# Introduction to Stock Markets 

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## Stocks Represent Ownership

- Why do companies issue stocks?
- Raise money to, for example:
- Recoup investment
- Raise money for growth or expansion
- Why do people own stocks?
- To make more money
- Buy low sell high!




## Are There Other ways to Raise Money?

- Equity (ownership):
- Stocks
- Debt:
- Bonds
- Loans



## More About Stocks

- There are different types
- Common
- High return, voting rights
- Last to get paid
- Preferred
- More like debt than equity
- No voting rights
- $2^{\text {nd }}$ to last to get paid
- Receive a stream of dividends

- Other types?
$\circ$ A great many: different classes (A, B, ...). Generally about voting power.


## Dividends

- 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


## Apple Stock - Dividends

220.45 USD - $-3.39(1.51 \%) \downarrow$

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## How do you buy a 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:
- $\$ 10$ million in earnings over 3 years
- $\$ 100$ million in shares outstanding



## How is a stock's price determined?

- Sense of the market
- Demand
- \# of outstanding Shares
- Supply
- Price = Market Valuation / \# of shares



## Simply Supply and Demand!

Price $=$ Market Valuation / \# of shares



## What happens to a stock with GOOD news?

- What happens to the number of shares?
- What happens to the market's assessment of the value of the firm?
- Market Valuation
- Market Capitalization



## What happens to a stock with BAD news?



- What happens to the number of shares?
- What happens to the market's assessment of the value of the firm?



## Apple Stock - Bad News and Good News

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## 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



## Stock Splits and Prices



## What Happened When Apple Split: 7-1



## Apple: 7:1 Stock Split - not an 80\% decline



## When to buy a Stock

- Flippant: When you think the price will rise!
- When you have done your homework
- When it hits your "buy" price
- When stocks are on sale

- Too many statistics, but one is important:
PE Ratio = Price/Earnings



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## Amazon looks like a good sell by P/E ratio

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- Do your research!
- Know that it is very difficult to pick winners!
- Know that things can change in a
 hurry!


## Additional Terms

- Stock buyback
- Short selling
- Indexed funds/ETFs
- Bear market
- Bull market



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## 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


Thank you!

## Any Questions?

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