





## **IR as a Value-Creation Strategy**

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# Financial Communication or Investor Relations is a vital factor to maximize shareholder's value

#### **Overall Corporate Strategy**

#### **ISSUES**

- Poor Profitability
- Small Market Cap
- Credibility of Management
- Corporate Structure

#### ACTIONS

- Maximize ROA & ROE
- Define Growth Strategy
- Ensure Project Feasibility
- Improve Operations
- Develop the Organization



Lack of Value Story

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- Ineffective Communication and untimely information
- Poor Corporate Disclosure
- No Access to Management
- Develop Value Creation Story
- Produce Quality & Consistent IR Materials
- Target & Communicate to the Right Investors

**ISSUES** 

Low Liquidity

· Lack of Capital

• High Gearing

**ACTIONS** 

• Shareholding Structure

Define Investment Strategy

• Identify Strategic Partners

Restructure Debt

Raise Debt and Equity Funding

• Monitor & Respond to Market Feedback



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## "Next to doing the right thing, the most important thing is to let people know you are doing the right thing."

J.D. Rockefeller



## Why is IR Important?

## Roles and responsibilities of listed companies to disclose information to shareholders

#### **Investors have choices**

- Investors need to hear, understand and believe in your story
- IR introduce your identity
- IR gets you notice
- IR creates investors' confidence in the company and management

#### **Process of building good reputation never ends**

- If investor feel badly treated, they will sell and its harder to bring the share price up than to maintain it in the first place
- 'It takes 20 years to build a reputation and five minutes to ruin it. If you think about that, you'll do things differently.' Warren Buffett

#### Helps when raising capital

• Fund is limited

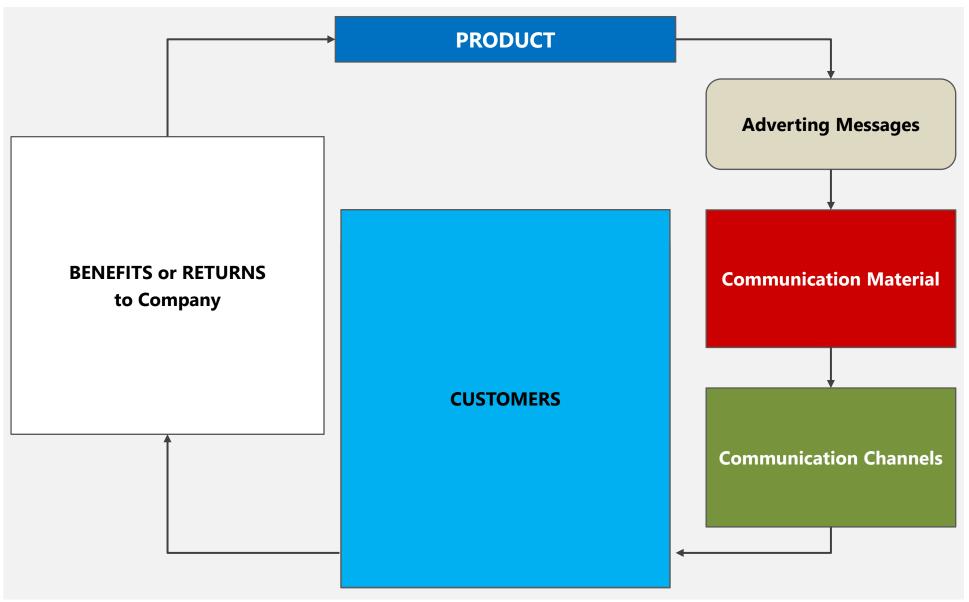
#### **Investor Relation could help in Crisis**

• 'Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get' Forrest Gump





#### What is Investor Relations (IR)?



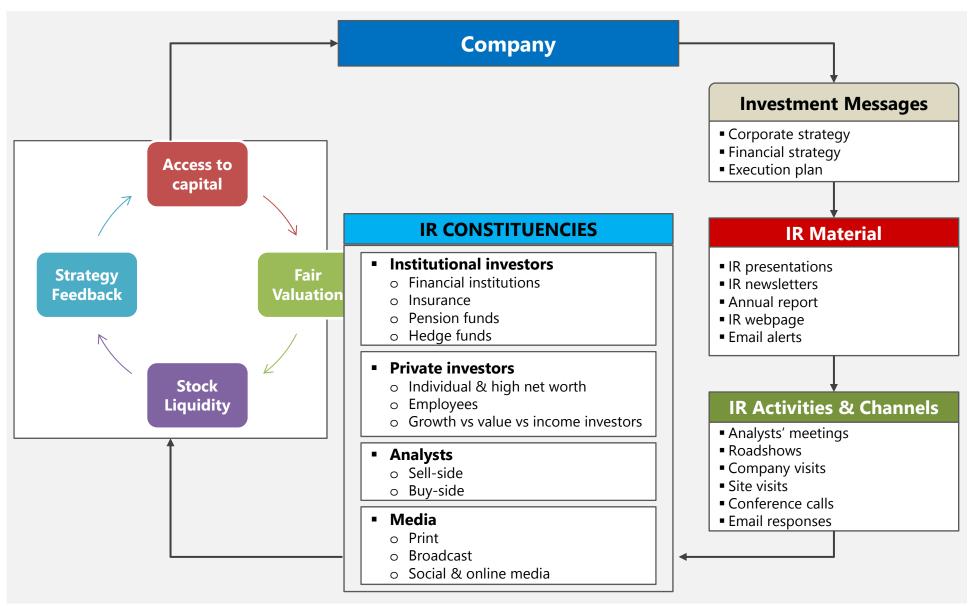


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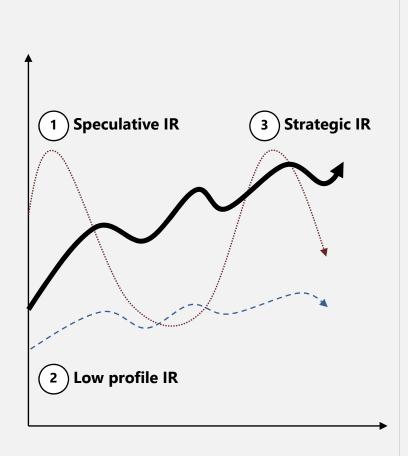
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Investor Relations can be defined as:

A strategic management responsibility that integrates finance, communication, marketing and securities law compliance to enable the most effective two-way communication between a company, its shareholders, the financial community, and other constituencies, which ultimately contributes to a company's securities achieving fair valuation and lowering its cost of capital







Strategy feed-back & competitors insight

Valuable feedback of investors' sentiments for senior management to adjustment and fine-tune company's strategy

 Increase in number of analyst and have support for growth

With investor's confidence and good reputation from transparency, good corporate governance and fair information disclosure from IR, the company could raise future capital with ease, if needed

Stabilize share price & minimize investor surprises

Giving information regularly and fairly will not surprise investors and will help investors not to sell and buy when panic

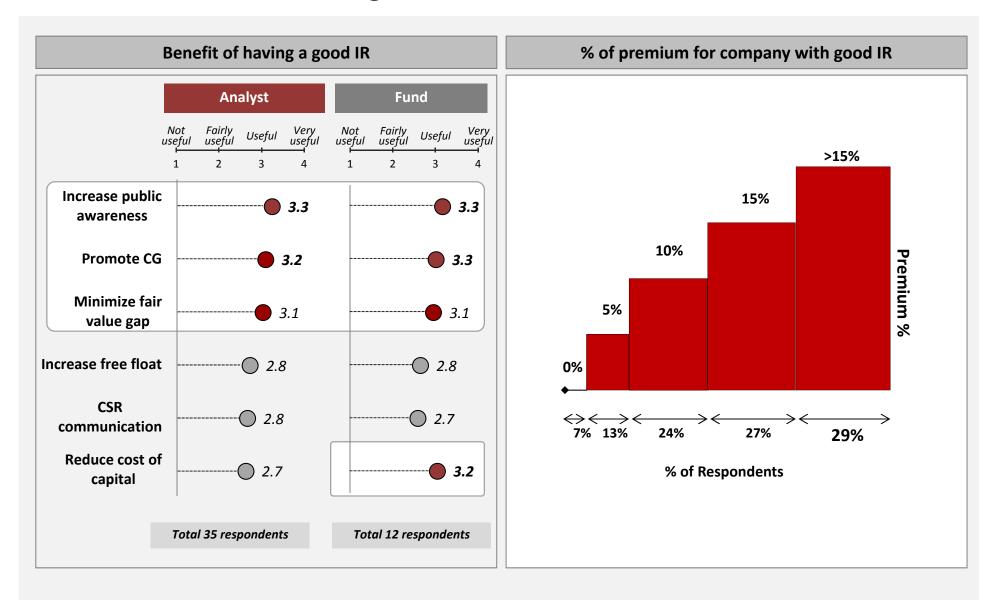
#### • Reduce 'Fair Value Gap' & reduce cost of capital

Providing accurate and relevant information to analysts and investors help increase understanding and help them to asses and project the company's financial performance more accurate

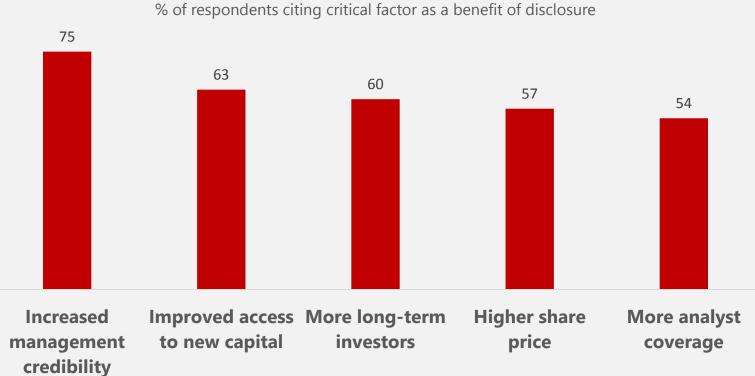
#### Enhance trade liquidity

Adopting good IR practices and being active in IR will help enlarge investor base and analyst coverage











% of respondents citing critical factor as a benefit of disclosure

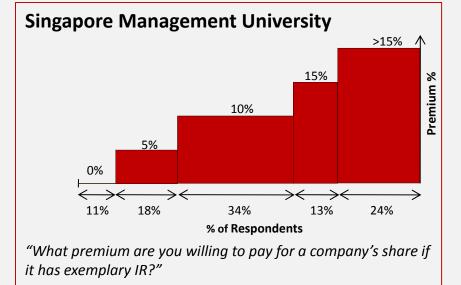


Independent research by the world's leading universities confirm that investors will pay a premium for companies with outstanding IR practices

#### **Wharton Business School**

"Direct contacts with investors **increase management credibility** and thus have a greater impact on the success of the IR strategy."

Brian J. Bushee, professor of accounting Wharton Business School, USA



Survey of 38 fund managers

#### Harvard Business School

*"IR activities play a significant role in helping small and midcap companies overcome their low visibility to attract a wider following by investors and improve their market valuation"* 

Gregory S. Miller, professor of accounting Harvard Business School, USA

#### **University of Zurich**



Range of cost of equity advantage for companies with good IR over those with poor IR Research from University of Zurich

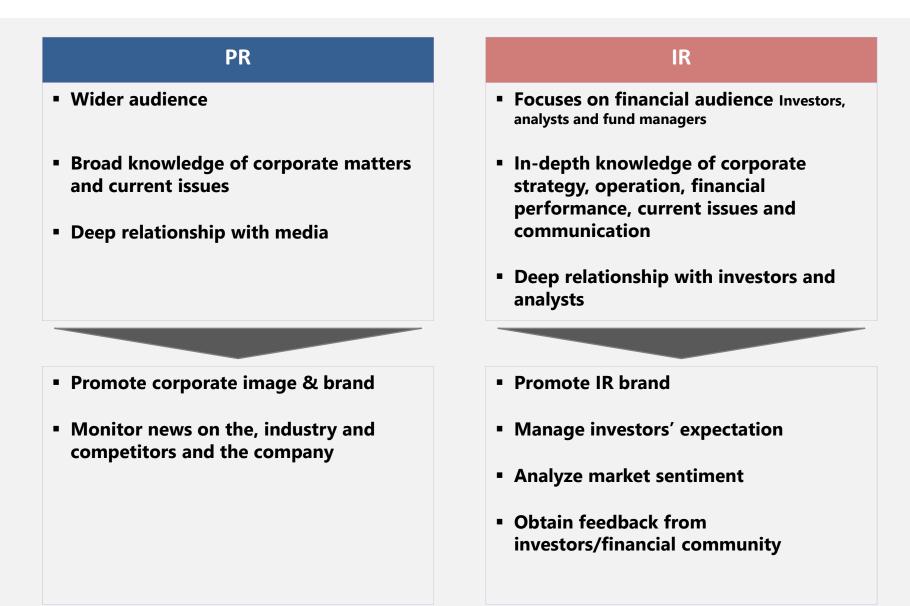
#### University of Edinburgh

"Firms perceived to have the most effective IR strategies **earn superior abnormal returns**"

