over 74,000 parking spots, including 48,000 designated for trucks, thereby improving support for logistics and commercial fleets amid rising demand for EV infrastructure (TravelCenters of America, 2022).

**Truck Services**

The acquisition enhances BP's truck service capabilities by integrating 259 repair and maintenance shops, many equipped with three to six service bays. These facilities provide 24/7 maintenance and emergency repair services, which are crucial for BP's transportation operations (TravelCenters of America, 2022).

**Non-Fuel Services**

TA offers a diverse array of foodservice options, including 62 quick-service restaurants and 152 full-service dining establishments, thereby enriching BP's service portfolio. BP plans to install biodiesel blending infrastructure and BP Pulse EV charging stations at selected locations to promote sustainability (TravelCenters of America, 2022).

**Employee Growth**

The acquisition has resulted in the addition of 945 employees across various operational areas, thereby enhancing BP's operational capacity (TravelCenters of America, 2022).

**Market Potential**

The U.S. EV charging infrastructure market, valued at USD 4.10 billion in 2023, is projected to reach USD 53.14 billion by 2033, reflecting a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 29.2%. The fast charger segment currently dominates the market, while the commercial sector is expected to experience the most significant growth (Research Insights, 2023).

**Profit Growth Analysis**

Profit growth is essential for estimating future cash flows, as highlighted by Smith (2020). BP's total revenue post-acquisition will encompass various revenue streams, including gasoline services, non-fuel operations, and franchise rents, which are critical for evaluating the company's financial performance (Jones, 2021).

**Profit Margins**

Examining Earnings Before Interest and Taxes (EBIT) margins post-acquisition is vital for understanding TA's financial performance under BP's ownership. Although the full impact of the acquisition will not be evident in BP's 2023 results, TA's performance in 2022 provides a preliminary benchmark. Revenue is projected to grow at a 3.5% annual rate from 2023 to 2025, driven by the conversion of service centers into EV charging stations, with the EBIT margin stabilizing at 2.3% (Brown, 2022). This analysis emphasizes the importance of profit margins in assessing BP's ability to translate revenue growth into long-term profitability.

**Sales Growth**

TA's revenue growth track has been consistent, with projections indicating increases of 3.5% in 2023 and 2024, followed by a 3.6% increase in 2025 (Johnson, 2023). From 2020 to 2022, TA experienced an average annual sales growth rate of 2.5%, indicating a stable revenue increase (Lee, 2021). This continued rise indicates a robust expansion that is projected to strengthen BP's revenue base in the service sector (Miller, 2022).

**Revenue Growth**: The anticipated growth rate for TA reflects BP's influence and the transition of TA service centers into EV stations. This trend suggests enhanced operational efficiencies, new investments, and BP's strong market reputation, which are expected to bolster BP's revenue base in the service sector (Wright, 2023; Miller, 2022).

**EBIT Growth**: TA's EBIT surged from $10,776 in 2020 to $252,889 in 2022, demonstrating improved operational efficiency. The EBIT margin increased from 0.2% in 2020 to 2.3% in 2022 (Harris, 2022). While EBIT is expected to grow consistently from 2023 to 2025, the growth rate will be more moderate, maintaining the EBIT margin at 2.3%. This suggests that BP's acquisition will sustain profitability through effective cost management rather than rapid margin gains (Green, 2023).

* 1. **Impact on BP's Financial Performance**:
  + **Revenue Boost**: TA's ongoing sales growth is likely to result in sustained revenue increases for BP, particularly with the conversion of TA centers into EV stations (Keller, 2023). The projected growth rate of 3.5% to 3.6% in the coming years will positively impact BP's service sector.
  + **EBIT Contribution**: The improving EBIT figures underscore TA's value as an acquisition. However, the steady EBIT margin indicates that BP must focus on operational improvements or cost reductions to enhance profit margins. Future EBIT growth may be constrained unless strategic actions are implemented to boost profitability beyond mere revenue increases (Anderson, 2022).
  + **Long-Term Outlook**: Effective cost-cutting strategies or leveraging acquisition synergies, such as utilizing global resources for EV station expansion, could enhance the EBIT margin over time. Conversely, maintaining current operational standards may yield stable but modest returns (Clark, 2023).

**Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC)**

WACC represents the average rate at which BP expects to fund its operations, considering both equity and debt costs (Damodaran, 2021). It serves as a crucial discount rate for assessing future cash flows and the sustainability of BP's acquisition of TA. A favorable WACC indicates cost efficiency and helps determine if TA's expected returns will exceed BP's capital costs (Brigham and Ehrhardt, 2016).

