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## Objectives of thesis

The aim of the thesis is to analyze approaches to common stock valuation for entering the stock market. It describes the decision-making of the company through the IPO process. The first steps towards the stock market are one of the important units of any startup. Furthermore, the research identifies how the adoption of a specific stock valuation approach impacts the management of the company. Evolving the most effective approach to stock valuations using the example of a startup that is going through the process of entering the stock market. There are a lot of factors that go into determining the valuation of a company. Certainly, revenues are a big factor but they are not the only factor in the valuation of a company.

## Methodology

Methodology of qualitative research: This material deals significantly and in detail mostly with a qualitative approach. It presents its characteristics, the form of a plan of qualitative research, including ethical issues. Describes the creation of a qualitative research project with the setting of research objectives, conceptual framework, research questions, methods of data acquisition, and analysis. In order to obtain the qualitative research material following methods were used: in-depth interview, ethnography, and case study research.

Methodology of quantitative research: The research requires constant support by the numerical data. Quantitative studies seek to establish general laws of behavior and phenomenon in a variety of settings and contexts. Research is used to put a theory to the test and determine whether it should be accepted or rejected. Data analysis is one of the triggers of the research. Statistics were used to summarise collected data, describing patterns, relationships, and connections. Along with graphical representation of data, factor analysis, descriptive statistics.

Methods used to achieve research goals: The various ways to estimate the unbiased value of a business in terms of present value and potential rather than just current revenues are known as stock valuation methods. These are calculated using objective measures that consider all aspects of a business, such as capital structure, earnings prospects, asset market value, and, in some cases, management analysis of a company.

Absolute and relative stock valuation methods are the two main types of stock valuation methods. Many absolute stock valuation techniques focus primarily on the company's cash flows, dividends, and growth rates. The dividend discount model (DDM) and the discounted cash flow model (DCF) are two absolute stock valuation methods that were mainly described in the research. Moreover, the Multiples Method, Market Valuation, and Comparable Transactions Method were used to identify the different approaches for valuations.


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## Common Stock Valuation


#### Abstract

The author of this thesis has zeroed in on the methodologies used to determine the value of shares in General Motors and Ford, two major players in the automotive sector. Because of this, assessing the current state of affairs and anticipating what could happen in 2026 will be a fascinating exercise. The author bases their arguments on the research and theory of prominent economists and financial experts. The valuation models and methodologies that will be used in the implementation section are discussed at length in the theoretical section. The author has made projections for the valuation using the three fundamental financial statements (Balance Sheet, Income Statement, and Cash Flow Statement), but acknowledges that there are numerous other factors to consider (such as macroeconomic factors of a selected company and the location in which it operates). The Free Cash Flow to Firm Model, the Free Cash Flow to Equity Model, and the Discounted Dividend Model were all taken into account. The other parameters, including Net Working Capital, Net Debt, and CAPEX, were either derived from these sources or manually entered by the analyst.


Keywords: Dividend Discount mode, Discounted Cash Flow Model, Cost of Equity, The IPO process, Impact on Management, Stock Market, Market Valuation, Comparable companies' analysis, Multiple methods.

# Přístupy k oceňování kmenových akcií 


#### Abstract

Abstrakt Autor této práce se zaměřil na metodiky používané ke stanovení hodnoty akcí́ General Motors a Ford, dvou hlavních hráčů v automobilovém sektoru. Z tohoto důvodu bude hodnocení současného stavu věcí a předvídání toho, co by se mohlo stát v roce 2026, fascinujícím cvičením. Autor své argumenty opírá o výzkumy a teorii významných ekonomů a finančních expertů. Oceňovací modely a metodiky, které budou použity v implementační části, jsou podrobně diskutovány $v$ teoretické části. Autor vytvořil projekce pro ocenění pomocí tří základních finančních výkazů (rozvaha, výkaz zisku a ztráty a výkaz peněžních toků), ale uznává, že je třeba vzít v úvahu řadu dalších faktorů (jako jsou makroekonomické faktory vybrané společnosti a umístění v které provozuje). Byly zohledněny modely Free Cash Flow to Firm, Free Cash Flow to Equity Model a Discounted Dividend Model. Ostatní parametry, včetně čistého pracovního kapitálu, čistého dluhu a CAPEX, byly bud’ odvozeny z těchto zdrojů, nebo je zadal analytik ručně.


Klíčová slova: Dividendový diskontní model, model diskontovaných peněžních toků, náklady na vlastní kapitál, proces IPO, dopad na management, akciový trh, tržní ocenění, analýza srovnatelných společností, více metod.

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## Introduction

A common stock of any company, if bought by an investor, give the right to such investor to own a portion of assets, or when if the company pays out dividends, the investor is obliged to receive those as well. Thus, the common stock valuation method is an important skill for investors and financial analysts, which projects that a value of a certain stock will increase over time. As a result, the method utilized to estimate stocks directly affects how different common share prices are valued. This is a crucial factor that experts should consider before assessing a firm because different valuation methodologies may produce different outcomes.

The key objective in the modern economy is to properly control equity value, which includes securities, stocks, bonds, and assets. Dividend payments offer the way for shareholders to gain from a company's success. As a result, stock valuation is done at a given point. Since the stock market's value is based on the aggregate predictions of all participants, it is essential to examine an enterprise's potential to pay alongside a thorough review of its financial situation. Making informed judgments regarding investment plans and avoiding potential losses is aided by accurate stock price estimation. Typically, investors are concerned with the shares' fair market value. As a result, these businesses' primary objective is to improve stock valuation accuracy.

The thesis' primary objective is to carry out an evaluation method for $\mathbf{2}$ companies. The thesis will be split into two main sections - theoretical and practical-to achieve this. The theoretical foundation for company valuation will be presented in the first section. The author would also describe different literature research on the subject of company valuation in order to achieve this, it would go through the valuation's foundation. The basic criteria and premises of value, as well as their distinctions and significance in the corporate valuation process, will be discussed by the author. In addition, many valuation technique classifications will be defined, and key valuation methodologies will be covered. In order to undertake the assessment process for Ford and General Motors companies, that operate in automotive industry, the author has chosen two methods: DCF (Discounted Cash Flow Model) and EVA (Economic value-added Model).

## 1 Objectives and Methodology

### 1.1 Objectives

The purpose of this thesis was to learn about the principles of valuation that are often used when making an approximation of a prospective stock price. The theoretical section's goal is to explain the key performance measures and forecasting methods used by the valuation models. The author has examined the Cash Flow to Firm mode, the Cash Flow to Equity mode, and the DDM mode while developing the method of assessment.

### 1.2 Methodology

The three financial statements of Ford Motor Company and General Motors Company were the primary sources of data used in the projected computation of price per share. The author has projected the Cash Flow to Firm and Cash Flow to Equity using the Balance Sheet Statement, Income Statement, and Cash Flow Statement. The BS statements included CAPEX information; the remainder of the indicators were computed using the theoretical framework. Predictions for market expansion ranged between $5.5 \%$ and $7.5 \%$ annually. The information was gathered from Yahoo's money-related sections. Each purchase was randomly selected for inclusion in the Excel file used for all computations. The author includes an Excel File with all of the relevant data as part of the bachelor's thesis. The author was motivated to write this review after reading (Christy, 2009), and the whole study is based on his work and the method by which (Christy, 2009) and (Hitchner, 2011) determined the intrinsic values of the business using the financial statements. The author himself used a practically same method. The data used to support the claims made in the thesis are accessible in the "Appendices" portion of the thesis, which may be found in the "Additional Materials" area of the is.czu.cz website.

## 2 Theoretical Part

This chapter is devoted to explaining the literature background of the different valuation concepts with magazines, research papers of a secondary matter, thesis, books and etc. Private firms apply different valuation concepts and models in order to precisely define the stock valuation methods, as it is usually requested by investors and etc.

Moreover, it is highly important to project for firms as well, in order to include that information in the financial letters of the company, to promote the future wealth and attract investors.

### 2.1 Evaluation concept

Valuation is a process which projects a future value of an asset, that indicates every asset in the world has its own value. Thus, it is quite important to precisely indicate the value of any asset. However, each asset falls into a special group, which is being amortized accordingly, for example by IFRS $16^{1}$.

The valuation concept and its official numbers are needed in many cases, besides properly stated financial reports, the valuation concept is in big demands when companies are in the process of M\&A ${ }^{2}$ (Sherman, 2018).

