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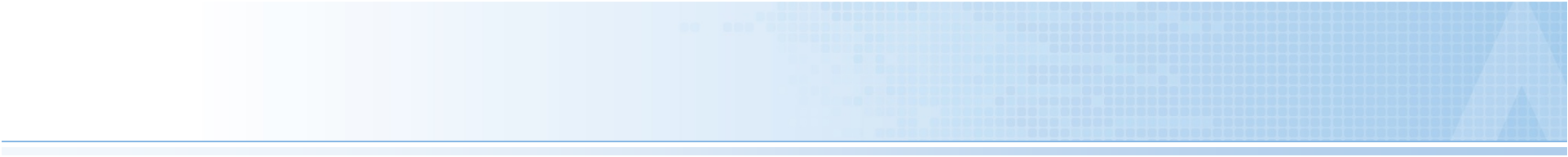
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I. Guiding Principles

Guiding Principles

- 1) Management should invest the Company's capital in the highest return opportunities
 - Minimum return hurdle should be at least the Company's cost of capital
- 2) If the Company's investable resources exceed the amount of its attractive investment opportunities, the Company should return that capital to shareholders
- 3) Lowering the cost of capital used to fund attractive business activities will increase the value of the enterprise

Application of Guiding Principles to Sotheby's

1) Unlock Value of Owned Real Estate

- Sotheby's should monetize its real estate through a sale or sale / leaseback transaction

2) Prudently Capitalize Financing Segment

- Sotheby's should finance this segment with less expensive capital, rather than with equity

3) Eliminate the Value Diminishing Dealer Segment

- Close or sell the Dealer segment

Significant Opportunity to Unlock Shareholder Value

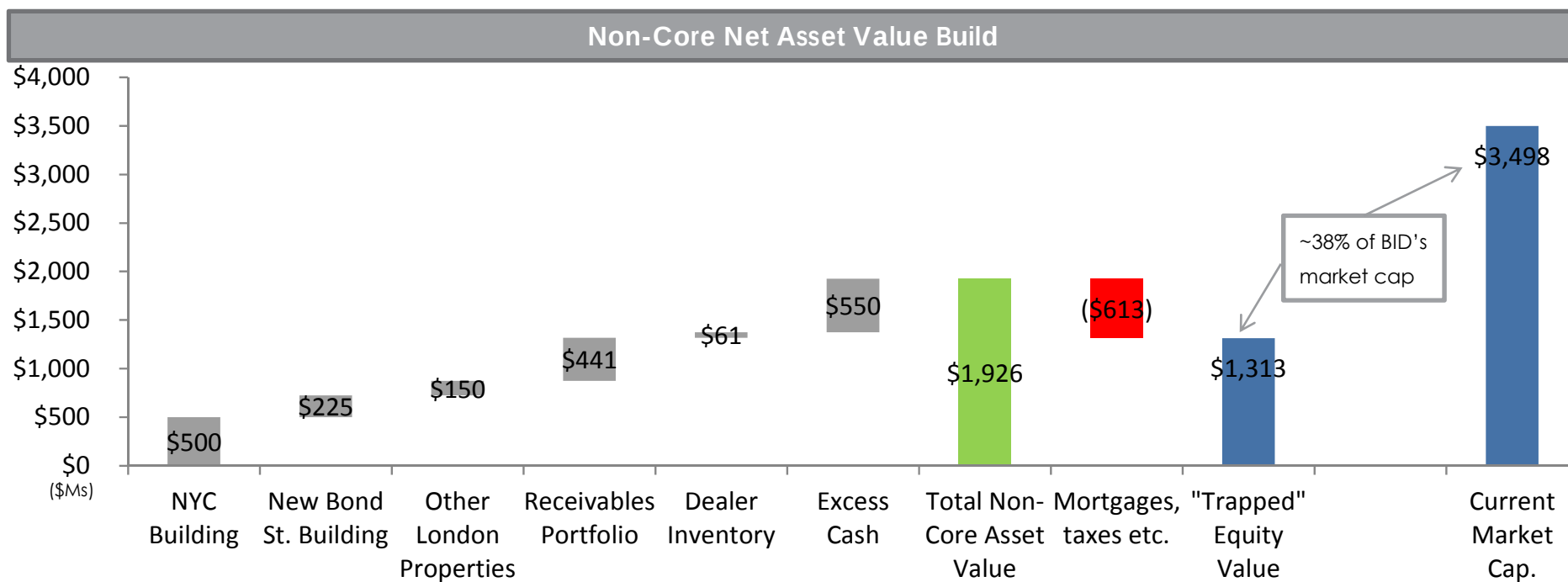
▲ \$1.3 billion in trapped equity value (~38% of market cap or ~\$19/share)

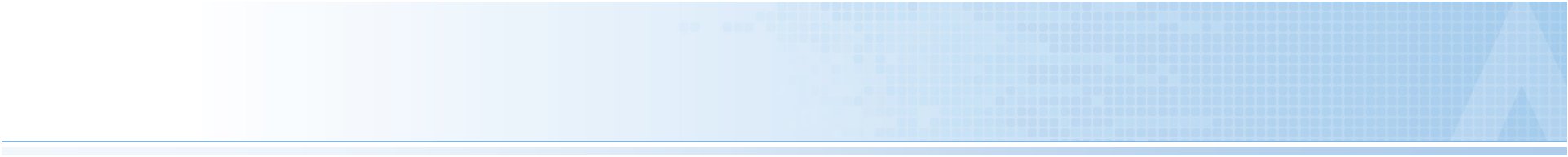
- Owned real estate = \$875 million
- Receivables portfolio = \$441 million
- Dealer inventory = \$61 million
- Optimized capital structure = \$550 million
- Less mortgages, taxes, etc. = (\$613 million)

▲ A \$1.3 billion accelerated share repurchase would drive significant long-term value

- Estimated \$68 per share value is a 56% premium above July 30th close

Sotheby's Trapped Assets Are Material





II. Introduction to Sotheby's

Sotheby's (NYSE: BID)

Sotheby's

Ticker: "BID"

Stock Price: \$51.15 ⁽¹⁾

▲ Sotheby's is one of two major global art auction houses

- Acts as an agent by selling art through auctions or private sales
- Also provides art-related financial services and operates an art dealer
- Founded in 1744, Sotheby's is the oldest company listed on the NYSE

▲ Capitalization:

- Equity Value: \$3.5B
- Enterprise Value: \$3.3B

▲ Operating Statistics ⁽²⁾:

- 2013E Revenue: \$779M
- 2013E EBITDA: \$231M
- 2013E EBIT: \$212M

▲ Valuation Multiples:

- TEV / EBITDA: 14.3x
- TEV / EBIT: 15.6x

Prior to Activist Involvement, BID Shares Have Not Performed Despite a Strong Art Market



Why not?

