## Kim Shannon Visit at <br> Ivey Business School at Western University

## We Have a Tendency to Excess



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## Investing can be Emotional...



Source: LCM Perspectives, September 15, 1997
Provided for illustrative purposes only.

## Market Action is Typically More Volatile than Underlying Economic Activity

Real S\&P price vs. perfect foresight fair value:*
1882-2005

*Schiller Model as of 12/31/05
Year
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## Stock market is not highly correlated to earnings



## Stock Market Modestly Correlated to Interest Rates

Historical correlation between earnings growth \& interest rates is 43\%


Source: Robert Shiller

## The Stock Market has not been Highly Correlated to Economic Growth

No Strong Correlation Between Long-Term GDP Growth and Equity Returns


## Investment Returns have been more about Dividends than Capital Gains

U.S. Dollars (log scale)


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## The Price of Entry Determines Returns

10-Yr Forward Real Returns Based on S\&P 500 P/E Ratios from 1871-2012


[^1]
## High Prices Lead to Lower Long-Term Returns

Real Cumulative Annual Total Rate of Return if Invested in 1966


[^2]
## Advantage of Relative Value

## Broadening our Investment Universe



## Idea Generation

- Intrinsic Value Model

- Screen on multiple metrics
- Cash flow, NAV, ROIC
- Industry conferences
- Management meetings
- Bi-monthly portfolio review meetings


## Decision-Making Process



## In-Depth Analysis

Assessing the Quality of a Business

## Quantitative

## 70-140 <br> Stock <br> Research <br> Universe

- Fundamental Analysis
- Corporate Interviews
- Structured Research Reports

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Stock
Portfolio

## Idea Evaluation

Research Questionnaire: Internal Research and Management Interviews

Seek to identify companies with:

- Strong competitive position (barriers to entry, economies of scale, leading market share)
- Predictable earnings, cash flows and dividends
- Conservative levels of debt
- Good capital allocators
- Capable, shareholder-oriented management teams
- Attractively valued shares


## Investment Objective

Seek to buy stocks offering a minimum 30\% expected return over a two-year horizon
$\begin{array}{ll}15.0 \% & \text { per annum from each stock } \\ -9.5 \% & \text { TSX Historical Annual Return }\end{array}$
5.5\% Margin of Safety

## Working Together to Manage the Portfolio

Morning Meetings
Research Meetings
Portfolio Reviews


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## Morning Meetings:

Research staff meets to share news on the stocks we own in our portfolio.

## Research Meetings:

Held once every week to share and discuss in-depth research reports written by Sionna analysts.

## Portfolio Reviews:

All-day reviews occur monthly and each mandate is reviewed bi-monthly. We examine attribution analysis and portfolio composition and demand that every stock we hold justifies its place in the portfolio.

## Most Decisions are Made Through Consensus

Alignment*


Investment decisions are made by the respective portfolio manager with input from the team

## Benefits:

- Leverages team's depth and experience
- Provides an effective training tool as all team members form an opinion, present their idea, and receive feedback


## Fundamental Risk Management Good fundamental analysis decreases security risk

Bottom-up selection of solid businesses:

- Favour consistent, predictable earnings
- Avoid stocks with financial risk and aggressive accounting

Ensure stocks have attractive valuation:

- Strong fundamentals: low P/E, P/B, P/CF, P/S
- Prefer above-average dividends

Focus on portfolio construction:

- Broadly diversified, 35-55 names, sector neutral
- Incremental trading limits emotion

Portfolio impact:

- Below market standard deviation
- Consistent down-market protection


## Example: Finning International

World's largest dealer of Caterpillar equipment, with exclusive dealership territories in oil and mining regions such as Alberta and Chile. Generates revenue from new equipment sales, used equipment sales, parts and service, and equipment rental.

