Valuing Shares across Generations: Fairness, Control and Marketability Discounts

A Rights-Specific Framework for Family Ownership Decisions

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Abstract

Generational ownership transitions often fail at the valuation boundary. Family members may agree on enterprise value yet disagree about the value of a particular holding because voting power, distribution access, information, transfer restrictions, control, marketability, funding and timing differ. This paper develops a rights-specific framework for valuing shares across generations while preserving procedural fairness and transaction executability. It begins by fixing the valuation purpose, date, basis, unit of account and premise of value. The subject interest is mapped through legal and beneficial ownership, share classes, governance instruments and observed practice. Historical performance is normalised and a supportable forecast connects operating drivers to cash flow, reinvestment, capital structure and downside outcomes. Income, market and asset approaches are reconciled through evidence quality rather than mechanical averaging. Enterprise value is bridged to equity value before value is allocated across classes and individual holdings. Control is analysed through executable rights and market-participant economics. Any control, non-control or marketability adjustment must address a distinct characteristic, use relevant evidence and avoid overlap with cash flows, discount rates or multiples. Transfer restrictions, distribution policy, succession dependence, related parties, non-operating assets, tax, currency and country risk are integrated into the analysis. Multi-route scenarios compare retention, branch buyouts, redemptions, minority investment and full sale. A fairness test evaluates value, rights, information, conflicts, funding risk and post-transaction control across family branches. Independent instruction, review, evidence provenance, uncertainty disclosure and a repeatable valuation formula turn a one-time number into a governed ownership mechanism. Five figures, five tables, eight frequently asked questions and twenty-six primary or authoritative sources support implementation. Numerical scores are illustrative analytical examples. Every conclusion depends on the relevant company, interest, purpose, market evidence, governing law and authorised valuation, legal, tax, accounting and transaction advice.

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1. Define the valuation purpose

Specify whether the decision concerns succession, redemption, gift, sale, financing, dispute resolution or financial reporting.

The valuation team should reconcile family mandate, governing documents, transaction form, intended users and applicable requirements. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is an approved valuation-purpose memorandum.

The analysis must connect legal rights to economic outcomes. Reviewers trace inputs to native records, reconcile the integrated model, test alternative methods and assess whether a market participant could execute the assumed route. Company facts, the subject interest, valuation purpose, jurisdiction and market conditions govern every conclusion.

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2. Fix the valuation date

Anchor facts, capital structure, market conditions, forecasts and available information to one defensible date.

The valuation team should reconcile board records, management accounts, market evidence, events calendar and transaction timetable. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a controlled valuation-date record.

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3. Identify the subject interest

Describe the legal entity, class, percentage, voting power, economic rights, restrictions and associated agreements.

The valuation team should reconcile registers, articles, shareholder agreements, side letters, trusts and beneficial-ownership records. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a verified subject-interest schedule.

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4. Reconcile ownership across generations

Map direct, indirect, nominee, trust, foundation and branch holdings and distinguish legal from beneficial interests.

The valuation team should reconcile corporate registers, declarations, family tree, estate documents, filings and confirmations. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is an ownership-and-generation map.

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5. Select the basis of value

State whether the assignment requires market value, fair value, equitable value, investment value or another defined basis.

The valuation team should reconcile law, contract, accounting standard, valuation standard and purpose analysis. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a basis-of-value decision paper.

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6. Define the unit of account

Determine whether value attaches to the company, a controlling block, a share class, an individual holding or a transaction package.

The valuation team should reconcile purpose, accounting requirements, legal rights, transaction terms and market-participant assumptions. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a unit-of-account conclusion.

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7. Establish the premise of value

Assess going concern, orderly sale, liquidation, highest and best use, or a specified strategic premise.

The valuation team should reconcile strategy, operating evidence, solvency, market conditions, asset use and transaction alternatives. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a premise-of-value memorandum.

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8. Appoint an independent process

Set competence, independence, conflicts, scope, information access, review and approval requirements.

The valuation team should reconcile valuer credentials, engagement terms, conflict checks, governance rules and decision rights. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is an independent valuation protocol.

