

REFLECTIONS OF A VALUE INVESTOR IN AFRICA

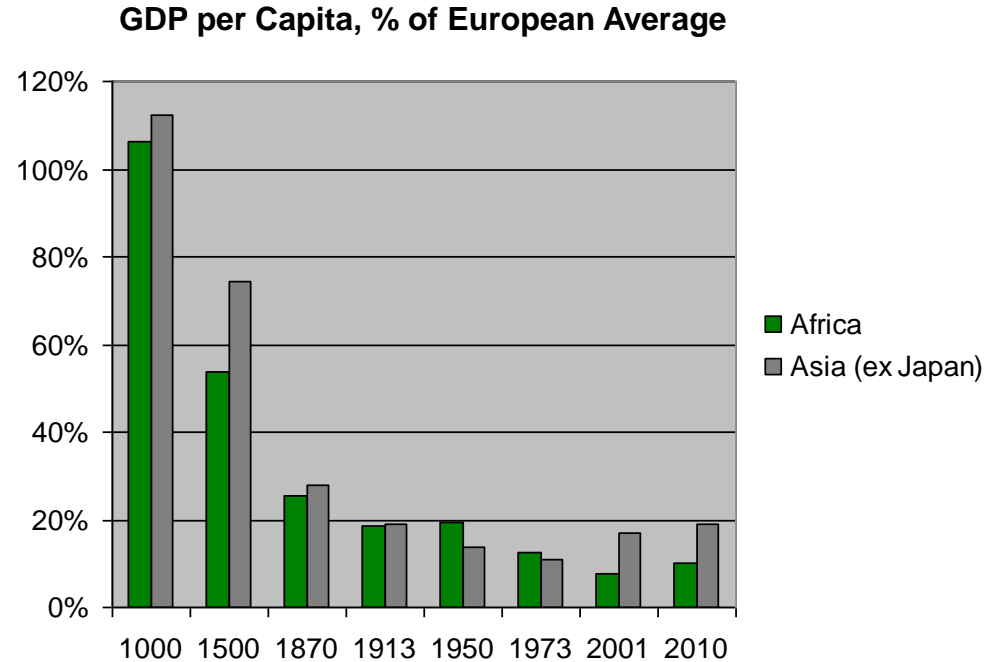


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Africa Today – Attractive Investment Opportunity

Strategic Advantages

- Favorable demographic trends.
- Improved public finances, structurally lower inflation and higher savings from commodity windfall.
- Improving rule of law, freedom of press, independent judiciary, and business environment.
- Africa trade with China has grown 10X from \$10 billion in 2000 to over \$100 billion in 2010.
- If Africa grows to reach Asia's current GDP discount to Europe, it will double (see figure). In addition, the relative gap between emerging markets and Europe should close.



Source: Angus Maddison, *The World Economy: Historical Statistics* (OECD)



Africa Today – Vibrant Economies

Strong GDP Growth

IMF World Economic Outlook calculates 5.4% annual GDP growth through 2015 for sub-Saharan Africa.

	Actual	IMF Forecast		
	2009	2010	2011	2015
Sub-Sahara Africa	2.6	5.0	5.5	5.4
Developing Asia	6.9	9.4	8.4	8.5
Central & Eastern Europe	-3.6	3.7	3.1	4.1
Middle East	2.0	4.1	5.1	4.9
Russia	-7.9	4.0	4.3	4.0
Brazil	-0.2	7.5	4.1	4.1
Mexico	-6.5	5.0	3.9	3.8

Source: 2010 IMF World Economic Outlook

Relative Strength vs. Relative Perception



Africa Today – Compelling Performance

Positive GDP Growth

- 11 of 25 fastest growing economies in the last ten years located in Africa.
- 12 of 25 fastest growing economies in the next five years forecast by IMF located in Africa.

Cumulative Economic Growth					
Rank	Country	Historic	Rank	Country	Forecast
1	Equatorial Guinea	324%	1	Liberia	68%
2	Azerbaijan	262%	2	Turkmenistan	59%
3	Turkmenistan	248%	3	China	58%
4	Qatar	206%	4	Mongolia	56%
5	Angola	190%	5	Ghana	52%
6	Myanmar	164%	6	Qatar	48%
7	China	157%	7	Timor-Leste	45%
8	Sierra Leone	147%	8	Ethiopia	44%
9	Bhutan	129%	9	India	43%
10	Nigeria	119%	10	Botswana	43%
11	Chad	113%	11	Mauritania	43%
12	Armenia	109%	12	Angola	41%
13	Mozambique	108%	13	Tanzania	40%
14	Ethiopia	108%	14	DRC	39%
15	Cambodia	107%	15	Uganda	38%
16	Uganda	105%	16	Niger	38%
17	Tajikistan	104%	17	Libya	38%
18	Kazakhstan	104%	18	Bhutan	37%
19	India	98%	19	Uzbekistan	37%
20	Vietnam	97%	20	Vietnam	36%
21	Rwanda	94%	21	Djibouti	35%
22	Sudan	92%	22	Bangladesh	34%
23	Tanzania	92%	23	Mozambique	34%
24	Uzbekistan	91%	24	Panama	34%
25	Belarus	90%	25	Cambodia	34%

