

# MASB Standards Project

## Brand Investment & Valuation (BIV) Project Review & Status

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# Should we care?

**% Mkt Cap**

**21%**

**25%**

**15%**

2011	Value (\$B)	Rank	Movement	Change
Interbrand	\$42.8	#5	↓	-10%
BRANDZ™	\$50.3	#10	↑	+12%
BRAND-FINANCE®	\$30.5	#7	↓	-4%
CoreBrand	N/A	#25	↑	+2%

How to manage if not sure where it stands or if it's going up or down?

**On the one hand...**

The variability of the alternative brand values makes their validity and utility highly suspect

**While on the other...**

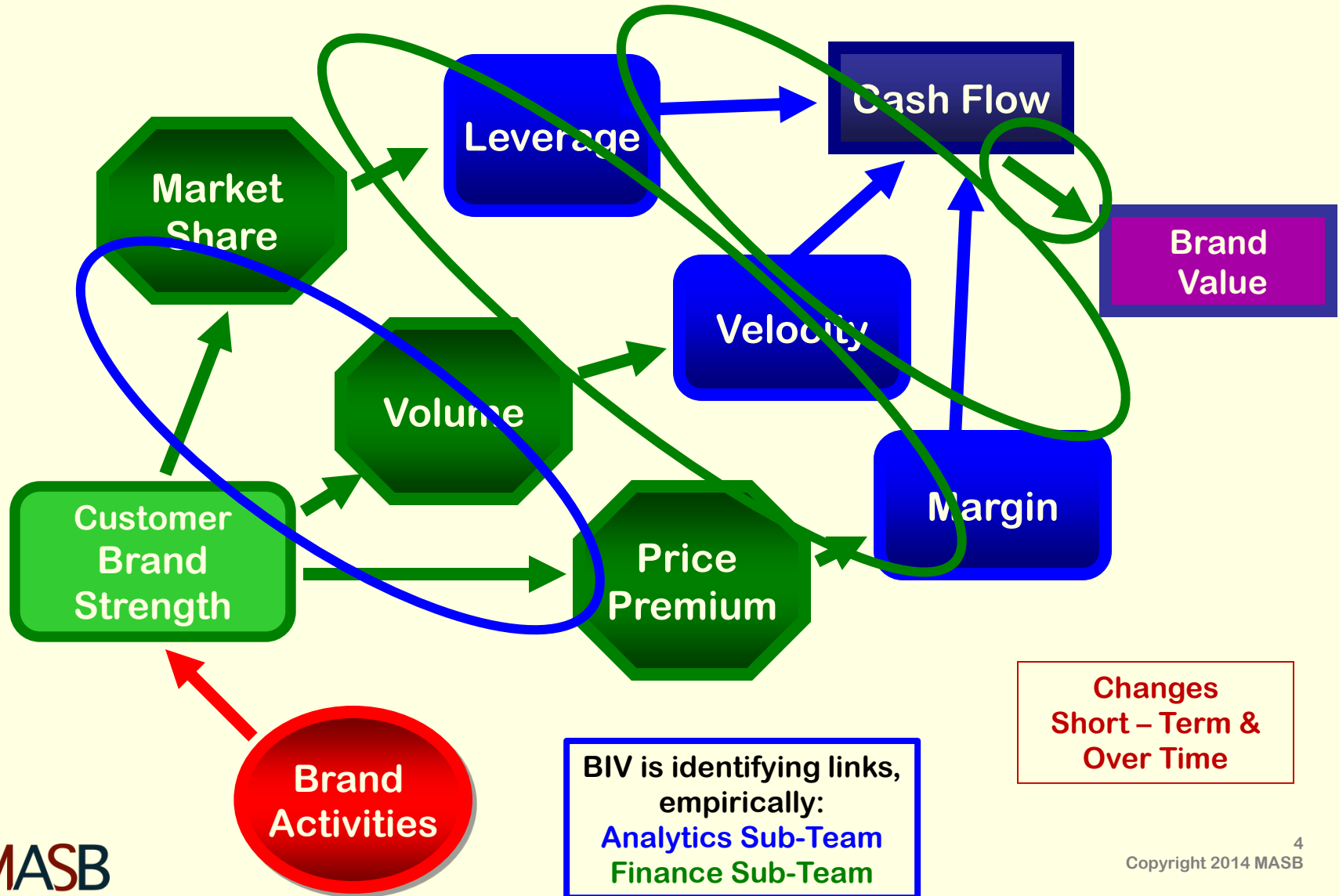
Their prominence and visibility necessitates proactively managing and interpreting the results.

Source: Cayabyab (GE) 2/16/12

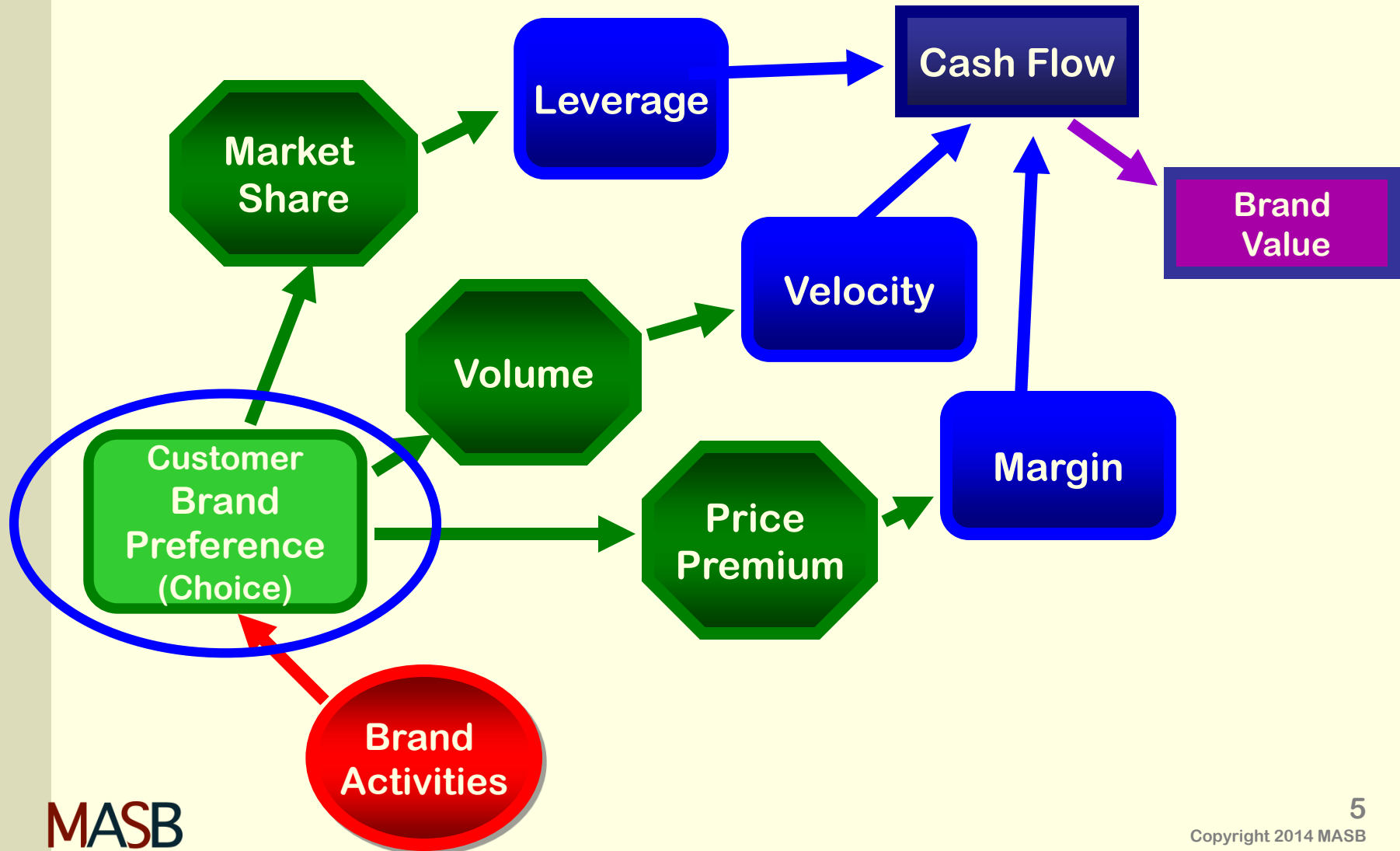
# BIV: The Game Changer

<b>Project</b>	<b>Brand Investment &amp; Valuation (BIV)</b> (Stewart & Hess)	<b>Strategy</b> Build bridges from customer metrics to market metrics to financial metrics... empirically.
<b>Issue Addressed</b>	Brand represents great Value (but how much)	
<b>Project Objective</b>	Establish “generally accepted brand investment & valuation standards”	
<b>Expected Outcome</b>	Empirically proven model for valuing brands & guiding investment decisions	
<b>When</b>	2015	

