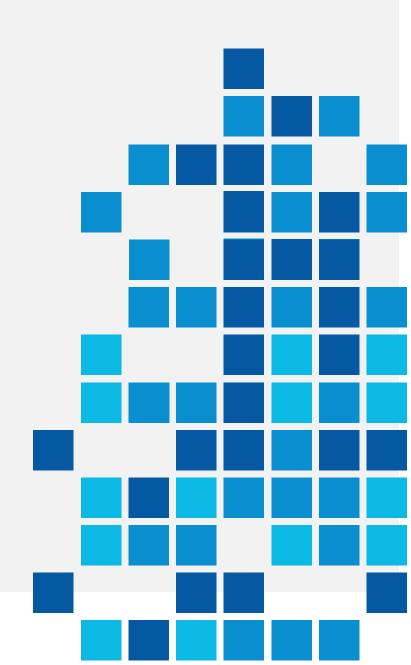


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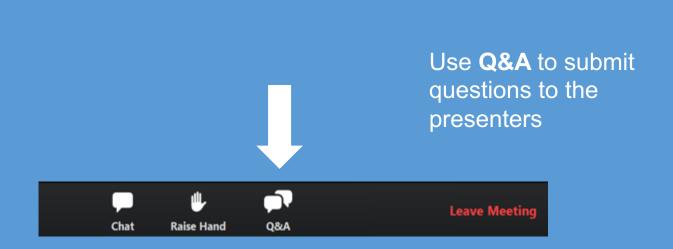
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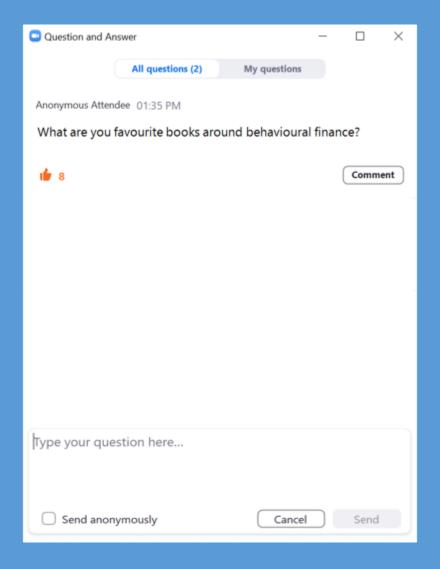
RESEARCH CHALLENGE KICK-OFF 2020/21





WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU







CFA Society Perth is Pleased to Bring You the CFA Institute Research Challenge 2020/21







CFA Institute Research Challenge



- Worldwide intercollegiate competition between teams of students
- Unique educational opportunity to apply what you have learned in the classroom to real-world practice in equity research
- Organized by local CFA Society volunteers
- Winners from the local competitions advance to one of the three regional competitions, culminating in a global final



How it Works

- 1. Local CFA Society volunteers work in conjunction with participating local universities to assemble teams of 3–5 business and finance students
- 2. Each team works directly with a mentor to research and prepare an equity research report on a publicly traded company
- 3. Team findings are locally evaluated by high-profile panels of heads of research, portfolio managers, and chief investment officers from some of the world's top firms
- 4. Local champions advance to sub-regional competitions, then to regional competitions in the Americas, Asia Pacific, and EMEA, and then to the global final





Benefits



- Real-life learning experience as an Equity Analyst
- Get in-depth training in company analysis and presentation skills
- Develop your resume/CV
- Get hands-on mentoring
- Network with professionals and peers to make inroads within the industry



Global network of the world's top business and finance students





2020 Research Challenge Recap

6,400+ Students 4,00+ Volunteers

150+
CFA Societies

1,100+
Universities

121
Local Challenges

98 Countries



2020 Research Challenge Results

5 Regional Champions

2020 Global Champions

121
Local Challenges

University of Sydney,

Australia

Bl Norwegian Business School,
Norway

University of Lausanne,
Switzerland

Seton Hall University,
United States

Universidade de São Paulo, Brazil



Representing
CFA Society Sydney



2021 Sub-Regional Competitions

Winners from the local competitions this year will advance to a Sub-Regional competition. Sub-Regions have been predetermined using United Nations and CFA Institute definitions. Sub-Regional competitions will be virtual and will take place in March. Winners will be announced on 29 March 2021.

Atlantic Islands & Latin America

Canada

Central & Southwest US

Eastern US

Midwest US

Southeastern US

Western US

Asia Pacific Sub-Regions

Oceania

Eastern Asia

South Eastern Asia

Southern Asia

EMEA Sub-Regions

Sub-Saharan Africa

Eastern Europe

Northern Europe

Southern Europe

Western Europe

Middle East & North

Africa



2021 Regional and Global Competitions

Winners from the sub-regional competitions this year will advance to one of three regional competitions, which will be hosted virtually.

