

Introduction to Investing

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- Introduction to Investing
- Stock Market
- Evaluating Investment Alternatives
 - How to think about the choices.







- The action or process of investing money for profit or material result.
- A use of money that is intended to turn money you have into more money.



Examples of Investments



Piggy bank

- Bonds
- Savings account
- Housing

Stocks

Business startup



What Makes One Investment Different from Another Investment? Two Things



Risk



Reward



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Let's Consider a Variety of Investments



- Piggy bank
- Savings account
- Lend to a reputable company: Google
- Lend to a local business: doctor's office
- Buy stocks
- Startup



Evaluating Our List of Potential Investments

Piggy bank

- Risk: close to zero

- Return: zero

- \$100 -> \$100 after a year

Savings account

- Risk: zero

- Return: 0.25% interest

- \$100 -> \$100.25 after a year

Lend to Google

- Risk: low, but not zero

- Return: 5%

- \$100 -> \$105 after a year

Lend to a doctor's office

- Risk: Moderate

- Return: 8%

- \$100 -> \$108 after a year

Buy stocks

- Risk: moderately high

- Return: 11.7% (S&P 1973-2016)

- \$100 -> \$111.70 after a year

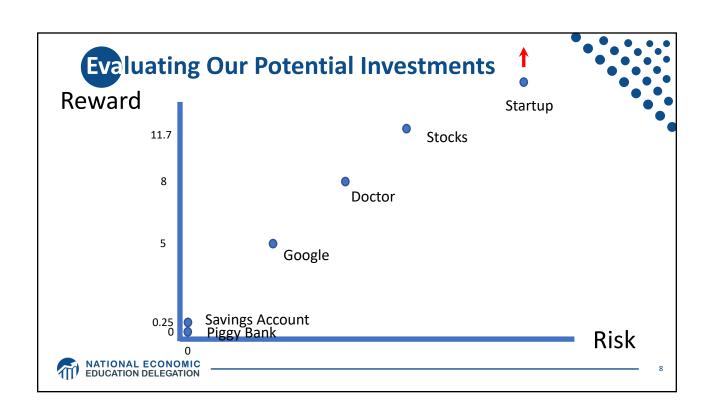
Startup

- Risk: very high

- Return: potentially very high

- \$100 -> ??? \$1 million?





Summary Conversation

- Easier to predict risk or reward?
- Who should be risky and who should be safe?
- Given a level of risk, how do you pick between investments?
- Given a level of return, how do you pick between investments?



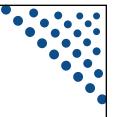
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Outline: Stock Market



- What is a stock?
- How do you buy them?
- What is the stock market?
- How does a stock get listed?
- How is a stock's price determined?
- When should you buy or sell a stock?
- Some additional terminology
- Summary





What is a stock?





Stocks Represent Ownership

• Why do companies issue stocks?

- Raise money to, for example:
 - Recoup investment
 - o Further growth or expansion

• Why do people own stocks?

- To make more money
 - o Buy low sell high!









Are There Other ways to Raise Money?



- Stocks

• Debt:

- Bonds
- Loans





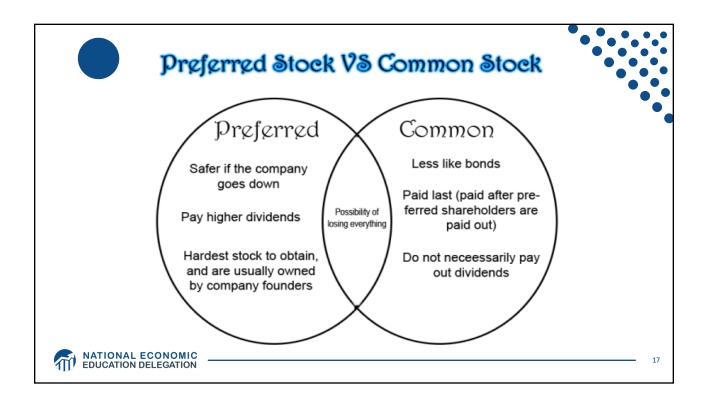
More About Stocks

• There are different types

- Common
 - o High return, voting rights
 - o Last to get paid
- Preferred
 - More like debt than equity
 - No voting rights
 - o 2nd to last to get paid
 - o Receive a stream of dividends
- Other types?
 - o A great many: different classes (A, B, ...). Generally about voting power.









