

Risk Management and Financial Crisis. What worked and what did not. Aftermath of the Crisis.







# What is ERM

- ERM is a Process , not a one time occurrence
- ERM is ongoing and iterative
- ERM is way of doing business not a compliance issue
- ERM needs to be embedded in the corporate DNA
- ERM starts at the top
- ERM takes the commitment of senior management and board
- ERM is interactive, proactive and forward looking
- ERM is integrated and comprehensive
   ERM supplants Silo RM with Holistic RM

# **Risk Definitions**

- Measurable Uncertainty
- Combination of the Probability of harm and the severity of that harm -isolice Guide 1999
- Combination of probability an event and it's consequence- ISO/IEC Guide 2002
- Chance of Something happening that will have an impact on objectives- ASINZS 4360: 2004
- Effect of uncertainty on objectives- 150 31000; 2009

#### Important points to consider in ERM

- Enterprise risk appetite, risk capacity and risk propensity
- Enterprise risks that are material, what are they?
- What are the metrics for these risks?
- How the enterprise risks are related to each other?
- Risk owners and risk response owners. Who are they?
- Non traditional non quantifiable risks and their measurement
- What are the roles and responsibilities with regards to risk management function?
- Company specific, systemic, structured



- Decision making involves risk considerations?
- Enterprise risk return optimization strategies?
- How to identify and quantify emerging risks?
- ERM processes, policies and framework in place
   Transparency and reporting to Stakeholders
- ERM linked to performance? Risk based evaluations?
- How Independent is the risk function with in the Enterprise?
- Iterative and responsive to change













### Successful ERM

Engaged senior management and board of directors

- Established policies, systems, and processes,
- supported by a strong risk culture Clearly defined risk appetite with r
- Clearly defined risk appetite with respect to risk limits and business boundaries
- Robust risk analytics for intra- and inter-risk measurement, summarized in an "ERM dashboard"
- Risk-return management via integration of ERM into strategic planning, business processes, performance measurement, and incentive compensation
- Proactive and forward looking
- Portfolio view of risks







- ERM and Economic Capital model must be an integral part of the management process and decision making culture of the institution.
- Embed your business in ERM and ECM frameworks and then embed your ERM and ECM into your Business
- Risk awareness is properly embedded in the daily operating procedures employed across the organization

# ERM for all companies ?

- Nature and scope of ERM will vary based on:
- Complexity of a company
  - Type of products offered
  - Number of products offeredInvestments
  - Risk Profile of the company
- Volatility of Earnings/potential significant capital loss (Risk profile)
- Financial Flexibility
- Strength of its Traditional Risk management

Credit	Market	Underwriting	Operational	Strategic
= Downgrade = Downgrade = Disputes = Sovereign = Concentration = Counter party = Spread	<ul> <li>Equines</li> <li>Other assets</li> <li>Currency</li> <li>Concentration</li> <li>Basis</li> <li>Reinvestment</li> <li>Liquidity</li> <li>ALM</li> <li>Interest rate sensitivity</li> <li>Basis</li> </ul>	Onderwinning process     Pricing     Reserve     development     Product design     Frequency     Severity     Lapse     Longevity     Mortality and     morbidity     Policyholder     optionality     Concentration     Economic     environment	Indinary controls     IF Financial reporting     Legal controls     Distribution     If systems     Regulatory     Training     Training     Lurnover     Data capture	<ul> <li>Comportation</li> <li>Demographic/ social change</li> <li>Negative publicity</li> <li>Rating downgrade</li> <li>Customer demands</li> <li>Regulatory/ political capits</li> </ul>



































# ERM is about the "E"

- ERM is the process through which insurers identify, quantify, and manage risk on an enterprise-wide, holistic basis
- ERM takes into consideration the individual risks at hand, as well as any correlations and interdependencies of risk across the entire organization
- Insurers that create a more structured, integrated risk framework and apply it prudently can
  - Increase the value of the firm and Provide financial security to the organization

