

# Leadership, Model Thinking, and Value Creation

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# Our Roadmap

I. Leadership

II. The Model

III. Execution Value

IV. So What?

# Leadership

*Who Does What?*

# Who are the leaders of a firm and what are their roles?

## Shareholders

- Value the enterprise
- Elect the Board

## Board Members

- Fiduciary oversight
- Delegate authority to Management
- Engage actively with Management

## Management

- Create the model
- Cultivate options
- Engage actively with the Board

# Today we will focus on two primary tools used by the Board and Management: Model and Execution Value

Shareholders

Board  
Members

Management



Decision Making and  
Communication Tools

The Model

Execution Value

# The Model

*Our Playbook for Execution*

# What is a Model?

- A conceptual, ideal representation of a system or organization (in this case, a company)
- Made up of components or “Elements” that can range from abstract to tangible
- NOT a budget

Our goal: Define the Model explicitly to create a useful tool for

- Leadership
- Decision making
- Communication

# Building the Model has four key steps

1. Identify the Model Elements
2. Assess our Understanding
3. Evaluate the underlying Volatility
4. Build the Value Creation Roadmap

# What are the Model Elements?

- The Elements are individual components that, when taken together, comprise the Model
- Each Element can have sub-models (like Fractals)

# How are Model Elements created?

- Data
- Trends
- Analogy
- Comparable Businesses
- Insight
- Aspiration
- Imagination



Best  
Thinking

“Logic will get you from A to B. Imagination will take you everywhere”

— Albert Einstein

# Let's look at some example Model Elements

Broad	Specific
Vision / Mission / Purpose	Product / Marketing
Culture / Talent Development	Revenue
Value Proposition	Cost Curve / EBITDA
Design	Capital
Technology	Return on Capital











Each Element has a Plan, Leader, KPIs, Capital Required, and multiple sub-Models

Once the Elements are defined, we can assess understanding and volatility

Understanding:      What do we know?

Volatility:              Is it predictable?

# For each Element, we can define the level of understanding and volatility to find gaps and build the capital strategy

Element	Understanding *	Volatility
Vision / Mission / Purpose	 100	Low
Team Culture / Talent Development	 100	Medium
Value Proposition	 90	Medium
Design	 85	Medium
Technology	 75	Low
Marketing	 50	High
Revenue	 50	High
Cost Curve / EBITDA	 75	High
Capital	 75	Low
Return on Capital	 75	Medium

\* Relative to what is knowable

# Examples of Understanding and Volatility

	Low Volatility	High Volatility
Low Understanding	Cost Structure	Revenue
High Understanding	Rent	Weather

## Now that we have a Model, it becomes our primary Leadership tool

- When communicating with the market, the Model is the chief leadership voice
- Within the company, the Model is also a tool for communication, learning, and decision making