Even though, there are many valuation standards and a lot of financial analysis apply different valuation models to project the share price of a certain company, still, there is a standard which is appraised by International Valuation Standards (IVS) which are ruled by International Valuation Standards Council (IVSC). Analysts usually obey those standards to add a confidence to their own evaluation and base those methods in their own works, when evaluating a company.

[^0]However, for a good performance of evaluation, there are things to consider, and the following standards are stated in the Table - $\mathbf{1 .}$

Table 1: Value standards

| Value Standards | Value premises | Comment |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Fair Market Value | Going Concern $^{3}$ | It considers the fact that, seller and buyer are ready <br> to meeting at the price, which is agreed only <br> between them. Usually, those type of transactions <br> should not be complicated. Both parties are <br> familiar with the physical traits of an asset and thus <br> reflect the fair market value of such asset <br> (Cochrane, 2005). |
| Investments Value | Liquidation | It is simply understood as the money which an <br> investor is ready to pay for a certain asset or a firm. |
| Intrinsic Value |  | Commonly referred to as fundamental value, <br> intrinsic value is the value derived from business 's <br> core activities. The fundamental flaw in this <br> criterion of value is that it only takes into account <br> the company's "real" or "precise" worth (based on <br> its operations and success), not an investors' <br> willingness to pay. It is used more frequently with <br> publicly listed corporations. |

Source: Own processing, based on the (Pinto, J., Elaine, H., Robinson, T. and Wilcox, S., 2015).

It is worth mentioning, that price and value are equal, however, they should not. Thus, the value is deemed to be "Ahead-looking" assessment.

[^1]"Investors buy tomorrow's cash flow, not yesterday's or even today's." - Hitchner (2011).
Valuation itself is not an easy task to perform, even if the data are properly reported. Young et al. (1999) claims that there is not such a unique model which could be applied. Before making a valuation process, there is a wide range of steps to consider. First of all, it is highly important to analyse the business environment of the peer group, competitive analysis, (PESTLE, SWOT, and Porter's Five Forces, which implies the traits of marketing strategy), analysis of company's governance, financial statements, annual changes in numbers, horizontal analysis and vertical analysis. All the mentioned should be considered to assess a precise valuation. However, numeric data ${ }^{4}$, requires more attention after all (Pinto, 2015).

### 2.2 Stock Market

The stock market, also known as the security market or equity market, is a financial arrangement among industry players for global production and trading issued shares. One of the key components of the global financial markets, it serves as a setting for drawing and allocating money through securities. The stock economy grows with the real economy, but in recent years, its size has outpaced actual economic growth indicator (Graham, B., Zweig, J., Baffet, W., 2005)

They also claim about market distinction and its primary and secondary source of stock issuance. The direct selling of the issued stocks from corporation of a body is called a primary distribution, however, the issuer who utilizes the money that earned from the sale to increase manufacturing, carry out more exploration, construct bridges, and other things. Any exchange of a securities that takes place after its initial issue is referred to as a secondary source - selling. A private company's initial public offering (IPO) or the issuance of corporate or governmental bonds are two examples of primary markets.

[^2]Baffet, et al., (2005) stated that the first issued stock should go an underwriting. That means that its entry into the market is done with the involvement of a bank and an underwriting agent. A private company usually requires those services in order to sell its shares of issued stocks to the public. There are two factors to consider when involving into such transaction:

- Reputation of the agent
- Favorable terms proposed by the bank

The complexity of such transaction eventually benefits the private company with the cash-flow and investors receives new investment opportunities, assuming that the prices of the received stock will go up. Bank always charges interest for such transactions and the agent takes a part of a commission for the completion of such deeds. An overall, all receive benefits (O'Hara et al., 1999)

The process of moving securities among market participants happens in the secondary market. The law of supply and demand is applied and the construction of the value of the securities in this situation since the issuers of the securities are not involved in the present reselling procedures. An investor or other market participant is driven to gain from owning an issued stock in the form of dividends and its pay-outs, a growth in market value, or payments on debt obligations in order to expand invested capital. There is a list of participants which act in own interests:

- Private and commercial investors,
- Hedge funds
- Speculators and traders

However, the market development and its growth gained popularity over time. However, it raised concerns about the security side as it more often became a subject of fraud, who acted
against investors or a govern state. However, USA has established the SEC $^{5}$, as a regulation of a stock market. This acts as a regulating activity against fraud on financial transactions.

### 2.2.1 Common Stocks

Today the variety of financial instruments is presented in the form of different primary stock options, such as: government and commercial bonds with different maturity, shares of companies issued to raise capital for its further business purposes, saving certificates and etc. There is a second order of instruments which is used by private firms to save its accounting system from Going - Concern, such instruments are presented in different options (derivatives), Future, options, swaps and etc. (Graham, Zweig and Baffet, 2005).

Common shares is the most known type which entails issuance of shares in large volumes, hence, more investors usually get it, for the hope of future growth (Tekin and Gumus, 2017).

Table 2: Classification of shares


Source: Aliyev (2021).
Financial analysts distinguish the advantages and disadvantages between different types of shares. Thus, the author also highlighted, based on the literature research, those two in the

[^3]concise form, the author starts with the ordinary shares or "Stocks sold on public exchange", defined by Campbell (2009).

## Advantages of ordinary shares

- Provides with equal rights to managers to vote on general meetings of shareholders and other executive bodies who have the right to receive dividends
- Provides with the right to receive an information about the economic activities, its future plans and investments of the firm.
- Provides with the right to receive a proper information about the enterprise and its events, bankruptcy or other activities that might indicate a shot-down of the company


## Disadvantages of ordinary shares

- If the company does not reach a certain level of profitability, the dividends will not be paid out
- Decision of the majority shareholders and executive bodies might actually vote for the refusal to pay - out its dividends as a part of obligations.
- In case of bankruptcy, an enterprise gives the last right to the remaining property.


## Advantages of preferred shares

- Do not give the right to manage the firms or somehow impact its decisions
- Dividends are insignificant in comparison with the ordinary shares, especially when a company receives a certain level of profitability.


## Disadvantages of ordinary shares

- Provides with the right to receive a small dividend when a company reaches at least some level of profitability
- Provides with the right to distribute the profit in dividends
- Provide the ability to vote in the company's insolvency, restructuring, or submission of constitution revisions and additions that limit or alter the rights of shareholders.


### 2.2.2 Factors to consider when making valuation method.

Company's share prices are heavily dependent on the macroeconomic factor of a certain state, where the company runs its operations. However, not only the macroeconomic factors, but also diverse external factors also impact on the share price and its development.

Macroeconomic factors are determined by the efficiency of county's development. The developed countries became unattractive for foreign direct investors, as its capitalization became lower in such countries. Rather, FDI's are focused on developing countries or in transition, where the costs are low and thus, the capitalization is higher. The significant factors that should be considered are: GDP, Inflation rate (CPI), level of export, level of political stability as a part of PESTLE analysis, fluctuations in exchange rate, unemployment rate, level of average income and etc. Those factors are directly correlated with the development of a company's activities. However, macroeconomic indicators could be volatile and thus might not contributed to the model in a full power.

### 2.3 Valuation methods.

This part is devoted to explaining the common methods the are used to calculate the "Stock Valuation" and its "Future price per stock".

Since the author will apply in the empirical part the "Free cash to firm approach" and "Free cash to Equity" it is a good idea to explain those two methods in details, its indicators, and the way of computation.

### 2.3.1 Free Cash to Firm

According to Johann (2008) the "FCFF" is a value of money that are after deducting all of the company's operating expenditures, the amount of cash flow that is "free cash flow to the business" (FCFF) is the amount of cash flow that is left over from activities for payout. To be more explicit, the firm's free cash flow is the amount of funds that remains after all expenditures
related to depreciation, as well as taxation, capital investments, and acquisitions that have been accounted for and compensated.

Whether or not a corporation is profitable may be determined by looking at its free cash flow. This is after taking into account all of the costs and the returns on any investments. This is only one of the numerous signs that are considered in order to determine whether or not the firm is still performing successfully. One may make the case that the free cash flow of the business is the single most significant monetary indication that contributes to the stock value of the company. After deducting all of the company's expenditures, the presence of a positive free cash flow to firm value indicates that the company still has some cash available. A negative value indicates that the company has not earned sufficient income to pay its expenses and investments. This is shown by the fact that the value is negative. However, the formula is seen below:

## Formula: 1: FCFF approach

$$
\text { FCFF }=\mathbf{N I}+\mathbf{N C}+(1 \times(1-\mathbf{T R}))-\mathbf{L I}-\mathbf{I W C}
$$

Whereas:
$N I$ - net income,
$N C$ - noncash expenses
$I$ - interest
$T R$ - tax rate of a given country.
$L I$ - long - term investments
$I W C$ - investments in working capital.
But, in addition to all of this method, there are additional approaches which can be employed to get at the same result. In the statement of cash flows that the firm has provided, you must be able to identify all of the figures that you want.

