

Basic Business Valuation Techniques

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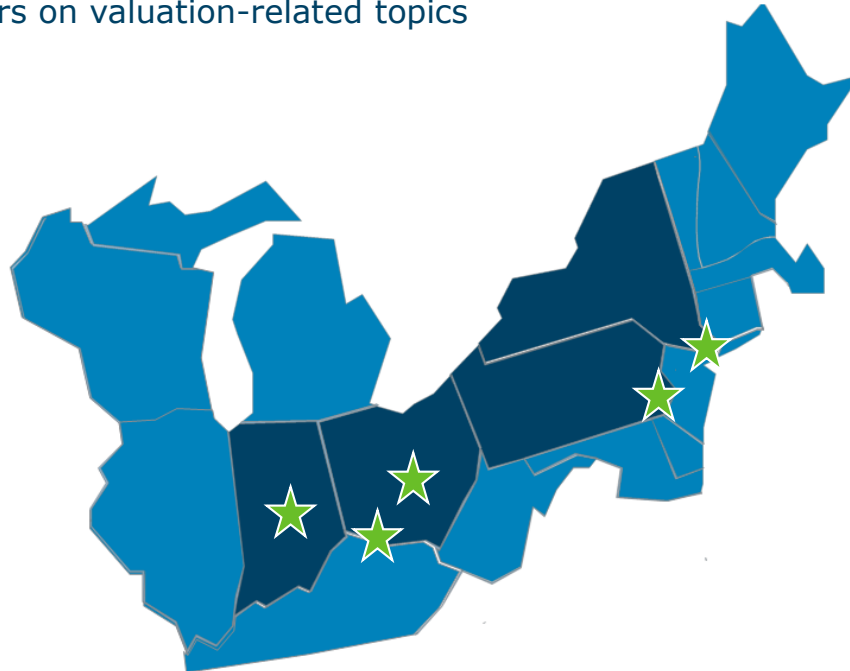
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Presentation Objectives

This presentation will cover the following topics:

1. Why businesses are value (particularly in litigation)
2. The role of markets in valuation
3. Common approaches to valuing businesses
4. The relative strengths and weaknesses of each approach

Why Business Valuation Important

What Creates Value?

Benefit > Cost

What are the Benefits and Costs?

Benefit > Cost

Revenues

Sales

Market Share

Royalties

Competitive advantage

Reduced costs

Operational costs

R & D expenses

Overhead

Cost of development

Capital expenditures

Working capital

Litigation costs

Legal expenses

Why Does it Matter?

- Creating, managing, and maintaining a business is worthwhile only if



When Are Businesses Valued?

- Estate and gift purposes
- Sale or preparation of a sale
- Litigation
- Purchase price allocations
- Goodwill impairments

The Role of Markets in Valuation

What is a Market?

- A market provides a place for buyers and sellers to come together to buy and sell assets



Examples of Markets



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What do Markets Provide?

Markets provide evidence of the value of an asset:

- An asset is worth what a buyer will pay to acquire it and what an owner will accept to sell it



