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Foundation Examination

Financial Accounting and Financial Statement Analysis



Equity Analysis and Valuation



Corporate Finance

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1. Financial Accounting and Financial Statement Analysis

1.1 Depreciation Methods

1.1.1 Straight Line Method

$$\text{Depreciation per Year} = (\text{Original Cost} - \text{Salvage Value}) / \text{Useful Life}$$

1.1.2 Accelerated Method

Double-Declining-Balance-Depreciation

$$\text{Depreciation} = 2 \cdot \text{Straight Line Rate} \cdot \text{Book Value at the Beginning of the Year}$$

where:

$$\text{straight-line rate} = 1 / \text{Estimated Useful Life}$$

Sum-of-the-Years Method (SYD)

$$\text{Depreciation} = (\text{Original Cost} - \text{Salvage Value}) \cdot \text{Applicable Fraction}$$

where:

Applicable Fraction = number of years of estimated useful life remaining / SYD, where

$$SYD = \frac{n \cdot (n + 1)}{2}$$

and n = estimated useful life

1.2 Financial Reporting and Financial Statement Analysis

1.2.1 Earning per Share

$$EPS = \frac{\text{Earnings available to the common stockholders}}{\text{Number of shares of common stock outstanding}}$$

With a change in the number of shares outstanding during the year, the formula is modified as follows:

$$EPS = \frac{\text{Earnings available to the common stockholders}}{\text{Weighted average number of common shares outstanding}}$$

1.2.2 Using EPS to value Firm

Constant Dividend Growth Model (Gordon-Shapiro)

$$EPS = \frac{P_0 \cdot (k_e - g)}{\pi \cdot (1 + g)}$$

where:

| | |
|-------|----------------------|
| P_0 | initial market price |
| g | growth rate |
| k_e | cost of equity |
| π | payout ratio |

1.3 Analytical tools for Assessing Profitability and Risk

1.3.1 Return on Assets

Annual Return

$$\text{Annual Return} = \frac{\text{Annual profit}}{\text{Invested capital}}$$

Return on Assets

$$ROA = \text{return on assets} = \frac{\text{Earnings before interests and tax (EBIT)}}{\text{Assets}}$$

$$ROA = \frac{EBIT}{Sales} \cdot \frac{Sales}{Assets} = EMR \cdot ATR$$

where:

$$EMR = \text{economic margin ratio} = \frac{EBIT}{Sales}$$

$$ATR = \text{asset turnover ratio} = \frac{Sales}{Assets}$$

Return on Total Assets

$$ROTA = \frac{EBIT}{\text{Total assets}}$$

Return on Operating Assets

$$ROOA = \frac{OEBIT}{\text{Operating assets}}$$

Return on Non-Operating Assets

$$RONOA = \frac{EBIT - OEBIT}{\text{Assets} - \text{Operating assets}}$$

where:

| | |
|--------------|---|
| <i>OEBIT</i> | operating earnings before interests and tax |
| <i>ROOA</i> | return on operating assets |
| <i>RONOA</i> | return on non-operating assets |

Let ROTA be an average return of the two parts:

$$ROTA = ROOA \cdot x1 + RONOA \cdot x2$$

where:

| | |
|-----------|--|
| <i>x1</i> | weight of the operating assets (Operating assets/Total assets) |
| <i>x2</i> | weight of the non-operating assets ($x2 = 1 - x1$) |

1.3.2 ROCE

Return on Equity (ROE) or Return on Common Equity (ROCE)

$$ROE = \frac{\text{Net Profit}}{\text{Equity}} = \frac{(1-t)(EBIT - \text{Interest})}{\text{Equity}}$$

which can be written:

$$\begin{aligned} ROE &= (1-t) \cdot \left[\frac{EBIT - \text{Interest}}{\text{Equity}} \right] \\ &= (1-t) \cdot \left[\frac{ROA \cdot \text{Assets} - i \cdot \text{Debt}}{\text{Equity}} \right] \\ &= (1-t) \cdot \left[ROA \cdot \frac{\text{Equity} + \text{Debt}}{\text{Equity}} - i \cdot \frac{\text{Debt}}{\text{Equity}} \right] \\ &= (1-t) \cdot \left[ROA + (ROA - i) \cdot \frac{\text{Debt}}{\text{Equity}} \right] \\ &= (1-t) \cdot ROEBT \end{aligned}$$