# MMAP: Brand Investment/Valuation Model (Conceptual Links)



# MMAP: Brand Investment/Valuation Model ("Brand Strength" Dependent Variable)



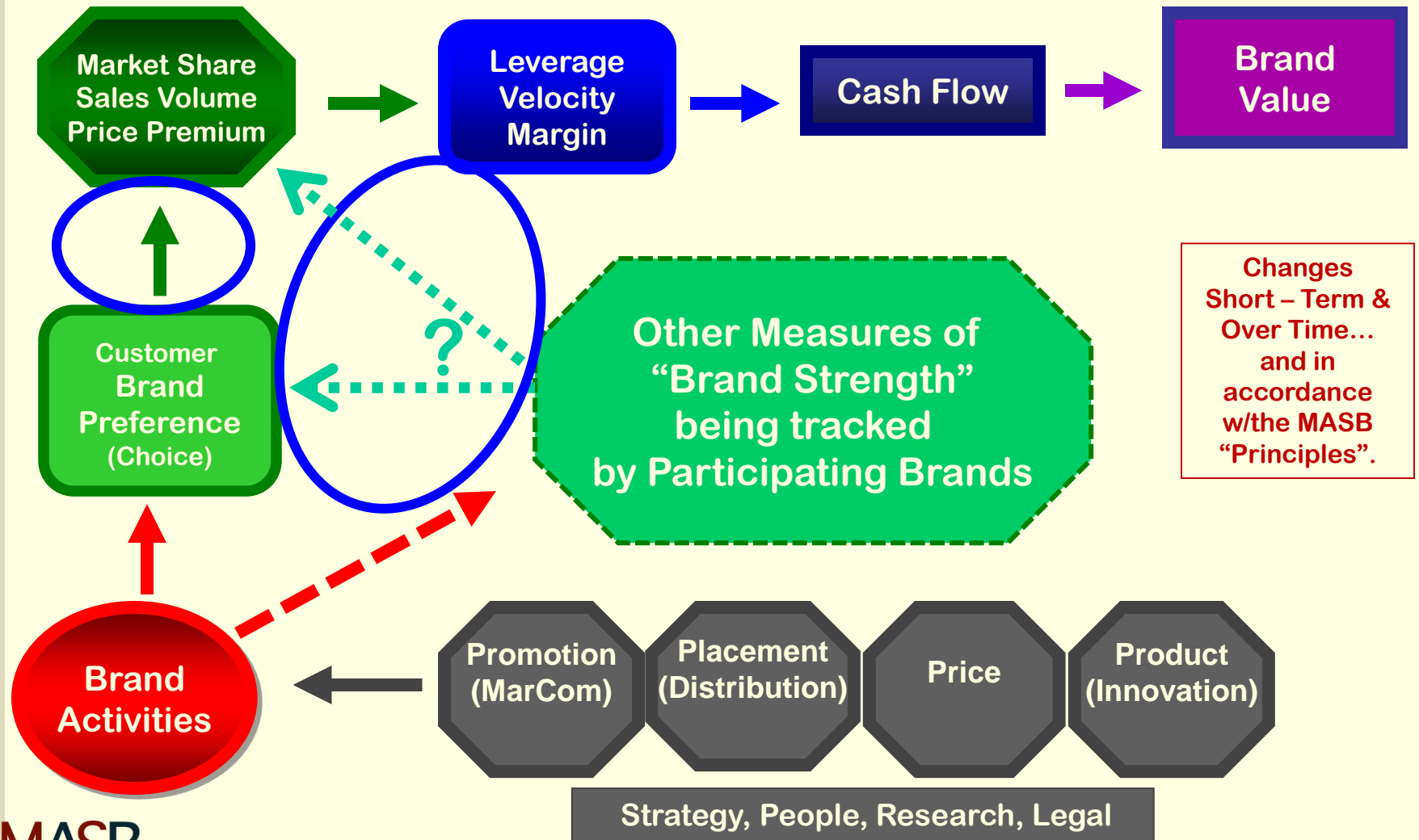
# Why Brand Preference (Choice)?

- Fits with the CMO/CFO Alignment – objective of marketing
- Fits the Lehmann, Farris, Ambler & Stewart theories/constructs
- Has met the 10 Characteristics of an “Ideal Metric” including
  - Simple
  - Transparent
  - Relevant
  - Calibrated across categories, cultures and conditions
  - Reliably predictive of both short and longer term financial return
  - Independently audited by MASB: MMAP (see *Metrics Catalogue*)\*
- Has been applied all along the marketing process
  - To improve market & financial outcomes/return (a la Deming)  
(See *Measuring & Improving the Return... TV Example*)\*

\* MASB Website

Source: MASB, Brand Investment Project ; Batra & Stewart (2011)

# Build Bridges: Other Measures of “Brand Strength”



# Why this is Important – Swimming in Data





# Why this is Important – To Finance



# Expected Benefits

**Building these bridges (or links) and highlighting the measures will be phenomenally powerful for the marketers' decision making process:**

