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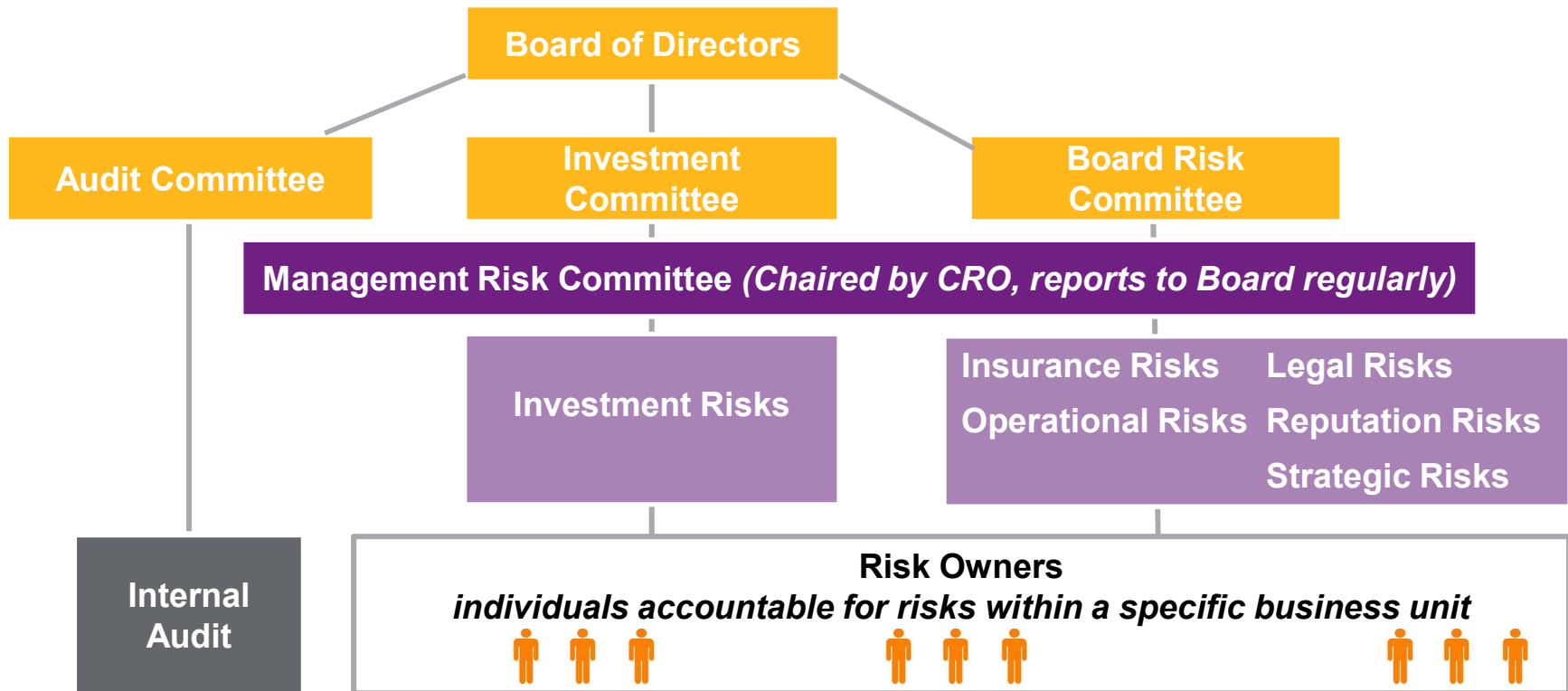
Tone from the Top



Five Key Management Roles



Board's Position in the ERM Org. Chart



ERM & the Board

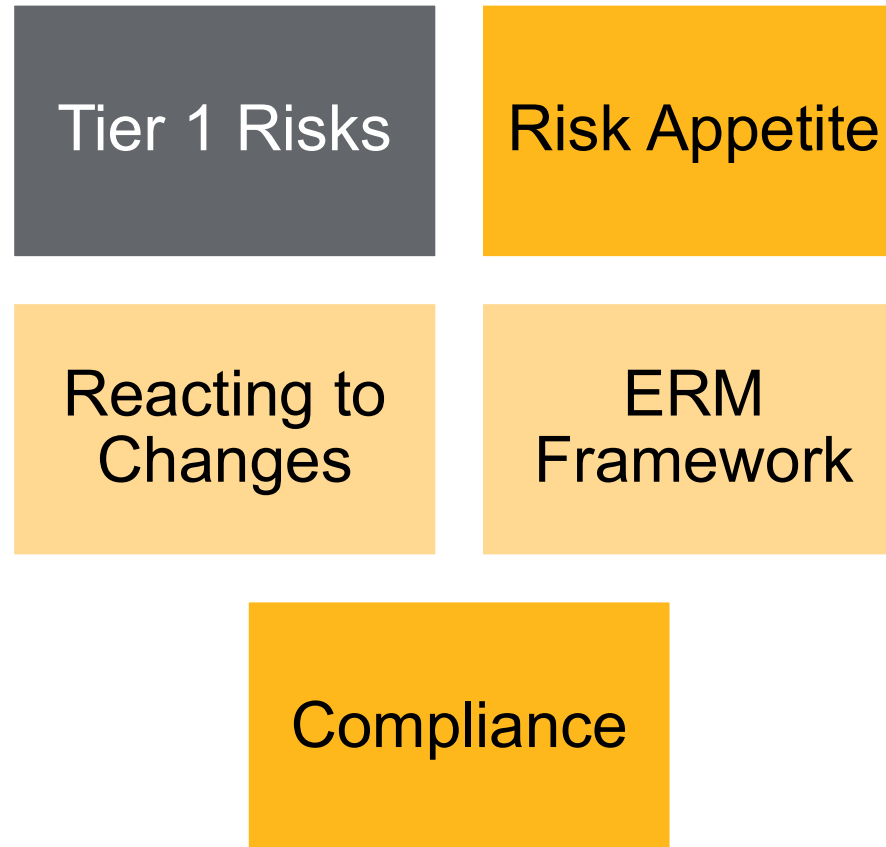
1. Five Board Roles
2. Key Considerations
3. Board Training

Today's Speakers

- Dave Ingram

Board Roles in ERM

Five roles



1. Discuss risk and risk management

Tier 1

- **Top 5 risks:** Board focuses on these
 - And makes sure management is looking after the rest

Tier 2

- **Top 10-15 risks:** senior management focuses on these
 - And makes sure risk owners are looking after the rest

Tier 3

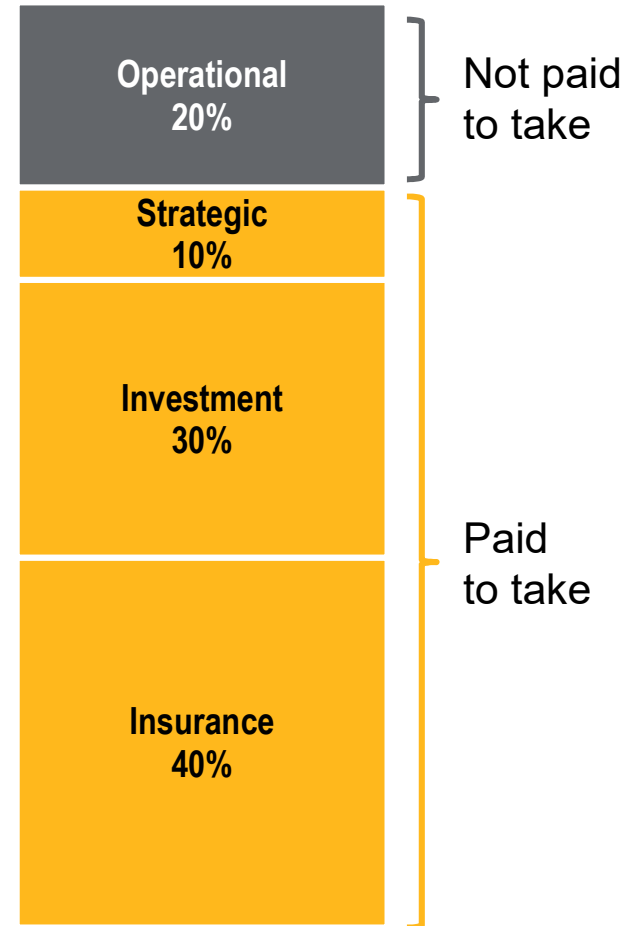
- No more than **20 – 30 risks total** on the register
 - Extremely lengthy risk registers can reduce perceived value and actual quality of risk management

Category	Risk examples
Insurance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Underwriting / pricing ■ Reserving ■ Specific LOB
Investment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Credit risk ■ Interest rates ■ Equity market ■ Liquidity
Strategic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Competition ■ Legislative and regulatory ■ Distribution ■ Customer preferences ■ Organizational change
Operational	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Compliance ■ Business interruption ■ IT management ■ Cyber security ■ Fraud ■ Human resources ■ Expenses ■ Reputational risk