ROE can be decomposed as follows:

$$ROE = \frac{\text{Net profit}}{\text{Earning before tax}} \cdot \frac{\text{Earning before tax}}{EBIT} \cdot \frac{EBIT}{\text{Sales}} \cdot \frac{\text{Sales}}{\text{Assets}} \cdot \frac{\text{Assets}}{\text{Equity}}$$

Return on Equity before tax

$$ROEBT = \frac{EBT}{\text{Equity}} = ROA + (ROA - i) \cdot \frac{\text{Debt}}{\text{Equity}}$$

where:

- i average interest rate on total debts = $\frac{\text{Interest expenses}}{\text{Total debts}}$
- EBT* earnings before income tax

1.4 Risk Analysis

1.4.1 Liquidity Ratio

Current Ratio

$$\frac{\text{Current assets}}{\text{Current liabilities}}$$

Quick Ratio

$$\frac{\text{Current assets} - \text{Inventory}}{\text{Current liabilities}} \text{ or}$$

$$\frac{\text{Cash} + \text{Marketable securities} + \text{Receivables}}{\text{Current liabilities}}$$

Working Capital Activity Ratio

$$\frac{\text{Sales revenue}}{\text{Average Working Capital}}$$

1.4.2 Solvency Ratio

Leverage ratio

$$\frac{\text{Debt}}{\text{Equity}}$$

Interest Coverage Ratio

$$\frac{\text{EBIT}}{\text{Interest Expenses}}$$

2. Equity Analysis and Valuation

2.1 Net income, Free cash flows (FCF)

2.1.1 Net income (Net profit)

| | |
|---|--|
| | Net Sales |
| - | Cost of goods sold |
| - | Selling, general + administrative expenses |
| - | Depreciation |
| = | EBIT = Earnings before interest and taxes |
| - | Interest |
| = | EBT = Earnings before taxes |
| - | Taxes |
| = | Net Income |

2.1.2 Free cash flows (FCF)

| | |
|---|---|
| | Earnings from operations before interest and taxes (EBIT) |
| - | Taxes (calculated as $EBIT \cdot \text{tax rate}$) |
| + | non cash relevant expenses (depreciation, provisions for doubtful debt, etc.) |
| - | non cash relevant revenues (adjustments for currency changes, etc.) |
| = | Gross cash flow |
| - | Increase in net working capital |
| + | Reduction in net working capital |
| - | Capital expenditure (buildings, equipment, ...) |
| + | Liquidation of fixed assets |
| = | Free cash flow from operations |

2.2 Security valuation

2.2.1 Zero growth model

$$P_0 = \frac{Div}{k_E}$$

where

| | |
|-------|-----------------------------|
| P_0 | price of share |
| Div | dividend (assumed constant) |
| k_E | cost of equity capital |

2.2.2 Constant growth model

$$P_0 = \frac{Div_1}{k_E - g}$$

where

| | |
|---------|---|
| P_0 | price of share |
| Div_1 | $Div_0 \cdot (1 + g)$ = expected dividend in period 1 |
| k_E | cost of equity capital |
| g | growth rate of dividend (assumed constant) |

2.2.3 Gordon Shapiro model

$$P_0 = \frac{EPS_1 \cdot \pi}{k_E - (1 - \pi) \cdot r}$$

where

| | |
|-----------|-------------------------------|
| P_0 | price of share |
| EPS_1 | earnings per share in $t = 1$ |
| π | payout ratio |
| k_E | cost of equity capital |
| $1 - \pi$ | earnings retention rate |
| r | return on equity (ROE) |

