

Economic Capital

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- **DEPFA Economic Capital Project (DEC)**
 - Started in September 2006
 - Submitted the ICAAP application by end of June
 - Internally ICAAP and ECAP are used synonymously
 - Very strong buy in from EC (steering committee of the project) and business lines
 - Progress has been good

- **Market Risk**

- Current combination of Delta Normal VaR and Historical Simulation VaR used for Economic Capital purpose
- Challenge in scaling from 10 day 99% VaR to a 1 year 99.97% VaR
 - Square root of T method
 - Management intervention factor

- **Liquidity risk capital is hard to define and quantify**

- Asset liquidity
 - Captured by credit spread volatility and market risk
- Funding liquidity
 - Stress testing
 - Scenario analysis
 - A robust internal process

- **Credit rating**
 - A comprehensive suite of rating models exists and has been in use for a number of years
 - These models have been validated and are under further development
- **Credit portfolio model**
 - A Merton type Credit Portfolio Model has been implemented
 - The choice DEPFA has made is based upon data availability, theoretical tractability and explainability
 - Full migration approach
 - Economic value methodology
 - Implemented in Algorithmics

There are two sets of parameters for the credit risk Economic Capital calculation

Correlation structure

- **Reflects the degree to which assets' creditworthiness move together**
- **Consists of two sets of parameters**
 - 'Systematic risk drivers,' representing the overall health of a country, region, or sector
 - 'Specific weights', indicating how much an asset moves for its own reasons
- **Allows a better understanding of the concentrations in the portfolio**

Migration parameters

- **Governs the changes in asset values due to migration**
- **Consists of two sets of parameters**
 - 'Migration probabilities,' representing the likelihood of a change in the credit quality of an asset
 - 'Migration impact,' measuring the change in value resulting from a migration
- **Leads to the specific size and shape of the value distribution**

- **Operational Risk**

- Currently the operational risk capital is calculated based on the Basel II standardized approach (TSA)

- **DEPFA recognises and manages other types of material risk, namely, business risk:**

- Business risk is the risk of loss due to changes in the external environment that damage the underlying operational economics. It consists of:

- Reputational risk; the risk from adverse perception of DEPFA on the part of clients, counterparties, investors or regulators
- Strategic risk; the risk due to adverse business decisions, improper implementation of decisions or lack of responsiveness to changes in business environment. Long term strategic risk (>1 year) need not be capitalized
- Regulatory risk; the risk that regulators will change or impose rules that negatively impact positions already on the books

- **Risk aggregation**

- In calculating Economic Capital, a VCV (variance-covariance) approach is currently taken to account for diversification between the risk types
- The Algorithmics model will incorporate correlation between credit and market risk (which form the majority of the material risk); operational and business risk will continue to be treated with the basic VCV approach

Usage

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- **Capital Adequacy Assessment**
 - Economic Capital vs Available Financial Resources
 - Makes more intuitive sense than Pillar I capital vs Own funds
 - Done on a regular basis
 - Risk Dashboard
 - Presented to ExCo and Board of Directors
 - More detailed reporting produced on a regular basis
 - Cornerstone for everything else

- **External Reporting**
 - Regulators
 - Pillar II
 - Rating Agencies
 - Changing requirements from the rating agencies
 - S&P are building their methodology to include ECAP
 - Other rating agencies are also incorporating into their rating methodologies
 - Investors and debt holders
 - Increasing interest from both investors and debt holders
 - Will become a focal point of risk discussions going forward – Pillar III

- **Strategic Planning and Capital Budgeting**
 - Capital allocation among business lines
 - Politically loaded
 - Very important to do in a transparent manner
 - Business line growth and performance targeting
 - Strategic plans are gauged going forward against the capital usage and expected revenues
 - Capital forecasting – basically using the ECAP framework with the banks budget
 - Can be quite difficult to set up and estimate
 - Strategic scenario analysis
 - Look at the strategic plans in the light of different scenarios
 - These scenarios should not be confused with stress testing scenarios

