

Corporate Governance

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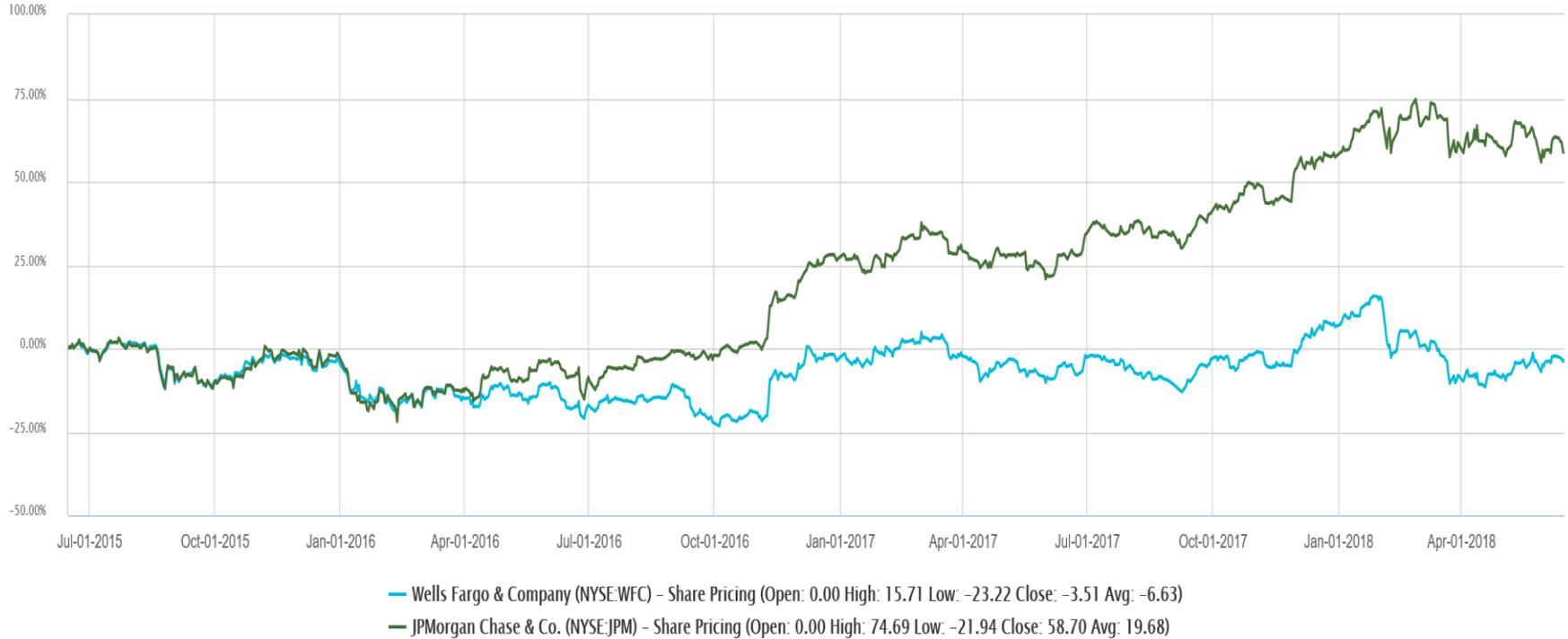


