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## Incorporating CAPM into Capital Structure Theories: Accounting for Business and Financial Risks

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#### **ABSTRACT**

In order to create a methodology for assessing the company's main financial indicators, taking into account both business and financial risks, the CAPM and Fama-French models were included in the two main theories of capital structure - the Brusov-Filatova-Orekhova (BFO) theory and the Modigliani-Miller (MM) theory. CAPM takes into account systematic (business) risk, while capital structure theories take into account the financial risk of a specific company, associated with debt financing. As a result, generalized approaches (CAPM-BFO and CAPM-MM) were developed that take into account both types of risk: systematic (business) and financial. The Fama-French model with three and five factors is also considered and included. The latest versions of the two main theories of capital structure (BFO and MM), adapted to the established financial practice of the functioning of companies, are used, taking into account the real conditions of their work, such as variable income, frequent income tax payments, advance income tax payments, etc. Practical calculations have been made. They focus on (1) applying two versions of CAPM (market or industry) to real companies; (2) application to real companies of a new methodology developed by us for assessing the financial performance of a company, taking into account both business (market or industry) and financial risks. The calculations made for three real companies (Apple, Severstal, Polymetal) show that the financial performance of companies is highly dependent on the type of risks taken into account. Sometimes the difference between market and industry cases is small, sometimes it is significant. But the difference in financial indicators, while taking into account simultaneously financial and business risks, is always great. This means that taking into account simultaneously both financial and business risks is important for a correct assessment of the financial performance of companies. The developed approach makes it possible to use the powerful tools of these highly developed theories (BFO and MM) for the correct assessment of the main financial indicators of the company and their forecasting, taking into account both types of risks.

**Keywords:** business and financial risks; capital structure; Modigliani-Miller (MM) theory; Brusov-Filatova-Orekhova (BFO) theory; risk and profitability; CAPM 2.0; Fama-French model

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#### ОРИГИНАЛЬНАЯ СТАТЬЯ

## Инкорпорирование модели САРМ в теории структуры капитала: учет деловых и финансовых рисков

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#### **АННОТАЦИЯ**

С целью создания методологии оценки основных финансовых показателей компании с учетом как деловых, так и финансовых рисков осуществлено инкорпорирование моделей САРМ и Фамы-Френча в две основные теории структуры капитала — Брусова-Филатовой-Ореховой (БФО) и теорию Модильяни-Миллера (ММ). САРМ учитывает систематический (деловой) риск, тогда как теории структуры капитала учитывают финансовый риск конкретной компании, связанный с долговым финансированием. В результате были разработаны обобщенные подходы (САРМ-ВГО и САРМ-ММ), учитывающие оба вида риска: систематический (деловой) и финансовый. Также рассмотрена и включена модель Фамы-Френча с тремя и пятью факторами. Используются новейшие версии двух основных теорий структуры капитала (БФО и ММ), адаптированные к сложившейся финансовой практике функционирования компаний, с учетом реальных условий их работы, таких как переменный доход, частота уплаты подоходного налога, авансовые платежи по подоходному налогу и т.д. Сделаны практические расчеты. Они сосредоточены на (1)

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применении двух версий САРМ (рыночной или отраслевой) к реальным компаниям; (2) применение к реальным компаниям разработанной нами новой методики оценки финансовых показателей компании с учетом как деловых (рыночных или отраслевых), так и финансовых рисков. Расчеты, проведенные для трех реальных компаний (Apple, «Северсталь», «Полиметалл»), показывают, что финансовые показатели компаний сильно зависят от типа принимаемых во внимание рисков. Иногда разница между рыночными и отраслевыми случаями невелика, иногда она значительна. Но разница в финансовых показателях при учете одновременно финансовых и бизнес-рисков всегда велика. Это означает, что учет одновременно как финансовых, так и бизнес-рисков важен для правильной оценки финансовых показателей компаний. Разработанный подход позволяет использовать мощный инструментарий этих высокоразвитых теорий (БФО и ММ) для правильной оценки основных финансовых показателей компании и их прогнозирования с учетом обоих видов рисков.

**Ключевые слова:** деловые и финансовые риски; структура капитала; теория Модильяни-Миллера (ММ); теория Брусова-Филатова-Ореховой (БФО); риск и доходность; САРМ 2.0; модель Фамы-Френча

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#### INTRODUCTION

In the real economy, financial and business risks exist. Financial risks are related to the use of debt financing and are described by capital structure theories. Business risks are associated with investments in a specific company (and not the entire market (industry)) and are described in CAPM (market or industry version).

Based on the portfolio theory by Harry Markowitz, the Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM) was developed independently [1–5] by Jack Traynor (1961), William F. Sharp (1964), John Lintner (1965) and Jan Mossin (1966). Two main capital structure theories, Brusov-Filatova-Orekhova (BFO) [6–7] theory and Modigliani-Miller (MM) theory [8–10] describe financial risks. The Miles-Ezzell model [11–13] offers an alternative approach to the problem of capital structure. This is discussed below, along with some others [14].

Statement of the problem: when assessing the profitability of an asset, take into account both financial and business risks. A fundamentally new approach to assessing the profitability of an asset is proposed. Transition from CAPM, which takes the same risk-free return for all assets as an initial assessment, to a new methodology, in which the average return of an asset, cleared of leverage, with the addition of a premium for business risk (market or industry), is taken as a seed return, significantly improves the accuracy of the estimate.

The incorporation of the CAPM [1–5] and Fama-French models [15–18] into the theory of capital structure will allow taking into account the business risk taken into account in these models, along with the financial risk taken into account in the Brusov-Filatova-Orekhova (BFO) [6–7] theory and Modigliani-Miller (MM) theory [8–10]. Hamada's attempt to account for the leverage level is discussed [19, 20].

#### **CAPM (CAPITAL ASSET PRICING MODEL)**

#### Market Approach

CAPM is a simple, but widely used, one-factor model that describes the relationship between the expected return on assets (stocks, investments, etc.) and the risk-free rate, taking into account systematic (business) risk. This relationship is described by the equity risk premium, which depends on the asset's beta (which describes the asset's correlation or sensitivity to the market), the risk-free rate (say, the Treasury bill rate or the central bank's key rate), and the expected return in the market.

The following assumptions are made within the CAPM model:

- 1) All investors are risk averse and have the same time frame to evaluate information.
- 2) Unlimited capital exists to borrow at the risk-free rate.
- 3) Investments can be divided into unlimited parts and sizes.
- 4) Taxes, inflation and transaction costs are absent.
  - 5) Return and risk are linearly related.

CAPM (Capital Asset Pricing Model) describes the profitability of assets and is described by the following formula:

$$k_i = k_f + \beta_i \left( k_m - k_f \right). \tag{1}$$

Here,  $k_f$  is risk free profitability,  $\beta$  is the  $\beta$ -coefficient of the company. It shows the dependence of the return on the asset and the return on the market as a whole. The  $\beta$ -coefficient is described by the following formula:

$$\beta_i = \frac{\text{cov}_{im}}{\sigma_m^2} = \rho_{im} \frac{\sigma_i}{\sigma_m}.$$
 (2)

Here  $\sigma_i$  is the risk (standard deviation) of *i*-th asset,  $\sigma_m$  is market risk (standard deviation of market index),

 $cov_{im}$  is covariance between i-th asset and market portfolio.

An investor invests in risky securities only if their return is higher than the return on risk-free securities, so always  $k_i > k_f$  and  $k_m > k_f$ .

The beta-coefficient of a security,  $\beta$  has the meaning of the amount of riskiness of this security. It follows from formula (1) that:

- 1) if  $\beta$  = 1 the yield of the security is equal to the yield of the average market portfolio ( $k_i = k_f$ );
- 2) if  $\beta > 1$ , the security is more risky than the average on the security market ( $k_i > k_f$ );
- 3) if  $\beta$  < 1, the security is less risky than the average on the security market (  $k_i < k_f$  ).

Securities betas are calculated using statistical data on returns on specific securities and the average market returns on securities traded on the market.

#### Disadvantages of the CAPM model

CAPM has some well-known disadvantages.

- 1. The CAPM formula only works under the assumption that purely rational players who make decisions that favor only investment returns dominate the market. This, of course, is not always true.
- 2. CAPM assumes that each market participant acts on the basis of the same information. In reality, relevant information is distributed unevenly among the public, so some participants may make decisions based on information that others do not.
- 3. Using beta as the main part of the formula. But beta takes into account only changes in the stock price in the market. However, the share price can change for reasons other than the market. Stocks can rise or fall in value for deliberate reasons, not just volatility.
- 4. CAPM only uses historical data. But historical stock price changes are not enough to determine the overall risk of an investment. Other factors should be considered, such as economic conditions, industry peculiarities and competitor characteristics, and internal and external activities of the company itself.