Source: IMF



Value Investing Works in Africa – Predictable Earnings & Cheap Assets

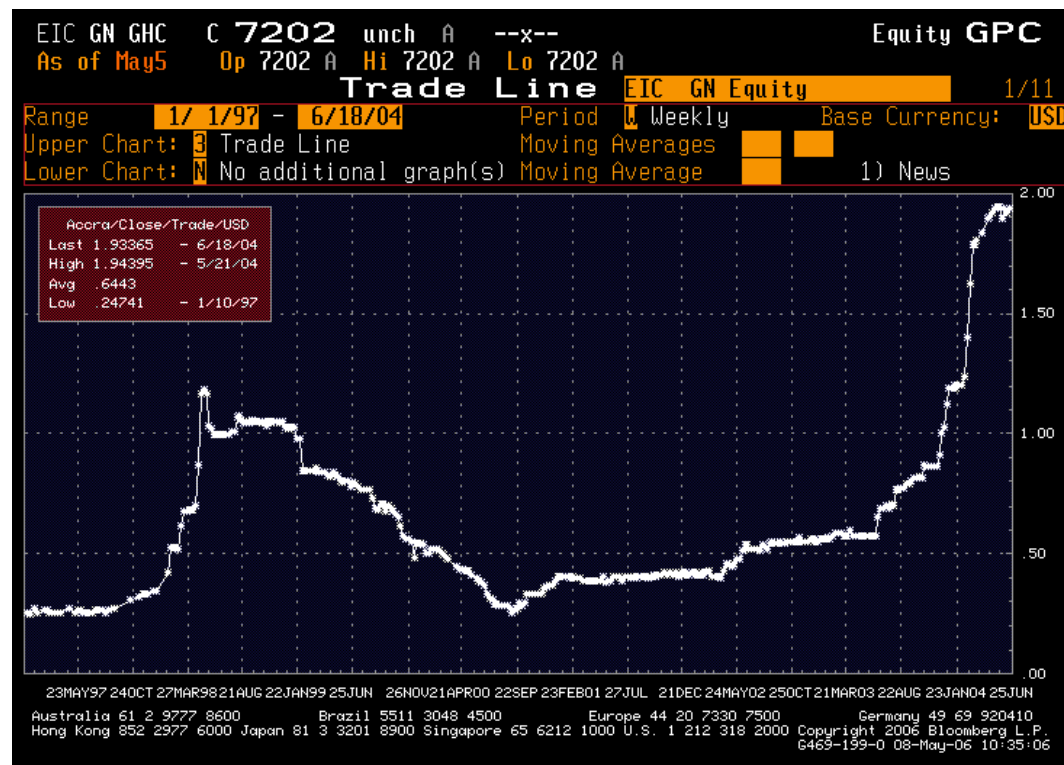
- **Enormous latent demand exists for services readily available on other continents but are in short supply in Africa.**
 - Commercial banking, consumer finance, property and casualty insurance, life insurance, telephony, retail shopping
 - Like emerging middle classes everywhere, Africans want these services and pent-up demand guarantees growth
- **The increased exploitation of Africa's resources promises great profit for investors willing to finance their entry into streams of global commerce.**
- **Investors earn high returns on capital because the continent is starved of capital.**
- **A continental portfolio provides an element of safety as the whole is more stable than its parts.**



Enterprise Insurance – Case Study

Deep Value Public Equity

- One of the most profitable property and casualty insurance companies in Ghana, PE approximately 4X, EPS growth 40%.
- Extremely conservative accounting: positive market changes in equity portfolio carried on balance sheet only, not in income statement (no impact on earnings).
- Initial investment in head office building still on the books at early 1970s historical cost.
- Great management: never incurred an underwriting loss in 75 year history.
- Portion of earnings in US\$, providing a natural currency hedge (CEDI under extreme pressure with all emerging market currencies in late 90s).
- Effective net interest margin 40% (effective borrowing rate was 0%, local government bond interest rates approximately 40%).
- Invested gradually during calendar year 1997.
- 1400% US\$ return over 9 years, realized in 2005.



