# **BUSINESS VALUATION**- Nuts and Bolts

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# **BUSINESS VALUATION Introduction**

"Some men know the price of everything and the value of nothing - Oscar Wilde

"It's better to be roughly right than to be precisely wrong"

- J.M. Keynes

"It's stupid the way people extrapolate the past and not slightly stupid, but massively stupid" -Charlie Munger

# **BUSINESS VALUATION Introduction**

Appraisers have a value in mind before they start the process and try to back into it

Aswath Damaodaran, Jan 14,2009

There is a vast difference between understanding something well enough to buy it as opposed to understanding it well enough to sell it.

Zig Ziglar, Secrets of Closing the Sale, 1984

The numbers are never a whole story, only a starting point.

We must always remember that market research, no matter how well done, is based on the past. We are always susceptible to discovering a truth whose time has gone.

Mark A. Johnson, The Random Walk and Beyond, 1988

# **BUSINESS VALUATION: Arts or Science**

- BV is promoted as more Art than Science.
- The art is professional judgement and science is statistics.
- Art is nebulous and synonyms with subjective judgement.
- Valuation conclusions are susceptible to challenge when based mainly on professional judgement.
- Professional judgement should be the method applied to evaluate relevance & reliability of data, applied methodology and the inference derived thereon.
- Professional judgement is not a substitute for properly applied statistical methods analysis and logical reasoning.

# **BUSINESS VALUATION: Arts or Science**

 A judicious man uses statistics, not to get knowledge, but to save himself from having ignorance foisted upon him.

# [Thomas Carlyle]

- A relevant and reliable valuation conclusion is the product of the analysis of historical financial data, economic, industry and comparative data.
- The requisite financial analysis can not be performed absent applied statistical method.
- The analysis is most important how you took the data, analysed it, and wed it to your conclusion. I want transparency; I want to see your thinking
  - because that's what appellant courts want to see from me -

[ Judge David Laro ]

# **BUSINESS VALUATION - how to define?**

# **Business Valuation**

'An act or process of determining the value of a business, business ownership interest, security or intangible assets'

**(The International Glossary of Business Valuation Terms)** 

#### **Alternative Definition**

'Business Valuation is a logical, defendable process of arriving at the opinion as to the worth of a business given the information available, assumption & limiting conditions as on the valuation date'

# **Business Valuation standards**

 BVS are basically codes of practice that are used in business valuation

 The standards are very similar in terms of content and terminology, including a dependence on the eight factors to consider in business valuation which are listed and discussed in IRS Revenue Ruling 59-60

# Business Valuation standards Need

- To promote 'best practices' and fairness in valuation services
- To promote credibility, relevancy & transparency of valuation information.
- To enhance quality, consistency, comparability and uniformity of valuation practice
- To enhance reliance on the valuation amongst stakeholder
- To improve corporate governance
- To improve public confidence in valuation
- To improve market efficiency
- Enhance market knowledge and understanding

# Valuation standards

AICPA Standards for valuation services 1 issued

Uniform Standards of Professional Practice (USPAP) issued by the Appraisal Foundation.

Standards published by the Institute of Business Appraisers (IBA)

American Society of Appraisers (ASA) issued business valuation standards

# Valuation standards

National Association of Certified Valuation Analysts (NACVA)

**Internal Revenue Service (IRS)** 

Canadian Institute of chartered Business valuators standard

Canadian uniform standards of professional appraisal practice

# Valuation standards

International valuation standard

European valuation standard (Blue Book)

Royal Institute of charter surveyors valuation standard (Red book)

IFRS 13 Fair Value standard

# **BUSINESS VALUATION PROCESS**

Define Valuation Assignment

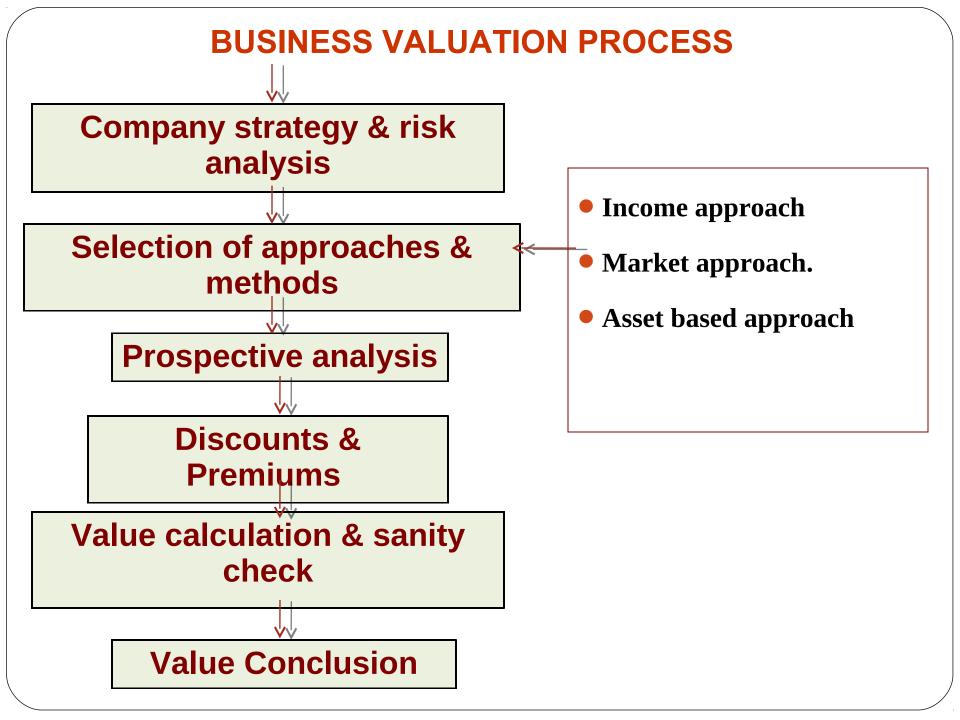
**Information Collection** 

Site visits & Entrance conference

Environmental Scan
Global Economy
Domestic Economy
Industry overview

Company overview & historical financial analysis

- Subject interest to be valued
- Ownership characteristics
- Valuation date
- Purpose
- Standard of value
- Premise of value
- Deliverables
- Limitations
- Special instructions.