**Making more informed “investment” decisions**

**Meeting organic growth targets more often**

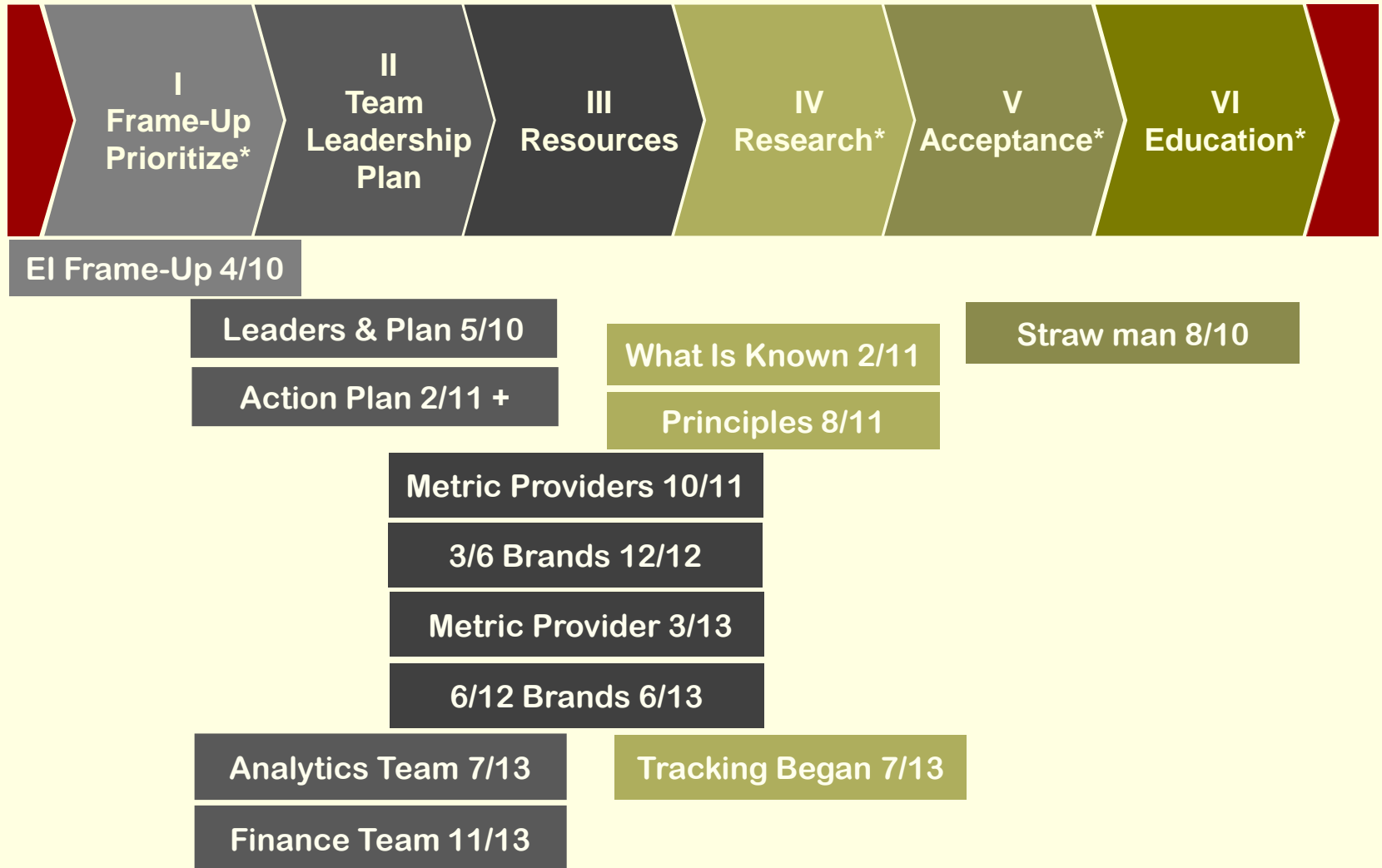
**Learning how to improve performance as measured by customer, market and financial outcomes**

**Building strong brands more profitably and consistently**

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# BIV Milestones (2010 – 2013)



# BIV Milestones (2014+)



Initial Findings – AST 2/14

More Findings-AST 8/14

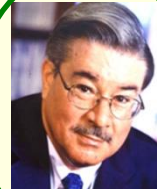
Straw man- FST 8/14

# BIV Team & Sub-Teams

## Team Leaders



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Jim Jumped in to help lead  
Finance Sub-Team 6/14...

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## Analytics & Finance Sub-Teams

# **BIV Analytics Sub-Team Report (Frank)**

# MMAP: 10 Characteristics of an “Ideal Metric”

*The MSW•ARS  
Brand Preference  
Metric has met the  
MASB Marketing  
Metric Audit  
Protocol  
(MMAP)... 10  
Characteristics of  
an “ideal Metric”*

1. Relevant
2. Predictive
3. Objective
4. Calibrated
5. Reliable
6. Sensitive
7. Simple
8. Causal
9. Transparent
10. Quality Assured

What we'll likely  
see/learn during  
the BIV Project

Not so much for  
other measures  
collected in tracking  
“surveys”

Source: “Measuring and Improving the Return from TV Advertising (An Example),”  
MASB, April 2008, May 2012

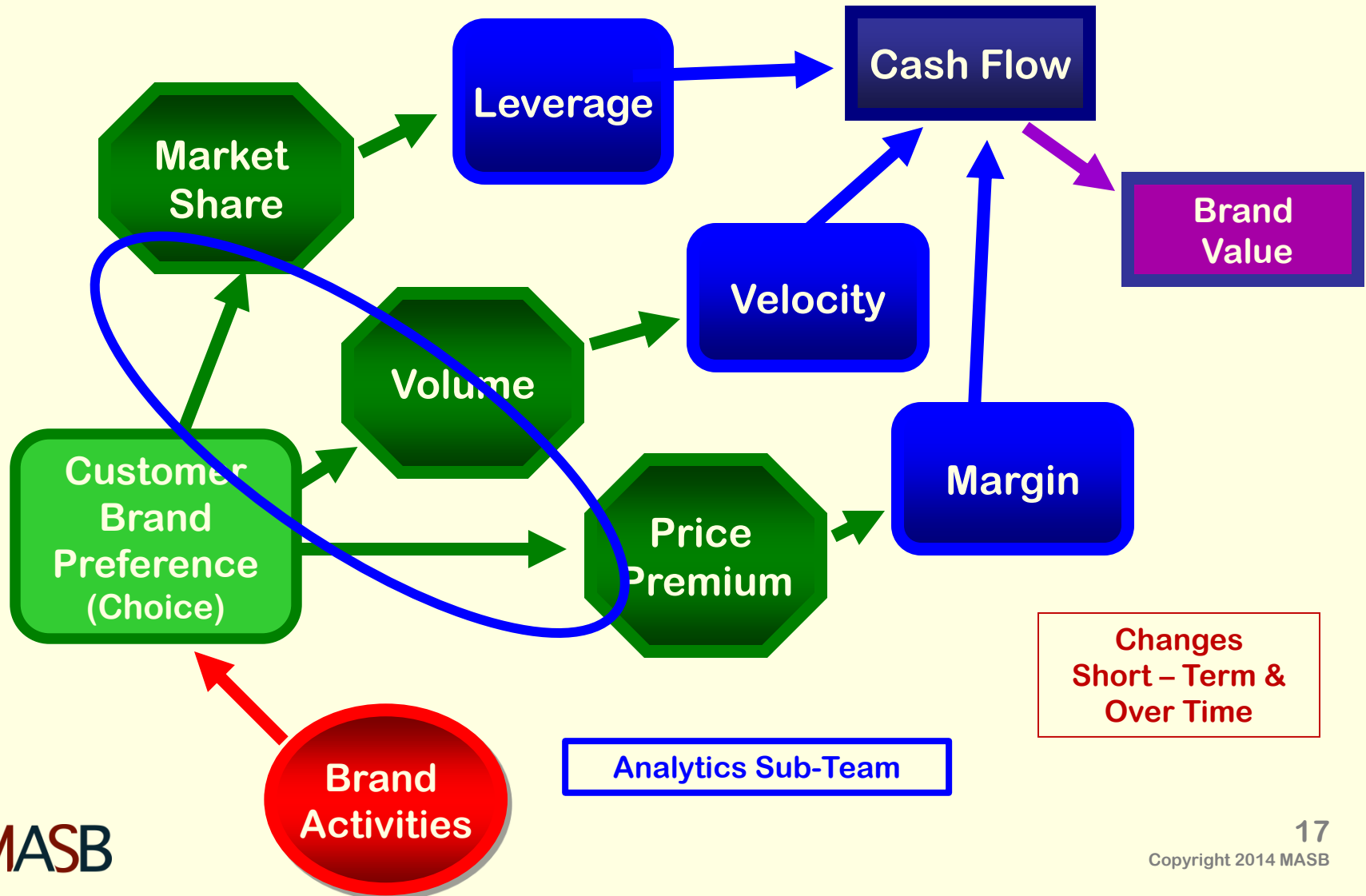


# Preference is Behavioral/Choice among Brands



The MSW•ARS methodology isolates brand strength by holding everything else in the actual buying experience – price, promotion, shelf position, etc. – constant.