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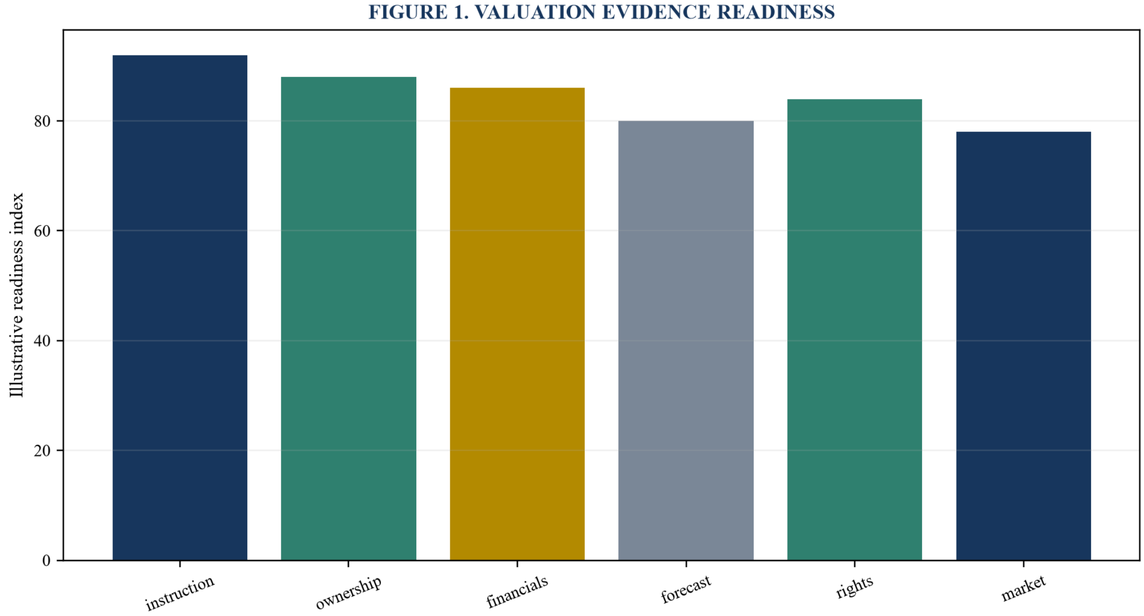
Table 1. Valuation instruction matrix

Decision	Required basis	Critical evidence
succession	defined owner purpose	rights and continuity
redemption	transaction-specific value	funding and fairness
sale	market-participant value	buyer and process evidence
reporting	applicable standard	unit of account

Illustrative decision architecture; company-specific evidence and authorised advice govern.

Figure 1. Valuation evidence readiness



Values are illustrative readiness indices and require interest-specific evidence.

9. Normalise historical performance

Remove unsupported one-offs, related-party distortions, owner-specific costs, accounting inconsistencies and non-operating items.

The valuation team should reconcile audited accounts, ledgers, contracts, payroll, tax, bank records and management explanations. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a normalised earnings and cash-flow bridge.

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10. Build a supportable forecast

Connect revenue, margin, working capital, capex, tax and financing assumptions to operating evidence and downside cases.

The valuation team should reconcile budgets, pipeline, contracts, capacity, pricing, cost base, historical variance and scenarios. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is an evidence-linked forecast model.

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11. Separate enterprise and equity value

Reconcile operating value to debt, cash, leases, pensions, provisions, contingent liabilities and non-operating assets.

The valuation team should reconcile balance sheets, debt agreements, cash records, claims, tax, legal and accounting analysis. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is an enterprise-to-equity bridge.

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12. Apply the income approach

Estimate value from cash flows using explicit assumptions for growth, reinvestment, risk, terminal value and capital structure.

The valuation team should reconcile forecast, discount rate evidence, market data, scenarios and sensitivity analysis. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a discounted-cash-flow valuation.

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13. Apply the market approach

Select genuinely comparable businesses and transactions and adjust for size, growth, margin, risk, geography and rights.

The valuation team should reconcile public filings, transaction evidence, industry data, market conditions and subject-company metrics. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a comparable-company and precedent analysis.

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14. Apply the asset approach

Revalue material assets and liabilities where asset economics or non-operating holdings drive the conclusion.

The valuation team should reconcile asset registers, appraisals, liabilities, tax bases, replacement evidence and realisable values. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is an adjusted-net-asset analysis.