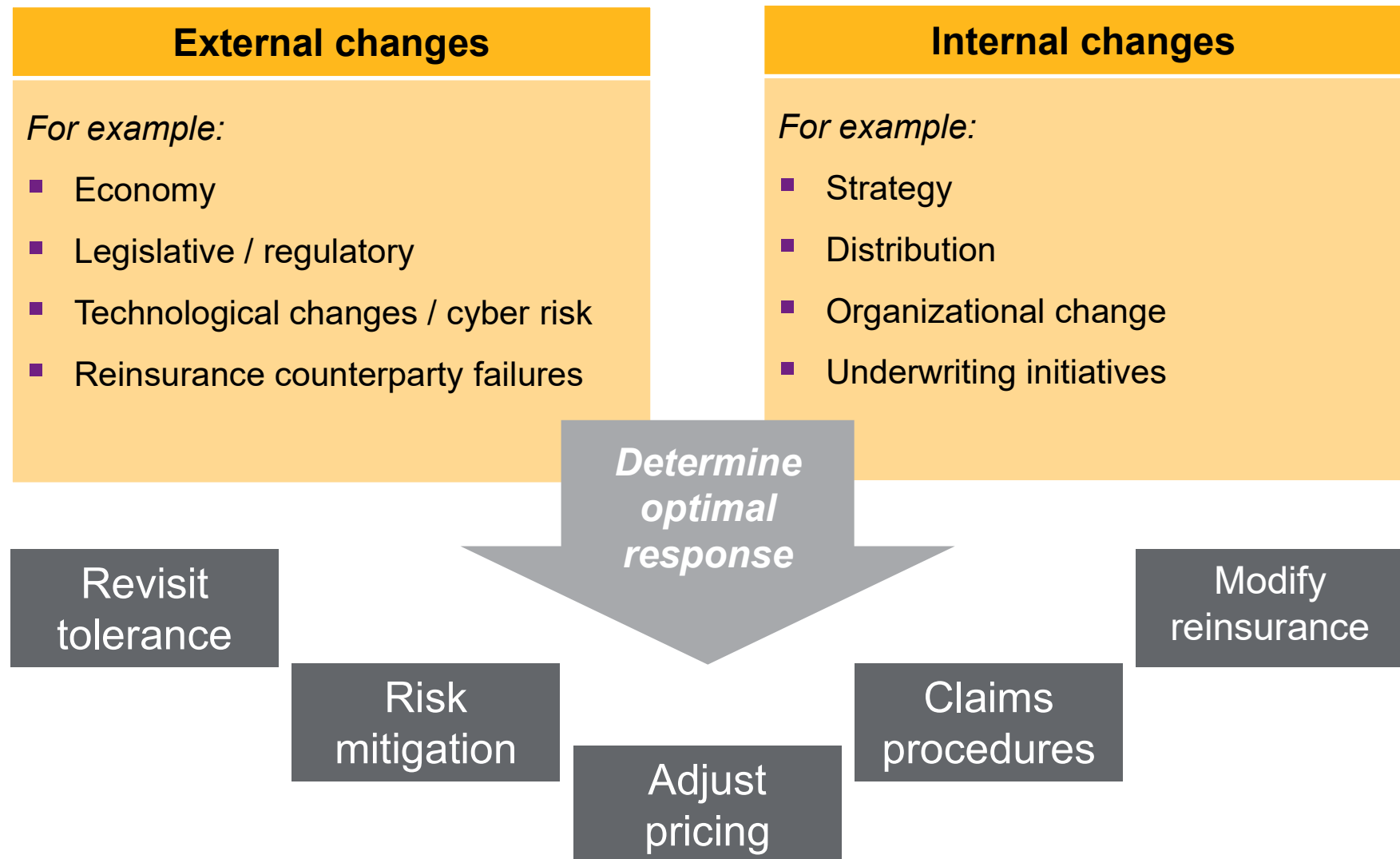
2. Approve plans for risk exposure

- Risk appetites, limits and tolerances for each risk category and sub-category
 - Overall risk direction
 - Grow risk faster than capital
 - Grow capital faster than risk or
 - Maintain balance of risk and capital
- Risk profile
 - How risk profile changed last year
 - How changes to environment may change risk profile
 - Plans for each major risk: accept, avoid, exploit, transfer, or mitigate
 - How these plans will change the risk profile this year

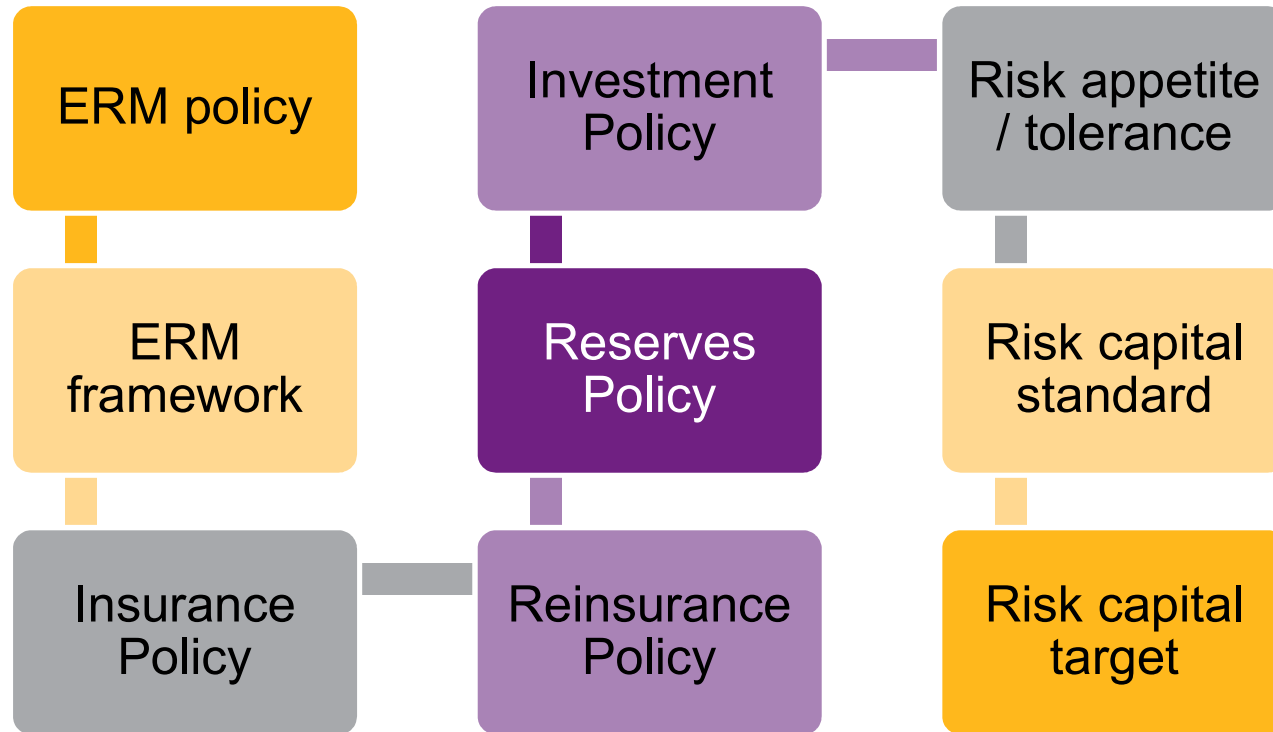
Typical insurer risk profile



3. Consultations on changes to major risks and proposed response

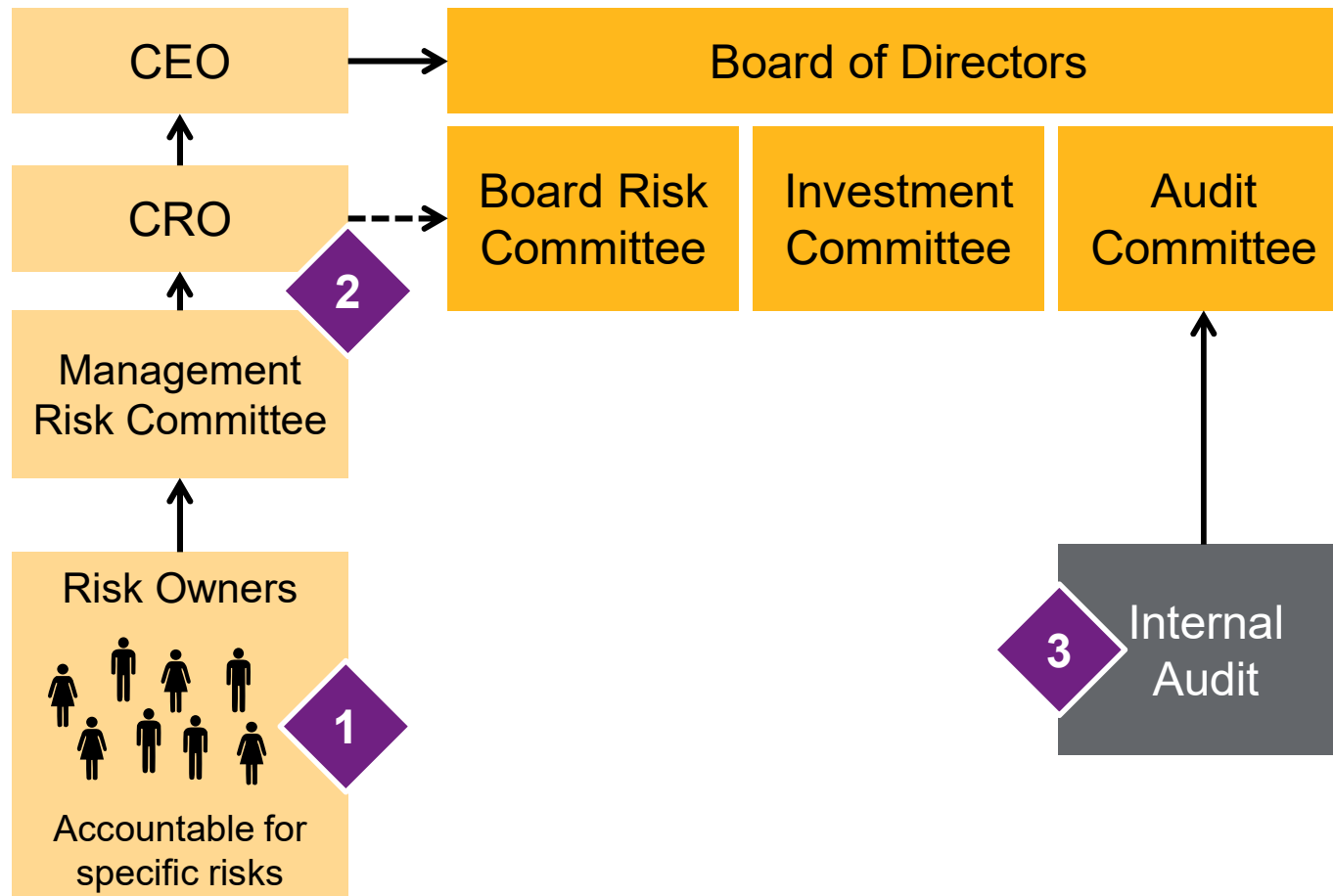


4. Approve policies and standards



5. Compliance oversight

Illustrative approach: “three lines of defense”



Three Levels of ERM

Board roles at each level



Board Roles Vary

Individual Risk Management

Tier 1 Risks	Attention to exposure to and management of these risks. Emerging Risk input.
Risk Appetite	Risk Limits for Tier 1 Risks.
Reacting to Changes	Sales, risk profile of sales, risk environment.
ERM Framework	Reliable and Flexible risk management.
Compliance	Risk acceptance, risk mitigation and risk limit enforcement.

