## Lecture 6 - LBO \& Equity Analysis

> A leveraged buyout (or LBO, or highly leveraged transaction (HLT) occurs when an investor, typically a financial sponsor acquires a controlling interest in a company's equity and where a significant percentage of the purchase price is financed through leverage (Debt).
> The Debt raised (by issuing bonds or securing a loan) is ultimately secured upon the acquisition target and also looks to the cash flows of the acquisition target to make interest and principal payments.
> Acquisition debt in an LBO is usually non-recourse to the financial sponsor and to the equity fund that the financial sponsor manages.
> The amount of debt used to finance a transaction as a percentage of the purchase price for a leverage buyout target, varies according to the financial condition and history of the acquisition target, market conditions, the willingness of lenders to extend credit. Typically the debt portion of a LBO ranges from $50 \%-85 \%$ of the purchase price, but in some cases debt may represent upwards of $95 \%$ of purchase price.
> To finance LBO's, private-equity firms usually issue some combination of syndicated loans and high yield bonds.

Graph 3.1
Typical structure of a LBO transaction


## LBO History \& Market Evolution

> The first leveraged buyout may have been the purchase of two companies: Pan-Atlantic and Waterman companies (steamship companies) in 1955 by McLean Industries.

- McLean borrowed $\$ 42$ million and raised an additional $\$ 7$ million through an issue of preferred stock.
- When the deal closed, $\$ 20$ million of Waterman cash and assets were used to retire $\$ 20$ million of the loan debt.
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> The use of publicly traded holding companies as investment vehicles to acquire portfolios of investments in corporate assets was a relatively new trend in the 1960s, popularized by the likes of Warren Buffett via Berkshire Hathaway and Victor Posner via DWG Corporation.
$>\quad$ The leveraged buyout boom of the 1980s was conceived by a number of corporate financiers, most notably Jerome Kohlberg, Jr. and later his protégé Henry Kravis and his cousin George Roberts - both working for Bear Stearns - to create KKR.
$>\quad$ In 1989, KKR closed in on a $\$ 31.1$ billion dollar takeover of RJR Nabisco. It was, at that time and for over 17 years, the largest leverage buyout in history. The event was chronicled in the book (and later the movie), Barbarians at the Gate: The Fall of RJR Nabisco.
> Drexel Burnham Lambert was the investment bank most responsible for the boom in private equity during the 1980s due to its leadership in the issuance of high-yield debt.

Mega Deals of 2005-2007: The combination of decreasing interest rates, loosening lending standards, creation of CLOs and regulatory changes for publicly traded companies (specifically the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.) would set the stage for the largest boom private equity had seen.

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## Senior Debt (Bank Loan or Leverage Loan)

> Ranks ahead of all other debt and equity capital in the business
> Bank loans are typically structured in up to three tranches: Revolver, TL A and TL B.
> The debt is usually secured on specific assets of the company, which means the lender can automatically acquire these assets if the company breaches its obligations under the relevant loan agreement; therefore it has the lowest cost of debt.
> Typical Maturity 5-7 years
> Senior Debt represent 45-60\% of total Capital
> Senior Debt Multiples represent 3.0x - 4.0x of historic EBITDA
> Revolver and TL A (called Pro-rata facilities) are provided by traditional banks
> Term Loan B (called institutional facility) is provided by non-banking institutions (CLOs, Insurance Co., Funds

## Pros

$\checkmark$ Usually offers the lowest cost of funding
$\checkmark$ Prepayable at no or little cost
$\checkmark \quad$ Deep established market in the U.S which can accommodate large transactions
$\checkmark \quad$ Private market and therefore less exposed to volatile market conditions
$\checkmark \quad$ No equity dilution
Cons
$\checkmark$ Requires periodic amortization out of free cash flows, therefore this instrument may not be suitable for companies consuming cash for some years
$\checkmark \quad$ Strict maintenance covenants are tightly monitored, usually on a quarterly basis (eg total leverage, interest cover, fixed charge cover ratio, etc)
$\checkmark \quad$ Full security required in most cases

