

Risk based capital and its importance for insurers

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The RBC journey

No Solvency Standard

Factor-based solvency
standard

Risk-based solvency standard

Internal model based
solvency standard

Global points of reference



Bangladesh



Nepal



Myanmar



India



Pakistan



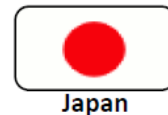
Vietnam



Brunei



South Africa



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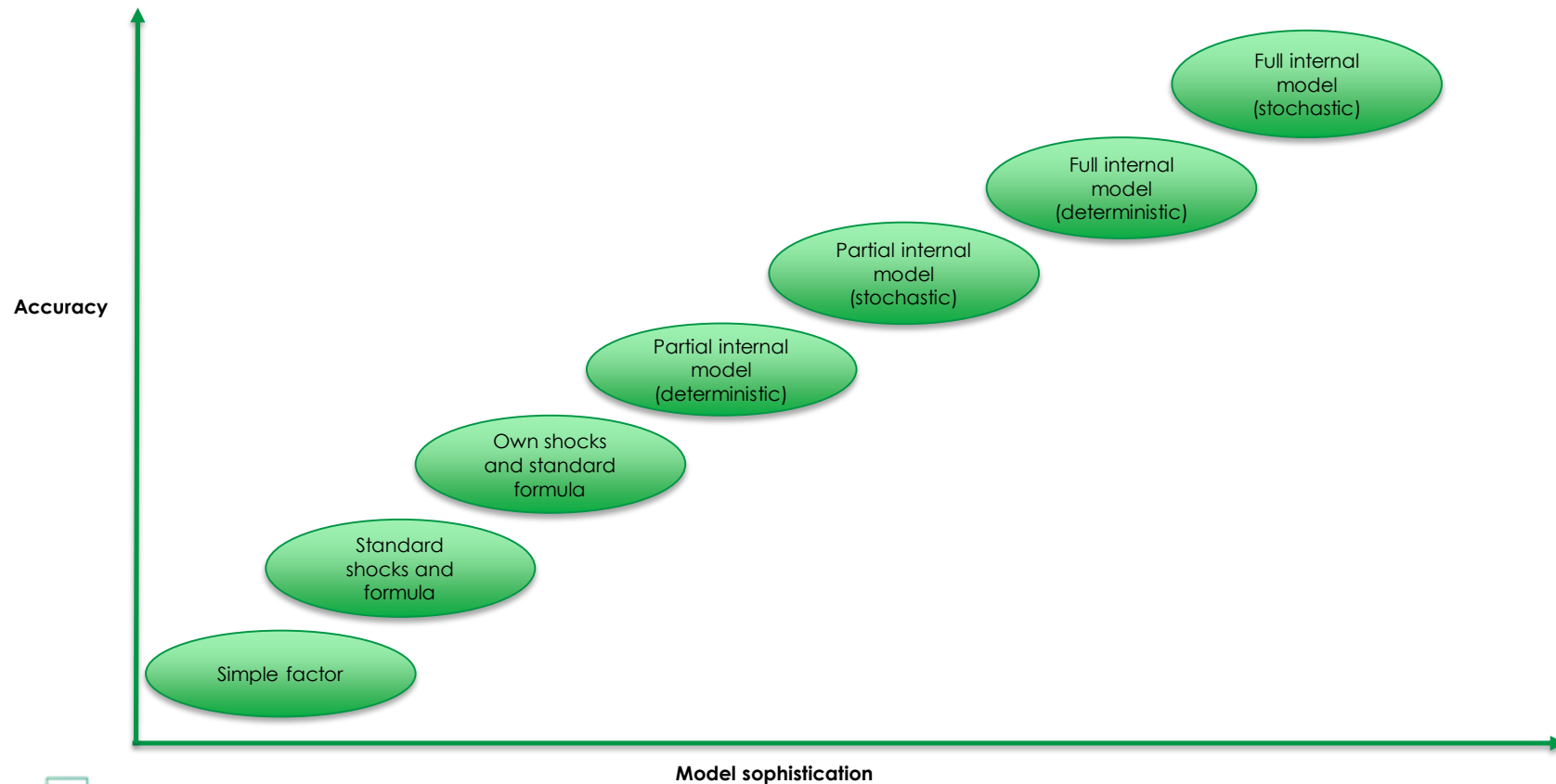
Australia



China



Capital Models





Is there a best capital regime, or just a better one?

