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About Us

- Alex is two-time state chess champion, accepted into University of Illinois's computer science program
- John will be attending Northwestern University next year
- Winners of the Illinois State Stock Market Game (133% return in 3 months, competed against 3000 teams)
- Manage our own portfolios with an average return of 104.5%

Innovation Is Growth

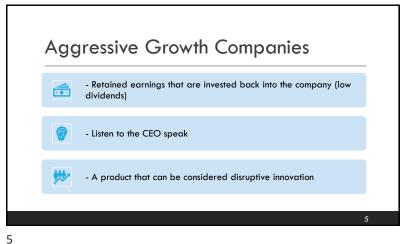
- Words of Cathie Woods, founder of ARK Invest, who marked a 124% return in 2020
- Unprecedented rate of innovation in the last year
- Investing in the future of our world

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Disruptive Innovation

- The Digitization of Money (PayPal up 116% in 2020)

- Clean Energy (Tesla up 743% in 2020)

- Artificial Intelligence (Palantir up 135% in 2020)

Value vs. Growth Why is Disruptive Innovation Attractive? 1-Year 3-Year 5-Year Large Value - Creates creative destruction Large Growth 34.84 20.22 18.04 14.66 Value Underperformance: -8.74 - Can easily penetrate an existing Mid-Cap Value Mid-Cap Growth market with their more attractive Value Underperformance: -9.06 products Small Growth 36.91 18.01 17.31 13.06 - Disruptive Innovation can also Value Underperformance: <33.06 -15.89 -9.43 -5.25. create their own market, which Source: Morningstar Direct. Returns are annualized. makes growth exponential

TAM (Total Available Market)

- Total available market

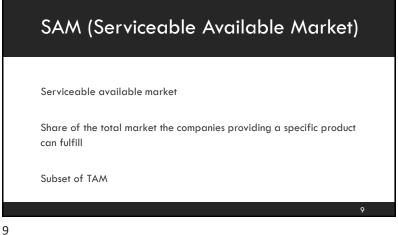
- Add up sales of leading companies in a market to get a rough estimate of TAM

- TAM's of new products can be estimated by adding up the sales of markets it is attempting to improve

- Important to know growth of TAM

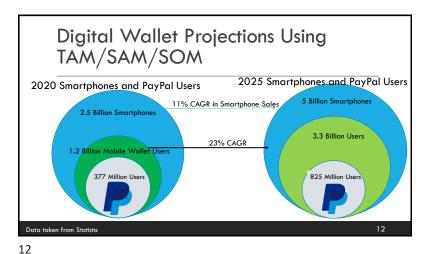
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SOM (Share of Market) Share of market What share of the market a specific company is planning on achieving in the next five years in terms of sales

TAM, SAM, SOM • Look for a high MAT • High SAM • High sales growth rate suggesting a growth in SOM 11



Wright's Law

- Created by Theodore Paul Wright (1936), an aeronautical engineer and educator
- Used to model the cost reduction associated with the increase in production of airplanes
- A cumulative doubling will decrease cost by a constant percentage
- Same idea as economies of scale

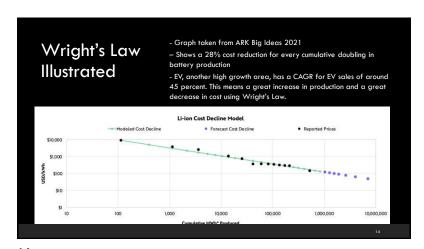
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Techno-fundamental Theory of Investing

- Pioneered by Nicolas Darvas in the 1950s
- Was a dancer who studied economics and also toured with Bob Hope and Judy Garland
- Looked for fast growing industries that could do well over the next 20 years but focused on price movement and breakouts using his box theory
- This way, he combined technical trading with choosing fundamentally exciting companies.
- "Everything old is new again" similar to what Cathie Woods of ARK Investing is doing now

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Is It a Sustainable Strategy?

- Darvas was able to turn 36k to 2 million over the course of 3 years (in the 1950's!)
- The key is to not become too attached to a particular stock, but let the price movement and technical both keep you in or get you out of a stock
- With the increase in retail investors volatility is heightened, using his box theory you can find set prices at when you should sell or buy
- Puru Saxena is a modern day Nicolas Darvas (CAGR +56.2% since Sep 1st, 2016), he likes E-commerce, EV, Fintech, Genomics, Space, and Cloud

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