Board Roles Vary

Aggregate Risk Management

Tier 1 Risks

Tier 1 Risks will make up most of aggregate risk exposure.

Risk Appetite

Aggregate Risk Appetite, Tolerance and Target.

Reacting to Changes

Shifting correlations of risks. Impact on Aggregate risk total.

ERM Framework

Approach to calculating Aggregate Risk.

Compliance

Risk Tolerance.
Risk Capital determination.

Board Roles Vary

Risk/Reward Management

Tier 1 Risks	Positive and negative variances are now part of ERM discussion.
Risk Appetite	Return for Risk expectation part of Risk Appetite.
Reacting to Changes	Changes in attainable profit margins.
ERM Framework	Approach to risk adjusting profits
Compliance	Watch for Out-of-the-Money Put.

Summary: management and Board ERM responsibilities

Management ERM Responsibilities

Activity	Timeframe
Monitor identified / emerging risks and ERM	Ongoing
Develop plans for targeted and maximum risk exposures	Annual
Monitor changes to major risks and propose responses	Ongoing
Develop / update ERM policies, standards & limits	Annual
Comply with ERM policies, standards and limits	Ongoing
Engage and train staff in ERM	Ongoing

Summary: management and Board ERM responsibilities

Board ERM Responsibilities

Activity	Timeframe
Regularly discuss identified / emerging risks and ERM	Annual / twice per year
Approve plans for targeted and maximum risk exposures	Annual
Consultations regarding changes to major risks and proposed response	Every meeting and/or as needed
Approve ERM policies and standards	Annual
Oversee compliance with ERM policies, standards and limits	Every meeting

Key Considerations

Diversity of
Viewpoints

Board
Education

Risk
Culture

Chief Risk
Officer

Key Considerations

Challenge

Shareholder
Stewardship

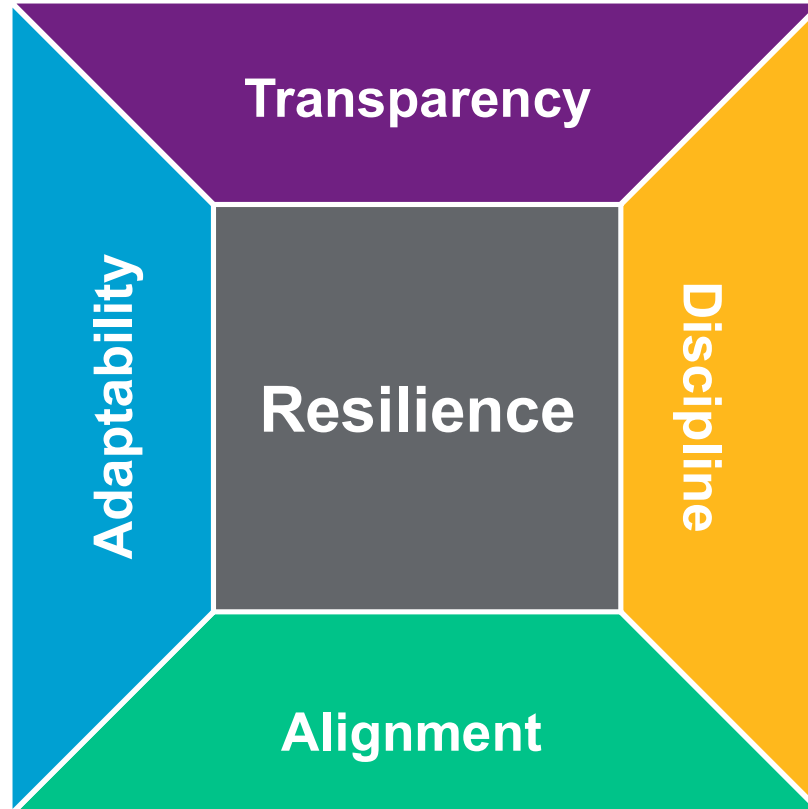
Management
Compensation



Conclusions



You want the Company to Get the Benefits of ERM



Effective ERM

- ERM is the link between operational management of risk and longer-term objectives
 - **The board plays a crucial role**
- The board has a primary responsibility to make sure that the company will be able to meet its obligations
 - This is largely delegated to management
 - But the board needs to
 - Be sure that management has a plan for risk management that could show the desired result
 - And that management is actually implementing that plan responsibly




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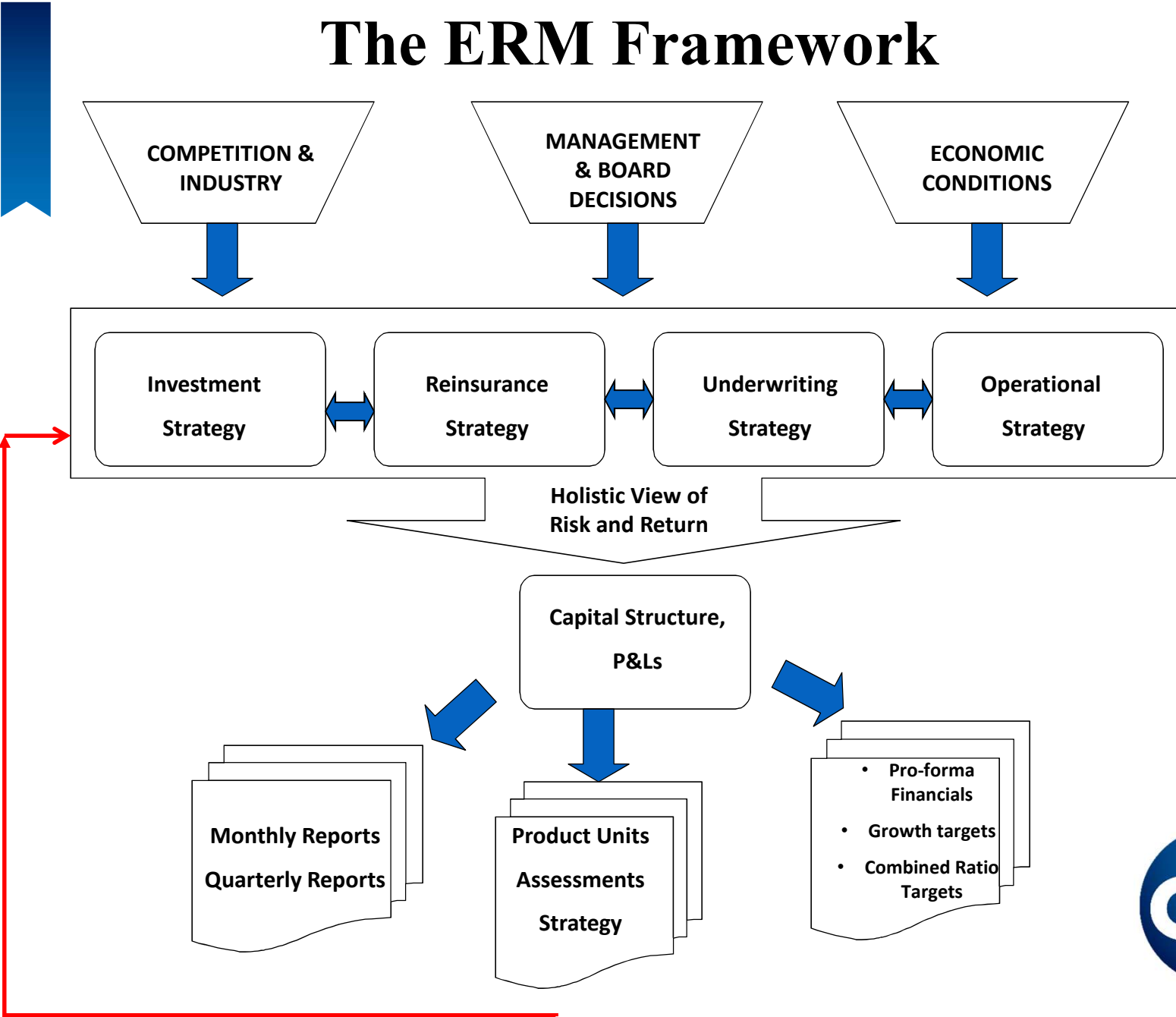


No One Size Fits All

- What I am sharing is what works for me
- Need to consider the audience and experience of the Board
- Need to flexible and adaptable
- Don't hesitate in keeping the details behind the curtain
- Be prepared to put in front of the curtain
- Keep the communications in front of the curtain to have a tone of transparent applicability, adaptability, and agility



