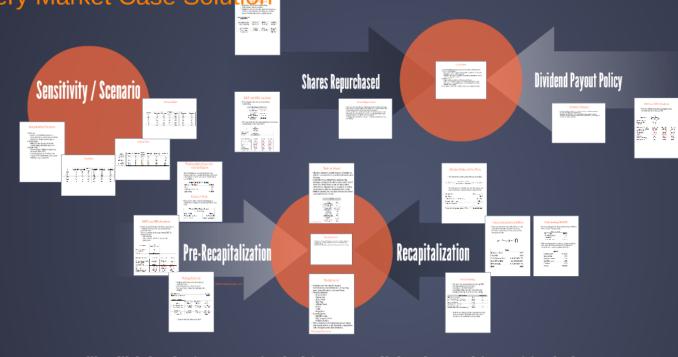
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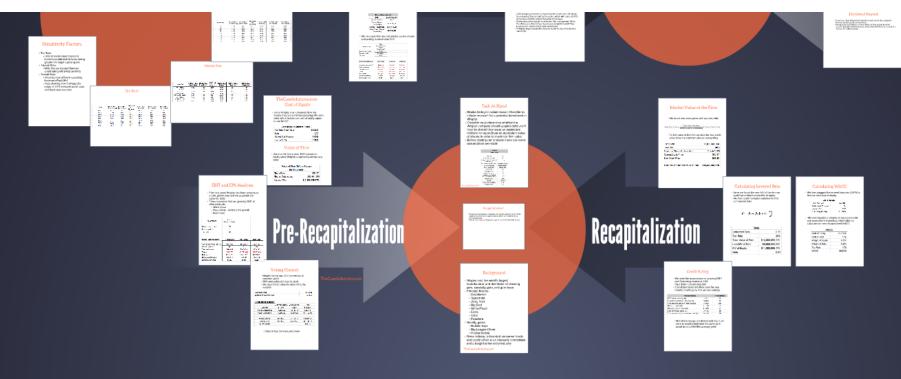
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Background

- Wrigley was the world's largest manufacturer and distributor of chewing gum, specialty gum, and gum base
- Principal brands:
 - Doublemint
 - Spearmint
 - Juicy Fruit
 - Big Red
 - WinterFresh
 - Extra
 - Orbit
 - Freedent
- Novelty gums:
 - Bubble Tape
 - Big League Chew
 - Hubba Bubba
- Firms industry is branded consumer foods and candy which is an intensely competitive and a tough barrier entry industry

Task At Hand

- Blanka Dobrynin asked Susan Chandler to initiate research for a potential investment in Wrigley.
- Chandler must determine whether the Wrigley company should acquire debt and if they do should they issue an equivalent dividend or repurchase an equivalent value of shares in order to maximize firm value
- Before starting our analysis these are some assumptions we made:

Exhibit 6 Assumptions		
Tax Rate	40%	
Market Risk Premium	7%	
Borrowing Debt @ (Assumed BB/B Rating)	13.71%	
Rating prior to recapitalization	Between B and BB	
Borrowing Capacity	\$3,000,000,000	
Shares Outstanding	232,441,000	
Growth Rate	10%	
Earnings Growth	9%	
Pre-tax Cost of Debt	13%	
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Common Stock	1 Vote	
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Share Price	\$30.37
Shares Outstanding	232,441,000
Value of Firm	\$13,102,699,170

Pre-Recapitalization

Voting Control

- Wrigley family has 21% ownership of common stock
- 58% ownership of Class B stock
- We used 2001 values to determine the weights

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\$0.93	
\$0.83	
\$0.74	
\$0.65	

TheCaseSolutions.com Cost of Equity

 Since Wrigley is an unlevered firm this means they are currently operating with zero debt, which makes our cost of equity equal to our WACC

Cost of Equity (Before Recap.)		
Risk Free Rate (20 yr)	5.650%	
Beta	0.75	
Market Risk Premium	7.00%	
Ksu (WACC)	10.90%	

Value of Firm

 Value of the firm is also 100% based on equity since Wrigley is operating without any debt.

Value of Firm (Before Recap.)		
(in thousands)		
Share Price	\$56.37	
Shares Outstanding	232,441,000	
Value of Firm	\$13,102,699,170	