Richard Taffler, professor of finance and investment, University of Edinburgh, UK

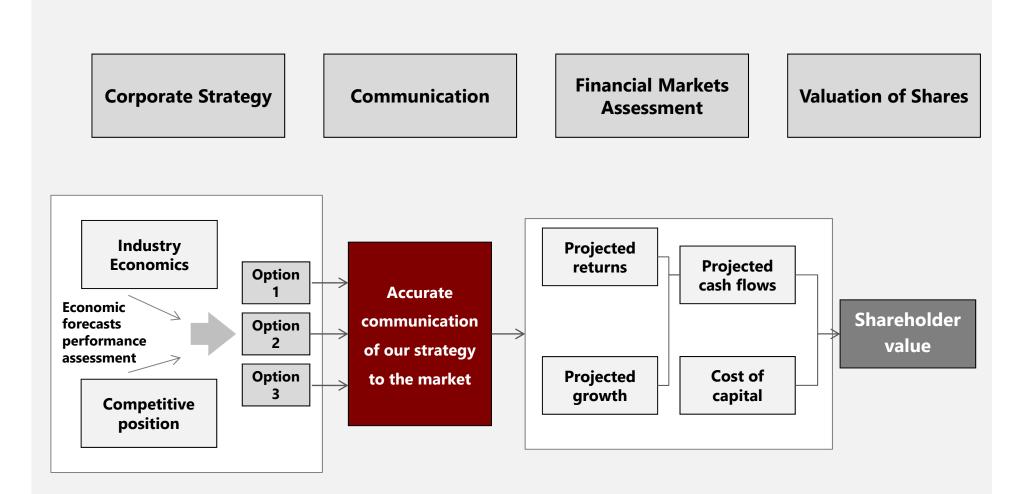


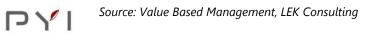
## What are the difference between PR and IR?





# Management should provide accurate information to the investment community to enable it to value correctly





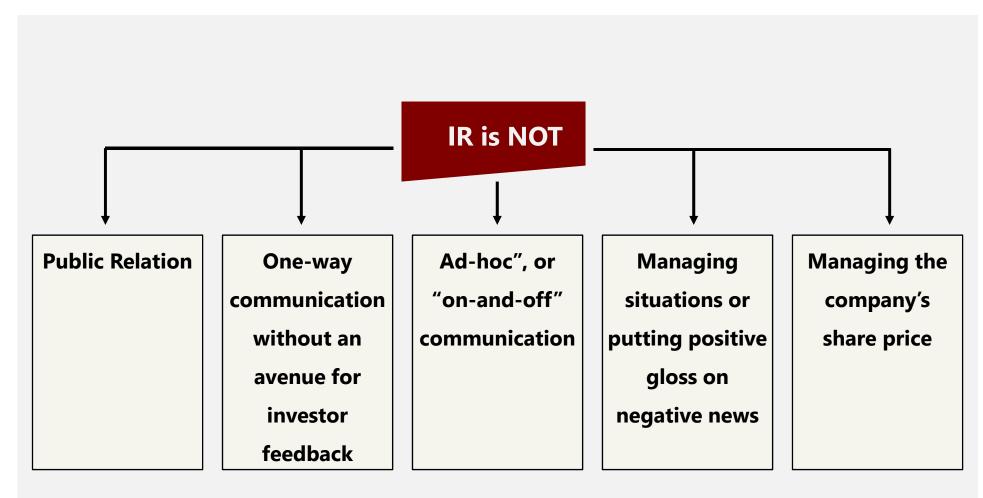


### **Main Roles of Investor Relation Officer**

- Building internal awareness of Investor Relations
- Ensure compliance with regulations
- Act as the company's key spokesperson in the investment community
- Make public precise understanding of your firm
- Keep investors interested and informed
- Establish, maintain, rebuild investors' confidence
- Keeping management aware of market's perception and issues
- Developing and maintaining a corporate disclosure policy
- Manage information disclosure to investment community
- Building and strengthening positive relationships with the investment community



## What is **<u>NOT</u>** Investor Relations (IR)?



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## **TOTAL case study: The importance of communication**



Company's Event	IR action	Impact
1 1999: Acquire Belgian group PetroFina	No explanation to the market on the acquisition, nor is it consistent with the firm's objectives	Share price fell 22%
2		
1999: Oil Tanker sank causing extensive environmental damage	Slow to response and communicate to market	Tarnish Total's image in its home market until today
3		
2001: Plant explosion in France	Issue addressed immediately with presence of Chairman to show support and take responsibility	Total's image not negatively impacted

#### Key takeaways:

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- **Consistently communicate** with the market
- Deliver **consistent message** single message with different emphasis for the different groups of investors and stakeholder base
- Be honest and be prepared to communicate about unexpected incidents in a timely manner
- Show accountability when adverse event occurs

Source: Harvard Business School

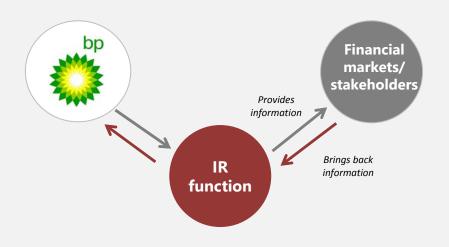


## **BP case study: Value of the "outside" voice**



"Outside-in information is important therefore, we should raise internal awareness of the usefulness of outside views since it will allow you to see things from another angle in a bigger context."