Another very important shortcoming of CAPM, which is eliminated as part of the new approach is that it assumes the same risk-free return on all assets as the original valuation. Also, CAPM takes into account the profitability of a particular asset only in the beta coefficient.

The model operates on only one factor that affects the future performance of a stock. In 1992, E.F. Fama and K.R. French [15–18] proved that future returns are also affected by factors such as company size and industry affiliation.

The model has a number of limitations: it does not take into account taxes, transaction costs, nontransparency of the financial market, etc.

Finally, to predict future returns, a retrospective level of market risk is used, which leads to a forecast error.

#### **Industry Approach**

CAPM has an alternative approach that refers to the industrial index rather than the market.

$$k_i = k_f + \beta_i \left( k_I - k_f \right). \tag{3}$$

Here,  $k_f$  is risk free profitability, is the  $\beta$ -coefficient of the company. In this case it shows the dependence of the return on the asset and the return on the industry as a whole. The  $\beta$ -coefficient now is described by the following formula

$$\beta_i = \frac{\text{cov}_{iI}}{\sigma_i^2} = \rho_{iI} \frac{\sigma_i}{\sigma_I} \cdot \tag{4}$$

Here  $\sigma_i$  is the risk of *i*-th asset,  $\sigma_I$  is industry risk (standard deviation of industry index),  $\text{cov}_{iI}$  is covariance between *i*-th asset and industry index. Note, that the industry approach better describes the return on an asset than the market approach.

The CAPM approach is still evolving and we will describe one of the directions of this development below.

#### The Symmetric CAPM

The Capital Asset Pricing Model (CAPM) assumes a Gaussian or Normal distribution. In practice, this assumption may be violated. In [21], a symmetric CAPM is proposed, assuming distributions with lighter or heavier tails than the normal distribution. Elliptic distributions (normal, exponential and Student-t) are considered.

In addition, the authors of [21] study the methods of leverage and local impact for diagnostics in a symmetric CAPM. It is concluded that the considered models give better results than the CAPM with Gaussian distribution.

In [22–24], empirical studies were carried out under the assumption that stock returns have distributions with heavier tails than the normal distribution.

The Student-t distribution instead of the normal distribution was considered in [23] and in [25], taking into account the maximum likelihood method for estimating its parameters. Paper [24] concluded that asset valuation should be carried out within the framework of the CAPM and the discounted dividend model.

#### **HAMADA MODEL**

The Modigliani-Miller theory, with the accounting of taxes has been united with CAPM (capital asset pricing model) in 1961 by Hamada [19, 20]. For the cost of equity of a leveraged company, the below formula has been derived.

$$k_e = k_f + \beta_U (k_m - k_f) + \beta_U (k_m - k_f) \frac{D}{S} (1 - t)$$
. (5)

The first term represents risk-free profitability  $k_p$  the second term is business risk premium,  $\beta_U \left(k_m - k_f\right)$ , and the third term is financial risk premium  $\beta_U \left(k_m - k_f\right) \frac{D}{S} (1-t)$ .

In the case of an unlevered company (D = 0), the financial risk (the third term) is zero, and its shareholders receive only a business risk premium.

Hamada used an empirical approach in incorporating the level of leverage into the CAPM. One of the main objectives in his research was to distinguish companies without leverage from companies with leverage. The latter make up almost the majority of real companies. In 1972, he surveyed 304 companies, among which he found 102 non-leveraged and 202 leveraged [20]. Comparing the equity returns of two types of companies, he got his formula for the  $\beta$ -factor, which takes into account the level of leverage.

In our approach, we do the opposite thing: we incorporate CAPM and Fama-French models into two main theories of the capital structure — the Brusov-Filatova-Orekhova (BFO) theory and the Modigliani-Miller (MM) theory. In addition, we do this analytically.

Our methodology, developed below, avoids this problem of finding non-leveraged companies (which practically do not exist) by clearing the average return of an asset from leverage using the formula (7), which allows to find  $\mathbf{k}_0$  value (cost of equity at zero leverage level)

Equating CAPM formula (1) to the right side of formula (3), one gets:

$$k_f + \beta (k_m - k_f) = k_f + \beta_U (k_m - k_f) + \beta_U (k_m - k_f) \frac{D}{S} (1 - t)$$
(6)

or

$$\beta = \beta_U \left( 1 + \frac{D}{S} (1 - t) \right) = \beta_U \left( 1 + L (1 - t) \right), \quad (7)$$

where  $\beta$  is beta-coefficient for leveraged company.

#### The Incorrectness of Hamada's Approximation

The Miles-Ezzell model versus the Modigliani-Miller theory has been discussed in [26, 27] (see below).

If we try to combine the CAPM and MM theory not phenomenologically, like Hamada, but analytically, then the incorrectness of Hamada's approximation becomes obvious [28–31]. Substituting the CAPM formula:

$$k_0 = k_f + \beta_U \left( k_m - k_f \right) \tag{8}$$

into Modigliani-Miller formula for equity cost

$$k_e = k_0 + L(k_0 - k_d)(1 - t),$$
 (9)

one gets the following result

$$k_{e} = k_{0} + L(k_{0} - k_{d})(1 - t) =$$

$$= k_{f} + \beta_{U}(k_{m} - k_{f}) + L(k_{f} + \beta_{U}(k_{m} - k_{f}) - k_{d})(1 - t) = (10)$$

$$= k_{f}(1 + L(1 - t)) + \beta_{U}(k_{m} - k_{f})(1 + L(1 - t)) - Lk_{d}(1 - t).$$

The second term is the same as in Hamada's formula (7), but the first term is renormalized value of risk-free profitability and the last term, which depends on the cost of debt kd, is missing from Hamada's formula (7).

So the difference with Hamada's formula is:

while in Hamada's formula only beta coefficient is renormalized, in formula (10) the first term (risk-free return) is also renormalized by the same factor  $\left(1+L\left(1-t\right)\right)$  and the last term, depending on the cost of debt  $k_d$ , appears, which is absent in Hamada's formula. Factor  $\left(1-t\right)$  (tax corrector) exists due to the tax shield.

The incorrectness of Hamada's approximation becomes obvious.

Note that recently the authors [28–31] for the first time generalized CAPM to take into account both business and financial risks and developed a new model CAPM 2.0. They showed that R. Hamada's attempt to take into account both business and financial risks [19, 20] was untenable, and the formulas he obtained, which are widely used in practice, are incorrect. The authors of [28–31] derived correct formulas that take into account both business and financial risks. The application of the new CAPM 2.0 model to a number of companies is considered, and the difference between the results obtained within the framework of CAPM 2.0 and CAPM is demonstrated.

#### Disadvantages of Hamada's approach:

Difficulty in finding a non-leveraged company. It is clear that the vast majority of companies are leveraged because they use debt financing.

#### **FAMA-FRENCH MODELS**

#### Fama-French Three-factor Model

Fama-French three-factor model [15–18] takes into account two additional risk factors, namely, size and book-to-market equity along with market beta:

$$k_e = k_f + \beta_U (k_m - k_f) + s \cdot SMB + h \cdot HML , \quad (11)$$

were *SMB* — the difference between the returns of companies with large and small capitalization; *HML* — the difference between the returns of companies with low and high intrinsic value (indicator B/P).

#### Fama-French Five-factor Model

$$k_e = k_f + \beta_U (k_m - k_f) + s \cdot SMB + + h \cdot HML + r \cdot RMW + c \cdot CMA.$$
 (12)

where RMW — return on equity; CMA — company capital expenditure.

### CAPITAL STRUCTURE THEORIES

#### Modigliani-Miller Theory

The first quantitative theory of capital structure was the well-known theory of Nobel laureates Modigliani-Miller [8–10]. This theory was based on many restrictions. One of the main limitations of the Modigliani-Miller theory about the eternity of companies was removed by Brusov et al. in 2008 [6–7], and modern theories of the cost of capital and capital structure - the Brusov-Filatova-Orekhova theory (BFO-theory) was created for companies of arbitrary age (BFO-1 theory) and for companies of arbitrary lifetime (BFO-2 theory) [14]. Brusov-Filatova-Orekhova (BFO) theory, has modified the Modigliani and Miller theory with this respect. The authors departed from the Modigliani-Miller assumption about the eternity (infinity of lifetime) of companies and developed an innovative quantitative theory for assessing the main parameters of the financial activity of companies of arbitrary age. The results of the modern BFO theory turn out to be quite different from the results of the Modigliani-Miller theory. They show that the latter, through its perpetuity, underestimates the weighted average cost of capital, the cost of equity of the company, and significantly overestimates the company's value.

Such an incorrect assessment of key performance indicators of companies' financial performance was one of the implicit causes of the 2008 global financial crisis.