Investment Thesis

- Stable and recurring parts and service represents almost $50 \%$ of revenue
- Historically has had poor capital allocation and operational management - this creates large potential for improvement
- New CEO has articulated a clear strategy to improve return on invested capital, which should increase free cash flow generation
- Currently out of favour due to recent capital expenditure reductions in the mining industry


## Attractive Valuation

- Price-to-earnings (12-month trailing) 14.3x
- Price-to-earnings (10-year average) 19x
- Price-to-cash flow 6.6x


## Example: Morguard Corporation

An overlooked, high-quality real estate investment company

## Company's Strengths

- Attractive portfolio of assets
- Management is conservative and value-oriented


## Overlooked Stock

- Small float (CEO owns 52\% of the company)
- Real estate company with a modest yield (0.5\%)
- Its value comes from three different sources - therefore challenging to analyze
- Ignored stock - covered by few sell-side analysts


## Attractive Financials

- Stock is trading at a significant discount to intrinsic value
- Price-to-book 0.7x
- Price-to-NAV 0.6x
- Price-to-cash flow $14 x$


## Teck Resources

Canada's largest diversified mining company and the largest producer of metallurgical coal, copper and zinc.

## Investment Thesis

- Current valuation implies significant discount to intrinsic value
- Metallurgical coal prices at marginal cost, while copper and zinc prices trading near marginal cost
- Commodity prices likely to be weak in short term, but long term fundamentals are attractive


## Attractive Valuation

- Price-to-book
$0.5 x$
- Dividend yield
5.7\%
- Debt-to-capital
29.0\%


## Energy Sector Trading Near Historic Lows



## Oil Prices Trading Well Below Long-Term Marginal Cost of Production



Source: Bloomberg. FactSet, Company reports, Bernstein estimates and analysis

## Range-Bound Markets are Typical

## U.S. Stock Market



- Markets have been range-bound 109 of the last 144 years
- Secular bull runs are a rarity; not the norm
- After major bull markets, markets trend sideways for a minimum of 15 years


## Commodities \& Resource Heavy Indices

Have Tended to do Relatively Better in Range-Bound Markets


Source: Rathbones' Investment Strategy, February 2008
As at December 31, 2014.
Indices are unmanaged and cannot be directly invested into.

- Sideways Markets end with single digit P/Es
- S\&P/TSX at 19.2 P/E Trailing*
- S\&P 500 at 16.8 P/E Trailing*


## Range-bound TSX Progress

## As at December 31, 2014



| Date | Index | P/E ( $\mathbf{x}$ ) | P/B ( $\mathbf{x})$ | P/S ( $\mathbf{x})$ | Yield (\%) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sep-00 | $\mathbf{1 1 , 3 8 8}$ | 33.7 | 3.2 | 2.0 | 0.8 |
| Jan-06 | $\mathbf{1 1 , 3 8 8}$ | 19.1 | 2.7 | 1.6 | 1.9 |
| Jul-10 | $\mathbf{1 1 , 3 8 8}$ | 17.6 | 1.8 | 1.6 | 2.8 |
| May-12 | $\mathbf{1 1 , 3 8 8}$ | 13.2 | 1.7 | 1.5 | 3.0 |
| Dect-14 | $\mathbf{1 4 , 6 3 2}$ | 19.4 | 1.9 | 1.7 | 2.9 |

Source: Bloomberg as at December 31, 2014. The above returns do not represent the performance of any product or security managed by Sionna and are provided for illustrative purposes only. The performance presented represents historical performance of an unmanaged index. Returns would have been lower if they were subject to management fees and trading expenses. Past performance is not an indicator of future results. The indices are unmanaged and have no fees. One cannot invest directly in an Index.

## Learn to Love 6\%

## 3 Sources of Total Equity Returns

|  | Earnings Growth + Change in P/E Multiple + Dividend Yield |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Bear Market <br> 1929-1932 | Range-Bound Markets* <br> Average | Bull Markets ${ }^{\dagger}$ <br> Average |
| Earnings Growth | -28.1 | 5.6 | 5.6 |
| +/- P/E Growth | -12.5 | -4.6 | 7.0 |
| Stock Return | -37.1 | 0.7 | 13.0 |
| + Dividend | 7.1 | 5.3 | 3.7 |
| Total Return | -32.6 | 5.9 | 17.1 |
| Inflation/Deflation | -8.4 | 4.9 | 2.5 |
| Total Real Return | -26.4 | 1.0 | 14.2 |

*Range-Bound Markets: 1906-1924, 1937-1950, 1966-1982
†Bull Markets: 1950-1966, 1982-2000
Dividends have constituted 90\% of total returns in range-bound markets
Values in chart shown in percent