Opportunities Abound

Income Statement

Revenue

- ▲ Contemporary, Private Sales, China & Middle East Expansion, Digital, Licensing

Expenses

- ▲ Efficiency, Allocation

Balance Sheet

Assets

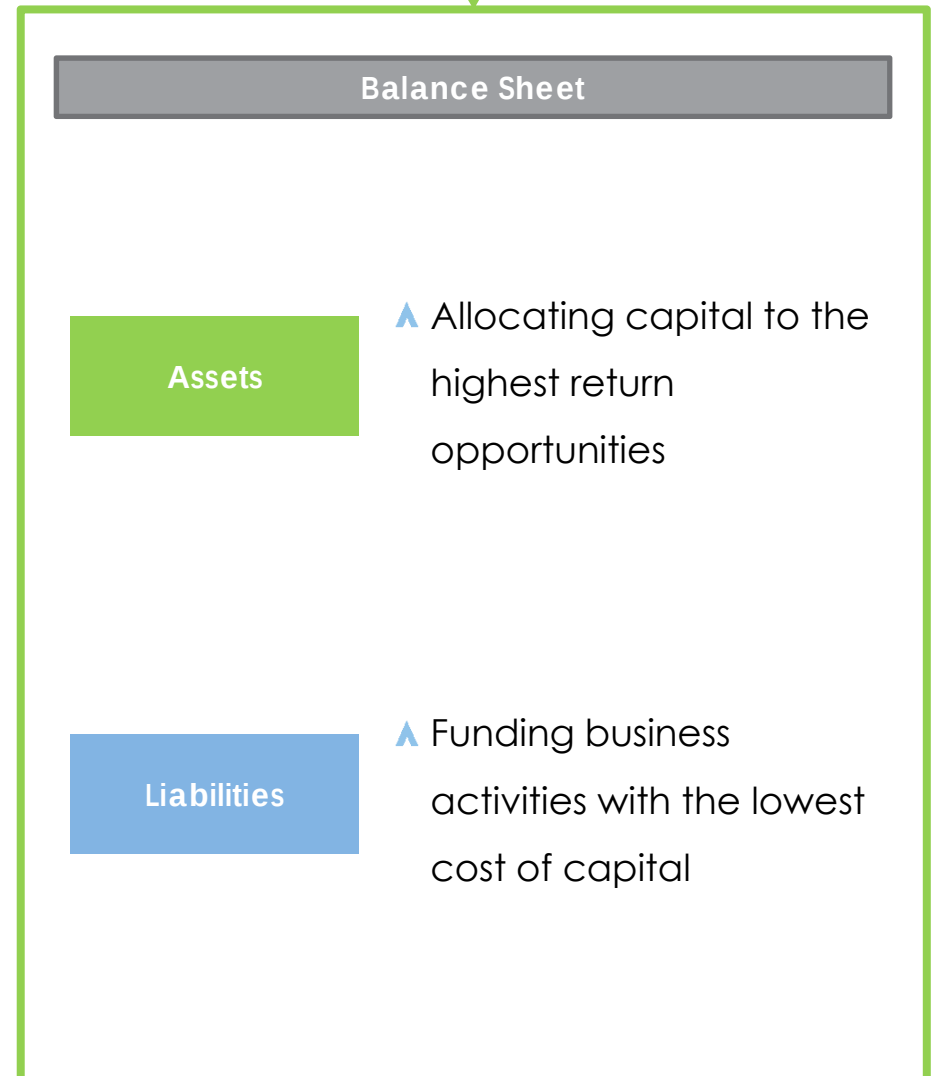
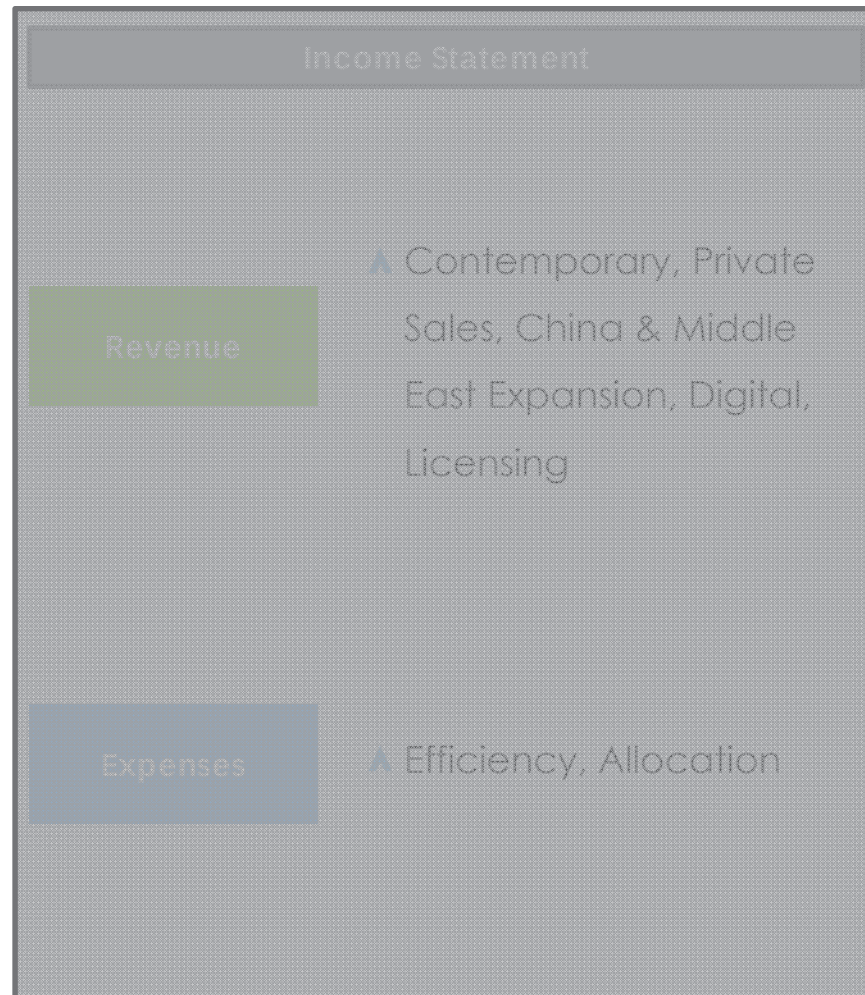
- ▲ Allocating capital to the highest return opportunities