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Material gaps require an accountable owner, corrective action, independent challenge and decision date. Consequences should flow through enterprise value, equity value, cash access, control, liquidity, tax, fairness and transaction terms. Residual uncertainty remains visible through ranges and sensitivities until evidence and approvals support the decision.

15. Reconcile valuation approaches

Explain weighting, dispersion, cross-checks, contradictory evidence and the final range without mechanical averaging.

The valuation team should reconcile income, market and asset results, source quality, purpose and market-participant behaviour. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a reconciled enterprise-value range.

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16. Value different share classes

Model liquidation preference, conversion, participation, dividends, anti-dilution, voting and redemption rights.

The valuation team should reconcile articles, investment agreements, cap table, distribution waterfall and scenario outcomes. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a rights-specific class-value allocation.

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Table 2. Share-rights allocation

Right	Value channel	Evidence
voting	decision influence	articles and practice
distribution	cash access	policy and capacity
transfer	liquidity route	agreements and law
information	risk reduction	enforceable access

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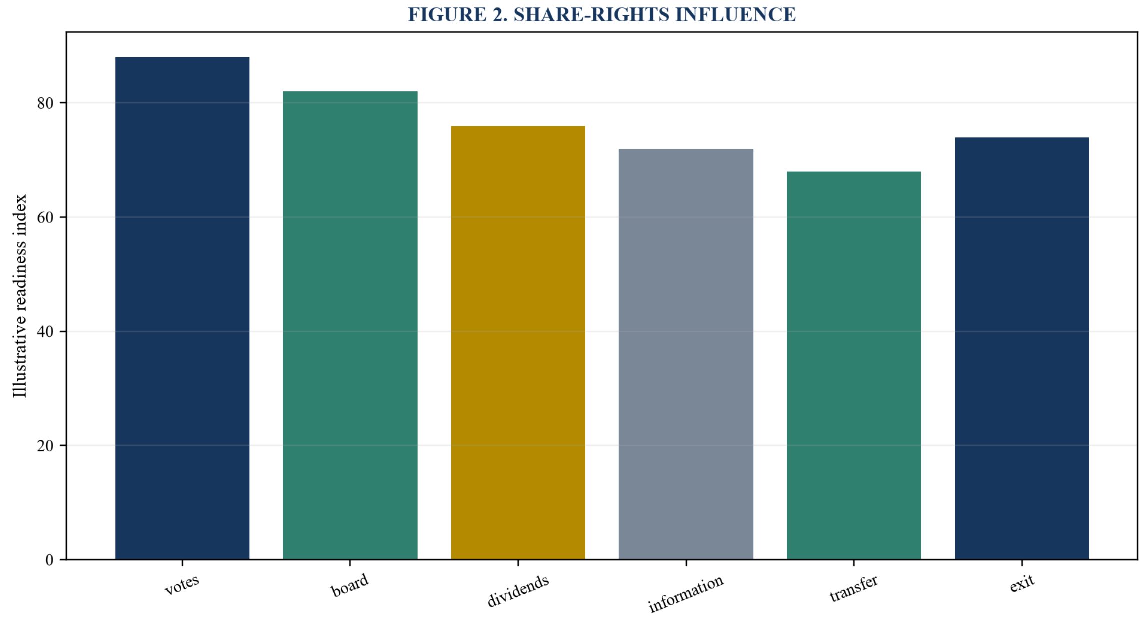
Figure 2. Share-rights influence



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17. Measure control rights

Identify decisions, cash-flow influence, board appointment, vetoes, information, transfer and enforcement rights actually held.

The valuation team should reconcile law, articles, shareholder agreement, governance practice and ownership concentration. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a control-rights matrix.

The analysis must connect legal rights to economic outcomes. Reviewers trace inputs to native records, reconcile the integrated model, test alternative methods and assess whether a market participant could execute the assumed route. Company facts, the subject interest, valuation purpose, jurisdiction and market conditions govern every conclusion.

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18. Test any control premium

Link incremental value to market-participant cash-flow improvements, risk reductions and executable rights while avoiding double counting.

The valuation team should reconcile rights analysis, comparable deals, operating cases, synergies, costs and implementation evidence. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a control-premium support schedule.

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19. Assess lack of control

Measure the economic consequence of absent decision rights using the selected basis, unit and valuation approach.