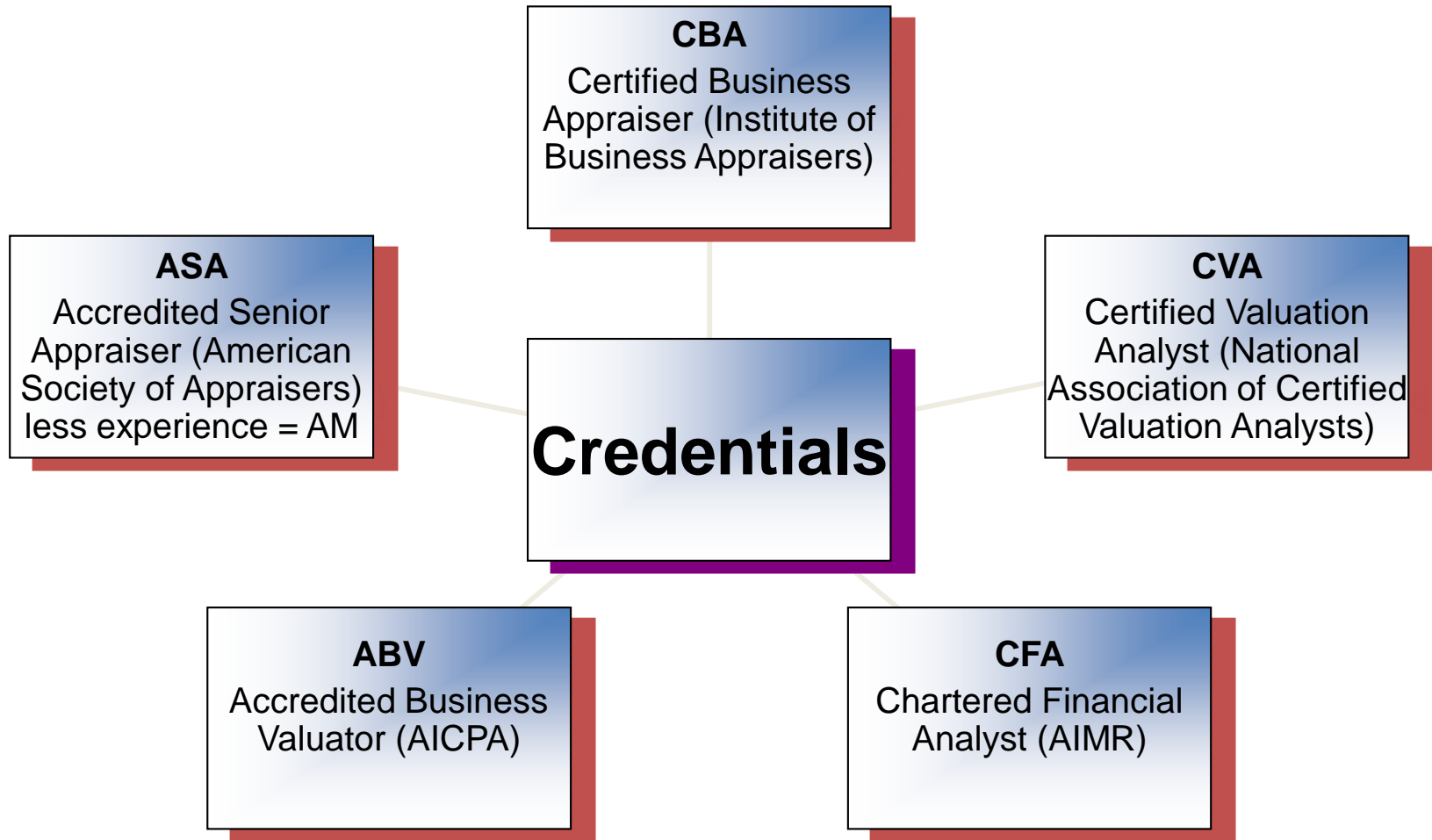
What if There is No Market?

In the absence of a market, values are determined using commonly accepted approaches



Common Approaches to Valuation

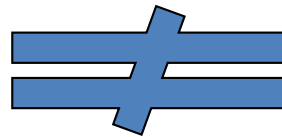
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Standard of Value

Using an inappropriate standard

- Fair market value
- Fair value
- Intrinsic value
- Investment value



Rules of Thumb

Using “Rules of Thumb” as the primary valuation method

Rule of Thumb is only as good as the actual tie to value

Not a generally acceptable method of valuation

Can provide compelling results

The Three Common Valuation Approaches

- Income
- Market
- Cost



"This really is an innovative approach, but I'm afraid we can't consider it. It's never been done before."

