Terminal Value, A Perspective

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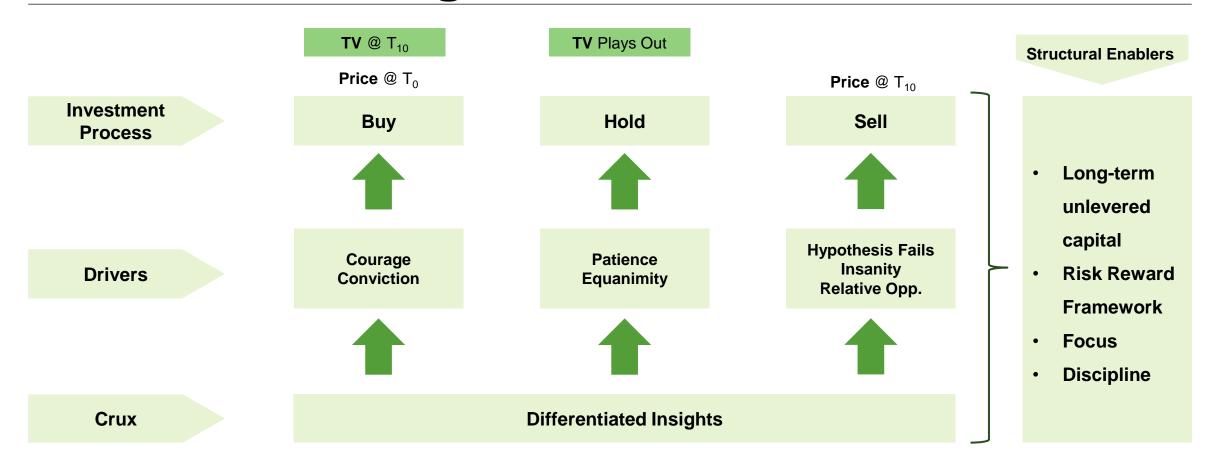
"Success does not lie in managing complex uncertainties, but in realizing unrealized simplicities"

Chris Begg

Value Chain of Long-term Investing driven by Differentiated Insights



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The journey from buy decision to sell decision is the journey from the price today to the price in future guided by terminal value as we perceive today and in the interim period



Terminal Value: Conventional Understanding [Interpress 2] Insight | Intellect | Integrity

"Terminal value (TV) is the value of an asset, business, or project beyond the forecasted period when future cash flows can be estimated. Terminal value assumes a business will grow at a set growth rate forever after the forecast period. Terminal value often comprises a large percentage of the total assessed value."

Terminal Value (TV)

(FCF * (1 + g))
(d-g)

FCF = forecasted cash flow
d = discount rate
g = terminal growth rate

Terminal Value (TV)

"I'd rather be vaguely right than precisely wrong"

John Maynard Keynes

Source: Investopedia





- Nebulous
- Distant
- Dynamic
- Multi-variate
- Unknowable Truth
- Multiple states of existence

Which lies beyond the horizon...



Matthew McConaughey winning best actor in 86th Oscars, 2014

TV as a Sociological Concept, rather than a Financial Concept



Per Max Weber,

- Terminal values are the ultimate ends or goals that we wish to achieve
- Value that something has of itself, independently of its relations to other things
- → **Absolute**, rather than a relative concept
- → Once TV is not relative, it has a **very liberating effect** since it liberates investors from being chained to other values
- → TV is <u>not value arbitrage</u>, nor is it catalyst-driven unlocking. TV encourages **long-term compounding framework**
- → TV is not IRR-driven, liberating you from constraints of Value today



Sociologist Max Weber

Magic created at intersection of Intangibles, Megatrends & Leadership



Terminal Value = f(Intangibles, Megatrends, Leadership)

Intangibles

- Culture
- Unit Economics, Distribution
- Customer Engagement
- Customer Loyalty, Brand
- NPS
- Employee Loyalty
- Governance

Megatrends

- Structural shifts
- Longer term in nature
- Have irreversible consequences
- Multiple dimensions, layers and outsized implications that are difficult to fathom at the very beginning
- Transcend geographies, generations and governments

