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FREE ASSESSMENT

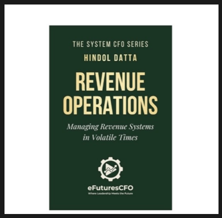
PILLAR 1: STRATEGIC SYSTEMS | TOOLKIT #3 OF 37

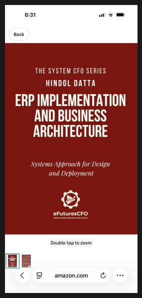
THE ENTERPRISE VALUE DRIVER MAP

Connecting Operational Metrics to
Investor Valuation and Multiple Expansion

20-Question Diagnostic | 5-Page Assessment

Score Your Organization 1-5 Across Four Dimensions
Identify Gaps and Build Your Action Plan





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QUESTIONS 1-5

Section A: Revenue Growth and Quality

Is Your Revenue Growing in Ways That Expand — or Compress — Your Valuation Multiple?

Enterprise value is not just EBITDA times a multiple. The multiple itself is a judgment on the quality, durability, and growth trajectory of your earnings. Revenue that is recurring, diversified, and expanding commands a premium. Revenue that is concentrated, one-time, or declining compresses the multiple. This section assesses whether your revenue profile is building or destroying enterprise value.

A. REVENUE GROWTH AND QUALITY

#	Statement	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
1	Revenue growth rate is tracked by source — organic vs. acquired, new logo vs. expansion, recurring vs. non-recurring — and the mix is trending toward higher-quality sources.	1	2	3	4	5
2	Recurring revenue as a percentage of total revenue is measured and increasing — the organization understands and tracks ARR, MRR, or equivalent contracted recurring metrics.	1	2	3	4	5
3	Customer concentration risk is quantified — no single customer represents more than 10% of revenue, and the top 10 customers represent less than 40% of total revenue.	1	2	3	4	5
4	Net revenue retention (NRR) is calculated and exceeds 100%, meaning existing customers are generating more revenue year-over-year through expansion and upsell.	1	2	3	4	5
5	Revenue growth is achieved without proportional increases in sales and marketing spend — the ratio of revenue growth to S&M investment is improving over time.	1	2	3	4	5

SECTION A SCORE: Total: _____ / 25 Average: _____ / 5

QUESTIONS 6-10

Section B: Margin Architecture and Profitability

Are Your Margins Expanding Structurally — or Artificially?

> *Margins tell investors whether the business model is inherently profitable at scale. Gross margins reveal pricing power and cost structure. Operating margins reveal organizational efficiency. Investors pay a premium for margins that expand naturally with growth and discount companies where margins are maintained by cutting investment.*

B. MARGIN ARCHITECTURE AND PROFITABILITY

#	Statement	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
6	Gross margin is stable or expanding, and the drivers of gross margin (pricing, COGS composition, product mix, delivery efficiency) are understood and actively managed.	1	2	3	4	5
7	Contribution margin is calculated by product line, customer segment, and business unit — the organization knows which parts of the business create value and which destroy it.	1	2	3	4	5
8	Operating leverage is demonstrated — operating expenses grow slower than revenue, resulting in expanding EBITDA margins as the business scales.	1	2	3	4	5
9	Margin improvement is structural (process improvement, automation, pricing optimization) rather than artificial (deferred hiring, cut R&D, reduced maintenance).	1	2	3	4	5
10	EBITDA adjustments are minimal, well-documented, and declining over time — the gap between GAAP operating income and adjusted EBITDA is narrowing, not widening.	1	2	3	4	5

SECTION B SCORE: Total: _____ / 25 Average: _____ / 5

QUESTIONS 11-15

Section C: Cash Conversion and Capital Efficiency

Does Your Business Convert Earnings into Cash — or Consume Capital to Grow?