You will need to include the Net income and non-cash expenses in order to compute the formula that was just shown. After that, you will need to divide the total amount of tax by one and
multiply the interest by one. After that, take away your long-term investments as well as your investments in your working capital. The total free cash flow to the company may then be calculated using the following formula:

Formula: 2: FCFF approach - 2 .

$$
\text { FCFF }=\mathbf{N I}+\mathbf{N C}+(1 \times(1-\mathbf{T R}))-\mathbf{L I}-\mathbf{I W C}
$$

CFO - cash flow from operations
$I E$ - interest expense
CAPEX - capital expenditure.

## Notes

The free cash flow that a business generates is one of the most substantial financial indicators used to determine the value of a company's shares. It is common knowledge that the value or price of a stock is, in many respects, a description of the predicted future cash flows of the firm in question. Regrettably, the prices of equities do not always reflect their true value (Christy, 2009). Shareholders can determine whether or not the prices of the stocks are reasonable if they are able to compute this amount (Elton, 2011). The fact that the business generates free cash flow shows, among other things, that it is in a position to make dividend payments to its shareholders. Before making any kind of payment, prospective investors in a firm need to ensure that they have this number in their possession first.

There are two stages of FCFF, whereas:
Formula: 3: Single Stage of FCFF at time

$$
\mathrm{FCFF}_{t}=\mathrm{FCFF}_{t-1}(\mathbf{1}+\mathrm{g})
$$

## FCFE - Free Cash Flow to Equity

$r$ - equity rate of return.
$g$ - growth rate.

The author will rely on this particular formula when calculating stock valuation. However, in this case, the author needs to calculate the Firm's value, where variables are similar and the formula is the following:

## Formula: 4: Firm Value

$$
\text { Firm Value }=\frac{\mathrm{FCFF}_{1}}{\text { WACC }-\mathrm{g}^{\mathrm{FCFF}_{0}(\mathbf{l}+\mathrm{g})}}=\frac{\mathrm{WACC}_{-g}}{\text { g. }}
$$

$F C F F$ - free cash flow to firm,
WACC - weighted average cost of capital.
$g$ - growth rate,
Note:
When determining the value of a company's shares directly, using a constant g, FCFEt $=$ FCFEt$1 *(1+\mathrm{g})$. A two-stage model computation may one day be possible using the same method.

### 2.3.2 Free Cash flow to Equity

Free Cash Flow to Equity, often known as FCFE, is one of the Discounted Cash Flow valuation methodologies that may be used (together with FCFF) to determine the Stock's Fair Price. It is a measurement of how much "cash" a company can return to its shareholders and is determined after taxes, capital expenditures, and debt cash flows have been taken into consideration (Sujata, 2008). He claims that the mostly used formula to calculate the FCFE is the following:

## Formula: 5: Free Cash Flow to Equity

$$
\text { FCFE }=\mathbf{N I}+\mathbf{D \& A}-\mathbf{N W C}-\mathbf{C a p E x}+\mathbf{N B}
$$

Whereas:
NI - Net Income
$D \& A$ - depreciation and amortization
$N W C$ - Change in Net Working Capital

## CapEx - Capital Expenditures

$N B$ - Net borrowings.
In order to calculate NEW - the following formula is used.
Formula: 6: Net Working Capital Change

## Net Working Capital $=$ Current Assets - Current Liabilities

All items are taken from the Balance Sheet Statement, the author will use the formula in the empirical part.

## Note:

In contrast, only the lenders stand to gain from interest payments and principal reductions. Therefore, if there is no debt in the capital structure, the FCFE might be the same as the FCFF (Damodaran, 2012).

The fair value of FCFEs may be calculated using a discounted cash flow (DCF) model with leverage. In addition, the equity costs are the appropriate discount rate to utilize since, from a stakeholder perspective, the cash flows and the discount rate must be consistent (Christy, G.C., 2009).

While unlevered DCF and the FCFF method are employed in theory, reality varies widely by sector. One noteworthy example is financial institutions, whose primary source of revenue is interest income, making it impractical to isolate unlevered FCF given that the business model is predicated on financing (e.g., interest income, interest expense, provision for losses).

### 2.3.3 Discounted Cash Flow Model

In finance, a discounted cash flow (DCF) valuation is a sort of financial method used to ascertain the value of an investment by discounting its expected future cash inflows. The concept behind a discounted cash flow (DCF) model is that an organization's worth is dependent on its projected ability to produce cash flows for its stakeholders (Senith, 2019).

## Formula: 7: DCF model

$$
D C F=\frac{C F_{1}}{(1+r)^{1}}+\frac{C F_{2}}{(1+r)^{2}}+\frac{C F_{\mathrm{n}}}{(1+r)^{\mathrm{n}}}
$$

## Whereas:

$C F$ - Cash flow for the first period
$N$ - number of periods
$r$-discount rate.

### 2.3.4 Terminal Value

The difference between the discount factor and the terminal growth rate is then used to determine the terminal value. Estimating the worth of a corporation beyond the projection period is what the terminal value does.

Formula: 8: Terminal Value

## Terminal Value $=[$ FCF $\times(1+g)] /(d-g)$

$F C F$ - free cash flow for the last forecast period
$g$ - terminal growth rate
$d$ - discount rate (which is usually the weighted average cost of capital)

## Note

A company's terminal growth rate is the annual rate of expansion forecasted for the foreseeable future. Hence, will be applied in the empirical part. Its growth rate begins at the conclusion of the previous predicted cash flow cycle in a discounted cash flow model and runs into perpetuity. The growth rate at the end of a project is often similar to inflation over the long term but lower than the average growth rate of GDP across the project's lifetime. (Damodaran, 2012).

## 3 Practical Part

This part is devoted to the assessment of the future valuation stock in regards of an automotive industry in USA. The author considers three different reports of a financial matter, such as: Balance Sheet, Income Statement and Profit and Loss statement. There were two companies selected that operate in the same industry and moreover in the same country. Ford company and General Motors.

### 3.1 Ford Motor

Ford Motor Corporation (often referred to simply as "Ford" or "the Company") is an American vehicle manufacturer with headquarters in the Detroit district of Dearborn, Michigan. The Ford Motor Company was founded by Henry Ford on June 16, 1903. Its primary functions include the design, production, financing, marketing, and service of a broad variety of automobiles, including trucks, sport utility vehicles, and even premium models. Cars underneath the Ford and Lincoln brands are manufactured and distributed by the corporation. North America, Europe, South America, the Middle East and Africa, and Asia-Pacific are the five main regions in which Ford does business. Over 6.607.000 Ford automobiles were sold on a global wholesale basis in 2020.

Ford Motor Credit Company, LLC, a fully owned company, makes up the finance division. The credit division provides various forms of financing and financial products to vehicle dealers and, by extension, to other shops. The business receives income from both lease contract and retail instalment payments under this plan. A total of USD 13.11B in revenue was generated by the Financial Services division in 2017, making up $7.1 \%$ of overall revenue.

Table 3: Income Statement of Ford Motor

| Indicator | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 2 2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Revenue | 155900000 | 127144000 | 136341000 | 158057000 |
| Growth Y-o-Y | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{t}$ | $-18,4 \%$ | $7,2 \%$ | $15,9 \%$ |
| Operating Revenue | 155900000 | 127144000 | 136341000 | 158057000 |
| Cost of Revenue | 134693000 | 112752000 | 114651000 | 134397000 |
| Gross Profit | 21207000 | 14392000 | 21690000 | 23660000 |
| Operating Expense | 11161000 | 10193000 | 11915000 | 10888000 |


| Selling General and <br> Administrative | 11161000 | 10193000 | 11915000 | 10888000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Other Operating Expenses | 9472000 | 8607000 | 0 | 0 |
| Operating Income | 10046000 | 4199000 | 9775000 | 12772000 |
| Operating Margin | $6 \%$ | $3 \%$ | $7 \%$ | $8 \%$ |
| Net Non-Operating Interest <br> Income Expense | -9712000 | -9806000 | -6794000 | -7139000 |
| Interest Income Non-Operating | 809000 | 452000 | 261000 | 639000 |
| Interest Expense Non-Operating | 10521000 | 10258000 | 7055000 | 7778000 |
| Other Income Expense | 0 | 4491000 | 14799000 | -8649000 |
| Net Income Common <br> Stockholders | 47000 | 1279000 | 17937000 | 1981000 |

Source: Based on the Income statement of Ford Motor, own processing.
The company's year to year change in the total revenue is seen in the Table $-\mathbf{3}$. There is a quite high decrease of total revenue between 2019 and 2020 (-18,4 \%), however followed by $7.2 \%$ of an increase in the year of 2021, and eventually reached an increase of $15.9 \%$. Thus, we could observe the Covid - 19 impacts on the performance of the company, however, the company immediately recovered, based on its "Income Available to Common Stockholders".

