

## FIN401 - Homemade Leverage Template

$W_E$  = Weight of Equity

$R_D$  = Cost of Debt

$EPS_{AE}$  = Firm's EPS under All Equity Scenario

$SH_{Interest}$  = Interest that the Shareholder Earns or Pays

$SH_{Value}$  = Shareholder's Initial Equity Value

$W_D$  = Weight of Debt

$V_L$  = Value of Levered Firm

$EPS_{DEBT}$  = Firm's EPS under Debt Scenario

$SH_{Funds}$  = Shareholder Funds

$SH_{Debt}$  = Shareholder's Debt Value

### Step 1: Determine Investor's Preference

- If the investor prefers the All Equity Scenario, **go to Step 2**.
- If the investor prefers the Debt Scenario, **go to Step 3**.

### Step 2: Investor Prefers that the Firm remain All Equity, but the Firm has chosen to take on debt.

a) Determine  $W_D$  in Firm. The investor must sell this percentage of their own shares and put these proceeds ( $SH_{Funds}$ ) in a bank account that earns interest at the same rate as the firm ( $R_D$ ).

$$W_D = \text{Debt} / V_L$$

b) # of Shares Sold = (Shares owned by Investor) ( $W_D$ )

c) New # of Shares Owned by Investor = Shares owned by Investor - # of Shares Sold

d)  $SH_{Funds} = (\# \text{ of Shares Sold})(\text{Stock Price})$

e)  $SH_{Interest} = (SH_{Funds})(R_D)$

f) 
$$EPS_{DEBT} = \frac{EBIT - \text{Firm's Interest}}{\text{New \# of Shares Outstanding}}$$

g) Investor's Cash Flow =  $[EPS_{DEBT}]$  (New # of Shares Owned by Investor) +  $SH_{Interest}$

Step 3: Investor Prefers that the Firm takes on Debt, but the Firm has chosen to remain All Equity.

a) Determine **D/E Ratio** of Firm. The investor must replicate this ratio by borrowing money (**SHDebt**) at the same rate as the Firm (**R<sub>D</sub>**) to buy shares.

$$D/E = \text{Debt} / \text{Equity}$$

b) **SHvalue** = (Shares owned by Investor)(Stock Price)

c) **SHdebt** = **SHvalue** **(D/E)**

d) **SHinterest** = **SHdebt** **(R<sub>D</sub>)**

e) # of Shares Bought = **SHdebt** / Stock Price

f) New # of Shares Owned by Investor = Shares owned by Investor + # of Shares Bought

g) 
$$\text{EPSAE} = \frac{EBIT}{\text{Old \# of Shares Outstanding}}$$

h) Investor's Cash Flow = [EPSAE] (New # of Shares Owned by Investor) - **SHinterest**