#### Brusov-Filatova-Orekhova (BFO) Theory

In the Modigliani-Miller theory, there is no time factor (time is equal to infinity), which does not allow to study the dependence of the company's financial performance on the time factor. But Brusov-Filatova-Orekhova theory (BFO-theory) was created for companies of arbitrary age and allows to study the dependence of the company's financial performance on the time factor.

Brusov-Filatova-Orekhova and its perpetual limit — Modigliani-Miller (MM) theory — are described by the following formulas for the weighted average cost of capital *WACC*:

$$\frac{1 - (1 + WACC)^{-n}}{WACC} = \frac{1 - (1 + k_0)^{-n}}{k_0 \cdot \left(1 - w_d t \left[1 - (1 + k_d)^{-n}\right]\right)}$$
(13)

$$WACC = k_0 \cdot (1 - w_{\rm d}t), \qquad (14)$$

here  $w_{\rm d} = \frac{D}{D+S}$  — the share of debt capital;  $k_{\rm e}, w_{\rm e} = \frac{S}{D+S}$  — the cost and the share of the equity

capital of the company, and L = D/S — financial leverage; D — the value of debt capital.

#### Alternative Expression for WACC

Alternative formula for the *WACC*, different from Modigliani-Miller one has been derived in [11, 12] from the *WACC* definition and the balance identity:

$$WACC = k_0 (1 - w_d t) - k_d t w_d + k_{TS} t w_d$$
, (15)

where  $k_0$ ,  $k_d$  and  $k_{TS}$  are the expected returns respectively on the unlevered company, the debt and the tax shield.

Some additional conditions are required for equation (13) practical applicability. If the WACC is constant over time, as stated in [11], the levered company capitalization is found by discounting with the WACC of the unlevered company.

In textbooks [32], formulas for the special cases, where the WACC is constant, could be found.

In 1963, Modigliani and Miller assume that the debt value D is constant. Then, as the expected after-tax cash flow of the unlevered firm is fixed,  $V_0$  is constant as well. By assumption,  $k_{TS} = k_D$  and the value of the tax shield is TS = tD. Thus, the capitalization of the company V is a constant and the alternative formula (13) becomes a formula for a constant *WACC*:

$$WACC = k_0 \left( 1 - w_d t \right). \tag{16}$$

Because the debt  $k_D$  and the tax shield  $k_{TS}$  have debt nature it seems reasonable that the expected returns on they are equals as suggested by "classical" Modigliani-Miller (MM) theory, which has been modified by Brusov et al. [6, 10, 14] for cases of practical meanings.

### The Miles-Ezzell Model Versus the Modigliani-Miller Theory

Denis M. Becker in 2021 discussed [26] the differences between the Modigliani-Miller theory and the Miles-Ezzell model [11–13], which deal with the stochasticity of free cash flows. The author conducts a numerical experiment that allows you to determine the values and discount rates using a risk-neutral approach. He analyzes three formulas:

Modigliani-Miller theory [8-10]

$$WACC = k_0 \cdot (1 - w_d t), \tag{17}$$

Miles-Ezzell model [11–13],

$$WACC = k_0 - t \cdot w_d \cdot k_f \cdot \frac{1 + k_0}{1 + k_f}, \qquad (18)$$

I.A. Cooper and K.G. Nyborg [27]

$$WACC = k_0 - k_f \cdot w_d t , \qquad (19)$$

where  $k_f$  stands for the risk-free rate, which equals the required return of the debt holders.

The author shows that in the Miles-Ezzell model, all cash flows and values depend on the path, in contrast to the Modigliani-Miller theory. Also in the Miles-Ezzell model, all discount rates are time independent, with the exception of the discount rate used to discount tax shields, which depends on the duration of the cash flows. Conversely, in the Modigliani-Miller theory, all discount rates change over time, except for the constant tax shield discount rate. This affects the applicability of the well-known formula for annuities and the development of models for estimating both finite and perpetual cash flows.

In this paper Becker [26] raises the issue of paying the debt body together with payment of interest on the debt. Regarding this issue, we would like to note that in both classical MM and BFO theories, the body of the debt is not paid. In the framework of the Modigliani-Miller theory, such an account is fundamentally impossible, while in the BFO theory it can be done and was done in the framework of the BFO-2 theory,

where the amount of debt D decreases with time. This decrease in the value of debt D results in a decrease in the tax shield.

In Brusov-Filatova-Orekhova and its perpetual limit — Modigliani-Miller (MM) theory, one of the most important parameters is the equity cost of an unlevered company  $k_0$ . Knowing it, one can evaluate the main financial indicators, such as the cost of capital raised, the discount rates  $W\!ACC$  and  $k_e$ , the value of the company, V, the cost of equity capital,  $k_e$ , and their dependence on debt financing, taxation, company age, etc.

One way to find  $k_0$  is as follows: if we know *WACC* and *L*, we substitute these values into the formulas for *WACC* (or BFO, or MM) and find  $k_0$  from here.

## INCORPORATING CAPM AND FAMA-FRENCH MODELS INTO CAPITAL STRUCTURE THEORIES

If we use the CAPM formula for a company without leverage, then we can use this return value as  $k_0$ . If we use the CAPM formula for a leveraged company (Hamada formula), then we should "clear" this formula from leverage and only after that can you use the resulting return value as  $k_0$ .

The company's profitability  $k_i$  is taken from the company's financial statements either for the year, or for the quarter, or for the month, or for a day. If you need to find out the profitability for several periods, you need to use the following formula:

$$k_i = \prod_{k=1}^{n} (1 + k_{ik}) - 1.$$
 (20)

Although in the CAPM it is declared that the company profitability  $k_e$  is for an unleveraged company, since it is taken from the company's financial statements, it is clear that it is defined for a leveraged company.

Since both theories of capital structure (BFO and MM) use non-leveraged cost of equity as a seed value for the cost of equity, it is necessary to remove  $k_i$  from leverage.

The simplest way to do this is to use the MM formula for the cost of equity

$$k_i = k_0 + L(k_0 - k_d)(1 - t),$$
 (21)

$$k_0 = \frac{k_i + Lk_d (1 - t)}{1 + L(1 - t)}.$$
 (22)

Here  $k_0$  is  $k_i$  value, cleaned from leverage.

Table 1

Cost of Equity with Non-Zero Leverage and Its Cleaned Value  $k_0$  (GAZP)

Indicator	2021	2020	2019	2018
k <sub>0</sub>	3.529%	6.106%	5.587%	4.542%
Leverage level, L	0.500	0.538	0.448	0.486
Debt cost, $k_d$	0.017	0.021	0.017	0.020
GAZP, average profitability	4.26%	7.83%	6.98%	5.53%
GAZP, standard deviation	0.945%	0.840%	0.415%	0.310%

Source: Compiled by the authors.

To clean  $k_f$  value used BFO theory, one should use formula

$$k_e = WACC(1+L) - k_d L(1-t), \tag{23}$$

but you need to know the value of *WACC* at a specific value of the leverage level *L*.

We could include a business risk premium at two levels: (1) at market level or (2) at industry level.

To include a market risk premium, one needs to add to  $\,k_0\,$  the following term

$$\beta_{im} \left( k_m - k_F \right). \tag{24}$$

To include an industry risk premium, one needs to add to  $\,k_0\,$  the following term

$$\beta_{II}\left(k_{I}-k_{F}\right). \tag{25}$$

To include effects, described by Fama-French model, we should add the following terms:

either two terms within Fama-French three — factor Model

$$S \cdot SMB + h \cdot HML$$
, (26)

or four terms within Fama-French Five-factor Model

$$s \cdot SMB + h \cdot HML + r \cdot RMW + c \cdot CMA$$
. (27)

As result we get

$$k_{0} = k_{f} + \beta_{U} \left( k_{m} - k_{f} \right) + s \cdot SMB + h \cdot HML =$$

$$= \frac{k_{f} + Lk_{d} \left( 1 - t \right)}{1 + L \left( 1 - t \right)} + \beta_{U} \left( k_{m} - k_{f} \right) + s \cdot SMB + h \cdot HML$$
(28)

$$k_{0} = k_{f} + \beta_{U} \left( k_{m} - k_{f} \right) + s \cdot SMB +$$

$$+ h \cdot HML + r \cdot RMW + c \cdot CMA =$$

$$= \frac{k_{f} + Lk_{d} \left( 1 - t \right)}{1 + L \left( 1 - t \right)} + \beta_{U} \left( k_{m} - k_{f} \right) +$$

$$+ s \cdot SMB + h \cdot HML + r \cdot RMW + c \cdot CMA.$$

$$(29)$$

We use this value  $k_0$  to study the dependence of the company's main financial indicators on debt financing, the cost of debt, taxation, the age of the company etc.

$$k_{0} = k_{f} + s \cdot SMB + h \cdot HML =$$

$$= \frac{k_{f} + \beta_{U} (k_{m} - k_{f}) + Lk_{d} (1 - t)}{1 + L (1 - t)} + s \cdot SMB + h \cdot HML, (30)$$

$$k_{0} = k_{f} + s \cdot SMB + h \cdot HML + r \cdot RMW + c \cdot CMA =$$

$$= \frac{k_{f} + \beta_{U} \left(k_{m} - k_{f}\right) + Lk_{d} \left(1 - t\right)}{1 + L\left(1 - t\right)} + s \cdot SMB +$$

$$+ h \cdot HML + r \cdot RMW + c \cdot CMA.$$
(31)

#### The algorithm for Using this Innovative Technique

- 1. Take the average return on the asset for the year from statistical data.
- 2. Clean of it from leverage using equation (9) for  $k_a$ .