The valuation team should reconcile governance rights, distributions, information, exit routes, buyer universe and market evidence. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a non-control adjustment analysis.

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20. Assess marketability constraints

Evaluate expected time, cost, uncertainty and restrictions affecting conversion of the interest into cash.

The valuation team should reconcile transfer provisions, buyer access, information, sale process, holding period, volatility and costs. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a marketability-risk analysis.

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21. Model transfer restrictions

Price pre-emption, first refusal, lock-in, permitted-holder, consent, tag, drag and compulsory-transfer provisions.

The valuation team should reconcile articles, shareholder agreement, family constitution, law, precedent and counsel analysis. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a transfer-rights valuation schedule.

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22. Avoid overlapping discounts

Trace each adjustment to a distinct economic characteristic and test whether cash flow, discount rate or multiple already captures it.

The valuation team should reconcile valuation model, rights analysis, adjustment logic, sensitivities and reviewer challenge. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a no-double-counting bridge.

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23. Analyse distributions and reinvestment

Model dividend capacity, policy, leakage, retention needs and branch liquidity expectations across scenarios.

The valuation team should reconcile cash flows, capex, debt service, covenants, policy, history and owner objectives. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a distribution-capacity valuation case.

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24. Value key-person and succession risk

Quantify dependency, transition timing, management depth, relationship transfer and funded mitigation.

The valuation team should reconcile organisation, customer ownership, succession plan, incentives, insurance and operating evidence. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a succession-risk adjustment model.

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Table 3. Adjustment discipline

Adjustment	Economic question	Control
control	incremental rights value	avoid synergy duplication
non-control	rights absent	use relevant basis
marketability	time, cost and uncertainty	model actual constraints
key person	cash-flow dependency	credit funded mitigation

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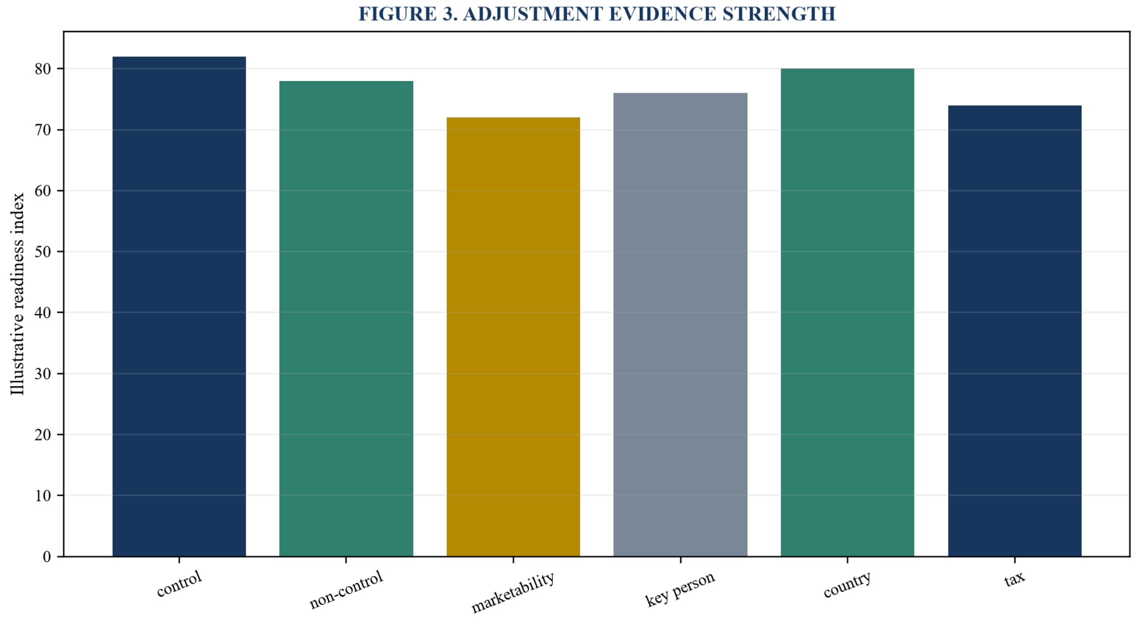
Figure 3. Adjustment evidence strength



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25. Value family employment and related parties

Normalise compensation, leases, loans, services and benefits and separate arm's-length economics from owner choices.