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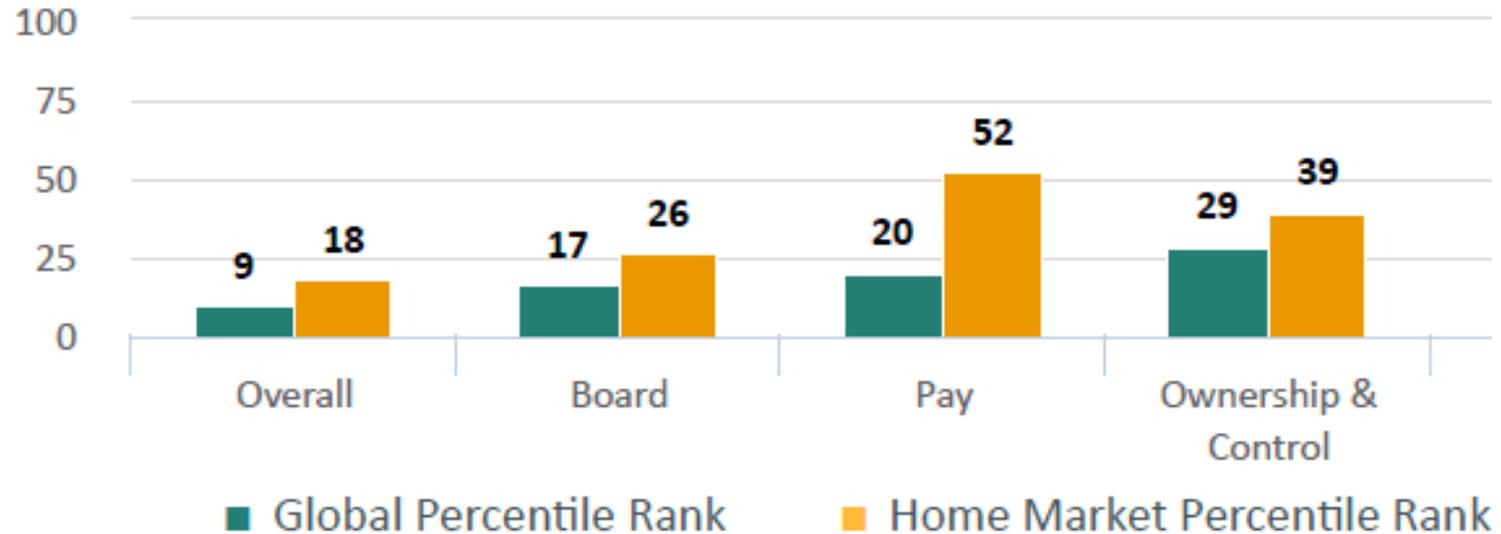
Pricing

Globally firms with stronger corporate governance trade, compared to their peers with weak corporate governance, at

1. Similar market to book value (MTB) and P/E multiples
2. Higher market to book value (MTB) and P/E multiples
3. Lower market to book value (MTB) and P/E multiples

Predictable?

GOVERNANCE THEMES AND RANKINGS



Predictable?

Board Independence

Outside related directors:	3
Total directors:	11
Outside directors:	3
Board independence:	27.27%

Board Leadership

CEO Name:	[REDACTED]
Chair / CEO roles combined:	No
Company lacks an independent lead director:	Yes

