

# Raising Billions: The Art of Investor Relations

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## INVESTOR RELATIONS 101

- Equity Capital Markets
- The *Art* of Investor Relations: How to tell "your equity story" or Investment Thesis
- Management and Board Relations
- IRC The Investor Relations Charter and competency framework

# EQUITY CAPITAL MARKETS

- Buy-side: Your customer
  - How to get the right ones and keep them
- Sell-side: Your distributors
  - How to leverage them
- Relative Valuation is key





### BUY-SIDE INVESTORS

### YOUR MONEY SOURCE

- Types: Institutional, Family Office, Hedge Funds & Retail
- Their Goals/Styles: Value, GARP, Growth, Income, Long/Short, Alternative, Index, Quant
- Capitalization: Micro, Small, SMID, Mid, Large Cap
- Turnover: Low, Mid, High

## BUY-SIDE INVESTORS

### DEVELOP RELATIONSHIPS

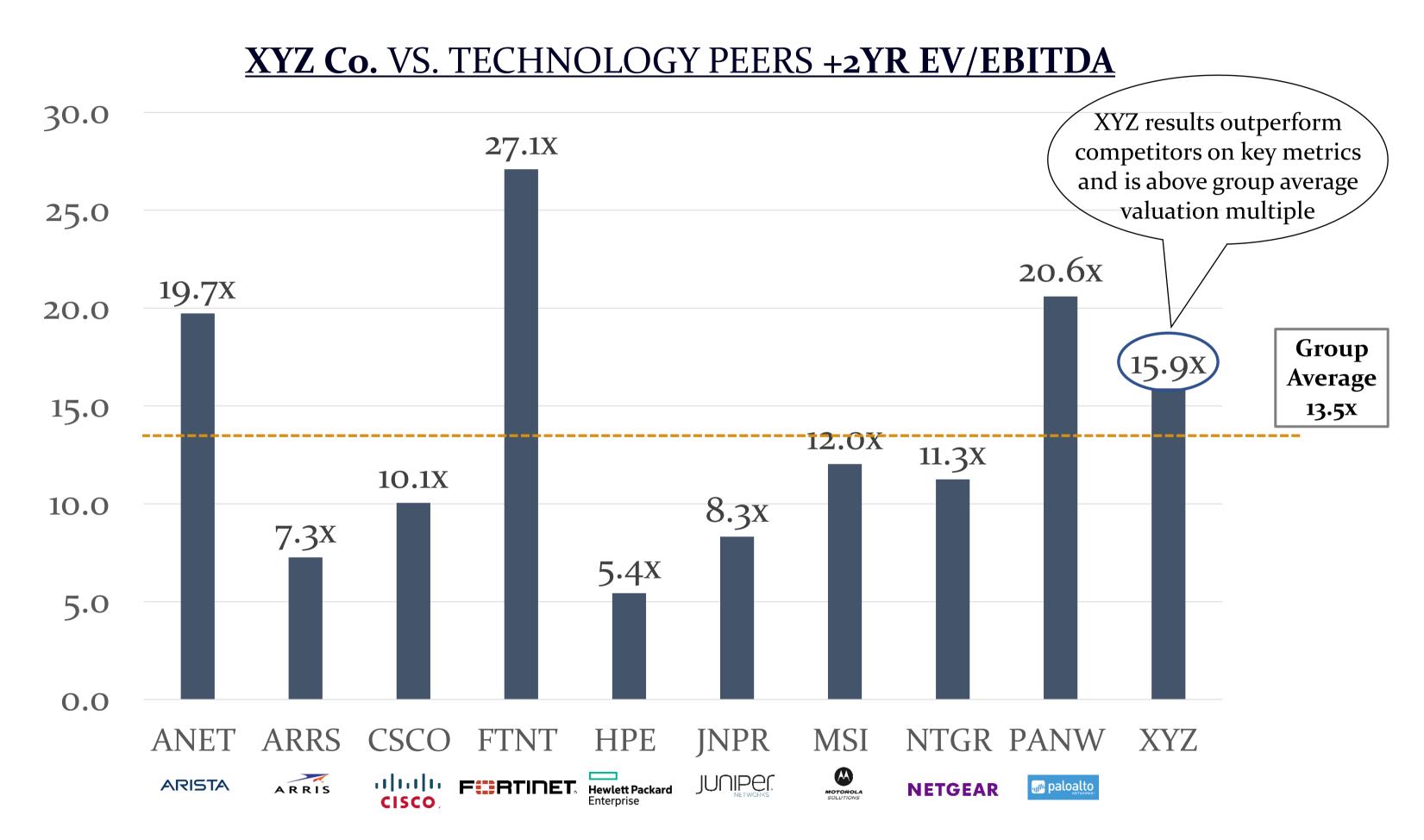
- **Targeting** Essential to gaining and keeping the right investors in your stock and making best use of management's time
- Marketing Market both with the sell-side and independently to buyside
- **Communication**: Must be on-going to maintain interest in your equity's story
- Evolution: As the story evolves, constantly target potential new shareholders as Value investors become GARP, GARP becomes Growth, and Small-Cap become Mid-Cap, etc