It can be seen from *Table 1*, that the values of  $k_0$  are always lower than the cost of equity with non-zero leverage, as it should be, given that the cost of equity increases with leverage.

### Add a Market Business Risk Premium, or an Industry One

Let us give an example for GAZP company for 2018. To find premium to  $k_0$ , let us calculate  $\Delta k_0$  within market CAPM approach:

$$\beta = 1.16$$
:

$$k_m - k_f = 12.3\% - 7.75\% = 4.55\%$$
;

$$\Delta k_0 = 1.16 \cdot 4.55\% = 5.278\%$$
.

Finally, one gets

$$\hat{k}_0 = k_0 + \Delta k_0 = 1.16 \cdot 4.55\% =$$
  
= 4.542% + 5.278% = 9.82%.

It is easy to see, that account of business risk within market CAPM approach change  $k_0$  from 4.542% to  $\hat{k}_0$  = 9.82%.

It is seen, that the use of  $\hat{k}_0$ , which takes into account the business risk, will significantly change the results of calculation of the financial indicators of the GAZP.

Add Fama-French corrections (use either three factor Fama-French model or five factor Fama-French model.

Now we are ready to use the obtained  $k_0$  value to calculate the main financial parameters of the company: the cost of raising capital, *WACC*, company value, etc. The theory of Brusov-Filatova-Orekhova (BFO) and its eternal limit — the theory of Modigliani-Miller (MM) — have recently been generalized to the established practice of the functioning of companies. This generalization took into account the real conditions of the company's activities, such as variable income, frequent income tax payments, advance income tax payments, etc. This made it possible to investigate the impact of these conditions on its main financial indicators (see Review [14]).

A few practical calculations have been made for real companies (see below in sections 6, 7). They focus on:

- (1) applying two versions of CAPM (market or industry) to real companies (PJSC Polymetal and PJSC Severstal);
- (2) application to Apple company of a new methodology developed by us for assessing the financial performance of a company, taking into account both business (market or industry) and financial risks.

#### WACC FORMULAS FOR BRUSOV-FILATOVA-OREKHOVA (BFO) — THEORY AND FOR MODIGLIANI-MILLER (MM) — THEORY

Below we give a summary of the WACC formulas for Brusov-Filatova-Orekhova (BFO) — theory as well as for Modigliani-Miller (MM) — theory (see Review [14]).

## Variable Income Case Income tax payments at the ends of periods

$$\frac{1 - \left(\frac{1+g}{1+WACC}\right)^{n}}{WACC - g} = \frac{1 - \left(\frac{1+g}{1+k_{0}}\right)^{n}}{\left(k_{0} - g\right) \cdot \left(1 - w_{d}t \left[1 - \left(1 + k_{d}\right)^{-n}\right]\right)}, (32)$$

MM: 
$$WACC = (k_0 - g) \cdot (1 - w_d t) + g$$
. (33)

#### **Advance Income Tax Payments**

$$\frac{1 - \left(\frac{1+g}{1+WACC}\right)^{n}}{WACC - g} = \frac{1 - \left(\frac{1+g}{1+k_{0}}\right)^{n}}{\left(k_{0} - g\right) \cdot \left(1 - w_{d}t \left[1 - \left(1 + k_{d}\right)^{-n}\right] \cdot \left(1 + k_{d}\right)\right)} \cdot (34)$$

MM: 
$$WACC = (k_0 - g) \cdot (1 - w_d t \cdot (1 + k_d)) + g$$
. (35)

## Frequent Income Tax Payments Income Tax Payments at the Ends of Periods REO.

$$\frac{1 - (1 + WACC)^{-n}}{WACC} = \frac{1 - (1 + k_0)^{-n}}{k_0 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{k_d w_d t}{p} \frac{\left[1 - (1 + k_d)^{-n}\right]}{(1 + k_d)^{\frac{1}{p}} - 1}\right)}, \quad (36)$$

MM: 
$$WACC = k_0 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{k_d w_d t}{p \cdot \left[ (1 + k_d)^{1/p} - 1 \right]} \right)$$
. (37)

### **Advance Income Tax Payments** BFO:

$$\frac{1 - (1 + WACC)^{-n}}{WACC} = \frac{1 - (1 + k_0)^{-n}}{k_0 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{k_d w_d t}{p} \left[\frac{1 - (1 + k_d)^{-n}}{(1 + k_d)^{1/p} - 1}\right] \cdot (1 + k_d)^{1/p} - 1\right)}, (38)$$

MM: 
$$WACC = k_0 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{k_d w_d t \cdot (1 + k_d)^{\frac{1}{p}}}{p \cdot \left[ (1 + k_d)^{\frac{1}{p}} - 1 \right]} \right).$$
 (39)

# Simultaneous Accounting of Variable Income in Case of Frequent Income Tax Payments Income Tax Payments at the Ends of Periods BFO:

$$\frac{1 - \left(\frac{1+g}{1+WACC}\right)^{n}}{WACC - g} = \frac{1 - \left(\frac{1+g}{1+k_{0}}\right)^{n}}{\left(k_{0} - g\right) \cdot \left(1 - \frac{k_{d}w_{d}t}{p} \frac{\left[1 - \left(1 + k_{d}\right)^{-n}\right]}{\left(1 + k_{d}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} - 1}\right)}, \tag{40}$$

MM: 
$$WACC - g = (k_0 - g) \cdot \left(1 - \frac{k_d w_d t}{p \cdot (1 + k_d)^{1/p} - 1}\right)$$
 (41)

### Advance Income Tax Payments

$$\frac{1 - \left(\frac{1+g}{1+WACC}\right)^{n}}{WACC - g} = \frac{1 - \left(\frac{1+g}{1+k_{0}}\right)^{n}}{\left(k_{0} - g\right) \cdot \left(1 - \frac{k_{d}w_{d}t}{p} \left[\frac{1 - \left(1 + k_{d}\right)^{-n}\right] \cdot \left(1 + k_{d}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}}}{\left[\left(1 + k_{d}\right)^{\frac{1}{p}} - 1\right]}\right)}, \quad (42)$$

MM: 
$$WACC - g = (k_0 - g) \cdot \left(1 - \frac{k_d w_d t \cdot (1 + k_d)^{1/p}}{p \cdot (1 + k_d)^{1/p} - 1}\right)$$
. (43)

## APPLICATION OF TWO VERSION OF CAPM (MARKET AND INDUSTRY) TO REAL COMPANIES

Estimation of the Cost of Equity of PJSC Polymetal for the Period 2018–2022 by CAPM Capital Asset Pricing Model (Ticker PJSC Polymetal on the Moscow Exchange is POLY)

In *Table 2* below the summary of indicators for Polymetal shares, the RTS mining and metal index and the MICEX index in the period 2018–2022 are shown This *Table 3* gives:

- (1) the company's average annual return;
- (2) the company's profitability with an industry risk premium;
- (3) profitability of a company with a market risk premium

Estimation of the Cost of Equity of PJSC Severstal for the Period 2018–2022 by CAPM Capital Asset Pricing Model (Ticker PJSC Severstal on the Moscow Exchange is CHMF)

The last three lines in *Table 4* give:

- (1) the company's average annual return;
- (2) the company's profitability with an industry risk premium;
- (3) profitability of a company with a market risk premium

# APPLICATION OF NEW METHODOLOGY FOR ASSESSING THE COMPANY'S FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Below we apply the developed by us new methodology for assessing the company's financial performance, taking into account both business (market and industry) and financial risks to the Apple company in 2019–2021.

As Market we take S&P 500; as Industry (sector): S&P500 Information Technology and we consider period 2019–2021.

#### The Collection and Processing of Statistical Data About the Company, Industry and Market and Two Versions of CAPM (Market and Industry)

Below in *Table 5* the collection and processing of statistical data about the company, industry and market and two versions of CAPM (market and industry) are shown.