Board Skills & Diversity

Female directors:	2
Female directors as percent of total:	18.18%

Pay Figures

Company fails to disclose specific pay totals for executives: **Yes**

Severance & Change of Control

Company lacks a clawback policy: **Yes**

Committee Structure

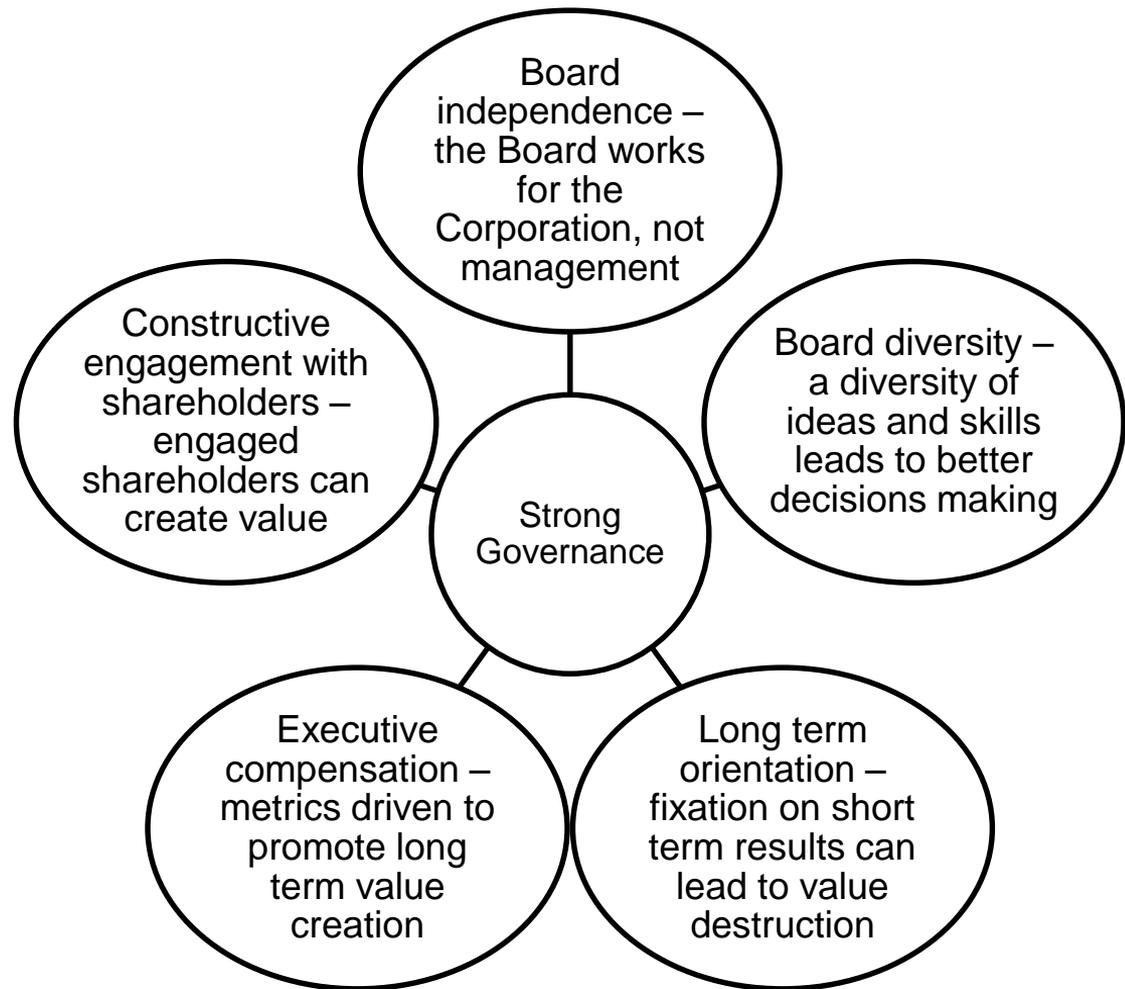
Company lacks a fully independent audit committee: **Yes**

The Status Quo

Among Greek large cap companies what percentage have better corporate governance scores than similar companies in other countries according to MSCI?

1. 50%
2. 30%
3. 10%

The Principles



The Framework



Source: [Integrated Governance](#). KKS Advisors and UNEPFI.

Independence

- Not dependent on management
- Skilled
- Well informed
- Dedicated

An application to Occidental Petroleum in 2011

	TENURE	AGE	INDUSTRY EXPERTISE	INDUSTRY RELEVANCE	GEOGRAPHIC EXPERTISE	GEOGRAPHIC RELEVANCE	BUSY	GENDER
Abraham	7	57	Politics	Yes	USA	Yes	5	M
Chalsty	16	76	Finance	Yes	USA	Yes	4	M
Djerejian	16	71	Diplomat (Politics)	Yes	Middle East	Yes	3	M
Feick	14	66	Engineering	Yes	USA	Yes	4	M
Gutierrez	3	56	Finance	Yes	USA/Latin America	Yes	4	M
Maloney	18	79	Computer equipment	No	USA	Yes	1	M
Poladian	4	58	Real estate	No	USA	Yes	5	M
Segovia	18	73	Construction	No	USA/Latin America	Yes	3	M
Syriani	29	67	Conglomerate	Yes	Middle East	Yes	4	M
Tomich	32	72	Construction	No	USA	Yes	4	F
Weisman	10	74	Healthcare	No	USA	Yes	2	M
Overall	✓	✓		✓ ✓		✓ ✓ ✓		✓