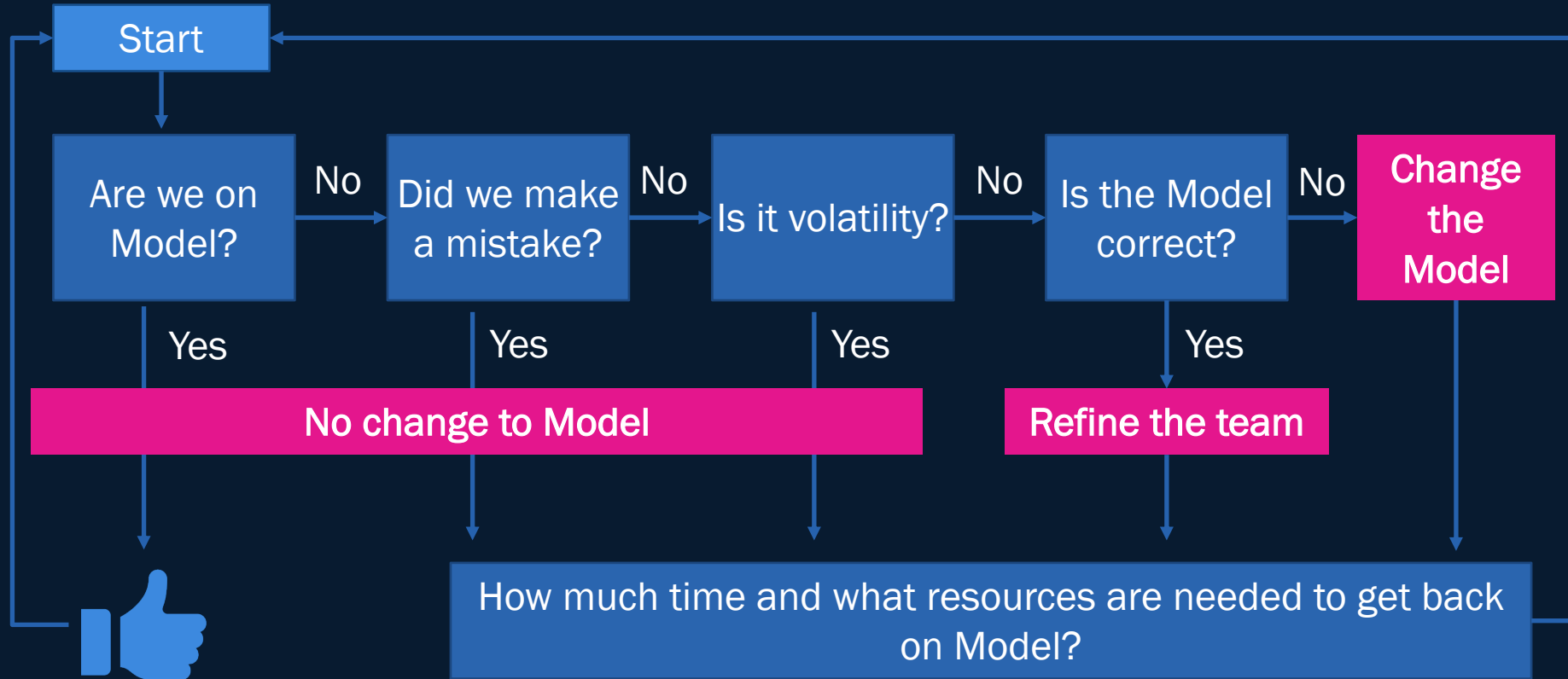
# To the outside world, the Model is the primary Leadership Voice

- The Model is the clearest picture of what management is trying to achieve
- External parties will adjust the Model for their own evaluation (security pricing, credit underwriting, etc.)
- However, the Model remains as the voice of leadership and our true benchmark

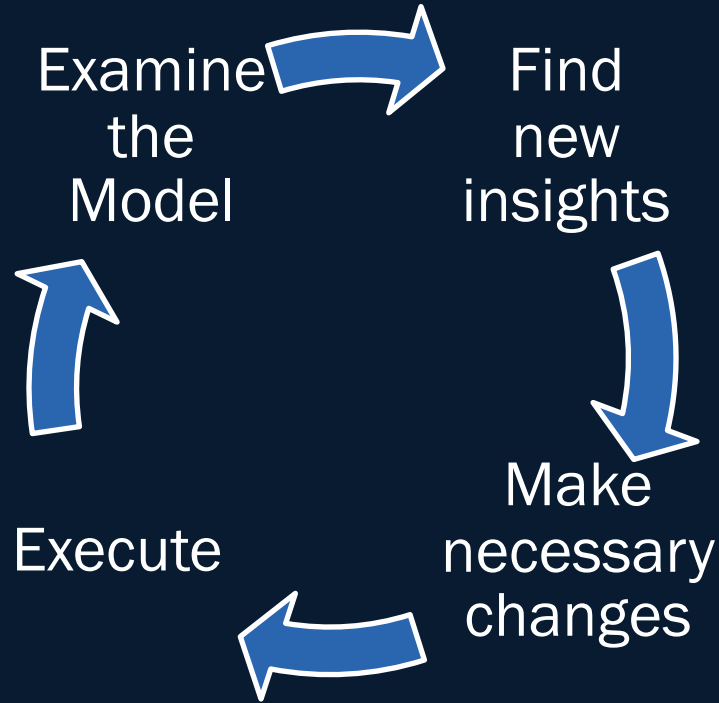
**Internally, the Model simplifies Management's communication with team and Board members into a few recurring questions...**