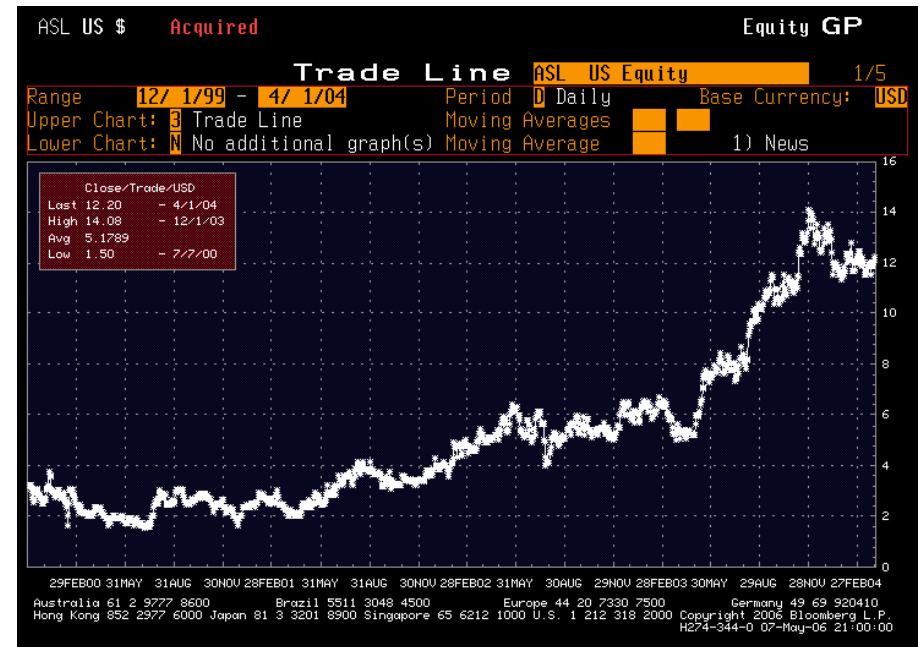
Ashanti Goldfields – Case Study

Distressed Debt

- Gold price spiked from \$255 to \$330 in Sep-Oct 1999.
- Ashanti Goldfield's hedge book threatened insolvency, shares and debt collapsed in price.
- Total debt equaled = \$650 million, while gold reserves = 25+ million ounces. Hedge book liability = \$400+ million.
- EV/reserves = \$58, peer average above \$180.
- Bonds acquired Q2 2000 at average of \$65, 30%+ YTM.
- Held numerous meetings with management, presented plan for asset sale to board of directors. Robert Knapp joins Ad Hoc creditors committee.
- Bonds paid at par + accrued interest Summer 2002.

Turnaround

- Following sale of assets, refinancing of convertible notes, and increase in operating cash flow, shares did not appreciate.
- Equity acquired in Autumn 2001 below \$4.00.
- AngloGold announced takeover offer in August 2003, exited investment summer 2003 above \$8.00.



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Golden Yields, Part II

By Andrew Kashdan
Rose Ann Tortora

More from the world of dividend-paying precious metals: consider the convertible bonds of Ashanti Gold and the common stock of Impala Platinum.



Uramin Inc – Case Study

Private Equity

- Uranium exploration and development company with Trekkopje project in Namibia.
- Low grade, shallow deposit drilled extensively but mothballed in 1980s.
- Lead investor in July 2005 \$30 million financing round, at \$0.75 per share + warrants, pre-money valuation = \$60 million.
- Francis Daniels joined board as part of financing.
- Shares listed in April 2006 on London AIM market at \$1.20 per share. Subsequently listed in Toronto, market capitalization exceeded \$1 billion early 2007.
- Uramin acquired by Areva at \$7.75 per share in August 2007 at a valuation of \$1.9 billion.
- Net return on private investment round approximately 10X in approximately two years.



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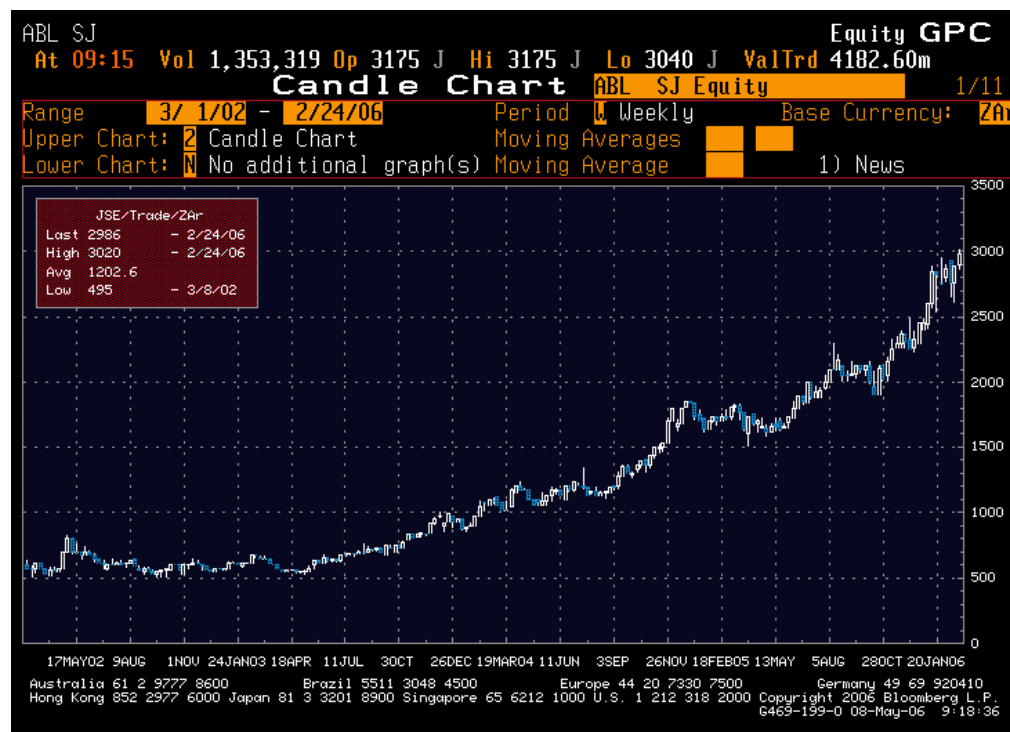
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African Bank Investments – Case Study