Some characteristics to consider

1. Comparisons
2. Probability of solvency
3. Liability basis
4. Asset basis
5. Relevance
6. Credit for risk mitigations, e.g.
 - i. Reinsurance
 - ii. Management actions
 - iii. ALM
 - iv. Internal governance and controls
7. Early warning
8. Cost effective
9. Scope of risks covered
10. Monitoring and consequences of breaches

Capital regimes

1. Fixed amount
2. Tiered fixed amount
3. Function of premiums and or reserves
4. Market based solutions
5. Reliance on a profession to self govern
6. Risk based capital

Also consider

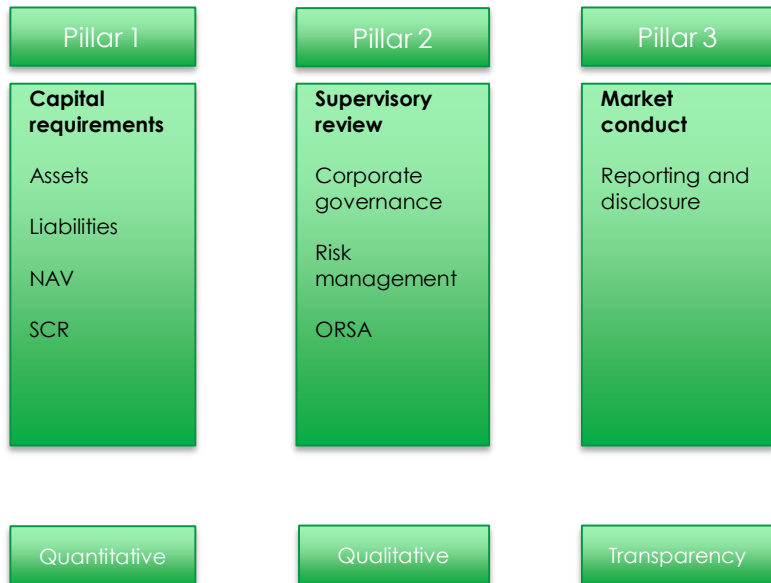
1. Impacts on asset classes
2. Impacts on product classes
3. Systemic risks
4. Equivalence
5. What happens if there is an insolvency?



RBC regime - overview

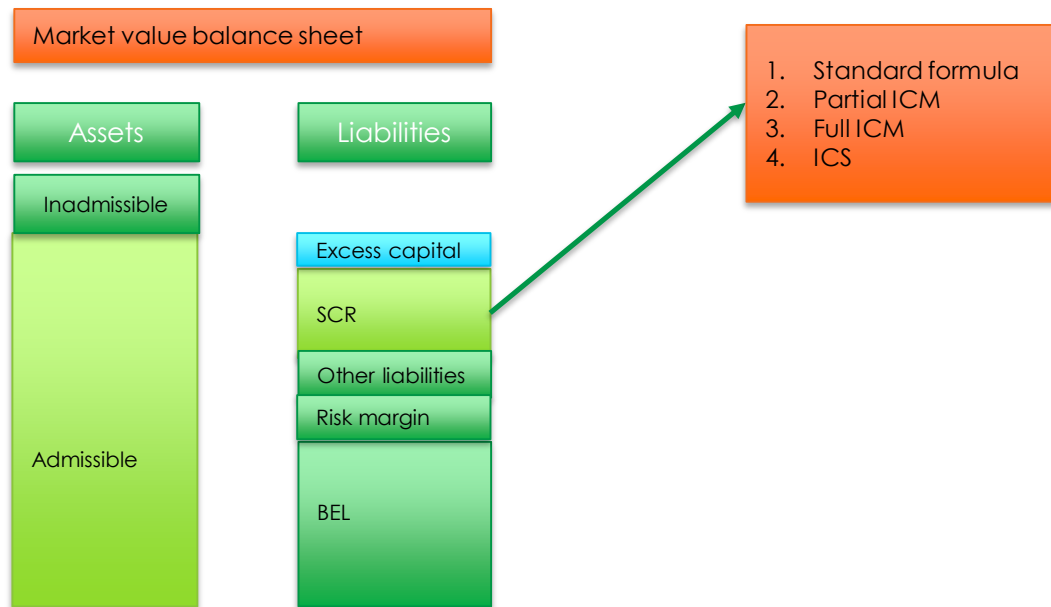
What is a risk based capital regime?