# MMAP: Brand Investment/Valuation Model ("Brand Strength" Dependent Variable)



# Anticipated Predictive Equations/Forecasting Models

## Brand Preference/Choice to Market Results

- **Market Share  $_{(t)}$  =**

$$f(\text{Brand Preference}_t \times \text{Relative Price}_t \times \text{Distribution}_t)$$

- **Volume $_{(t)}$  =**

$$f(\text{Market Share}_{(t)} \times \text{Category Volume}_{(t)})$$

- **Price Premium/Point  $_{(t)}$  =**

$$f(\text{Brand Preference/Market Share}_{(t)})$$

# Marketers Participating

Each participating company selected 2 categories for tracking

Considerations for brand/category selection included:

- Market situation – one category that is generally static and one that is more dynamic
- Availability of sales and/or MMM data
- Availability of additional data, e.g. brand health/equity tracking over time
- Sufficient HH category penetration to ensure robust samples

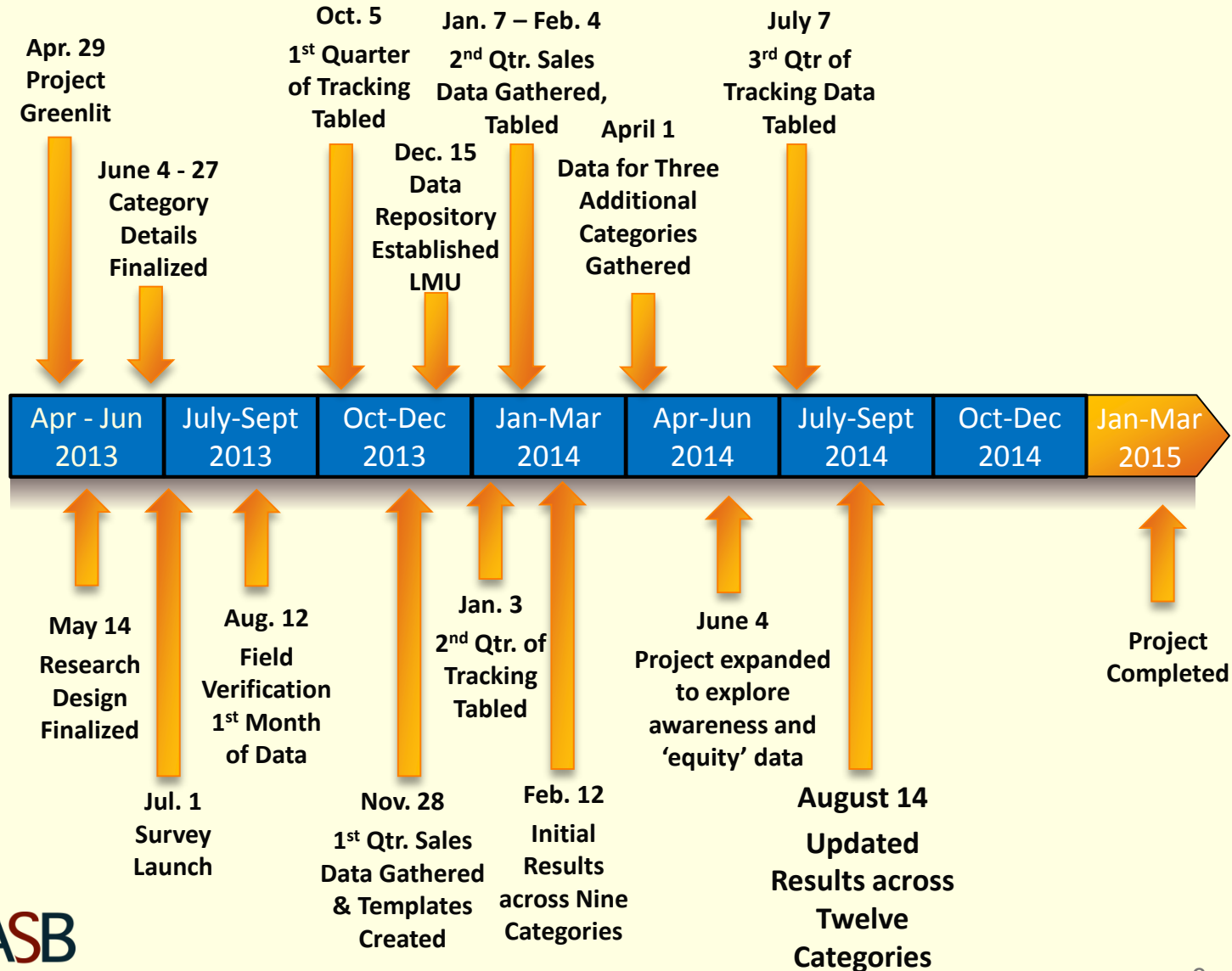
Specs include:

- Brands in Category (as defined when measuring market share)
- Analytical Sample (those who could use/buy category)
- Critical Cell (those who do use/buy category) and Targets

Participant	Category I	Category II
K-C	Bathroom Tissue	Facial Tissue
CAG	Microwave Popcorn	Frozen Entrees
HER	Chocolate Bars	Gum
FTL	Caramel & Toffee Corn Snacks	Salty Snacks
M-C	Premium Light Beer	Value Priced Beer
GM	Full Size Pick-Ups	Compact Cars

The Project includes 12 member brands plus competitors in each of the 12 categories (>100 Brands)...and over 6 fiscal quarters...very healthy sample size or number of observations!