Turnaround and Growth Equity

- Largest consumer finance company in South Africa, EV \$2.9 billion, ROE 40+%, PE 15X, P/B 6X, Dividend Yield 6.2%.
- After early microlending optimism in late 90s, sector collapsed and competitors, Sambou and Unifer, became insolvent.
- ABL shares declined from over ZAR 30 in June 1998 to below ZAR 5 in February 2002.
- After noting that ABL was borrowing long (5+ years) and lending short, initiated investment buying Senior notes yielding 14% and equity in range of ZAR 7 to 5 throughout 2002.
- ABL bought Sambou loan book out of liquidation, retrenched operations and improved credit assessment.
- In ensuing four years, shares appreciated 500% and paid out ZAR 5.50 in dividends per share.
- US\$ Return over 900% during the period.
- Still a compelling opportunity in 2010: 14X PE, 2X book, 15% ROE, 5X dividend yield.



Acid Test of Predictability – Zimbabwe Politics and Economics 2000 – 2009

“...they gullibly imagined that to summon the people to political life was enough to attach them to their cause; and that, if they gave the people rights but no advantages, it was enough to make the Republic popular. **They forgot that their predecessors at the same time that they gave every peasant a vote did away with tithes, abolished the corvee and other seigniorial privileges, and divided the nobles' land among their former serfs...**to commit acts of violent injustice, it is not enough for a government to desire them, or even to have the ability to do them; **it is essential that the mores, ideas, and passions of the time lend themselves to the enterprise.**”

- Alexis de Tocqueville, Recollections, p.122,123 (Anchor Books, 1971).

“**Politics is rough in West Africa. Every party attracts its fringe of hooligans,** unimportant numerically, but highly important tactically. **They become bodyguards; they rough up party opponents and intimidate waverers.** In areas where chiefs are still powerful, their police do the same. To launch a new party in somebody else's area is a formidable exercise.”

- W. Arthur Lewis, Politics in West Africa, p.17 (George Allen & Unwin, 1965).



Politics & Economic Logic Provided Framework for Investment

• Land reform had to occur.

- Mugabe faced stiff opposition in 2000 and Zimbabweans wanted change .
- Land a source of historical conflict.
- Mugabe had to nullify the threat of the MDC support in the rural areas.

• Monetary constraints had to come to bear.

- Current account deficit since 1980 funded by foreign aid.
- Reliance on on treasury bill and medium term note financing.
- Reliance on the reserve bank buying those bonds.

• The government would go to any lengths to get forex.

- State-controlled sector would need access to forex at privileged rates.
- The private sector was held in contempt and could be fleeced.

Anticipated

• Destruction of the economic base

- Collapse of agriculture and manufacturing.
- Decline in forex earnings.
- Tax revenue decimated.