The ERM Framework

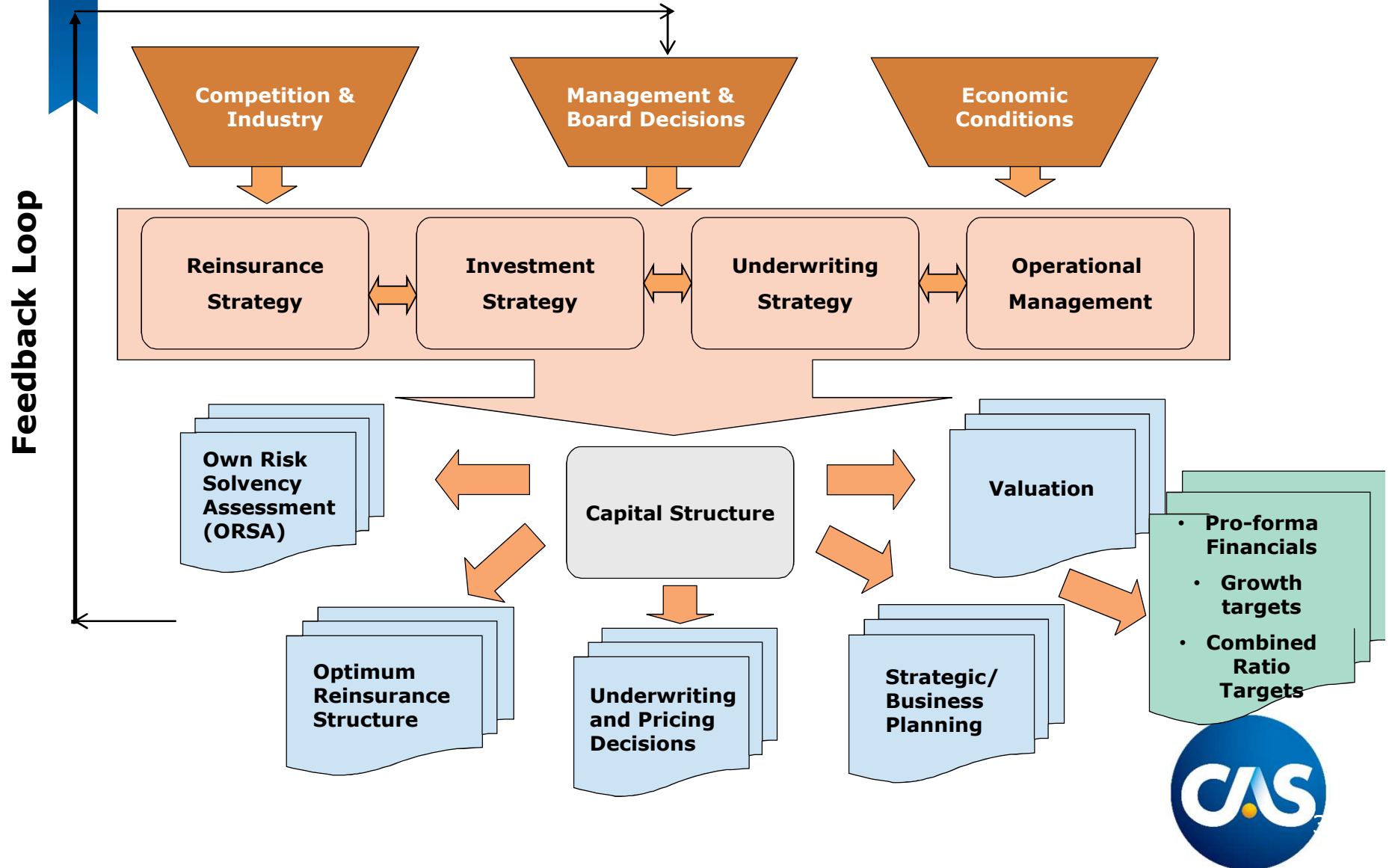




In Front of the Curtain



The ERM Framework





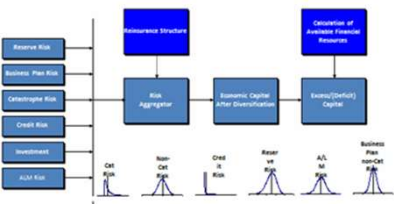
Behind the Curtain



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3 -5 Year Financial Pro-forma Forecasts Strategic Business Plans

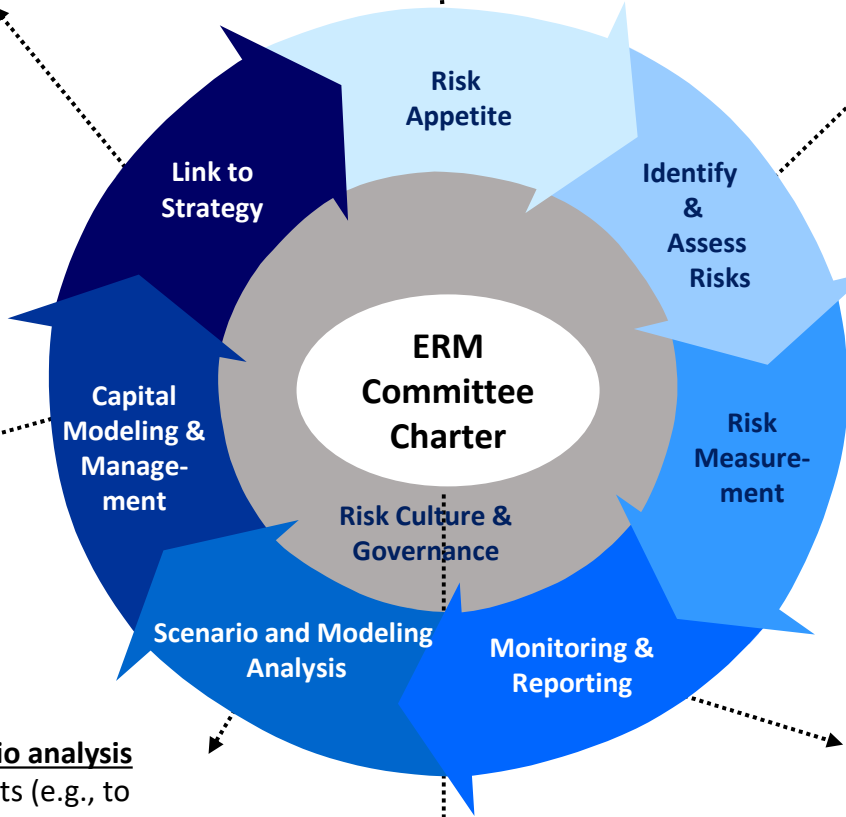
	Financial Targets/Goals (\$000s)		
	2019	2020	2021
Balance Sheet			
Cash and Investments	158,034	165,011	175,177
Total Assets	179,584	187,513	199,064
Loss and LAE Reserves			
Unearned Premium Reserves	71,655	70,107	70,308
Total Liabilities	100,924	99,447	100,928
Capital and Surplus			
Returns	80,137	86,584	93,578
	8%	8%	8%
Income Statement			
Gross Written Premium	49,853	53,753	58,760
Net Written Premium	47,609	51,334	56,116
Net Earned Premium	47,376	50,217	54,681
Loss and Loss Adjustment Expenses	(28,075)	(29,676)	(32,509)
Underwriting Expenses	(18,841)	(19,884)	(21,155)
Net Underwriting Gain /Loss	459	657	1,017
Operating Ratios			
Loss and LAE Ratio	59.3	59.1	59.5
Expense Ratio	39.6	38.7	37.7
Combined Ratio	98.8	97.8	97.2
BCAR Target			
Target Best Rating	B++ (OP)	B++ (OP)	A- (OS)



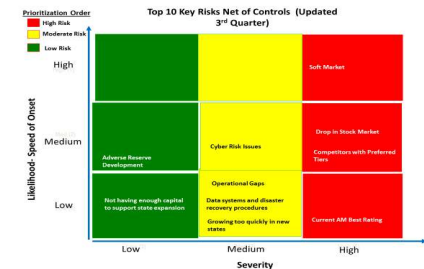
Establish Risk Appetite and Risk Tolerance for risk taking in pursuit of strategic objectives

Identify and assess significant key risks

- Discussion
- Pairwise Risk Surveys



Measure risks
Risk Map
Stochastic Modeling



- **Stress testing and scenario analysis**
- Assessing potential impacts (e.g., to capital, earnings, etc.)
- Economic Capital Modeling
- Assessing Impacts to BCAR, NAIC RBC, etc.

Sound Risk Governance,

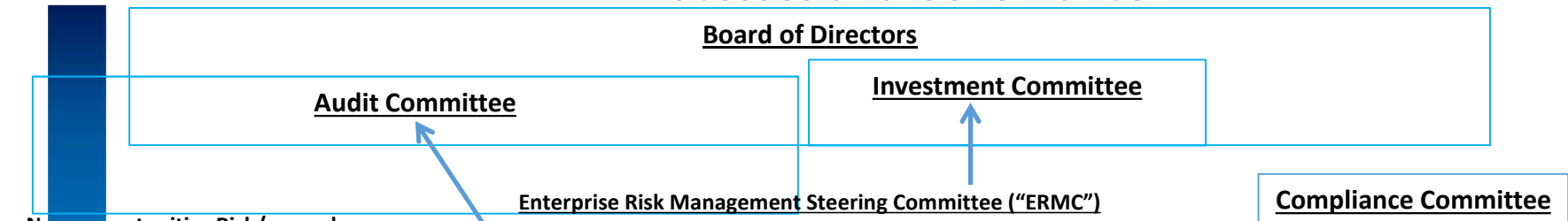
- Risk Awareness and Transparency
- ERM Report to Board,
- Advisement to Audit Committee, Investment Committee, Compliance Committee

Management Reports

- Risk Register
- Total Risk Exposure
- Leverage Ratios
- Own View- Economic Capital Modeling
- 3 -Year Forecasts
- BCAR Score
- NAIC RBC Score



ERM Processes and Governance



New opportunities Risk/reward assessments

Task/Issue	Role/Lead	Risk of Success (Green/Yellow/Red)	Next Action, Comment(s), or Timing
Market Research and General Feasibility Assessment of the State-Criteria- is the state economic environment favorable and conducive to favorable pursuit of opportunity?	Chief Actuary Underwriting	Green	New State of Omicron, unemployment low, economic growth in health and education sectors, claim consciousness low
Underwriting Expertise- Do we have the capacity, expertise, and assigned roles to engage/head launch?	Underwriting	Yellow	
Producer Connection- there is at least one market entry or the feasibility of attaining at least one market entry?	Underwriting	Green	
IT and Systems are in Place to support new Product/New State- is IT prepared for recruitment Rates Analysis, Fined and Approved, Rating Algorithms in Place	IT	Red	
Terms, Fines and Approvals	Chief Actuary	Yellow	Base Rates Established via corresponding LCM, Next Action- file rates this week, State 3' Filings
3-5 Year Financial Forecasts and Strategy- is strategy reasonable to justify supporting venture? - is there a reasonable forecast to support being in a profitable position within 24 months of launch?	Chief Actuary Finance	Yellow	
Capital Management and Support- Do we have sufficient capital or can	Chief Actuary Enterprise Risk	Red	

The Terms of Reference of the ERMC is defined below:

Ultimate Goal: Increasing the Company's short and long-term value to its stakeholders.

