

## How Might the Value of your Business be Impacted as a Result of the Coronavirus Crisis?

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#### **Topics To Be Covered**

- How the public market has affected the multiples utilized in the valuation of a private company and the impact on short-term discount rates
- How the date of the valuation impacts value
- How transaction data in the private M&A markets affects current business valuation multiples
- How rates of returns in the public market affect the use of an income approach to valuation
- How to adjust a company's cash flow for this type of uncertainty
- Litigation impacts (Impact on Appraisal Actions/Dissolution Actions)
- Impact on Intellectual Property (IP) Valuation
- Potential planning opportunities



Definition of value – usually based on a definition similar to:

"the price expressed in terms of cash equivalents, at which property would change hands between a hypothetical willing and able buyer and a hypothetical willing and able seller, acting at arm's length in an open and unrestricted market, when neither is under compulsion to buy or sell and when both have reasonable knowledge of the relevant facts."\*



<sup>\*</sup>Definition of fair market value from the *International Glossary of Business Valuation Terms*, which was jointly adopted by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, the American Society of Appraisers, Canadian Institute of Chartered Business Valuators, the National Association of Certified Valuators and Analysts, and the Institute of Business Appraisers.

- Effective Date
  - Value is different on different dates
  - Each valuation is as of a specific date or effective date
  - Only information that was "known or knowable" on a given effective date should be reflected in the valuation



- Value today is based on future expectations
  - An investor today (that is hypothetical buyers and sellers) bases their value opinion on what they think will happen in the future – as it is the future that will provide them a return on their investment



- Risk and Return
  - Return is represented by the proceeds or cash flow received by an investor from a particular investment
    - Periodic dividends/distributions
    - Proceeds when selling the investment
  - Risk is based on the perceived amount, timing, and likelihood of receiving those returns
    - If the return is held constant, greater perceived risk results in lower value
    - If the perceived risk is held constant, lower return results in lower value
    - If perceived risk is higher and return is lower that's not good



- Variables that affect value:
  - Nature and history of a business
  - Economic conditions and outlook in general and industry conditions and outlook for the specific industry
  - Net asset value and the financial condition of the business.
  - Earnings capacity and dividend paying capacity
  - Existence or nonexistence of intangible assets and value
  - Prior sales of stock of the company
  - Prices of stock in companies engaged in the same or similar line of business



- Variables that affect value
  - External risk elements
    - Economic conditions
    - Industry conditions
    - Government regulations
    - Stock market returns and volatility
    - Tax rates
  - Internal risk elements
    - Business operations and time in business
    - Earnings history (stable or volatile)
    - Earnings expectation (high or low growth, decline)
    - Balance sheet, financial strength (level of cash and debt)
    - Qualitative factors
      - Customer concentration
      - Sufficiency of supply
      - Management experience and depth



- National economic factors
  - Inflation
  - Interest rates
  - Unemployment
  - Consumer spending and confidence
  - Government spending
  - Equity and debt markets
  - Construction activity
  - Manufacturing activity
  - General economic growth
  - Effect of global economic conditions
- Regional and local economic factors
  - Availability of labor
  - Distribution networks
  - Regulatory environment and financial health of the State



- Industry factors
  - Variation of impact on different industries
    - Demand factors
    - Supply chain interruptions
  - Restaurants
    - Not doing well
  - Retail
    - Some doing well (Amazon, Costco, Kroger)
    - Some not doing well (Macy's, Nordstrom)
  - Technology and Communications
    - Some doing well (Zoom)



- Internal company factors
  - Revenue growth or decline
  - Profitability
    - Price declines due to competitive environment
    - Price increases due to
      - Shortages
      - Fewer competitors
  - Capital expenditures
    - Deferred might need to catch up later?
    - Accelerated because of increased demand excess capacity in the future?