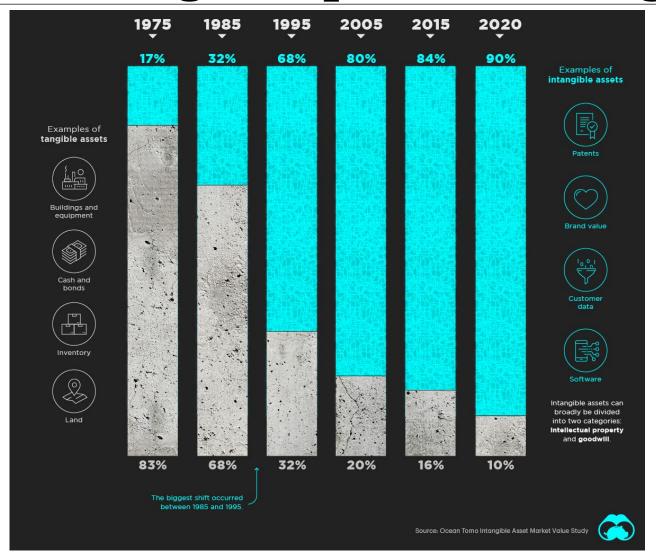
Leadership

- Intangibles > Tangibles
- Profitability, Scalability, Durability
- Battle tested through multiple cycles
- Resilience and Adaptability
- Capital allocation and Capital structure
- Management depth and transition

Intersection of the above results in <u>disproportionate impact</u> on <u>Terminal Value</u>; a multi-sigma event, traditional valuation metrics cannot reflect this "<u>Outlier</u>" event appropriately



TV through the prism of Intangibles



- Greatest source of TV are Intangibles
- "Soft" Assets give today's companies their hard competitive edge
- Thinking beyond the label of 'value' and 'growth' is critical



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TV through the prism of Intangibles

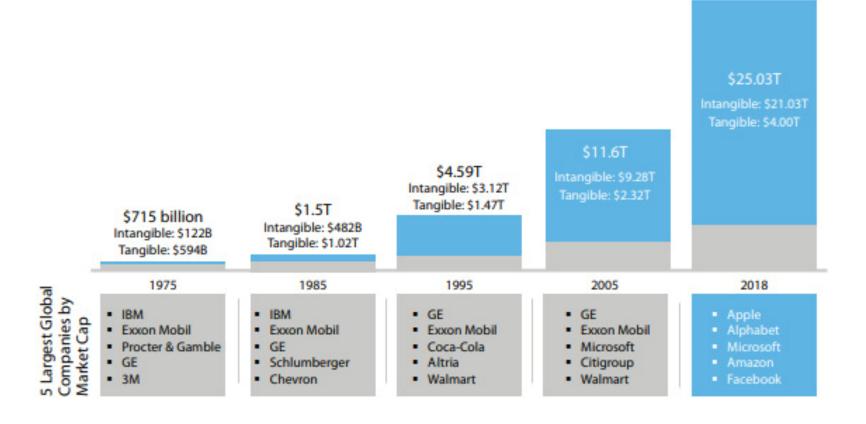
Tangible Assets vs. Intangible Assets for S&P 500 Companies, 1975 – 2018

Tangible Assets

- Easy to value
- Thick & efficient secondary markets
- Insurable

Intangible Assets

- Difficult to value
- Thin & inefficient secondary markets
- Difficult to Insure

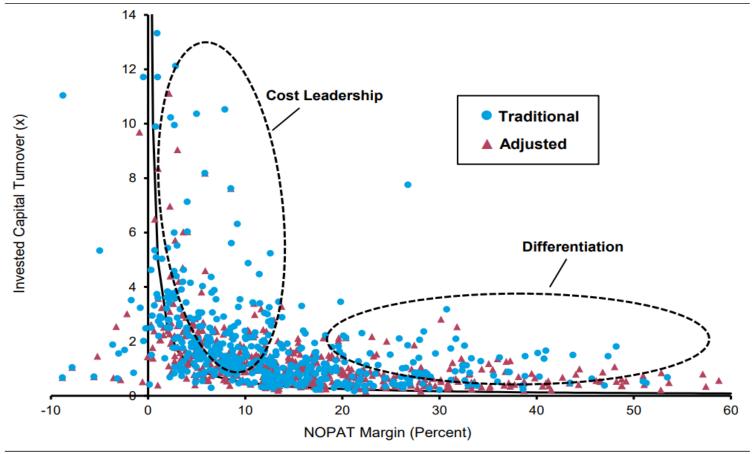


Source: Aon, Visual Capitalist



TV through the prism of Intangibles

Exhibit 5: Traditional and Adjusted Drivers of ROIC, Top 500 Companies in Russell 3000, 2021



