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## **Proof Is In Performance**

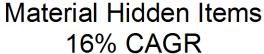
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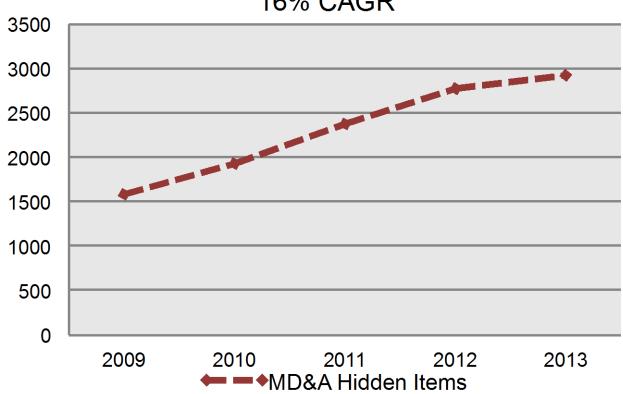
- Honest
- Direct
- Diligent
- Accountable

Don't Just Take My Word For It – You Don't Have To.



## More Needles, Bigger Haystacks





Items found only in the MD&A (e.g. gains, charges, deferred items, etc) that distort income statement results are rising rapidly.

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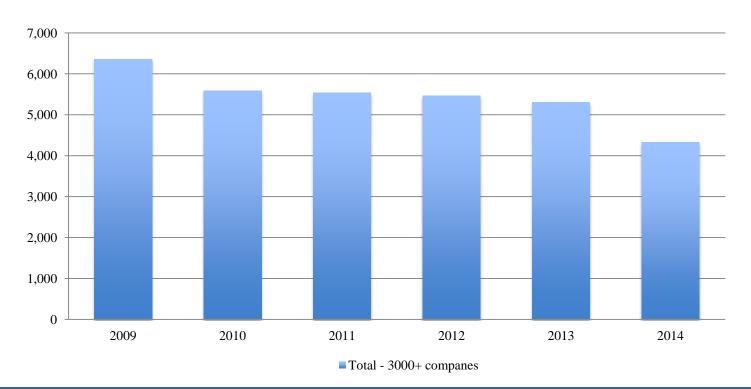


## Large Asset Write-Downs – A Red Flag

32,583

Over the last 5+ Years, we found 32,583 write-downs.

# of Write-Downs



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## **Early Indicator for Bankruptcy**

Report on Eastman Kodak (EKDKQ.PK) on 3/21/2011

#### 2010 10-K Revealed Abnormal Pension Assumptions

- 1. 2.2% of revs from pension, abnormally high return on plan asset assumption 8.7%
- 2. Underfunded by \$2.6bn or 3x the market cap at the time
- 3. Valuation implied 10% CAGR in NOPAT for 11 years
- 4. Down 90% while S&P 500 was down ~3%, no longer under coverage



<sup>\*</sup>This graph was created based on information collected and analyzed by New Constructs, LLC. New Constructs regularly gathers information from over 3,000 companies' 10Ks, including the Notes to the Financial Statements and MD&A.

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## **Early Indicator for Fraud**

# Dynegy (DYN) Fraud Case 2012 – Defrauding Creditors

- 1. Asset transfer in subsidiaries found to be fraudulent
- 2. Benefited activist investor Carl Icahn, with two board representatives at DYN
- 3. New Constructs rating before fraud charges: Very Dangerous
- 4. Write-Downs in 3-yrs prior to fraud: 16 charges totaling \$3.85bn (346% net assets)