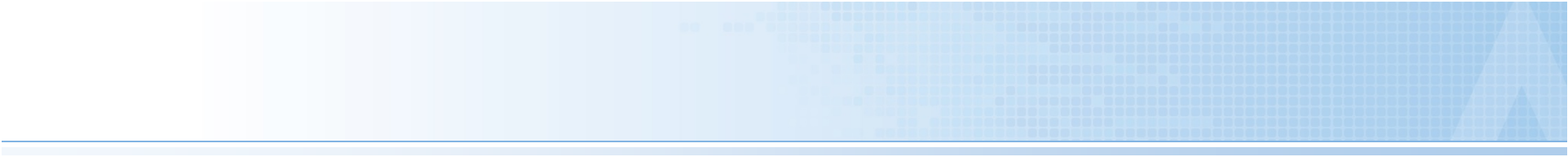
Liabilities

- ▲ Funding business activities with the lowest cost of capital

Opportunities Abound

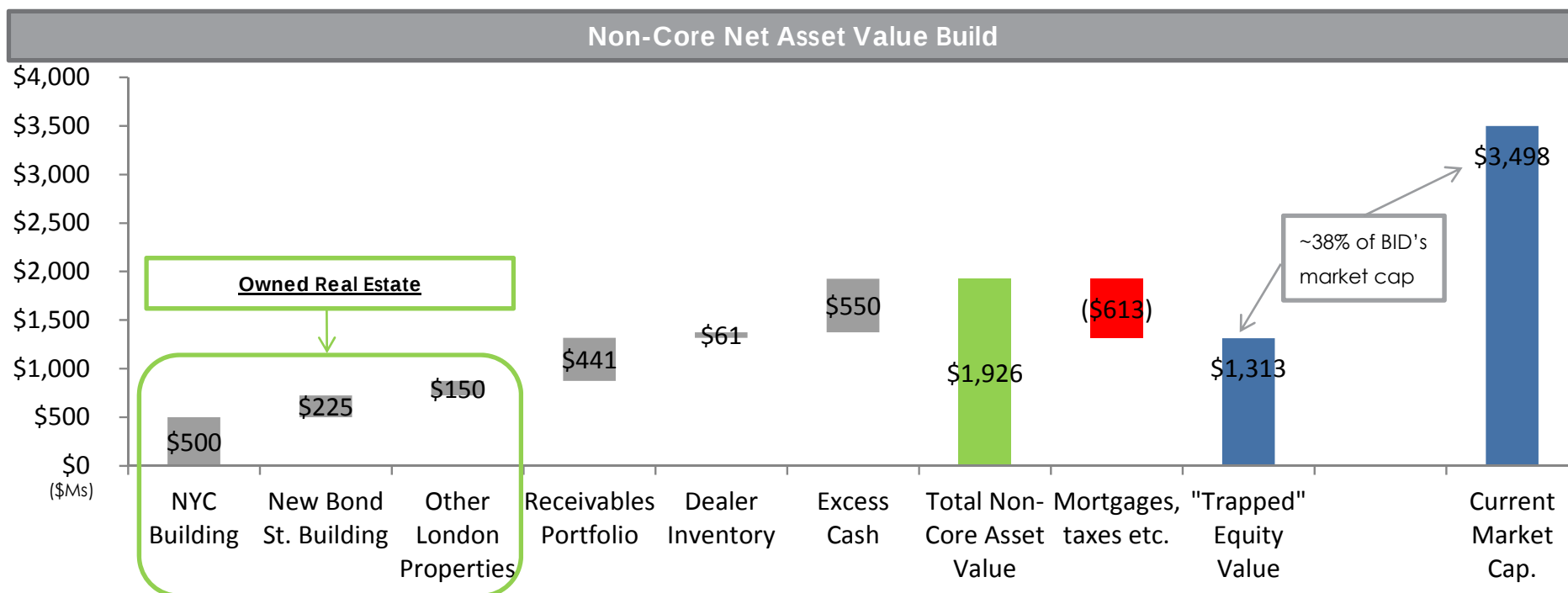
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III. Opportunities For Value Creation

(1) Owned Real Estate



Owned Real Estate

New York – 1334 York Avenue



439.6K sq ft

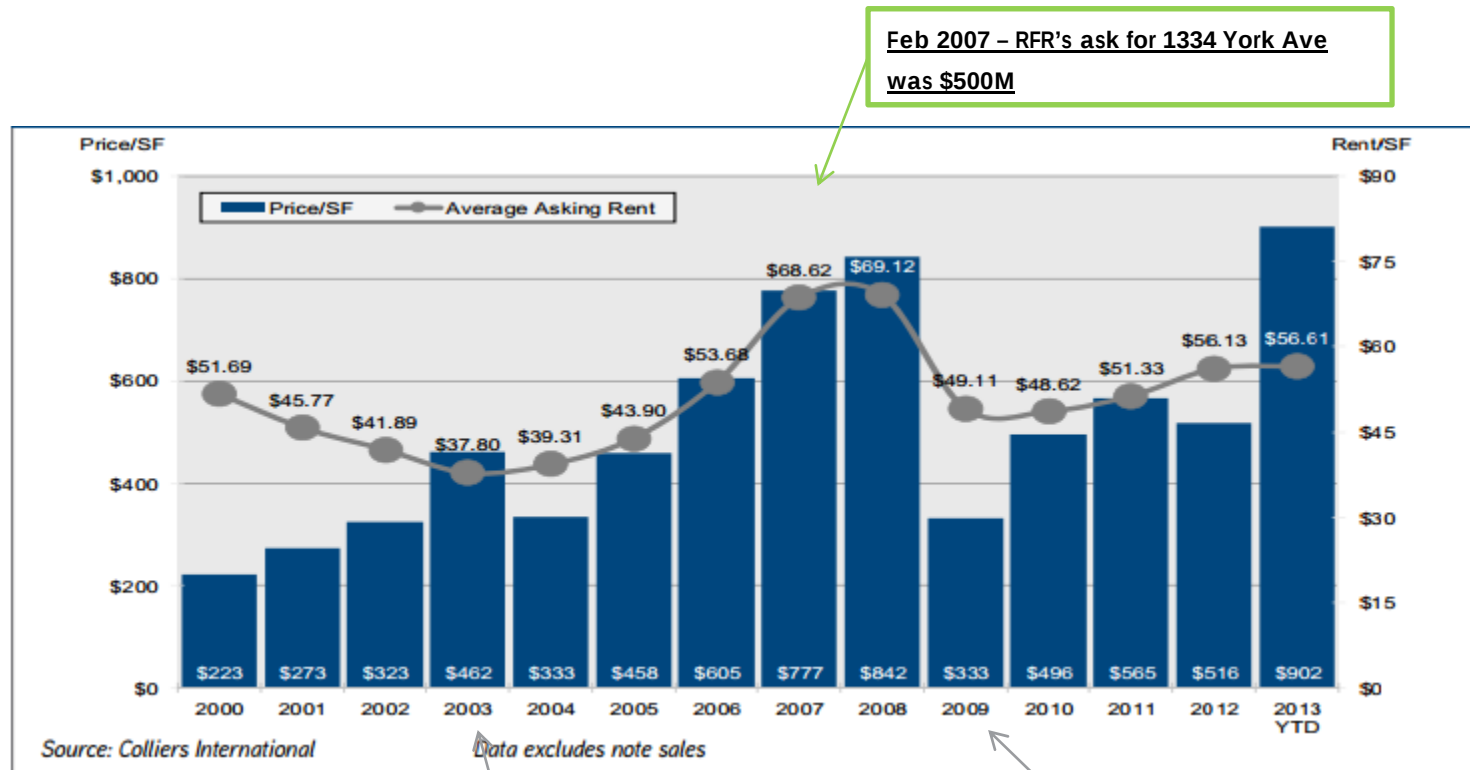
London – New Bond Street



95.5K sq ft owned in London, of which we estimate 48K is New Bond St building*

We Estimate the Value of the NYC Office to be ~\$500M

Manhattan Office Precedent Transactions: Price & Rent per SF



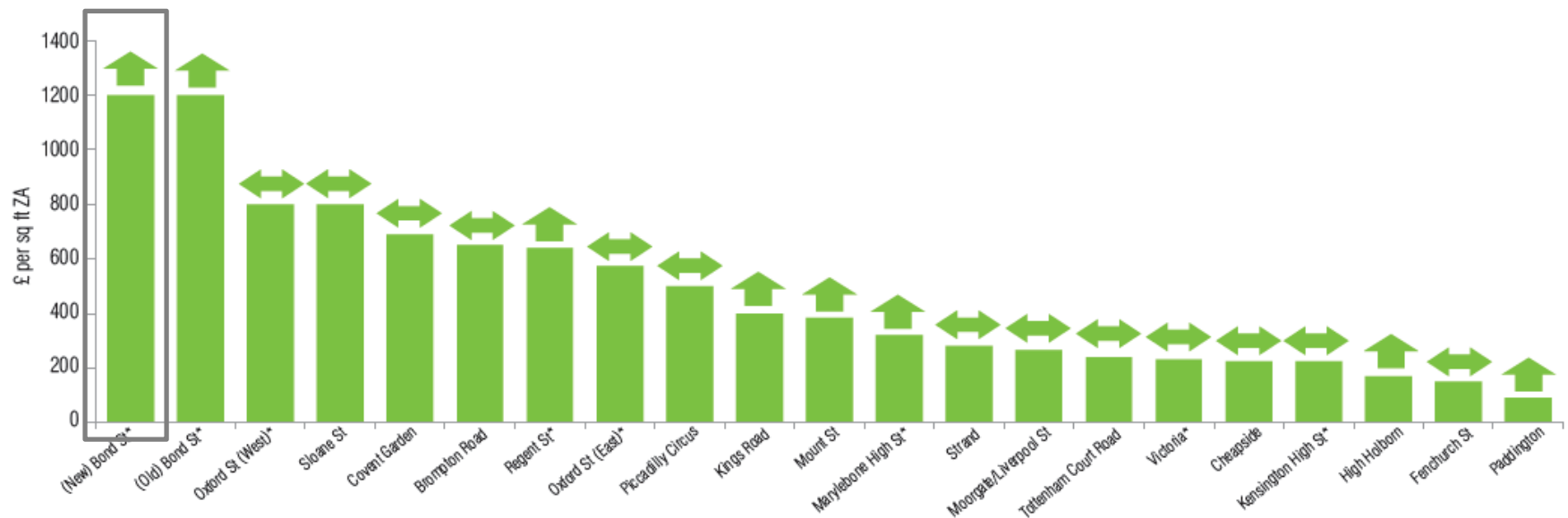
Feb 2003 – RFR purchases 1334 York Ave for \$175M