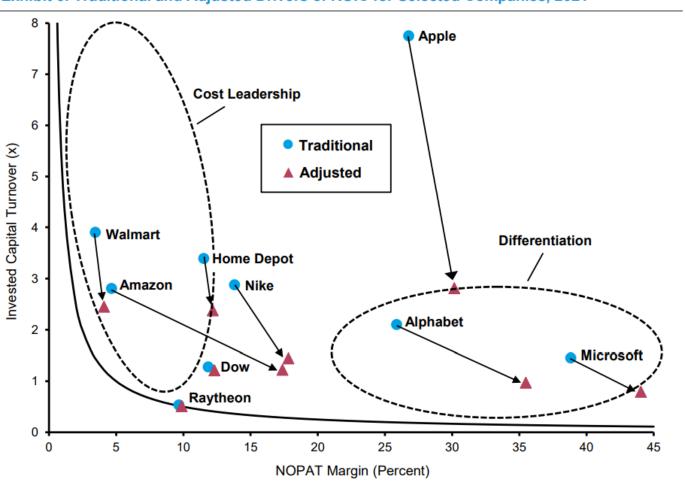
Source: FactSet and Counterpoint Global.

Note: Top 500 companies by 2021 sales; Excludes financials and real estate; Truncated axes for visualization.

TV through the prism of Intangibles – Case Study



Exhibit 6: Traditional and Adjusted Drivers of ROIC for Selected Companies, 2021



Critical to note **not just the movement** towards
the bottom right, **but also the distance** the
companies travel
following the adjustment

Source: FactSet and Counterpoint Global.



TV through the prism of Megatrends

"Megatrends are powerful, transformative forces that can change the trajectory of the global economy by <u>shifting the priorities of societies</u>, <u>driving innovation</u> and <u>redefining business models</u>. They can have a meaningful impact not just on how we live and how we spend money, but also on government policies and corporate strategies."

Blackrock

"Megatrends are deep and profound trends, global in scope and long-term in effect."

PwC

"The world is in the midst of a great transformation, from the Industrial era to the Information era"

John Naisbitt

Megatrends are inevitable, irreversible and irreplaceable!

Some Megatrends:

- Demographic dividend
- Consumerization
- Financial deepening
- Digitalization
- Climate change
- Artificial Intelligence
- Women empowerment
- Nuclear families
- Renewables
- EV and Autonomous Vehicles
- Digital Public Infra
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TV through the prism of Leadership – Gorilla Investing

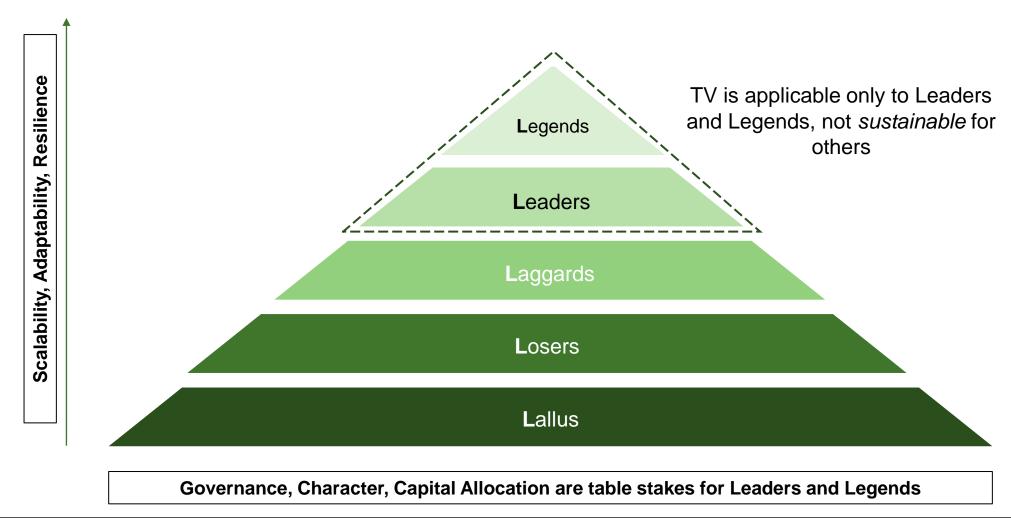


- Many Monkeys in a jungle, but very few Gorillas – Rare
- Gorillas are outsized as compared to Monkeys – **Dominant**
- Gorillas are not challenged by Monkeys –
 Moats and Knights
- Gorillas have a lifespan double that of Monkeys – Longevity
- Right Jungle (Megatrend) + Right Animal (Leadership)





