

Lecture 9
**Capital Structure and
Cost of Capital**
Chapter 13/376



Topics Covered

- ▶ Cost of Capital
- ▶ Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC)
- ▶ Measuring Capital Structure
- ▶ Calculating Required Rates of Return
- ▶ Issues in using WACC
- ▶ Valuing Entire Business: Discounted cash flow (DCF)



13.1. Cost of Capital

- ▶ **Cost of Capital** – The return the firm’s investors could expect to earn if they invested in securities with comparable degrees of risk.
- ▶ **Capital Structure** – The firm’s mix of long term debt and equity financing.



Cost of Capital (Contd)

Example
Geothermal Inc. has the following capital structure. Given that Geothermal pays 8% for debt and 14% for equity, what is the Company Cost of Capital?

Market Value Debt	\$194	30%
Market Value Equity	\$453	70%
Market Value Assets	\$647	100%

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Cost of Capital (Contd)

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13.2.WACC

- ▶ **Weighted Average Cost of Capital (WACC)**
– The expected rate of return on a portfolio of all the firm’s securities.
- ▶ Company cost of capital = Weighted average of debt and equity returns.

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WACC (Contd)

- ▶ Taxes are an important consideration in the company cost of capital because interest payments are deducted from income before tax is calculated.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{After - tax cost of debt} &= \text{pretax cost} \times (1 - \text{tax rate}) \\ &= r_{\text{debt}} \times (1 - T_c) \end{aligned}$$

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Interest is tax deductible. Given a 35% tax rate, debt only costs us 5.2% (i.e. 8% x 0.65).

$$\text{WACC} = (0.3 \times 5.2\%) + (0.7 \times 14\%) = 11.4\%$$

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WACC (Contd)

Weighted average cost of capital=

$$\text{WACC} = \left[\frac{D}{V} \times (1 - T_c) r_{\text{debt}} \right] + \left[\frac{E}{V} \times r_{\text{equity}} \right]$$

Where:

- D: market value of Debt
- E: market value of Equity
- V = D+E
- r_{debt}: cost of debt
- r_{equity}: cost of equity
- T_c: corporate tax rate

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WACC (Contd)

Three Steps to Calculating Cost of Capital

1. Calculate the value of each security as a proportion of the firm's market value.
2. Determine the required rate of return on each security.
3. Calculate a weighted average of these required returns.

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WACC (Contd)

Cost of equity is usually calculated based on CAPM:

$$r_{\text{equity}} = r_f + \beta (r_m - r_f)$$

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WACC (Contd)

▶ **Example** – Executive Fruit has issued debt, preferred stock and common stock. The market value of these securities are \$4mil, \$2mil, and \$6mil, respectively. The required returns are 6%, 12%, and 18%, respectively.

Q: Determine the WACC for Executive Fruit, Inc.

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WACC (Contd)

Example - continued

Step 1

Firm Value = 4 + 2 + 6 = \$12 mil

Step 2

Required returns are given

Step 3

$$\text{WACC} = \left[\frac{4}{12} \times (1-.35) \times .06 \right] + \left(\frac{2}{12} \times .12 \right) + \left(\frac{6}{12} \times .18 \right) = .123 \text{ or } 12.3\%$$

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13.3.Measuring Capital Structure

- ▶ In estimating WACC, **do not** use the **Book Value** of securities.
- ▶ In estimating WACC, **use** the **Market Value** of securities.
- ▶ Book Values often do not represent the true market value of a firm's securities.

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Measuring Capital Structure (Contd)

Market Value of Bonds - PV of all coupons and par value discounted at the current interest rate.

Market Value of Equity - Market price per share multiplied by the number of outstanding shares.

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Measuring Capital Structure (Contd)

Bank Debt	\$ 200	25.0%
LT Bonds	\$ 200	25.0%
Common Stock	\$ 100	12.5%
Retained Earnings	\$ 300	37.5%
Total	\$ 800	100%

Common stock: 100 million shares, par value \$1
 -> Book value of Equity = Common stock + Retained earnings
 = \$400 million

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If the long term bonds pay an 8% coupon and mature in 12 years, what is their market value assuming a 9% YTM?

$$PV = \frac{16}{1.09} + \frac{16}{1.09^2} + \frac{16}{1.09^3} + \dots + \frac{216}{1.09^{12}}$$

$$= \$185.70$$

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Measuring Capital Structure (Contd)

Bank Debt (mil)	\$ 200.0	12.6%
LT Bonds	\$ 185.7	11.7%
Total Debt	\$ 385.7	24.3%
Common Stock	\$ 1,200.0	75.7%
Total	\$ 1,585.7	100.0%

Common stock: 100 million shares at the price of \$12

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Required Rates of Return

- **Bonds**

$$r_d = \text{YTM}$$
- **Common Stock:** use CAPM or DDM

$$r_e = \text{CAPM}$$

$$= r_f + \beta(r_m - r_f)$$

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Required Rates of Return (Contd)

Dividend Discount Model (DDM)
Perpetuity Growth Model

$$P_0 = \frac{\text{Div}_1}{r_e - g}$$

$$r_e = \frac{\text{Div}_1}{P_0} + g$$

(for mature companies with relatively stable growth rates and dividends: public utility company).

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Cost of retained Earnings

- ▶ **Cost of Retained Earnings = cost of common stock.**

Cost of Retained Earnings

=

cost of common stock

END OF LECTURE

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