- BP's IR Team



- Keeps a record of investor feedback and questions
- Closely examines competitors' financial performance and communications
- Compiles top 10 analysts' views on BP's performance and targets on a quarterly basis
- Keep up to date with industry news

external information	Benefits to BP
Understand shareholders' expectation	Improve financial and other communications tools
Follow competitors	Can position oneself against them
Observe analyst valuations/ forecasts	Raise red flags internally when market has different views on company's performance and strategies
Listen to business feedbacks	Doubts from outsiders may encourage internal people to reconsider business model/strategy/assumptions



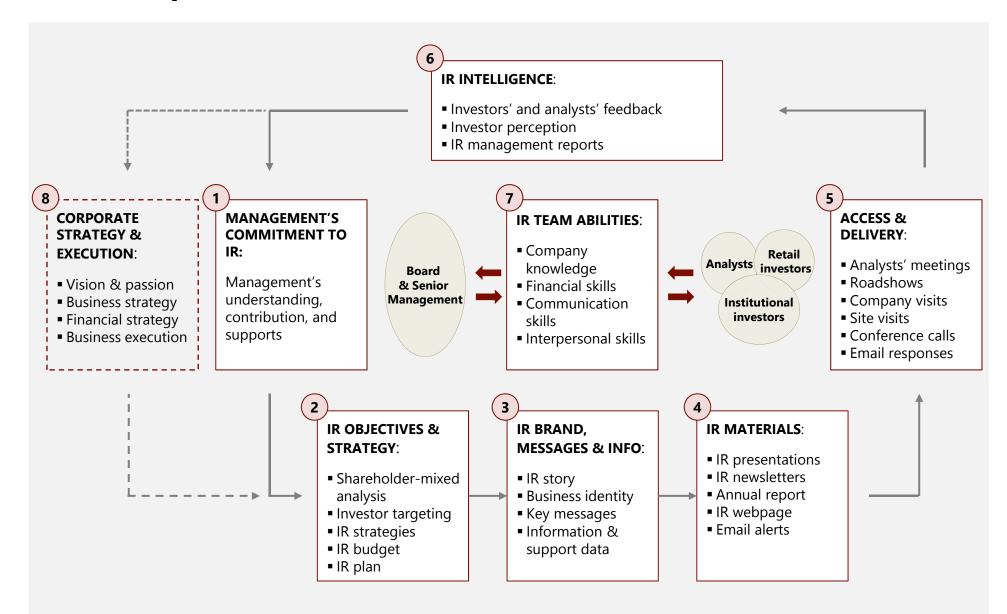
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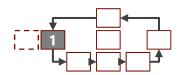


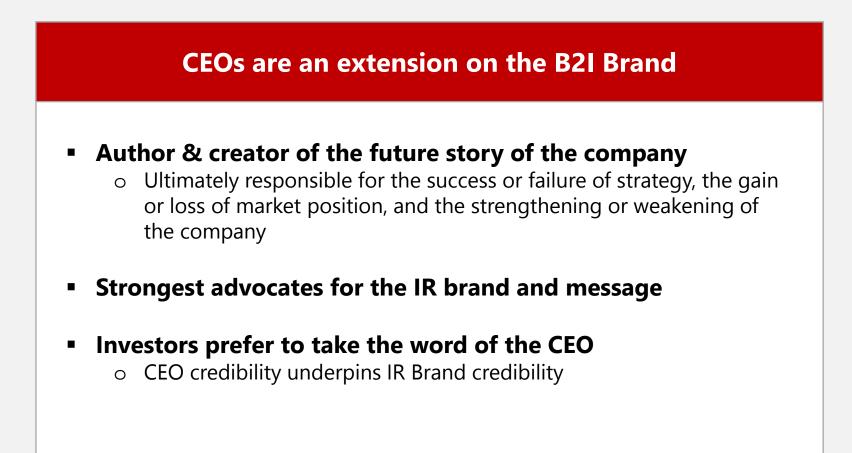
## A sample of "IR Best Practice"



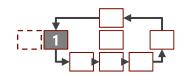












#### DOs

#### ✓ Be an information sharer

- Be the link between the Inside i.e. the organization and the Outside i.e. public, customers, media
- Be credible, accessible and savvy about the business

#### ✓ Be very future aware

- Prepare for all contingencies
- Resilient and resistant to adversity
- ✓ Be competitor aware
- ✓ Be shareholder aware

## DON'Ts

### × Don't delegate the actual thinking

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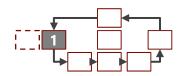
#### crucial IR Brand related materials

- CEO's letter to shareholders
- Insights into where the company is headed
- × Don't over promise
- Don't try to be all things to all
  - people
- × Don't focus on the short term



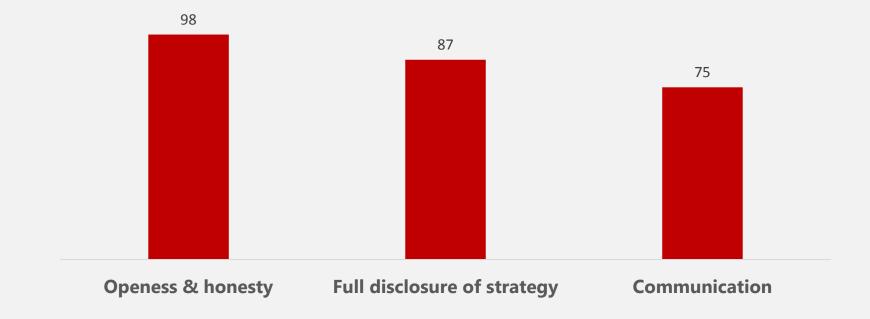
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# What characteristics make for good relationship between fund managers and management?



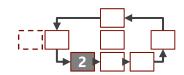
#### Characteristics that make for a good relationship between fund mangers and management

% of respondents citing critical factor





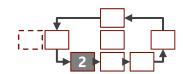
## IR constituencies for company (Your IR clients!!)