TV through the prism of Leadership – 5L Grid [Intellect | Integrity]





TV is not static - Value Migration is key

- Flow of economic and shareholder value away from obsolete business models to new, more effective designs that are better able to satisfy customers' most important priorities
- Value migration occurs when there is a disconnect between customer priorities and existing business design
- Types of Value Migration:
 - Value Migration across Geographies
 - China+1
 - Value Migration within Country
 - Unorganized to organized
 - Value Migration within Industry
 - Weaker to stronger
 - Less adaptable to more adaptable
 - Incumbents vs. Challengers
 - Value Migration within Company
 - Digital / Omni-channel
 - Disruption

- Detecting Value Migration:
 - Market share movements
 - Innovation leadership
 - Customer satisfaction scores
 - Policy changes
- Over time, we observe that:
 - Pace of value migration has gone up
 - Quantum of value migration has also increased
- In many cases, quantum of value migration may not be visible immediately / today. It needs to be discerned through the prism of Terminal Value

Source: Book: Value Migration by Adrian Slywotzky, Motilal Oswal Research



TV and Leadership in a Dynamic World



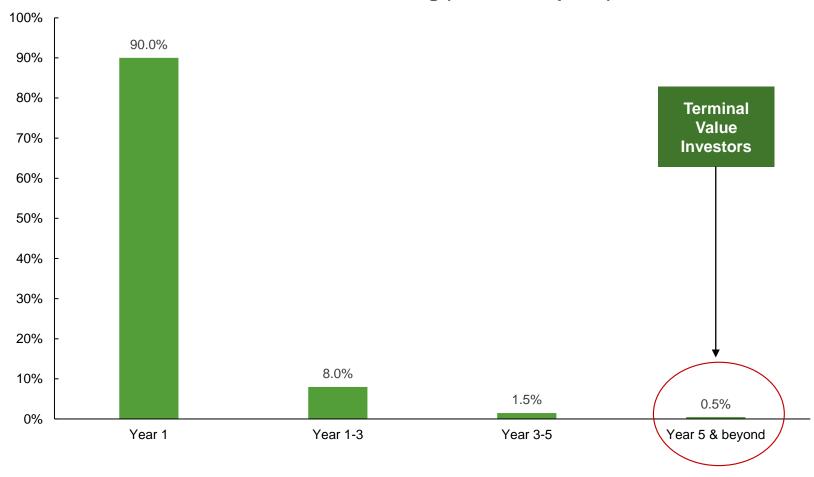
Preferred Investment Framework is Adaptable Incumbents and Scaled Challengers

TV Investors:

Est. Time distribution of Market Participants





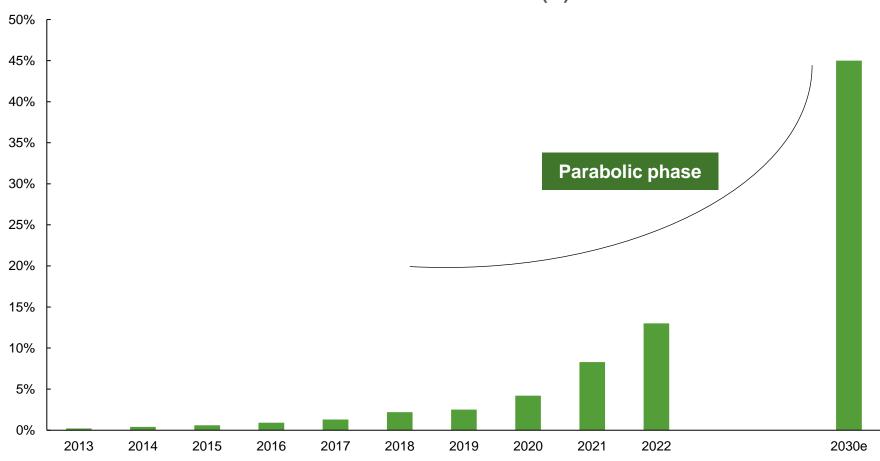


- Short-term market participants focus on IRR, face re-investment risk and tax inefficiencies
- Long-term market participants focus on Terminal Value (>5 year time horizon)
- Competitive intensity for TV investing is much lower than for IRR investing