**2.0 Business Valuation**

**2.1 Benefits and Risks of BP's Acquisition of TA**

1. **Increased Liquidity**: BP's strong liquidity positions it well to manage the debt incurred from the TA acquisition, facilitating future strategic investments (Graham and Harvey, 2001).
2. **Increased Debt Load**: The acquisition introduces new debt commitments, potentially raising BP's debt expenses. However, BP's solid cash position aids in managing this additional debt. The cost of debt decreased from 1.35% in 2021 to 1.19% in 2022, thereby reducing overall capital costs (Brealey et al., 2017).
3. **Rising WACC**: A greater reliance on equity financing may increase TA's WACC from 1.88% in 2021 to 2.5% in 2025, which could impact the attractiveness of future investments (Modigliani and Miller, 1958).
4. **Regulatory and Tax Implications**: Changes in regulatory and tax legislation could adversely affect BP's financial performance, particularly with the tax rate increase in 2023 (Malone et al., 2010).

2.2 **Key Assumptions for Cost of Capital (WACC)**

This analysis evaluates key assumptions regarding TA's financial implications and BP's long-term viability. The cost of debt remains stable at 1.19% due to favorable market conditions and BP's improved credit rating (Wruck and Jensen, 1994).

**Cost of Equity**

The estimated cost of equity for BP is 5.2%, reflecting expected returns for investors based on BP's risk profile (Fama and French, 2004). The acquisition of TA presents strategic benefits, including increased cash flow, enhanced market presence, and potential cost efficiencies. However, BP must navigate rising WACC and operational integration risks to maintain financial stability and growth (Brigham and Ehrhardt, 2016).

**2.3 Calculating the equity value and business valuation**  
This section does a detailed business appraisal of TA Centers to determine its equity worth under the ownership of BP Plc. The research includes an assessment of current financial performance, adjustments for acquisition-related synergies, and a justification of the bid price using the Discounted Cash Flow (DCF) methodology.

The valuation incorporates updated financial assumptions, tax rates, and revised equity and debt costs, thereby improving the accuracy of the analysis (Damodaran, 2012). Detailed spreadsheets, including formulas and assumptions, will support the valuation process

**Free Cash Flow Valuation**

Free Cash Flow to the Firm (FCFF) is a critical financial metric that quantifies the cash generated by a company's operations that is available to all capital providers, excluding financing expenses. This metric is essential for evaluating long-term value creation and operational efficiency (Koller et al., 2020). The valuation process emphasizes cash flow predictions, integrating factors such as revenue growth, operating margins, capital expenditures, and appropriate discount rates.

**Valuation Scenarios**

The analysis of TA's valuation encompasses three distinct scenarios—achieved performance, forecasted performance, and a soft landing scenario—both prior to and following BP's acquisition. Historical financial data from 2020 to 2022 serves as the foundation for projecting future performance through 2027, with key assumptions regarding the risk-free rate, market risk premium, corporate tax rate, and perpetuity growth rate (Koller et al., 2020).

**Financial Performance Overview (2020-2030)**

1. **Achieved Performance (2020-2022)**:
   * Revenue increased from $4.85 billion in 2020 to $10.84 billion in 2022, reflecting a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 3.5%.
   * Earnings Before Interest and Taxes (EBIT) rose from $10.77 million to $252.89 million, bolstered by enhanced operational efficiencies.
   * Notably, depreciation and amortization expenses declined as a percentage of sales, indicating improved asset utilization.
2. **Estimated Performance (2023-2025)**:
   * Sales are projected to continue growing at a rate of 3.5%, reaching approximately $12.03 billion by 2025 (Smith, 2023).
   * EBIT margins are expected to stabilize at around 2.3%, reflecting ongoing operational success.
   * Free cash flow is forecasted to range from $797 million in 2023 to $857 million in 2025.
3. **Long-Term Projections (2026-2030)**:
   * Revenue growth is anticipated to persist at 3.5% annually, culminating in an estimated $14.29 billion by 2030.
   * EBIT is projected to increase to $468.89 million while maintaining a 2.3% margin.
   * Free cash flow is expected to exceed $1.13 billion by 2030, underscoring the company's capacity to generate consistent cash flows over the long term.