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Board



- Diverse board of directors, with members coming from the investment community, technology sector, law
- In 2010, when Amazon was expanding its offering in the Ebook and tablet field, company elected head of Hewlett-Packard's Palm smartphone unit, to its board of directors
- In 2012, Amazon elected Deputy Attorney General during the Clinton Administration, to its board with experience representing corporations in the regulatory and enforcement arenas
- Cultivating a board with the expertise necessary for Amazon's strategy

Board



- >90 percent of directors independent
 - 100 percent of the compensation and audit committee members independent
- ~30 percent of the board comprised by female directors
- Chairman position separate from the Chief Executive Officer
- Board met >10 times per year over the past few years and no director attended <75 percent of meetings
- Independent directors meet without management present twice each year
- All directors expected to attend the annual meetings of stockholders



Compensation

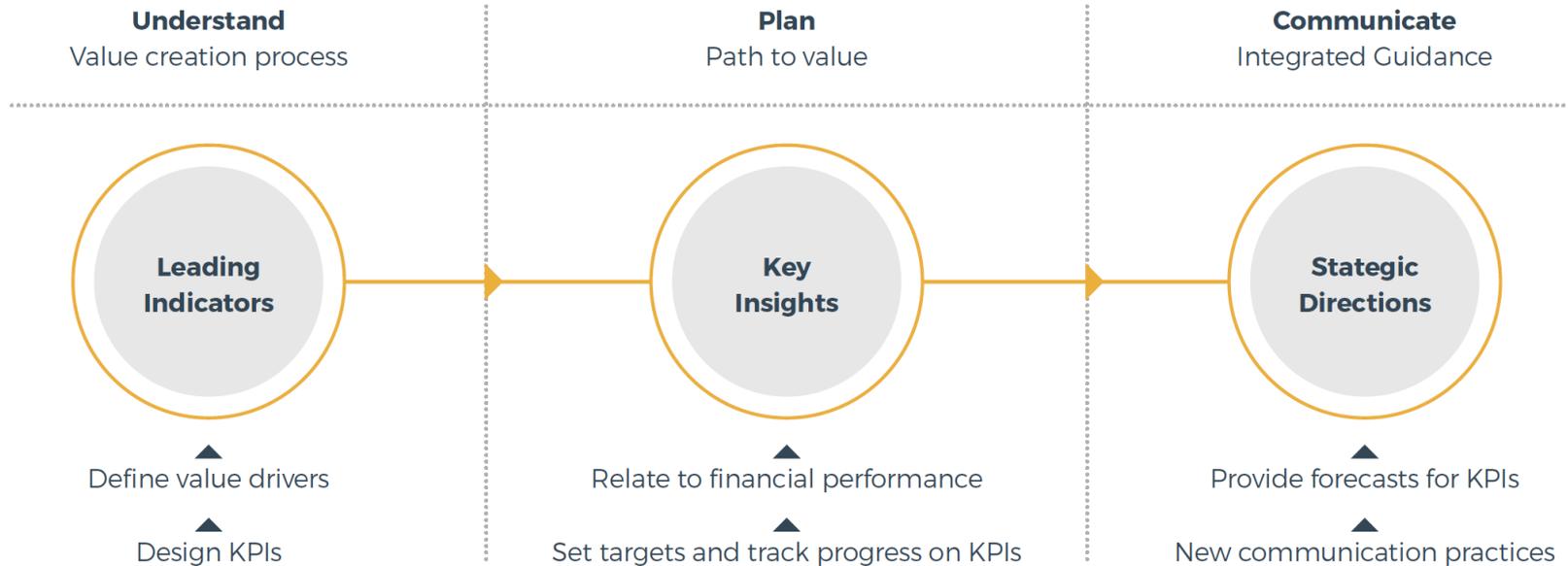
- 40 percent weight to financial and commercial market share goals
- 50 percent to product development and launch, pipeline and lifecycle goals
- 10 percent to organizational and cultural goals

Linking rewards to both

- near-term results and
- progress toward longer-term results

Transparency

Integrated Guidance Framework



Source: [Implementing Integrated Guidance - Case studies in communicating value-relevant information](#) KKS Advisors and Generation Foundation