- Three approaches to value
  - Market Approach
  - Income Approach
  - Asset-Based (Cost) Approach
- Methods within those that we will address
  - Market Approach
    - Guideline Public Company
    - Merger & Acquisition (Transaction)
  - Income Approach
    - Discounted Cash Flow



- Basics of the Market Approach
  - Building blocks
    - Earnings
    - Market multiple
    - Value



- Basics of the Market Approach Example
  - Identify companies reasonably similar to the subject company ("guidelines")
    - Whose shares are traded on a stock exchange
    - That have been bought in their entirety
  - Derive market multiples from them
    - Value of all equity = \$900,000,000
    - Earnings = \$100,000,000
    - Market Multiple (Value/Earnings) = 9.0 times
  - Adjust multiple for risk of subject company relative to guidelines
    - For example reduce by 25% to 6.75 times
  - Applying this to estimate value of privately held company
    - Earnings = \$1,000,000
    - Multiple = 6.75 times
    - Value of all equity = \$6,750,000



- Market Approach those three elements today
  - Multiples low today (in many industries)
    - Earnings typically based on actual, recent earnings
    - Value/Price typically based on current risk perceptions
    - Actual/recent earnings are likely from December 31, 2019
    - Price based on risk perceptions today which likely include expectation of decline in earnings
    - So price is already reflecting assumed lower earnings, although actual/reported earnings not affected yet
  - As time passes
    - Earnings actual earnings likely to decline (in many industries)
    - Value/Price will change, but initial "shock" to the price already occurred, so change in future might not be as dramatic
    - Therefore, multiples will be higher



- Basics of the Income Approach
  - Building blocks
    - Forecasted cash flow
    - Discount rate
  - Forecast reflects
    - Revenue growth or decline and timing of that
    - Profitability of periods in the future
    - Capital expenditure expectations
    - Government actions such as tax rates or cash influx from bailout



- Basics of the Income Approach
  - Equity discount rate derivation build-up method
    - Discount rate is layering of different risk elements
    - Risk-free rate (based on U.S. Treasury Bonds)
    - Equity risk premium
    - Adjustment for relative industry risk
    - Adjustment for size (smaller generally more risky)
    - Adjustment for elements specific to the subject company
  - Rate of return on debt interest rates
  - Weighting of equity and debt in sources of capital



Basics of the Income Approach

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Benefit Stream (BS)

Value (V) =

Discount Rate (k) - Growth (g)

Risk & Markets

Long Court



- Income Approach those elements today
  - What is a reasonable forecast?
    - Timing of revenue changes
    - Effect on profit margins
    - One-time government influx of funds
  - Equity discount rate
    - Risk-free rate subject to Federal Reserve actions
      - Lowering this rate, even though perceived risk is greater
    - Equity risk premium, industry risk, and size risk are all long-term measures
    - Specific company risk
    - The current shock to the market and increased perceived risk not captured in any of these
  - Cost of debt??
  - Capital structure
    - As value of equity declines, debt will temporarily be higher portion



- Income Approach those elements today
  - Relationship of forecast and discount rate
  - If forecast is more conservative/pessimistic then risk reflected in discount rate can be less
  - If forecast is more aggressive/optimistic then risk reflected in discount rate should be higher
  - However
    - Different investors and different analysts will have different perceptions of future expectations for cash flows and risk
    - Valuations should reflect the view of "hypothetical" owners



#### **Cost of Equity Capital**

Cost of Equity Calculation
SIC 58: Eating and Drinking Places

	31-Dec-19	26-Mar-20
Spot 20-yr Treasury Yield	2.25%	1.23%
Supply-Side Long-Term ERP	6.17%	6.17%
Industry Risk Premium	-3.15%	-3.15%
Size Premium (10th Decile)	5.22%	5.22%
Cost of Equity*	10.5%	9.5%

As indicated, the equity risk premium ("ERP"), Industry Risk Premium, and Size Premium are all longer-term measures and are slow to change. And the U.S. Treasury yield is affected by actions of the Federal Reserve and not reflective of current risk perceptions.