## Subordinated Debt (Mezzanine)

> Ranks behind senior debt in order of priority on any liquidation.
> The terms of the subordinated debt are usually less stringent than senior debt.
> Repayment is usually required in one 'bullet' payment at the end of the term.
> Typical maturity is $8-10$ years
> Since subordinated debt gives the lender less security than senior debt, lending costs are typically higher.
> An increasingly important form of subordinated debt is the high yield bond, often listed on US markets.
> They are fixed rate, publicly traded, long-term securities with a looser covenant package than senior debt though they are subject to stringent reporting requirements.
> High yield bonds are not prepayable for the first five years and after that, they are prepayable at a premium (Call premiums)
$>$ SEC requires the Issuer of these bonds to be rated by two independent agencies (Moody's and S\&P)
> Subordinated Debt represent $15-25 \%$ of total Capital
> Total Debt (including both the Senior and Sub debt represent 5.0x-6.0x of historic EBITDA.

## Private Equity

> Ranks at the bottom of the "waterfall" in order of priority on any liquidation.
> Equity represent 20-35\% of total Capital

## Estimate Debt Capacity

$>$ The next step is to estimate the amount of debt that the company can take on.
The financial statements should make provisions for interest and debt costs.
The company can only bear debt to the extent that it has available cash flows. Note that all existing debt will need to be refinanced. When modelling (Equity or Debt investors) the financing assumptions used are according to market conditions, industry characteristic and company specific issues. Set out below are some parameters that will influence financing considerations for the model:

- Minimum interest cover (times)
- Total debt/EBITDA (times)
- Senior debt repayment (in years)
- Mezzanine debt repayment (in years)
- Senior debt interest rate
- Subordinated interest rate
- Mezzanine finance exit IRR


## Capital Markets: Types of Financing

## Example:

XYZ Company trades at NYSE at $\$ 15$ with 20 million shares and has $\$ 300$ million of Debt, $\$ 100$ of Cash and $\$ 100 \mathrm{~mm}$ of EBITDA, so

Trading Enterprise Value (EV) = (Equity at $\$ 15 \times 40$ million shares $)+\$ 300 \mathrm{~mm}$ Debt $-\$ 100 \mathrm{~mm}$ Cash $=\$ 800 \mathrm{~mm}$ or 8.0x EBITDA trading multiple ( EV / EBITDA)

The PE firm are in the process of tendering for all the shares of $X Y Z$. To ensure a success of acquiring all the shares, they thinking of offering $33 \%$ premium to the existing trading level stock, or tendering for the stock at $\$ 20$ per share putting he EV at $\$ 1$ billion - $(\$ 20 \times 40 \mathrm{~mm}$ shares $)+\$ 300 \mathrm{~mm}$ Debt $-\$ 100 \mathrm{~mm}$ Cash $=\$ 1$ billion

Transaction Sources \& Uses

| Sources |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Capacity Amount | \% Cap |  |
| Senior Debt | $4.0 \times \$ 400.00$ | $40.0 \%$ |  |
| Subordinated Debt | $6.0 \times$ | $\$ 200.00$ | $20.0 \%$ |
| Equity |  | $\$ 400.00$ | $40.0 \%$ |
| Total Sources | $10.0 \times$ | $1,000.0$ | $100.0 \%$ |
|  |  |  |  |
| EBITDA | $\$ 100.00$ | $\mathbf{~ m m}$ |  |


| Uses |  |
| :--- | :---: |
|  |  |
| Purchase of Stock | 800.0 |
| Refinance of Debt | 300.0 |
| Cash | $100.0)$ |
| $\quad$ Total Uses |  |

The PE firm will need to run their own LBO Analysis to see if $\$ 1$ billion acquisition makes sense given the Debt Capacity and improvement of EBITDA in the next 3-5 years.

## Investment Banking

## Senior Debt / Loan Pricing

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Other Terminology to the Credit Agreement
    > LIBOR Floor
    > Original Issuer Discount (OID)
    - Margin Spread
    A typical calculation of Loan Yields in the secondary market for loans:
    LIBOR or LIBOR Floor + Margin Spread + (100-OID)/4* years = Loan Yield
    *market convention is to use 4 years as it represents the average life
    Example:
        LIBOR FIoor = 1.00%
            Margin Spread = 400 basis points (or 4.00%)
            OID = 98
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Then the Loan Yield is calculated to:
$1.0 \%+4.0 \%+[(100-98) / 100] / 4=5.0 \%+(2.0 \% / 4)=5.0 \%+0.5 \%=5.5 \%$ Yield