Transparency

Sample Companies



TATA MOTORS



Presentation Section Ranking:

First

General Motors

Second

Fiat Chrysler

Third

Ford Motors

Fourth

Volkswagen

Fifth

Tata Motors

Communication Practices

The level of coverage around the leading indicators:

55%
in reporting

20%
in the presentation section

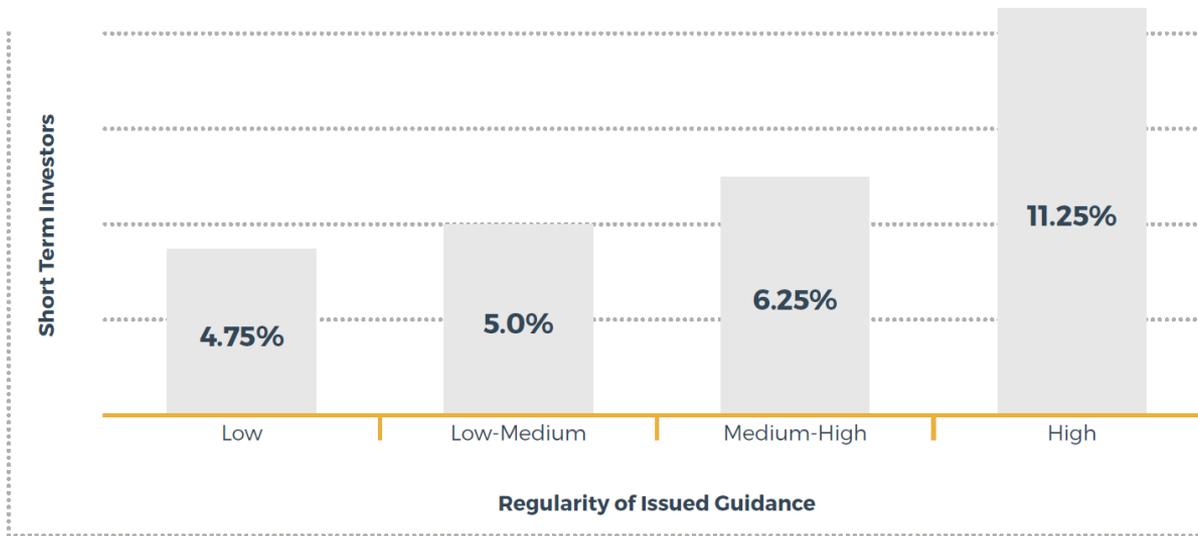
29%
in the Q&A section

Automobiles	
Environmental capital	Materials efficiency & recycling
Social capital	Product safety
Business model & innovation	R&D Operational efficiency M&A Fuel economy & use-phase emissions Strategic management
Leadership & governance	Management of macroeconomic risks Materials sourcing
Human capital	Labor relations

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Maintaining a Long-term Mindset

Relationship of Regularity of Quarterly Forecasts With Institutional Ownership⁸



The figure shows the relationship between the frequency of quarterly forecasts provided by managers and the institutional ownership exhibited by the companies. Transient ownership increases in a linear manner as regularity of forecasts increases.

Source: [Earnings Guidance - Part of the future or the Past?](#) KKS Advisors and Generation Foundation

Recommendations: Board

- ✓ Qualifications and experiences each board member brings evaluated in relation to the industry and markets the company is operating
- ✓ Board attendance metrics should be close to 100%
- ✓ Board members have access to information required
- ✓ Board size is appropriate for functioning independently at the group level
- ✓ Diverse board in terms of gender, race, and experiences/background

Recommendations: Compensation

Executive compensation should

- have significant equity shares portion that vest over the long-term (5-10 years)
- be linked to nonfinancial metrics strategically critical for the company

Recommendations: Transparency

- ✓ Design few (3-5) strategic KPIs
- ✓ Link each one to future expected margin expansion or sales growth
- ✓ Provide long-term targets for each KPI with medium-term milestones
- ✓ All numbers supported by robust management control systems and reviewed by a fully independent audit committee

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