<sup>\*</sup>Excluding Company Specific Risk Premium and other considerations

# **Current Economic and Industry Conditions**



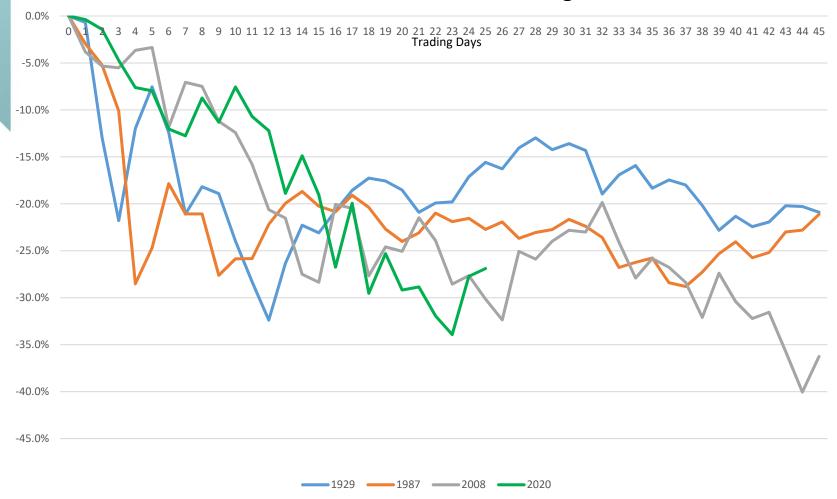
#### **S&P 500 Multiples**

	31-Dec-19	26-Mar-20	% Decline
EV/Revenue	2.7x	2.3x	-16.2%
EV/EBITDA	14.1x	11.8x	-16.0%
EV/EBIT	20.1x	16.8x	-16.3%
P/LTM EPS	24.5x	19.0x	-22.3%
P/BV	3.6x	2.9x	-20.2%