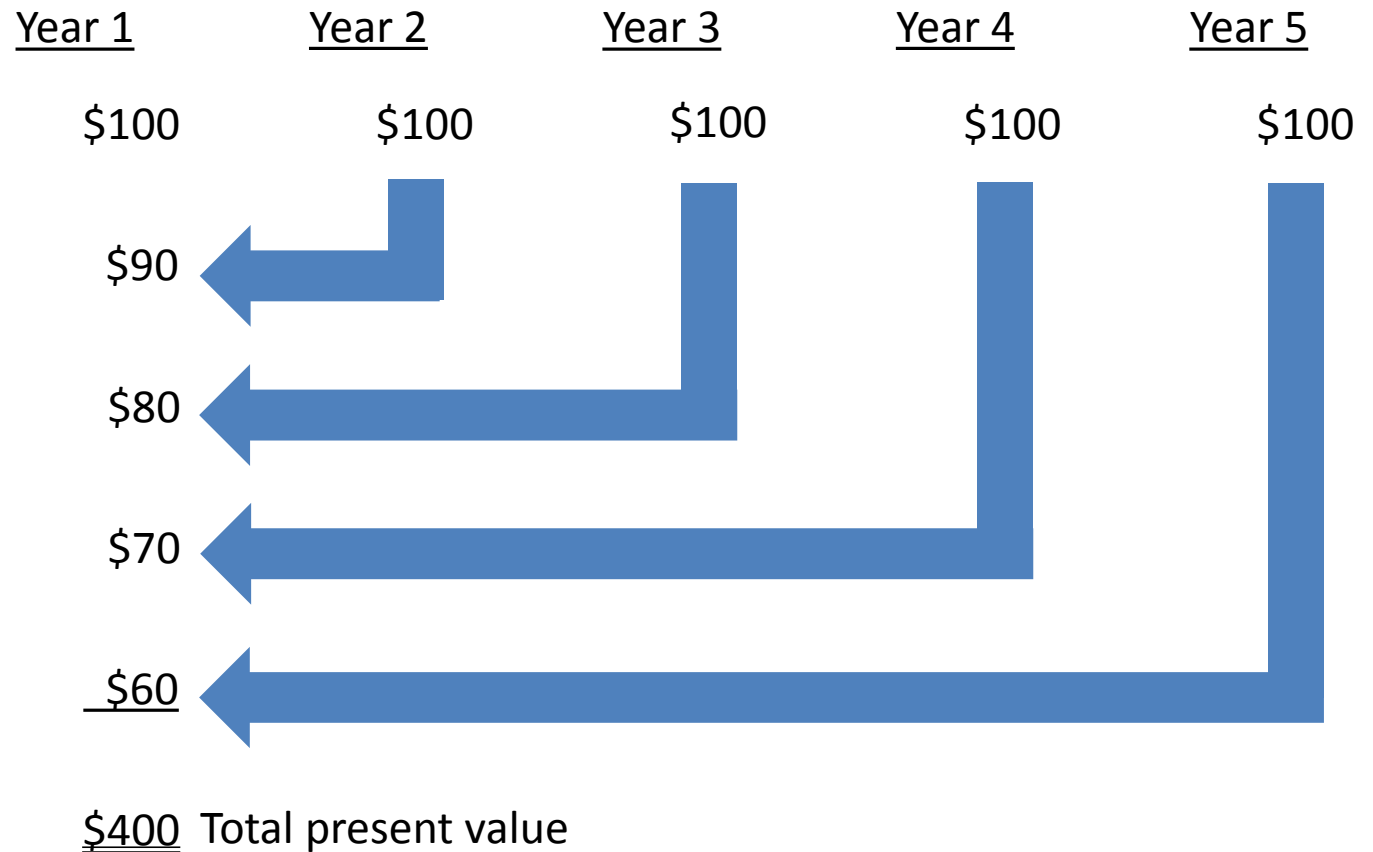
Income Approach

The *Income approach* methods determine the value of a business based on its ability to generate desired economic benefit for the owners. The key objective of the income based methods is to determine the business value as a function of the economic benefit.

- Measures the cash flow associated with the ownership of the asset
- The value is based on the net present value of expected future income streams from the ownership of the asset

Income Approach

- A dollar received in the future is worth less than a dollar received today



Income Approach

Cash Option Values



NEXT JACKPOT
\$15 MILLION
CASH OPTION VALUE
\$9.914085 MILLION

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NEXT JACKPOT
\$40 MILLION
CASH OPTION VALUE
\$26.8 MILLION

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The winner receives this amount only over a period of years