2.2.4 Price Earnings Ratio

$$P_0 = \text{EPS} \cdot \frac{P}{E}$$

where

| | |
|-------|----------------------|
| P_0 | price of the share |
| EPS | earnings per share |
| P/E | price-earnings ratio |

3. Corporate Finance

3.1 Fundamentals of Corporate Finance

3.1.1 Compounding and Discounting an Ordinary Annuity

The present value of an annuity is given by

$$\text{Present value} = \sum_{t=1}^n \frac{CF}{(1+k)^t} = \frac{CF}{k} \cdot \left(1 - \frac{1}{(1+k)^n} \right)$$

where

| | |
|------|---|
| CF | constant Cash flow |
| k | discount rate, assumed to be constant over time |
| n | number of cash flows |

The future value of an annuity is given by

$$\text{Future value} = CF \cdot \left(\frac{(1+k)^n - 1}{k} \right)$$

3.1.2 Project Valuation

Project Value

$$\text{NPV} = -I_0 + \sum_{t=1}^N \frac{E(\text{FCF}_t)}{(1+WACC_t)^t}$$

where

| | |
|-------------------|--|
| I_0 | initial investment |
| $E(\text{FCF}_t)$ | expected free cash flows in period t |
| $WACC_t$ | weighted average cost of capital in period t |
| N | number of cash flows |

3.2 Cost of Equity Capital

3.2.1 CAPM

$$k_E = R_F + (R_M - R_F) \cdot \beta_E$$

where

| | |
|-------------|--|
| k_E | cost of equity capital |
| R_F | risk-free return |
| $R_M - R_F$ | expected return on the market portfolio – risk-free return, expected Risk premium |
| β_E | beta debt = systematic or market risk of debt |

3.2.2 The beta of the firm's assets

$$\beta_A = \beta_D \frac{D(1-t_c)}{D(1-t_c) + E} + \beta_E \frac{E}{D(1-t_c) + E}$$

where

| | |
|-----------|---|
| β_A | beta asset |
| β_D | beta debt |
| β_E | beta equity |
| t_c | marginal corporate tax rate for the firm being valued |
| D | market value of interest-bearing debt |
| E | market value of equity |

If we assume that the debt is riskless ($\beta_D = 0$) the beta of the firm's asset can be written as:

$$\beta_A = \beta_E \frac{E}{D(1-t_c) + E}$$

In this case, the equity beta (β_E) can be written as:

$$\beta_E = \beta_A \left(1 + (1-t_c) \cdot \frac{D}{E} \right)$$

3.2.3 Cost of Equity Capital: Modigliani-Miller

$$k_E = k_u + (k_u - k_d)(1 - T) \cdot \frac{D}{E}$$

where

| | |
|-------|--|
| k_E | cost of equity (required return on equity) |
| k_u | equity rate of return were the company 100% equity |
| k_d | cost of debt (required return on debt) |
| T | statutory marginal tax rate |
| D | debt (market value) |
| E | equity (market value) |

3.2.4 Zero Growth Model

$$k_E = \frac{Div}{P_0}$$

where

| | |
|-------|-----------------------------|
| k_E | cost of equity capital |
| Div | dividend (assumed constant) |
| P_0 | price of share |

3.2.5 Constant Growth Model

$$k_E = \frac{Div_1}{P_0} + g$$

where

| | |
|---------|---|
| k_E | cost of equity capital |
| g | growth rate of dividend |
| Div_1 | $Div_0 \cdot (1 + g)$ = expected dividend in period 1 |
| P_0 | market price of share |

3.2.6 Earnings-Price Ratio Approach

$$k_E = \frac{EPS_1}{P}$$

where

| | |
|---------|--------------------------------------|
| k_E | cost of equity capital |
| EPS_1 | expected earnings per share in $t=1$ |
| P | current market price of share |

3.2.7 Gordon Shapiro model

$$k_E = \frac{EPS_1 \cdot \pi}{P_0} + (1 - \pi) \cdot ROE$$

where

| | |
|---------|-----------------------------|
| k_E | cost of equity capital |
| EPS_1 | earnings per share in $t=1$ |
| π | payout ratio |
| P_0 | price of share |
| ROE | return on equity |