Source: Capital IQ

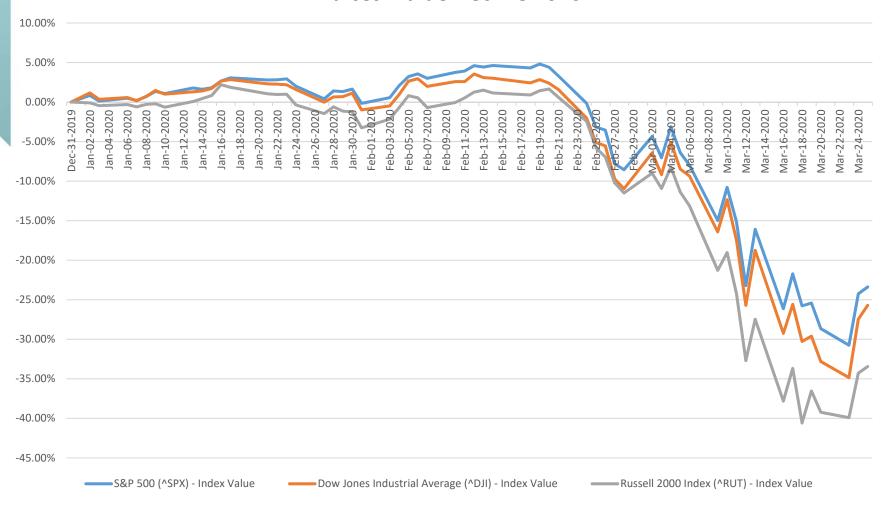


#### **S&P 500 Total Percentage Decline**



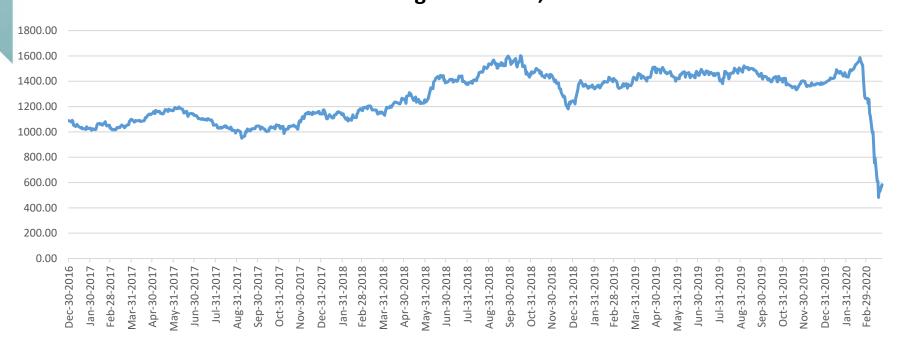


#### **Indices' Value Decline 2020**



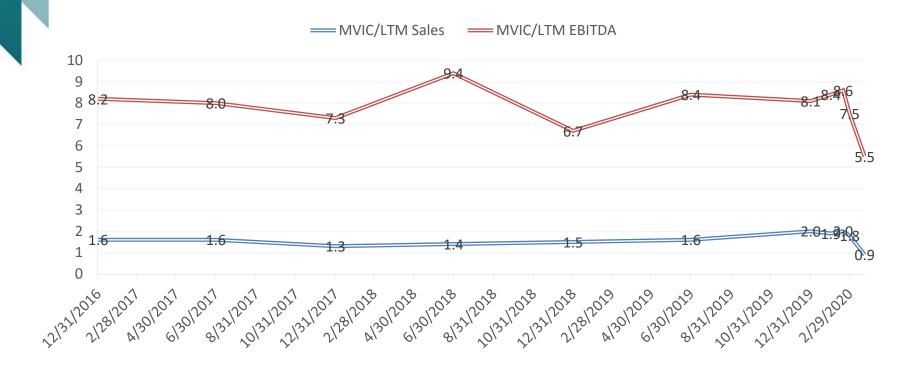


# S&P 600 Restaurants (Sub Ind) (^SP600-25301040) - Index Value (11 Constituents) Data through March 23, 2020



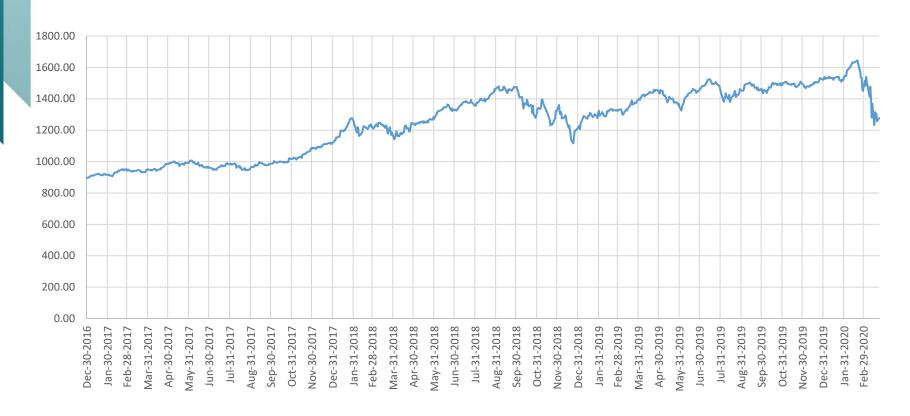


# S&P 600 RESTAURANTS MEDIAN REVENUE AND EBITDA MULTIPLES (11 CONSTITUENTS) DATA THROUGH MARCH 23, 2020



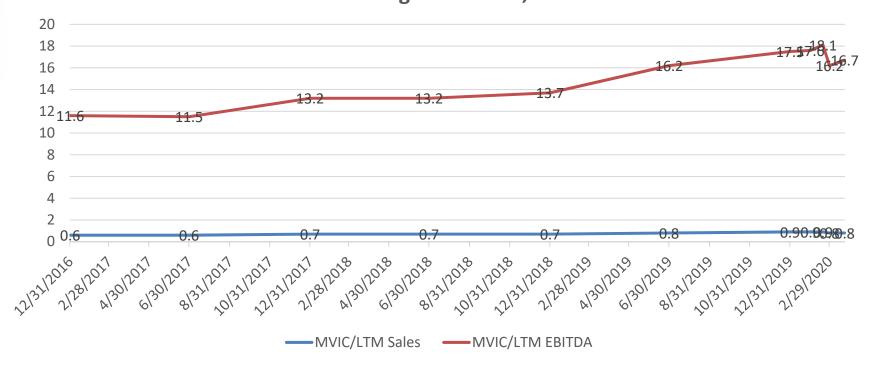


## S&P 500 Retail Composite - Index Value (31 Constituents) Data through March 23, 2020





# S&P 500 Retail