Feb 2009 – Sotheby's purchases NYC office from RFR for \$370M

New Bond Street is London's Premier Shopping District

Central London – Comparison of Retail Space Rent

Chart 29: Central London Prime Rent, Q2 2013



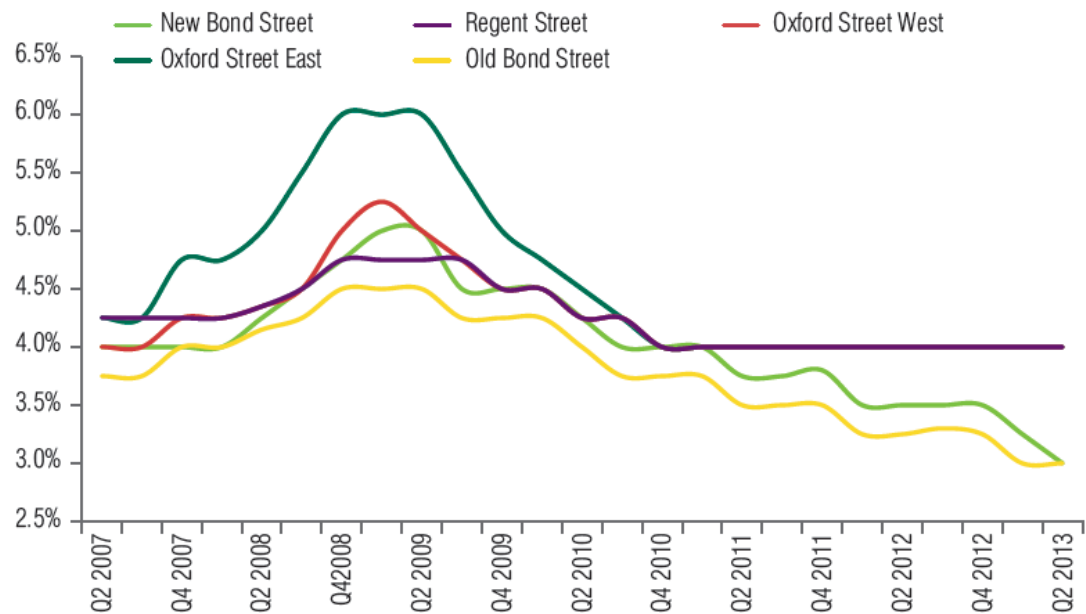
*CBRE, NWECC

*30 ft zones

Source: CBRE

Now is an Attractive Time to Monetize London Real Estate

Chart 33: Central London Prime Shop Yields



Source: CBRE

Precedent Transactions Done at High Valuations

- ▲ Cap rates for precedent transactions are in the 1.5%-3.0% range
- ▲ Ground floor space on New Bond Street typically occupied by high-end luxury retailers

New Bond Street North of Conduit Street



Conduit Street

Coach & Smythson
39-42 New Bond Street
Sold in Q4 2011 for **\$154M**
and **2.95% cap rate**

Sotheby's
34-35 New
Bond
Street

Hublot
31 New Bond Street
Sold in Q4 2011 for \$18M at
2.63% cap rate

Other Nearby Comps

141-142 New Bond Street
rumored to be on market
in Q3 2013 for \$130M at
2.5% cap rate

178 New Bond Street sold
in Q2 2013 for \$51M at
2.14% cap rate

9 Old Bond Street sold in
Q2 2013 for \$30M at **1.42%**
cap rate

New Bond Street South of Conduit Street

Conduit Street



Louis Vuitton
17-20 New Bond Street
Sold in Q4 2011 for **\$307M**
at **2.63% cap rate**

Illustrative Valuation of New Bond Street Building

(\$ Ms)

Retail Space - New Bond Street:

SF	8,773	8,773	8,773
Price per SF (GBP)	£6,000	£7,000	£8,000
NAV (GBP Ms)	£53	£61	£70
Ex. Rate (USD = GBP)	\$1.62	\$1.62	\$1.62
NAV (\$ Ms)	\$85	\$99	\$114

Harry Winston sold ~£7,000 per SF in June 2013

Retail Space - Saint George Street:

SF	3,263	3,263	3,263
Price per SF (GBP)	£2,000	£2,500	£3,000
NAV (GBP Ms)	£7	£8	£10
Ex. Rate (USD = GBP)	\$1.62	\$1.62	\$1.62
NAV (\$ Ms)	\$11	\$13	\$16

Office Space:

SF	36,108	36,108	36,108
Rent per SF	£100	£110	£120
Rental Income (GBP Ms)	£4	£4	£4
% Margin	70%	70%	70%
NOI (GBP Ms)	£3	£3	£3
% Cap Rate	4.5%	4.0%	3.5%
NAV (GBP Ms)	£56	£70	£87
Ex. Rate (USD = GBP)	\$1.62	\$1.62	\$1.62
NAV (\$ Ms)	\$91	\$113	\$140
<i>Memo: Price per SF (GBP)</i>	<i>£1,556</i>	<i>£1,925</i>	<i>£2,400</i>

~Avg. West End office rent as per CBRE

Total NAV (\$ Ms)

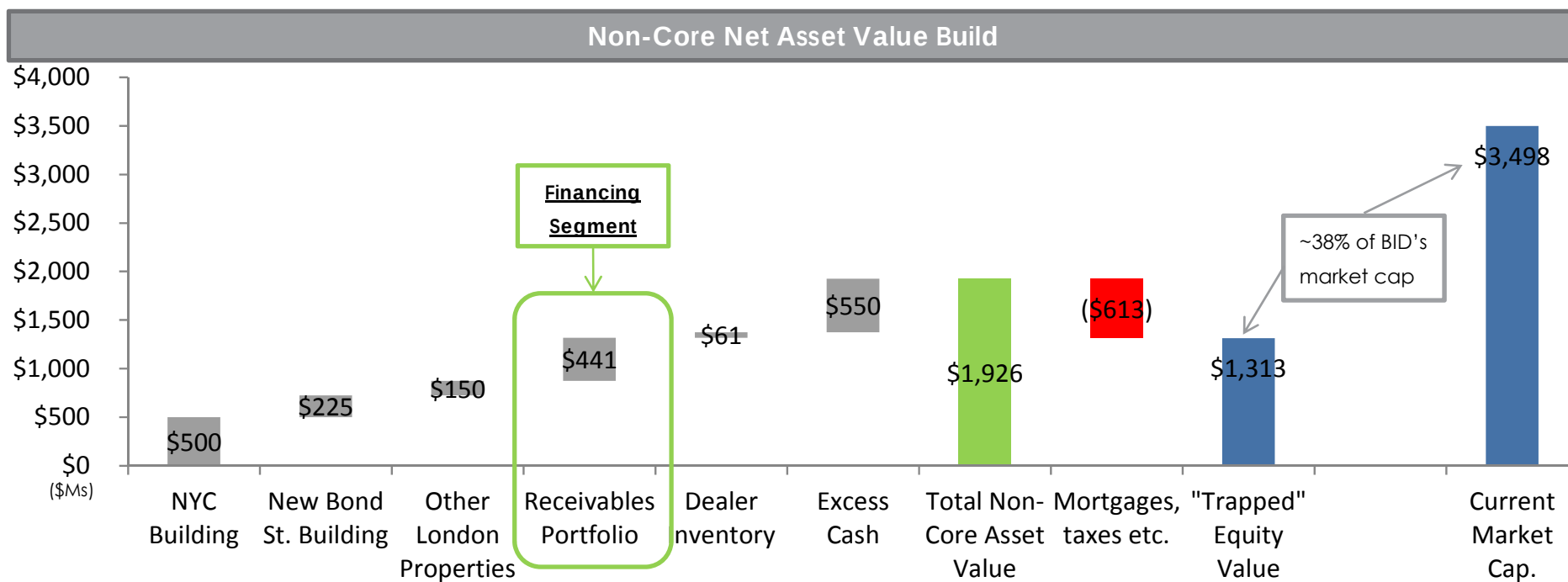
	\$187	\$225	\$270
<i>Memo: Total SF</i>	<i>48,144</i>	<i>48,144</i>	<i>48,144</i>
<i>Memo: Price per SF (GBP)</i>	<i>£2,424</i>	<i>£2,917</i>	<i>£3,495</i>

