



# How to Explain Car Rental to Banks and Investors

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### **My Background – 18 Years Advising Car Rental Companies**

**Investment Banker for 20+ Years** 

### 17 Years at Large Banks



### **EVP Corporate Development**



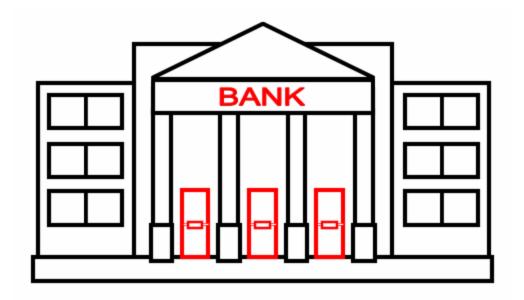
### **Advisory Assignments**



### **Capital Raising**



## **Common Car Rental Biases at Banks**



### Fear of Exposure to "Auto"

### 30 Years of Auto Industry Troubles Resulting in Well-Known Bankruptcies











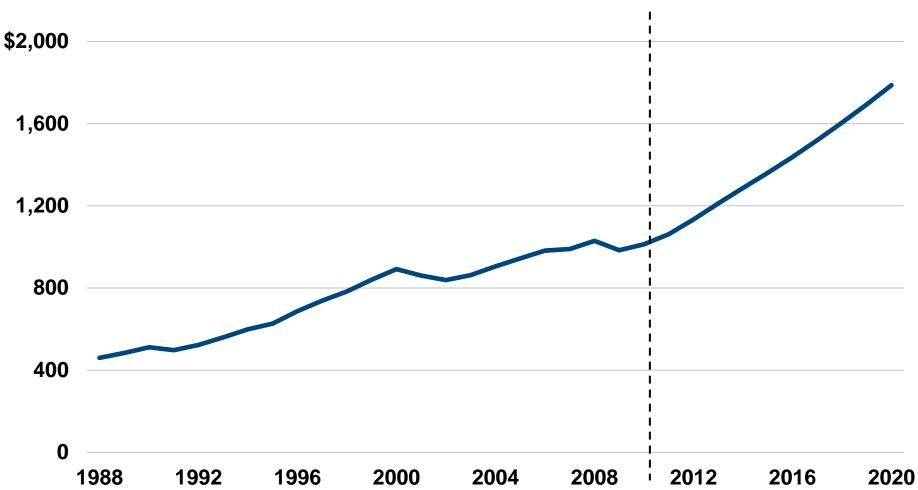


### Car Rental Revenue is Driven by Travel Spending

### **Not Related to the Automotive Cycle**

(\$ in billions)

U.S. Business and Personal Travel Spending (1988 – 2020)



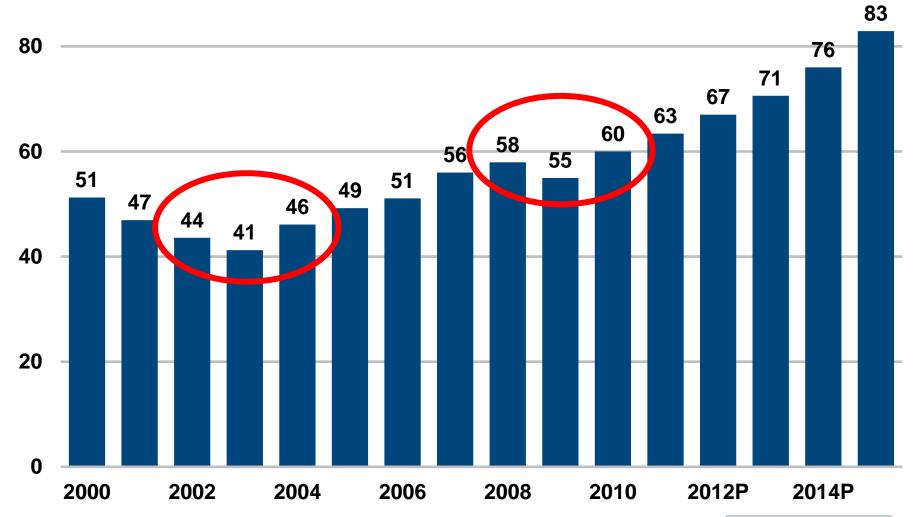


### **Travel Spending Driven by Economic Activity**

### **Ever Rising Travel Spending, with Recent Exceptions**

(Arrivals in millions)