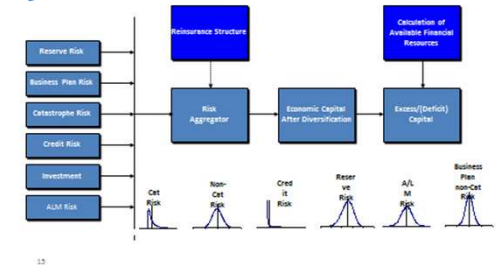
Ownership:

- Economic Capital Management
- Risk Registers, Key Risk Indicators, and Risk Maps

Accountabilities:

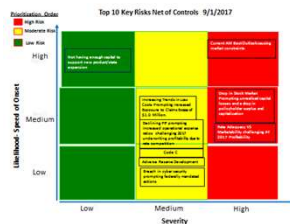
- Identifying/Quantifying/Integrating "Risks and Opportunities" underlying the ERM Policies of the Organization
- Assessing and Managing the Capital Adequacy of the Company and "Own Risk Solvency Assessment"
- Developing the Company's own internal economic Risk Based Capital Model, used for discussions and communication with regulators and rating agencies
- Assessing and Monitoring Risk Mitigation and Risk Management Controls of the Company
- Developing and Assessing Key Risk indicators (KRI) as a Function of Key Performance Indicators (KPI)
- Assessing New Initiatives and Strategies within a Risk/Reward Framework
- Assessing the Opportunities and Risks Associated with the introduction of new product lines and/or territories outside the scope of the Company's Current Business

Economic Capital Management



Risk Map

Risk Identification and Ranking



Managing Risk Appetite Relative to Risk Tolerance

- Goals
 - A target combined ratio of 102% or less
 - A target return on equity of 10 percent
 - Achieving and maintaining an A- or better rating from A.M Best
- Risk Appetite
 - Retention of net catastrophic risk less than or equal to its peers
 - Avoidance of excessive underwriting volatility and operational risk
- Risk Tolerance
 - Quarterly impact from underwriting results not greater than 10 percent of forecasted earnings
 - Net 1 in 100 probable maximum surplus loss limited to 10 percent of capital
 - Net 1 in 250 probable maximum surplus loss limited to 15 percent of capital
 - A reinsurance retention limit that is 1.5- 3.0% of the company's statutory surplus

Risk Register Risk Mitigation

Risk	Description	Consequences	Controls/Next Actions	Category
Reputational Risk	Current AM Best Outlook	Hiding Company Risk in Agents not providing the Company to underwrite the best risks	Communication Plan with Agents Meet with Best on (2022) with quarterly communications thereafter	High
Competition Risk	Declining Policies in Force (PF)	Increased operational fixed expense ratios holding company back, in achieving target profits in 2017	Expense Analysis and Benchmarking Develop 5-year Strategic Plan	High
Competition Risk	Risk Inadequacy % Variability	Threat to 2017 underwriting profitability	Develop Actual/Underwriting Strategy for H2, Q4, Q1	High
Investment Risk	A significant drop in stock market can drag on shareholder surplus significantly	Waking further surplus, increasing risk for a downgrade and removing the "negative outlook"	Develop/Recommend a capital budgeting communications plan ERMOC Develop/Recommend ALM Strategy for Investment Committee	High
Cyber Risk	Breach in cyber security	Violating federally mandated actions AND LAWS/STTS	IT Development of Cyber Security Plan Finance Review Gap in Cyber Insurance Gap with our brokers	Medium
Code C	Gap in Compliance in our policy forms and rules	Risk of fines and reputation	Include Terrorism and Natural Catastrophe Policy Forms Subsidiaries Identify the Rating Algorithm Gap	Medium
Expense Risk	Reinsurance Attachment Point exceeding ERMC recommended risk appetite	Exposure to \$2 Million claims increases uncertainty in pricing and reinsurance profitability	Perform cost/benefit analysis of various retentions Reconsider existing alternative reinsurance structure considering Aggregate excess deductibles	Medium
Exposure Risk	Adverse loss development	Adverse Development of loss	Quarterly Reserves Identify Strategic Initiatives in Place Large Claim-Reserveless Insurance into overall strategy/initiatives	Low



Risk, Return, and the Cost of Supplied Funds



Supplied Funds

Let K = Policyholder Supplied Funds = Premiums Less Loss Payments

Let S = Shareholder Supplied Funds = Capital to Support Insurance Operations

Assets

$K+S$

Liabilities

K

Capital

S



Marginal Balance Sheet Impact

Let R_A = Return on Assets which supplied by both policyholders and shareholders.

R_L = Cost of Float. Investing policyholder Supplied funds until needed.

R_E = Cost of Capital. Shareholders Return on their investment

Returns
 R_A

Costs
 R_L

$K+S$

K

S

Costs
 R_E

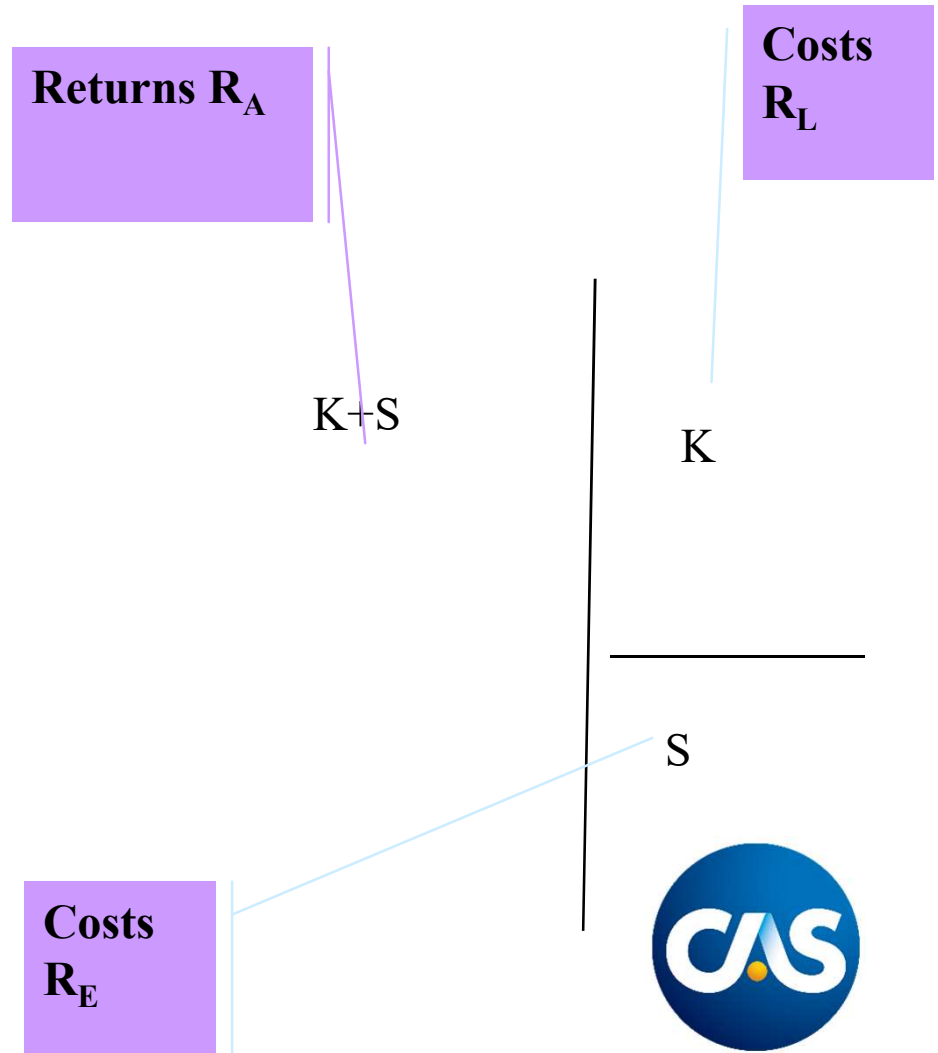


Marginal Balance Sheet Impact

Let R_A = Return on Assets supplied by both policyholders and shareholders.

R_L = Cost of Debt. Borrowing From Policyholders. Borrowing PHSF

R_E = Cost of Capital. Using SHSF



Marginal Balance Sheet Impact

This relationship develops into the generally accepted view that an insurance company is a tax disadvantaged leveraged trust.

Returns R_A

Costs R_L

$K+S$

K

Levered Trust

Re-Arranging

$$(K+S)R_A = KR_L + SR_E$$

$$S(R_E - R_A) = K(R_A - R_L)$$

$$\text{So } R_L = R_A - (S/K)(R_E - R_A)$$

Let R_U = Underwriting Profit Margin

Let P = Premium

$$R_U = -K R_L / P$$

$$\text{Target CR} = 1 - R_U = 1 + K R_L / P$$

Costs R_E





Balancing Equilibrium

Financial Markets



$$S (R_e - R_A)$$

=

$$K(R_A - R_L)$$

Creating
Value

Product Markets

Product
Pricing



Positive Economic Returns on Underwriting if $R_A > R_L$
($R_u > - (K/P) R_A$)

Target CR= $1 - R_u < 1 + K R_L/P$
Combined Ratio $< 1 + K R_L/P$



Growth Considerations

- High growth rate means more risk
 - Means more ROE should be demanded (increase cost of capital R_e)
 - Or more capital (S) is required
- Reinvested Capital = Required Ending Capital - Beginning Capital
- Reinvestment Rate = Reinvested capital / Net Income
- Growth Rate = Reinvestment Rate x ROE



Caution on Growth Assumptions as they are very sensitive to valuation

We use

$$\text{Valuation} = \text{Book Value}_0 + \sum_{t=1}^{\infty} E[\text{Abnormal Earnings}_t] \frac{1}{(1+Re)^t}$$