Composite Median Revenue and EBITDA Multiples 4 Best Performers Data through March 23, 2020





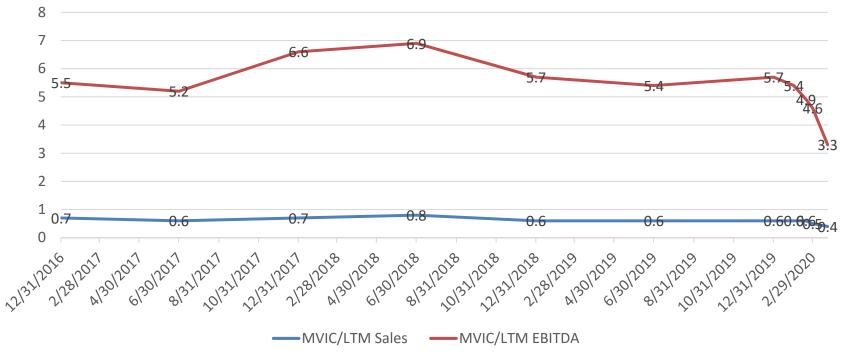








# S&P 500 Retail Composite Median Revenue and EBITDA Multiples 4 Worst Performers Data through March 23, 2020





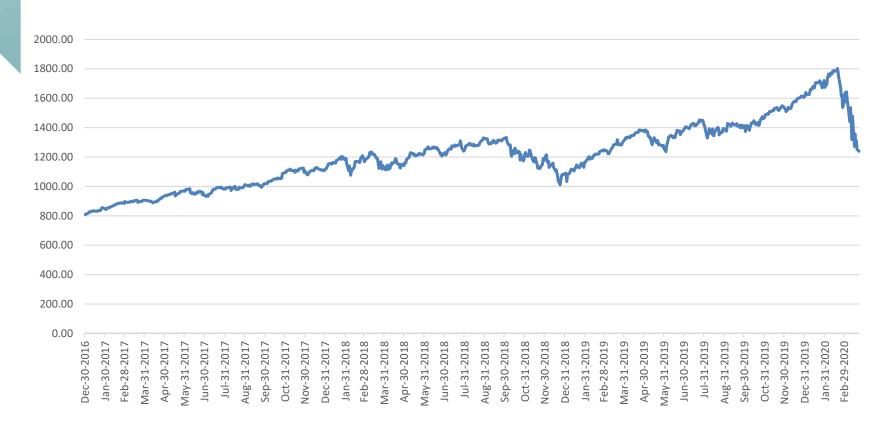




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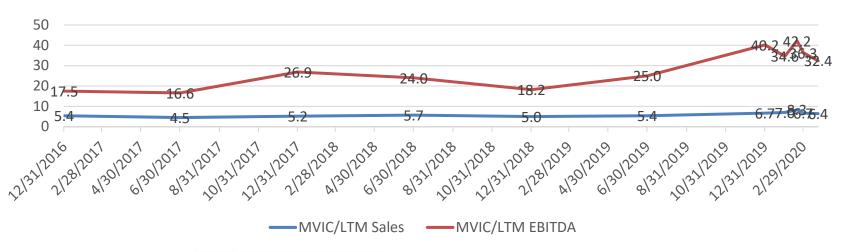


# S&P 500 Information Technology (Sector) (^SP500-45) - Index Value (71 Constituents) Data through March 23, 2020





#### S&P 500 Information Technology Sector Median Revenue and **EBITDA Multiples 4 Best Performers** Data through March 23, 2020