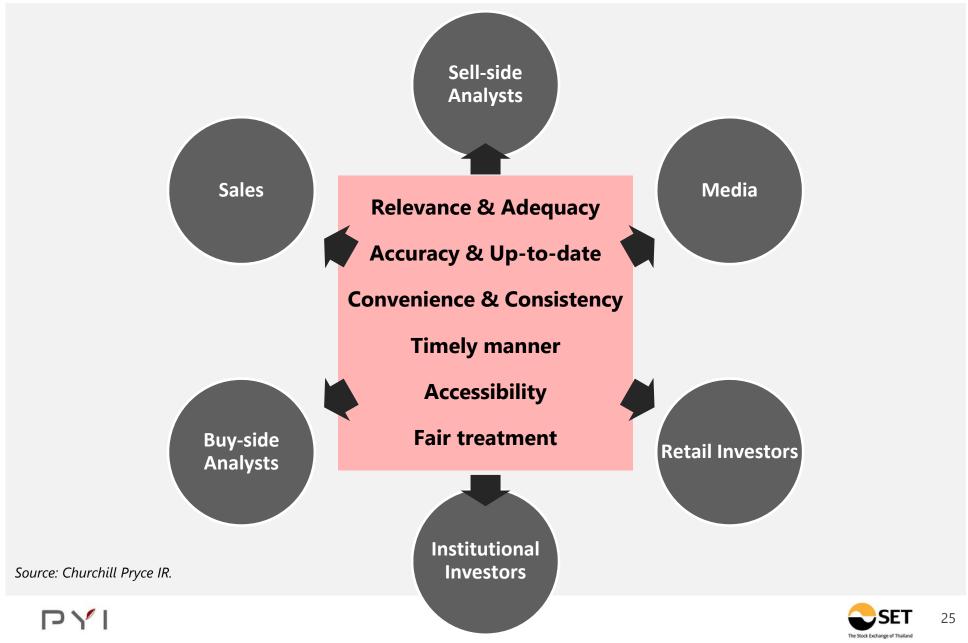




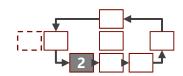


## Meeting the needs of IR constituencies

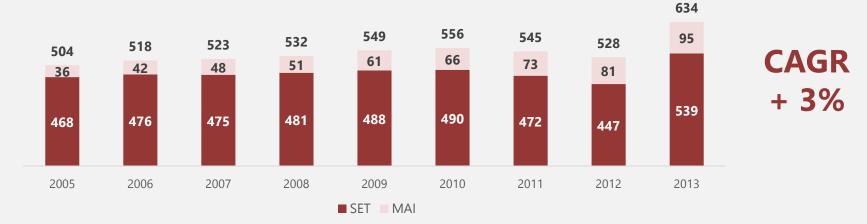




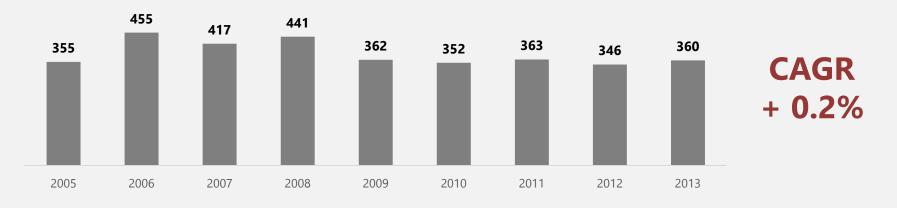
## The more listings, the higher competition

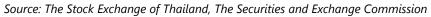


#### Number of listed companies



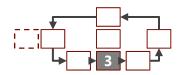
Number of securities analysts







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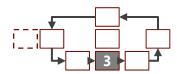


## "If I don't know it in five to 10 minutes, then I'm not going to know it in 10 weeks."

Warren Buffet

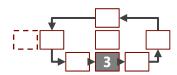






# When I hear this name, I immediately think of .....

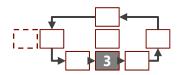








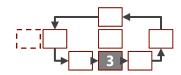
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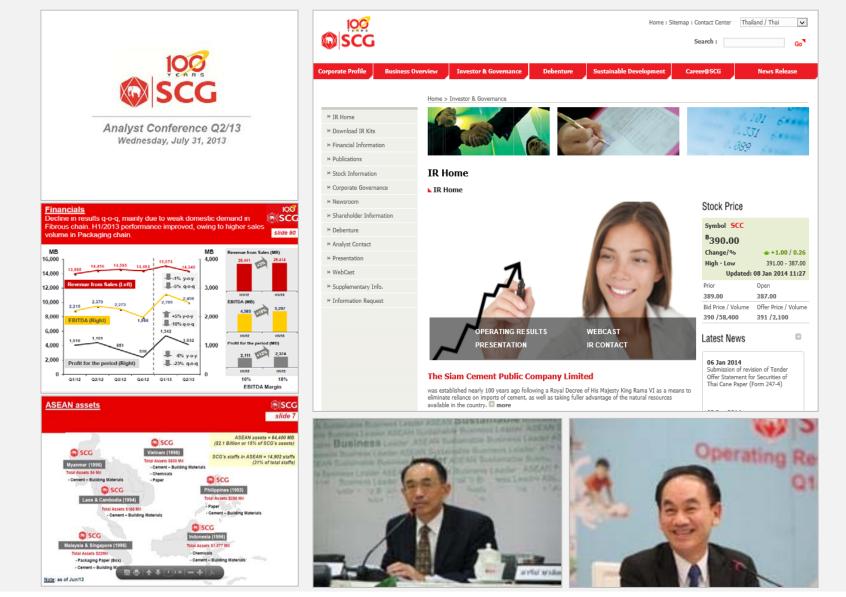


# When I hear this stock name, I immediately think of .....



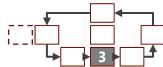








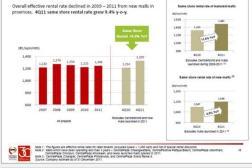




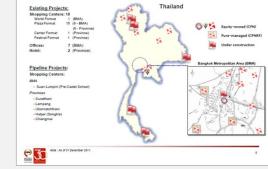




#### Effective Rental Rate "



#### **Property Locations**

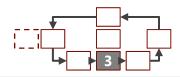












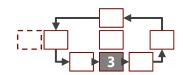
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## Where do you get your investment thesis/story?



