HOW M&A, SUCCESSION PLANNING, AND ESTATE PLANNING AFFECT VALUE



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## AGENDA

Economic Update

Value is Relative

- Estate Planning
- Succession Planning
- M&A

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Summary

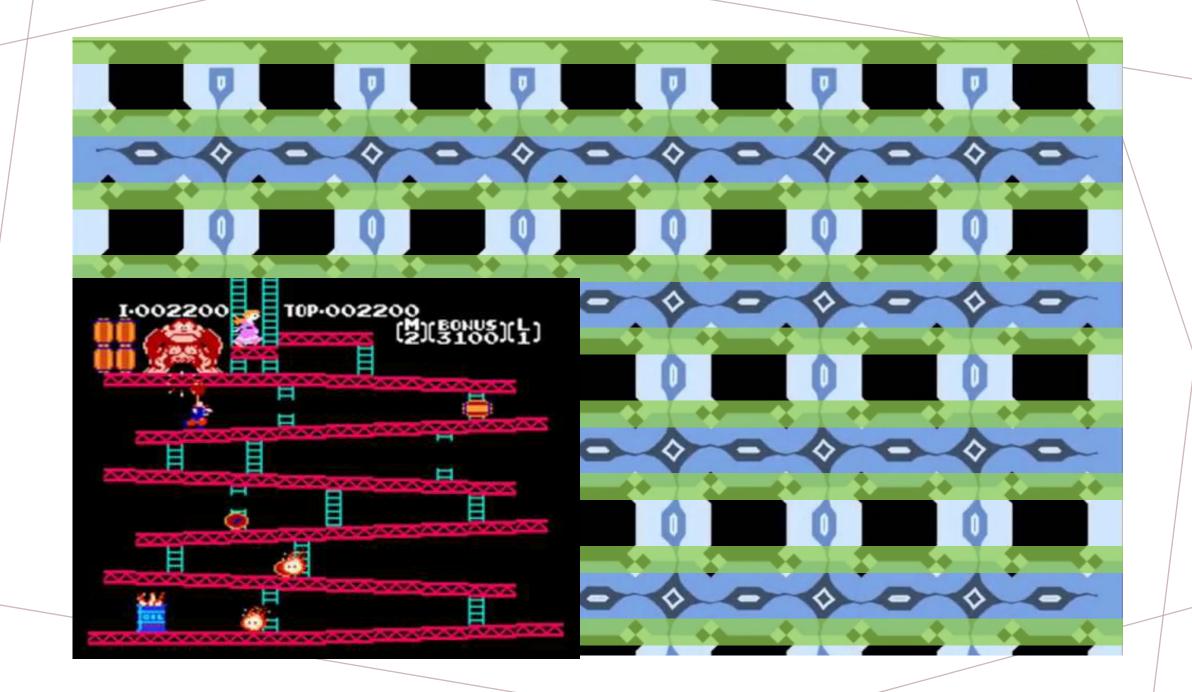




## WHAT IS VALUE?

# The cynic knows the <u>price</u> of everything and the <u>value</u> of nothing.

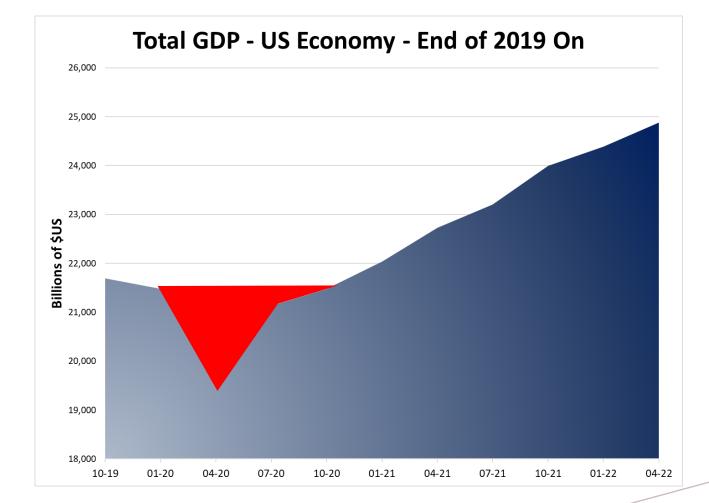