#### Comments

The following formulas were used to calculate the company's profitability using the CAPM model:

For calculation by industry (sector):  $\mu_i = \mu_F - \beta_{iI} (\mu_I - \mu_F)$ , where  $\mu_i$  — average annual return per share;  $\mu_F$  — US market risk free rate;  $\beta_{iI}$  industry beta (sector);  $\mu_I$  — average annual return of the sector (S&P500 Information Technology)

For calculation by market:  $\mu_i = \mu_F + \beta_{im} (\mu_m - \mu_F)$ , where  $\mu_i$  — average annual return per share;  $\mu_F$  — US market risk free rate;  $\beta_{im}$  — market beta;  $\mu_m$  — average annual market return in the market (S&P500)

The average yield of 10-year US Treasury boxes was taken as the risk-free rate in the US market.

Data on daily market quotes, as well as daily quotes of the S&P500 index and the S&P500 Information Technology sector are taken from a specialized Internet resource https://ru.investing.com/.

For calculations,  $\mu_i$  was taken — the average annual return on shares. To calculate the average annual return, it was first necessary to find the average daily return. The average daily return was calculated using the logarithmic return formula:

$$\mu_d = \ln \frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}}$$
, where  $\mu_d$  — daily yield;  $P_t$  — share price

on date t;  $P_{(t-1)}$  — share price on date t-1.

The values obtained using this formula were averaged for each study period (year). The average daily returns were then converted to annual averages using the following formula:  $\mu_i = (1 + \mu_d)^n - 1$ , where n — number of trading days on the exchange.

The beta coefficient was found using the following formulas:

For the industry (sector):  $\beta_{iI} = \frac{\text{cov}_{iI}}{\sigma_I^2}$ , where

 $cov_{iI}$  — covariance between returns on stocks and returns on the industry (sector) under study;  $\sigma_I^2$  — sector variance.

sector variance. For market:  $\beta_{im} = \frac{\text{cov}_{im}}{\sigma_m^2}$ , where  $\text{cov}_{im} - \text{covariance}$ 

between stock returns and market returns;  $\sigma_m^2$  — market variance.

Table 2
Summary Table of Indicators for Polymetal Shares, the RTS Mining and Metal Index and the MICEX
Index in the Period 2018–2022

Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022					
	Company le	vel (Polymetal)								
Profitability actual	3.48%	32.80%	78.71%	-24.39%	-71.71%					
Standard deviation	0.304	0.242	0.454	0.264	0.705					
Average debt cost	3.52%	4.89%	4.00%	2.88%	3.28%					
Leverage level	4.78	3.41	1.57	0.54	1.6					
Industry level (RTS mining and metal index)										
Profitability actual	2.11%	40.20%	56.08%	12.37%	-9.80%					
Standard deviation	0.233	0.144	0.390	0.230	0.580					
Average leverage level	0.408	0.370	0.351	1.128	0.818					
Beta with Polymetal	0.208	0.107	0.436	0.349	0.250					
Profitability (industry CAPM)	6.79%	11.07%	27.97%	9.10%	4.96%					
Correlation with Polymetal	0.27	0.18	0.51	0.40	0.30					
Mark	et level (Moscow	Exchange index	( MICEX)							
Profitability actual	18.15%	36.24%	22.57%	3.25%	-16.78%					
Standard deviation	0.167	0.120	0.271	0.163	0.497					
Beta with Poly	0.443	0.189	0.516	0.307	0.508					
Profitability (market CAPM)	12.51%	12.99%	14.67%	6.09%	-3.68%					
Correlation with Polymetal	0.24	0.09	0.31	0.19	0.36					

Table 3
Actual and Projected Returns Based on CAPM Models for Polymetal Shares in the Period 2018–2022

Profitability actual	3.48%	32.80%	78.71%	-24.39%	-71.71%
Profitability (industry CAPM)	2.11%	40.20%	56.08%	12.37%	-9.80%
Profitability (market CAPM)	12.51%	12.99%	14.67%	6.09%	-3.68%

Source: Compiled by the authors.

Also, the beta coefficient was calculated using the standard deviation, the results agreed with the previous calculations (for more details, see the Excel table).

For Apple, the cost of debt and financial leverage ratio were also calculated.

The cost of debt was calculated using the formula:

$$k_d = \frac{IE}{D}$$
, where *I* is the cost of debt, *IE* is the interest

expense for the period, D is the debt value, on which interest is charged.

Table 4
Estimation of the Cost of Equity of PJSC Severstal for the Period 2018–2022 by CAPM

Indicato	ors	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
$\mu_F$		8.02%	7.59%	6.27%	7.34%	9.87%
	$\mu_i$	6.23%	-0.53%	41.01%	21.27%	-43.66%
Company	L	1.21	1.75	1.51	1.37	-
PJSC	$k_d$	3.77%	3.98%	3.38%	3.36%	-
	$\sigma_i$	0.24	0.19	0.26	0.28	0.53
	$\mu_I$	8.71%	10.68%	47.75%	7.37%	-46.96%
	L	0.41	0.81	0.66	0.68	0.64
Industry	$\sigma_{I}$	0.19	0.11	0.24	0.17	0.45
	$eta_{i,I}$	0.40	-0.19	0.91	1.42	1.10
	$\mu_m$	12.20%	28.58%	8.06%	15.08%	-43.10%
Market	$\sigma_{\scriptscriptstyle m}$	0.17	0.11	0.26	0.16	0.52
	$oldsymbol{eta}_{im}$	0.77	-0.73	0.69	0.85	0.94
$\mu_i$		6.23%	-0.53%	41.01%	21.27%	-43.66%
$\mu_i$ CAPM (Industry)		8.29%	6.99%	44.22%	7.38%	-52.55%
$\mu_i$ CAPM (market)		11.22%	-7.64%	7.51%	13.93%	-40.11%

The leverage level was calculated as the ratio of debt (total liabilities) to the company's equity capital.

The data for the calculations above were taken from Apple's annual reports for 2019–2021.

#### **CALCULATIONS**

Comparing the average annual return of the Apple stock with the average annual returns of the market (S&P500) and the sector (S&P500 Information Technology), we can say that the company's shares show more profitability, but

at the same time more volatility, and therefore riskiness.

The standard deviation of the return on Apple stock is at the level of 2-3%. Which is higher than the values for the sector and the market by  $\sim 1$  p.p. At the same time, there is a sharp increase in 2020, which may be due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is important to analyze the average annual return of Apple stock with expected returns under the CAPM model. The model is considered relative to the S&P500 market and the S&P500 Information Technology sector.

Table 5

#### Results for Parameters of Company, Industry (Sector) and Market

Index	Unit	Source	2019	2020	2021
Average annual return per share (Apple)	%	Authors's calculation	90.04	71.87	37.36
Average annual market return (S&P 500)	%	Authors's calculation	28.86	16.18	26.88
10-year US Treasuries	%	Investing.com	3.75	3.75	3.75
Standard deviation of stock return (Apple)	%	Authors's calculation	1.66	2.94	1.58
Standard Deviation of Market Returns (S&P 500)	%	Authors's calculation	0.79	2.19	0.83
Beta	Х	Authors's calculation	1.57	1.12	1.31
Expected stock return	%	Authors's calculation	43.13	17.68	34.07
Average annual return of the sector (S&P500 Information Technology)	%	Authors's calculation	48.00	41.98	33.33
10-year US Treasuries	%	Investing.com	3.75	3.75	3.75
Standard deviation of stock return (Apple)	%	Authors's calculation	1.66	2.94	1.58
Sector Return Standard Deviation (S&P500 Information Technology)	%	Authors's calculation	1.14	2.57	1.23
Beta	х	Authors's calculation	1.22	1.04	1.06
Expected stock return	%	Authors's calculation	57.57	43.65	35.00
Interest expenses	mln \$	Apple Annual Report 2019 Apple Annual Report 2020 Apple Annual Report 2021	3.58	2.87	2.65
Total debt	mln \$	Apple Annual Report 2019 Apple Annual Report 2020 Apple Annual Report 2021	102.07	107.44	118.72
Debt cost	%	Authors's calculation	3.50	2.67	2.23
Total debt	mln \$	Apple Annual Report 2019 Apple Annual Report 2020 Apple Annual Report 2021	102.07	107.44	118.72
Equity value	mln \$	Apple Annual Report 2019 Apple Annual Report 2020 Apple Annual Report 2021	90.49	65.34	63.09
Leverage level	Х	Authors's calculation	1.13	1.64	1.88

Results for Three Values of  $k_0$ 

Table 6

**Indicato**r Unit 2019 2020 2021 85.99 % 80.21 33.80  $\mu_{i}$ % 46.86 36.16 14.83  $\mu_{0}$  $k_0$  (1st value) % 46.86 36.16 14.83  $k_0$  (2<sup>nd</sup> value) % 100.69 76.06 46.08  $k_0$  (3 rd value) % 86.24 50.09 45.15

Source: Compiled by the authors.