## Canada Has Outperformed U.S. During Sideways Market

## January 1, 2000 - December 31, 2014



| Index | Total Annualized Returns |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | C\$ | US\$ |
| S\&P/TSX Composite Index (Index peak—current)* | $4.22 \%$ | $5.96 \%$ |
| S\&P 500 Index (Index peak—current)** | $3.11 \%$ | $4.67 \%$ |

## Source: Bloomberg

*S\&P/TSX Composite Index (September 1, 2000-December 31, 2014)
**S\&P 500 Index (March 24, 2000-December 31, 2014)
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## Interest Rate Changes Will Signal Equity Bull Market

## Asset Classes \& Secular Trends



[^3]Source: Ned Davis Research Group

## Excessive Debt Leads to Extended Periods of Low Interest Rates



After excessive debt panic years:

- Reduces GDP Growth, slows inflation and lowers long term interest rates


## The Original Value Investor... 500 year old advice

"Divide your fortune into four equal parts: stocks, real estate, bonds and gold coins. Be prepared to lose on one of them most of the time. During inflation, you will lose on bonds and win on gold and real estate : during deflation, you lose on real estate and win on bonds, while your stocks will see you through both periods, though in a mixed fashion. Whenever performance differences cause a major imbalance, rebalance your fortunes back to the four equal parts."

Jacob Fugger the Rich
1459-1525

## The Percentage of Females in Senior Roles Across Professions



[^4]
## Discovering Your Intrinsic Value

## 1. Early Career

- Building Technical Expertise, Becoming an Expert
- Educate, Passion, Work, Network, Volunteer, Save Money \$\$


## 2. Mid Career

- Manager, Build Industry Strategic View, Know Where the Industry is Heading and Have Advice on How Best to Navigate That Future
- Aimto Be in Top 20\%, Volunteer in Leadership Roles, Develop Personal Brand


## 3. Mature Career

- Leadership - Focus on "Best In Class" Globally and What Does It Take To Get There
- Financial Independence
- Help Others Succeed
- Leave a Legacy


## The 2015 Sionna Investment Research Competition



KEY DETAILS

Submission deadline:
April 30, 2015
Winners contacted by: July 2015

Prize awarded:
\$2,500
plus travel expenses (if applicable) to visit our office and present your findings to the Sionna investment team.

## Calling all UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS with a PASSION for investing!

The Challenge:
Select and analyze a Canadian company with a market capitalization of below $\$ 1$ billion which you believe would be a good long term investment. Submit your findings in a report with a maximum of 10 pages.

To Participate:
The contest is open to all undergraduate students across Canada (excluding Quebec).

To learn more please visit: http://www.sionna.ca/the-2015-sionna-investment-research-competition/


[^0]:    Source: Arnott \& Bernstein, FAJ, March/April 2002.

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[^2]:    Source: Vitaliy N. Katsenelson "Active Value Investing - Making Money in Range Bound Markets", 2007

[^3]:    Monthly Data 1900-01-31 to 2013-11-30 (Log Scale)

[^4]:    'Margaret Stumpp, Quantitative Management Associates. "Where the Boys Are-Gender, Risk Taking, and Authority in Institutional Equity Management"; ${ }^{2}$ Aloxandra Niessen \& Stefan Ruenzi, Centre for Financia! Research, Cologne. "Sex Matters: Gender and Mutual Funds"; ${ }^{3}$ Nori Gerardo Lietz, Harvard Business School. "Cloistered in the Pink Ghettor Women in Private Equity, Real Estate And Venture Capital"; ${ }^{4}$ Susan Solovay, private data; ${ }^{5}$ Chief Investment Officer proprietary research; ${ }^{6}$ Committee for Investment of Employee Benefit Assets; ${ }^{7}$ US Bureau of Labor Statistics; ${ }^{7}$ Association of American Medical Colleges; ${ }^{9}$ American Bar Association; ${ }^{20}$ National Association of Women Lawyers; ${ }^{\text {L }}$ US Equal Employment Opportunity Commission; ${ }^{\text {22 }}$ US Department of Commerce.