3.3 Cost of Debt Capital

3.3.1 Cost of Debt Capital before Taxes

CAPM

$$k_D = R_f + (R_M - R_f) \cdot \beta_D$$

where

| | |
|-------------|--|
| k_D | cost of debt capital (expected return on debt) |
| R_f | risk-free return |
| $R_M - R_f$ | expected excess return on the market portfolio |
| β_D | beta debt = systematic or market risk of debt |

Yield to maturity

$$k_D = \sum_{i=1}^N w_i \cdot YTM_i$$

where

| | |
|---------|-------------------------------|
| k_D | cost of debt capital |
| w_i | weight of debt i |
| YTM_i | yield to maturity of debt i |

3.3.2 Cost of Debt Capital after Taxes

$$k_{DA} = k_D \cdot (1 - t_c)$$

where

| | |
|----------|-----------------------------------|
| k_{DA} | cost of debt capital after taxes |
| k_D | cost of debt capital before taxes |
| t_c | marginal corporate tax rate |

3.4 Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC)

$$WACC = k_D(1 - t_c) \frac{D}{V} + k_E \frac{E}{V}$$

where

| | |
|-------|---|
| k_D | pre (corporate) tax cost of debt |
| k_E | cost of equity |
| t_c | marginal corporate tax rate for the entity being valued |
| D | market value of interest-bearing debt |
| E | market value of equity |
| V | $= E + D$ |

If the firm has preferred stock, $WACC$ becomes:

$$WACC = k_D(1 - t_c) \frac{D}{V} + k_E \frac{E}{V} + k_P \frac{P}{V}$$

where

| | |
|-------|-----------------------------------|
| k_P | after tax cost of preferred stock |
| P | market value of preferred stock |
| V | $= E + D + P$ (here) |

3.5 Ratios

Average tax rate

$$t = \text{average tax rate} = \frac{\text{Taxes}}{\text{Earnings before taxes}}$$

Average interest rate

$$\underline{i} = \text{average interest rate} = \frac{\text{Interest payments}}{\text{Debt}}$$

3.6 Short / Long-Term Finance Decisions

3.6.1 Net Working Capital

Current assets (cash + receivable + inventories) – Current liabilities

3.7 Capital Structure and Dividend Policy

3.7.1 Firm Valuation

Firm value

$$V = D + E$$

where

| | |
|---|------------------------|
| V | value of the firm |
| D | debt (market values) |
| E | equity (market values) |

MM proposition I (assuming no taxes)

$$V = V_L = V_U = D + E = \frac{EBIT}{k_A}$$

where

| | |
|-------|---|
| V_L | value of levered firm |
| V_U | value of unlevered firm |
| D | debt (market values) |
| E | equity (market values) |
| EBIT | earning before interest and taxes (assumed permanent) |
| k_A | constant overall cost of capital (return on assets) |

Free Cash Flow Approach

$$V = -I_0 + \sum_{t=1}^N \frac{E(FCF_t)}{(1+WACC_t)^t}$$

where

| | |
|----------------------|--|
| V | value of the firm |
| E(FCF _t) | expected free cash flows in period t |
| WACC _t | weighted average cost of capital in period t |

With the continuing value of the firm at time T equal to:

$$\text{Continuing value at time } T = \frac{FCF_{T+1}}{WACC - g}$$

where

| | |
|--------------------|--|
| T | point in time where the explicit free cash flow forecasting horizon ends. |
| FCF _{T+1} | level of expected free cash flow in the first year after the explicit forecast period; then assumed to grow at rate g. |
| WACC | weighted average cost of capital (assumed constant) |
| g | expected growth rate of free cash flows after T (assumed constant) |

Value of Tax Shield

$$\text{Value of tax shield} = \frac{k_D \cdot D \cdot t_c}{k_D} = D \cdot t_c$$

where

| | |
|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| D | market value of debt |
| k _D | cost of debt |
| t _c | marginal average corporate tax rate |