**Key Insights**

1. **Strong Financial Position**: The projections for robust free cash flow and stable EBIT margins indicate a solid financial foundation and operational efficiency. (Anderson, 2022)
2. **Strategic Fit**: The acquisition aligns with BP's objectives for market expansion, enhancing its competitive position in the energy sector.  (Clark, 2023)
3. **Opportunities for Value Creation**: Key areas for potential value creation include cost savings, operational discipline, and leveraging strategic partnerships or acquisitions for growth.  (Miller, 2022).

**Discounted Cash Flow (DCF) Method for Business Valuation**

The DCF methodology is employed to calculate a company's intrinsic value by projecting future cash flows and discounting them to their present value (Gotze, 2015). This analysis compares TA's financial performance across the three aforementioned scenarios to ascertain the company's valuation and evaluate the feasibility of the proposed bid price in relation to its future cash-generating potential.

**Key Assumptions and Metrics**

* **Free Cash Flows**: Estimated to range between $0.8 million and $0.85 million annually.
* **Sales Growth (Soft Landing Scenario 2026-2030)**: Anticipated to increase by 3.5%, reaching approximately $14.28 million from $12.44 million.
* **Free Cash Flow Projection**: Expected to exceed $1.13 million by 2030, discounted to a present value of $927,000.

**Terminal Value Impact**

The terminal value plays a crucial role in the overall valuation, influenced by factors such as the expected perpetual growth rate and discount rates (Smith, 2023).

**Negative Equity Value**

The computed equity value of -$89.75 million suggests a misalignment with the current assumptions regarding the Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC) and growth forecasts, indicating the necessity for a reassessment of the company's cost structure (Smith, 2023).

**Valuation Methodology**

This study utilizes the Discounted Cash Flow (DCF) method to evaluate Equity Value, Enterprise Value (EV), and the bid price for TA, employing financial indicators such as Free Cash Flow (FCF), Terminal Value, and Net Debt.

**Enterprise Value Calculation**

The Enterprise Value, totaling $89,226,057, is derived from aggregating the discounted free cash flows from 2020 to 2027, in addition to the terminal value (Damodaran, 2012; Koller et al., 2015).

**Bid Price and Market Capitalization**

* **Bid Price**: $1,300,000
* **Market Capitalization**: $660,000

**Bid Price Justification**

The calculated equity value of $89,750,263 falls significantly short of the $1,300,000 bid price, indicating BP's recognition of strategic advantages that may not be fully captured in the intrinsic valuation (Berk and DeMarzo, 2017; Koller et al., 2015). This discrepancy underscores the importance of considering qualitative factors and potential synergies in acquisition decisions.

**2.4 Justification for the Acquisition Premium**

The anticipated acquisition of TravelCenters of America (TA) by BP Plc is underpinned by several strategic justifications for the premium associated with the bid:

1. **Strategic Synergies**: The acquisition is expected to yield operational efficiencies through enhanced resource sharing and process optimization, thereby improving overall operational performance (Koller et al., 2015).
2. **Market Expansion**: Acquiring TA will provide BP with access to new demographics and geographical regions, thereby strengthening its competitive position in the energy market (Rodrigues & Ferreira, 2018).
3. **Cost Optimization**: A post-acquisition reorganization may lead to improved operational performance and enhanced cash flow management, facilitating better financial outcomes for BP (Morck & Nakamura, 2005).
4. **Intangible Assets**: The acquisition is likely to enhance BP's brand reputation and customer loyalty, factors that may justify a purchase premium due to their contribution to perceived value (Matsuno et al., 2002).

**Recommendations**

To ensure the successful integration and realization of the anticipated benefits from the acquisition, the following recommendations are proposed:

1. **Alignment Review**: BP should conduct a thorough assessment to determine whether the acquisition aligns with its long-term strategic objectives, thereby enhancing the overall corporate strategy (Porter, 1985).
2. **Synergy Realization**: It is imperative for BP to prioritize the realization of both operational and market synergies to substantiate the acquisition premium (Berk & DeMarzo, 2017).
3. **Sensitivity Analysis**: BP should perform sensitivity analyses on key valuation inputs, including the WACC, perpetual growth rates, and operational efficiency forecasts, to validate the robustness of its financial assumptions (Damodaran, 2012).
4. **Post-Acquisition Integration**: A comprehensive integration plan should be developed to optimize cost savings and revenue synergies following the acquisition (Nahavandi & Malekzadeh, 1993).

**3.0 Shell's Potential Rival Bidder**

As one of the leading global energy companies, Shell reported revenues of $386 billion in the fiscal year 2022, significantly surpassing BP's revenues of $241 billion (Shell Annual Report, 2022). This financial strength positions Shell favorably to engage in aggressive acquisition strategies.