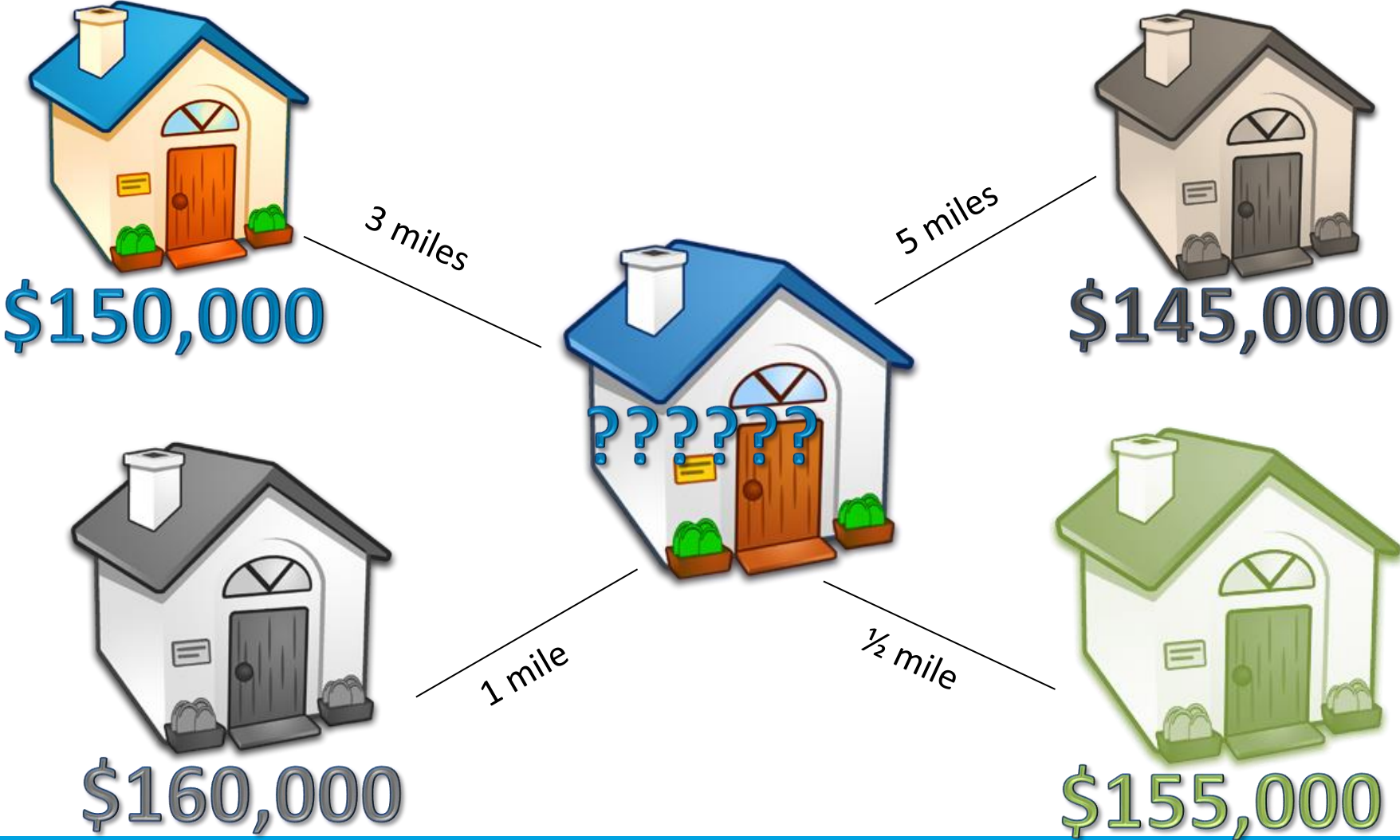
This is the present value of the award if received now

Market Approach

The *Market approach* based valuation methods establish the business value in comparison to historic sales involving similar businesses.

- Based on arms-length transactions of comparable assets
- An asset is worth what other, similar assets are worth

Market Approach



Market Approach

- The problem with valuing businesses:



Cost Approach

The *Asset approach* methods seek to determine the business value based on the value of its assets. The idea is to determine the business value based on the [fair market value](#) of its assets less its [liabilities](#).

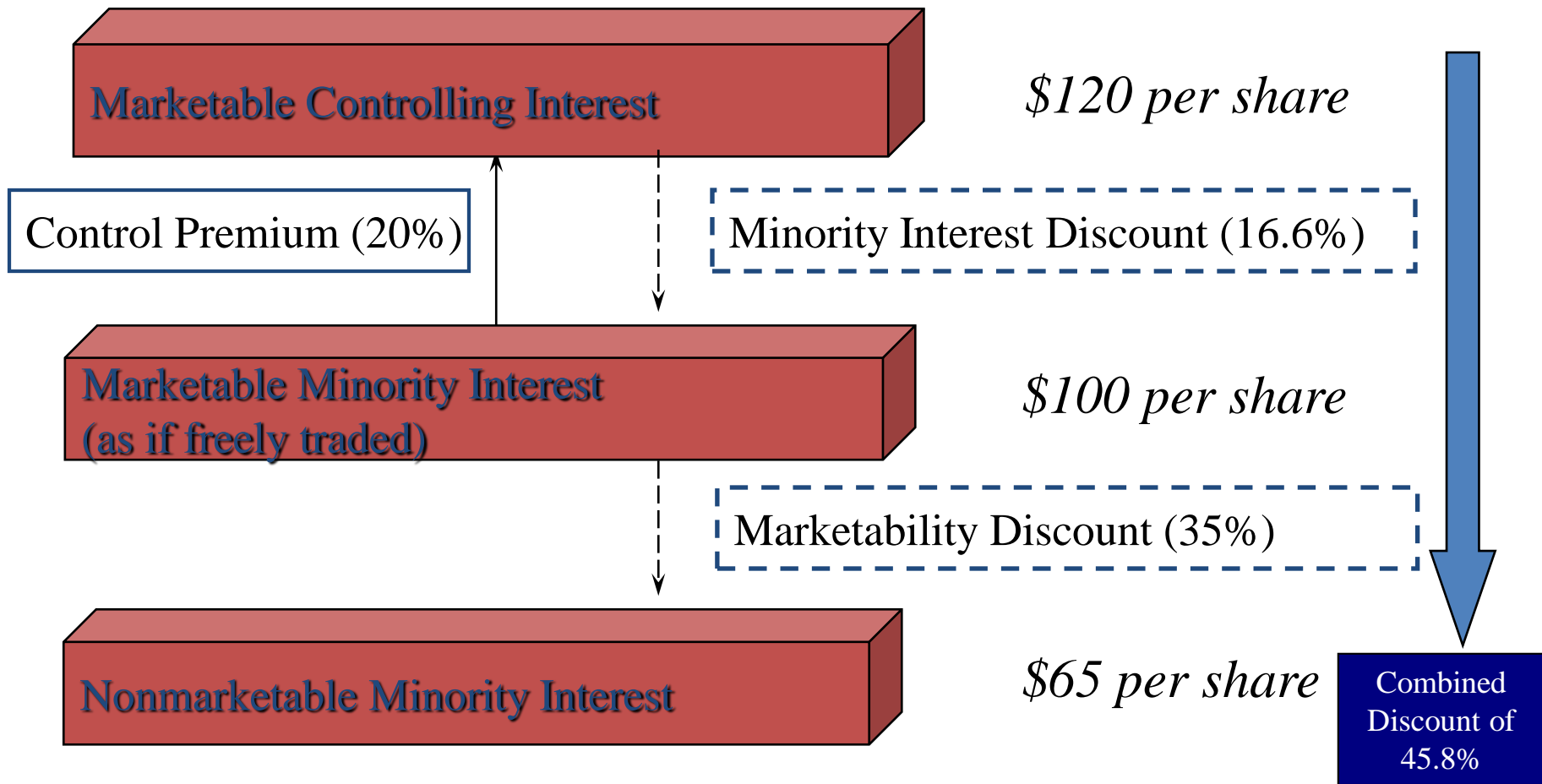
- Based on the cost to replace or re-create the asset
- A purchaser of the asset can avoid these costs by purchasing the asset instead of re-creating it