According to (Hitchner, J. R., 2011), it is important to consider a further growth, or further positive projection by looking at the financial statements of the company and auditing letters, which usually mentions the "Going - Concern" or "Subsequent Events" that indicate a risk of bankruptcy on a first place. In case if there are no findings in such "Letters" the operations of the company consider to be further active.

In our case, there were no such detections, hence the research might be carried on.

### 3.2 Assessment of "Ford Motor" corporation

Hence, the assumption is met, the author is able to make a projection for 5 years, based on the reports that are available from the year of 2019 up to 2022.

Table 4: Net Working Capital 2020-2019

| Change in NWC |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Current Assets (Current Year) | 116744000 | Current Liabilities <br> (Current Year) | 97192000 |
| Current Assets (Prior Year) | 114047000 | Current Liabilities <br> (Prior Year) | 98132000 |
| Change in Current Assets | $\mathbf{2 6 9 7 0 0 0}$ | Change in Current <br> Liabilities | -940000 |
| Change in NWC | $\mathbf{3 6 3 7 0 0 0}$ |  |  |

Source: Own computation.

Table 5: Net Working Capital change in 2021-2020

| Change in NWC |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Current Assets (Current Year) | 108996000 | Current Liabilities (Current Year) | 90727000 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Current Assets (Prior Year) | 116744000 | Current Liabilities (Prior Year) | 97192000 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Change in Current Assets | $\mathbf{- 7 7 4 8 0 0 0}$ | Change in Current Liabilities | -6465000 |
|  | $\mathbf{- 1 2 8 3 0 0 0}$ |  |  |
| Change in NWC |  |  |  |

Source: Own computation.
Table 6: Net Working Capital in 2022-2021

| Change in NWC |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Current Assets (Current Year) | 116744000 | Current Liabilities (Current Year) | 97192000 |
| Current Assets (Prior Year) | 114047000 | Current Liabilities (Prior Year) | 98132000 |
| Change in Current Assets | $\mathbf{2 6 9 7 0 0 0}$ | Change in Current Liabilities | -940000 |
| Change in NWC | $\mathbf{3 6 3 7 0 0 0}$ |  |  |

Source: Own computation.
The author has computed the change in Net Working Capital for the consequent years of 2019, 2020, 2021 and the results are shown in the Table -4,5,6.

Change in Net Debt, an indication of a company's ability to satisfy both long- and short-term financial commitments, is required for Free Cash Flow to Equity forecasting. The author,
though, used the overall debt figures in his subsequent calculations. The negative Change in Net Debt in 2021 is attributable to the author's focus on the next three years; nonetheless, this will only moderately affect the future prediction.

Table 7: Change in Net Debt 2019-2020

| Change in Net Debt |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash (Current) | 14666000 | Cash (Prior) | 14662000 |  |
| Long Term Debt <br> (Current Year) | 162998000 | Long Term Debt (Prior Year) | 156721000 |  |
| Current Year <br> Net Debt | 148332000 | Prior Year Net Debt | 142059000 |  |
| Change in Net <br> Debt | $\mathbf{6 2 7 3 0 0 0}$ |  |  |  |

Source: Own computation.
Table 8: Change in Net Debt 2020-2021

| Change in Net Debt |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| Cash (Current) | 15105000 | Cash (Prior) | 14666000 |
| Long Term Debt <br> (Current Year) | 139485000 | Long Term Debt (Prior Year) | 162998000 |
| Current Year <br> Net Debt | 124380000 | Prior Year Net Debt | 148332000 |
| Change in Net <br> Debt | -23952000 |  |  |

Source: Own computation.
Table 9: Change in Net Debt 2021-2022

| Change in Net Debt |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| Cash (Current) | 15757000 | Cash (Prior) | 15105000 |
| Long Term Debt <br> (Current Year) | 140474000 | Long Term Debt (Prior Year) | 139485000 |
| Current Year <br> Net Debt | 124717000 | Prior Year Net Debt | 124380000 |
| Change in Net <br> Debt | 337000 |  |  |

Source: Own computation.
Further, it is important to calculate the FCFF, which equals to (Operating Cash Flow - Capex). The computation is seen in the Table $\mathbf{- 1 0}$.

Table 10: FCFF computation for Ford

| Indicator | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 2 2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Operating Cash Flow | 7766000 | 3660000 | 7113000 | 1992000 |
| Capital Expenditures (CaPEX) | -7632000 | -5742000 | -6227000 | -6866000 |
| FCFF | 15398000 | 9402000 | 13340000 | 8858000 |

Source: Own computation.
The following step is to calculate the FCFF on the base of Total Revenue in relation to CAPEX. The FCFE is calculated by: FCFF + Change in Net Debt, both indicators are available so the

Table-11, illustrates the results of the computation.
Table 11: FCFE computation for Ford

| Indicator | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 2 2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| FCFF | 15398000 | 9402000 | 13340000 | 8858000 |
| Change in Net Debt | 0 | 6273000 | -23952000 | 337000 |
| FCFE |  | 15675000 | -10612000 | 9195000 |

Source: Own computation.

## Note:

The Change in Net Debt was not computed for the year of 2019, due to missing values of 2018.

Table-12, illustrates the ratios in relation to Total Revenue. The growth forecast for the year 2019 is marked as "unknown" due to unavailability of the data. However, the rest of the indicators were calculated accordingly. See, the Appendix - 1.

Table 12: Given Indicator/ Total Revenue

| Forecast | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 2 1}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Revenue Growth forecast | Unknown | $-18,45 \%$ | $7,23 \%$ |
| CoGS as a \% of Revenue | $86,40 \%$ | $88,68 \%$ | $84,09 \%$ |
| S\&GA as a \% of Revenue | $7,16 \%$ | $8,02 \%$ | $8,74 \%$ |
| Interest Income as a \% of revenue | $0,52 \%$ | $0,36 \%$ | $0,19 \%$ |
| Interest Expense as a \% of revenue | $0,00 \%$ | $8,07 \%$ | $5,17 \%$ |
| Other Expense or Income | $0,04 \%$ | $0,00 \%$ | $1,25 \%$ |
| Effective Tax Rate | $0,00 \%$ | $254,93 \%$ | $273,78 \%$ |
| Normalized EBITDA |  | $12,80 \%$ | $17,12 \%$ |
| Minority Interest as a \% of <br> Revenue | $0,03 \%$ | $-1,01 \%$ | $13,16 \%$ |
| D\&A as a \% of Revenue | $5,45 \%$ | $5,87 \%$ | $4,37 \%$ |
| Change in NWC as a \% of Revenue | $0,00 \%$ | $2,86 \%$ | $-0,94 \%$ |
| Capex as a \% of Revenue | $-4,90 \%$ | $-4,52 \%$ | $-4,57 \%$ |
| Change in net Debt as a \% of <br> Revenue | $0,00 \%$ | $4,93 \%$ | $-17,57 \%$ |

Source: Own calculation.
In order to calculate the relative number, the author considered the percentage ration of a certain indicator for the projected year multiplied by the forecasted total revenue for the projected year, See, Appendix - 1, up until 2026.

Thus, the following steps are to calculate the CAMP, see Table - 13. All indicators and its sources are mentioned in the Table, section (Comments).

Table 13: CAMP for Ford.

| CAPM |  | Comments |
| :--- | ---: | :---: |
| Risk - Free Rate | $3,743 \%$ | Ford's risk-free rate, googled on 12.02.2023 |
| Beta | 1,52 | Yahoo's rating beta for Ford on 12.02.2023 |
| Market Return | $\mathbf{7 , 5 1 \%}$ | average, based on S\&P 500 |
| $\mathbf{r}$ | $\mathbf{9 , 5 \%}$ |  |

Source: Own calculation.

Table 14: Projection of Discounted Rate for Ford.

| Company | Ford |
| :--- | ---: |
| $r$ | $9,5 \%$ |
| $g$ | $2 \%$ |

Source: Own calculation.

