

*The context of a company valuation is as important at the value itself

*There are many occasions on which a company valuation is a critical part of a transaction...

- *Mergers and Acquisitions
- *Fairness Opinions
- *Initial Public Offerings
 (IPOs)
- *Capital Raising
- *Real Estate transactions

- *Your perspective on the valuation will depend where you are positioned in the deal
- *In simple terms which side of the table are you on?
- *Abuyer? Or a Seller?
- *Value high or low?

- *Valuation can be affected by;
 - *the strategy behind the transaction
 - *The intentions of the negotiating parties, consider game theory
 - *Competition for the asset and potential synergies
 - *Expertise of the transaction advisers

- *Furthermore you cannot consider a valuation outside of the context of the environment in which the company operates
- *This is why including market comparisons, comparable companies and comparable transactions can be so important

- *Consider the internal factors of the business;
 - *Core competence
 - *SWOT analysis
 - *Portfolio analysis
 - *Historic performance
 - *Life cycles of markets and products
 - *Management

- *The external factors are just as relevant;
 - *Markets
 - * Competition
 - *Suppliers
 - * Customers
 - *Channels to Market
 - *Technology