1. It is a component of an effective ERM framework
2. There are many different versions of RBC methodology
3. It isn't just a capital calculation, usually 3 pillars, e.g. SAM, S2, C-Ross





RBC regime – exploring Pillar 1





RBC regime – exploring Pillar 2

1. Corporate governance framework

- i. Applies to pension funds, companies, etc.
- ii. Ensures effective governance
- iii. Board constitution
- iv. Board fit and proper
- v. Board compensation
- vi. Board transparency
- vii. Committees

2. Risk management framework

- i. Models of risk management
 - a) Three lines of defence: "interaction between lines"
 - b) Offence and defence model: "confrontation"
 - c) Policy and policing model: "hands-off"
 - d) Partnership model: "independence"
- ii. Risk management time horizon: S2 requires a 99.5% probability of solvency over 1 year, is this the same as withstanding a 1 in 200 year event?
- iii. Risk management strategy
 - i. Objectives
 - ii. Risk exposure identification (current and future risks) leading to a risk profile: how much risk are you currently taking
 - iii. Risk appetite = $f(\text{risk tolerance, risk capacity})$, how much capital do you have and what is your loss aversion
 - iv. Risk appetite should be consistent with risk management strategy and business plan
 - v. Risk classification
 - vi. Risk preference statements
 - vii. Risk management policies
- iv. Risk management: accept, reduce, remove, transfer



RBC regime – exploring Pillar 2

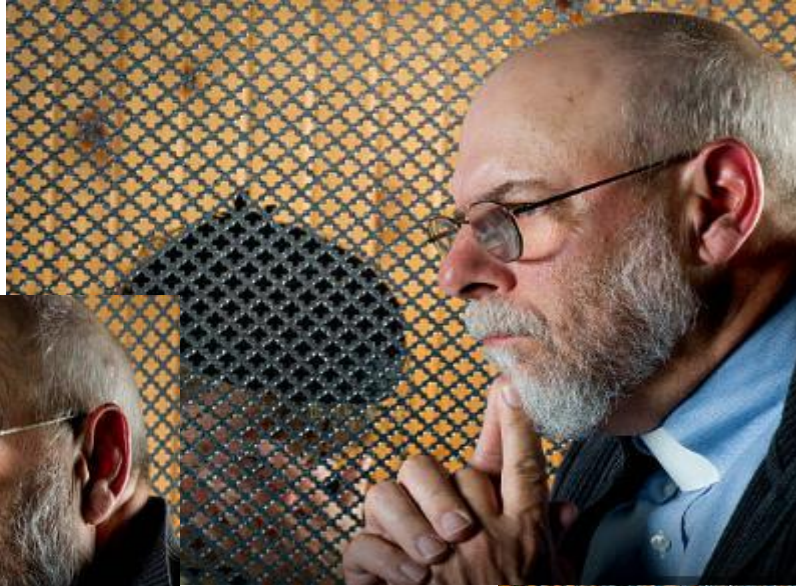
3. ORSA

- i. Purpose:
 - a) to ensure that the insurer is adequately capitalized, and has access to additional sources of capital if needed, to deal with a wide range of future scenarios
 - b) Assess the overall solvency needs of the insurer taking into account the specific risk profile, risk appetite and business strategy
 - c) Assess future compliance with financial soundness requirements
 - d) Assess the significance of future deviations in risk profile
 - e) Evidences that the Board has considered the risks and solvency of the business
 - f) Establishes the link between risk and capital
- ii. Requirements:
 - a) Insurer must demonstrate that ORSA is aligned with the risk profile of the insurer and that it is used in the capital planning and management of the insurer
 - b) Must assess the current and likely future financial soundness of the insurer across a range of scenarios
 - c) Must justify the use of an ICM rather than the standard formula
 - d) Must address reasonably foreseeable and relevant material risks
 - e) Must identify the relationship between risk management and the level and quality of capital available and needed
 - f) Assess future changes to the insurer's risk profile under stressed conditions
 - g) Must be conducted over a longer time frame than conventional risk assessments and justify choice of period
 - h) Verified by independent appropriately qualified persons
- iii. Owned by the Board



RBC regime – exploring Pillar 3

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The benefits of an RBC regime?

Benefits society as a whole

1. Global Financial Crisis
2. Systemic risks and integrity of the financial system
3. Protects the "real economy" from the "financial economy"

Reputational risk

1. Intermediary
2. Regulator
3. Management
4. Board
5. Brand

Financial risk

1. Policyholder
2. State
3. Creditors
4. Tax payers



Trust in the industry

Insurer's operations

1. Survival
2. Business model is to price risk and thus take on risk or transfer risk
3. Efficient capital allocation
4. Informs business strategy
5. Encourages insurers to focus on risk and use more sophisticated tools
6. Informs dividend policy



Closing comments

1. Calibration
 - i. Data
 - ii. Changing economic regimes
 - iii. Lack of derivatives
 - iv. Correlations/diversification
 - v. Bond yield curve

2. Internal capital model
 - i. Cost
 - ii. Comparability
 - iii. Relevance
 - iv. Resourcing: regulator, industry
 - v. Spurious accuracy
 - vi. Integration with business strategy

3. Fair values, market consistency and price discovery
4. Recognizing illiquidity
5. Risk free assets
6. Is the life industry ready
7. Transition period
8. **ORSA**

The benefits of RBC are wide ranging – choose the appropriate implementation

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