International Visitors to the U.S. (2000 – 2015 Projected)



### **Car Rental Revenue Has Grown for Decades**

### **Notwithstanding Recent Exceptions**

(\$ in billions)

Car Rental Revenue in U.S. Market (1991 – 2010)



**Source: Auto Rental News** 

### What is Car Rental?

- ♦ Finance business + rental service
- No connection to "auto" issues







### Car Rental is an Essential Service

- Key part of the transportation network
- ◆ Utility-like quality of predictable and recurring revenues
- Can't outsource it overseas

Can't replace it with the Internet





### **Car Rental Cash Flow**

#### **Definition of EBITDA**

Net Income ("Earnings")

- + Income Taxes
- + Non-Fleet Interest Expense
- + Non-Fleet Depreciation and Amortization
- Adjusted EBITDA, aka, Corporate EBITDA

#### **Car Rental Cash Flow**

#### **Said Another Way**

#### Revenues

- Operating Expenses
- Selling, General and Administrative Expenses
- = EBITDA (Gross)
- Fleet Depreciation and Interest (roughly 35% of Revenues)
- Adjusted or Corporate EBITDA
- Adjusted / Corporate EBITDA available to service non-fleet debt (but beware non-fleet debt)
- ◆ Fleet depreciation and interest are "COGS" in a car rental company

### **Exposure to Used Car Prices**

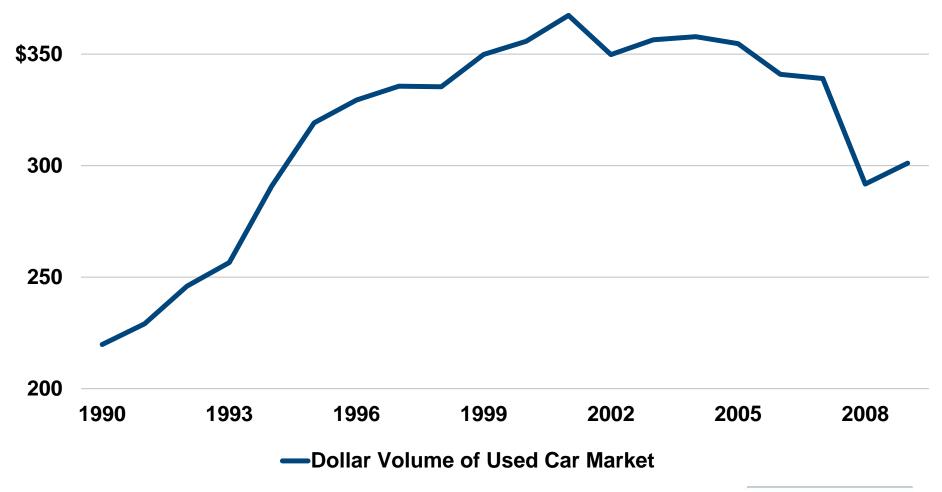
- NOT "Used Cars"?! OMG!!!
  - Sense that "used car risk" is not manageable
  - Worry about bottomless pit exposure
- ◆ Answer: Used Car Market is a Plus for Car Rental
  - Huge (several hundred billion dollars)
  - Efficient (can't game it)
  - Liquid (easy to turn cars into cash)
  - Affects everyone equally (no one has an advantage)
- ◆ Car rental companies average gain on sale of a few hundred dollars per risk car



### **Used Car Market is Huge** — Over \$300 Billion

#### (\$ in billions)

Dollar Volume of Used Car Market, annually (1990 – 2009)



#### **Used Car Market is Efficient**

Over the past 58 years, used car prices have tracked inflation, with some year-to-year variation

Real Growth: Consumer Price Index vs Prices of Used Cars and Trucks (1952 – 2010) **30%** -20 10 0 (10)(20)(30)1960 1968 1976 1984 2000 2008 1952 1992 Real Growth —Linear (Real Growth)