• Continued rise in inflation

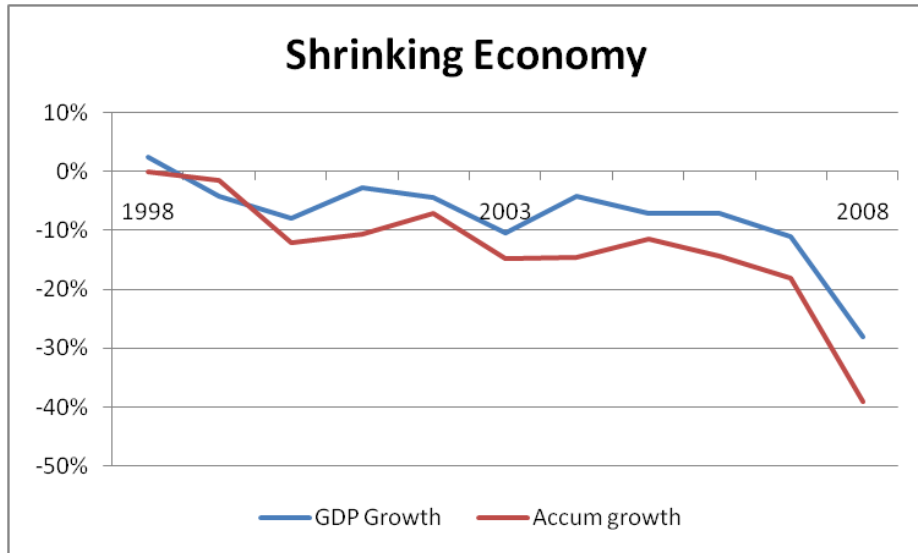
- Central bank purchase of govt debt to increase.
- Hyperinflation possible.

• There would be limits to state power

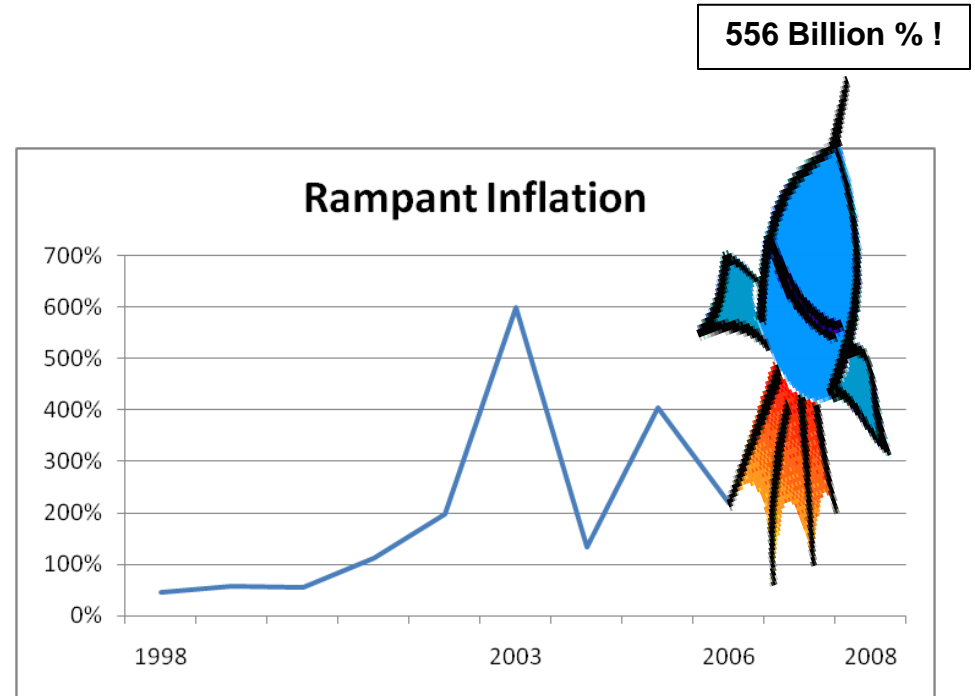
- Govt could not seize forex earned outside its borders.



Collapsing Zimbabwe – Could You Make Money?