- Oscar Wilde



#### A Quick Recap

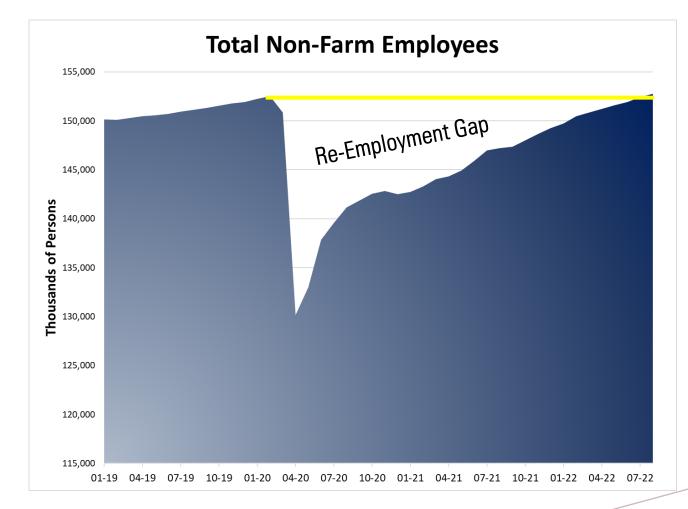
## THE ECONOMY

## GDP GROWTH

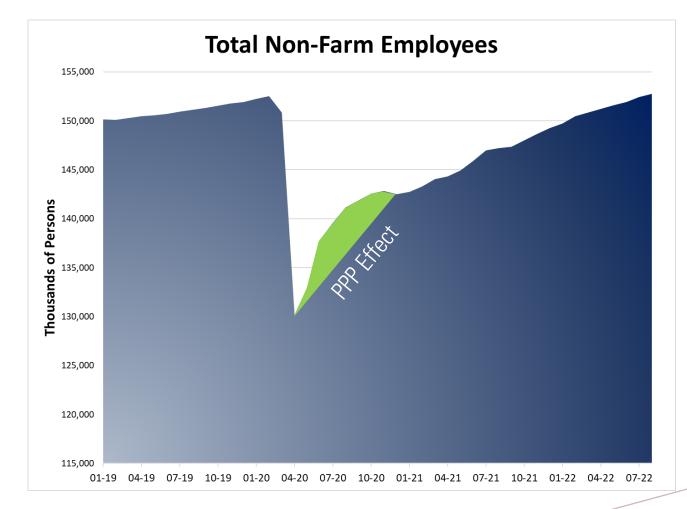


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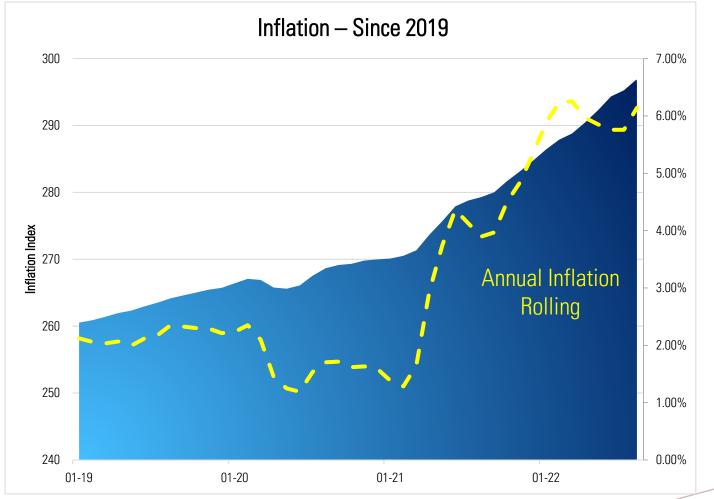
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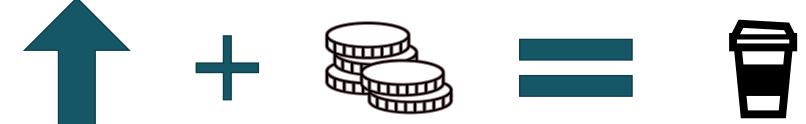
## INFLATION