The valuation team should reconcile contracts, payroll, benchmarks, related-party register, approvals and accounting records. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a related-party normalisation schedule.

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26. Treat non-operating assets consistently

Identify surplus cash, property, investments, loans and personal-use assets and assign value, tax and allocation explicitly.

The valuation team should reconcile asset records, title, income, appraisals, tax and ownership evidence. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a non-operating-asset schedule.

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27. Model tax consequences

Distinguish entity value from transaction proceeds and test gains, inheritance, transfer, withholding and restructuring effects.

The valuation team should reconcile residence, basis, structure, agreements, jurisdictional advice and scenarios. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a tax-aware proceeds bridge.

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28. Address currency and country risk

Align cash-flow currency, discount rate, inflation, convertibility, transfer and jurisdictional assumptions.

The valuation team should reconcile forecast currencies, market data, legal environment, capital controls and hedging evidence. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a currency-and-country-risk schedule.

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29. Calibrate private-company risk

Assess scale, concentration, governance, reporting, funding, customer, supplier and execution risk without generic add-ons.

The valuation team should reconcile operating data, controls, contracts, financing, benchmarks and downside evidence. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a company-specific risk matrix.

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30. Use transaction evidence carefully

Adjust observed prices for date, perimeter, control, synergies, financing, distress, earn-outs and information quality.

The valuation team should reconcile announcements, filings, transaction documents, market data and adviser evidence. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a precedent-quality and adjustment log.

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31. Build generational scenarios

Compare retention, partial transfer, branch buyout, redemption, third-party minority investment and full sale outcomes.

The valuation team should reconcile family objectives, rights, funding, value range, tax, control and implementation terms. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a multi-route generational value model.

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32. Test fairness between branches

Compare consideration, rights surrendered, timing, risk, information, funding and post-transaction control for each owner group.

The valuation team should reconcile scenario model, valuations, agreements, conflicts, approvals and independent review. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a branch-fairness assessment.

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Table 4. Generational fairness test

Dimension	Required comparison	Decision question
value	same valuation basis	are holdings treated consistently
rights	rights surrendered and retained	is control priced
liquidity	timing and funding risk	are proceeds deliverable
process	information and conflicts	is the decision defensible

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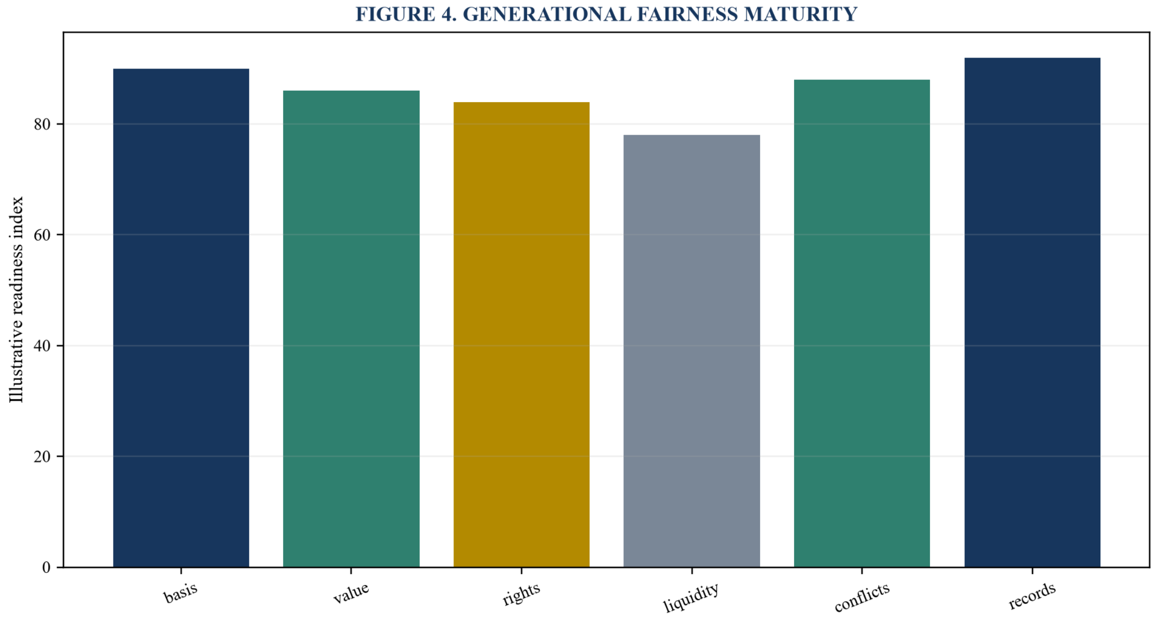
Figure 4. Generational fairness maturity



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33. Govern conflicts and related-party decisions

Disclose interests, exclude conflicted influence, obtain independent input and record company and shareholder treatment.