## SELL-SIDE ANALYSTS

### YOUR DISTRIBUTION CHANNEL

- Sell-side analysts publish research on the company for investors and the media – What they say is critical to your reputation and to market valuation estimates
- This research allows for the dialogue around your story-telling and supports market valuation estimates
- Understand that the analysts work for the Banks that provide trading and liquidity to investors in your stock
- Know the key banks and influencers in your sector

### RELATIVE VALUATION IS KEY



Source: Bloomberg multiples as of October 30, 2018 for two year forward EBITDA multiples (Total Enterprise Value/Stock Price)

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## THE ART OF INVESTOR RELATIONS

### Telling Your Equity Story or Investment Thesis

- Think of your stock as a product
- Support fair valuation with strategy
- Best in class values and principles
- A day and year in the life of an IRO (Investor Relations Officer)

## THINK: YOUR STOCK IS A PRODUCT

- On the popular HBO Series **Silicon Valley**, the CEO of Pied Piper stated the product they sell is their stock. *What?!*
- To market an equity effectively, it's helpful to think of your stock as one of the products your company sells
- How can your company compete for capital among the thousands of publicly traded companies?
- Remember you have to stand out when you are marketing or selling your stock in a very competitive environment

### SUPPORT FAIR VALUATION WITH STRATEGY

#### **Primary Objectives**

- ✓ Increase awareness and understanding of the company
- ✓ Develop "Buy-side" interest in your stock

#### **Communication Strategy**

- ✓ One-on-one Meetings
- ✓ Conference
  Presentations
- ✓ Non-deal Roadshows
- ✓ Earnings calls and Q&A
- ✓ Personal Contact

#### **Managed Outcomes**

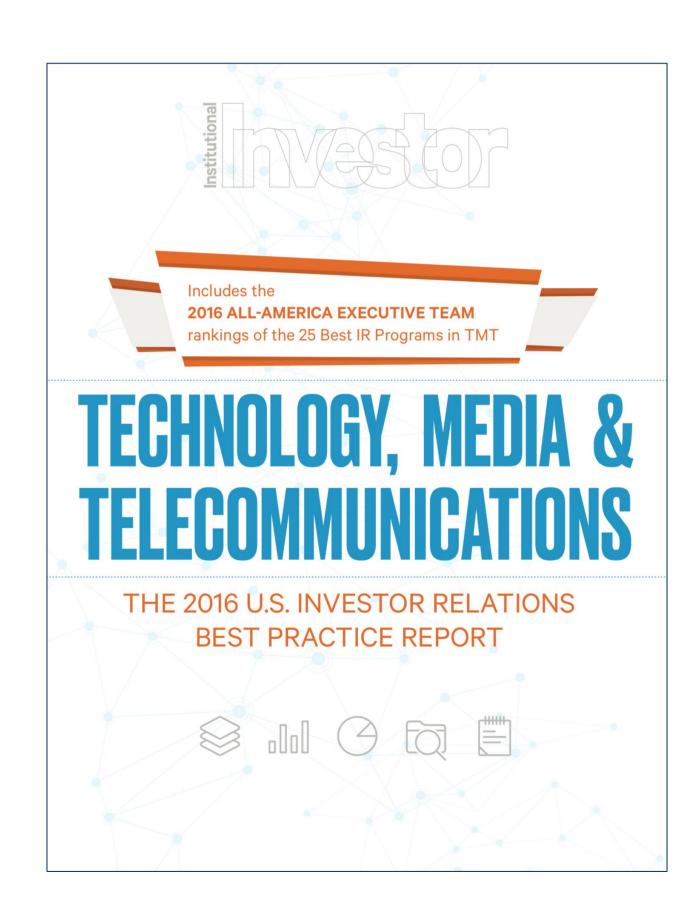
- ✓ Increase level and quality of sell-side coverage
- ✓ Improve composition of shareholder base (long-term, growth, geographic diversification)

#### **Support Fair Valuation**

### BEST IN CLASS VALUES

#### **YOU MUST ALWAYS BE:**

- Transparent
- Accessible
- Responsive
- Knowledgeable
- Detailed and Accurate
- A Good Listener
- Proactive
- Credible, and Have Integrity



### BEST IN CLASS IR PRINCIPLES

- ✓ Increase awareness and understanding across 4 dimensions: strategy, operations, performance and customers
- ✓ Develop buy-side interest by developing/ managing relationships
- ✓ Provide insight to management advise management on impact of actions on perception
- ✓ Continuously build on and improve reputation Reinforce management's messaging, highlight key aspects of management and strategy