- Kind of like interest on the money invested in a stock
 - Larger more established companies pay stock owners a quarterly share of profits
 - Smaller growth oriented companies tend not to pay dividends
- How are they paid?
 - Cash Dividend
 - **Stock Dividend**: Sometimes paid in additional shares of stock





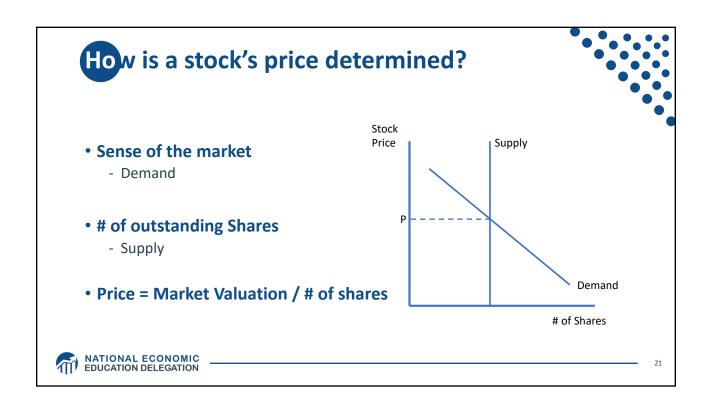


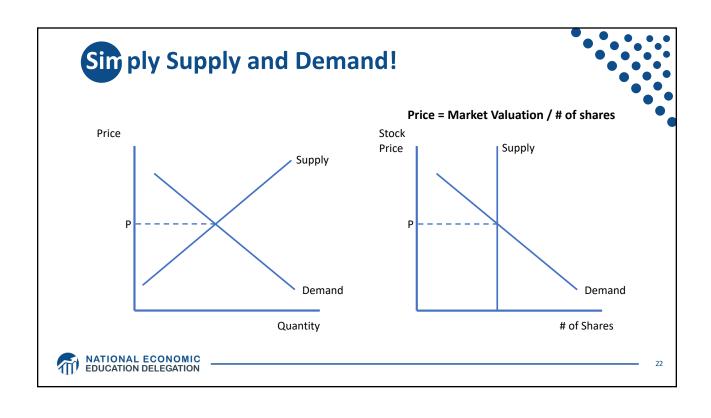


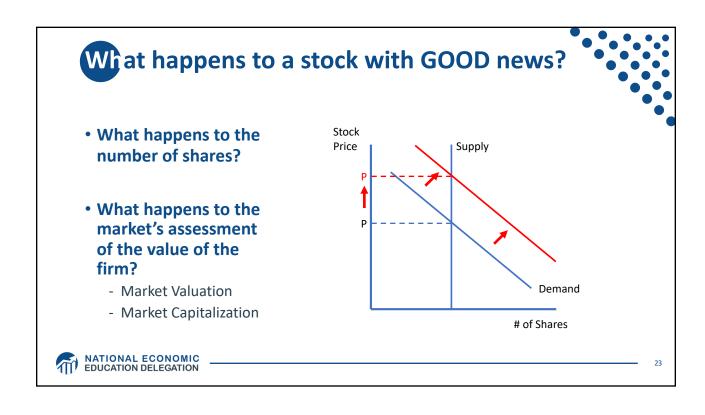
- Through a stock broker
- Stock brokers are members of an exchange
 - NASDAQ
 - NYSE
- Stocks are "listed" on the exchange
 - Initial Purchase Offering (IPO)
 - If they have:
 - o \$10 million in earnings over 3 years
 - o \$100 million in shares outstanding