# Where we are on the tracking journey

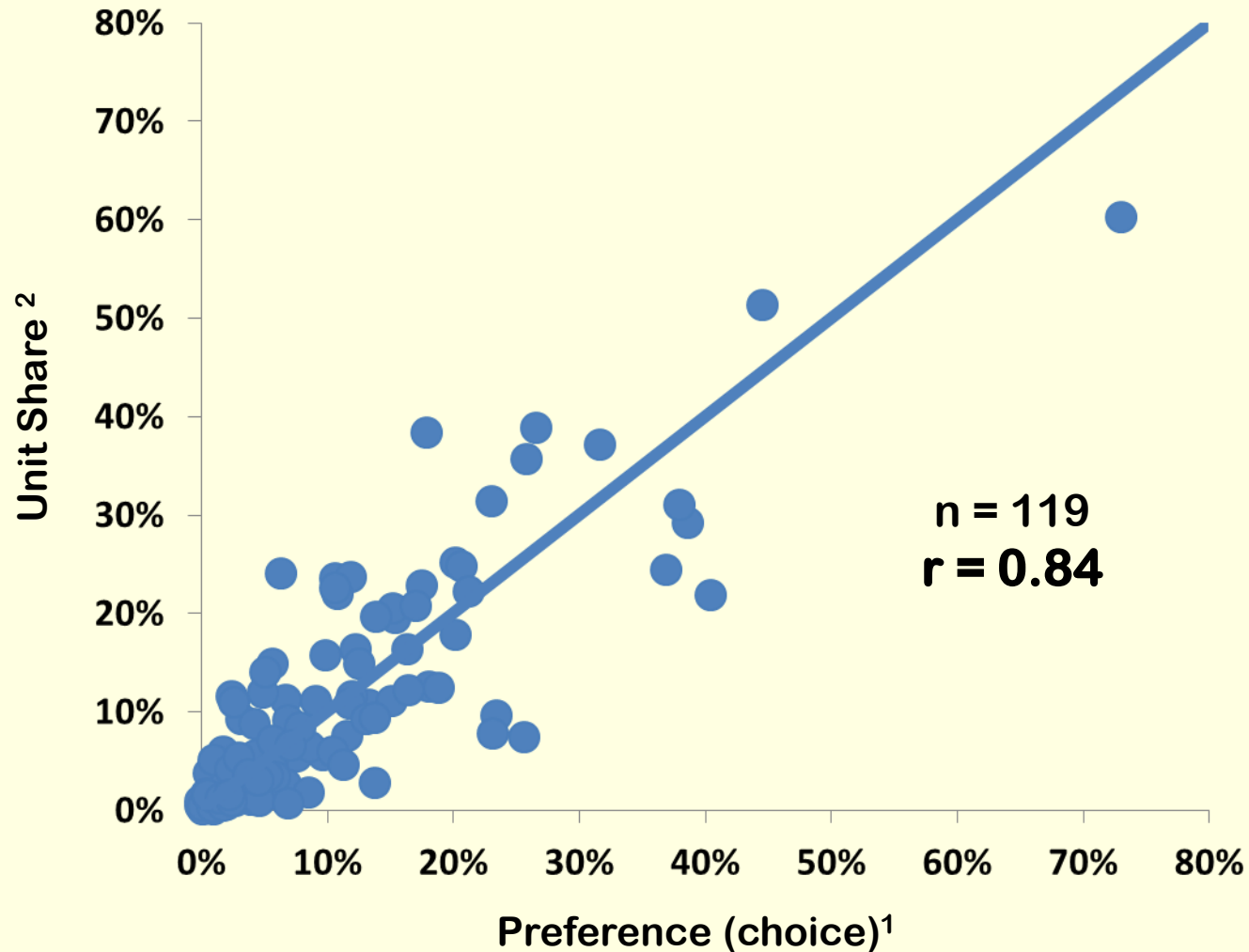


# Updated Results

- **Dataset expanded from 9 to 12 categories and 79 to 119 brands**
- **Links between Market Share, Preference, and Price Premiums confirmed**
- **Link to distribution uncovered - new learning**

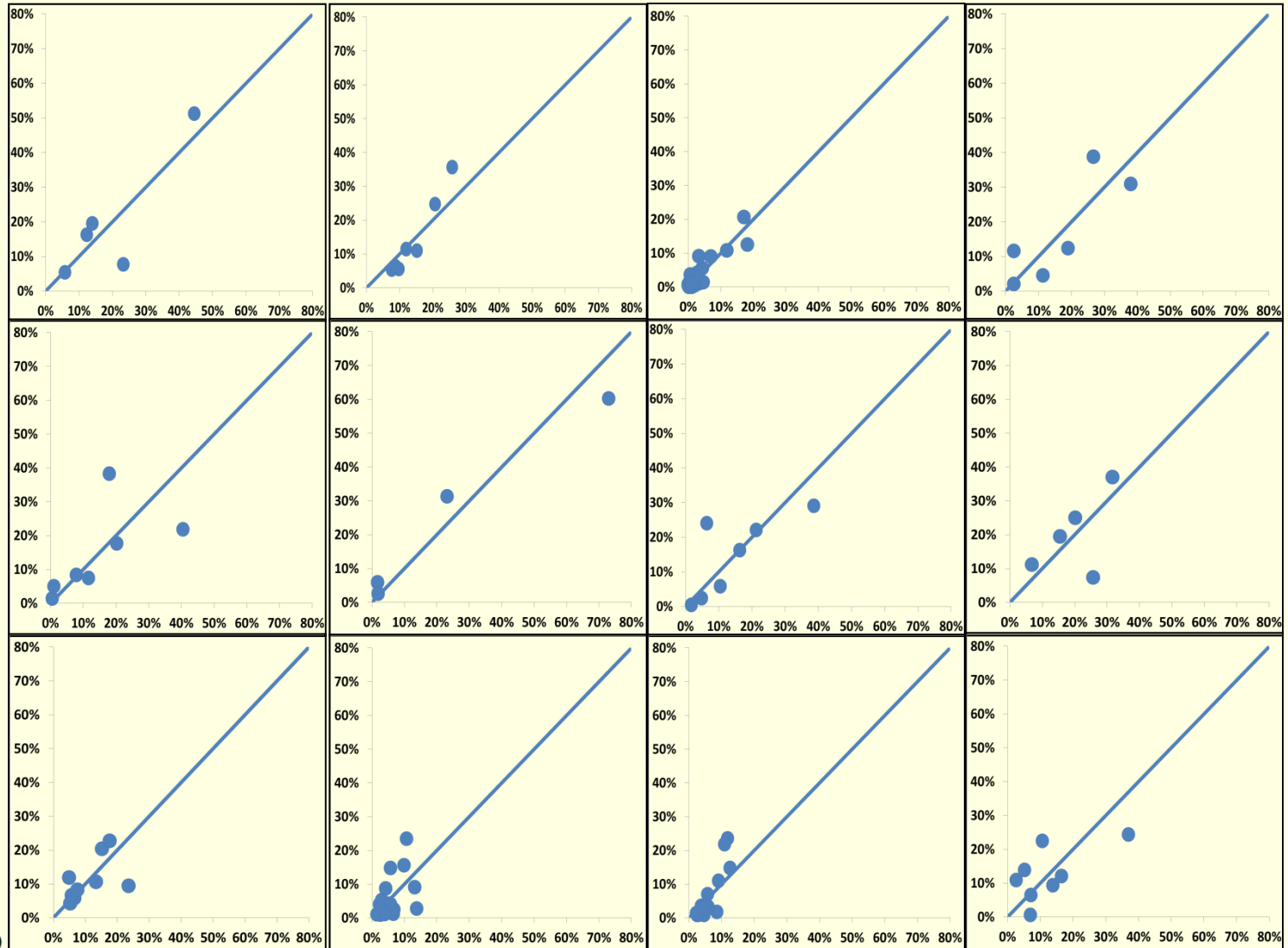
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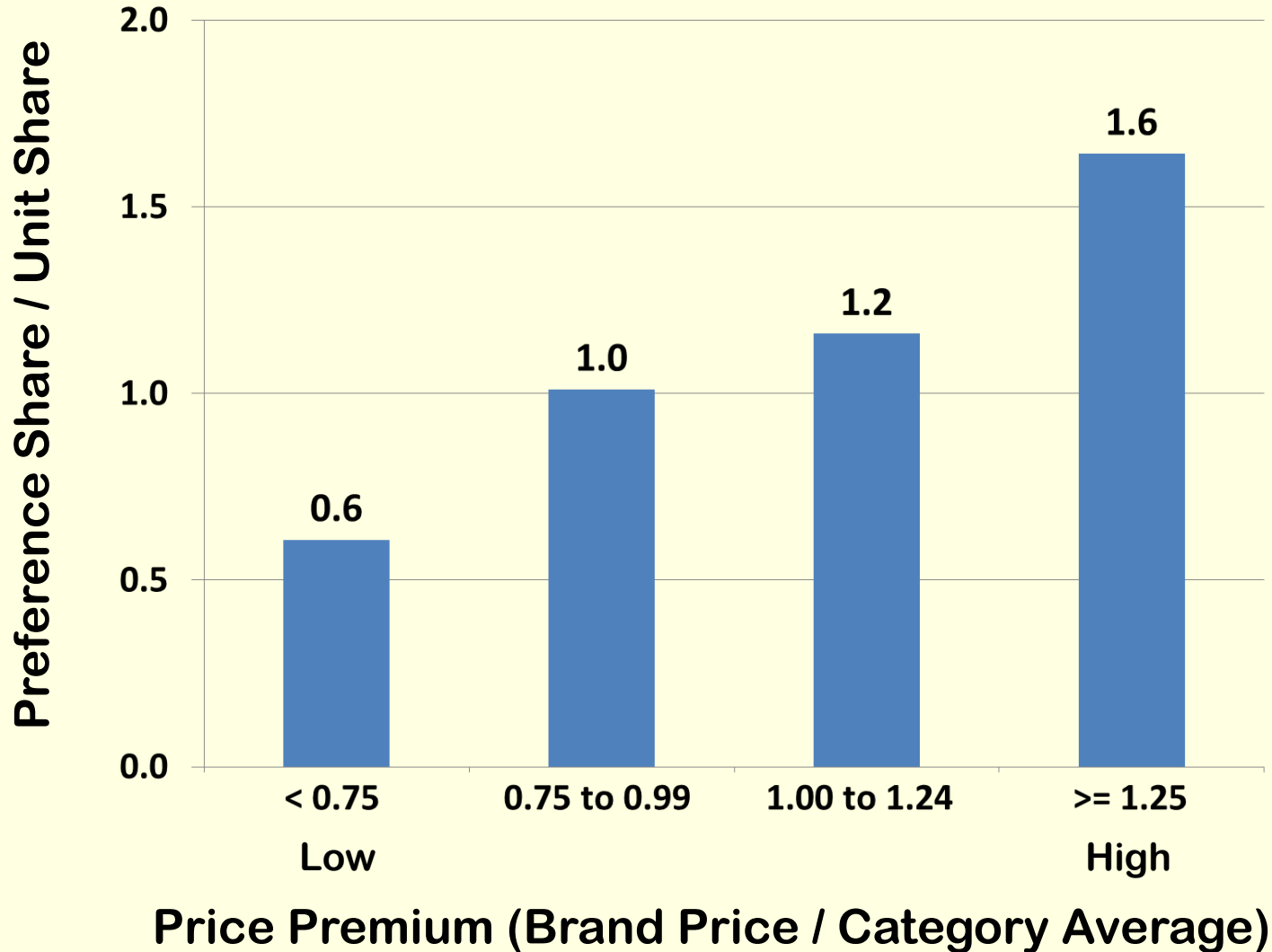