High Yield Bond Pricing

## Concepts:

> Face Value / Par Value ( $\$ 1,000$ )
$>$ Market Value quoted as a \% of Face Value (priced at 98 or $98 \%$ of $\$ 1,000$ )
> Coupon Payments / Coupon (Interest Rate)
$>$ Semi Annual Payments (interest payments)
$\rightarrow$ Callable / Non-Callable Bonds
> YTM, YTC, YTW
Yield to Maturity Vs Yield to Call


## Other Bond Concepts:

> Duration \& Convexity $>$ Convertible Bonds

## Equity IRR Analysis



| COST OF BANK DEBT CALCULATION (Floaring Rate) |  |  | Equity Risk Premiums (1926-2006) (CAPM Model) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\begin{gathered} \text { 3M-LIBOR } \\ \text { Assumptions } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Loan } \\ & \text { Spread } \end{aligned}$ | Initial All -In | Decile | Mkt Cap SMM | Risk Prem. |
| 0.30\% | 3.50\% | 3.80\% | 1 | 524,351 | 7.03\% |
| COST OF MEZZANINE NOTE CALCULATION |  |  | 2 | 10,344 | 8.05\% |
| 7.00\% |  |  | 3 | 4,144 | 8.47\% |
|  |  |  | 4 | 2,177 | 8.75\% |
| COST OF EQUITY CALCULATION <br> $E(r e)=r f+\beta \cdot P e+e$ |  |  | 5 | 1,328 | 9.03\% |
| $\begin{aligned} & \text { 6-year Treasury Note [rf] } \\ & \text { Beta for Publicly Traded Hotel [ } \beta \text { ] } \\ & \text { Equity Premium [Pe] } \\ & \text { Firm Specific Risk Premium [e] } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |  | 1.20\% | 6 | 840 | 9.18\% |
|  |  | 1.500× | 7 | 538 | 9.58\% |
|  |  | 11.05\% | 8 | 333 | 9.91\% |
|  |  |  | 10 | $\begin{array}{r}193 \\ \hline 8\end{array}$ | 11.43\% |

## Equity IRR Analysis

DEBT ASSUMPTIONS \& RETURN ANALYSIS
Bank Loan Information
Amount Outstanding ( (End of Year)
Schedule Principal
Interest Payments
Total Financint (Calc based on last Year's Outs)
Interest Rate Payment
LIBOR RATE
LIBOR Rate Increase Assumptions
Corporate Bond Information
Amount Outstanding
Schedule Principal Payments
Interest Payment (Calc based on last Year's Outs)
Total Financing Payment
Total Financing
Total Debt Outstanding

| Debt IRR | Terms | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 4.896\% | 4,032,000 | 4,032,000 | 3,830,400 | 3,427,200 | 2,822,400 | 2,016,000 | 1,209,600 |
|  | 7 years |  | 201,600 | 403,200 | 604,800 | 806,400 | 806,400 |
|  | 4.90\% | 153,216 | 173,376 | 183,859 | 198,778 | 163,699 | 116,928 |
|  | (4,032,000) | 153,216 | 374,976 | 587,059 | 803,578 | 970,099 | 923,328 |
|  |  | 3.80\% | 4.30\% | 4.80\% | 5.80\% | 5.80\% | 5.80\% |
|  | 0.30\% | 0.30\% | 0.80\% | 1.30\% | 2.30\% | 2.30\% | 2.30\% |
|  |  | 0.00\% | 0.50\% | 0.50\% | 1.00\% | 0.00\% | 0.00\% |
| 7.000\% | 2,880,000 | 2,880,000 | 2,880,000 | 2,880,000 | 2,880,000 | 2,880,000 | 2,880,000 |
|  | 10 Years |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 7.00\% | 201,600 | 201,600 | 201,600 | 201,600 | 201,600 | 201,600 |
|  | (2,880,000) | 201,600 | 201,600 | 201,600 | 201,600 | 201,600 | 201,600 |
|  |  | 354,816 | 576,576 | 788,659 | 1,005,178 | 1,171,699 | 1,124,928 |
|  |  | 6,912,000 | 6,710,400 | 6,307,200 | 5,702,400 | 4,896,000 | 4,089,600 |

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