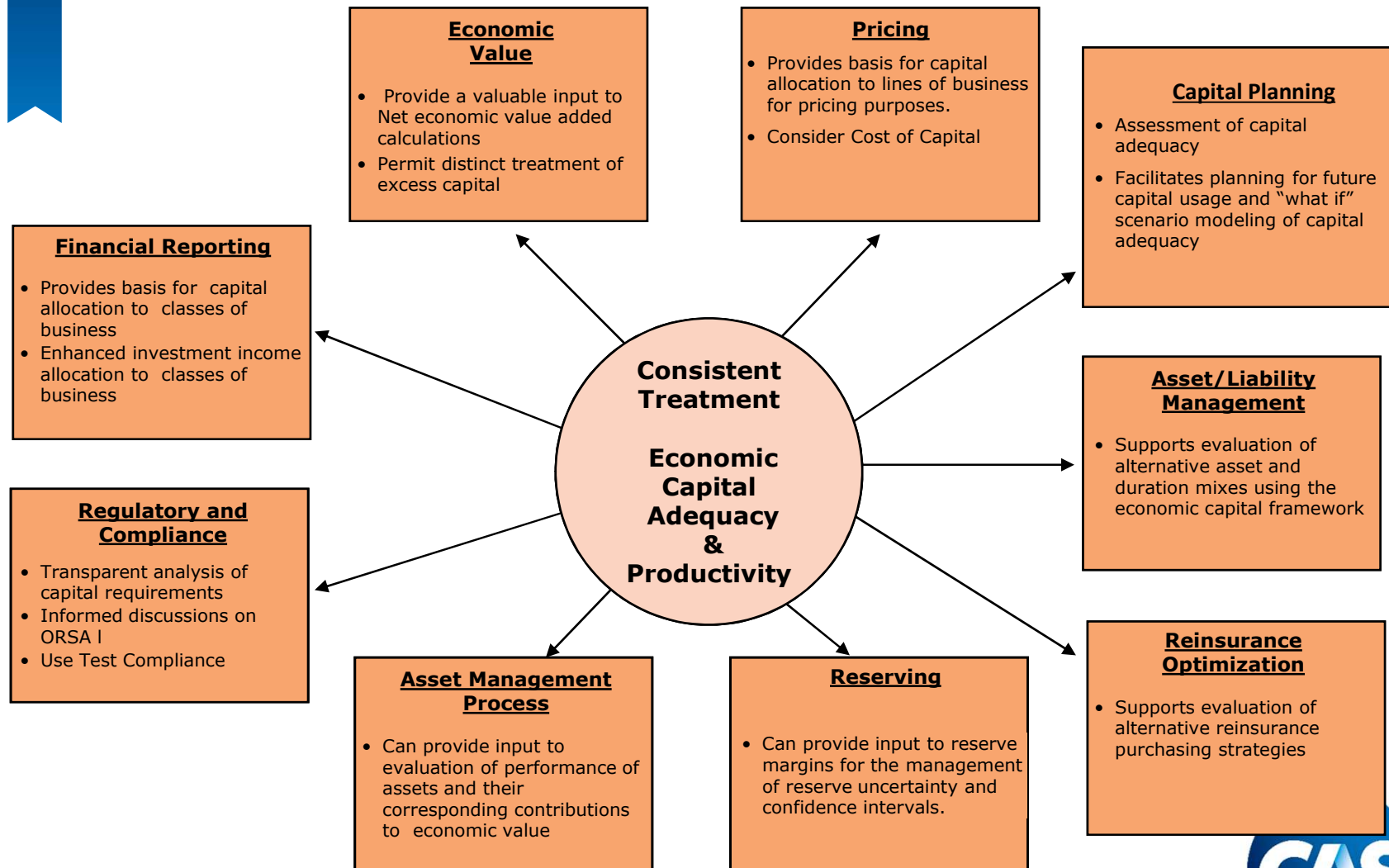
With a 3 year projection period + Terminal Value

$$\frac{\text{Price}}{\text{Book}} \text{Value} = 1 + \frac{\text{Projected Constant ROE} - Re}{Re - \text{Growth Rate}}$$

$$\frac{\text{Price}}{\text{Book}} \text{Value} = 1 + \frac{\text{Projected Constant ROE} - R}{Re - \text{Grow Rate}} \times \left(1 - \left[\frac{(1+\text{growth rate})}{1+Re}\right]^n\right)$$



Embed/Integrate/Adapt Discussions: strategic decision-making, pricing & underwriting



The Pairwise Risk Survey- a very useful tool for me



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Which of these two risks presents more danger to your organization in 2019?

Strategic Direction & Opportunities Missed

Unethical Use of Data

I can't decide

9152 votes on 59 ideas

Add your own idea here...

Involve the Board in these surveys





In Front of the Curtain



Structure the Presentation in Three Themes of Capital Management

Capital Adequacy

- To have sufficient economic capital for its ongoing operations in the interest of gaining the necessary confidence in the marketplace, its policyholders, its investors, and its regulatory supervisors

Capital Productivity

- In consideration of its inherent risks, to yield a rate of return deemed a reasonable and acceptable reward given its risk appetite by the providers of its economic capital in the interest of the creation of value

Capital Protection

- To align its strategic objectives and 1-3 year business plans to be consistent with its risk appetite and risk tolerance



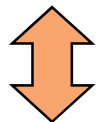
I ALWAYS FRAME IT IN THIS CONTEXT

An economic capital and RAROC framework provides the measures needed to better manage risk and return

$$\text{RAROC} = \frac{\text{Risk-Adjusted Return}}{\text{Economic Capital}}$$

How much am I earning on the capital that I have committed to the business to satisfy the **shareholder** (policyholder)?

How much capital is needed to ensure that **policyholders** are paid in the event of a stress scenario?



CAPITAL PRODUCTIVITY

Compare RAROC with Hurdle Rate



CAPITAL ADEQUACY

Compare Economic Capital with Available Financial Resources (AFR)



Should we grow in a Product Line/Territory ?

Let P = Return and C = Capital. Then the insurer is better off by growing a line or region et.el. if:

$$\frac{P + \Delta P}{C + \Delta C} \geq \frac{P}{C}$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \cancel{P \cdot C} + C \cdot \Delta P \geq \cancel{C \cdot P} + P \cdot \Delta C$$

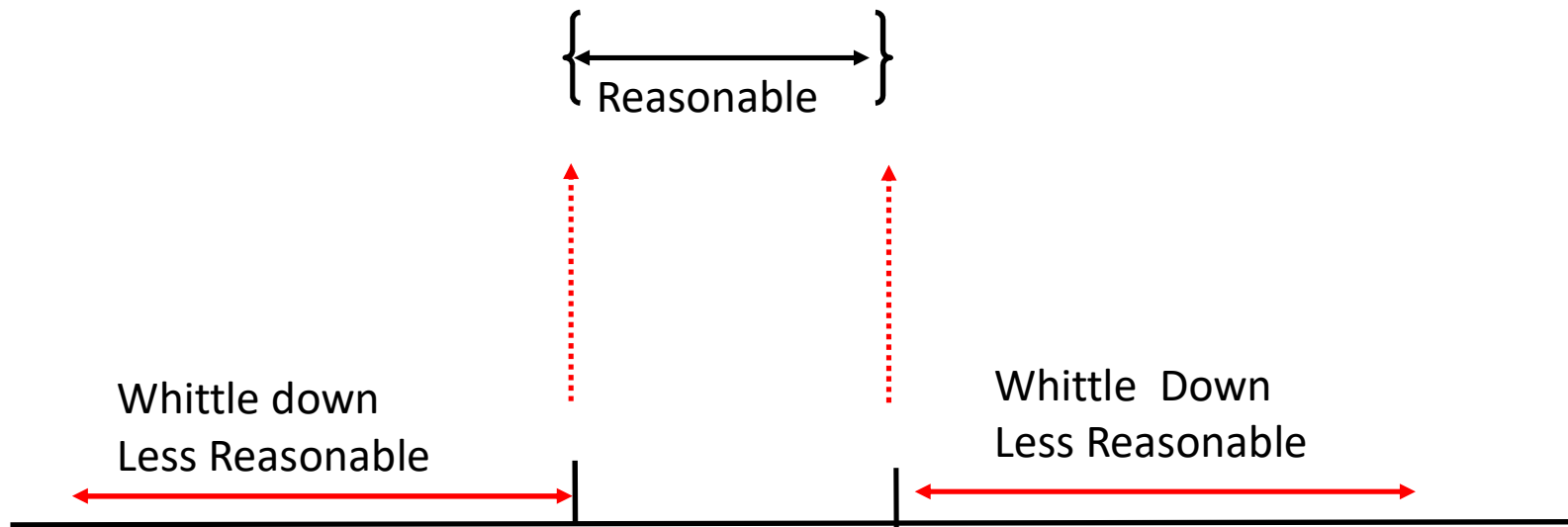
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☐ Marginal return on new business > return on existing business.