Illustrative Value of Other Owned London Real Estate

- ▲ Sotheby's also has an additional ~47K of owned real estate in London. While we are uncertain of the exact nature or location of this space, we believe it is close to the New Bond Street building (the 2004 10-K notes the "*New Bond Street premises*" are approximately **200,000 square feet**")

(\$ Ms)			
<u>Other London SF:</u>			
Total London Owned + Freehold SF	95,470	95,470	95,470
Less: New Bond Street Building	(48,144)	(48,144)	(48,144)
Other London SF	47,326	47,326	47,326
Rent per SF	£100	£110	£120
Rental Income (GBP Ms)	£5	£5	£6
% Margin	70%	70%	70%
NOI (GBP Ms)	£3	£4	£4
% Cap Rate	4.5%	4.0%	3.5%
NAV (GBP Ms)	£74	£91	£114
Ex. Rate (USD = GBP)	\$1.62	\$1.62	\$1.62
NAV (\$ Ms)	\$119	\$148	\$184
<i>Memo: Price per SF (GBP)</i>	<i>£1,556</i>	<i>£1,925</i>	<i>£2,400</i>

(2) Financing Segment



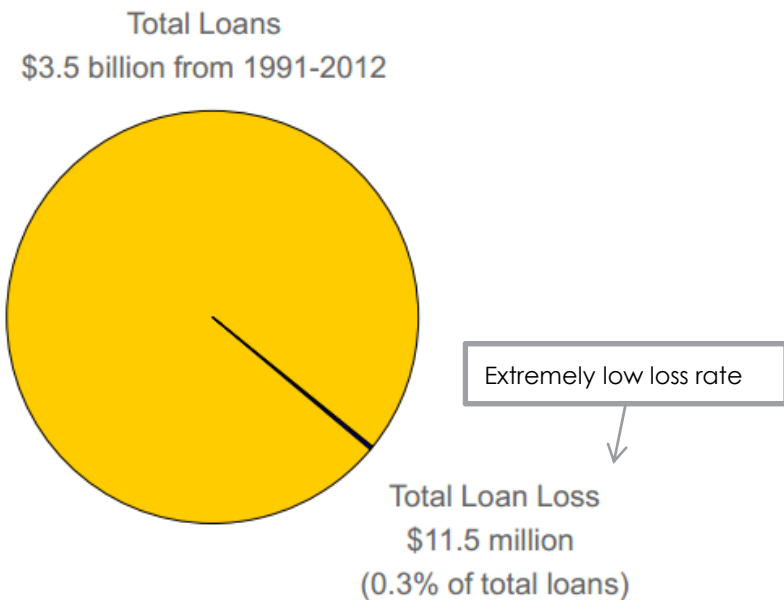
What are the Notes Receivable?

- ▲ Sotheby's loans money to consignors to create stronger relationships and improve future auction volume
 - These loans are typically secured by the art at <50% LTV with variable rates (currently ~5%)
- ▲ Sotheby's typically provides two types of secured loans:
 - (1) “consignor advances” which are loans to borrowers who are contractually committed, typically within a year, to sell the property at auction
 - (2) “term loans” made for general purposes secured by property but not presently intended for sale

These Loans Have Experienced Extremely Low Loss Rates

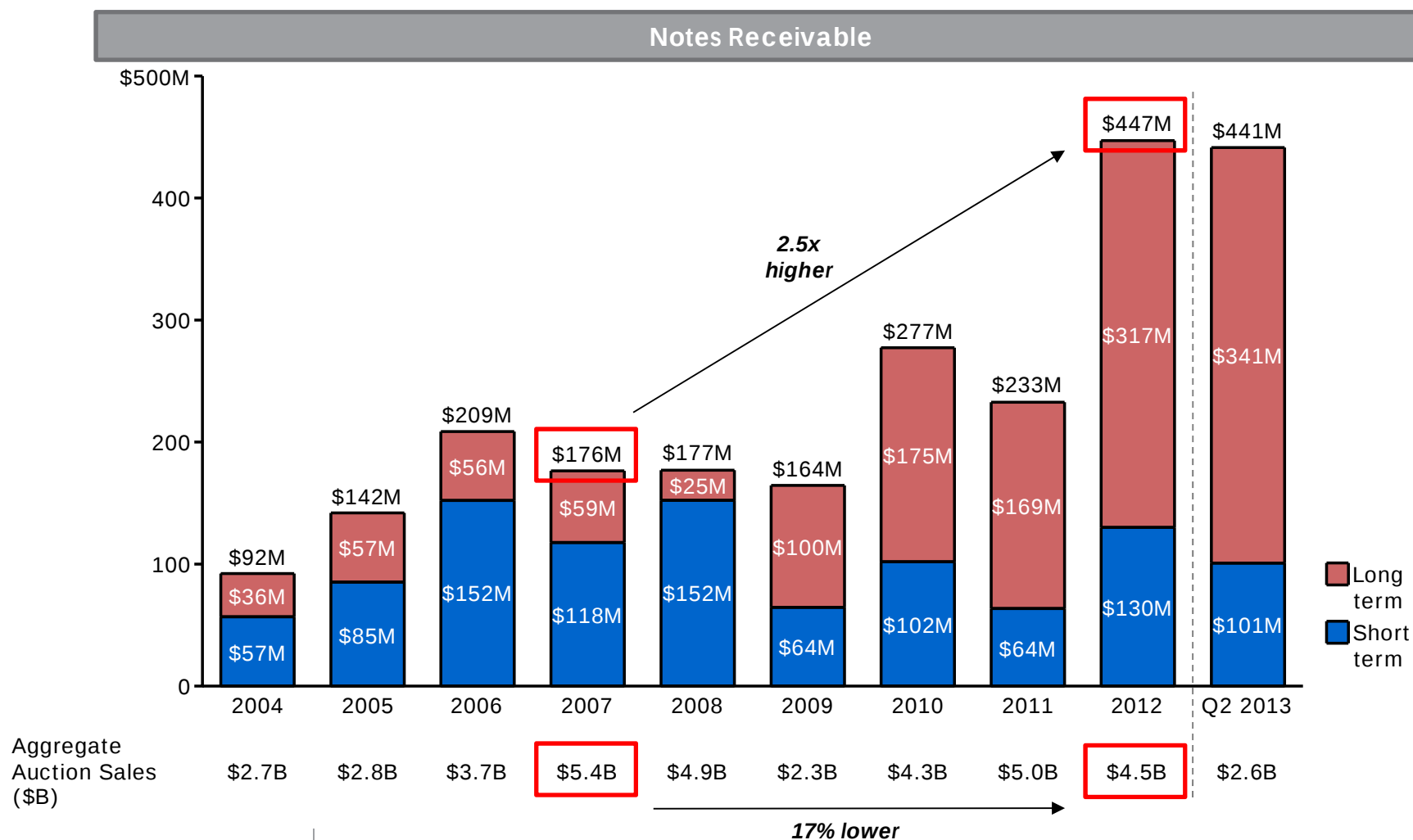
Loan Risks and Historical Loan Losses

- Valuation appraisal error
- Macroeconomic decline
- Title defect
- Portability of collateral
- Prior liens
- Export/provenance claims
- Bankruptcy