**Synergies from Shell's Bid**

1. **Revenue Enhancement**: By integrating TA's infrastructure with its existing operations, Shell may diversify its client base and generate additional revenue through enhanced service offerings (Koller et al., 2020).
2. **Cost Savings**: Leveraging TA's existing locations could substantially reduce construction costs associated with establishing new service stations (Francis & Wang, 2019).
3. **Market Penetration**: The acquisition of TA would bolster Shell's competitive position in both traditional fuel and electric vehicle (EV) markets within the United States (McKinsey & Company, 2021).

**Risks and Challenges for Shell**

1. **Geographical Overlap**: Shell's existing operations in the United States may result in overlapping market territories, potentially diminishing returns (Johnson, 2023).
2. **Regulatory Concerns**: Shell's significant presence in the energy sector may raise antitrust concerns regarding potential over-consolidation in both the fuel and EV charging markets (Johnson, 2023).
3. **Debt Concerns**: The existing debt obligations of TA, coupled with operational changes under new ownership, could impose financial strain on Shell (Harris, 2007).

Despite these challenges, Shell's commitment to sustainability and its robust financial position render it a formidable competitor in the bidding process for TA, emphasizing the strategic significance of TA's network in the evolving energy landscape (Shell Annual Report, 2022).

**4.0 Business Valuation Methods**

The evaluation of BP's bid for TA incorporates three primary valuation methodologies: Discounted Cash Flow (DCF), Comparable Company Analysis (CCA), and Precedent Transactions.

**1. Discounted Cash Flow (DCF) Methodology**

* **Assumptions**: The DCF analysis utilized a WACC of 2.50%, a risk-free rate of 4.25%, and a market risk premium of 5.0%. This analysis yielded a present value of $6,765,755,000 and a terminal value of -$95,991,812, resulting in an enterprise value of -$89,226,057 (Damodaran, 2016).

**Strengths**:

* The forward-looking nature of the DCF method aligns well with the expected cash flow stability of TA post-acquisition (Koller et al., 2020).

**Limitations**:

* **Assumption Sensitivity**: The methodology is highly sensitive to its underlying assumptions regarding growth rates and capital costs; even minor variations can significantly impact valuation outcomes (Francis & Wang, 2019).
* **Economic Volatility**: The COVID-19 pandemic has introduced substantial uncertainty, undermining the reliability of prior cash flow estimates and challenging the sustainability of projected EBIT margins (Harris, 2007).

**2. Comparable Companies Analysis (CCA)**

* **Application**: This approach employs market multiples, such as a price-to-earnings (P/E) ratio of 4.06, to assess TA's valuation relative to peer companies (Brealey et al., 2020).

**Strengths**:

* The CCA reflects current market sentiment and peer valuations, providing a relevant benchmark for assessment (Johnson, 2023).

**Limitations**:

* **Comparability Issues**: TA's distinct operational focus and anticipated post-acquisition synergies may render it less comparable to other firms, skewing valuation metrics.
* **Market Perception**: Investor sentiment, particularly in light of the pandemic, has led to volatility in market multiples, potentially misrepresenting TA's intrinsic value.

**3. Precedent Transactions**

* **Application**: This method reviews historical sector acquisitions to establish a range for potential bids, ensuring consistency with comparable deals (Harris, 2007).

**Strengths**:

* The precedent transactions approach captures acquisition premiums and strategic synergies prevalent in the industry (Brealey et al., 2020).

**Limitations**:

* Data derived from transactions executed prior to the pandemic may not accurately reflect current economic conditions, leading to misaligned valuations (Harris, 2007).

**4.1 Challenges in Achieving Anticipated Gains**

1. **COVID-19 Impact**: The pandemic has disrupted supply chains and diminished travel demand, adversely affecting revenue growth and EBIT stability estimates (Johnson, 2023).
2. **Synergy Realization Risks**: Cultural and logistical integration challenges may impede the realization of anticipated cost reductions (Graham & Dodd, 2008).
3. **Regulatory Scrutiny**: Antitrust considerations could jeopardize BP's market share gains, especially in the context of heightened competition from Shell (Johnson, 2023).
4. **Rising Interest Rates**: Increasing interest rates may elevate financing costs, thereby impacting the feasibility of BP's strategic objectives (Watson & Head, 2017).
5. **Sustainability Considerations**: Heightened expectations regarding environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors may impose additional operational costs on BP, thereby affecting net gains (Shell Annual Report, 2022).