### Determine your company advantage

# Ascertain what management thinks

- Attend board & management meetings
- Discuss with top management
- Discuss with department heads
- Read management quotes

# • Determine what the analysts and investors think

- Market signals analysis
- Analyst reports
- Press clippings

## Formulate the investment thesis

## Strategy

- How your company plans to succeed?
- How you do things differently from the competition?

## Strengths

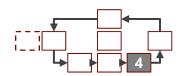
- Your means to implement the strategy
- Must be supported by data and evidence

## **Market Position**

• Where are you positioned in relation to your competitors?



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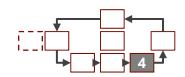


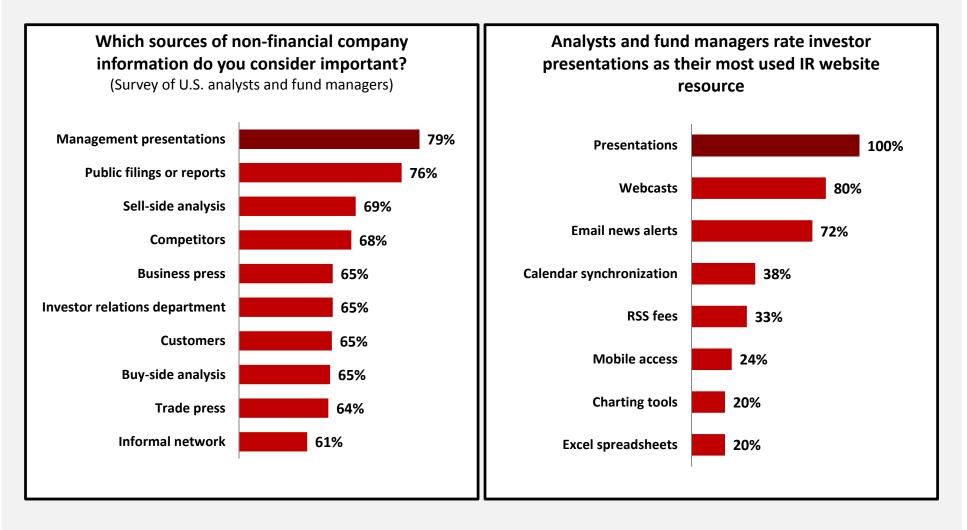
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<ul> <li>Most credible</li> <li>Most durable</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Most cost effective</li> <li>Widest reach</li> <li>First point of contact</li> <li>Vehicle for other communications</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Interactive</li> <li>Instant feedback</li> <li>Best source of non-financial information</li> <li>Chance to showcase management's experience and credibility</li> </ul>
The annual report is part of due diligence for most analysts before deciding to follow a stock	The IR website is the first place analysts go to get information on your company	Management credibility ranks highest in factors considered important when making investment decisions





#### Presentations are crucial





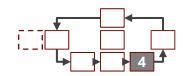
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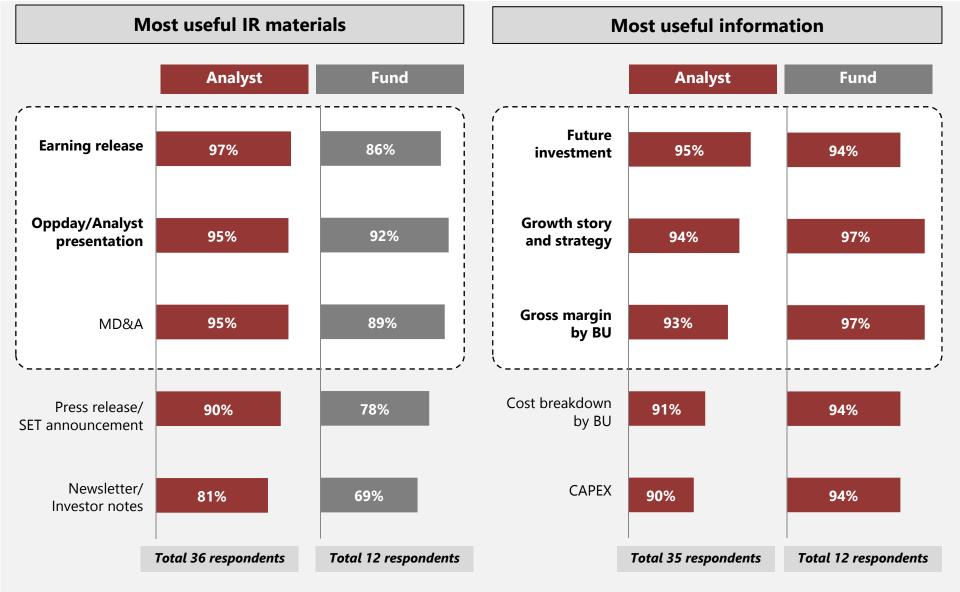
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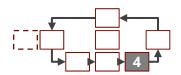
#### What information do analysts and investors require?