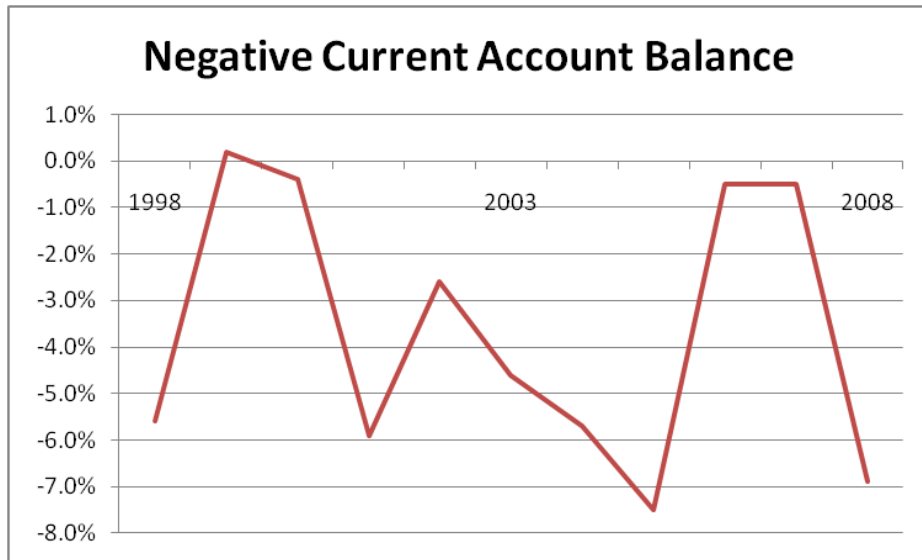
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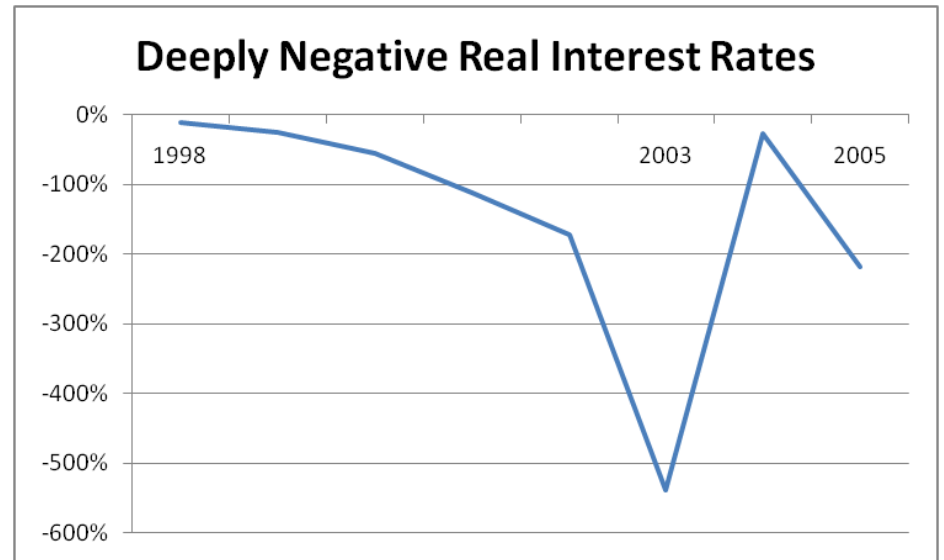
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Zimbabwe – Unsustainable Monetary Environment