The valuation team should reconcile interest register, committee terms, minutes, valuation evidence, advice and approvals. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a conflicts-and-fairness governance pack.

The analysis must connect legal rights to economic outcomes. Reviewers trace inputs to native records, reconcile the integrated model, test alternative methods and assess whether a market participant could execute the assumed route. Company facts, the subject interest, valuation purpose, jurisdiction and market conditions govern every conclusion.

Material gaps require an accountable owner, corrective action, independent challenge and decision date. Consequences should flow through enterprise value, equity value, cash access, control, liquidity, tax, fairness and transaction terms. Residual uncertainty remains visible through ranges and sensitivities until evidence and approvals support the decision.

34. Design the valuation formula

Translate recurring valuation needs into clear definitions, methods, dates, adjustments, information and dispute mechanics.

The valuation team should reconcile historical disputes, company economics, owner objectives, legal drafting and worked scenarios. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a repeatable shareholder valuation formula.

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35. Set review and refresh triggers

Define periodic updates and event-driven recalibration for performance, capital raises, acquisitions, rights changes and market shocks.

The valuation team should reconcile reporting calendar, governance, transactions, market indicators and materiality thresholds. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a valuation-refresh protocol.

The analysis must connect legal rights to economic outcomes. Reviewers trace inputs to native records, reconcile the integrated model, test alternative methods and assess whether a market participant could execute the assumed route. Company facts, the subject interest, valuation purpose, jurisdiction and market conditions govern every conclusion.

Material gaps require an accountable owner, corrective action, independent challenge and decision date. Consequences should flow through enterprise value, equity value, cash access, control, liquidity, tax, fairness and transaction terms. Residual uncertainty remains visible through ranges and sensitivities until evidence and approvals support the decision.

36. Build the evidence room

Organise source documents, model inputs, rights analysis, adjustments, review comments and decisions with provenance.

The valuation team should reconcile data inventory, permissions, version control, source register and issue log. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a valuation evidence room.

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37. Run independent challenge

Test assumptions, methods, calculations, rights, adjustments and sensitivity through qualified review.

The valuation team should reconcile valuation report, source evidence, model audit, legal input and reviewer findings. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is an independent valuation review record.

The analysis must connect legal rights to economic outcomes. Reviewers trace inputs to native records, reconcile the integrated model, test alternative methods and assess whether a market participant could execute the assumed route. Company facts, the subject interest, valuation purpose, jurisdiction and market conditions govern every conclusion.

Material gaps require an accountable owner, corrective action, independent challenge and decision date. Consequences should flow through enterprise value, equity value, cash access, control, liquidity, tax, fairness and transaction terms. Residual uncertainty remains visible through ranges and sensitivities until evidence and approvals support the decision.

38. Document uncertainty

Present ranges, sensitivities, scenario probabilities, information limitations and unresolved matters without false precision.

The valuation team should reconcile model outputs, evidence quality, volatility, rights ambiguity and downside cases. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a valuation-uncertainty statement.

The analysis must connect legal rights to economic outcomes. Reviewers trace inputs to native records, reconcile the integrated model, test alternative methods and assess whether a market participant could execute the assumed route. Company facts, the subject interest, valuation purpose, jurisdiction and market conditions govern every conclusion.

Material gaps require an accountable owner, corrective action, independent challenge and decision date. Consequences should flow through enterprise value, equity value, cash access, control, liquidity, tax, fairness and transaction terms. Residual uncertainty remains visible through ranges and sensitivities until evidence and approvals support the decision.

39. Embed the result in transaction documents

Align price, formula, completion accounts, locked box, earn-out, security, dispute and payment terms with the valuation.