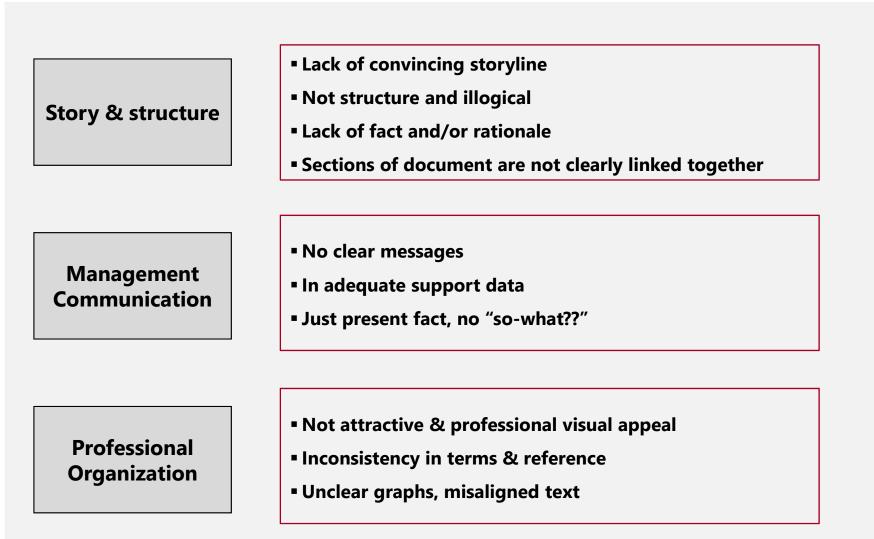




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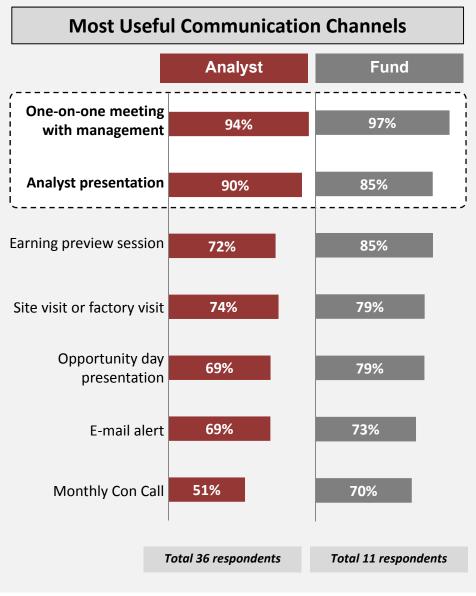








#### Access and delivery



#### COMMENTS

"A company should conduct analyst presentation and/or opportunity day presentation on regular basis to promote continuous communication to analysts and investors" - Analyst 15, 30

"I found it difficult to understand some businesses given limited communication channel. Therefore, if opportunity day participation becomes SET requirement, it will be much helpful" - Analyst 2

"It would be great if a company releases its periodic earning result before 7 PM of a release date because I will have more time to provide more precise analysis to investors" - Analyst 12

"The usefulness of MD&A can be enhanced by providing therein more information about revenue and cost breakdown by business units"

- Analyst 7, 18

"E-mail alert should be provided so that I can more timely catch up with company's issues as they arise" - Analyst 10, 18

"A company can arrange knowledge sharing session to allow analysts to more clearly understand its business operation" - Analyst 15

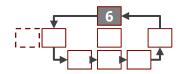


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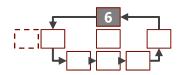
# 6. IR Intelligence



Feed back to encourage two-way communication	Report for all Senior management	Corrective & Actionable Measures
IR communication should be two-way; Company should actively seek feedback from investors on how they see the company's strategy and what their motivations and concerns are.	IR management reports should be made available to all senior managers so that they appreciate the way in which their decisions and actions are being understood and valued by the market	If problems or misunderstanding arise, further IR communication should seek to take remedial action by addressing any areas of misunderstanding or reconsider certain strategic moves if it is thought that the share price impact may be negative.



## 6. IR Intelligence

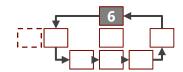


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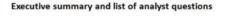
### SUGGESTED QUESTIONS • How would you rank the severity of the problems which Company ABC faces today? • What do you think of Company ABC's new strategy of expanding in foreign markets like India and China? • What do you think Company ABC's main challenges will be going forward? • How would you rate the overall standard of Company's results presentation this quarter compared to the results presentations its main competitors? • How could Company ABC improve its quarterly

results presentations going forward?

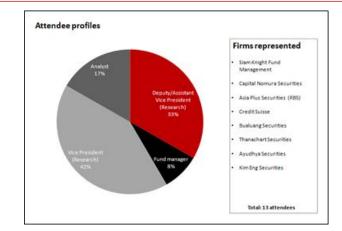


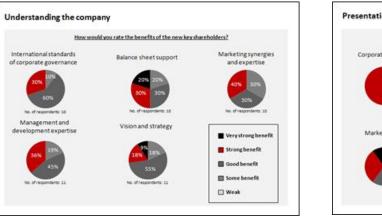


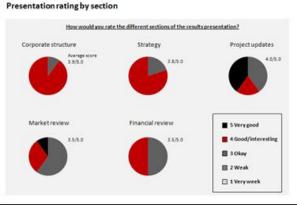
#### **Reporting to CEO/CFO: the feedback presentation**



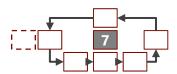
Strategy & Operations  • The top concerns relate to the target market	List of analyst questions during the results presentation
These two issues were also the ones where the turnaround was seen as having been most effective	Q1: What will be the impact of the new rules and regulations?
Balance sheet support is seen as the greatest benefit	Q2: What are your main customers looking for?
of having a strong shareholder	Q3: How has your strategy changed over the years?
All respondents agreed with the strategy outlined in the presentation	Q4: What will be the gross margin on your existing projects?
	Q5: What are your expectations for each project?
Investor Relations Program	Q6: Which competitors do you see as the main threat to your business?
All respondents rated the presentation favorably	to per entrices.
compared to those of other similar companies	Q7: Will you grow organically or through acquisitions?
<ul> <li>All sections of the presentation received high scores, with the Project Updates section rated as the most useful</li> </ul>	







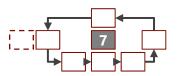




"To be a good investor relations officer, you need to have a different type of skill set, like how to communicate effectively with investors, how to identify your investor... and how to effectively plan for your roadshows to make sure you see the right investors."

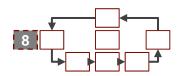
IRO of C.C. Land Holdings Ltd.,





Hard Skills	Soft Skills
<ul> <li>Financial communications</li> <li>Accounting</li> <li>Corporate finance</li> <li>Financial analysis and modeling</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Credibility and integrity</li> <li>Articulate speaker</li> <li>Think strategically</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Strategy</li> <li>Legal</li> <li>Writing</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Flexibility</li> <li>Persuasive appearance</li> <li>Analytical skills</li> <li>Strong Networking capabilities</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Public relations</li> <li>Media relations</li> <li>Administration</li> <li>Banking (general knowledge)</li> <li>Marketing</li> <li>Equity trading</li> <li>Economics</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Loyalty</li> <li>Team work</li> <li>Organizational knowledge</li> <li>Objectivity</li> <li>Diplomacy</li> <li>Selling skills</li> </ul>