# **PURPOSE OF VALUATION**

Purpose of valuation	Examples
Valuation for transactions	Business purchase , Business sale, M&A (Mergers
	& Acquisition), Reverse merger, Recapitalization,
	Restructuring, LBO (Leverage Buy Out), MBO
	(Management Buy Out), MBI (Management Buy In),
	BSA (Buy Sell Agreement), IPO, ESOPs, Buy back
	of shares, Project financing and others
Valuation for court cases	Bankruptcy, Contractual disputes, Ownership
	disputes, Dissenting and Oppressive shareholder
	cases, Divorces cases, Intellectual property
	disputes and other
Valuation for compliances	Fair value accounting, Tax Issues, DCF valuation under FEMA
Valuation for planning	Estate planning, Personal financial planning, M&A
	planning, strategic planning

# STANDARD OF VALUE

a definition of type of value being sought

The identification of the type of value being utilised in a specific engagement

**The International Glossary of Business Valuation Terms** 

# Types of Standards of Value

- Fair Market Value (FMV)
- Investment Value
- Intrinsic Value
- Fair Value
- Market Value

# STANDARD OF VALUE

# Selecting Standard of Value

- Subject matter of Valuation
- Purpose of Valuation
- Statute
- Contracts
- Case Laws
- Circumstances
- Professional judgement & Experience

- As defined by Statement on Standards for Valuation Services
  Issued by the AICPA
- 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 arms 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.

# As defined by Revenue Ruling 59-60,

- the price at which the property would change hands
- between a willing buyer and a willing seller
- when the former is not under any compulsion to buy and the latter is not under any compulsion to sell,
- both parties having reasonable knowledge of the relevant facts.

Cash or Cash equivalent: Price without any financing support or special concession and contemplates prevalent economic & market condition on the valuation date.

Hypothetical: does not contemplate <u>real</u> but refer <u>Potential</u>

Willingness: motivated and assets would be exposed to the market for a reasonable period

**Arm's length: third Party** 

Open & unrestricted market: excludes specific buyer

One transaction involving a willing buyer & seller can not establish a market price

**'Able':** pushes value downward

**No Compulsion:** Forced conditional transactions excluded

Reasonable Knowledge of facts: Average knowledge & not specific knowledge

**What Hypothetical Sale Transaction** 

Contemplate	Does not contemplate
Price is cash or cash equivalents at	Plan to sell to a particular buyer
the prevailing economic condition	and adopting a planned strategy
Willingness and ability to buy sell	Buyer have specific knowledge
exist	Engagement of experienced and
No compulsion to accept the deal	well connected negotiator get a
Potential buyers of similar assets	favorable deal
exist	Other benefits attached with the
Reasonable time and knowledge exist	deal like making available finance
No separate price for not to compete	or key persons

### **INVESTMENT VALUE**

Value to a particular investor based on individual investment requirements & expectations

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Investment value may be more than FMV or less than FMV

# FMV VS. INVESTMENT VALUE

FMV	Investment Value
Consensus opinion of market participants	Opinion of a specific investor
Sale is always contemplated	Sale is not necessary
Hypothetical investor	Specific investor
Impersonal	Personal
DLOC & DLOM may apply	Control premium & synergy premium apply

# Factors creating difference between FMV and Investment Value

- Estimation of cash flows
- Risk
- Tax
- Product synergy & cannibalisation
- Other strategic advantages

# **VALUATION CASE LAWS**

# **Before 1983 – Delaware Block method (DBM)**

A mechanical combination of three approaches – net asset, market and earning

- Step I: determine the value under three approaches.
- Step II: assign a percentage weight to the values derived in step I considering nature of the business.
- Step III: calculate the weighted average of the three valuations -this is the fair value or appraised value of the business.

# **VALUATION CASE LAWS**

After 1983 – Weinberger

**Judicial birth of DCF & demise of DBM** 

'more liberal approach must include proof of value by any technique or methods that are generally considered acceptable to financial community'

Did not prohibits DBM but allowed other methods

# Valuation case laws India

1.Mahadev Jalan, Wealth Tax, 1972 (SC)

Break-up value for going concern is nor correct. Court laid down principles of valuation

2.Kusumben Mahadevia, Gift Tax 1979(SC)

Reinforced principles laid down in the Mahadev Jalan

# Valuation case laws India

3.Bharat Hari Singhania, wealth tax, 1994 (SC)

Court recognised practical difficulties in application of principles of Mahadev Jalan

4.HLL, Companies Act 1994(SC)

All or combination of methods can be applied for fair value

## Valuation case laws India

5.Miheer Mafat Lal, Companies Act, 1996 (SC)

Fair exchange ratio based on manageable profit method, net worth or break up method and market value accepted

6.Mrs Renuka Datla, Companies Act 2003(SC)

DCF is acceptable
Combination of methods accepted
Intrinsic value cannot include control premium

# **Valuation Myths**

- Valuation is objective
- Valuation is a science
- Valuation gives precise number
- A single valuation serves more than one purpose
- A complex financial model gives better valuation
- Growth in earning increases value
- Valuation is worthless as it involves lot of assumptions
- All valuation approaches and methods apply in all situations
- There is single definition of value

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