Sotheby's Has Experienced Incongruous Growth in Loan Balance

- ▲ Sotheby's now has 2.5x more loans compared to 2007, even though aggregate auction sales are 17% lower



Sotheby's Does Not Generate an Attractive Yield on its Loans

- ▲ Sotheby's Financial segment is currently unlevered → 100% equity financed
- ▲ The segment generates ~\$22M run-rate EBIT on \$441M notes receivable balance (a pre-tax yield of ~5.0% or ~3.4% post-tax)

	Interest Income							
(\$ in millions)	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	H1 2013
Revenues	\$17.0	\$19.1	\$17.5	\$12.7	\$17.2	\$16.3	\$25.5	\$15.1
Implied SG&A	(15.3)	(14.7)	(12.4)	(5.3)	(2.3)	(4.0)	(6.8)	(4.2)
EBITDA	\$1.7	\$4.4	\$5.1	\$7.4	\$14.9	\$12.2	\$18.7	\$10.9
Depreciation & Amortization	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)
EBIT / Segment pretax	\$1.6	\$4.2	\$4.9	\$7.2	\$14.8	\$12.1	\$18.6	\$10.9

~\$22M run-rate and ~3.4% post-tax yield

What is Sotheby's Cost of Capital?

Illustrative WACC

Total Capitalization:

	\$	% of Total
Market Value of Equity	\$3,498	87.1%
Face Value of Debt	\$519	12.9%
Total Capitalization	\$4,017	

	10Y T	+ Beta ⁽¹⁾	* Risk Prem. ⁽²⁾	= Cost of Equity
Cost of Equity	2.6%	1.8	5.4%	12.3%

	YTW	* (1 - Tax Rate)	= Cost of Debt
Cost of Debt	6.2%	72.0%	4.5%
	<i>Tax Rate</i>	28.0%	

WACC:

	Weighting	Cost	Weight Avg.
Equity	87.1%	12.3%	10.8%
Debt	12.9%	4.5%	0.6%
Total			11.3%

We estimate that Sotheby's WACC is ~11% vs. ~3.4% post-tax yield from its financing business

Sotheby's Notes Receivable are Attractive vs. Other Yield Instruments

	Sotheby's – Notes Receivable	Bloomberg Investment Grade US Corporate Bond Index (BUSC)	Bloomberg USD High Yield Corporate Bond Index (BUHY)	Marriott Vacations – Timeshare Receivables
Receivable Balance	• \$441M			• \$988M as of Q2 2013
Duration	• 6-18 months	• 10.03 years	• 5.21 years	• 10 years, but no prepayment penalties so typically shorter
Yield	• 4.7%	• 3.21%	• 6.25%	• 13%
Spread to Benchmark	• 4.6% over 1yr Treasury of 0.11%	• <u>0.50% over 10yr Treasury of 2.71%</u>	• <u>4.76% over 5yr Treasury of 1.49%</u>	• 10.29% over 10yr Treasury of 2.71%
Credit Quality	• 0.4% loan losses between 1991-2011*			• 4.5% default rate in 2012
Spread after estimated loan losses	• <u>4.2% over 1yr Treasury</u>			• <u>5.79% over 10yr Treasury</u>
Financing	• None			• 2yr warehouse facility arranged by Credit Suisse • Non-recourse • <u>~80% advance rate at LIBOR+150</u>

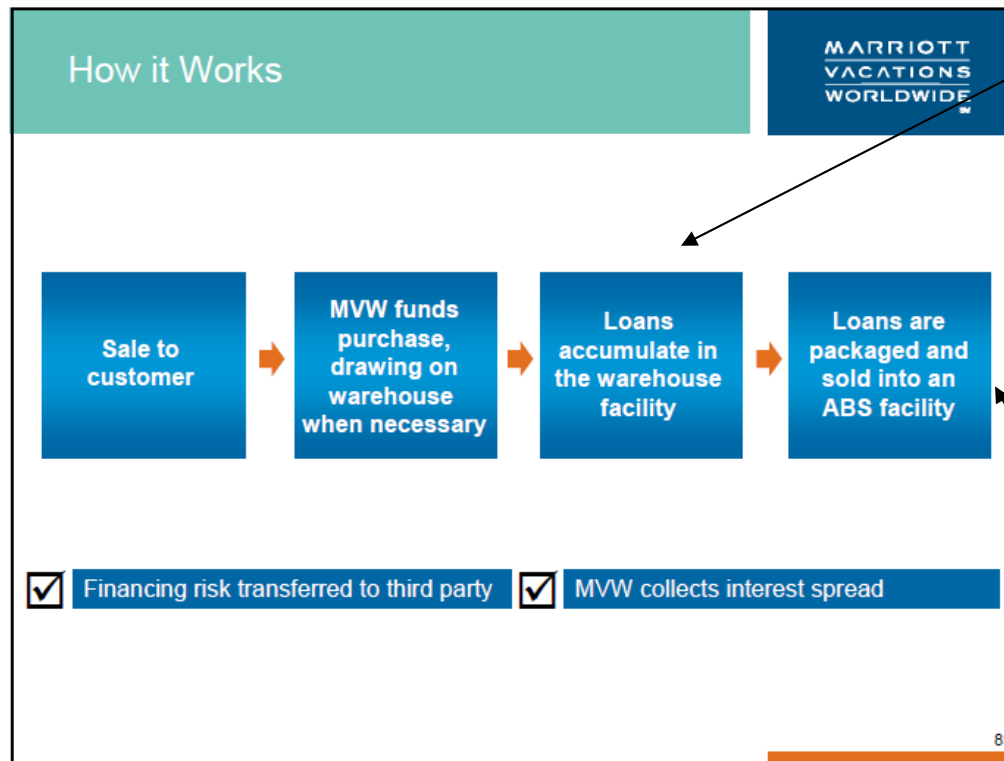
Financial Institutions Have Bought Receivables From Captive Finance Subsidiaries At ~1x Book Value

(\$ in millions, unless noted)

Announcement Date	Completion Date	Acquirer	Portfolio	Receivables Value	Sale Value	Implied Multiple
February 19, 2013	September 6, 2013	Citigroup	Best Buy's U.S. Credit Card Portfolio (Held by Capital One Financial Corporation)	\$7,000	\$7,000	1.00x
October 23, 2012	March 13, 2013	TD Bank Group	Target Corporation Consumer Credit Card Portfolio	\$5,700	\$5,700	1.00x
August 12, 2010	April 5, 2011	Capital One Financial Corporation	Kohl's Private Label Credit Card Portfolio	\$3,300	\$3,300	1.00x
January 9, 2009	January 9, 2009	HSBC USA	HSBC Finance's Auto Finance Receivables	\$2,998	\$2,758	0.92x
January 9, 2009	January 9, 2009	HSBC USA	HSBC Finance's AFL-CIO Union Plus MasterCard/ Visa Portfolio	\$6,089	\$5,962	0.98x
January 8, 2009	January 8, 2009	HSBC USA	HSBC Finance's General Motors MasterCard Receivables Portfolio	\$6,292	\$6,156	0.98x