#### **DYN** - stock price

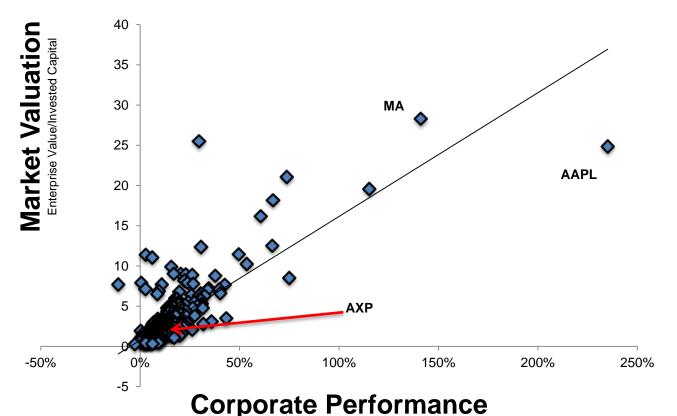




## **Direct Link: Services & Stock Price**

Improve Corporate Performance -> Improve Stock Price

 $R^2 = 63\%$  for S&P500



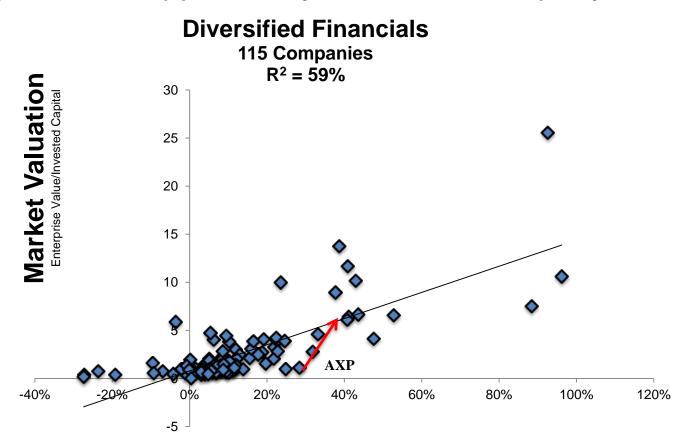
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## Sector/Industry Detail and Benchmarks

Big Picture Supported By Individual Company Models



#### **Corporate Performance**

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### **Detailed Ratings, Models and Reports**

Intel Corporation (INTC): \$29.76 at close on Jan 15, 2016

	Quality of Earnings		Valuation		
Overall Risk/Reward Rating	Economic vs Reported EPS	Return on Invested Capital (ROIC)	FCF Yield	Price-to-EBV Ratio	Growth Appreciation Period (GAP)
Very Dangerous	Misleading Trend	Bottom Quintile	< -5%	> 3.5 or -1 < 0	> 50
Dangerous	False Positive	4th Quintile	-5% < -1%	2.4 < 3.5 or < -1	20 < 50
Neutral	Neutral EE	3rd Quintile	-1% < 3%	1.6 < 2.4	10 < 20
Attractive	Positive EE	2nd Quintile	3% < 10%	1.1 < 1.6	3 < 10
Very Attractive	Rising EE	Top Quintile	> 10%	0 < 1.1	0 < 3

Actual Values					
INTC	\$1.13 vs. \$2.34	15%	6%	1.0	<1

Benchmarks					
S&P 500 (SPY)	Positive EE	19%	2%	2.8	25
Russell 2000 (IWM)	Positive EE	6%	-1%	3.3	31

Company Model Download Report

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## Free Resources

- 1. Free research, alerts and updates
- 2. Free Education
- 3. Free <u>Tutorials</u>
- 4. See our models
  - 100% transparency
  - Directly linked to SEC filings
  - 100% customizable



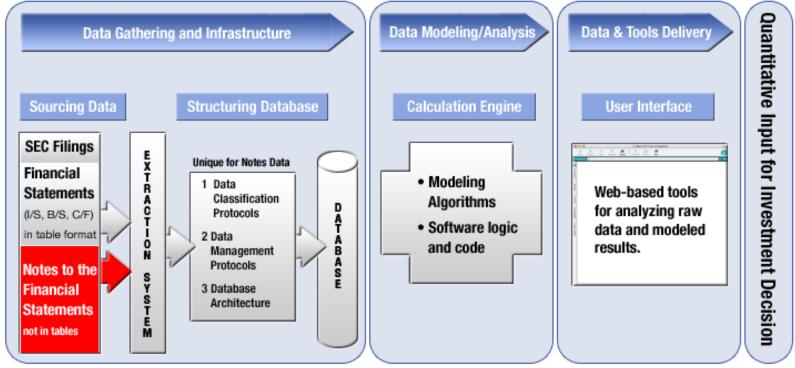
## **Appendix**

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#### **Proprietary Research Platform**

Focus: Exploit Insights from Footnotes on 3000+ Stocks



Source: Novo Capital Management, LLC

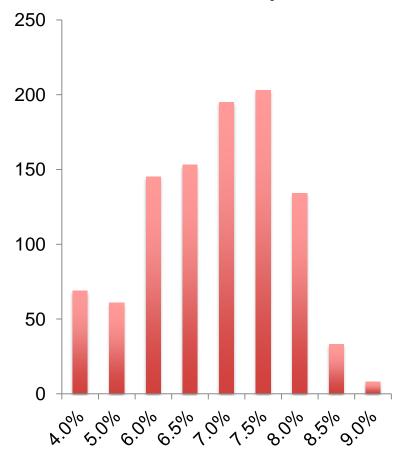
Gathering and analyzing data from the *Notes to the Financial Statements* is key to better analysis and understanding of:

- 1. Profitability and
- 2. Valuation.