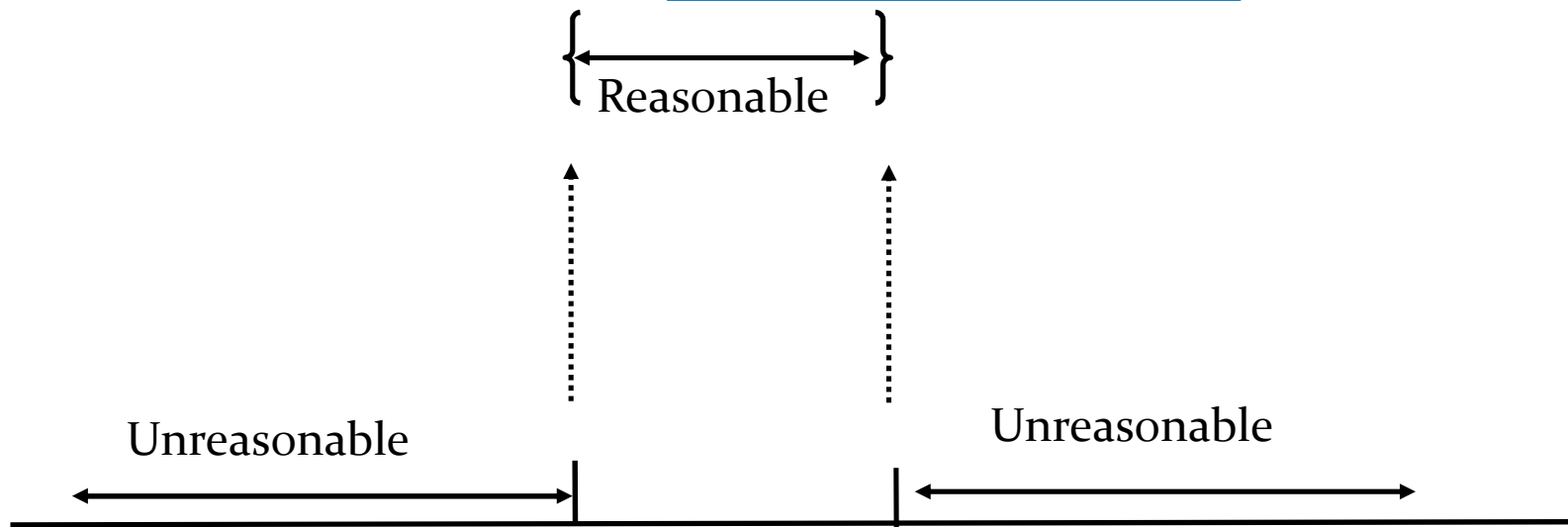
It always starts with Reserves

What's Your Reasonable Range?

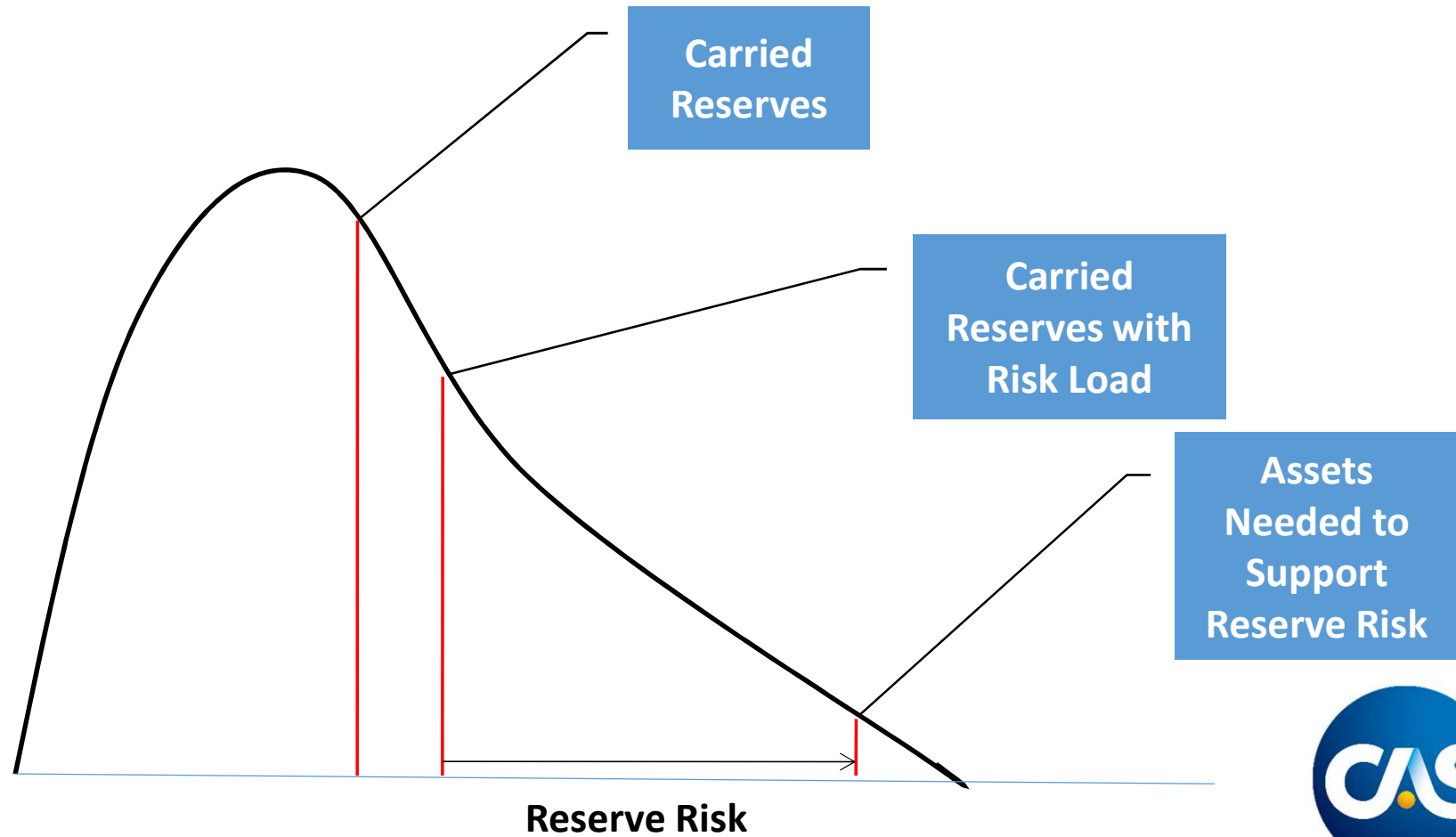


What is a Reasonable Range?

That which is Not Unreasonable



Risk Loads



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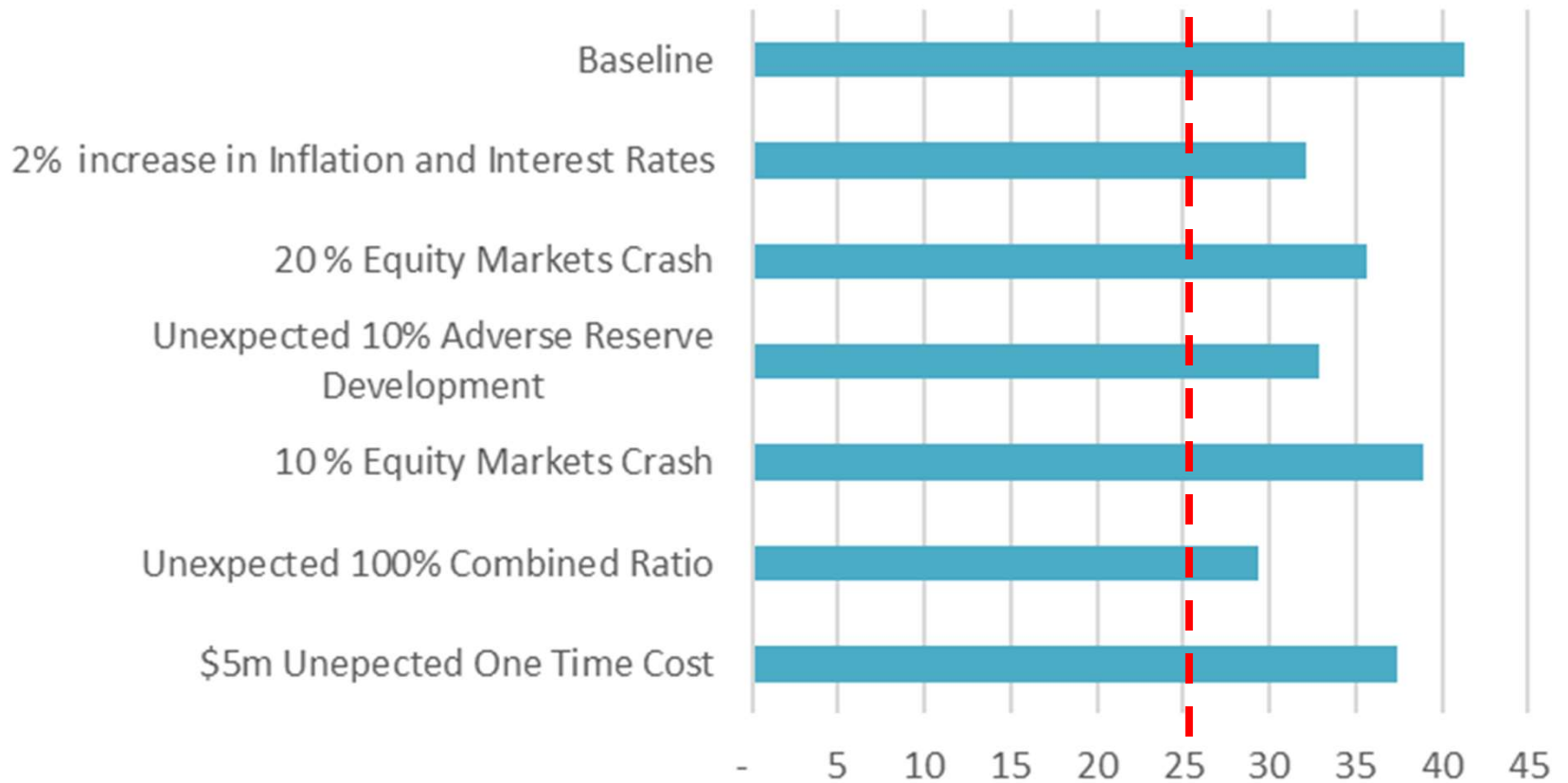
$$\Leftrightarrow \cancel{P \cdot C} + C \cdot \Delta P \geq \cancel{C \cdot P} + P \cdot \Delta C$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \frac{\Delta P}{\Delta C} \geq \frac{P}{C}$$

☐ Marginal return on new business > return on existing business.