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## SUMMARY

- Likely to enter mild recession soon, if not already
- Interest rate guidance likely to increase further
- Equity values will remain stagnant
- Absent shock, pull-backs are more likely than not to be "mild"

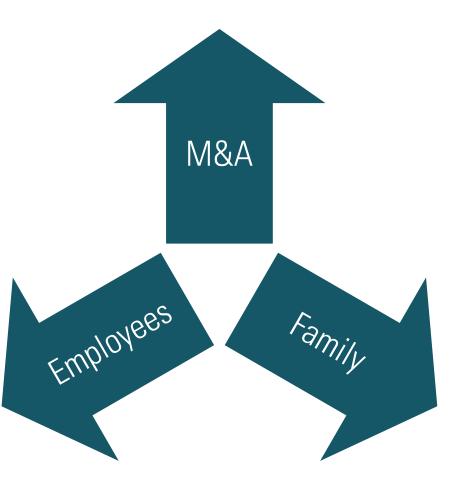


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## VALUE IS IN THE EYE OF THE BEHOLDER



## ESTATE PLANNING

**Goal**: Minimize value?

**Obstacle:** Regulations

**Stress:** Regulations

**Opportunity:** Discounts



## SUCCESSION PLAN

Goal: Fair deal

**Obstacle:** Capital

Stress: Hand off

**Opportunity:** Legacy





#### Goal: Maximize value

**Obstacle:** The economy

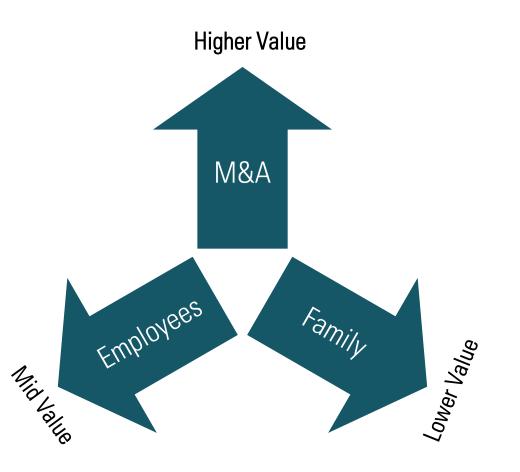
Stress: Financial data

**Opportunity:** Add-Backs





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## ALL IN THE FAMILY

How to Pass On Your Business to Family

## PREPARING FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

#### Start Today

	Con	nparison of Business Ass	et Taxation at Death			
	Toda	ay's Tax System		Potential Tax System		
Value of Business	\$	68,000,000		\$	68,000,000	
Ordinary Capital Gains		-			(200,000)	
AFP Capital Gains		-			(29,078,000)	
Estate Tax		(22,520,000)			(10,808,800)	
Total Taxes Owed		(22,520,000)			(40,086,800)	
Effective Rate		33.1%			<mark>59.0%</mark>	

## PREPARING FOR THE NEXT GENERATION

#### Start Today

Up to \$12.7M in Credits for Gifts Available Today

If married, that's over \$25 million to plan with today that could be gone tomorrow.