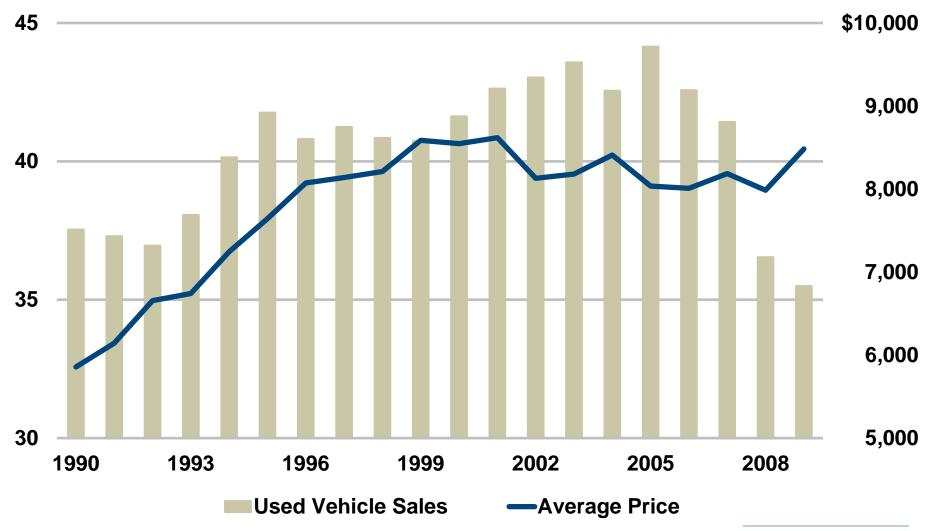


### **Used Car Market is Liquid** — Around 40 Million Transactions Annually

#### **Annual Volumes and Prices**

(# in millions)

**Used Car Average Price and # of Vehicle Sales (1990 – 2009)** 



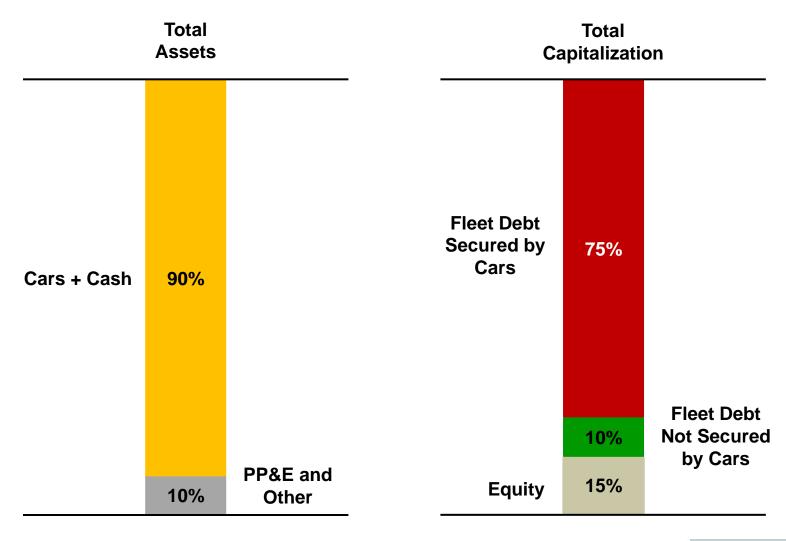
### "Too Capital Intensive"

- Not really
  - Fleet is largely debt-financed
  - Fleet is liquid
  - Can de-fleet to pay-off debt
- Non-fleet capex relatively modest
- ♦ Hard to go bankrupt <u>unless</u> you have non-fleet debt
- Highly variable cost structure
  - Reduce fleet and headcount in a downturn