Further the author had to calculate the Terminal Value for the year 2026, the value taken from the Appendix - 2, 7932943 USD.

The Terminal Value for the year of 2026, was the calculated in the following way:
Terminal Value $=7932943 *((1+2 \%) /(9,5 \%-2 \%))=108338131$
The Total Value $=7932943+108338131=116271074$.
The projected equity value was calculated by the NPV formula, where the author needed to calculate the stream of terminal values and rate of return of 9,5 \% from the Appendix - 2.

Table 15: Results of forecasting

| Indicator | Value | Comment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Equity Value | 79158844 | Projected equity value for 2026 |
| Share Outstanding | 3973000 | See, Appendix -6. |
| Price Per Share | 19,92 | Intrinsic value for 2026 |
| Current Price | 12,73 | Value for 2023 |
| Buy / Sell | Buy | Suggesting, based on the calculation |
| Upside | $57 \%$ | Growth rate for the period of 5 years |

Source: Own processing, Excel.
The results would be compared with the second valuation method of General Motors.

### 3.3 General Motors

General Motors Company (GM or 'the company'), one of the world's leading automakers, was formed in 1908 and became a Delaware corporation in 2009. The following information was provided in regard to the 10 K report that General Motors will be submitting in 2020. The initial assets included only Buick. The business has undergone a series of quiet transitions, including the consolidation or merger of Chevrolet, Cadillac, GMC, and Holden, and now it offers services on a global scale. After reorganizing its bankruptcy in 2009, GM returned to Wall Street in 2010. GM's activities had already consisted of GM North America, GM Europe, GM International Operations, GM South America, GM Financial, and Cruise up until this point. The business operations of General Motors, in specific, can be broken down into three primary groups: automotive, finance, and other. In the automotive industry, General Motors (GM) intended, manufactured, constructed, and sold cars, vans, and hybrids, in addition to accessories, including over 120 regions and countries in 2014. This included a full variety of models under GM's brand names, such as electric cars, mini cars, heavy-duty full-size trucks, compact cars, and convertibles. GM also sold apparel and components. The United States and other countries in North America make up some of GM's current markets. China and other nations in Asia, the Pacific, the Middle East, and Africa, as well as Latin America and other nations in South America, and Europe include the company's current customer base.

Income statement for General Motor
Table 16: Income Statement of General Motors

| Indicator | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 2 2}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Revenue | 137237000 | 122485000 | 127004000 | 156735000 |
| Y - o - Y |  | $-10,7 \%$ | $3,7 \%$ | $23,4 \%$ |
| Operating Revenue | 137237000 | 122485000 | 127004000 | 156735000 |
| Cost of Revenue | 123265000 | 108813000 | 109126000 | 135754000 |
| Gross Profit | 13972000 | 13672000 | 17878000 | 20981000 |
| Operating Expense | 8491000 | 7038000 | 8554000 | 10667000 |
| Selling General and <br> Administrative | 8491000 | 7038000 | 8554000 | 10667000 |
| Operating Income | 5481000 | 6634000 | 9324000 | 10314000 |
| Operating Margin | $4,0 \%$ | $5,4 \%$ | $7,3 \%$ | $6,6 \%$ |
| Net Non-Operating Interest <br> Income Expense | -353000 | -857000 | -804000 | -527000 |


| Interest Income Non- <br> Operating | 429000 | 241000 | 146000 | 460000 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Interest Expense Non- <br> Operating | 782000 | 1098000 | 950000 | 987000 |
| Other Income Expense | 2308000 | 2318000 | 4196000 | 1809000 |
| Pre-tax Income | 7436000 | 8095000 | 12716000 | 11597000 |
| Tax Provision | 769000 | 1774000 | 2771000 | 1888000 |
| Net Income Common <br> Stockholders | 6581000 | 6247000 | 9837000 | 8915000 |
| Net Income from <br> Continuing Operation Net <br> Minority Interest | 6732000 | 6427000 | 10019000 | 9934000 |
| Normalized EBITDA | 22256000 | 21743000 | 25146000 | 24110000 |

Source: Based on the Income Statement, own processing in Excel.
The author follows the same procedures as for Ford, company. By looking at the financial reports and auditing notes, there is not identification of "Going Concern" or "Subsequent events" that could have led to "Bankruptcy". Hence, the computation could be carried on. The company's year to year change in the total revenue is seen in the Table - 16. There is a quite high decrease of total revenue between 2019 and $2020(-10.7 \%)$, however followed by $3.7 \%$ of an increase in the year of 2021, and eventually reached an increase of $23.4 \%$. Thus, we could observe the Covid - 19 impacts on the performance of the company, however, the company immediately recovered, based on its "Income Available to Common Stockholders".

## Note:

The similar observation is seen in the Table - 3, for the Ford Company, a decrease above 10 percent and a quick recovery after "Covid - 19".

### 3.4 Assessment of "General Motors"

The valuation of the company is strictly based on the confirmed assumption that the company will keep its operations in the near future. Considering the fact that its products, cars and accessories will be bought by consumers. The same projection of 5 years will be made in this chapter. The author applies similar formulas for "General Motors" however, the indicators are slightly different.

First of all, based on the balance sheet statement, the author computes the Change in NWC across 4 given years, from 2019 up to 2022.

Table 17: NWC Change in 2020

| Change in NWC |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Current Assets (Current Year) | 80924000 | Current Liabilities (Current Year) | 79910000 |
| Current Assets (Prior Year) | 74992000 | Current Liabilities (Prior Year) | 84905000 |
| Change in Current Assets | $\mathbf{5 9 3 2 0 0 0}$ | Change in Current Liabilities | -4995000 |
| Change in NWC | $\mathbf{1 0 9 2 7 0 0 0}$ |  |  |

Source: Own processing, Excel.
Table 18: NWC Change in 2021

| Change in NWC |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| Current Assets (Current Year) | 82103000 | Current Liabilities (Current <br> Year) | 74408000 |
|  | 80924000 | Current Liabilities (Prior Year) | 79910000 |
| Current Assets (Prior Year) | $\mathbf{1 1 7 9 0 0 0}$ | Change in Current Liabilities | -5502000 |
| Change in Current Assets | $\mathbf{6 6 8 1 0 0 0}$ |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |

Source: Own processing, Excel.
Table 19: NWC Change in 2022

| Change in NWC |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | :--- |
|  |  |  |  |
| Current Assets (Current Year) | 100451000 | Current Liabilities (Current Year) | 91173000 |
| Current Assets (Prior Year) | 82103000 | Current Liabilities (Prior Year) | 74408000 |
| Change in Current Assets | $\mathbf{1 8 3 4 8 0 0 0}$ | Change in Current Liabilities | 16765000 |
| Change in NWC | $\mathbf{1 5 8 3 0 0 0}$ |  |  |

Source: Own processing, Excel.
The Change in Networking Capital is always positive which indicates that company is able to pay its short-term debt within a following year. The trend of General Motors is better - off, than in Ford.

Further, the author computes the Change in Net Debt which indicates an ability to pay its debt with an available cash at the end of the year.

Table 20: Change in Net Debt 2019-2020

| Change in Net Debt |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| Cash (Current) | 8010000 | Cash (Prior) | 6828000 |
| Long Term Debt (Current <br> Year) | 110863000 | Long Term Debt (Prior <br> Year) | 104334000 |
| Current Year Net Debt | 102853000 | Prior Year Net Debt | 97506000 |
|  |  |  |  |
| Change in Net Debt | $\mathbf{5 3 4 7 0 0 0}$ |  |  |

Source: Own processing, Excel.
Table 21: Change in Net Debt 2020-2021

| Change in Net Debt |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| Cash (Current) | 7881000 | Cash (Prior) | 8010000 |
| Long Term <br> Debt (Current <br> Year) | 110391000 | Long Term Debt (Prior Year) |  |
| Current Year <br> Net Debt | 102510000 | Prior Year Net Debt | 110863000 |
| Change in Net <br> Debt | $\mathbf{- 3 4 3 0 0 0}$ |  |  |

Source: Own processing, Excel.
Table 22: Change in Net Debt 2021-2022

| Change in Net Debt |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | :--- | ---: |
| Cash (Current) | 8921000 | Cash (Prior) | 7881000 |
| Long Term <br> Debt (Current <br> Year) | 115666000 | Long Term Debt (Prior Year) | 110391000 |
| Current Year <br> Net Debt | 106745000 | Prior Year Net Debt | 102510000 |
| Change in Net <br> Debt | $\mathbf{4 2 3 5 0 0 0}$ |  |  |

Source: Own processing, Excel.
Those two indicators will contribute to the calculation of FCFF and FCFE. The author will count the FCFF first. However, the complete computation will be illustrated in the Appendix 3 and 4, such as ratios to Total Revenue and projected indicators based on the computed ratio.