#### **Strategies for Estate Planning**

Discounts

#### Lack of Control



A Plane You Share VS A Plane You Own

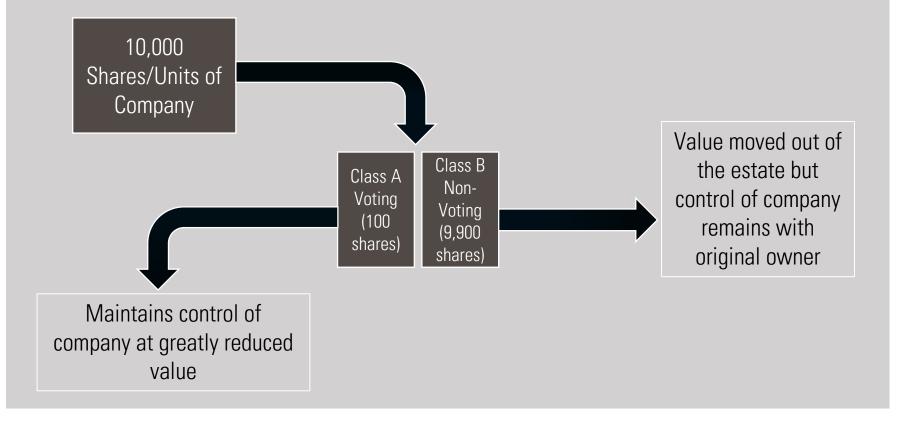
#### Lack of Marketability



A "\$40,000" Chevy Camaro VS A \$40,000 of GM Stock

## **Strategies for Estate Planning**

The Power of Share Classing









## A FRIENDLY TAKEOVER

Strategies for Successful Succession by Employees



## SUCCESSION PLANNING

When legacy is everything, continuity is key

Reasons for Employee Buyouts:

- Trust
- Legacy
- Familiarity
- It's Easier to Find a Buyer

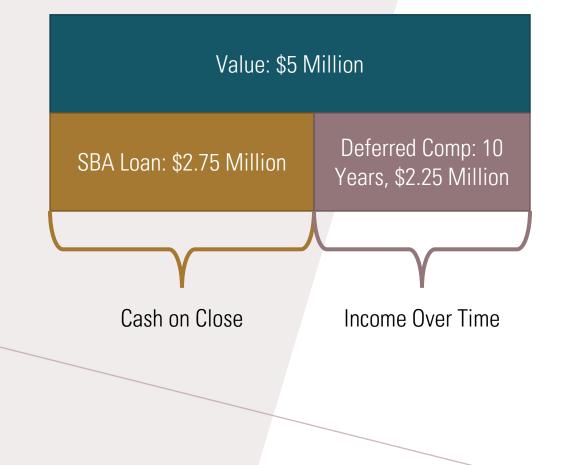
## SUCCESSION PLANNING

#### Strategies to Finance Small Business

- Sweat
- Bank
- Deferred Comp
- Seller Note
- Retain Equity
- ESOP



## DEFERRED COMP







WHO IS GOING TO BUY YOU OUT?

#### Perfect Manager

- Understands Culture
- Knows Client/Industry
- Knows Employees
- Values Legacy

#### <u>But...</u>

- Can She Afford Your Price?
- Can She Get Financing?
- Will the SBA Be An Option?



#### Sometimes the Perfect Fit Doesn't Work Out

## SUCCESSION PLANNING

#### Strategies to Finance Larger Deals

- Bank Financing
  - Difficult?
- Mezz / PE Financing
  - Difficult?
  - Expensive
- ESOP
  - Liabilities
  - Cost

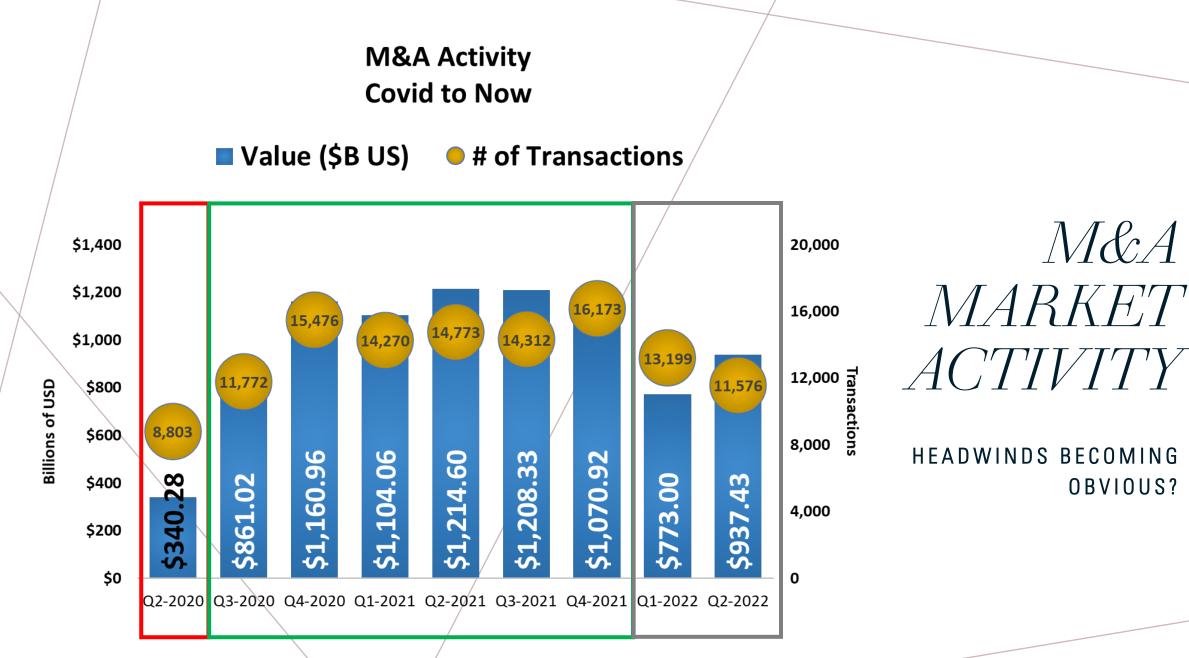
#### What do you do when succession doesn't succeed?