# Management's Influence on Profits Micro and Macro Views

# **Distribution of Return On Plan Asset Assumptions**



Auditors & investors need to know this data.

- Raising the expected Return on Plan Assets (EROPA) reduces reported pension expense.
- The mean EROPA for 2014 was 6.5%. Roughly 55% of companies expect a long-term return on plan assets between 6.5% and 7.5%.
- Virtusa Corp (VRTU) has the most aggressive assumptions, with EROPA of 10.38%, followed by Exlservice Holdings (EXLS) at 9%.



## **Value Proposition**

We find it. You benefit.

- 1. Best fundamental data in the business
- Best earnings quality and valuation models
- 3. Best protection from devils in details of SEC filings
  - Led by top accounting & finance expertise leveraging the best technology

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## **Basic Services**

Coverage

Protection

Idea Generation

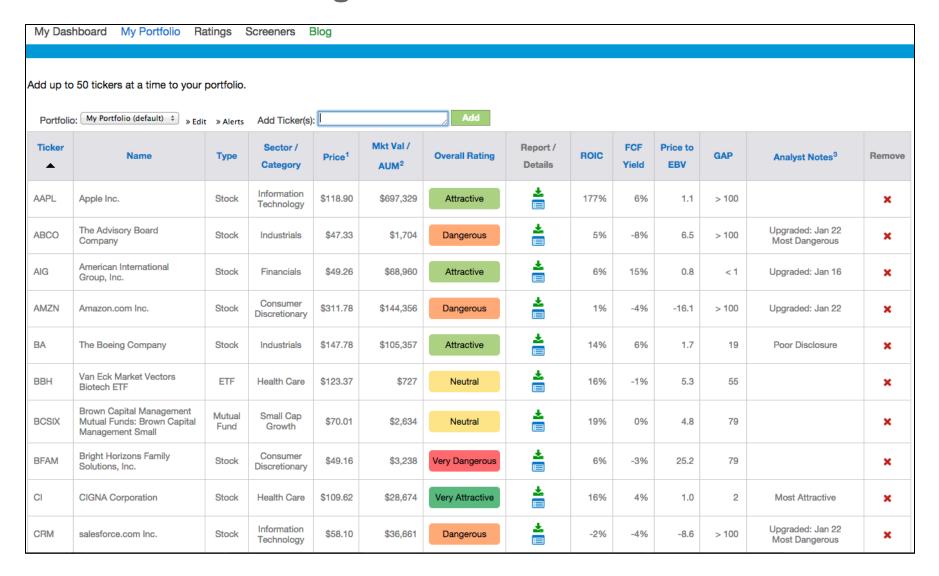
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Access

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3000+ Stocks	400+ ETFs	7000+ Mutual Funds
Updated Daily	Updated Daily	Updated Daily
Ratings & Reports	Ratings & Reports	Ratings & Reports
Screeners	Screeners	Screeners
Monthly Newsletter	Qrtly Newsletter	Qrtly Newsletter
Pick of the Week	Pick of the Week	Pick of the Week
Portfolio Reviews	Portfolio Reviews	Portfolio Reviews
Alerts	Alerts	Alerts
Web/mobile	Web/mobile	Web/mobile
Email	Email	Email
Custom data/reports	Custom data/reports	Custom data/reports



#### **Portfolio Tracking & Alerts**





## Overview/Background

#### Independent Proprietary Research & Diligence

#### New Constructs, LLC

- Founded July 2002
- Top-rated research by <u>Barron's</u>
- Deep, financial accounting expertise
- Patented research technology
- Footnotes expertise is a competitive advantage
- Integrated ratings for 3000 stocks, 400 ETFs and 7000 mutual funds

#### **David Trainer:**

Former auditor with Arthur Andersen and equity analyst at Credit-Suisse, Mr. Trainer is the CEO of New Constructs, LLC. He leverages his accounting and finance expertise with proprietary technology that gleans insights from over 70,000 10-K filings.

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He is a Wall Street veteran and corporate finance expert.

He is author of Modern Tools for Valuation (Wiley Finance 2010).



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We Provide A True Investor Perspective

No banking, advisory or Wall Street ties – none

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