1. Are we on Model?
2. Did we make a mistake?
3. Is it volatility?
4. Is the Model correct?
5. How long to get on Model?

## ...To drive learning and strategic decisions



Iteration is key to improving – Faster cycles means faster learning and improving



**The Model is not set in stone – It changes  
with our best thinking!**

# Execution Value

*Connecting Strategy and Firm Value*

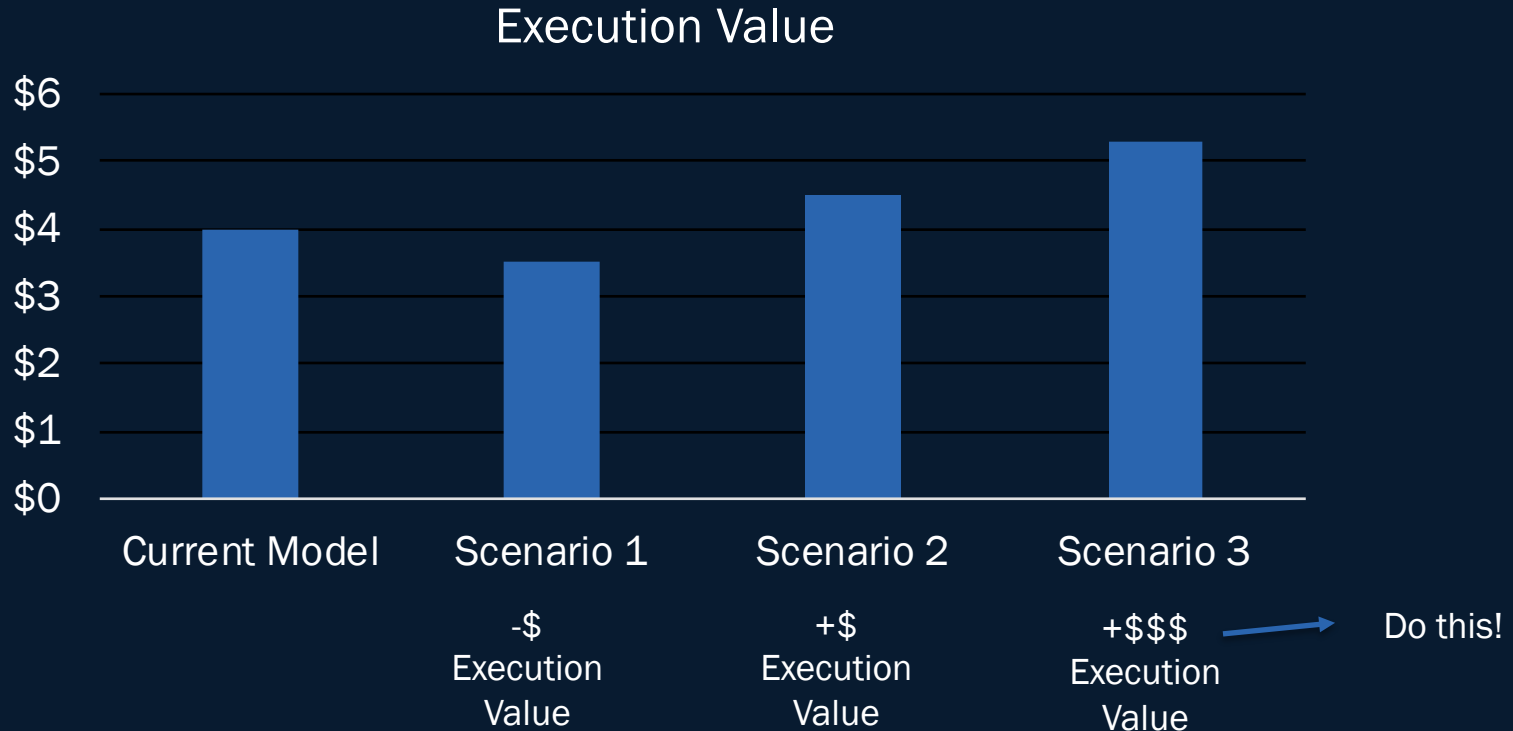
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**Execution Value is the current value of the company's strategy if executed on model**