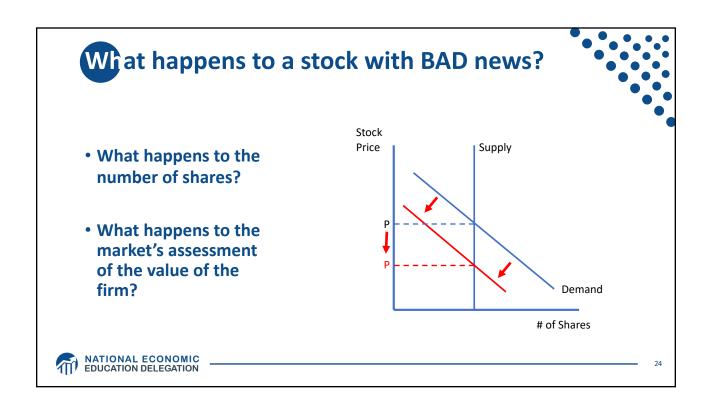


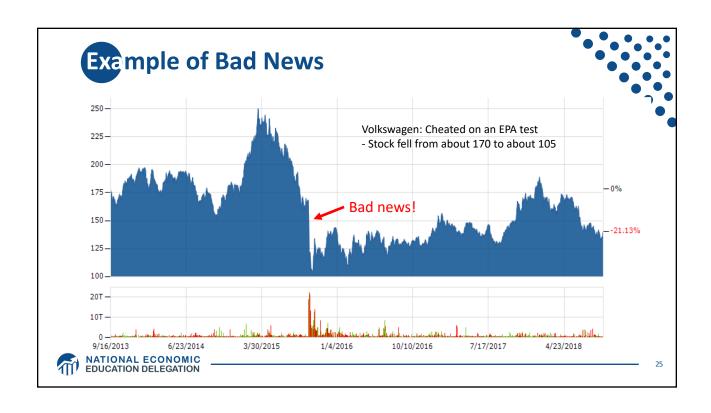








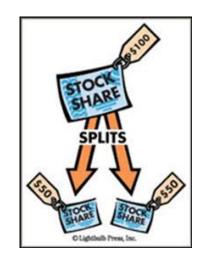




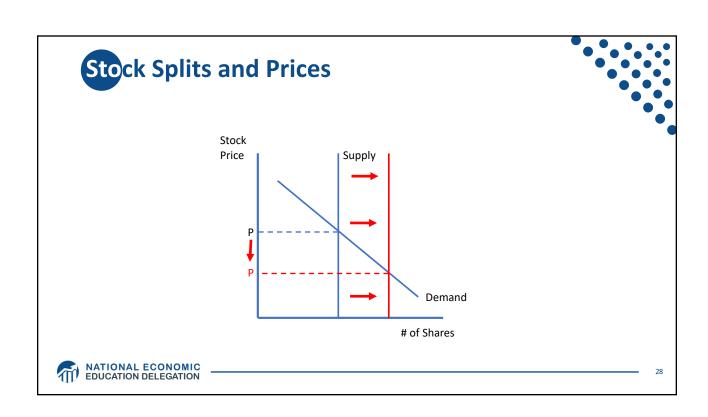


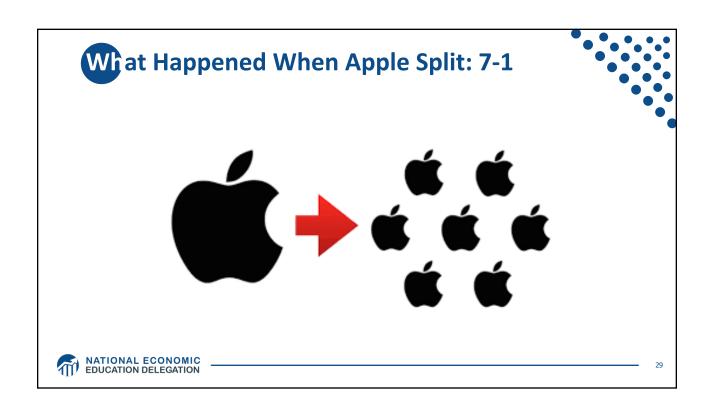
Stock Dividends often Called "Stock Split"

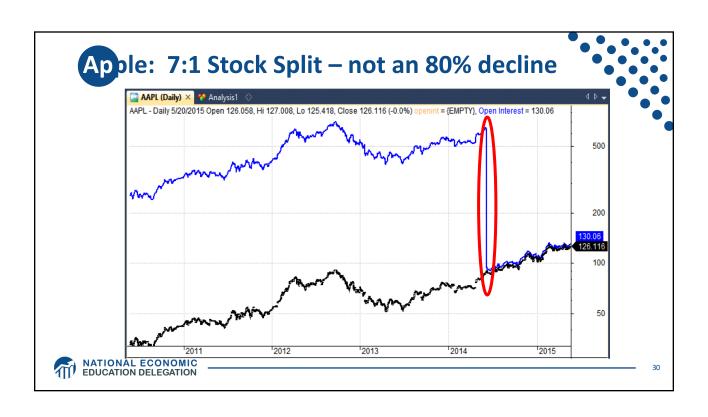
- Split: Generally doubles the # of shares outstanding
 - What happens to share prices?
- Can be any ratio even a reduction in the number of shares outstanding

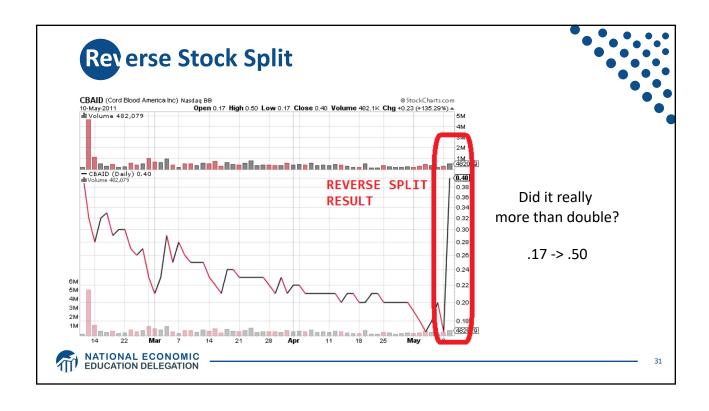


















- When it hits your "buy" price
- When stocks are on sale



• Too many statistics, but one is important:

PE Ratio = Price/Earnings



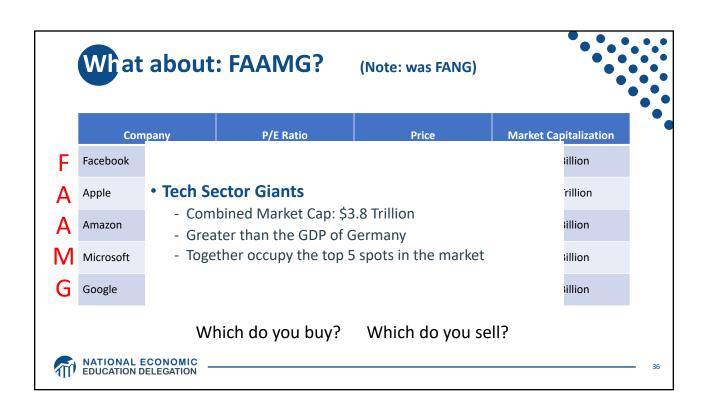




- It tells the relationship between prices and earnings
 - Basically: the higher earnings are, the higher prices should be
- Market P/E Ratio: 25.09 for S&P 500
 - If the P/E ratio is high, simple expectation is for price to fall
 - If the P/E ratio is low, simple expectation is for price to rise
- What about Apple's P/E ratio?



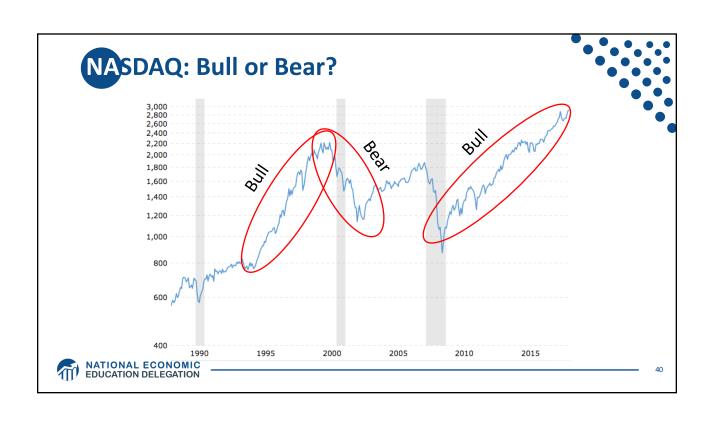












Stock Market Summary

- Basically an investment in:
 - The economy
 - A small part of the economy
- Great way to generate wealth
- Great way to reduce your wealth
- Rewards specialized knowledge
- Filled with conflicts of interest





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Investment Choices

- How do you rank these 3 investments:
 - Apple stock
 - Uber IPO
 - Apartment building
- In terms of risk (low to high)?
 - 1. Apple stock
 - 2. Apartment building
 - 3. Uber IPO
- In terms of reward (high to low)?
 - 1. Uber IPO
 - 2. Apartment building
 - 3. Apple stock





What Investment Should you make:

- If you are a 30 year old in the tech sector
 - Uber IPO or Apartment building
- If you are 60 years old
 - Apple stock
 - Better still, something less risky:
 - o Buy a market indexed fund
 - o Treasury bonds





Concept: Expected Return on Investment

- Combination of risk and reward:
- Return on investment = risk * reward
 - Risk = .5 (50%)
 - Reward = 10%
- Return on investment = .5 * 10% = 5%





Back to Our Original Investment Options

Investment	Reward	Risk	Expected ROI
Piggy Bank	0	0	0
Savings Account	0.25%	0%	0.25
Google	5%	10%	4.5%
Doctor	8%	25%	6%
Stocks	12%	33%	8%
Startup	100%	90%	10%



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Many Factors Affect Risk

- When does the 30 year old buy:
 - Savings account
 - Google
 - Startup





Summary



- Investing can be, but need not be complicated.
 - Getting the most from your money is HARD!
 - Getting a reasonable return is not.
- Have to balance risk and reward.
 - Risk is often very difficult to assess.
- Get a ton of information before investing.
 - Important for evaluating potential risk.
 - And often reward.
- Approach investing with great care.
 - Your situation matters as much as the market.