TV Megatrends: EV case study

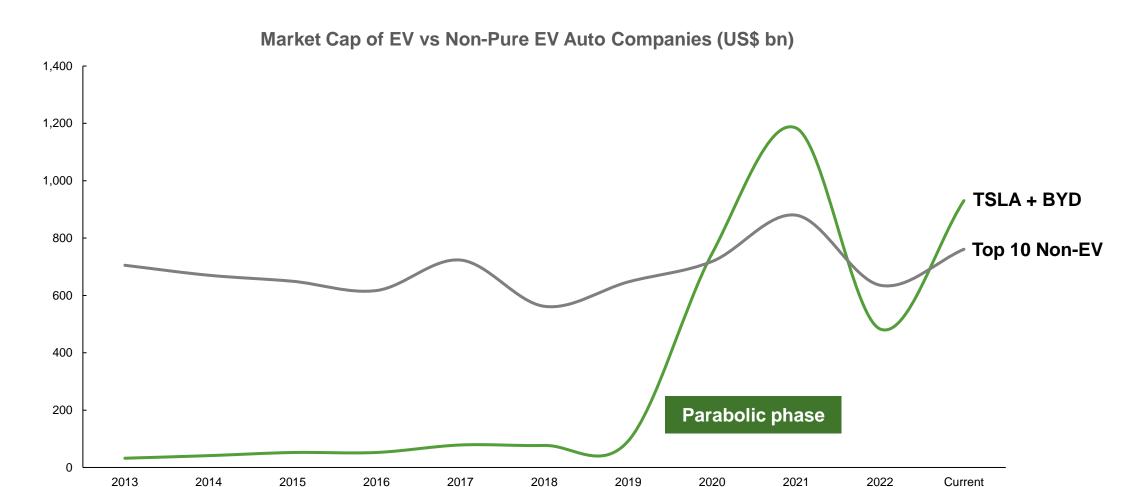




Source: Internet Research



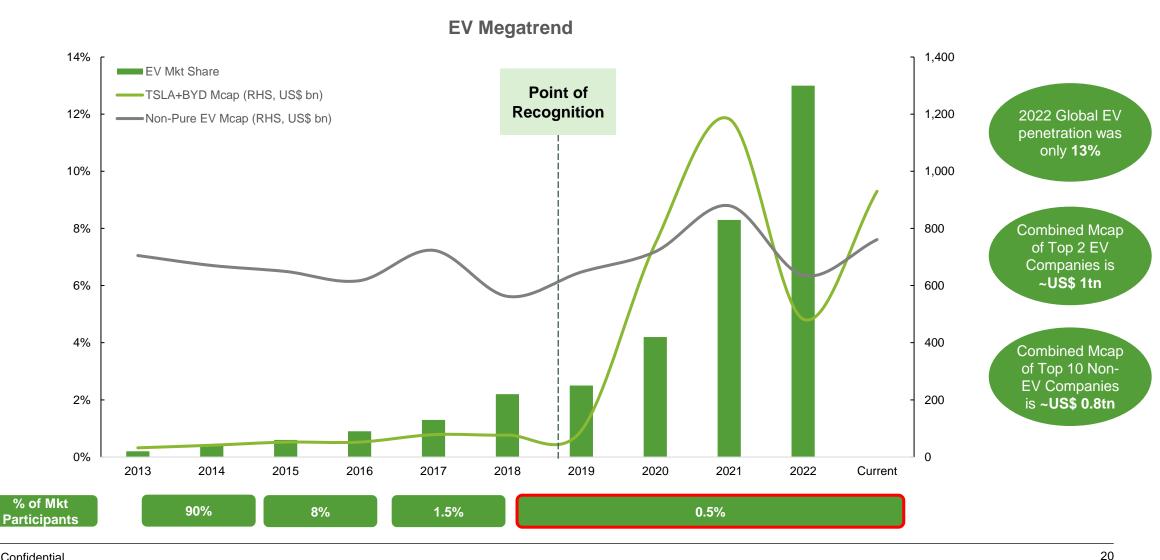
TV Leadership: EV case study



Source: Internet Research, Top 10 Non-Pure EV Mcap includes Toyota, Mercedes, BMW, VW, Ford, Ferrari, Stellantis, GM, Honda and Maruti Suzuki