Case Study: Marriott Vacations Collects Timeshare Receivables on Its Warehouse Facility, Then Sells Securitizations to the Open Market

Excerpt from Marriott Vacations Investor Presentation



Warehouse Facility

- ▲ Arranged by Credit Suisse
- ▲ \$250M capacity
- ▲ 1mo LIBOR + 150
- ▲ Non-recourse
- ▲ 2 years (renewed Sept 2012 until Sept 2014)
- ▲ Advance rates vary (ranging from 50-96%); first draw in Oct 2011 was 81% advance rate

Recent Securitizations

- ▲ 2010: Financed \$229M of notes at 95% advance rate at 3.6% interest rate
- ▲ 2012: Financed \$250M of notes at 95% advance rate at 2.6% interest rate

Company's Current Undrawn Revolver with GE Capital Already Allows for 85% Advance Rate on Eligible Art Loans at L+200-250

- ▲ “The activities of the Finance segment, which are conducted through Sotheby's wholly-owned subsidiaries, **have in recent years been funded through the operating cash flows of the Auction segment.** Sotheby's may supplement the funding of the Finance segment with revolving credit facility borrowings, **but has not borrowed under its revolving credit facility during the last four years.**” – 2012 10-K, pg. 7

Definition of Domestic Borrowing Base in Revolver

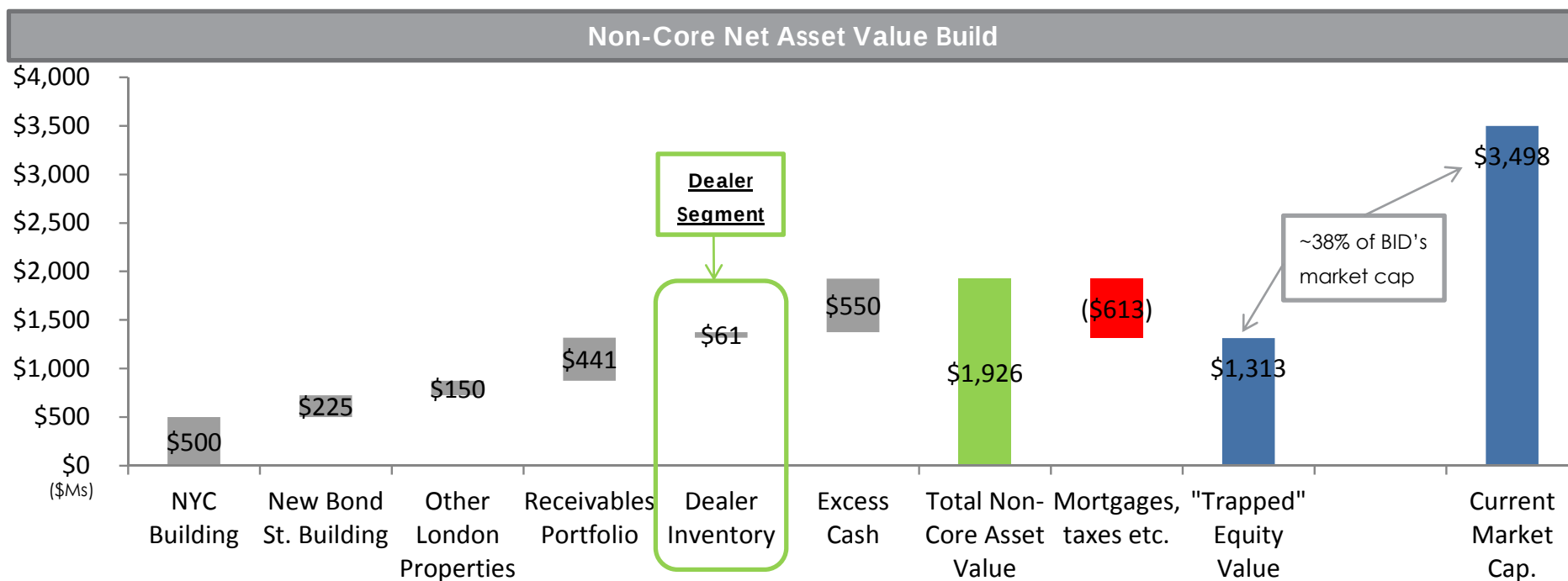
- “Domestic Borrowing Base” means, as of any date of determination, an amount equal to (a) **85% of the Available Domestic Art Loan Balance** as of such date plus (b) the Domestic Eligible Art Inventory Component as of such date plus (c) the Domestic CNTA Component as of such date minus (d) Reserves established by Agent at such time.

Lenders are already willing to lend against this loan portfolio

Receivable-Level Debt Does NOT Inhibit Financial Flexibility

- ▲ Can be structured as non-recourse to parent company → little to no impact on the core auction business
- ▲ More than enough margin of safety given extremely low loss rates of 0.3%, proven over 20+ years of data
- ▲ “Matching” assets and liabilities → credit facility allows for immediate draws and repayment
- ▲ The associated interest expense should be thought of as an operating expense rather than incremental leverage on the core auction business

(3) Dealer Segment



Dealer Segment is a Drag on Earnings

- ▲ Sotheby's paid \$82.5M to acquire Noortman Master Paintings in June 2006 (1.95M shares at \$29.01 and \$26M of assumed debt)