### Fleet is Debt-Financed / Assets Largely Cars + Cash

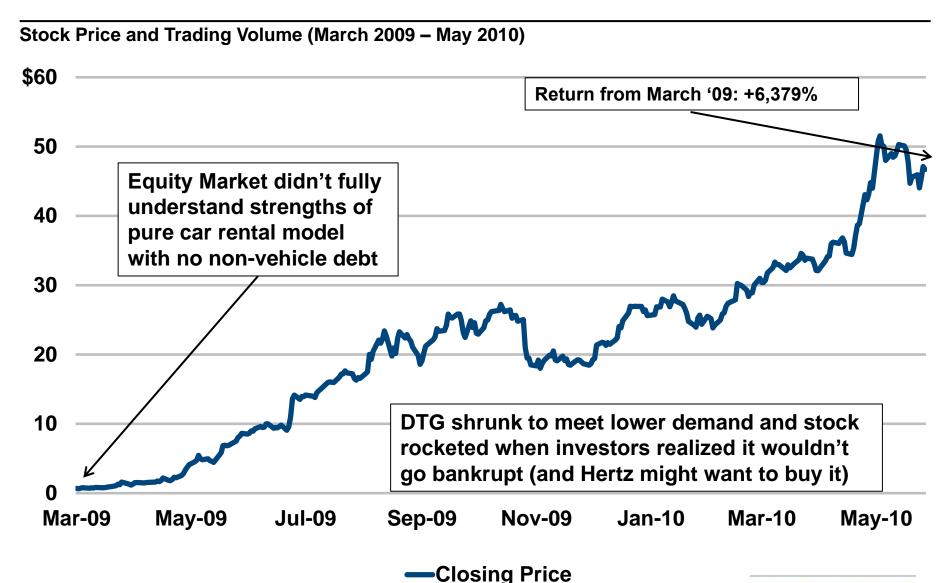
#### **Illustrative Car Rental Balance Sheet**



### **Dollar Thrifty Exemplifies Strength of Car Rental Business Model**

#### **Pure-Play Public Car Rental Company**

Source: Factset

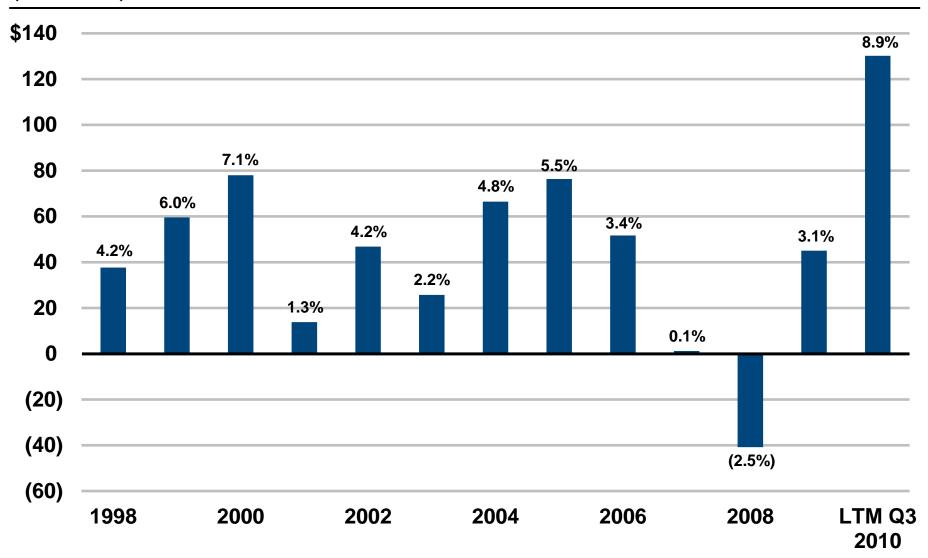


### **Dollar Thrifty – 13 Years of Solid Earnings Performance**

Net Income and Net Income Margins (IPO 1998 - Q3 2010)

(\$ in millions)

Source: Capital IQ



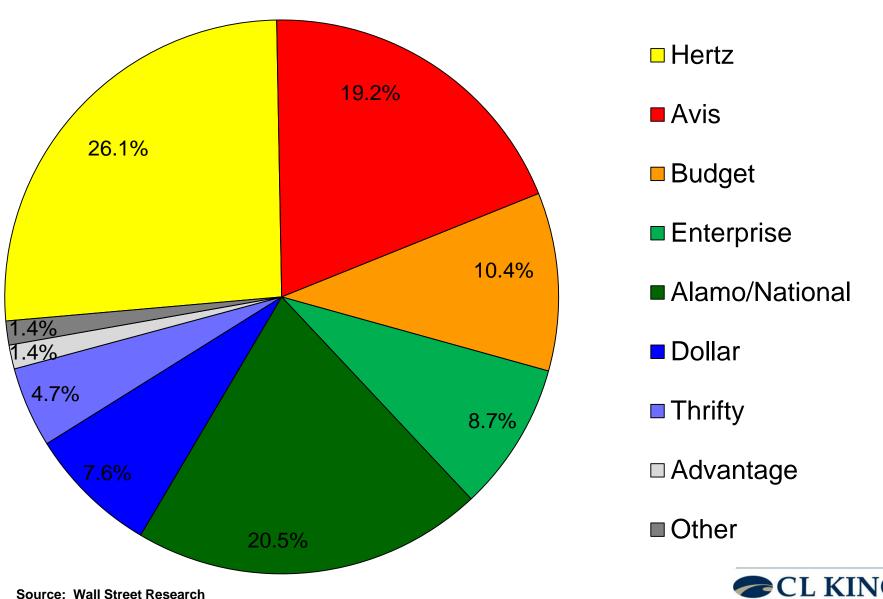
#### "There's No Free Cash Flow . . .