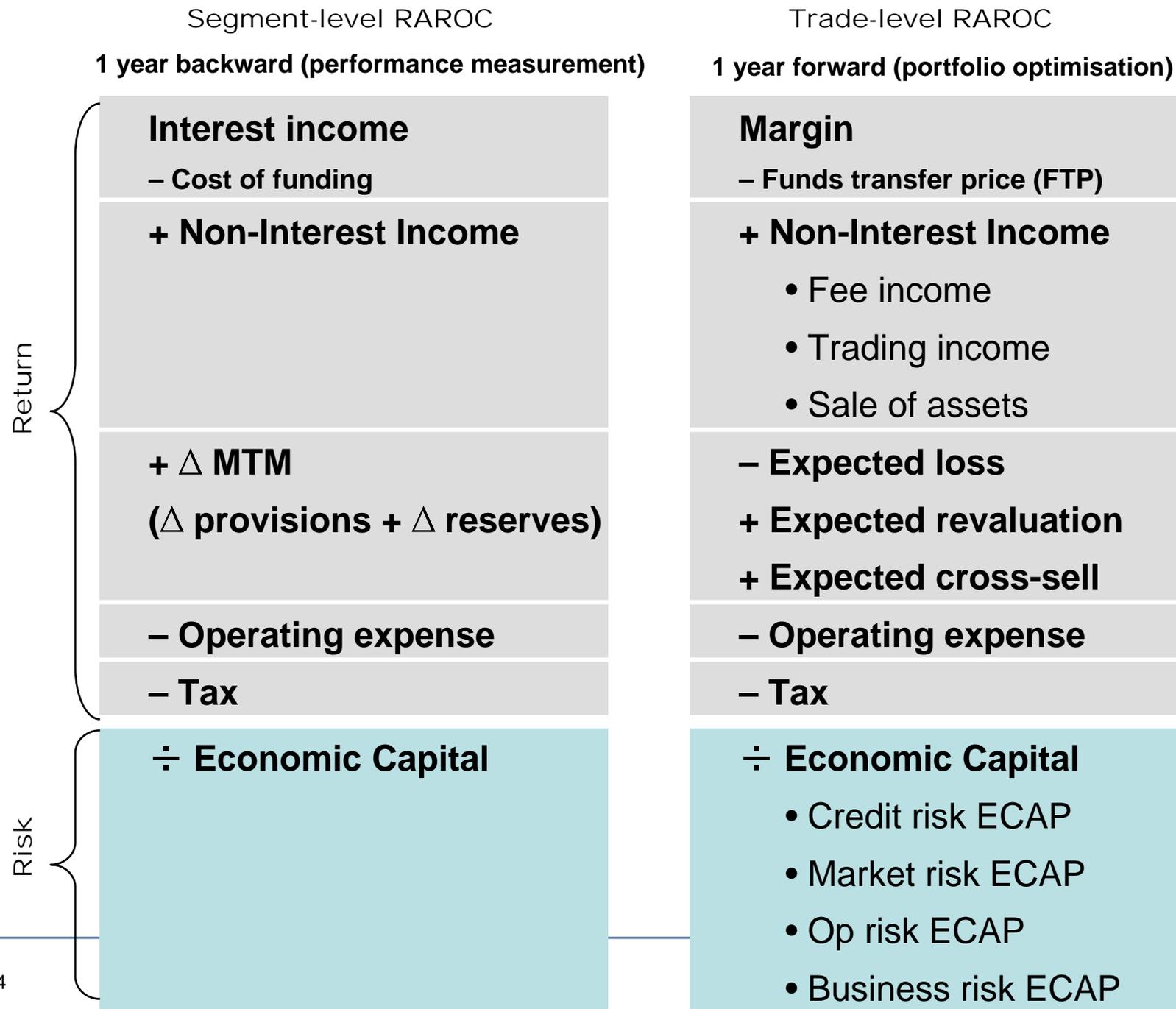
- **Education**

- ECAP is an incredibly powerful tool to educate the bank in terms of risks
- Senior management
- Front office
- Risk departments
 - Risk is managed in silos
- Back office

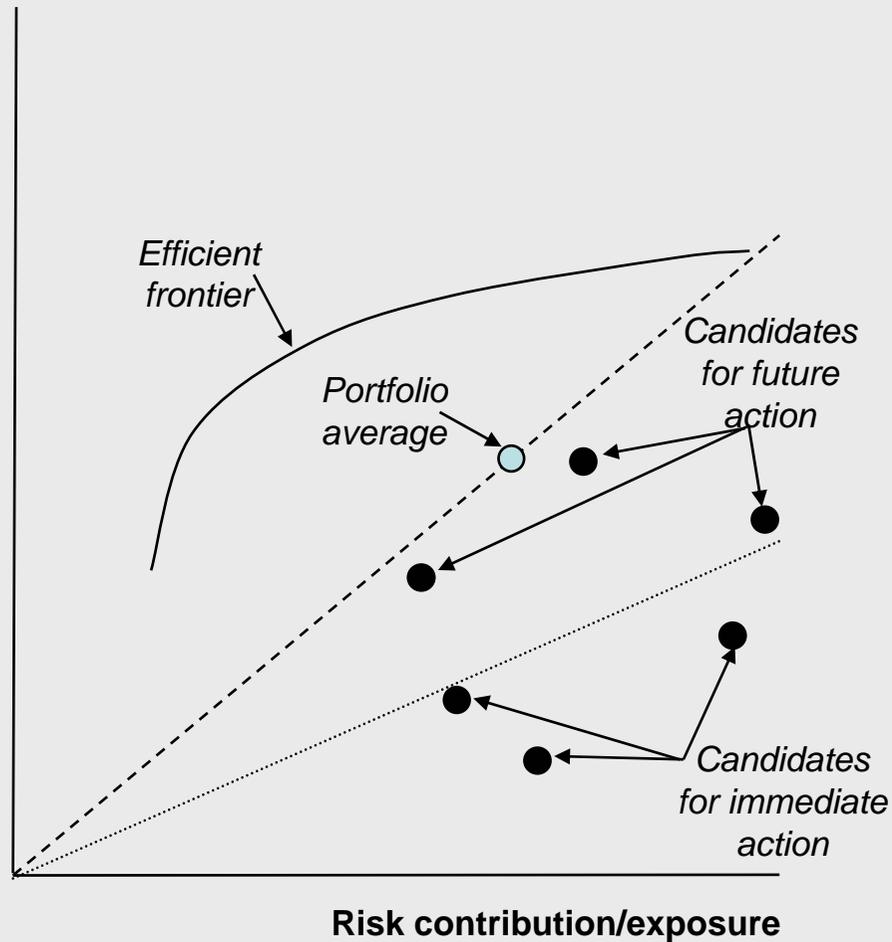
- Done right – this can be the cornerstone of the risk culture in a bank