> *The most dangerous illusion in finance is profitable growth that consumes cash. Companies that grow EBITDA while burning cash are destroying value, not creating it. Investors and acquirers scrutinize cash conversion — the ratio of free cash flow to EBITDA — as the truest measure of earnings quality. Capital efficiency (ROIC vs. WACC) determines whether each invested dollar creates or destroys value.*

C. CASH CONVERSION AND CAPITAL EFFICIENCY

#	Statement	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
11	Free cash flow conversion (FCF / EBITDA) exceeds 60%, and the organization tracks the key drivers — working capital changes, capex intensity, and non-cash charges.	1	2	3	4	5
12	The cash conversion cycle (DSO + DIO - DPO) is measured monthly and is stable or improving — the organization actively manages the timing of cash inflows and outflows.	1	2	3	4	5
13	Return on invested capital (ROIC) exceeds the weighted average cost of capital (WACC) — every dollar of capital deployed generates returns above the cost of that capital.	1	2	3	4	5
14	Capital expenditure decisions are evaluated using a consistent framework (NPV, IRR, payback period) and retrospective ROI analysis is conducted on completed projects.	1	2	3	4	5
15	Working capital requirements as a percentage of revenue are stable or declining — growth does not require proportional increases in accounts receivable or inventory investment.	1	2	3	4	5

SECTION C SCORE: Total: _____ / 25 Average: _____ / 5

QUESTIONS 16-20

Section D: Risk Profile and Strategic Optionality

What Expands — and What Compresses — Your Valuation Multiple?

> *The valuation multiple is a risk-adjusted judgment on future earnings. Predictability expands the multiple. Concentration compresses it. Strategic optionality — the ability to enter new markets, launch new products, or execute acquisitions — commands a premium. This section assesses the factors that drive your multiple up or down.*

D. RISK PROFILE AND STRATEGIC OPTIONALITY

#	Statement	1 Non-Ex	2 Ad Hoc	3 Dev	4 Estab	5 Best
16	Revenue predictability is high — the organization can forecast next quarter's revenue within 5% accuracy based on contracted backlog, pipeline conversion, and renewal rates.	1	2	3	4	5
17	Key person dependency is low — no single individual (including the CEO or founder) is critical to maintaining customer relationships, technical capability, or institutional	1	2	3	4	5
18	The total addressable market (TAM) is large relative to current revenue, demonstrating significant runway for growth without requiring new market creation.	1	2	3	4	5
19	The organization has demonstrated M&A capability — the ability to identify, evaluate, acquire, and integrate acquisitions that create value rather than destroy it.	1	2	3	4	5
20	Intellectual property, proprietary technology, or unique competitive advantages exist that cannot be easily replicated, creating sustainable differentiation and pricing power.	1	2	3	4	5

SECTION D SCORE: Total: _____ / 25 Average: _____ / 5

OVERALL ASSESSMENT SCORE

Section A: ___ / 25 Section B: ___ / 25 Section C: ___ / 25 Section D: ___ / 25 TOTAL: ___ / 100 AVG: ___ / 5

GAP TO GOAL

Gap-to-Goal Action Plan

Bridging the Gap — Enterprise Value Driver Map

Transfer your five lowest-scoring questions. For each gap, define the target state, specific actions, owner, timeline, and success metric. Focus on highest-impact gaps first.

GAP #	Q REF	CURRENT	TARGET	SPECIFIC ACTION TO CLOSE GAP	OWNER	DEADLINE	METRIC
1	Q___	___/5	___/5				
2	Q___	___/5	___/5				
3	Q___	___/5	___/5				
4	Q___	___/5	___/5				
5	Q___	___/5	___/5				

ASSESSMENT SUMMARY

Completed by: ____ Date: _____________________

Overall average score: _____ / 5 Items scored 1-2 (critical): _____

Items scored 3 (developing): _____ Items scored 4-5 (strong): _____

Top strength: ____

Most critical gap: ____

One action this week: ____

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This free assessment identified your gaps. The Premium System CFO Toolkits provide the frameworks, templates, and action plans to close them. Visit EfuturesCFO.com

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PREMIUM: The Enterprise Value Driver Map (12 Pages)

The full premium toolkit includes the complete seven value driver deep assessment, the multiplier effect worked examples showing how modest improvements create outsized value, the value bridge connecting initiatives to enterprise value impact, a one-page visual value driver map, and a 90-day action plan with monthly EV tracking dashboard.

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System CFO Organizational Finance Assessment Kit

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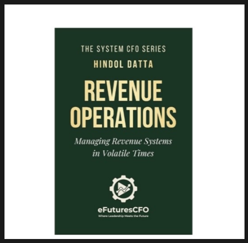

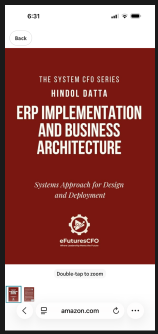

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