- ... because you always have to plow cash back into the fleet."
- ♦ See prior graph!
- Net Income = Free Cash Flow (over time)
- ◆ Car rental has lots of moving pieces it's complicated
  - Financial models must be carefully done
- Decades of demonstrated performance
  - Net Income margins generally 5-10%
- Can run it to generate cash
  - Or grow it by reinvesting cash



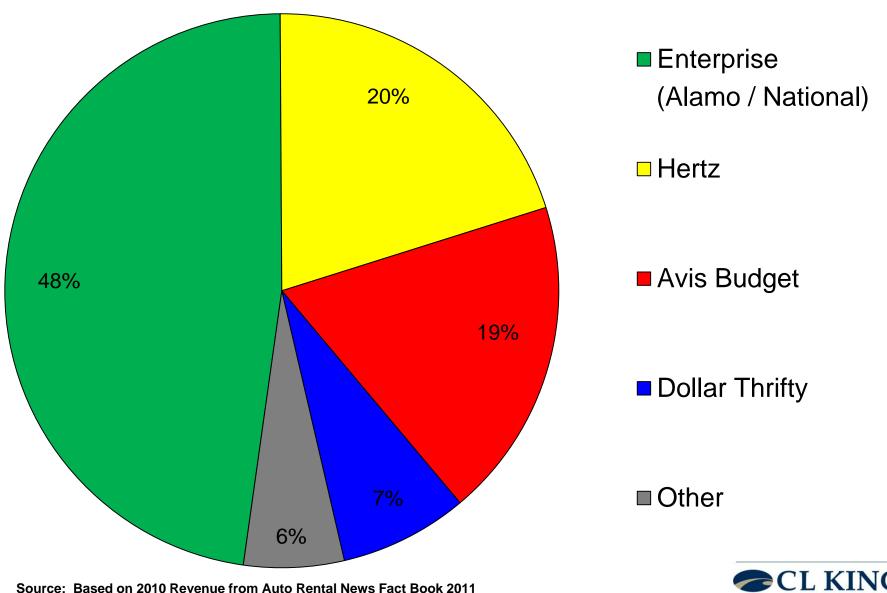
### "Commodity Service" vs. Brands Matter

### **On-Airport Market Share (2009)**



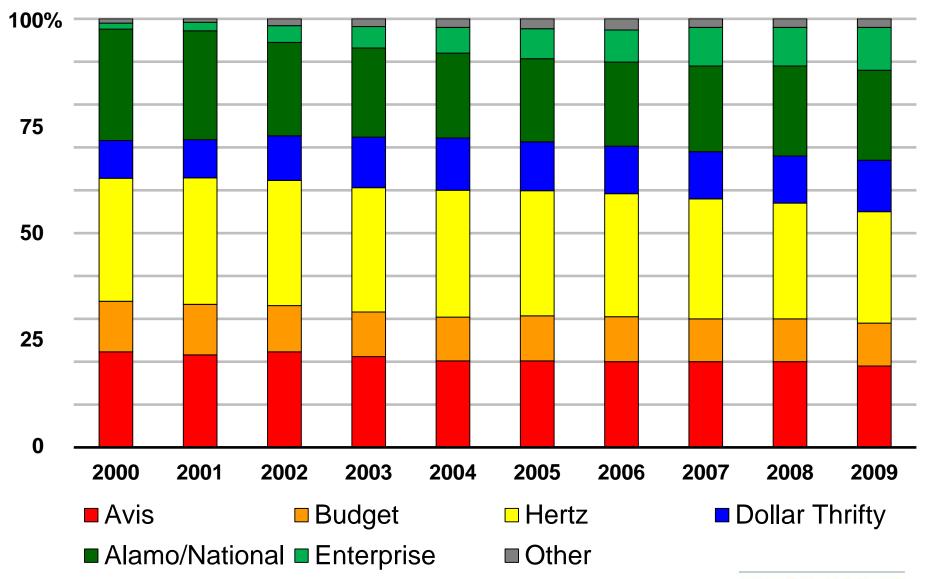
### "Commodity Service" vs. Brands Matter