Common Elements	Non-Complex Insurers	Complex Insurers
Foster risk-aware culture	<ul> <li></li> </ul>	1
Identify, monitor and manage risk on a quantitative basis	×	1
Consider the impact of risk correlations in business model		1
Identify and manage new emerging risks	1	1
Use internal economic capital (EC) models in decision making		1

# **Role of BCAR**

- BCAR lives on as a baseline for the assessment of risk-adjusted capital for all insurers
  - Many organizations do not have the scale or resources to support an Internal Capital Model
  - Value of BCAR in rating process proven over time through our default statistics
- Next generation BCAR
- NOT an "economic capital" model
- Tie probability of default to the determination of required capital
- Incorporate more stochastic elements in the development of risk factors



- Companies Without EC Output (Most of the U.S. Industry)
  BCAR requirements more closely linked to a company's relative ERM
  strength and earnings volatility
  An insurer with "strong" ERM and "low" volatility can operate
  closer to the BCAR "guideline" for its rating level
  An insurer with "weak" ERM and "high" volatility needs to maintain
  capital that is several notches above Best's minimum BCAR
  guidelines

#### **Companies With EC Output**

- Best is encouraging "leading edge" insurers to share their EC output
- Companies with strong ERM and EC modeling capabilities may have capital requirements that fall below Best's BCAR guidelines, provided the EC output is:
  - Used by management in strategic decision-making
  - Produced by an EC model that Best views as robust



# **Quantitative Models**

"There is perhaps no beguilement more insidious and dangerous than an elaborate and elegant mathematical process built upon unfortified premises." Thomas C. Chamberlain, 1899.

"In theory there is no difference between theory and practice, In practice there is." Vogi Berra















- Statistical quality test (including appropriateness of methodology and assumptions of model)
- Calibration test (including extent to which stress and scenario testing is used to determine impact of tail events)

# How will AMB gain comfort in the integrity of the ECM process and results?

- Independent assessment of an insurer's ECM process and results
  - Use test and governance (including evaluation of governance and internal controls in place related to ECM)
    - Performance measurement
    - Compensation
    - Pricing
    - Reserving
    - Capital allocation
    - Strategic decision making

### How will AMB gain comfort in the integrity of

the ECM process and results?

Objective is to better understand ECM vs. BCAR or other metrics

- Compare/contrast "gross" ECM results to BCAR, i.e. pre and post diversification benefit
  - In aggregate, by LOB, by major risk type
- Compare/contrast "net" ECM results to BCAR, i.e. postdiversification benefit
  - In aggregate, by LOB, by major risk type
- Reconcile results for current time period and understand trends





# **Model documentation**

Model development and structure

- Outline of Technical documentation
- Change documentation
- List and Frequency of Parameter calculations, updates, and model calibration
- Models Sub-Models and Versions if any
- Documentation understandable and accessible
- Public disclosure of the documentation

# **Model Validation**

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- Internal or external Procedures to check the calibration and appropriateness of the model
- Validation is iterative .
- н. Qualitative validation
  - Departments, design teams, management teams, risk ownership at all levels, Model design, Data Quality, Use Test
- Quantitative
- Model calibration, back testing, benchmarking, scenario testing Statistical tools and fitness testing, Calibration
   Model output volatilities across cycles, and across different time
- periods
- Cognizant of model risk, parameter risk, simulation errors and parameter errors ÷. Transparency
  - **Use Test**
- Degree to which risk management considers ECM results
- ECM is approved by the senior management
- ECM output is reported to Senior management and to be used in strategy setting
- ECM is used for Capital allocation, capital attribution, pricing, reserving, objective setting, product development, performance
- ECM is embedded, instilled and ingrained in enterprise DNA

### ECM - What have we seen so far?

#### Re-insurers, large primaries

- Methodologies vary widely
  - Reserves bootstrap, Mack, percent deviations Aggregation - Correlation matrix, copulas, Stochastic modeling
  - Time horizon 1yr/ult runoff, 5yr/10runoff, 4yr
  - Risk tolerance VaRs 99.9%, 99.5%, 99.95%, 99.97%
  - Risk Metrics VaR, CTE/TVaR
- Usage Risk Capital, Product Pricing, capital allocation
- Model/parameter updates qtrly annual
- Validation Internal validation
- Documentation Not satisfactory
- Maintenance and Development of the Model Nothing
- No explicit credit given so far.....

