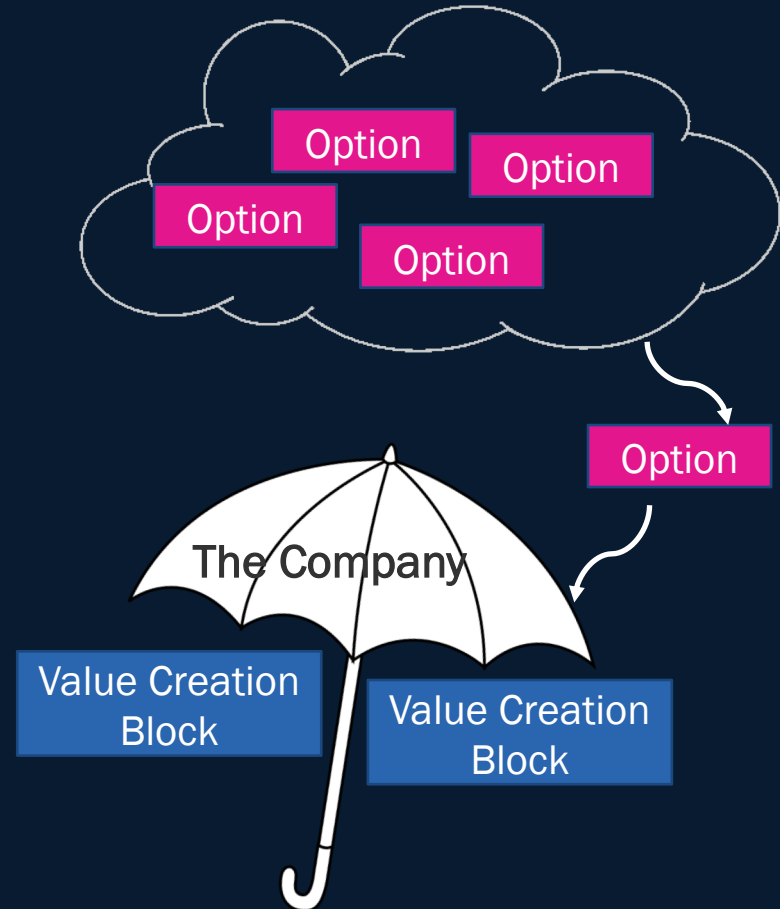


With Execution Value, we can measure the value of executing certain strategies and sensitivity to changes in the model