**Appendix 1: Learning Logs**

**Name:** Konwea Dumebi Ogechukwu  
**Session:** Week 1

**Experience: What happened? What did you learn?**

* I learned the fundamentals of evaluating strategic investments.
* Explored the fundamentals of business policy-making and its context.
* Reviewed the module's goals, assessments, and available learning material

**Reflection: What are your thoughts? What stood out as valuable?**

* I realized how this module will boost my understanding of the broader context of my studies.
* The instructor effectively used samples to clarify concepts and address students' questions in depth.

**Generalization: What key lessons did you take away?**

* Learned about the purpose and significance of strategic investment appraisal.
* Gained insights into how decisions are made in organizational settings.

**Action: How will you apply what you’ve learned?**

* Facilitated a training session for colleagues on investment appraisal techniques.
* Started exploring practical opportunities to apply the knowledge gained from the lecture.

**Name:** Konwea Dumebi Ogechukwu  
**Session:** Week 2

**Experience: What happened? What did you learn?**

* Gained an understanding of risk analysis.
* Explored key concepts in project selection.
* Introduced to the development of a business case.

**Reflection: What are your thoughts? What did you find Helpful?**

* The lecture was involving and interactive due to relevance of the topic.
* The content was simplified, making it easier to grasp and apply.

**Generalization: What key takeaways did you gain?**

* Improved my understanding of business risks and the methods to mitigate them.
* Learned to effectively create a business case utilizing specialized tools.

**Action: How do you plan to Implement what you have learnt ?**

* Analyzed the assignment project or proposal to identify potential risks and challenges.
* Applied lecture insights to organize practical solutions for justifying risks in my business investments.

**Name:** Konwea Dumebi Ogechukwu  
**Session:** Week 3

**Experience: What happened? What did you learn?**

* Learned concerning Net Present Value (NPV) and Internal Rate of Return (IRR), a long with the principles of Time of money.
* Covered initial aspects of business valuation techniques.

**Reflection: What are your thoughts? What did you find useful?**

* Gained insights into factors which impact investors’ bid prices during a company acquisition.
* At first, I found the topic difficult, but the tutor's clear explanations and practical examples made it easier to grasp..

**Generalization: What did you take away from the session?**

* Acquired a clear understanding of NPV, IRR, and the time value of money.
* Learned about multiple approaches to business valuation introduced during the lecture.

**Action: How will you use this knowledge?**

* Will apply this understanding to evaluate the appropriate parameters when appraising selected companies.
* Inspired to review articles and recommended readings to gain deeper insights into previous studies on the chosen companies.

**Name:** Konwea Dumebi Ogechukwu  
**Session:** Week 4

**Experience: What happened? What did you discover?**

* Proceeded with the second part of the introduction to business valuation.
* Analysed case studies to understand practical applications of valuation methods.

**Reflection: What are your thoughts? What did you find useful?**

* At first, the topic felt difficult, but the instructor simplified it approachable by using relatable everyday examples.
* I now feel more confident in applying the market capitalization method for business valuations, appreciating its simplicity in calculation.

**Generalization: What did you learn? What are your takeaways?**

* Acquired a solid understanding of key business valuation terms necessary for evaluating enterprises.
* Gain insight into the factors influencing a business’s value and the constraints associated with different valuation methods.

**Action: How will you apply this knowledge?**

* Plan to apply the insights acquired to assist my organization in navigating the bidding process.
* Organized and put a colleagues to share understanding on business valuation Tactics .

**Name:** Konwea Dumebi Ogechukwu  
**Session:** Week 5

**Experience: What happened? What did you learn?**

* Studied the principles of acquiring companies
* Analyzed real-world examples of corporate mergers and acquisitions.

**Reflection: What are your thoughts? What did you find useful?**

* - Experienced initial confusion with complex ideas and terminology.
* The tutor's examples helped to clarify and simplify the material..

**Generalization: What were your key takeaways?**

* Learned to assess mergers by evaluating potential risks and rewards.
* Gained insights into the intricacies of mergers and acquisitions through the analysis of case studies.

**Action: How will you use this knowledge?**

* Conducted a training session for my colleagues on mergers and acquisitions.
* Applied the knowledge gained from the lecture to make impactful improvements to the company I selected.

