Capital Management Strategies for a Life Company Solvency Ratio projection and anti-cyclical mechanisms

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## Is the evaluation of effective Solvency Ratio sufficient for managing the business?



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### Key drivers for projected Solvency position in different Solvency frameworks



Guarantee profile	4		<b>(</b>	
Liability duration	-	-	•	<b>C</b>
Mortality profile	4	0	÷	
Policyholder behaviour	4	-	<b>(</b>	<b>(</b>
Reserve amount	<b>()</b>	<b>(</b>	<b>(</b>	
Asset Allocation	4	-	<b>(</b>	<b>(</b>

Under Solvency I perspective:

→ <u>capital management and consequently optimization</u> can be performed separately on assets and liabilities, without considering any potential interaction between them as Solvency I is a static measure based on static figures

 $\rightarrow$  <u>capital optimization</u> is mainly driven by the potential following actions:

Action	Capital Release	Capital generation
Reinsurance	<b>(</b>	<b>_</b>
Debt issuance		<b>()</b>
Capital injection (by SH)		<b>()</b>
VIF Monetisazion		<b>()</b>
CAT Bond	<b>(</b>	<b>e</b>

## Solvency 2 – Capital optimization

Under Solvency 2 perspective (*but not only*), <u>Capital management and consequently</u> <u>optimization</u> can be performed on assets and liabilities, considering both the <u>impact on</u> <u>Risk Capital and Available Capital</u> and the <u>dynamic interaction between assets and</u> <u>liabilities</u>.



## Where were we?: the theoretical framework



- The Capital management may collide with the technical challenges of "measuring the capital".
- The methodology for developing the economic capital calculation and its projection is largely driven by the wide adoption of the 1-year VAR metric for the calculation of the Capital Requirement
- 1-year VAR calculation is based on the variability of the 1-year market consistent balance-sheet
- It requires the definition of a set of realistic 1-year risk factor outcomes.
- In each of these «realistic» scenario the MC Balance sheet is estimated using 1.000 riskneautral scenarios
- Implementation challenges led to models based on «instantaneous» stresses of the risk factor

# Year 1: a stochastic simulation approach



Portfolio features:

- average residual duration of the contracts: 10 years
- minimum guarantee: 1% yearly consolidated ("cliquet")
- profit sharing: 80/20 participation, where the fund return exceeds the guarantee

- Definition of a 10.000 1year "real world" determination of the sources of risk underlying the business.
- Each scenario then gives rise to a set of 1.000 financial market consistent scenarios in which the fund value is calculated.
- This type of calculation provides with the full distribution of the fund value, allowing the VAR calculation for any desired confidence level, in line with the risk-appetite of the shareholder

### Year 1: a stochastic simulation approach – PDF and guarantee levels



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## Year 1: Economic Capital and financial guarantee mechanism



- The focus now is on the guarantee type, moving from a "cliquet" mechanism to a "at maturity" guarantee
- This type of guarantee is "less" onerous, increasing the Fund Value and reducing its volatility
- At the 99.5% confidence level the Solvency Ratio goes up to 302% (218% for the Cliquet type)
- The comparison with the "cliquet" type of guarantee shows an increase in the Free Surplus of 27%

## **Economic Capital Projection:**

#### From one year to multiple years : the theoretical framework



- The calculation approach for the "1-year calculation" can be generalised to multiple years, repeating it in each projection time of interest:
  - Extending the "realistic" simulation (path dependent) till the period of interest
  - > In each realistic scenario, starting from the projection year, the MC Balance sheet is estimated using 1.000 risk-neautral scenarios
- While the procedure is «conceptually straighforward», there are big implementation challenges in practice: ranging from big computational demand to actuarial models limitations, 11

## **Economic Capital Projection:**

## Forward projection of economic capital requirements



### **Economic Capital Projection and counter cyclical measures (LTGA):**

How does the counter cyclical measure affect the Economic Capital?



• The free surplus increases from 7.8 mln (without any counter cyclical mechanism) to 10mln (+28%).

#### **Economic Capital Projection and LTGA:**

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### **Economic Capital Projection and LTGA:**

How does the counter cyclical measure affect the Economic Capital?



The inclusion of a "countercyclical" mechanism reduces the volatility over the lifetime of the contracts

• The reduced volatility decreases the SCR, producing an higher surplus

# From theory to practice:



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scenarios

## Solvency Ratio Projection: a simplified approach (2/2)



#### Liability Portfolio in a single REAL WORD projection



#### A single REAL WORD projection





Liability Portfolio split by multiple DRIVERS in t=0 (e.g. guarantee, duration, EXI/NB,..)

FORWARD LOOKING MEASURE for evaluating Solvency Ratio in the next years

#### Forward looking measures to manage «tomorrow» Solvency ratios



#### Capital optimization example: stategic asset allocation



Market drift

- Risk budgeting definition & limits projections
- ✓ Monitoring target solutions
- ✓ Definition of clear assumption framework

SAA Market Values	Target	Lower Band	Upper Band
Liquidity and Govt. FRN Bond	3.9%	1.0%	15.0%
Government FIX Bond + I/L	52.1%	43.0%	62.0%
Corporate FRN Bond + ABS +HY	11.7%	8.5%	15.5%
Corporate FIX Bond	19.0%	12.0%	27.5%
Equity	7.4%	1.5%	10.0%
Alternative Investments	1.5%	0.0%	2.0%
Real Estate	4.2%	2.5%	7.5%
Total	100.0%		
Duration (with deriv.)	6.50	5.00	8.00
% Corp on Tot FI	35.4%		

Bands Sensitivity	Lower Risk Allocation	Higher Risk Allocation	LB
Δ% RAC vs. Target	-38.1%	31.8%	
$\Delta$ Portfolio Assets Volatility	1.2%	-1.1%	_