Asia Pacific Semifinals

12 April 2021

EMEA Semifinals 13-14 April 2021 Americas Semifinals 15-16 April 2021

Asia Pacific Regional Final 19 April 2021 EMEA
Regional Final
20 April 2021

Americas
Regional Final
21 April 2021

Global Final 22 April 2021



COMPETITION TIMELINE

Today	Kick-Off	
Next 10 days	Preliminary Research	
28 August 2020	Register with CFA Institute	
7 September 2020	Company & Analyst Briefing	
5 October 2020	1st Draft Due to Mentor	
12 October 2020	Final Report Due	
Interim	Report Grading	
20 October 2020	Local Final	
19 March 2021	Sub-Regional Presentations Due	
12 April 2021	APAC Semi-Final	
22 April 2021	Global Final	





Rules Overview

- Each team consists of 3-5 students (undergraduate or graduate)
- Universities may form up to two teams each, depending on Local Host rules
- Students must be enrolled in the university they represent and registered for at least a part-time course load at the time of the kickoff meeting
- Reports and presentations must be the students' original work
- Students may not have contact with the subject company outside of organized events
- Students may not enlist the help of any professionals other than the mentor or faculty advisor

- Mentors and faculty may NOT contact the company
- Mentors, faculty, and subject company may NOT provide material non-public information
- Written reports must conform to the guidelines set forth by CFA Institute and include the cover and back pages provided by CFA Institute
- Teams may not use props in their oral presentations
- Students, mentors, and faculty must all agree to abide by the CFA Institute Code of Ethics and Standards of Professional Conduct



Advisor and Mentor Involvement

Faculty Advisor

- Insight and guidance on research methods and tools as taught in academia
- 10 hours maximum of productive time
- Access to faculty for other projects unrelated to the Research Challenge is permitted
- All work must be the original work of the students

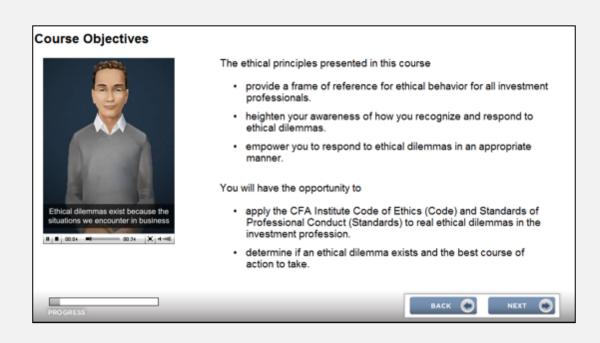
Industry Mentor

- Insight and guidance on industry practice
- 6 hours maximum of productive time
- Face to face or virtual
- Company management question development
- Review first draft of research report
- Presentation development assistance



Ethics Resources

- Ethical Standards for Investment Professionals: An Interactive Case-Based Course
- Ethics Course Module 2: Standard II—Integrity of Capital Markets
- Ethics Course Module 3: Standard III—Duties to Clients
- Ethics Course Module 6:
 Standard VI—Conflicts of Interest
- Ethics Course Module 7:
 Standard VII—Responsibilities as a CFA Institute Member or CFA Candidate





Sample Report



Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA.ASX)

CommonwealthBank

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Don't bank on it

9th September 2019

GICS Sector: Financials Industry: Banks Australia | Australian Securities Exchange (ASX)

Recommendation: SELL

CBA.ASX Overview			
Target Price	\$70.08		
Last close	\$79.81		
Downside	-12.19%		
Market Cap	\$141,283m		
Shares Out.	1,770m		
52-Week High	\$83.99		
52-Week Low	\$65.23		
P / E (LTM)	16.19x		
P / BV (LTM)	2.03x		



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

We initiate coverage on Commonwealth Bank of Australia (CBA.ASX) with a **SELL** recommendation based on a 12-month price target of **\$70.08** triangulated between our residual income model (RIM), dividend discount model (DDM) and relative valuation. Our target price represents a 12.19% downside from the last close of \$79.81 on 9 September 2019.

CBA has historically outperformed its Australian banking peers, delivering a consistent dividend yield and a 24.3% ROE premium (vs. Australian majors ex. CBA since 2009) to earn its status as a market darling. Following a surprise Coalition victory and a Royal Commission Final Report that left the banks largely unscathed, a sentiment-driven rally has lifted CBA's share price to near historic highs. Despite intensifying headwinds, the bank currently trades at ~2x book value for just a 12.5% ROE while its forward P/E of 16.7x represents a 28.2% trading premium to other majors, more than double the historical premium of 13.7%. We see the market underappreciating: 1) CBA's overweight exposure to a deteriorating mortgage market, 2) the Net Interest Margin (NIM) flow-through of ultra-low rates; and 3) the impact of the RBNZ's new capital proposal on expected capital management programs. CBA's share price has likely overshot its fundamental value as investors chase the bank's attractive 5.4% dividend yield (vs. All Ords dividend yield of 3.92%) and the prospect of shareholder returns following the completion of a slate of announced divestments.