Table 23: Free Cash Flow to Firm

| Indicator | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 2 2}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Operating Cash Flow | 20699000 | 29989000 | 28569000 | 10498000 |


| Capital Expenditures <br> (Capex) | -7592000 | -5300000 | -7509000 | -9238000 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| FCFF | 28291000 | 35289000 | 36078000 | 19736000 |

Source: Own processing, Excel.
Table 24: Free Cash Flow to Equity

| Indicator | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 2 1}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 2 2}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| FCFF | 28291000 | 35289000 | 36078000 | 19736000 |
| Change in Net Debt | 0 | 5347000 | -343000 | 4235000 |
| FCFE | 28291000 | 40636000 | 35735000 | 23971000 |

Source: Own processing, Excel.

## Note:

The Change in Net Debt was not computed for the year of 2019, due to missing values of 2018.
The Table - 25, illustrates the ratios that are need for a projection of 2026. Thus, some missing cells are due to unavailability of the data, for the year of 2018. Since, the author's research is limited, from 2019 up to 2021, some values were not calculated.

Table 25: Given Indicators/Total Revenue

| Forecast | 30.12 .2019 | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 2 1}$ | 30.12 .2022 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Revenue Growth forecast | unknown | $-10,7 \%$ | $3,7 \%$ | $23,4 \%$ |
| CoGS as a \% of Revenue | $89,82 \%$ | $88,84 \%$ | $85,92 \%$ | $86,61 \%$ |
| S\&GA as a \% of Revenue | $6,19 \%$ | $5,75 \%$ | $6,74 \%$ | $6,81 \%$ |
| Interest Income as a \% of revenue | $0,31 \%$ | $0,20 \%$ | $0,11 \%$ | $0,29 \%$ |
| Interest Expense as a \% of revenue | $0,57 \%$ | $0,90 \%$ | $0,75 \%$ | $0,63 \%$ |
| Other Expense or Income | $0,70 \%$ | $1,13 \%$ | $1,83 \%$ | $0,77 \%$ |
| Effective Tax Rate | $10 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $22 \%$ | $16 \%$ |
| Normalized EBITDA | $16 \%$ | $18 \%$ | $20 \%$ | $15 \%$ |
| Minority Interest as a \% of Revenue | $0,05 \%$ | $0,09 \%$ | $0,06 \%$ | $0,14 \%$ |
| D\&A as a \% of Revenue | $10,29 \%$ | $10,46 \%$ | $9,49 \%$ | $0,00 \%$ |
| Change in NWC as a \% of Revenue | unknown | $8,92 \%$ | $5,26 \%$ | $1,01 \%$ |
| Capex as a \% of Revenue | $-5,53 \%$ | $-4,33 \%$ | $-5,91 \%$ | $-5,89 \%$ |
| Change in net Debt as a \% of Revenue | $0,00 \%$ | $4,37 \%$ | $-0,27 \%$ | $2,70 \%$ |

Source: Own processing, Excel.

Further, the author takes an average on the base of 4 given years and calculates the growth year for the following years. The formula could be seen in the Appendix attached with the "Bachelor Thesis". However, for a better illustration, the author demonstrates it in the Appendix - $\mathbf{3}$ and 4.

## Exemplary explanation:

| Forecast | 30.12 .2019 | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 2 0}$ | 30.12 .2021 | 30.12 .2022 | 31.12 .2023 | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 2 5}$ | 30.12 .2026 | $\mathbf{3 0 . 1 2 . 2 0 2 7}$ |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Revenue Growth forecast | unkown | $-10,7 \%$ | $3,7 \%$ | $23,4 \%$ | $3,20 \%$ | $4,89 \%$ | $8,80 \%$ | $10,07 \%$ | $6,74 \%$ |

Source: Own processing.
The prognosis percentage for the year of 2023 was $3,20 \%$ Afterwards, the author took and average for the 2020, 2021, 2022 and kept projection on average based on the past 3 years contributing to the following year with its average.

The following step is to calculate CAMP, for General Motors, see Table - 26, together with a discount rate, Table - 27.

Table 26: CAMP for General Motors.

| CAPM |  | Comments |
| :--- | ---: | :---: |
| Risk - Free Rate | $3,963 \%$ | Ford's risk-free rate, googled on 28.02.2023 |
| Beta | 1,38 | Yahoo's rating beta for Ford on 28.02.2023 |
| Market Return | $7,51 \%$ | average, based on S\&P 500 |
| $\mathbf{r}$ | $\mathbf{8 , 9 \%}$ |  |

Source: Own processing.
Table 27: Projection of discount rate for General Motors

| Indicator | GM |
| :--- | ---: |
| r | $8,9 \%$ |
| g | $2 \%$ |

Source: Own processing.
Further the author had to calculate the Terminal Value for the year 2026, the value taken from the Appendix - 4, 38244974 USD.

The Terminal Value for the year of 2026, was the calculated in the following way:

Terminal Value $=38244974 *((1+2 \%) /(8,9 \%-2 \%))=568834501$

The Total Value $=38244974+568834501=607079475$

The projected equity value was calculated by the NPV formula, where the author needed to calculate the stream of terminal values and rate of return of 8,9\% from the Appendix - $\mathbf{3}$

Table 28: Results of forecasting

| Indicator | Value | Comment |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Equity Value | 188408309,75 | Projected Value for 2027 |
| Share Outstanding | 1448000 | See, Appendix -5. |
| Price Per Share | 130,12 | Intrinsic value for 2026 |
| Current Price | 39,32 | Value for 2023 |
| Buy / Sell | Buy | Suggestion by the author. |
| Upside | $231 \%$ | Growth rate for the period of 5 <br> years |

Source: Own processing.

## 4 Discussions

The author has calculated the projection of a stock price for the year of 2027. There were two companies which operate in the industry, automotive. However, the results are different.

Considering the fact that General Motors is much of a bigger scope on a global level, its future projection resulted in a much higher increase than Ford's enterprise.

The odds are stacked against General Motors given how much competitors there is besides Ford. The automotive industry is massive and highly specialized. GM's competitors include not only companies that follow traditional operating patterns like BYD, FCA US, Daimler, and Toyota Motors, but also companies that follow innovative operating patterns like Tesla, as well as others, when it comes to the manufacturing and creation of electronic vehicles and autonomous vehicles. The number of competitors might vary, but generally speaking, they compete with one another for unique market sectors and work hard to keep customers loyal to their own brand. In a word, given these circumstances, GM is going to have to contend with a very competitive vehicle market.

In contrast, Ford faces the same challenges, however, Ford is being 3d within USA market. Clients are satisfied with Ford's products since the company employs specialists whose primary concentration is on producing high-quality goods. With about 5,953,000 cars sold in 2019, Ford Motor Company ranks third in terms of the worldwide market dominance of automobiles. This ranking was based on the company's global market share in 2017. (Global car sales analysis 2019). Nevertheless, considering the lowered "Costs of Revenue", Ford demonstrates more efficiency than GM.

Afterall, GM is winning most of the market which results in a much higher revenue, hence, cash of streaming, investment options and dividend payouts. It basically creates additional attraction for investors.

However, the research supposes a growth for both companies, because of COVID - 19, it is clearly seen on the BS, and IS, the effect, "the decrease" due to limited supply chain of materials as well as delivering its products around the globe. Both companies experienced a decline in
"Revenues" which indicates a vulnerability of both companies to such unexpected circumstance as "Pandemic".

### 4.1 Summary of evaluation

The author base the calculation strictly on a given indicators and financial statements of the companies to the end of the year. However, considering the growth rate and its projection, the author was rather sceptical to evaluate a growth on a much higher rate. The average market rate of return was taken to calculate the Terminal Value for both companies, however, in the projection of "Revenue Growth Forecast" the author would include much less "Revenue growth forecast" for both companies.

Even though, both resulted in an increase of Price per share, for the year of 2027. Based on its Available stocks for the data of 28.2.2023.

Both prices, based on the calculation increase in values, meaning that, for today, it is better to buy the stocks of both companies and hold till 2027.

## 5 Conclusion

The Bachelor thesis was focused on evaluation of Common Stocks, of both automotive companies, Ford, and General Motors. The main objective of the thesis was fulfilled through describing the concept of "Evaluation" theory of "Stock Market" and factors that should be considered.