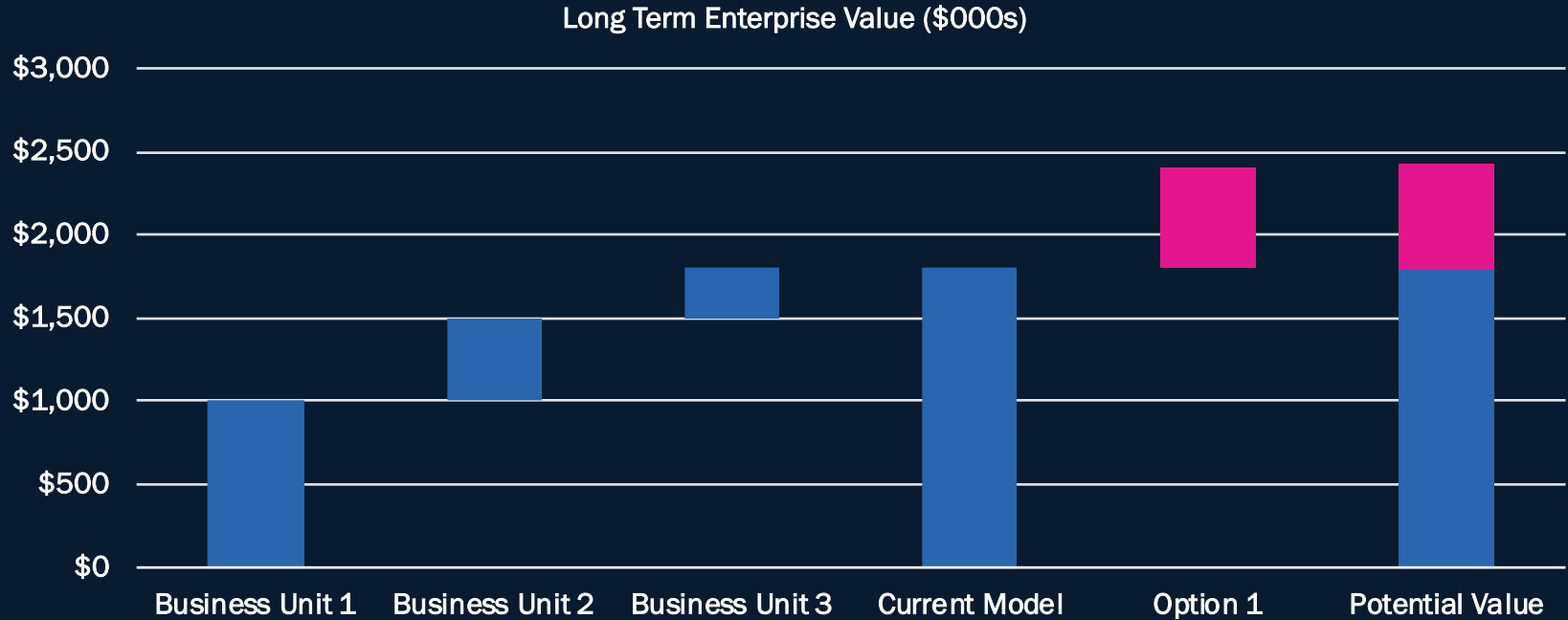


# Every firm also has embedded option value

- Everyone in the firm is encouraged to create new options for value creation
- With the Board's guidance, the CEO chooses which options to exercise
- Once an option is exercised, the Model is updated to reflect it