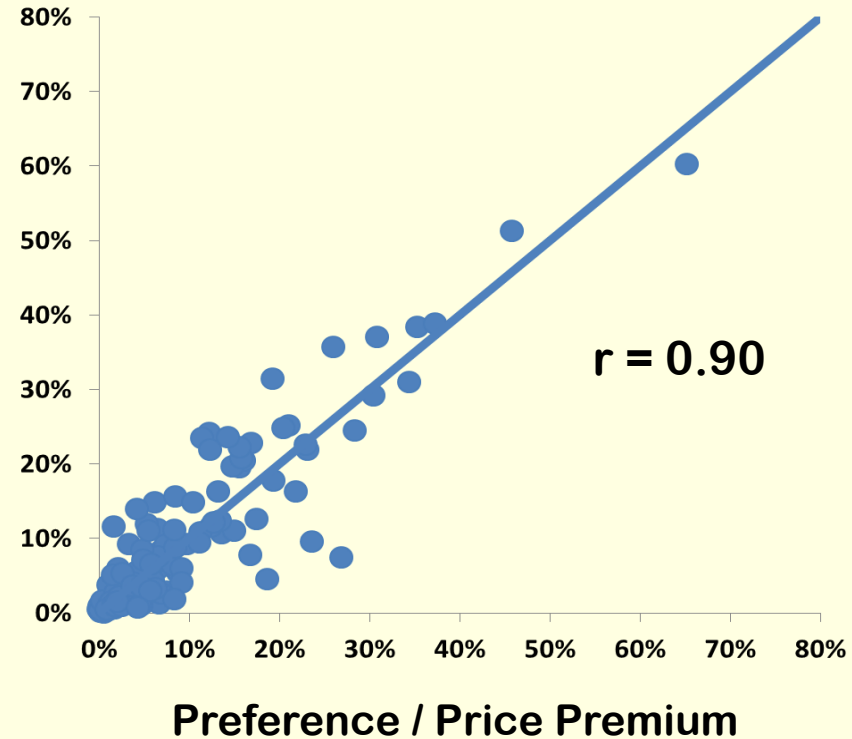
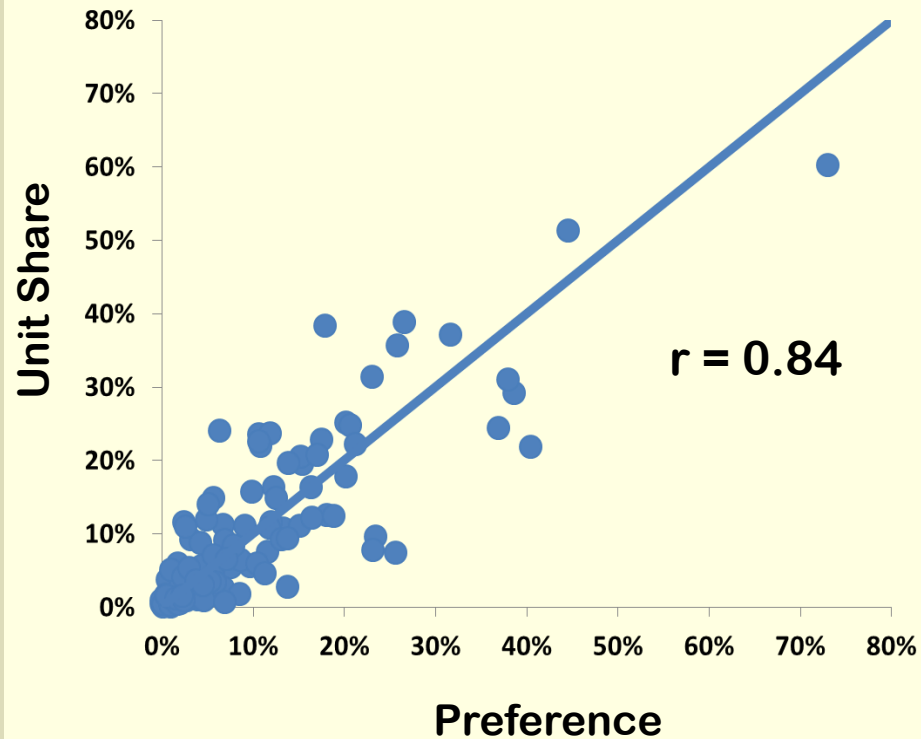
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- **How strong is link between preference and market share (at a point in time)?**
  - Preference (choice) is a strong indicator of “brand strength” within all categories examined
  - Explains 71% of the variance in unit share across 119 brands in twelve categories examined so far
- **Note: we identified one category where competitive set did not align with marketplace and expect correlation to rise as new waves with corrected set are collected**