Moreover, the author has described the "Valuation methods" with the FCFE and FCFF and DCF models, that are commonly used to determine the future stock price of a certain company.

The author of this piece made use of the financial statements that Ford Motor company and General Motors that have released over the course of the last four years, ranging from 2019 all the way up to 20212. The author has mostly dealt with the Balance Sheet Statement, the Income Statement, and a Cash Flow Statement, but also has some experience with the auditing reports. The remainder of the indicators were derived either by calculation or by looking at market growth and related topics in published literature. Given that the market is not always predictable, it is in the best interest of investors to have a comprehensive understanding of the sector, including all of its supply chains and logistics. Fors Motors and General Motor have experienced a decline in its overall revenue for the period of 2019 and 2020 as a direct result of the current pandemic scenario. This is because of the worldwide lockdown, as well as the halt of supply chain and logistical operations in general.

Despite this, both companies were able to recover after such decline. Investors have a significant responsibility to educate themselves on the market as a whole in order to forestall declines in stock prices. Despite this, it is very vital to have a solid grasp of the market's psychology as well as its behaviour.

The author performed all of the calculations with the assistance of the three financial statements that were provided by the company. Excel is used for all of the calculations that need to be done. The appendix contains sections that may be examined at your convenience.

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Appendix - 1.

|  | 30.12.2019 | 30.12.2020 | 30.12.2021 | 30.12.2022 | 30.12.2023 | 30.12.2024 | 30.12.2025 | 30.12.2026 | 30.12.2027 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Revenue Growth forecast | - | -18,45\% | 7,23\% | 15,93\% | 7,50\% | 10,22\% | 11,22\% | 9,65\% | 10,36\% |
| CoGS as a \% of Revenue | 86,40\% | 88,68\% | 84,09\% | 85,03\% | 85,93\% | 85,02\% | 85,33\% | 85,43\% | 85,26\% |
| S\&GA as a \% of Revenue | 7,16\% | 8,02\% | 8,74\% | 6,89\% | 7,88\% | 7,84\% | 7,54\% | 7,75\% | 7,71\% |
| Interest Income as a \% of revenue | 0,52\% | 0,36\% | 0,19\% | 0,40\% | 0,32\% | 0,30\% | 0,34\% | 0,32\% | 0,32\% |
| Interest Expense as a \% of revenue | 0,00\% | 8,07\% | 5,17\% | 4,92\% | 6,05\% | 5,38\% | 5,45\% | 5,63\% | 5,49\% |
| Other Expense or Income | 0,04\% | 0,00\% | 1,25\% | 0,08\% | 0,44\% | 0,59\% | 0,37\% | 0,47\% | 0,47\% |
| Effective Tax Rate | 0,00\% | 254,93\% | 273,78\% | 129,70\% | 14,00\% | 139,16\% | 94,29\% | 82,48\% | 105,31\% |
| Normalized EBITDA |  | 12,80\% | 17,12\% | 11,95\% | 14,00\% | 14,36\% | 13,44\% | 13,93\% | 13,91\% |
| Minority Interest as a \% of Revenue | 0,03\% | -1,01\% | 13,16\% | -1,25\% | 2,19\% | 3,27\% | 4,34\% | 2,14\% | 2,98\% |
| D\&A as a \% of Revenue | 5,45\% | 5,87\% | 4,37\% | 4,11\% | 4,78\% | 4,42\% | 4,44\% | 4,55\% | 4,47\% |
| Change in NWC as a \% of Revenue | 0,00\% | 2,86\% | -0,94\% | 2,30\% | 1,41\% | 0,92\% | 1,54\% | 1,29\% | 1,25\% |
| Capex as a \% of Revenue | -4,90\% | -4,52\% | -4,57\% | -4,34\% | -4,48\% | -4,46\% | -4,43\% | -4,46\% | -4,45\% |
| Change in net Debt as a \% of Revenue | 0,00\% | 4,93\% | -17,57\% | 0,21\% | -4,14\% | -7,16\% | -3,70\% | -5,00\% | -5,29\% |

Source: Own computation.
Note: Average growth years of the market, due to previous pandemic cases, we see the decrease by $18 \%$ which might impact the growth rate further.

## Appendix - 2.

| Indicator | 30.12.2019 | 30.12.2020 | 30.12.2021 | 30.12.2022 | 30.12.2023 | 30.12.2024 | 30.12.2025 | 30.12.2026 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Revenue | 155900000 | 127144000 | 136341000 | 158057000 | 169911275 | 187276910 | 208281966 | 228371772 |
| Growth Y-0-Y | n/t | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Operating Revenue | 155900000 | 127144000 | 136341000 | 158057000 | 169911275 | 187276910 | 208281966 | 228371772 |
| Cost of Revenue | 134693000 | 112752000 | 114651000 | 134397000 | 146011910 | 159220510 | 177722619 | 195091052 |
| Gross Profit | 21207000 | 14392000 | 21690000 | 23660000 | 23899365 | 28056400 | 30559347 | 33280720 |
| Operating Expense | 11161000 | 10193000 | 11915000 | 10888000 | 13391651 | 14675847 | 15695193 | 17701513 |
| Selling General and Administrative | 11161000 | 10193000 | 11915000 | 10888000 | 13391651 | 14675847 | 15695193 | 17701513 |
| Operating Income | 10046000 | 4199000 | 9775000 | 12772000 | 10507714 | 13380553 | 14864154 | 15579207 |
| Operating Margin | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net Non-Operating <br> Interest  <br> Expense  | -9 712000 | -9 806000 | -6 794000 | -7 139000 |  |  |  |  |
| Interest Income NonOperating | 809000 | 452000 | 261000 | 639000 | 538743 | 569814 | 712061 | 733233 |
| Interest Expense NonOperating | 10521000 | 10258000 | 7055000 | 7778000 | 10287308 | 10081773 | 11357531 | 12857961 |
| Other Income Expense | 0 | 4491000 | 14799000 | -8649000 | 750828 | 1102929 | 768823 | 1065697 |
| Net Income Common Stockholders | 47000 | 1279000 | 17937000 | 1981000 | 9536480 | 8978844 | 10588708 | 11792264 |
| Pre-tax Income | 0 | 1731000 | 18198000 | 2620000 | 10075223 | 9548658 | 11300769 | 12525497 |
| Tax Provision | -724000 | -160 000 | -130 000 | -864 000 | 1410531 | 1370910 | 1518485 | 1744973 |
| Net Minority Interest | 47000 | -1279000 | 17937000 | -1981000 | 3713187 | 6124920 | 9038668 | 4876975 |
| Normalized EBITDA | 18282000 | 16275000 | 23338000 | 18894000 | 23787579 | 26887527 | 27986856 | 31815310 |
| Net Income | -724 000 | -160 000 | -130 000 | -864 000 | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Depreciation <br> amortization | 8490000 | 7457000 | 5960000 | 6493000 | 8124255 | 8278184 | 9240618 | 10382048 |
| Change in NWC |  | 3637000 | -1283000 | 3637000 | 2390415 | 1727259 | 3214646 | 2947955 |
| Operating Cash Flow | 7766000 | 3660000 | 7113000 | 1992000 | 7144372 | 7921836 | 7544457 | 9179066 |


| Capital Expenditures <br> (Capex) | -7632000 | -5742000 | -6227000 | -6866000 | -7604870 | -8356930 | -9221427 |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| FCFF | 15398000 | 9402000 | 13340000 | 8858000 | 14749241 | 16278766 | -16174346 |  |
| Change in Net Debt | 0 | 6273000 | -23952000 | 337000 | -7034738 | -13418231 | -7700839 | -11420470 |
| FCFE |  | 15675000 | -10612000 | 9195000 | 7714503 | 2860535 | 9065046 |  |
| Terminal Value | 0 |  |  |  |  | 7932943 |  |  |
| Total | 0 | 15675000 | -10612000 | 9195000 | 7714503 | 2860535 | 9065046 | 116271074 |

Source: Own computation.