## SELLING YOUR COMPANY

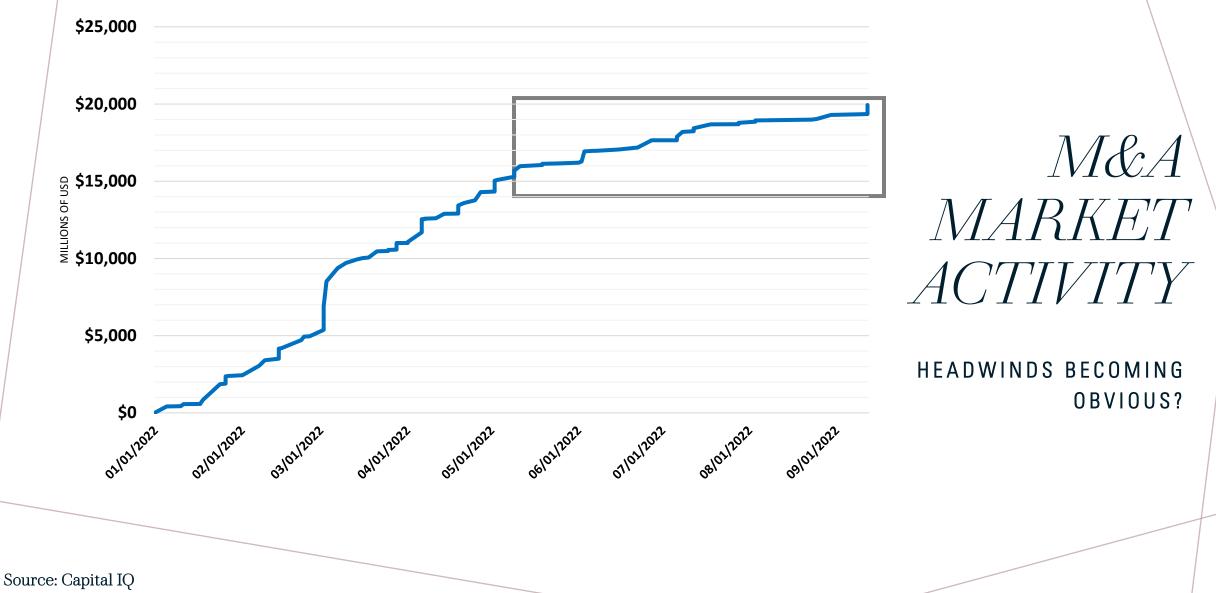
Things to Consider



Source: Capital IQ

#### **Cumulative Value - Middle Market Transactions**

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#### **Primary Steps**

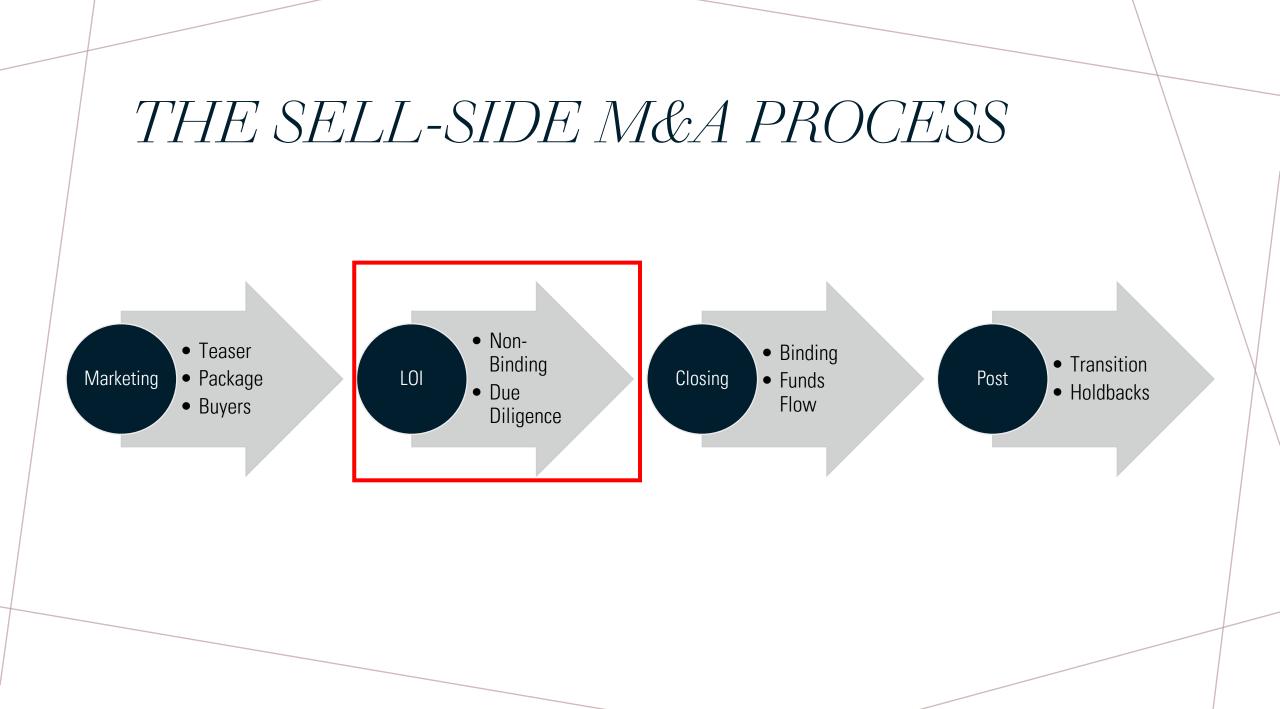
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## LEHMAN BROTHERS LIVES ON

	LBF	"Modern" LB	Broker 1	Broker 2	T&M
Up to \$1,000,000	5%	10%	5%	12%	\$25,000 to \$150,000
Next \$1,000,000	4%	8%	5%	12%	
Next \$1,000,000	3%	6%	5%	12%	
Next \$1,000,000	2%	4%	5%	12%	
Above	1%	2%	5%	12%	

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- Let your sell-side advisor do the negotiation
  - Attorneys/Financial Advisors/Brokers can be the "bad guys"
- Understand your add-backs

Scenario 1		Scenario 2		Scenario 3	
<b>Revenue</b> COGS/SG&A	<b>\$12,500,000</b> (11,950,000)	<b>Revenue</b> COGS/SG&A	<b>\$12,500,000</b> (11,950,000)	Revenue COGS/SG&A	<b>\$11,500,000</b> (10,994,000)
Operating Income	\$550,000	Operating Income	\$550,000	Operating Income	\$506,000
Depreciation	\$35,000	Depreciation	\$35,000	Depreciation	\$35,000
Interest	15,000	Interest	15,000	Interest	15,000
		Add Backs	300,000	Add Backs	300,000
EBITDA	\$600,000	EBITDA	\$900,000	EBITDA	\$856,000
6.0x Multiple	\$3,600,000	6.0x Multiple	\$5,400,000	6.0x Multiple	\$5,136,000