# The Value Creation Roadmap quantifies the long term economic value of the Model and Options



**So what?**

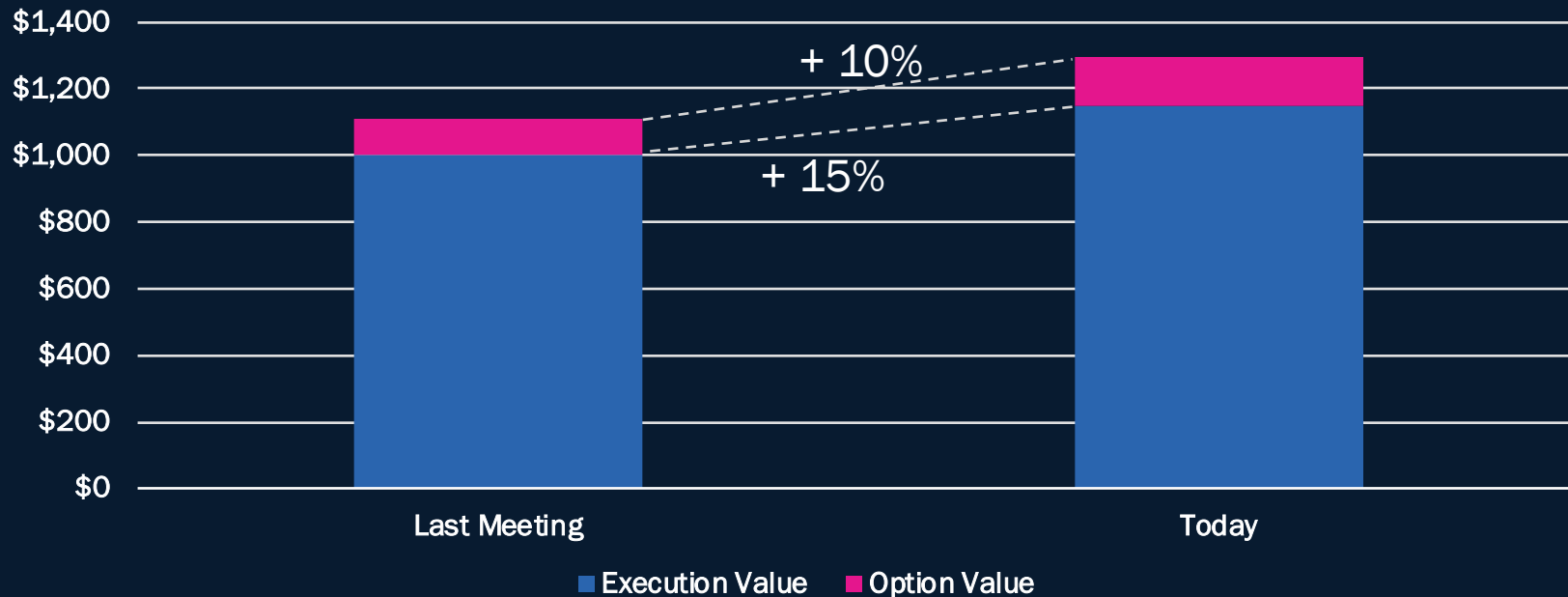
# The Board and Management dialogue has a new roadmap

- The Value Creation Roadmap (Economic Value and Social Value)
- Performance vs. Model (Not Budget)
- Current Execution Value
- Option portfolio
- Compensation

Here is an example of a board report for ExponentialCo:

# The Value Creation Roadmap grew 17%

Long Term Enterprise Value (\$000s)



## Execution Value has increased 15%

Components	Change	EV	EV / share
	Last Meeting	\$1,000	\$1.00
Time Value	Time Value (3 mos)	\$40	\$0.04
Existing Model	Revenue Model change	(\$75)	(\$0.08)
	Cost Curve Improvement	\$35	\$0.04
New Models	New Model Added	\$100	\$0.10
Discount Rate	Discount Rate reduction	\$50	\$0.05
	Today	\$1,150	\$1.15

## We have added 2 new options

Option	Option Value (\$MM)
Launch Exponential Shoes	\$10
Expand to Antarctica	\$0.05
3-D Print Personal Drones	\$100
Birthday Parties on the Moon	+\$15
Uber for Cats	+\$25
Total	\$150

# Compensation Scorecard

Section	Payout Model	Award
Execution Value	Standard Comp Model	Cash + Options
New Option Creation	Discretionary Cash Bonus	Cash
Exercise/Capitalize an Option	[X %] of Pre-Money Value	Options
Social Impact	TBD	Cash / Options

# Final Thoughts -

## What are the outcomes of Model Thinking?

- Inclusive Leadership community driven by creation, insight, and execution
- Focus is on long term success, not short term results
- Common language and tool with which to communicate about the business
- Compensation models change to reflect Value Creation

**Thank you**