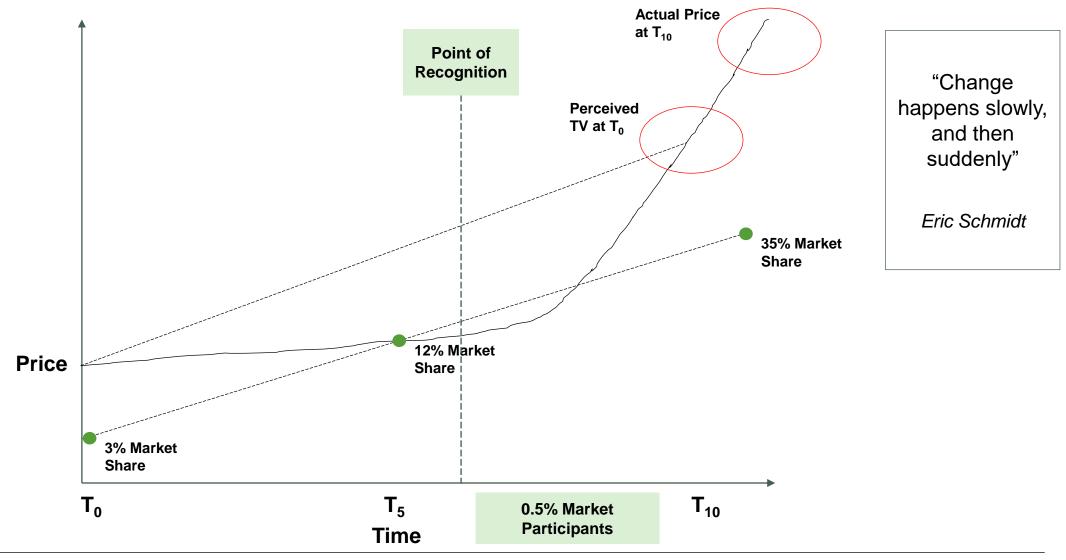


TV Investing: EV case study (combined picture)





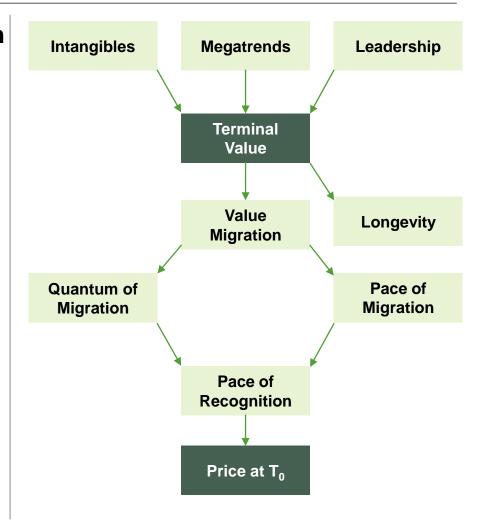
TV with all the Dynamic Variables





TV Investing: Key Variables

- Terminal Value is the most important determinant of Long-term Investment Compounding returns
- Value Migration and Longevity drive Terminal Value
- Intangibles + Megatrends + Leadership drives Value Migration and Longevity
- Quantum of Value Migration is rising at a parabolic pace
- Pace of Value Migration is rising at a parabolic pace
- Recognition of Value Migration is happening more rapidly
- Investors focusing on Terminal Value are very few in proportion, leading to lower competitive intensity for TV Investing







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- The courage to buy them
- The patience to hold them

Patience is the rarest of the three

Thomas Phelps in 100 to 1 In The Stock Market



To make money in stocks, you must have:

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 Migration leading to Terminal

 Value
- The courage to buy the Terminal Value
- The patience to hold the
 Terminal Value playing out

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Parting Thoughts

"Money itself isn't lost or made, it's simply **transferred** from one perception to another"

Gordon Gekko, Wall Street

"Most people **overestimate** what can happen in **2 years**, but **underestimate** what can happen in **10**"

Bill Gates

Thank You

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