# Link Between Preference and Price Premium Point-In-Time: 12 Categories, 6 Month Averages

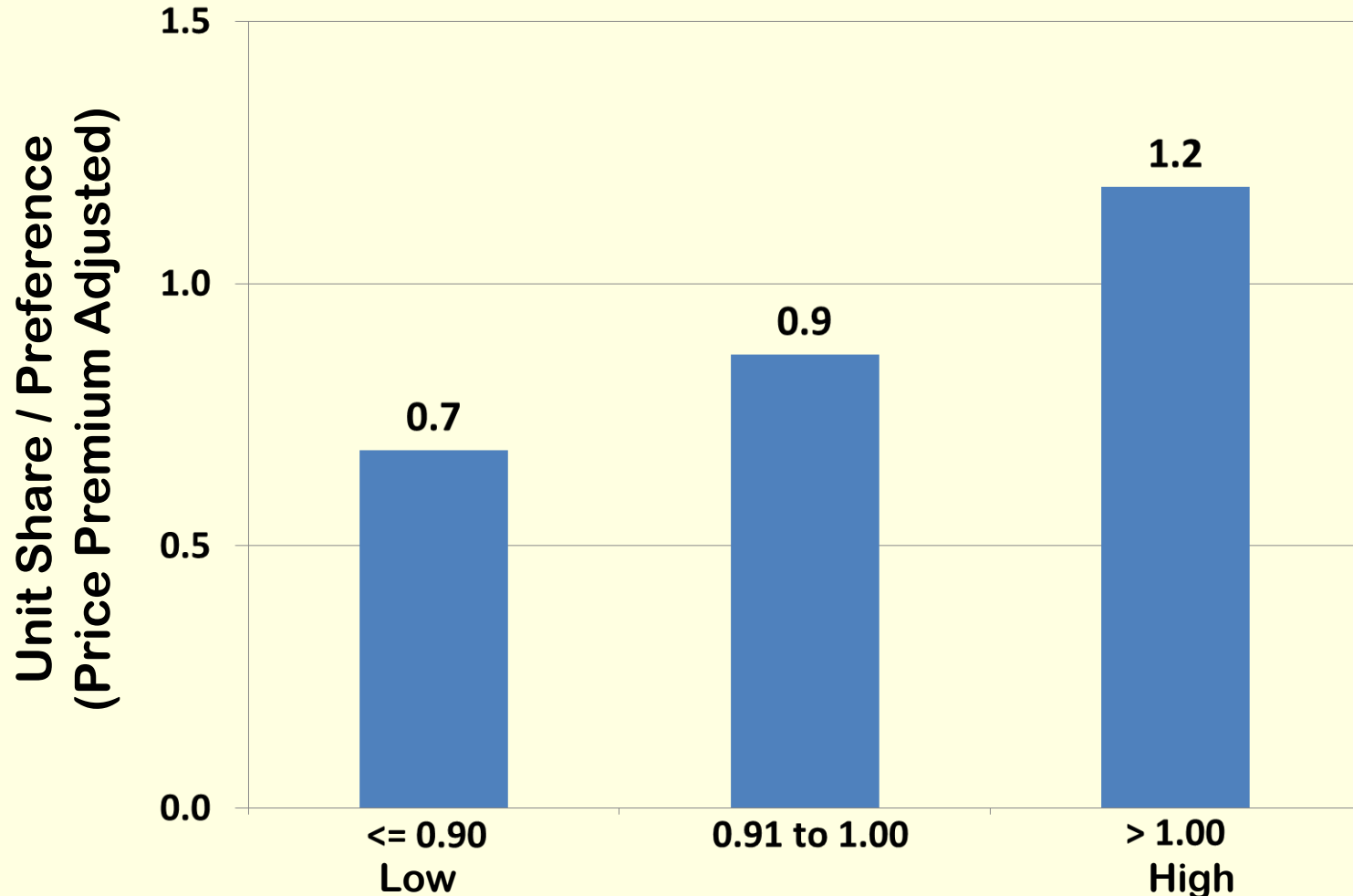


# Link Between Preference & Market Share/Price Premium Point-In-Time: 12 Categories, 6 Month Averages



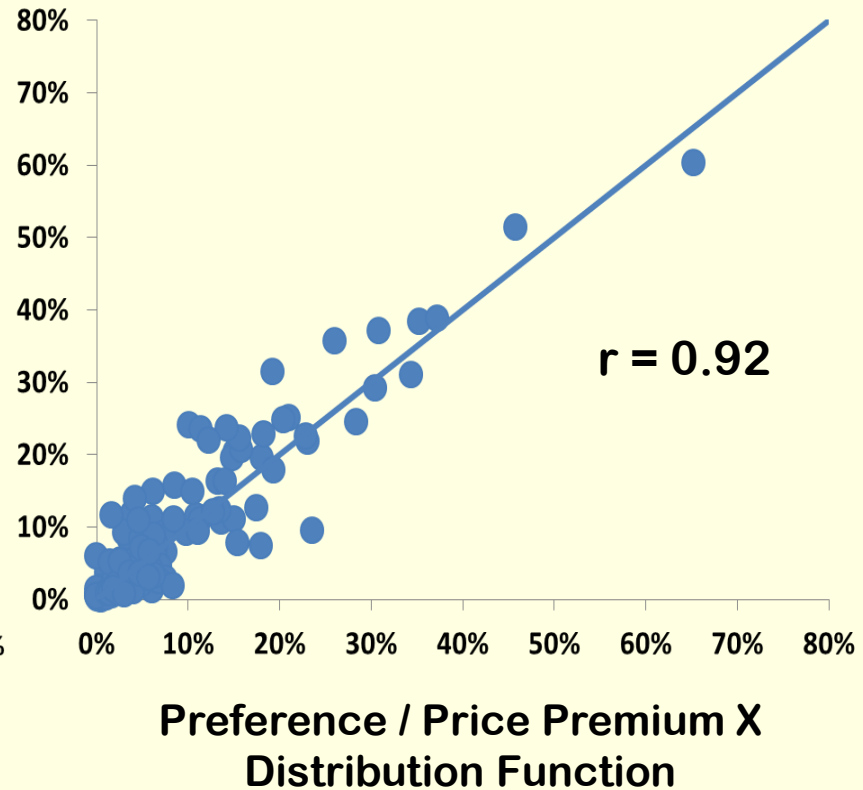
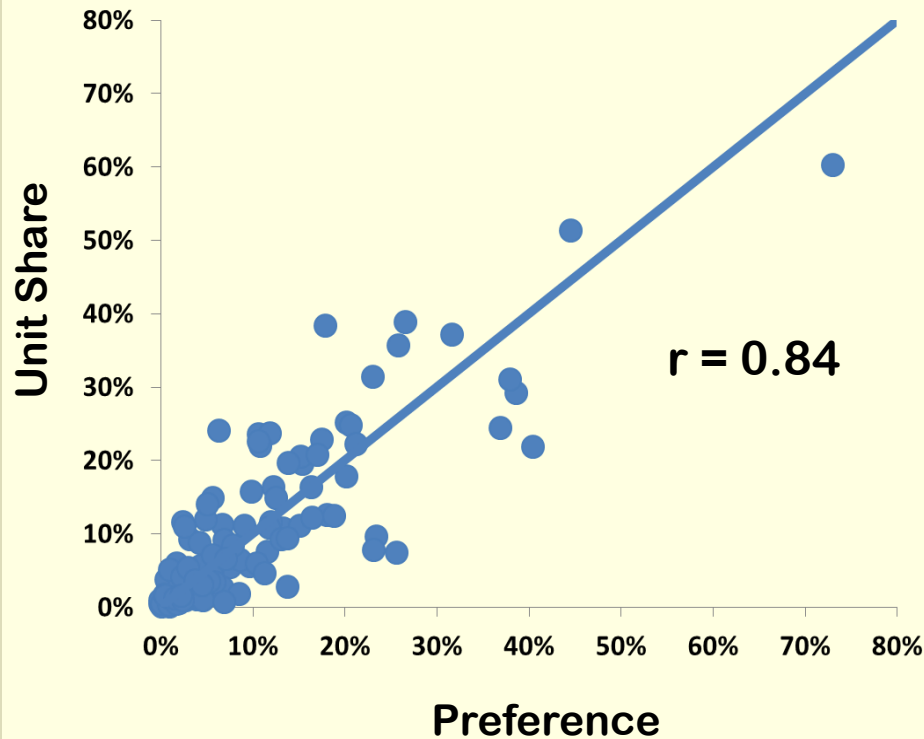
# Link Between Preference, Price Premium & Distribution

## Point-In-Time: 10 CPG Brands, 6 Month Averages



Distribution (Brand Distribution vs. Category Average)

# Link Between Preference & Market Share, P.P., Distribution Point-In-Time: 12 Categories, 6 Month Averages



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- **How strong is link between preference, price premium, and distribution (at a point in time)?**
  - **There is a direct trade-off between price premium and preference**
  - **Low price magnifies share from preference, high price lessens it**
  - **Distribution also plays a role but to a lesser degree**
  - **Explained variance rises to 85% when both taken into account**

# BIV Analytics Sub-Team Next steps

- Provide Finance Sub-Team the quantitative relationships to support their initiatives
- Complete collection of preference and corresponding in-market data to further refine analytics and verify strength of relationships
- Add awareness and 'equity' variables to dataset/analytics to understand their links to market share and preference