1. CBA's overexposure to mortgages will bite

With national house prices well below 2017 peaks (-5.2% YoY) and 2Q19 GDP growth figures coming in at their weakest level since 2009, we see CBA as the most exposed of the majors to headwinds facing a deteriorating housing market due to its overweight exposure to home lending. We forecast:

 Front-book pricing pressures to continue in the mortgage space as CBA turns to aggressive discounting to maintain its dominant position in a hyper-competitive environment

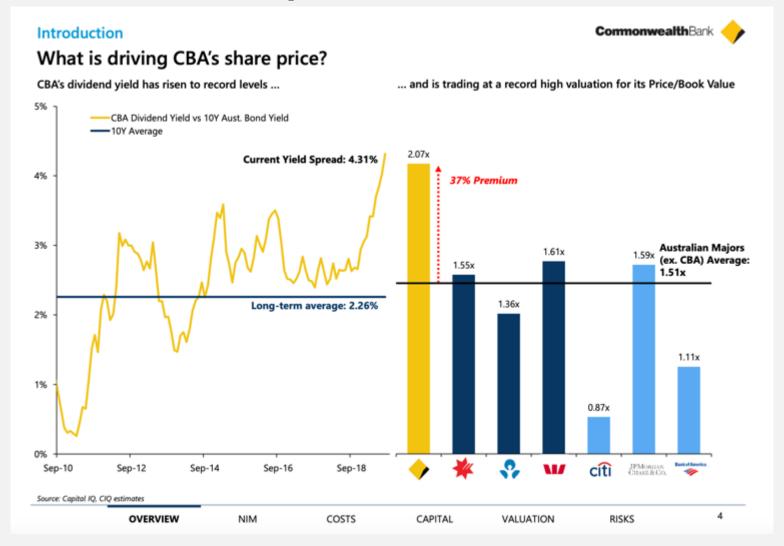


Report Scoring

Section	Maximum Points	Comments
Business Description	5	
Industry Overview &		
Competitive Positioning	10	
Investment Summary	15	
Valuation	20	
Financial Analysis	20	
Investment Risks	15	
Environmental, Social,		
and Governance	15	
Total	100	



Sample Presentation





Presentation Scoring

Financial Analysis

 How thorough was their analysis of the industry, company, and competitors?

Valuation

Were the valuation methodologies appropriate and detailed?

Environmental, Social, and Governance

• Did the analysis thoroughly incorporate conservation of the natural world, consideration of people and relationships, and standards for running a company?

Presentation

• How effective/convincing was their presentation? Was it logical and did the facts support the recommendation?

Question & Answer

 Were they able to answer the questions effectively and with confidence?

Team Involvement

Team involvement in the presentation/questions and answers

Materials

Quality of slides

Criteria	Maximum Points	Notes
Financial Analysis	20	
Valuation	20	
Environmental, Social, and Governance	10	
Presentation	20	
Question & Answer	20	
Team Involvement	5	
Materials	5	
Total	100	



Subject Company

Sydney Airport Holdings Pty Ltd (ASX: SYD)

SYD is a publicly–listed Australian holding **company** which owns a 100% interest in **Sydney Airport** via **Sydney Airport** Corporation. The **company** is listed on the Australian Stock Exchange and has its head office located in **Sydney**, New South Wales.



Interacting with Sydney Airport



- Designated officers ONLY
- Organized communications ONLY
- Industry mentor or faculty advisor must be present for all student-subject company interactions
- Students may contact and survey company suppliers, customers, vendors, etc.



Past student experience



Tips From Past Students

- Get started early!
- Get to know your group as assign tasks according to each person's strengths.
- Assign a group leader early to eliminate arguments and disagreements and decide on a method for resolving arguments quickly.
- Use your industry mentor and university mentor wisely.
- Its the smallest details that count so make sure you prepare thoroughly.



Up for the Challenge?

- Visit the CFA Institute Research
 Challenge website:
 www.cfainstitute.org/researchchallenge
- 2. Register for the competition in the next **14 days**.
 - Peruse educational materials selected specifically for participants
 - Watch videos of past presentations
 - View past reports from winning teams
- 3. Students MUST register in their account via the invitation link they receive from CFA Institute.





Opportunity Starts Here











Questions?