Every Dollar Your Find = \$4 to \$7 (or more) in your pocket

#### Add Backs

#### • Primary Add Backs

- Compensation
- Legal disputes
- One-time accounting fees
- New facility / move company
- Non FMV rents
- Repairs and Maintenance
- "Management Fees"
- Personal perquisites
- Charitable donations

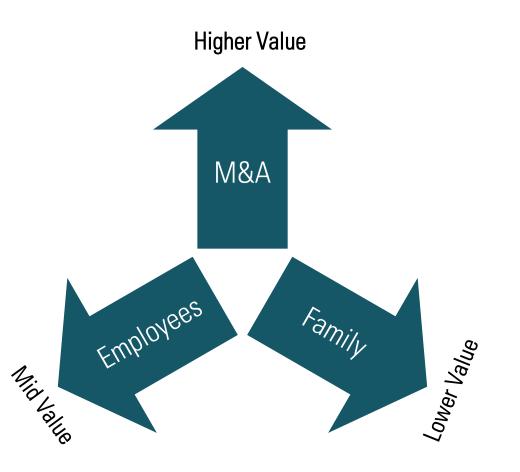
#### • Primary Negative Add Backs (Take Aways)

- Compensation
- Non-recurring revenue (along with expenses)
- Unrelated business activities

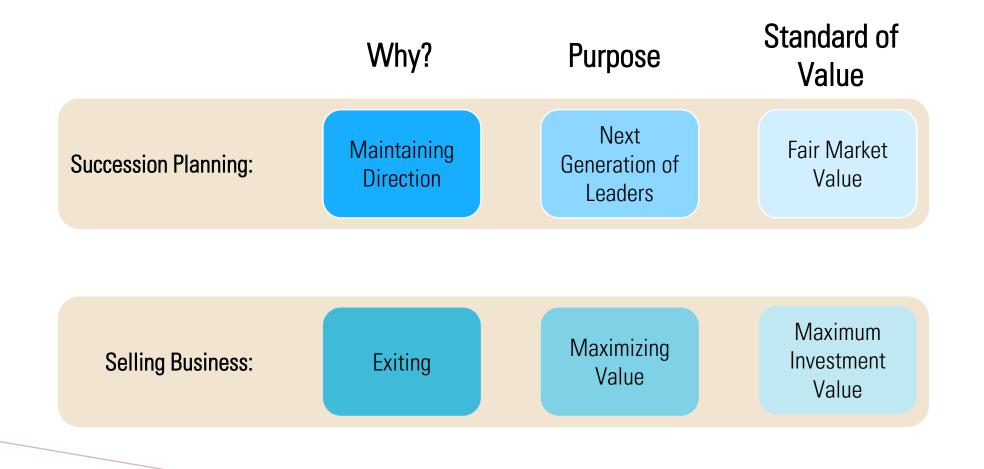




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## INTERNALLY VS. EXTERNALLY

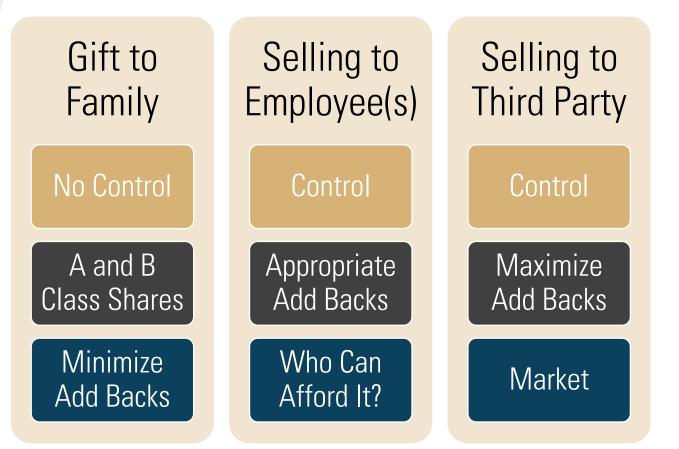


#### SUMMARY











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It's not hard to make decisions once you know what your values are.

- Roy Disney



# THANK YOU

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