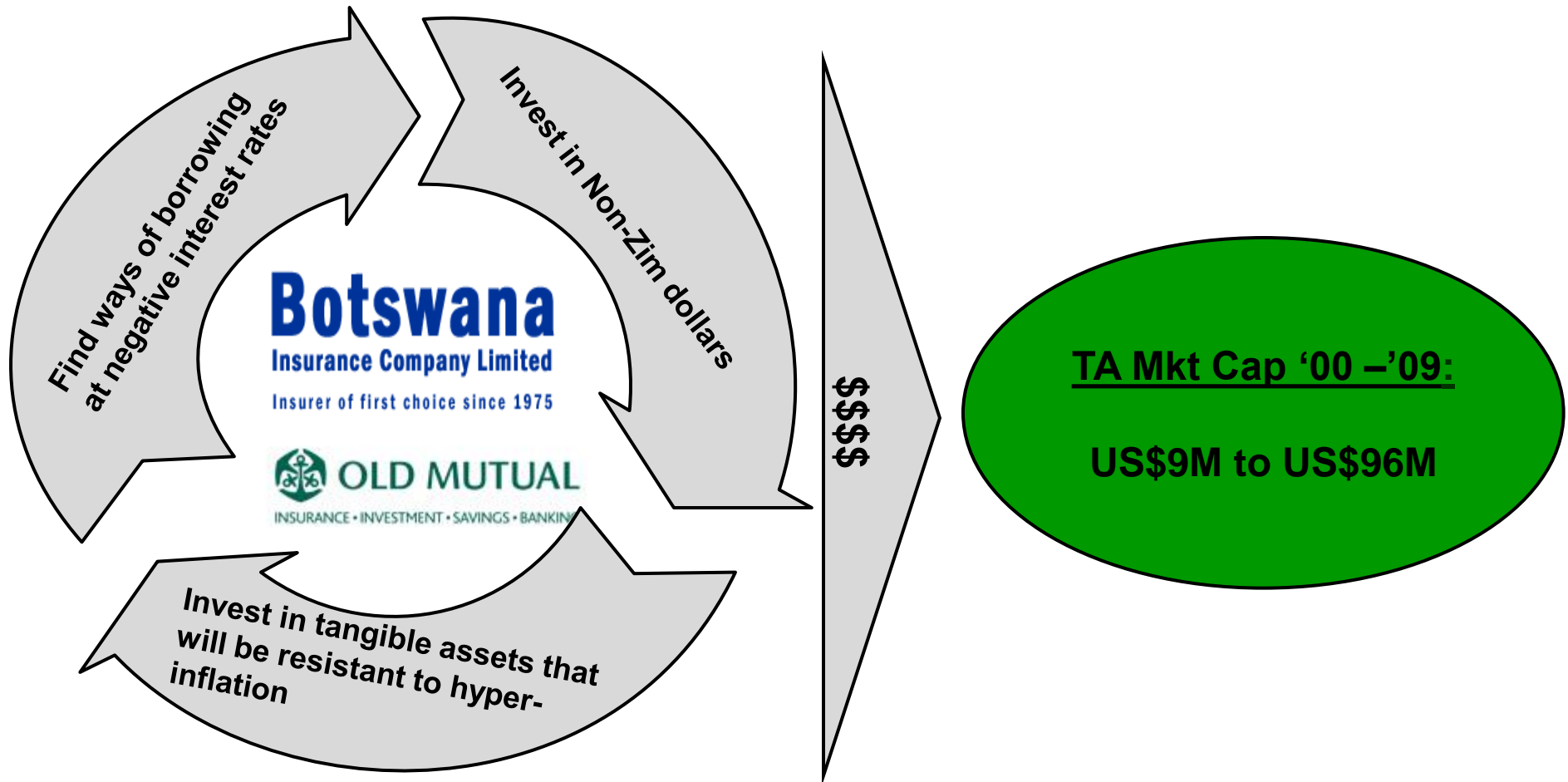
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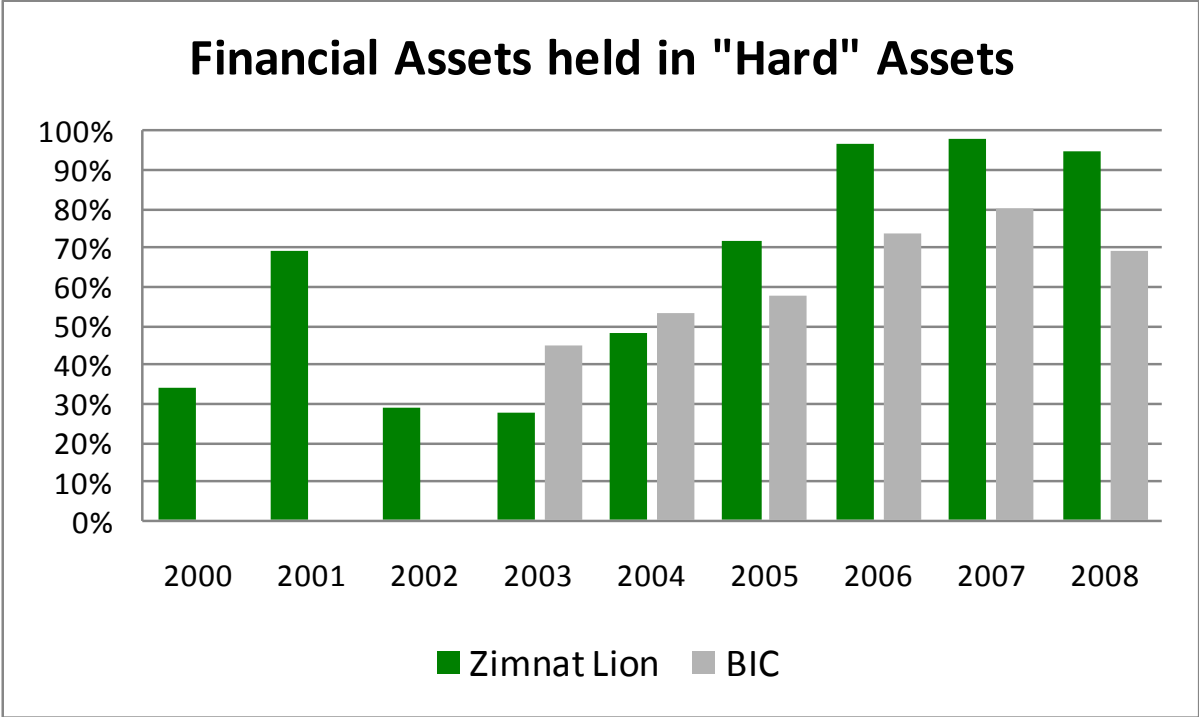
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Crystallized Investment Thesis