The valuation team should reconcile term sheet, model, legal documents, funding, tax and completion mechanics. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a valuation-to-documentation bridge.

The analysis must connect legal rights to economic outcomes. Reviewers trace inputs to native records, reconcile the integrated model, test alternative methods and assess whether a market participant could execute the assumed route. Company facts, the subject interest, valuation purpose, jurisdiction and market conditions govern every conclusion.

Material gaps require an accountable owner, corrective action, independent challenge and decision date. Consequences should flow through enterprise value, equity value, cash access, control, liquidity, tax, fairness and transaction terms. Residual uncertainty remains visible through ranges and sensitivities until evidence and approvals support the decision.

40. Issue the generational valuation conclusion

Present the basis, interest, methods, rights, adjustments, range, fairness, limitations and authorised decision.

The valuation team should reconcile valuation report, independent review, legal and tax advice, approvals and scenario analysis. Each conclusion records the source, date, owner, reliability, assumption, method, sensitivity, dependency and unresolved exception. The immediate output is a board-and-owner valuation decision paper.

The analysis must connect legal rights to economic outcomes. Reviewers trace inputs to native records, reconcile the integrated model, test alternative methods and assess whether a market participant could execute the assumed route. Company facts, the subject interest, valuation purpose, jurisdiction and market conditions govern every conclusion.

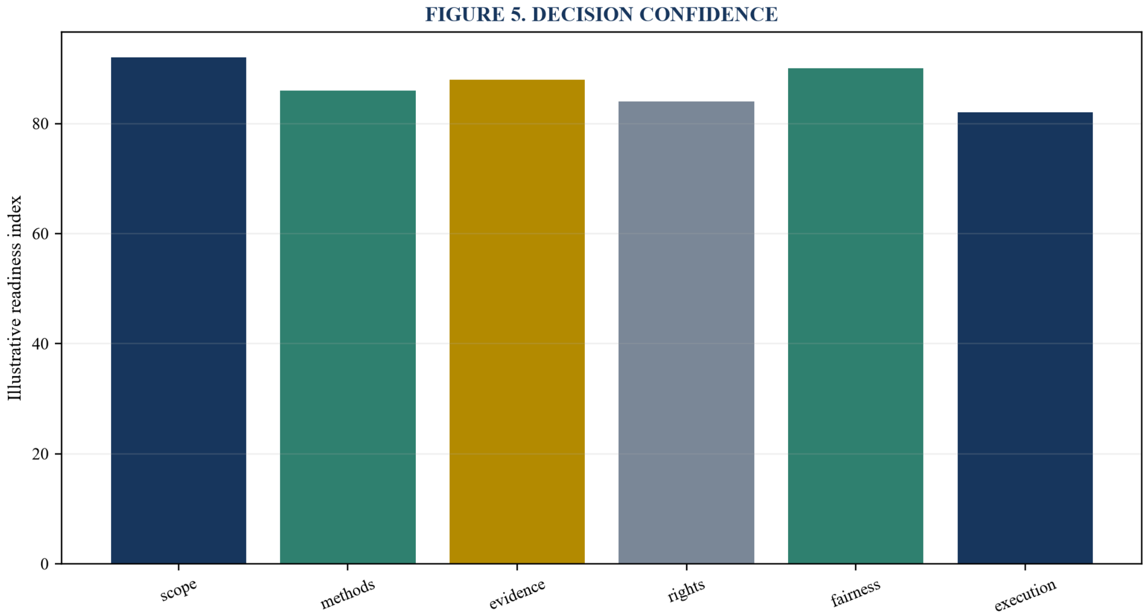
Material gaps require an accountable owner, corrective action, independent challenge and decision date. Consequences should flow through enterprise value, equity value, cash access, control, liquidity, tax, fairness and transaction terms. Residual uncertainty remains visible through ranges and sensitivities until evidence and approvals support the decision.

Table 5. Valuation decision certificate

Dimension	Required conclusion	Decision use
defined	purpose, basis and unit fixed	scope
evidenced	inputs traceable	reliability
rights-specific	control and liquidity analysed	allocation
fair	conflicts and owner treatment governed	approval

Illustrative decision architecture; company-specific evidence and authorised advice govern.

Figure 5. Decision confidence



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