Cost Approach

- For example, a house may be worth what it would cost to re-build it



Premiums / Discounts & “Levels of Value”



The Relative Strengths and Weaknesses of Each Approach

Income Approach – Strengths and Weaknesses

Strengths

Revenue and cost estimates can be determined for the specific business in question

Weaknesses

Poor assumptions used in the net present value calculation will lead to meaningless results (i.e., garbage-in, garbage-out)

Income Approach – Developing Projections

Factors to consider:

- Economic conditions and trends
- Industry conditions and trends
 - Competition
- Company specific information, condition and trends

Assumptions should be reasonable and have a basis

Good sources of information:

- Projections, business plans, budgets, budget to actual comparisons
- Trade associations and publications, public filings and internet research (e.g., First Research, IBIS World, MarketResearch.com)

Income Approach – Revenue Projections

Projected revenues = Volume sold x Price per unit

Considerations:

What and how big is the relevant market?

- What is the company's projected share?
- Sales of related products?

Are there capacity constraints:

- Financial, manufacturing/sourcing/distributing or management?

How do price changes affect volume?

Who are the target customers/clients?

What are the appropriate growth rates?

Income Approach – Expense Projections

Need to determine expenses that are:

- Variable (change with each unit of production)
 - Raw materials, freight, commissions
- Semi-variable (change at levels of production)
 - One machine can produce 5,000 units
 - A 2nd machine is needed for units 5,001 to 10,000
- Fixed (do not change as production changes)
 - Rent, supervisor/management salaries

Yardstick measures (e.g., RMA [www.rmahq.org/home])

Market Approach – Strengths and Weaknesses

Strengths

Based on actual market transactions for similar companies:

- Transactions or agreements are “real-world” data points of the value of the business transacted

Weaknesses

There is often very little information available in the public domain to draw direct comparability to the subject company

Market Approach – Sources of Information

Commonly accepted sources (example)

- Pratt's Stats (private studies)
- IBA (Institute of Business Appraisers)
- Public Company Transactions
- Mergerstat (private studies)
- For small medical practices, Goodwill Registry

Cost Approach – Strengths and Weaknesses

Strengths

Costs may be easier to estimate than future revenues and expenses

Previous development of similar businesses provides data about costs incurred

Might be more relevant for certain industries.

Weaknesses

Fails to reflect the earnings potential of the business

- An businesses value is typically derived from its earning potential, not its cost
- With exceptions

Presentation Summary

- Value is created only when the benefits are greater than the costs
- Valuations are needed when there is not an active market for a particular asset
- Once the benefits and costs are understood, the asset can be valued using one of the three valuation approaches

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