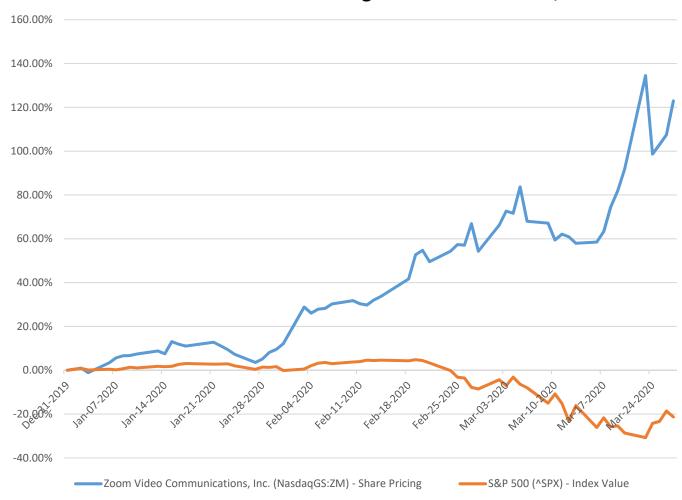








#### Zoom vs S&P 500 Total % Change since December 31, 2019





#### **Valuation Multiples**

As of March 27, 2020

	Zoom	S&P 500
EV/Revenue	66.7x	2.3x
EV/EBITDA	229.7x	11.8x
P/LTM EPS	1686.0x	19.0x
P/BV	50.7x	2.9x



# **M&A Activity**

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Activity	3/1/2019-3/24/2019	3/1/2020-3/24/2020				
Transactions Announced	1274	1034				
Transactions Closed	1044	786				

### In One Week of

Activity	3/17/2019-3/24/2019	3/17/2020-3/24/2020		
Transactions Announced	369	249		
Transactions Closed	239	159		



## COVID-19

- Created an entirely new work paradigm, and it is essentially new territory for everyone
- Completely uncommon crisis that's not yet fully understood, and by definition much of the outcome is not predictable, which is demonstrated in markets that are inefficient
- Currently there is no cure, and sentiment is varied on how long it will take for normalcy to be restored, or whether normalcy will be redefined over time
- Materiality of economic impact on global economy is just a guess for now



# **Multiples and Discount Rates**

- Forward multiples are they meaningless?
- Which publics have updated their forecasts with predictability
- With markets behaving in short-term inefficiency, are trailing multiples reliable?
- Government stimulus action has lowered rates rote application of discount rate buildup underestimates cost of equity
- Even considering government stimulus, businesses are dealing with liquidity crisis of unknown duration, forcing businesses to examine cost structure and make adjustments – e.g. stop rent payments; reduce workforce; extend payables.



# Fundamental Value is Created by Cash Flow, Growth and Managing Risk

- Some sectors faring better than others, but no company, and therefore sector, is fully insulated from the pandemic's impact
- The shift in demand has been dramatic, consumers have hunkered down, so all product and service providers are feeling that
- Production is down, because workforce and the way we do business is in a state of flux
- Production opportunities exist for companies that can pivot e.g.
   Dyson vacuum manufacturer making ventilators, and tons of others...



# **Litigation Impacts**

- Litigation is expensive, and the court systems are also working through the impacts of Covid-19 to find workable means to administer justice
- Frivolous, riskier lawsuits likely to diminish
- Business interruption is the word of the day e.g. businesses seeking courts to confirm whether insurance should cover corona-related business loss (see Thomas Keller, famous chef at French Laundry)
- Insurers, unsurprisingly, believe most policies should not cover Covid-19, and the U.S. property and casualty industry surplus of approximately \$1 Trillion would be gutted if you consider continuity losses are estimated at somewhere between \$200 and \$400B PER MONTH!



# **Intellectual Property**

- Underlying economic premise that innovators should be compensated for their research and development efforts through profit
- That may be the case in normally functioning markets
- Under current circumstances, the focus is getting an effective drug developed and deployed to as many people as possible, as quickly as possible
- Biggest patent story of the year is patent filings around use of antiviral drug Remdesivir, created by Gilead, to treat Covid-19
- World Health Organization petition to create voluntary pool funded by both public and private sector to collect patent rights, regulatory test data and other info that can be shared and used to develop vaccine quicker



# So Is There Anything Positive In All This?



# YES!



# **Potential Planning Opportunities**

- Estate/Gift tax planning, wealth transfer
- Equity incentives to key employees
- Valuations with a cut-off date and a moving target
- M&A transactions both buy and sell opportunities
- Cash flow/Value protection SBA loans, business interruption insurance, expense measures



# Future?

- When we look back, will this be considered a non-recurring event?
- Will the competitive environment be fundamentally changed because of business failures?
- What has been the effect of one-time government stimuli?











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