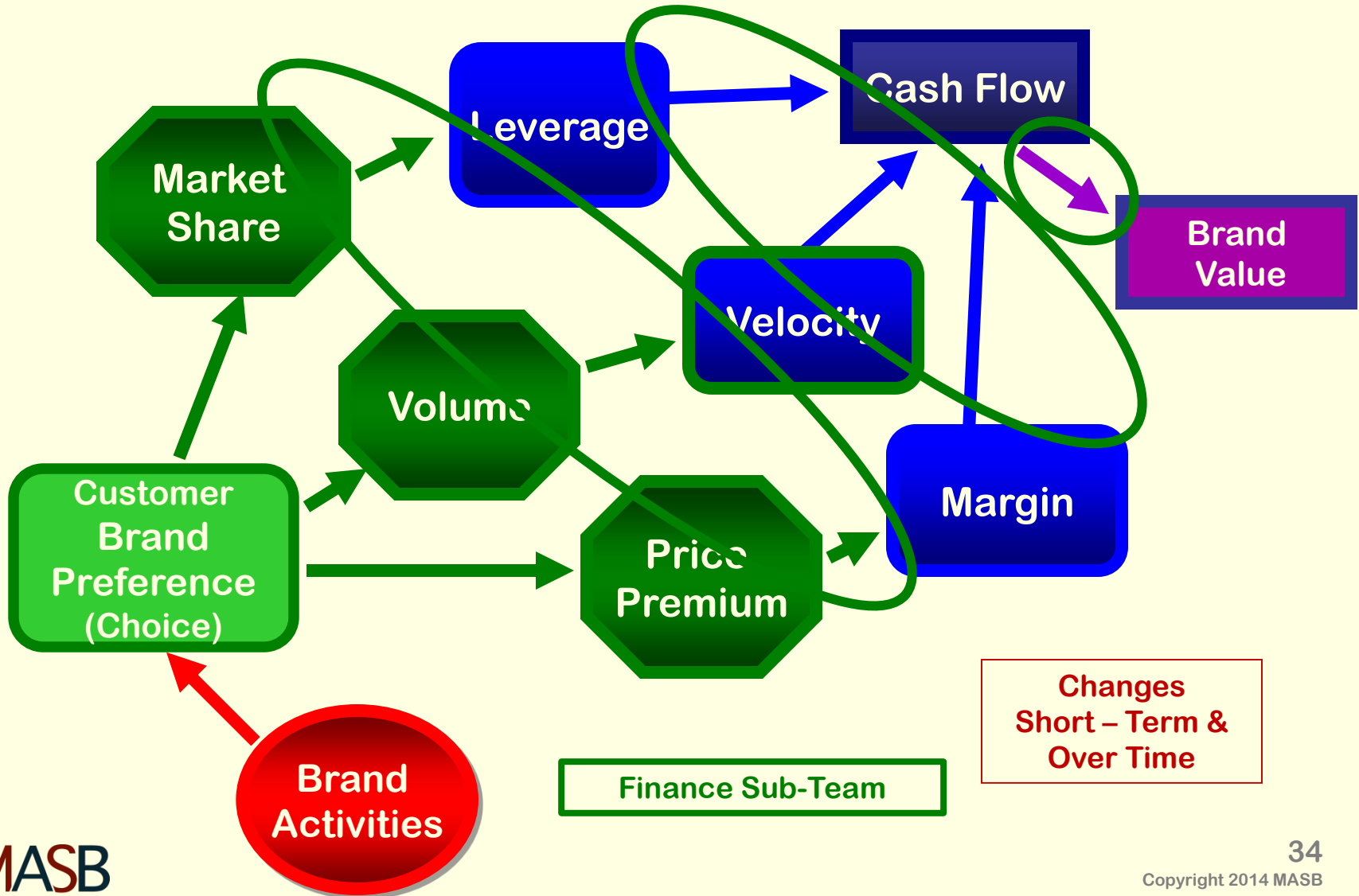
# **BIV Finance Sub-Team Report (Jonathan)**



# Finance Sub-Team Objectives

- **BIV objective to define financial return on marketing investment and alternative metrics used to measure the impact of marketing outcomes by marketers and finance**
- **BIV Finance Sub-Team goal is to provide a definition of the appropriate calculations and models used to convert financial results to brand cash flows**
- **Build a prototype ‘Brand Valuation Model’ with guidelines and recommendations for calculation of brand valuation from brand cash flows**
- **Decisions/consensus will have to be made/reached as to the rules (convention) for measuring and calculating total Brand Value (for instance, how many categories to include/measure and how/whether to estimate remaining brand cash flow)**

# MMAP: Brand Investment/Valuation Model (Build Bridges to Financial metrics & Brand Value)



# Brand Cash Flow Modeling

- Discounted cash flow (DCF) is one of several methods that could be used to estimate brand valuations
- The “relief from royalty” method is another, but DCF is a preferred approach when P&L results can be obtained The weighted average cost of capital (WACC) is used in the DCF model.
- Considerations for Cash Flow Modeling (DCF)
  - P&L results should be included at a brand level as an input to the brand valuations to the extent they can be reliably and consistently tracked
  - Certain other company costs may be shared among brands based on specific activity drivers while other company costs may need to be spread across brands based on a broad activity measure such as volume
  - Balance sheet items need to be considered in a DCF model, however, where balance-sheet items are not deemed to be a material contributor to a DCF valuation, they are assumed to have no net impact
  - Risk adjusted or corporate weighted average cost of capital (WACC) is used in the DCF model



# Miller Coors Cash Flow Modeling

- **Brand Level Free Cash Flow Model**
  - Will use for internal purposes decision-support (e.g. portfolio strategy and resource allocation)
  - NOT intended for balance sheet or transactional valuations
  - Intended to focus management on changes in brand valuation over time (not just point in time valuations)
- **Other Considerations**
  - DCF valuations are provided for multiple time frames
  - Brand preference measures help to inform future-year assumptions (e.g., pricing, volume growth/decline)
  - Useful to inform what time period represents a reasonable valuation term
  - Brands could “earn” a higher valuation based on improved brand preference which would remove uncertainty relating to future financial assumptions and the longevity of the brand

# ConAgra Cash Flow Modeling

- **SKU Level Free Cash Flow Model**
  - Analytical use at the SKU level – not yet built to provide accurate reporting of cash flows at brand level
  - Data necessary to calculate true cash flow at these levels does not yet exist
  - Not yet correlated or aligned with other cash flow, P&L, or balance sheet reporting within the organization
  - Multiple allocations, adjustments, and activity-based recalculations are necessary to provide directional estimates of cash flow at lower levels
- **Brand Level Cash Flows**
  - Working on approach to build brand level model by adjusting SKU level models, revising allocations of working capital allocations and summing across SKUs

# Frito-Lay Cash Flow Modeling

- **Procedural steps**
  - Allocate total cash (non-brand activities, brand generated cash)
  - Allocate brand generated cash to individual brands
  - Utilize DCF model to value individual brands
  - Adjust brand values for individual brand strength
  - Adjust brand values for known risks
- **Considerations**
  - Current model for US only; global brand calculations will be very difficult
  - As a Division of PepsiCo, Frito US does not have many of the investing and Financing activities typically reported in Cash Flow statement
  - General assumption is that payables and most liabilities are not driven by Brand value but employee costs are (judgmental)
  - Determining the % of Profit, Non cash add backs and CAPEX that is attributable to Brands can be burdensome
  - Allocation methodologies and expected life assumptions will vary by company (require judgment, may not be consistently applied)
- **Will likely adopt MillerCoors approach for simplicity & flexibility**

# Summary

- **Brand Cash Flow evaluation model is possible across initial 3 organizations involved**
- **Demonstrated how a simple model can inform decision making about marketing resource allocation**



# Next Steps

- Review, consolidate & refine, with principles and convention
- Draft Guidance
- Refine Straw man
  - Algebraically
  - Visually (conceptually)
- Incorporate initial model into resource allocation process (MillerCoors)
- Expand exercise to 3 remaining marketers involved in BIV project
- Revise principles, convention, guidance

...Mike

# BIV Next Steps

- Continue working with Analytics Sub -Team
  - Provide additional resources if needed
- Continue working with Finance Sub -Team
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- Integrate & document full model with “guidance” including source details & rules (integration team)
- Revise the “Principles” as appropriate

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# Thank-you!



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