Stress Testing Capital Strength



Example of stress testing shocks



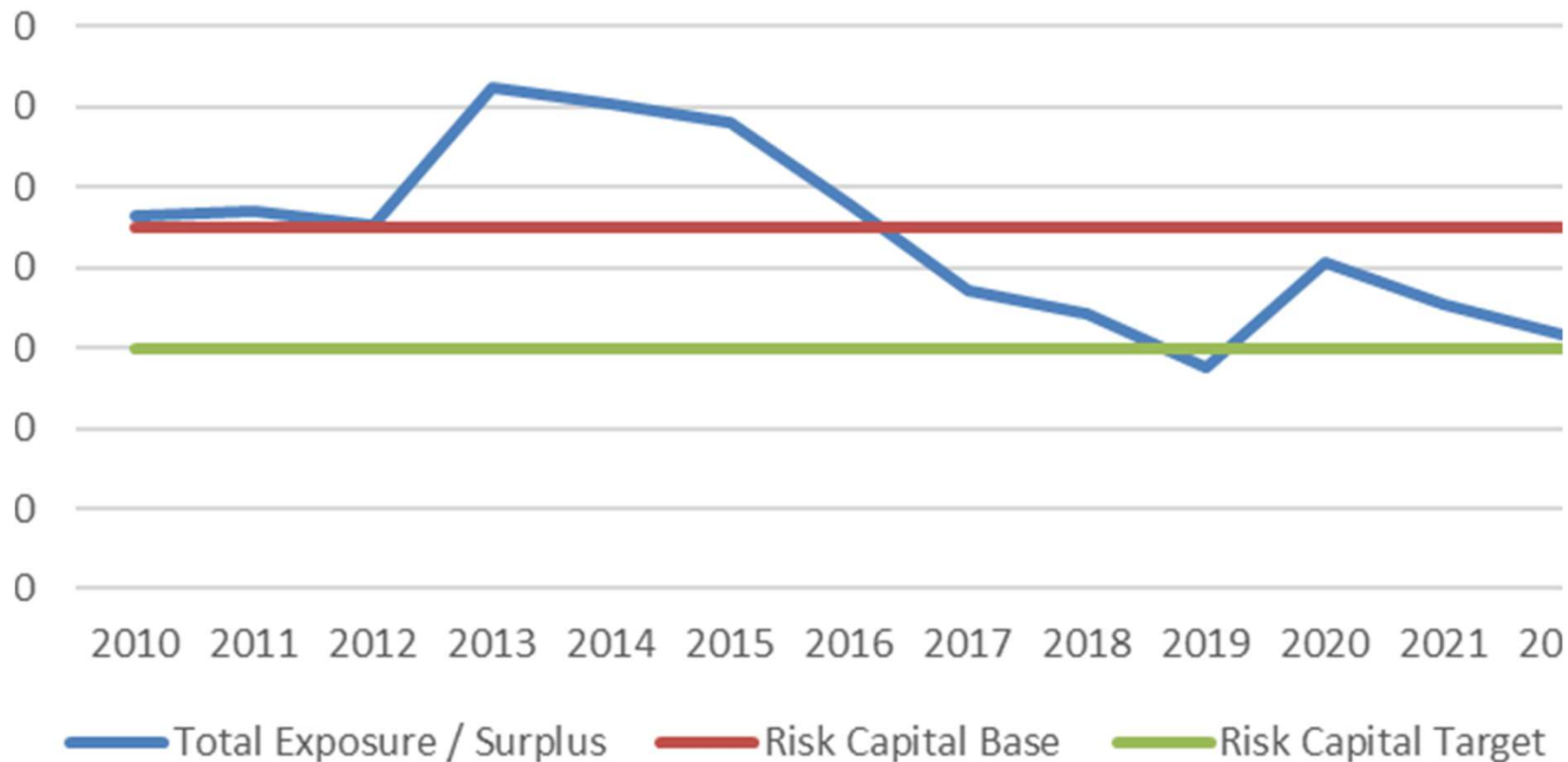
Example of stress testing when things come out of nowhere

Risk Appetite Metrics	Actual @12/31/2019	Target Baseline @12/31/2020	Scenarios	Stress Testing Combined Scenarios:		
				20% stock market decline	25% stock market decline	30% stock market decline
Net Written Premium/Surplus Ratio	0.5	0.5	110% Combined Ratio	0.6	0.7	0.7
Net Leverage Ratio < 2.0 *	1.7	1.6		2.2	2.3	2.4
Total Risk Exposure Ratio = (2.5-3.25) **	2.4	2.2		2.9	3.1	3.2
Surplus (\$000,000)	84.4	92.9		69.2	65.9	62.6
BCAR Score >25	45	50		35	32	29
Net Written Premium/Surplus Ratio	0.5	0.5	115% Combined Ratio	0.6	0.7	0.7
Net Leverage Ratio < 2.0 *	1.7	1.6		2.3	2.4	2.5
Total Risk Exposure Ratio = (2.5-3.25) **	2.4	2.2		3.0	3.2	3.3
Surplus (\$000,000)	84.4	92.9		67.5	64.2	60.9
BCAR Score >25	45	50		32	29	26
Net Written Premium/Surplus Ratio	0.5	0.5	120% Combined Ratio	0.7	0.7	0.7
Net Leverage Ratio < 2.0 *	1.7	1.6		2.4	2.5	2.6
Total Risk Exposure Ratio = (2.5-3.25) **	2.4	2.2		3.2	3.3	3.5
Surplus (\$000,000)	84.4	92.9		65.7	62.4	59.1
BCAR Score >25	45	50		30	27	23



Risk Appetite Total Risk Exposure/Surplus

Very Useful
Presentation Tool
for me



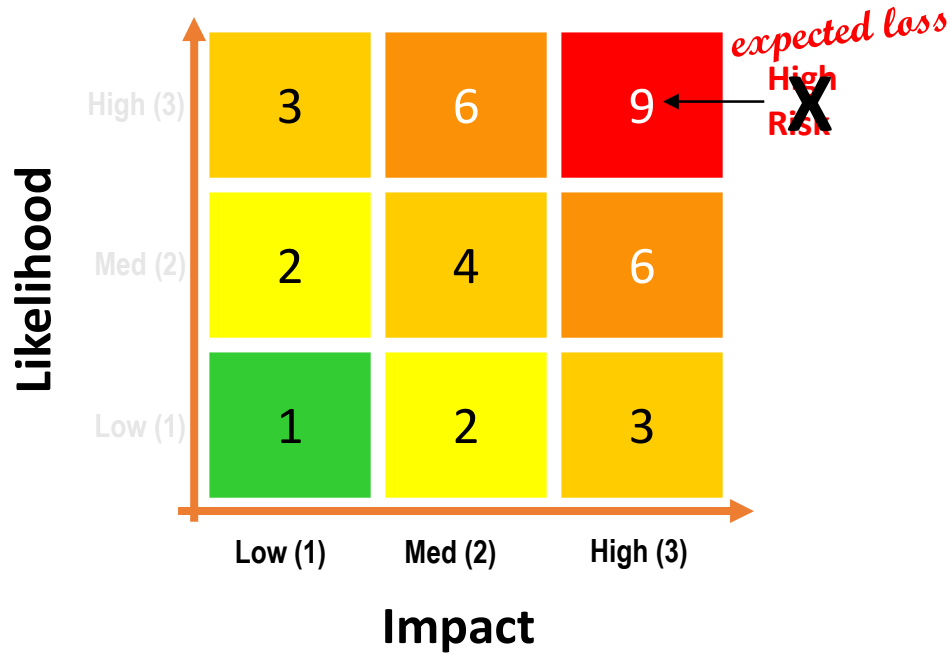
#	Factor	Field
1	Premiums	Net Premiums Earned
2	Reserves	Loss and LAE Reserves
3	Investments	Common Stock
4	Expenses	Expenses x Direct Commissions
5	Catastrophe	ex. 1-in-250 All Perils

Provides Guidance in Driving
Risk Appetite Discussions and
Growth Capacity



Focus on top 10 Risk Themes

Traditional



Focus



Pot them in the buckets



Risk Appetite and Goals



Goals

- A target combined ratio of 98.0% or less
- A target [return on equity](#) of 10 percent or more
- A.M. Best Capital Adequacy Score (“BCAR”) in “Strongest” Category
- Achieving and maintaining an A or better rating from A.M. Best



Risk Appetite

- Retention of net catastrophic risk less than or equal to its peers
- Avoidance of excessive underwriting volatility, asset risk, or operational risk
- Maintain Leverage Ratio < 2.1
- Maintain Total Risk Exposure Ratio >2.5<3.25
- Maintain Stock Portfolio Percentage < 20% on total investible funds
- Maintain Stock Portfolio Beta < 1.1
- Fixed Income Duration <= 5 Years



Risk Tolerance

- Quarterly impact from underwriting results not greater than 10 percent of forecasted earnings
- Net 1 in 100 probable maximum loss (PML) limited to 10 percent of capital
- Net 1 in 250 PML limited to 15 percent of capital
- Remote chance of asset loss greater than 10 percent of capital in any one year
- A reinsurance retention limit that is 0.5- 2% of the company’s statutory surplus



High Level Risk Metric Dashboard

Measure	2020 Target	Year-end 2019	January	February	March	April	May	June
Reserve Adequacy (Risk Margin)	>3%	10%			8%			
Overall Rate Adequacy Index (Projected Loss Ratio/Permissible Loss Ratio)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.97			
Target State Loss Ratios (Net Loss and LAE)	64%	63%			65%			
Capital Adequacy (BCAR)	>40	est 41-45			41			
Return on Equity (ROE)	>10%	15%			TBD			
ERM: Maintenance of Overall Risk Appetite	Yes/Check	Yes/Check	Yes/Check	Yes/Check	Yes/Check			
Net Leverage Ratio	<2.0	1.7			TBD			
Total Risk Exposure Ratio	<2.7<3.25	2.4			2.8			
Stock Portfolio Percentage	<= 20% investible funds	20%			35%			
Stock Portfolio Beta	<=1.1	1.1			1.05			
Fixed Income Portfolio Duration	<5.0 Years	4.5			4%			
ERM: Maintenance of Overall Risk Tolerance	Yes/Check	Yes/Check	Yes/Check	Yes/Check	Yes/Check			



Hard Discussions - Recommendations with the non-executive members of the Board (Audit Committee)



Incentive compensation requires appropriate alignment with desired performance



Nobody should have the authority to make decisions without accountability.



Do Not Assume we Can Get Rid of the Risk Tomorrow for the same Price as Today



Modeling and Management Must consider the Behavioral Decisions of people.



Risk Managers Must Question the Answers





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