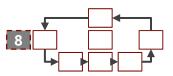


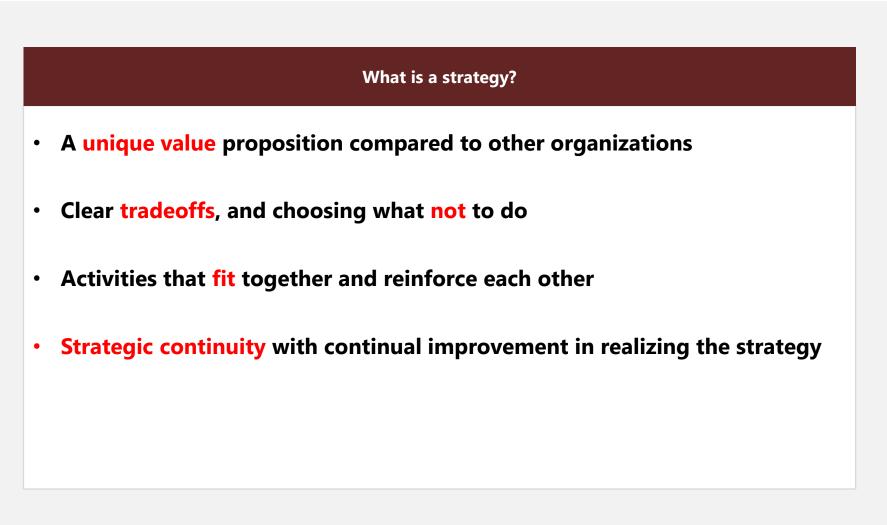
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Stra	Unclear growth strategy		11
ation	Limited communication of strategy		8
Communication	Insufficient communication channels		8
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Fundamental	Low liquidity		7
Funda	Small market capitalization		6
	Limited disclosure to investors		6
	Lack of outstanding performance		5
	Limited management accessibility		5

Source: Adapted from www.thebusinessofmining.com

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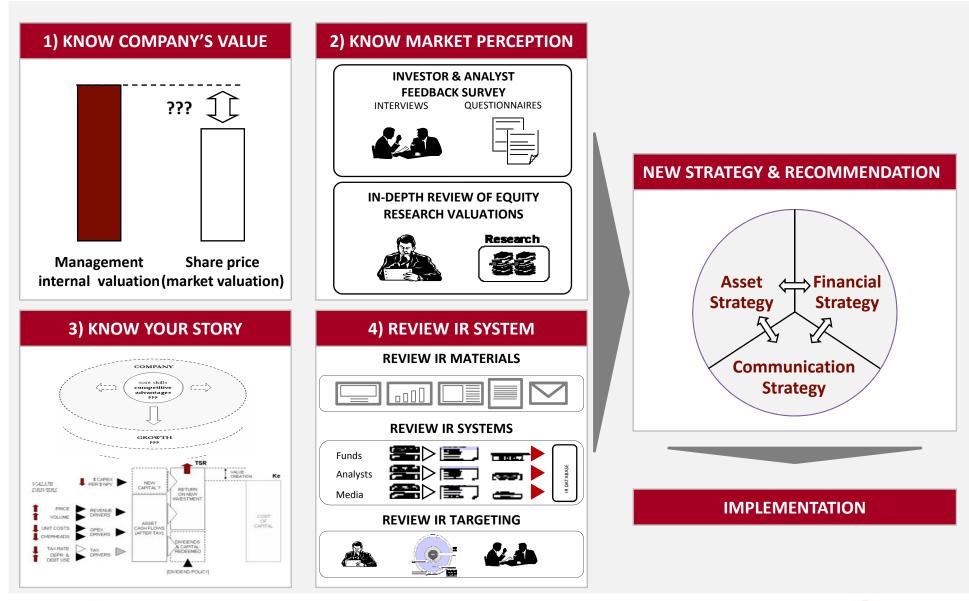


Source: What is Strategy?, Michael Porter





### Four step approach to achieve 'Best Practice IR'



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## What are the priorities of IR?

1	Quality of information	Transparency, relevance, completeness, consistency, and easy to understand
2	Accessibility of IR	Availability and responsiveness of IR and clear information of IR contact point
3	Ability of IR	Knowledge of IR Team, their understanding of investors' requirements and ability in handling difficult questions
4	Accessibility of management	Availability of management to schedule meeting, contact, and answer questions
5	Ability of management	Ability in executing strategy as said and managing investors' expectation
6	IR materials	Quality of IR presentation, earning releases, MD&A, IR webpage, annual report, etc
7	IR activities	Quality and quantity of analysts' meeting, roadshows, company visits, site visits, conference calls, etc
8	Feedback system	Available feedback channel, improvement of IR regarding to feedback





## The IR challenge facing 'Big Caps'

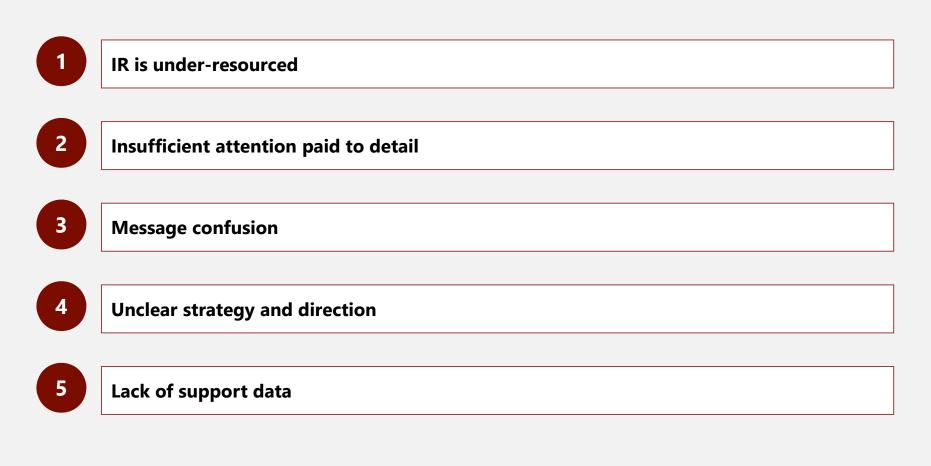
#### "Misallocation of IR Effort"





### The IR challenge facing 'Mid Caps'

#### "IR an after-thought"







### The IR challenge facing 'Small Caps'

"Ignorant of IR Principles & Insufficient Resources"





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