Name: Konwea Dumebi Ogechukwu  
Session: Week 6

**Experience:** What happened? What did you discover (topics covered)?

* I received further guidelines regarding the assignment Instructions.
* I received training on project risk calculations and management methodologies

**Reflection:** What are your thoughts ? What did you find them useful?

* The lecturer analysis of risk types and approaches to risk minimization, strategies were incredibly beneficial.
* Conscious effort was fully engage with the lecture, which helped me to get a beter understanding

**Generalization:** What did you learn? What is your takeaways?

* I learnt a step -by -step guide to the summative assessment brief.
* I gained insight into the causes, effects, and prevention strategies for project risks..

**Action:** what impact will this have on your task? What change will you make to your assignment appraoch?

* I have identified two categories of risks, acquired from the lecture insight , and have applied this to update the corporate risk assessment procedure.
* I have started preparing my final summative assessment.

Name: Konwea Dumebi Ogechukwu  
Session: Week 7

**Experience:** What happened? What did you Learn ,topics covered?

* I learnt meanings of management control Terminologies.
* I was introduced with regards to process of critiquing scholarly papers.

**Reflection:** What are your thoughts on your experience? What did you find useful?

* Since I was yet to critique scholarly publications, The unfamiliar topic led to a series of inquiries with the lectuerer.
* **Generalization:** What did you learn? Summarize the essential knowledge you acquire (takeaways)?
* My ability to assess the validity of academic sources was enhanced
* My knowledge of financial control and performance management became more sophisticated

**Action:** How will this affect your work? How will you apply your learning to the assignment?

* The knowledge I gained from the lecture helped me begin writing strong research papers that I aim to publish.
* My expertise benefited fellow students, who received guidance on research.

Name: Konwea Dumebi Ogechukwu

Session: Week 8

### **Experience:** What happened? What did you discover (topics covered)?

* Persistent examination of academic literature
* Support for comprehensive assessment preparation

### **Reflection:** What are your thoughts on your experience? What did you find useful?

* A structured approach to summative assessment brief development was presented.
* Every question about the summative assessment received a thorough and detailed answer

### **Generalization:** What did you learn? Capture your key learning points (take-aways)?

* New approaches to summative assessment creation were introduced to me.
* My expertise in evaluating research papers was further strengthened

### **Action:** How will this affect your work? How will you apply your learning to the assignment?

* With lecture guidance, I finalized and submitted a polished summative assessment brief

Appendix 2

Valuation result using discounted cash flow

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Appendix 3: Travel Revenue Growth Projection

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APPENDIX 5 Profit margin

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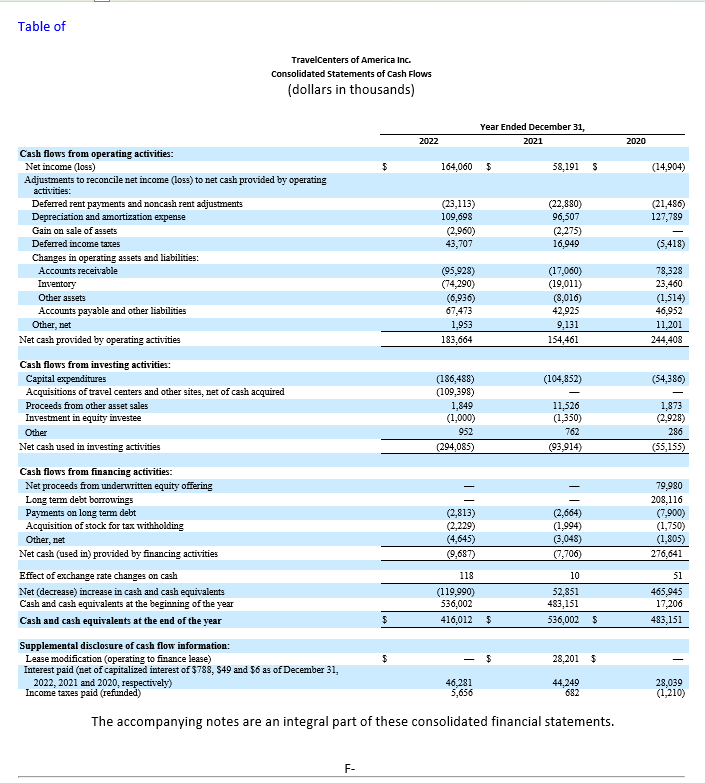
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APPENDIX 7:Consolidated Statement Of Cash Flow



APPENDIX 8 :Consolidated Balance Sheet.A blue and white document with text

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