### **Total Market Share (2010)**



### **Relatively Stable Market Shares Over Time**

#### **Established Brands Attract the Business**



### "Pricing is Not Rational"

### Long-term price trends among the brands are consistent with the brand images

	PAYLESS° CAR RENTAL	U-SAVE CAR & TRUCK RENTAL	ADVANTAGE RENT A CAR	RENT-A-CAR	Alamo	Budget	<b>National</b> CarRental.	AVIS	<b>Hertz</b>
Туре	Off Terminal	Off Terminal	In Terminal	In Terminal	In Terminal	In Terminal	In Terminal	In Terminal	In Terminal
Economy	\$30	\$45	\$46	\$55	\$63	\$63	\$64	\$70	\$70
Compact	\$30	\$45	\$46	\$55	\$63	\$63	\$64	\$70	\$70
Midsize	\$30	\$46	\$47	\$56	\$65	\$65	\$66	\$72	\$72
Standard	\$35	_	_	_	\$67	\$67	\$68	\$74	\$74
Full size	\$37	\$60	\$50	\$60	\$67	\$67	\$68	\$74	\$74
Premium	_	_	_	\$87	\$64	\$64	\$69	\$69	\$72

### "What About Insurance Exposure?" - Not an Insurance Play

### **Products Below Best Thought of as Extra Price**

SLI

Supplemental Liability Insurance

**LDW** 

Loss Damage Waiver

**CDW** 

Collision Damage Waiver

**PEC** 

Personal Effects Coverage

PAI

Personal Accident Insurance

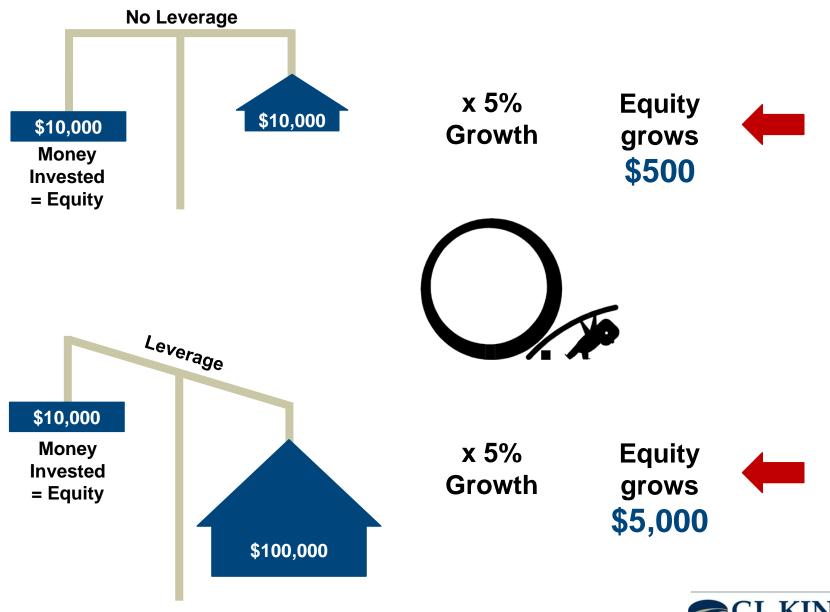




# **The Equity Story**



### **Financial Leverage Magnifies Returns to the Equity**



### **Operating Leverage Also Magnifies Returns to the Equity**

**And Price Changes Everything!** 















### **Car Rental is a Bet on Economic Activity and Wanderlust**

### **Ever Rising Travel Spending Makes Car Rental an Attractive Investment**

(\$ in billions)