Beta coefficients were calculated for both models. In all options, the coefficients turned out to be greater than one, which indicates a correlation between the price dynamics of Apple's stock and the dynamics of the market and the sector, but at the same time, the volatility of the shares is higher, which means that the risks are higher. At the same time, it should be noted that the beta calculated for the sector is close to 1, which indicates a higher correlation than for the market (the company's shares follow the sector's trend, the company's risks are almost equivalent to the sectorwide ones).

This can be explained by the fact that only companies from the IT sector are represented in the S&P500 Information Technology sector, while

several industries are represented in the S&P500 market.

In general, comparing the expected returns under the CAPM model and the real average annual return of the Apple stock for the period 2019–2021, it can be observed that the forecast indicators for the sectoral CAPM model are closer to real values than for the market model, which is explained by a higher correlation. At the same time, the real values of Apple's average annual return are higher with positive values and lower with negative ones, which indicates increased volatility and riskiness of the security. Apple's leverage ratio is below 2, which may indicate that the company is funded largely by equity.

#### Three Values of $k_0$ (see *Table 6*).

For further calculations,  $\mu_i$  was taken — the average annual return on shares. To calculate the average annual return, it was first necessary to find the average daily return. The average daily return was calculated using the logarithmic return formula:

$$\mu_d = \ln \frac{P_t}{P_{t-1}}$$
, where  $\mu_d$  – daily yield;  $P_t$  – share

price on the date t;  $P_{t-1}$  — share price on the date t-1.

The values obtained using this formula were averaged for each study period (year). The average daily returns were then converted to annual averages using the following formula:  $\mu_i = (1 + \mu_d)^n - 1$ , where n — number of trading days on the exchange.

Table 7

Dependence of WACC on Leverage Level L, WACC (L) for 2019–2021 Years

		2019			2020		2021		
L	WACC1	WACC2	WACC3	WACC1	WACC2	WACC3	WACC1	WACC2	WACC3
0	46.86%	100.69%	86.24%	36.16%	76.06%	50.09%	14.83%	46.08%	45.15%
1	42.18%	90.62%	77.62%	32.54%	68.46%	45.08%	13.35%	41.47%	40.63%
2	40.61%	87.26%	74.74%	31.34%	65.92%	43.41%	12.85%	39.94%	39.13%
3	39.83%	85.58%	73.30%	30.73%	64.65%	42.57%	12.61%	39.17%	38.38%
4	39.36%	84.58%	72.44%	30.37%	63.89%	42.07%	12.46%	38.71%	37.92%
5	39.05%	83.91%	71.87%	30.13%	63.39%	41.74%	12.36%	38.40%	37.62%
6	38.83%	83.43%	71.46%	29.96%	63.02%	41.50%	12.29%	38.18%	37.41%
7	38.66%	83.07%	71.15%	29.83%	62.75%	41.32%	12.23%	38.02%	37.25%
8	38.53%	82.79%	70.91%	29.73%	62.54%	41.18%	12.19%	37.89%	37.12%
9	38.43%	82.56%	70.72%	29.65%	62.37%	41.07%	12.16%	37.79%	37.02%
10	38.34%	82.38%	70.56%	29.58%	62.23%	40.98%	12.13%	37.70%	36.94%

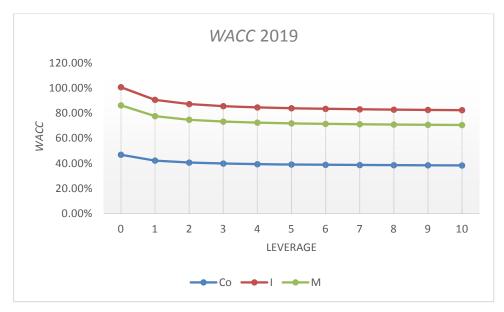


Fig. 1. Dependence of WACC on Leverage Level L, WACC (L) for 2019 Year Source: Compiled by the authors.



Fig. 2. Dependence of WACC on Leverage Level L, WACC (L) for 2020 Year Source: Compiled by the authors.

Next,  $\mu_0$  was found by the formula:

$$\mu_0 = \frac{\mu_i + L k_d (1-t)}{1 + L (1-t)}$$
, where  $L$  — leverage level;

t- income tax rate). After that,  $k_{\scriptscriptstyle 0}$  was calculated according to three conditions:

$$k_0(1) = \mu_0,$$
 (44)

$$k_0(2) = \mu_0 + \beta_{iI} (\mu_I - \mu_F)$$
 for industry, (45)

$$k_0(3) = \mu_0 + \beta_{iM} (\mu_M - \mu_F)$$
 for market. (46)

Based on the data obtained, indicators were calculated for two models: the Modigliani-Miller and the Brusov-Filatova-Orekhova theories.

It was found the dependence of WACC, V, ke indicators on the level of leverage (change in leverage from 0 to 10).

### Calculations of Indicators for the Modigliani-Miller — CAPM Model

The following formulas were used to calculate the indicators:

WACC = 
$$k_0(1 - w_d t)$$
;  $w_d = \frac{L}{L+1}$ ;  $V = \frac{CF}{WACC}$ ,

$$CF = EBITDA; k_e = k_0 + L(k_0 - k_d)(1 - t).$$
 (47)

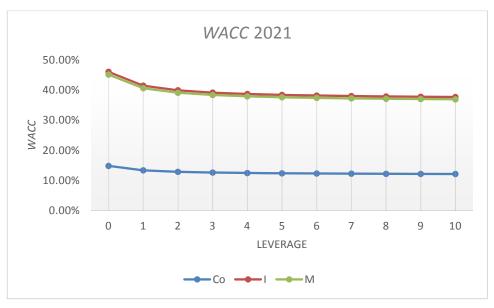


Fig. 3. Dependence of WACC on Leverage Level L, WACC (L) for 2021 Year Source: Compiled by the authors.

Table 8

Dependence of Company Value, V on Leverage Level L, V(L) for 2019–2021 Years

	2019				2020			2021	
L	<i>V</i> 1	V2	V3	<i>V</i> 1	V2	<i>V</i> 3	<i>V</i> 1	V2	V3
0	166.70	77.59	90.58	235.52	111.96	170.02	864.59	278.25	284.00
1	185.22	86.21	100.65	261.69	124.40	188.92	960.66	309.16	315.55
2	192.35	89.52	104.52	271.75	129.18	196.18	997.61	321.05	327.69
3	196.12	91.28	106.57	277.08	131.72	200.03	1017.17	327.35	334.11
4	198.45	92.37	107.84	280.38	133.29	202.41	1029.28	331.25	338.09
5	200.04	93.11	108.70	282.62	134.35	204.03	1037.51	333.90	340.79
6	201.19	93.64	109.33	284.25	135.12	205.20	1043.47	335.82	342.75
7	202.06	94.05	109.80	285.48	135.71	206.09	1 047.99	337.27	344.24
8	202.75	94.36	110.17	286.44	136.17	206.79	1051.53	338.41	345.40
9	203.30	94.62	110.47	287.22	136.54	207.35	1054.38	339.33	346.34
10	203.75	94.83	110.71	287.86	136.84	207.81	1056.73	340.08	347.11



Fig. 4. Dependence of Company Value, V on Leverage Level L, V(L) for 2019 Year Source: Compiled by the authors.

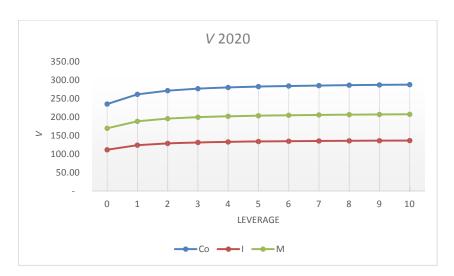


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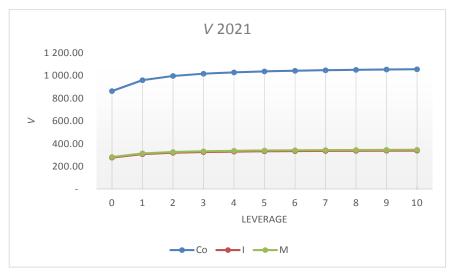
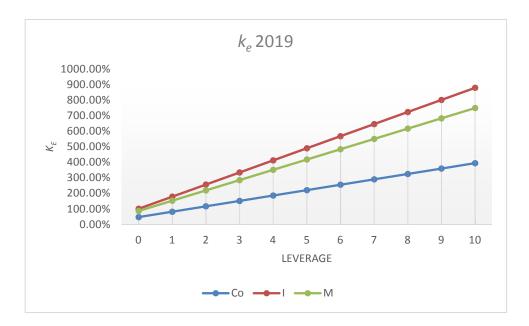


Fig. 6. Dependence of Company Value, V on Leverage Level L, V(L) for 2021 Year Source: Compiled by the authors.