- **Risk and Performance Analysis**
 - RAROC and EP
 - Allocation of capital benefit
 - Hurdle rate
 - Cost of capital
- **However, no Economic Capital Framework is complete without these types of measures**
- **Risk-Based Pricing of New Opportunities**
 - Risk Adjusted Return on Capital

RAROC establishes a consistent risk-return framework



Return / Exposure



▪ Decision criteria

- On-strategy vs. off-strategy
- Return per unit of risk
- Absolute amount of risk

▪ Tools

- Portfolio Review
- Risk Based Pricing

▪ Actions

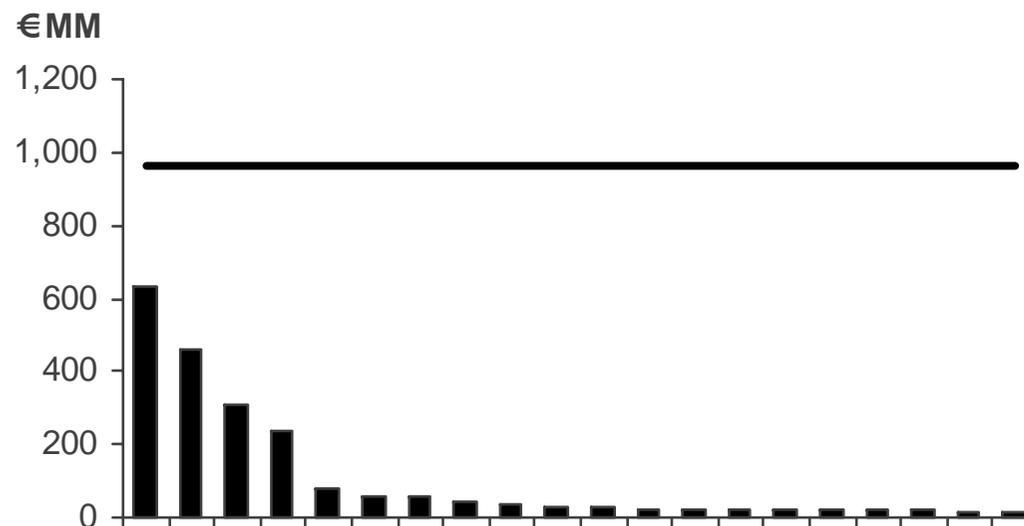
- Risks currently in the portfolio
- New risks being considered

Aims of limit setting

- **Risk control**
 - Limit setting reduces concentration risk, hence the potential loss to the institution in a downturn
- **Regulatory compliance**
 - Regulatory limits specify the maximum amount that can be lent to one client, group, or sector
- **Adherence to risk appetite**
 - Limit setting reduces the risk of missing earnings and other targets

Concentration risk management for DEPFA

- **DEPFA currently has limits for:**
 - Counterparties; regulatory capital limits
 - Country risk; based on Group assets, GDP, and regulatory capital
 - Product and term
- **The aim is to include more risk-sensitive measures**



- **A Major Improvement on previous approaches but..**
 - Aggregation across risk types and portfolios is at best approximate
 - Accurate distributions of Operational and Business risks are difficult
 - Simple assumptions on correlations between different risk types
 - Integrated Credit & Market models are rare
 - Comparing with Book Capital as a Solvency Measure is Questionable
 - Book Capital does not correspond to Economic Capital
 - Comparison to Market-based measure of available capital is more appropriate
 - This requires full knowledge of portfolio market value, which can be difficult due to liquidity, lack of market data and questionable mark-to-model assumptions.
 - Economic Capital may not be consistent with Management Goals
 - Economic capital is based on the management of extreme losses
 - Management are more concerned with volatility of earnings
 - Loss and earnings distributions are different - Risk-based pricing using economic capital measures reduces large loss risks, but not volatility of earnings

Basel II

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ICAAP and the governing documents