# **Financial Crisis: What** worked and what did not?

- Liquidity Risk
- Operational Risk
- Contagion Risk
- Capital Fungibility
- Correlations between risk factors Frequent scenario analysis
- Risk Governance
- Risk Metrics
- Risk Communication Risk Compensation
- Risk and reward/risk performance





#### **Risk Governance and Financial Crisis** Risk Management Culture Risk Policy .

- Independence .
- Authority empowerment
- **Risk Controls**

- Risk Controls
   Risk Compensation
   Risk Ownership
   Alignment of risk management and objectives
   Risk awareness and underwriting
   Risk articulation and Communication
- Risk INFO feed back loops
- Board and Senior management involvement
- Integrated comprehensive and holistic

# **Risk Appetite and Financial Crisis**

- Risk Appetite
- Risk Tolerance
- Risk Limits
- Risk targets
- Risk controls
- Embedding the risk limits in business
- Soft and/or hard limits on Risk
- Limit violations and trigger mechanisms
- Risk escalation procedures
- Implementation, effectiveness and changing of risk mitigation strategies

























### **Risk Appetite and the Financial Crisis**

- Stakeholder analysis
  - Shareholders
  - Employees
  - Rating agencies Regulators
- Alignment with Strategic, financial and operational objectives
- Risk capacity and Risk Propensity
- Integrated, comprehensive and holistic view of risk
- Risk Culture

## **Risk Management Capacity**

Ability of an Enterprise to manage risk exposures with in the established tolerance limits consistent with risk profile and appetite of the Enterprise. 

Indicators of risk management capacity

- Does the company understand it's risk profile Does the company have proper processes and metrics to measure and assess risks Does the company have people with appropriate skill sets to manage risks
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- manage risks Are the company risk management practices, policies and procedures are consistent, commensurate and with the risk profile of the company? Can these risk management practices be verified for effectiveness? .
- effectiveness? Does the firm have a risk culture to support effective and efficient risk management.

# **Role of Board**

- Set the risk appetite for the company and risk limits for the managers and business units
- Decide risk decisions the board should retain and identify risk owners at higher level
- Establish risk tolerances and escalation procedures
- The nature, type, frequency and rigor of risk reporting

### Risk Communication and Financial Crisis

- Key risk indicators
- Risk dashboards
- Risk registers risk logs
- Oversight review of risk events
- Vision and provision for emerging risk
- Risk escalation procedures and triggers
- Frequency and timeliness of communications

# Risk Categories and Financial Crisis

- Operational Risks
- Reputational Risks
- Contagion Risks
- Emerging Risks
- Basis Risks
- Risk Responses

# Liquidity Risk and Financial Crisis

- Funding liquidity
- Asset liquidity
- Liquidity and Capital
- Liquidity risk Management framework
- Scenario and stress tests
- Including in ECM
- Contingency funding and stress testing
- Conduits and off balance sheet activities
- Liquidity risk pricing





# Risk Models and Financial Crisis

- Correlations between risk factors
- Capital Fungibility
- Frequent scenario and stress analysis
- Liquidity Risk
- Consideration of non quantifiable risks
- Model error
- Model validation
- Data quality
- Risk categories covered
- Flexibility of frameworks and assumptions to deal with contingencies
- Experience judgment

# ERM and ECM

- Not mutually exclusive
- ECM a subset of ERM
- ECM not necessary for all companies
- ECM may be a must for some companies
- ECM a quantitative tool with in ERM
- Partial models are possible
- Risk profile dictates the relationship
- between ERM and ECM ECM for Pricing of risk