# A DAY IN THE LIFE OF AN IRO





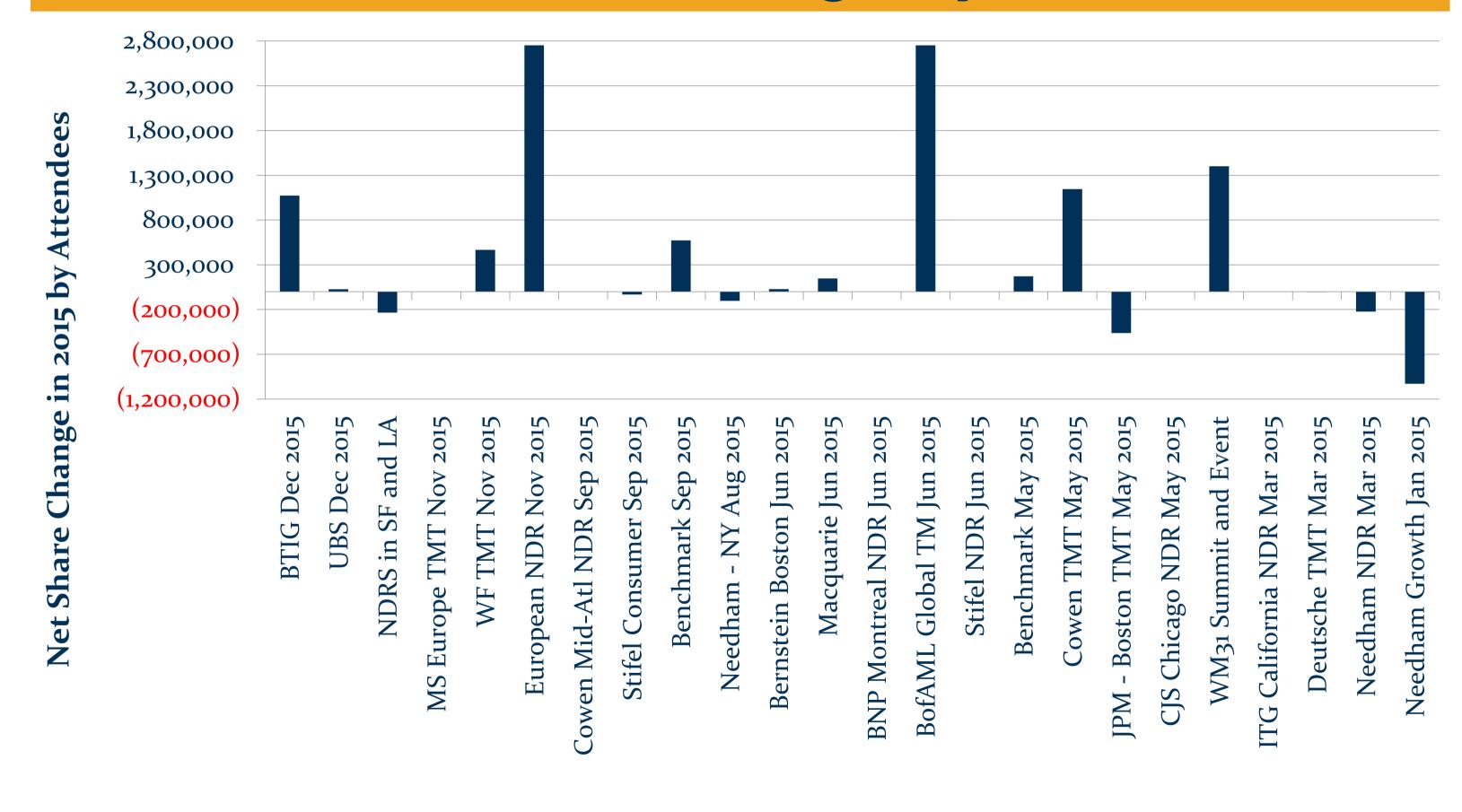






### A YEAR IN THE LIFE OF AN IRO

### **Shareholder Changes by Event**



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### MANAGEMENT AND BOARD

- Managing up
- Steering messaging

- Profile executives
- Prove your worth



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### IRC - INVESTOR RELATIONS CHARTER

- The IRC Credential is a new Standard for IR Professionals
- Certifying investor relations competencies across key disciplines including finance, strategy, and communications



# IRC – 10 ESSENTIAL SUBJECT AREAS

1. IR Strategy Formulation



- 2. IR Planning, Implementation and Measurement
- 3. Corporate Messaging
- 4. Investor Marketing and Outreach
- 5. Corporate Financial Reporting and Analysis

# IRC – 10 ESSENTIAL SUBJECT AREAS

- 6. Business Insight
- 7. Strategic Counsel and Collaboration
- 8. Capital Markets and Capital Structure
- 9. Corporate Regulatory Compliance
- 10. Corporate Governance

## SUMMARY

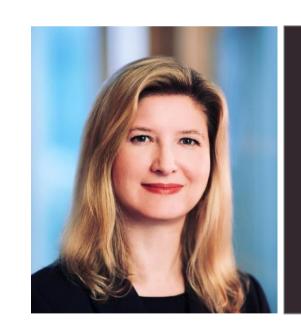
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