## AGENDA

| THESIS | US Equity prices do not incorporate sustained inflation |
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|  | 资 CPI 7．5\％last 12 months |
|  | ＊＊High single digit going forward |
|  | 次 10 Year bond yields $=1.55 \%$ |
|  | ＊High Yield Bonds（HYG）$=4.2 \%$ |
|  | ＊＊Bond Investors are losing purchasing power |
| VALUATION APPROACH | Intrinsic |
|  | 粦 Present Value of Future Cash Flows to Equity Holders <br> 粦 Dividends |
|  | ＊Share Repurchases |
|  | 粦 Asset Sales |
| Result | Investors are Overexposed to Stocks |
|  | Stock Prices are too high |

## Time Value of Money <br> Money in Hand Today is worth more than money in the Future

What is $\$ 100$ worth today if we must wait 5 years to get our hands on it and the going rate of interest is $5 \%$ ?

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\text { Present Value }=\frac{C_{n}}{(1+r)^{n}}
$$

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\text { Present Value }=\frac{\$ 100}{(1+0.05)^{5}}=\$ 78.35
$$

## INTRINSIC VALUE

## Definition: Present Value of Future Cash Flows

$$
\text { Intrinsic Value }=\frac{C_{1}}{(1+r)}+\frac{C_{2}}{(1+r)^{2}}+\frac{C_{3}}{(1+r)^{3}}+\cdots+\frac{C_{n}}{(1+r)^{n}}
$$

Simplifying Assumptions: Cash flows grow at a constant rate

$$
I V=\frac{C_{0}(1+g)}{(1+r)}+\frac{C_{1}(1+g)^{2}}{(1+r)^{2}}+\frac{C_{2}(1+g)^{3}}{(1+r)^{3}}+\cdots+\frac{C_{n}(1+g)^{n+1}}{(1+r)^{n}}
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With some mathematical gymnastics, this simplifies to

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I V=\frac{C_{0}(1+g)}{(r-g)}
$$

## What is an Appropriate Risk Premium \& Discount Rate?



Risk Adjusted Discount Rate $=0.4 \%+6.47 \%=6.87 \%$

## INTRINSIC VALUE <br> S\&P 500 (SPY)

## Assumptions

米 Dividend Last 12 Months = \$5.72

* Average Dividend Growth rate $=5.62 \%$ (Ave since 1990)
* Discount Rate $=6.87 \%$

楽 Investment Horizon: Forever

Intrinsic Value $=\frac{5.72(1+0.0562)}{(0.0687-0.0562)}=\$ 483$

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## Current value of SPY = \$450

## Potential Conclusions

* Stock are under value by 7.4\%

瓷 Investors assume a growth rate $=5.53 \%$ ( 9 basis points less)

* Investors assume discount rate $=6.96 \%$ ( 9 basis points more)

浆 Investors assume dividends next 12 months = \$5.33 (\$0.39 less)

## INTRINSIC VALUE

## What about inflation?

T- Bill Investors deserve a positive after-tax rate of return

* Inflation = 7.5\%

粼 Income Tax Rate $=25 \%$

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T-\text { Bill Yield }=\frac{\text { Inflation }}{(1-\text { Income Tax Rate })}
$$

$$
T-\text { Bill Yield }=\frac{7.5 \%}{(1-0.25)}=10 \%
$$

## What is an Appropriate Discount Rate

## Risk Adjusted Discount Rate



## Equity Risk <br> Premium

Risk Adjusted Discount Rate $=10.0 \%+6.47 \%=16.47 \%$

The question under debate: Will inflation persist or is it transient?
资 Inflation = 7.5\%
瓷 Inflation since $2000=2.25 \%$ (implied zero real after tax return $=3.00 \%$ )

* Income Tax Rate $=25 \%$

Risk Adjusted Discount Rate $=3.0 \%+6.47 \%=9.47 \%$

## INTRINSIC VALUE S\&P 500 (SPY) = \$450

$$
\text { Intrinsic Value }=\frac{5.72(1+0.0562)}{(0.0947-0.0562)}=\$ 157
$$

|  |  | Growth Rate |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | $6.87 \%$ | $\$ 207$ | $5.62 \%$ | $6.00 \%$ | $7.00 \%$ | $8.00 \%$ | $9.00 \%$ |  |
|  | $7.00 \%$ | $\$ 198$ | $\$ 438$ | $\$ 697$ |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\$ 606$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Required | $8.00 \%$ | $\$ 149$ | $\$ 254$ | $\$ 303$ | $\$ 612$ |  |  |  |
| Return | $9.47 \%$ | $\$ 109$ | $\$ 157$ | $\$ 175$ | $\$ 248$ | $\$ 420$ | $\$ 1,327$ |  |
| on S\&P500 | $10.00 \%$ | $\$ 99$ | $\$ 138$ | $\$ 152$ | $\$ 204$ | $\$ 309$ | $\$ 623$ |  |
|  | $11.00 \%$ | $\$ 85$ | $\$ 112$ | $\$ 121$ | $\$ 153$ | $\$ 206$ | $\$ 312$ |  |
|  | $11.47 \%$ | $\$ 80$ | $\$ 103$ | $\$ 111$ | $\$ 137$ | $\$ 178$ | $\$ 252$ |  |

## Equity (S\&P500/SPY) Valuation

## Potential Conclusions

* Stocks do not price in the possibility of higher persistent inflation

资 T-Bill yields do not reflect the possibility that fixed income investors will demand a fair rate of return or the Fed will normalize monetary policy
Potential Unknown
瓷 How will higher inflation affect growth rates?
https://theoptionsedge.com/2022/01/01/is-this-1989/

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