Table 9 Dependence of Cost of Equity  $k_{\rho}$  on Leverage Level  $L, k_{\rho}$  (L) for 2019–2021 Years

		2019			2020		2021		
L	k <sub>e</sub> 1	k <sub>e</sub> 2	k <sub>e</sub> 3	k <sub>e</sub> 1	k <sub>e</sub> 2	k <sub>e</sub> 3	k <sub>e</sub> 1	k <sub>e</sub> 2	k <sub>e</sub> 3
0	46.86%	100.69%	86.24%	36.16%	76.06%	50.09%	14.83%	46.08%	45.15%
1	81.55%	178.43%	152.43%	62.95%	134.77%	88.02%	24.91%	81.16%	79.48%
2	116.24%	256.18%	218.62%	89.73%	193.48%	125.95%	34.99%	116.24%	113.82%
3	150.92%	333.93%	284.81%	116.52%	252.19%	163.88%	45.07%	151.33%	148.16%
4	185.61%	411.67%	351.00%	143.31%	310.90%	201.81%	55.16%	186.41%	182.49%
5	220.30%	489.42%	417.19%	170.09%	369.61%	239.74%	65.24%	221.49%	216.83%
6	254.99%	567.17%	483.38%	196.88%	428.32%	277.67%	75.32%	256.57%	251.16%
7	289.67%	644.91%	549.57%	223.67%	487.03%	315.60%	85.40%	291.65%	285.50%
8	324.36%	722.66%	615.76%	250.46%	545.74%	353.53%	95.48%	326.74%	319.84%
9	359.05%	800.40%	681.95%	277.24%	604.46%	391.46%	105.56%	361.82%	354.17%
10	393.74%	878.15%	748.14%	304.03%	663.17%	429.39%	115.65%	396.90%	388.51%



*Fig. 7.* **Dependence of Cost of Equity ke on Leverage Level L, ke (L) for 2019 Year** *Source:* Compiled by the authors.

The results obtained are presented in *Tables 7–9* of dependencies of the values of indicators (*WACC*, V,  $k_e$ ) on the level of leverage for each year for three values of  $k_o$ , as well as in figures.

Here and below in the *Fig. 1–9*: Co means company; I means industry (sector); M stands for market.

#### CALCULATIONS OF INDICATORS FOR THE BRUSOV-FILATOVA-OREKHOVA — CAPM MODEL

To calculate indicators according to the BFO model, it is necessary to take into account the duration of the company's operation

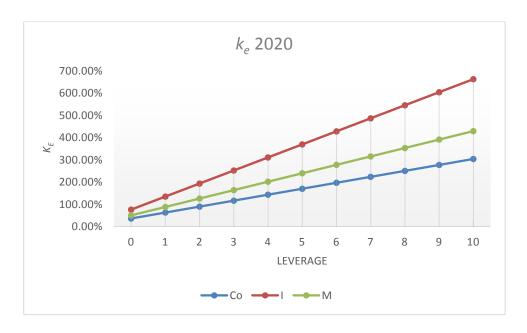
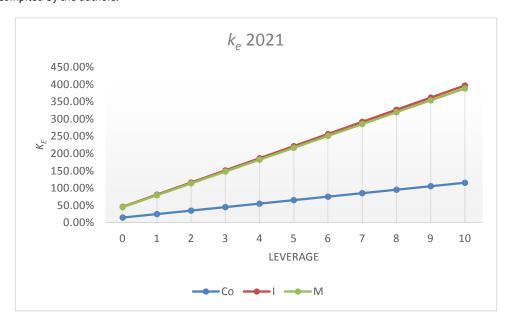


Fig. 8. Dependence of Cost of Equity ke on Leverage Level L,  $k_e$  (L) for 2020 Year Source: Compiled by the authors.



*Fig.* 9. Dependence of Cost of Equity  $k_e$  on Leverage Level L,  $k_e$  (L) for 2021 Year *Source*: Compiled by the authors.

Date Apple was founded: 04/01/1976.

The duration of the company's operation (n) is calculated by the formula:  $n = t_1 - t_0$ , where  $t_1$  is the current year,  $t_0$  is the year the company was founded.

The following formulas were used in the calculations:

$$\frac{1 - \left(1 + WACC\right)^{-n}}{WACC} = \frac{1 - \left(1 + k_0\right)^{-n}}{k_0 \left(1 - w_d t \left[1 - \left(1 + k_d\right)^{-n}\right]\right)}, (48)$$

$$V = \frac{CF}{WACC} \left( 1 - \left( 1 + WACC \right)^{-n} \right), \tag{49}$$

$$k_e = WACC(1+L) - Lk_d(1-t).$$
 (50)

*WACC* was found using Excel's "Search for Solution" function.

It was considered how the *WACC*, V,  $k_e$  indicators change relative to the change in the level of leverage (change in leverage from 0 to 10).

Table 10

Dependence of WACC on Leverage Level L, WACC (L) for 2019–2021 Years

	2019				2020			2021	
L	WACC1	WACC2	WACC3	WACC1	WACC2	WACC3	WACC1	WACC2	WACC3
0	46.86%	100.69%	86.24%	36.16%	76.06%	50.09%	14.83%	46.08%	45.15%
1	43.24%	92.91%	79.58%	33.67%	70.84%	46.65%	13.88%	43.18%	42.31%
2	42.04%	90.32%	77.36%	32.85%	69.10%	45.50%	13.57%	42.22%	41.36%
3	41.43%	89.02%	76.25%	32.43%	68.23%	44.93%	13.41%	41.73%	40.89%
4	41.07%	88.24%	75.58%	32.18%	67.70%	44.58%	13.32%	41.44%	40.60%
5	40.83%	87.72%	75.14%	32.02%	67.35%	44.35%	13.25%	41.25%	40.41%
6	40.66%	87.35%	74.82%	31.90%	67.11%	44.19%	13.21%	41.11%	40.28%
7	40.53%	87.07%	74.58%	31.81%	66.92%	44.07%	13.17%	41.01%	40.18%
8	40.43%	86.86%	74.40%	31.74%	66.77%	43.97%	13.15%	40.93%	40.10%
9	40.35%	86.69%	74.25%	31.69%	66.66%	43.89%	13.13%	40.86%	40.04%
10	40.28%	86.54%	74.13%	31.64%	66.56%	43.83%	13.11%	40.81%	39.98%

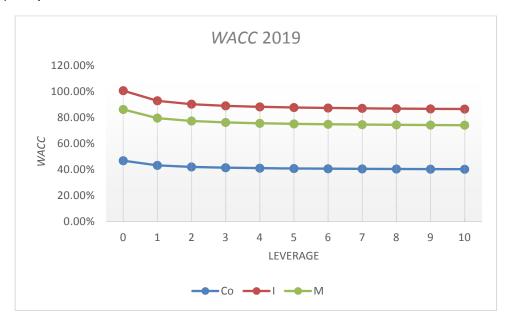


Fig. 10. Dependence of WACC on Leverage Level L, WACC(L) for 2019 Year Source: Compiled by the authors.

Let's move on to the results: the paper presents *Tables 10–12* of indicator values (*WACC*, V,  $k_e$ ) for each year in three versions (depending on  $k_0$ ), as well as *Fig. 10–18* of these indicators.

#### CONCLUSIONS

A fundamentally new approach to assessing the profitability of an asset is proposed. Transition

from CAPM, which takes the same risk-free return for all assets as an initial assessment, to a new methodology, in which the average return of an asset, cleared of leverage, with the addition of a premium for business risk (market or industry) is taken as a seed return, significantly improves the accuracy of the estimate. A methodology has been developed for assessing the profitability

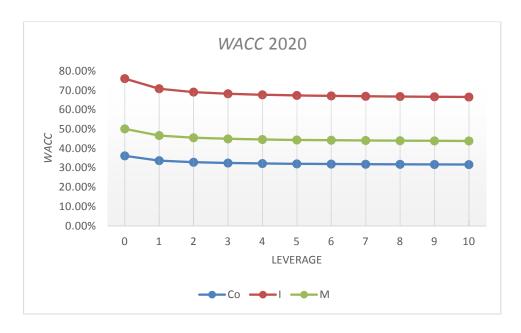


Fig. 11. Dependence of WACC on Leverage Level L, WACC (L) for 2020 Year Source: Compiled by the authors.



Fig. 12. Dependence of WACC on Leverage Level L, WACC(L) for 2021 Year Source: Compiled by the authors.

of assets, taking into account both business (systematic) and financial risks. For this purpose, the CAPM and Fama-French models were incorporated in two main theories of the capital structure — the Brusov-Filatova-Orekhova (BFO) theory and the Modigliani-Miller (MM) theory. The developed approach makes it possible to use the powerful tools of these highly developed theories for the correct assessment of the main financial indicators of the company and their forecasting, taking into account both types of risks. The dependences of these indicators on

debt financing, leverage level, taxing, company age, debt cost can be studied. The latest versions of the BFO and MM theories of capital structure, developed by authors and adapted to the established financial practice of the functioning of companies, are used, taking into account the real conditions of their work, such as variable income, frequent income tax payments, advance income tax payments, etc.