Changing Property and Casualty Asset Allocation in Zimbabwe and Botswana



Source: Zimnat Lion and BIC annual reports



Companies With Least Taxed Forex Performed Best

Company	Industry	CAGR '00 - '08	CAGR '00 - '09	CAGR '00 - Current
Ex-Zim Diversified				
Seedco	Agriculture	-71.4%	31.0%	28.3%
TA Holdings	Hotels and Insurance	-15.0%	34.2%	19.8%
Banc ABC	Banking	-44.8%	6.9%	8.8%
Innscor Africa	Diversified Conglomerate	-21.3%	21.2%	16.7%
	Average	-38.1%	23.3%	18.4%
"Free" Exporters				
Zimplats	Platinum Mining	40.4%	42.4%	40.6%
"Controlled" Exporters				
Hippo Valley	Sugar	-78.0%	17.3%	17.6%
Aico	Agriculture	-46.1%	17.3%	17.6%
Riozim	Gold Mining % Nickel	-71.0%	18.7%	13.7%
Colcom	Meat Processor	-43.4%	20.9%	23.5%
	Average	-59.6%	18.5%	18.1%
Financial Services				
Banc ABC	Banking	-44.8%	6.9%	8.8%
Barclays	Banking	-60.8%	-8.5%	-9.3%
CBZ Bank	Banking	-49.5%	14.0%	10.1%
Zimre Holdings	Insurance	-48.4%	-2.1%	-2.5%
	Average	-50.9%	2.6%	1.8%
100% Zim assets				
DELTA Beverages	Beverages	-36.5%	12.1%	11.9%
OK Zimbabwe	FMCG Retail	-50.2%	38.1%	37.3%
AFDIS	Distillery	-64.0%	20.9%	15.5%
EDGARS	Clothing Retail	-71.6%	-1.0%	-1.4%
National Foods	Food Processor	-24.0%	47.9%	37.7%
Kingdom Meikles	Hotels and Banking	-78.7%	-4.3%	-4.4%
PG Industries	Hardware Retail	-59.9%	35.2%	19.5%
British-American Tobacco	Tobacco	-65.5%	2.7%	1.4%
Econet Wireless	Telecom	-36.9%	12.4%	11.2%
	Average	-54.1%	18.2%	14.3%

"Free" Forex was king

Source: Zimbabwe Stock Exchange, BARDNET , Anibok



Zimplats – Investment Idea

Public Equity

- Zimplats is a PGM producer on the Great Dyke in Zimbabwe with a listing on the ASX(symbol : ZIM AU). JSE listed Impala Platinum (IMP SJ) has an 87% interest in Zimplats. The company has a market cap of US\$1.2 billion.
- At US\$11.32 per share, Zimplats trades at an EV/4E Reserve oz of US\$57/oz against the weighted average of US\$193/oz for the platinum industry.
- The EV/4E Resource oz is US\$6/oz against US\$33/oz for the platinum industry.
- Cash costs per 4E oz are US\$325/oz versus the industry average of US\$948/oz.
- Zimbabwean PGM mines have depths of 25meters to 30meters from surface. The shallowest mines in South Africa have depths of 100meters whilst the deepest mines can be up to 2,200meters.
- Annual revenues to June10 was US\$404 million and net income was US\$122 million.
- Compelling investment opportunity that is cheaper than SA based PGM developers.



Shoprite – Investment Idea

Public Equity

- Shoprite Holdings is the largest FMCG retailer in Africa with operations in 16 countries across the continent. Operates 1,166 owned and 276 franchise stores.
- Annual revenues to June10 were US\$8.8billion with net income of US\$301million and CFO (cash flows from operating activities after working capital changes) of US \$340million.
- CFO margins are 4%, ROA is 13% and ROE is 38%. (Wal-Mart's CFO margins are 6%, ROA is 9% and ROE is 21%.)
- PE ratio is 24X, EV/CFO is 18x, and dividend yield is 2%.
- Shoprite is listed on the Johannesburg (JSE), Namibia (NSX), and Lusaka (LuSE) exchanges. *Shares on the LuSE trade at a 56% discount to the JSE share price.*
- Shoprite's market capitalization on the LuSE is US\$3.5 billion. LuSE shares offer Shoprite at an EV/CFO ratio of 7x, PE ratio of 9X, and dividend yield of 5%.

Geographical Spread



Sonatel – Investment Idea

Public Equity

- 2nd most profitable telecom company in Africa. EBITDA margin of 56%, Net Margin of 31% and ROE of 38%.
- Current market cap is US\$2.9 billion: P/E is 8.3x, 8.8% dividend yield, and estimated 2010 P/E 7.8X.
- EBITDA expected to reach US\$700 million in 2010, an 67% increase from 2005 and a 309% increase from 2000.
- Strong balance sheet with low debt level.
- Total subscribers reached 10.1 million in June 2010, a 645% increase from 2004 and a 2258% increase from 2000.
- 42% France Telecom ownership, high dividend payout ratio.



Lessons

- **Africa is a legitimate theater of predictable and profitable investment.**
 - There are rapidly growing companies in modernizing parts of Africa available at classic value criteria.
- **Government paper is riskier than private paper.**
 - African equities have proved more reliable than government promises.
 - Zimbabwean foreign exchange earning equities differentially preserved wealth.
- **The withdrawal of African states from commerce has created value.**
 - When state-owned enterprises get into the hands of capable private operators they are often very profitable.
- **Macro-time is much slower than micro-time.**
 - Our timing on Zimbabwe's hyper-inflation logic to play out was off by a few years.
 - Eventually it happened and the market rewarded TA for the foresight.



Other Portfolio Investments



MARINE SUBSEA AS



DIAMOND CORP PLC



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