## Appendix - 3.

| Forecast | 30.12.2019 | 30.12.2020 | 30.12.2021 | 30.12.2022 | 31.12 .2023 | 30.12 .2024 | 30.12 .2025 | 30.12 .2026 | 30.12 .2027 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Revenue Growth forecast | unknown | -10,7\% | 3,7\% | 23,4\% | 3,20\% | 4,89\% | 8,80\% | 10,07\% | 6,74\% |
| CoGS as a \% of Revenue | 89,82\% | 88,84\% | 85,92\% | 86,61\% | 87,80\% | 87,29\% | 86,91\% | 87,15\% | 87,29\% |
| S\&GA as a \% of Revenue | 6,19\% | 5,75\% | 6,74\% | 6,81\% | 6,37\% | 6,41\% | 6,58\% | 6,54\% | 6,48\% |
| Interest Income as a \% of revenue | 0,31\% | 0,20\% | 0,11\% | 0,29\% | 0,23\% | 0,21\% | 0,21\% | 0,24\% | 0,22\% |
| Interest Expense as a \% of revenue | 0,57\% | 0,90\% | 0,75\% | 0,63\% | 0,71\% | 0,75\% | 0,71\% | 0,70\% | 0,72\% |
| Other Expense or Income | 0,70\% | 1,13\% | 1,83\% | 0,77\% | 1,11\% | 1,21\% | 1,23\% | 1,08\% | 1,16\% |
| Effective Tax Rate | 10\% | 22\% | 22\% | 16\% | 17,58\% | 19,39\% | 18,76\% | 18,00\% | 18,43\% |
| Normalized EBITDA | 16\% | 18\% | 20\% | 15\% | 17,29\% | 17,56\% | 17,51\% | 16,93\% | 17,32\% |
| Minority Interest as a \% of Revenue | 0,05\% | 0,09\% | 0,06\% | 0,14\% | 0,08\% | 0,09\% | 0,09\% | 0,10\% | 0,09\% |
| D\&A as a \% of Revenue | 10,29\% | 10,46\% | 9,49\% | 0,00\% | 7,56\% | 6,88\% | 5,98\% | 5,10\% | 6,38\% |
| Change in NWC as a \% of Revenue | unknown | 8,92\% | 5,26\% | 1,01\% | 3,80\% | 4,75\% | 3,70\% | 3,31\% | 3,89\% |
| Capex as a \% of Revenue | -5,53\% | -4,33\% | -5,91\% | -5,89\% | -5,42\% | -5,39\% | -5,65\% | -5,59\% | -5,51\% |
| Change in net Debt as a \% of Revenue | 0,00\% | 4,37\% | -0,27\% | 2,70\% | 1,70\% | 2,12\% | 1,56\% | 2,02\% | 1,85\% |

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## Appendix - 4.

| Indicator | 30.12.2019 | 30.12.2020 | 30.12.2021 | 30.12.2022 | 31.12.2023 | 30.12 .2024 | 30.12 .2025 | 30.12 .2026 | 30.12 .2027 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Total Revenue | 137237000 | 122485000 | 127004000 | 156735000 | 161750520 | 169655932 | 184579861 | 203173280 | 216865823 |
| Y-o-Y |  | -10,7\% | 3,7\% | 23,4\% | 3,20\% | 4,89\% | 8,80\% | 10,07\% | 6,74\% |
| Operating Revenue | 137237000 | 122485000 | 127004000 | 156735000 | 161750520 | 169655932 | 184579861 | 203173280 | 216865823 |
| Cost of Revenue | 123265000 | 108813000 | 109126000 | 135754000 | 142014481 | 148098294 | 160413178 | 177071961 | 189297924 |
| Gross Profit | 13972000 | 13672000 | 17878000 | 20981000 | 19736039 | 21557638 | 24166682 | 26101319 | 27567899 |
| Operating <br> Expense | 8491000 | 7038000 | 8554000 | 10667000 | 10301119 | 10881523 | 12146913 | 13292104 | 14045041 |
| Selling General and Administrative | 8491000 | 7038000 | 8554000 | 10667000 | 10301119 | 10881523 | 12146913 | 13292104 | 14045041 |
| Operating Income | 5481000 | 6634000 | 9324000 | 10314000 | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 9434 \\ 919,72 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 10676115,21 | 12019 769,65 | 12809 215,33 | 13522 857,95 |
| Operating Margin | 4,0\% | 5,4\% | 7,3\% | 6,6\% | 6,37\% | 6,41\% | 6,58\% | 6,54\% | 6,48\% |
| Net NonOperating Interest Income Expense | -353 000 | -857 000 | -804 000 | -527000 | -778903 | -912 117 | -917 575 | -940959 | -1 073172 |
| Interest Income Non-Operating | 429000 | 241000 | 146000 | 460000 | 371138 | 354011 | 390645 | 479105 | 480122 |
| Interest Expense Non-Operating | 782000 | 1098000 | 950000 | 987000 | 1150041 | 1266128 | 1308220 | 1420064 | 1553294 |
| Other Income Expense | 2308000 | 2318000 | 4196000 | 1809000 | 1789755 | 2049840 | 2268171 | 2191367 | 2505952 |
| Pre-tax Income | 7436000 | 8095000 | 12716000 | 11597000 | $\begin{aligned} & \hline 12374 \\ & 715,20 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 13992 083,03 | 15596160,04 | 16420 645,73 | 17582 103,30 |
| Tax Provision | 769000 | 1774000 | 2771000 | 1888000 | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 2175 \\ 718,09 \end{array}$ | 2713 353,26 | 2926 055,71 | 2956351,87 | 3241229,20 |
| Net Income Common Stockholders | 6581000 | 6247000 | 9837000 | 8915000 | $\begin{array}{r} 10062 \\ 979,94 \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 11120 487,35 | 12494 835,79 | 13252734,05 | 14136778,18 |
| Net Income from Continuing Operation Net Minority Interest | 6732000 | 6427000 | 10019000 | 9934000 | 136017,16 | 158 242,43 | 175 268,53 | 211 559,81 | 204 095,91 |


| Normalized EBITDA | 22256000 | 21743000 | 25146000 | 24110000 | $\begin{aligned} & 27962 \\ & 940,99 \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ | 29783 645,09 | 32313034,18 | 34403 297,98 | 37562 388,68 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Net Income Common Stockholders | 6581000 | 6247000 | 9837000 | 8915000 | na | na | na | na | na |
| Depreciation \& amortization | 14118000 | 12815000 | 12051000 | 0 | 12227731 | 11668429 | 11040646 | 10371400 | 13837955 |
| Change in NWC | n | 10927000 | 6681000 | 1583000 | 6143099 | 8054172 | 6836696 | 6734762 | 8438223 |
| Operating Cash Flow | 20699000 | 29989000 | 28569000 | 10498000 | 18370831 | 19722601 | 17877342 | 17106162 | 22276179 |
| Capital Expenditures (Capex) | -7592000 | -5 300000 | -7509 000 | -9 238000 | -8761028 | -9 140163 | -10 433511 | -11352 536 | -11951497 |
| FCFF | 28291000 | 35289000 | 36078000 | 19736000 | 27131859 | 28862764 | 28310852 | 28458699 | 34227675 |
| Change in Net Debt | 0 | 5347000 | -343000 | 4235000 | 2748697 | 3603797 | 2886583 | 4108876 | 4017299 |
| FCFE | 28291000 | 40636000 | 35735000 | 23971000 | 29880556 | 32466561 | 31197435 | 32567575 | 38244974 |
| Terminal Value |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | 568834501 |
| Total | 28291000 | 40636000 | 35735000 | 23971000 | 29880556 | 32466561 | 31197435 | 32567575 | 607079475 |

Source: Own computation.

## Appendix－ 5.

According to General Motors＇s latest financial reports and stock price the company＇s current number of shares outstanding is $1,448,000,000$ ．At the end of 2022 the company had $1,448,000,000$ shares outstanding．
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## Appendix - 6.

Ford Motor Annual Shares Outstanding (Millions of Shares)



[^0]:    ${ }^{[1]}$ IFRS (16) - establishes principles for recognizing property, plant, and equipment as assets, measuring their carrying amounts, and measuring the depreciation charges and impairment losses to be recognized in relation to them. Property, plant, and equipment are tangible items that should be amortized annually. ${ }^{[2]}$ M\&A - Merger and Acquisition is a term which refers to the consolidation of companies or their major businesses assets through financial transactions between companies.

[^1]:    ${ }^{[3]}$ Going Concern - is an accounting term used by auditors, accountants, and financial analysis. Mainly represents that the company will work efficiently in the future and plans to meet its obligations, payouts, within the next 12 months, and there is no need to think of liquidation in the coming year.

[^2]:    ${ }^{[4]}$ Numeric data - is meant the data which are presented in number formats, all financial statements (Balance Sheet Statement, Income Statements and Cash Flow Statements).

[^3]:    ${ }^{5}$ SEC - Securities and Exchange Commission that protects investors, promotes fairness in the securities markets, and shares information about companies and investment professionals to help investors make informed decisions and invest with confidence.

[^4]:    Source: Own computation.