The example for GAZP, given by us, shows that account of business risk within market CAPM approach change  $k_0$  from 4.542% to  $k_0$  = 9.82%. This will

Table 11

Dependence of Company Value V on Leverage Level L, V(L) for 2019–2021 Years

	2019			2020			2021		
L	<i>V</i> 1	<i>V</i> 2	<i>V</i> 3	<i>V</i> 1	V2	<i>V</i> 3	<i>V</i> 1	V2	<i>V</i> 3
0	166.70	77.59	90.58	235.52	111.96	170.02	862.88	278.25	284.00
1	180.66	84.08	98.17	252.89	120.22	182.56	920.80	296.92	303.06
2	185.84	86.50	100.99	259.26	123.25	187.16	941.87	303.72	309.99
3	188.55	87.76	102.46	262.57	124.82	189.55	952.77	307.24	313.58
4	190.21	88.53	103.36	264.60	125.78	191.02	959.44	309.38	315.78
5	191.34	89.05	103.97	265.97	126.43	192.00	963.93	310.83	317.26
6	192.15	89.43	104.41	266.95	126.90	192.72	967.17	311.88	318.32
7	192.76	89.72	104.75	267.70	127.26	193.25	969.61	312.66	319.12
8	193.24	89.94	105.01	268.28	127.53	193.67	971.52	313.28	319.75
9	193.63	90.12	105.22	268.75	127.76	194.01	973.05	313.77	320.26
10	193.94	90.27	105.39	269.13	127.94	194.29	974.30	314.18	320.67

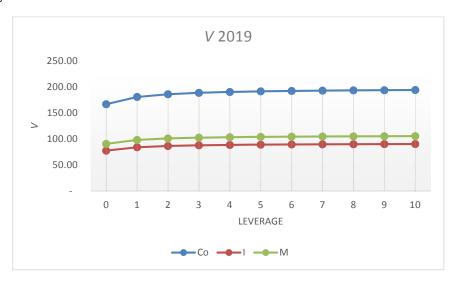


Fig. 13. Dependence of Company Value V on Leverage Level L, V(L) for 2019 Year Source: Compiled by the authors.

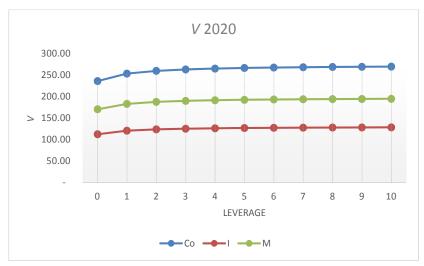


Fig. 14. Dependence of Company Value V on Leverage Level L, V(L) for 2020 Year Source: Compiled by the authors.

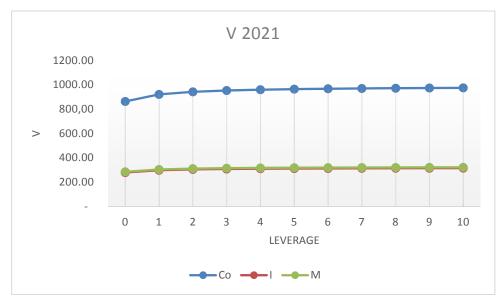


Fig. 15. Dependence of Company Value V on Leverage Level L, V(L) for 2021 Year Source: Compiled by the authors.

Dependence *k<sub>e</sub>* (*L*); 2019–2021 Years

Table 12

		2019			2020		2021			
L	k <sub>e</sub> 1	k <sub>e</sub> 2	k <sub>e</sub> 3	k <sub>e</sub> 1	k <sub>e</sub> 2	k <sub>e</sub> 3	k <sub>e</sub> 1	k <sub>e</sub> 2	k <sub>e</sub> 3	
0	46.86%	100.69%	86.24%	36.16%	76.06%	50.09%	14.83%	46.08%	45.15%	
1	83.68%	183.01%	156.35%	65.21%	139.54%	91.15%	25.99%	84.58%	82.83%	
2	120.50%	265.34%	226.47%	94.26%	203.01%	132.22%	37.14%	123.08%	120.52%	
3	157.32%	347.67%	296.58%	123.31%	266.48%	173.29%	48.30%	161.58%	158.21%	
4	194.14%	429.99%	366.69%	152.36%	329.96%	214.35%	59.45%	200.09%	195.89%	
5	230.96%	512.32%	436.81%	181.42%	393.43%	255.42%	70.60%	238.59%	233.58%	
6	267.78%	594.65%	506.92%	210.47%	456.91%	296.49%	81.76%	277.09%	271.26%	
7	304.60%	676.98%	577.04%	239.52%	520.38%	337.55%	92.91%	315.59%	308.95%	
8	341.42%	759.30%	647.15%	268.57%	583.85%	378.62%	104.06%	354.09%	346.63%	
9	378.24%	841.63%	717.26%	297.62%	647.33%	419.69%	115.22%	392.59%	384.32%	
10	415.05%	923.96%	787.38%	326.67%	710.80%	460.75%	126.37%	431.09%	422.01%	

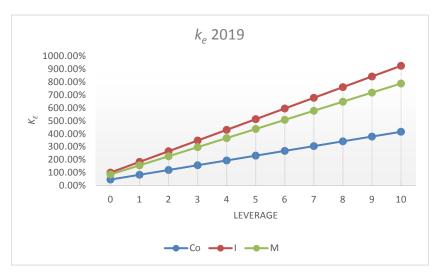
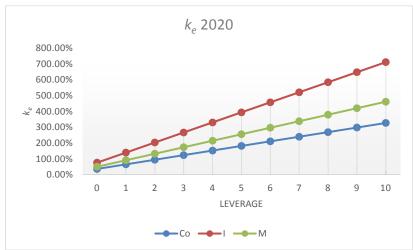
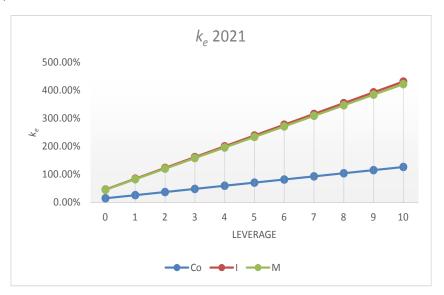


Fig. 16. Dependence  $k_e(L)$ ; 2019 Year



*Fig. 17.* **Dependence** *k*<sub>e</sub>(*L*); **2020 Year** 

Source: Compiled by the authors.



 $\it Fig.~18$ . Dependence  $\it k_e(L)$ ; 2021 Year

significantly change the results of calculation of the financial indicators of the GAZP.

Detailed practical calculations for real companies (Apple, Severstal, Polymetal) have been made. They focus on (1) applying two versions of CAPM (market or industry) to real companies; (2) application to real companies of a new methodology developed by us for assessing the financial performance of a company, taking into account both business (market or industry) and financial risks. These calculations show that the financial performance of companies is highly dependent on the type of risks taken into account. Sometimes the difference between market and industry cases is small — sometimes it is significant. However, the difference in financial indicators, while taking into account simultaneously financial and business risks, is always large with respect to accounting for a single risk. This means that taking into account simultaneously both financial and business risks is important for a correct assessment of the financial performance of companies. Three changes to the current methodology significantly improve the accuracy of the estimate: (a) the use of a sectoral approach in CAPM; (b) the use of a new methodology in which the average return on the asset, net of leverage, with (c) the addition of a business risk premium (market or industry), is taken as the initial return. The new methodology opens up new horizons and opportunities in business valuation, corporate finance, investments, ratings, etc.

The significant novelty of the article is as follows: For the first time, we correctly took into account financial and business risks, proving the incorrectness of Hamada's model, and included CAPM in the theories of capital structure (both MM and BFO), which opens up great prospects for assessing the financial performance of companies.

The limitations of the proposed methodology are partly related to the limitations of its components: CAPM, capital structure theories, in particular, with the reliability of the WACC approximation.

In the future, it is planned to (1) improve and clarify the methodology for collecting and processing information about the company, industry, and market; (2) improve the use of MM and BFO models adapted to the real conditions of the functioning of companies.

#### **Abbreviations**

CAPM: Capital Asset Pricing Model

MM: the Modigliani-Miller theory;

BFO: Brusov-Filatova-Orekhova theory;

WACC: the weighted average cost of capital;

SMB — the difference between the returns of

companies with large and small capitalization; HML — the difference between the returns of companies with low and high intrinsic value

(indicator B/P);

*RMW* — return on equity; *CMA* — company capital expenditure.

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