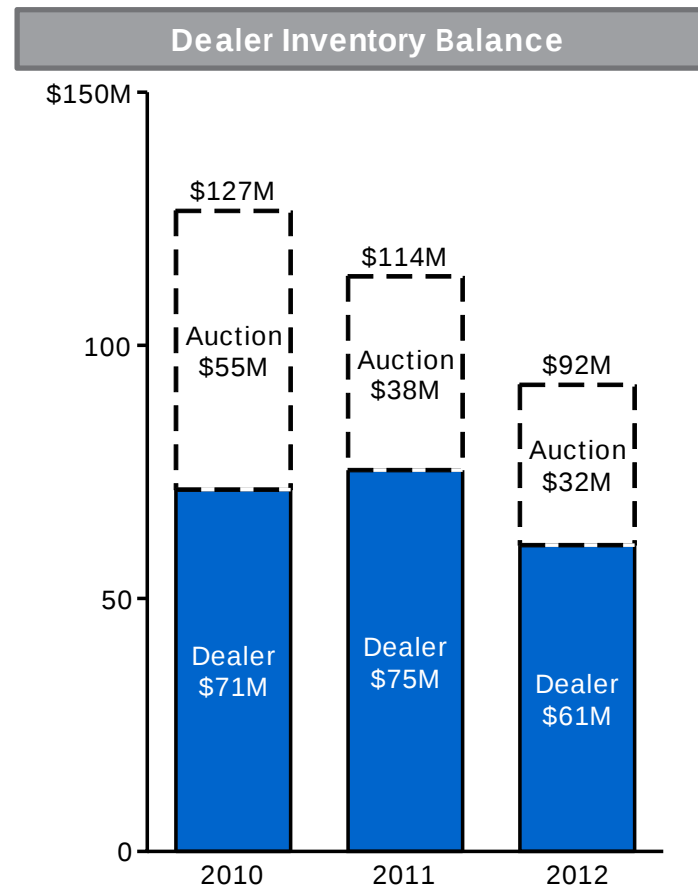
Dealer Segment Financials

(\$ in millions)	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2007</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>2012</u>	<u>Cumulative Since 2007</u>
Revenue	\$3.6	\$5.1	\$12.8	\$62.8	\$55.6	\$22.3	\$29.1	\$21.8	\$26.2	
Growth		42.4%	149.0%	391.3%	(11.4%)	(59.8%)	30.2%	(25.1%)	20.1%	
Gross Profit	???	???	\$6.7	\$13.6	(\$6.4)	(\$2.2)	\$4.2	(\$1.9)	\$5.1	\$12.4
Margin	???	???	52.6%	21.7%	(11.5%)	(9.7%)	14.4%	(8.9%)	19.3%	
Implied G&A	???	???	(2.9)	(20.8)	(19.3)	(5.3)	(5.1)	(7.1)	(6.0)	
EBITDA	\$7.3	\$4.4	\$3.9	(\$7.2)	(\$25.7)	(\$7.5)	(\$0.9)	(\$9.1)	(\$1.0)	(\$51.3)
D&A	(0.0)	(0.0)	(1.8)	(2.0)	(2.0)	(2.8)	(0.8)	(0.2)	(0.5)	
EBIT	\$7.3	\$4.4	\$2.1	(\$9.1)	(\$27.7)	(\$10.3)	(\$1.7)	(\$9.3)	(\$1.4)	(\$59.5)
Interest income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Interest expense	0.0	0.0	(0.4)	(0.8)	(0.5)	(0.1)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	
Segment pretax	\$7.3	\$4.4	\$1.7	(\$9.9)	(\$28.1)	(\$10.4)	(\$1.7)	(\$9.3)	(\$1.4)	(\$60.9)

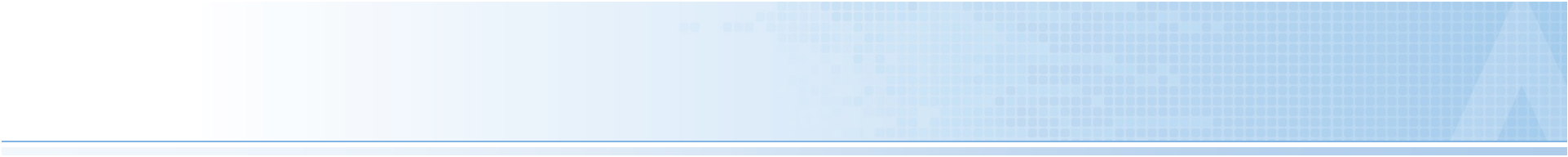
~\$83M acquisition resulted in (\$61)M in losses and counting

Dealer Segment Depresses Shareholder Returns

- ▲ Dealer segment also ties up a large amount of capital while generating negative earnings



Dealer segment should be shut down and inventory sold



IV. Maximizing Shareholder Value

We Estimate Sotheby's Could Free Up ~\$1.3B of Capital (~\$19 per share or ~38% of the Market Cap)

(\$ in millions)

<u>Non-core Asset Value</u>		<u>Assumption / Commentary</u>
Sale-leaseback NYC Office	\$500	5% cap rate
Sale-leaseback New Bond St. Building	225	3.5% cap rate
Sale-leaseback Other London Properties	150	4% cap rate
Receivables Portfolio	441	Book value as of 6/30/12
Shut down Dealer segment	61	Inventory as of 12/31/12
Excess cash	550	Assume \$150M min cash as of 6/30/13
Non-core Asset Value	\$1,926	
As % of Current TEV	58.1%	
(-) NYC Office - Mortgage	(226)	As of 6/30/13
(-) NYC Office - Assumed Taxes	(54)	30% tax rate, \$320M basis (per investor pres)
(-) London Real Estate - Assumed Taxes	(102)	30% tax rate, \$34M basis (owned + freehold NBV)
(-) Debt finance 85% of receivables	(66)	Keep 15% of receivables as equity
(-) Taxes on repatriation	(165)	Assume 30% tax rate

Conservatively assumes
no tax-efficient way of
monetizing assets

"Trapped" Equity Value	\$1,313
Per Share	\$19.20
As % of Current Mkt Cap	37.5%

Memo: EBITDA Impact

2014E Consensus EBITDA	\$282
(-) NYC Rent @ 5% cap rate	(25)
(-) New Bond St. Rent @ 3.5% cap rate	(8)
(-) Other London Properties Rent @ 4% cap rate	(6)
(-) Receivable debt int exp	(8) Assume L+200
(+) Shut down Dealer segment	1
Subtotal - Adjustments	(46)
Adjusted 2014E EBITDA	\$236

Maximizing Shareholder Capital Return

- ▲ Sotheby's has a significant amount of excess capital that it should invest into the highest return opportunities the Company has available
- ▲ Reinvesting a portion into growth capex is a viable option, **provided that these investments produce a return in excess of the Company's cost of capital**
- ▲ **If the Company does not have such reinvestment opportunities, it must return the capital to shareholders**

Capital Allocation Options					
	Repay 5.25% Senior Notes	Dividends	Repurchase Stock	Strategic Investments	Status Quo
Est. Pre-Tax ROIC	<5.3%	7.2%	28%+ ⁽²⁾	NA	3.3%
Risk	Low	High	Medium	NA	Low
Comments	Retiring debt offers a low, but guaranteed, return to shareholders. However, the Company may face higher rates in the future if it needs to raise new debt. Early retirement of the bonds also requires paying prepayment penalties.	Shareholders can reinvest dividends in the equity markets, which have historically generated long-term returns of ~7% ⁽¹⁾ .	Sotheby's can re-invest in itself: an enduring, high-quality franchise that has existed since 1744, at today's prices, which do not fully reflect the Company's strong future growth potential. This strategy rewards committed long-term shareholders who will own more of the Company's future earnings.	Depending on the project and opportunity, strategic initiatives or M&A could also offer accretive options for shareholders.	Current pre-tax yield that the Company is earning ⁽³⁾ by owning its NYC and London real estate, equity funding its receivables portfolio, operating its Dealer segment and holding excess cash on its balance sheet.

Illustrative Impact of a \$1.3B Share Repurchase

- ▲ We believe Sotheby's repurchasing its shares would lead to significant long-term value accretion for shareholders

(\$ in millions, except per share)

	Status Quo	NYC Mortgage	Excess Cash	Adjust EBITDA	Special Dividend	\$1.3B Share Repurchase At \$60 per Share	Share Repurchase
2014E EBITDA	\$282			(46)	\$236		\$236
Multiple	13.5x				14.0x		14.0x
Enterprise Value	\$3,807				\$3,299		\$3,299
Implied TEV/EBIT	14.5x				14.4x		14.4x
(-) Debt	(519)	219 ⁽¹⁾			(300)		(300)
(+) Cash	700		(550)		150		150
Equity Value	\$4,002				\$3,163		\$3,163
Implied P/E	25.5x				21.4x		21.4x
Shares	68				68	(22)	47
Stock Price	\$58.52			Going Concern	\$46.25		\$68.02
				"Trapped" Equity Value	19.20		
				Total	\$65.45		
Upside	14.4%				28.0%		33.0%

56% premium to \$43.71 when Marcato filed initial 13-D on July 30th

An Accelerated Share Repurchase would be an efficient way to accomplish this and could be completed in ~1 year

Significant Upside Remains from Operational Improvements

Income Statement

Revenue

- ▲ Contemporary, Private Sales, China & Middle East Expansion, Digital, Licensing

Expenses

- ▲ Efficiency, Allocation

Balance Sheet

Assets

- ▲ Allocating capital to the highest return opportunities

Liabilities

- ▲ Funding business activities with the lowest cost of capital

Significant Opportunity to Unlock Shareholder Value

- ▲ Sotheby's trapped equity value of \$1.3 billion is significant
 - ~38% of market cap or ~\$19/share
- ▲ Reinvestment opportunities do not produce a return in excess of the Company's cost of capital → therefore, this capital should be returned to shareholders
- ▲ A \$1.3 billion accelerated share repurchase would drive significant long-term value
 - Estimated \$68 per share value is a 56% premium above July 30th close