

# The Changing face of ERM: The Insurance Company's Perspective

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### History of Risk Management as a professional discipline Developed as a response to new risk classes and instruments



The role of Risk Management is to drive organisational resilience and capacity to evolve in line with market pressures

## **Evolution of Enterprise Risk Management**

#### **Evolution stages of ERM**

#### **Control function:**

Potential size of loss from integrated perspective (all risks, ie operational, insurable and financial risks including dependencies)

- Eco Capital allocation: Capital needs of various business activities
- Risk adjusted returns: Economic performance measurement

#### Optimisation:

Steering based on economic risk and return considerations, efficiency of capital management Principles established and processes executed to systematically and comprehensively address risks (threats and opportunities) across all functions in order to:

Protect and secure the interest of policy holders

Protect firm's appraisal value

Enable sustained economic profit

## ERM in Practice Swiss Re's current approach





## Three pillars of Risk Management Strong framework for disciplined risk taking

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<ul> <li>Sound valuation and risk measurement</li> <li>Quantitative risk limit monitoring system</li> <li>Reliable capital adequacy framework</li> <li>Clearly defined responsibilities for risk taking and risk mgmt</li> <li>Sound, documented:         <ul> <li>risk mgmt policies</li> <li>operating, reporting, limit monitoring, and control procedures</li> </ul> </li> <li>Regulatory compliance</li> <li>Independent internal and external audits of processes and figures</li> </ul>	risk culture and risk e, incl. risk on

## Key risk management bodies and functions



- the major Business Units.Group CRO participates in key board committees.
- Integrated assurance / three lines of defence model is **lived**: Business units perform day to day risk management, with Risk, Compliance and Internal Audit providing independent assurance on adherence to guidelines, risk tolerances, limits and control performance.

= risk oversight

and enabling

support

## Steering cycle and involvement of Risk Management Risk Management is embedded across the cycle



## **Risk tolerance definition**

Basis for risk appetite decisions, capital management and risk limit setting

Swiss Re's risk tolerance:

"To be able to continue to operate following an extreme loss event."

The amount of risk we are willing to accept within the constraints imposed by capital resources, strategy, and the regulatory and rating agency environment



## Group risk tolerance framework

Risk tolerance criteria – respectability and extreme loss considerations

The risk tolerance represents the amount of risk Swiss Re is willing to accept within the constraints imposed by its capital and liquidity resources, its strategy, its risk appetite, and the regulatory and rating agency environment. It is based on the following objectives:

- Maintain capital and liquidity that are sufficiently attractive from a client perspective, and that meet regulatory requirements and expectations ("respectability criteria")
- Be able to continue to operate following an extreme loss event ("extreme loss criteria"):



## An integrated perspective is needed to measure risk for insurers



An integrated risk model is needed to understand the aggregate impact of all risk factors on the total economic balance sheet

## Economic (market-consistent) valuation and risk models for assets and liabilities



- Available capital is the total capital exposed to risk and is broadly equal to the difference between the market value of assets and the market-consistent value of in-force liabilities
- Risk is quantified by modelling the change in available capital for Swiss Re over a one-year horizon

## Modelling risk factors and their structural relationships

Requires statistical analysis and expert judgement

#### **Risk factor distributions**

Statistical models derived from historical data



Scientific models and expert judgement

- conceivable losses
- potential changes to risk drivers



#### Dependency structure

Statistical dependency captured by copula



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#### Structural dependencies (illustrative examples)

Risk factor dependencies Structural dependency of FM with Pandemic



Risk Factor*	Excess Mortality 1.5 per mille	Excess Mortality 4.0 per mille
Equity	-20%	-40%
Swiss real estate CH	-7.5%	-15%
Other real estate	-15%	-30%
BBB credit spread	100bp	200bp
AAA credit spread	54bp	108bp
P&C loss	CHF100m	CHF200m

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## Integrated internal risk model Capital assessment of Group and entities based on full bottom-up economic analysis

Risk factors and dependencies	Gross exposures	Gross change in value of assets and liabilities	Intra-group transactions	Closing balance sheets	
This calculation is performed for 1'000'000 joint realisations of all risk factors					
Distribution for each relevant risk factor Dependency structure among risk factors	Exposures describing how economic values of assets and liabilities respond to realisations of risk factors	Exposures are combined with risk factor realisations to obtain the change in value of assets and liabilities per realisation	All losses are ceded according to network of intragroup transactions and booked on the relevant balance sheets as profits or losses	Economic net worth of all financial reporting entities is calculated including participation values	
		€,£,\$,¥			
External world around Swiss Re	Swiss Re's link to the external world	Impact of external world on Swiss Re's portfolios	Network of intragroup transactions	Network of legal entities belonging to the Group	



### ERM in Practice Swiss Re's evolving approach

- Measuring and improving Risk Culture
- Increasing risk transparency for improved risk decisions
- Improving risk response through emerging risk awareness

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## **Risk Culture**

Tone from the top clearly emphasises the importance of the Journey towards ensuring the right risk awareness and behaviours



### **Risk Culture** How we measure Risk Behaviours and what we do with this information

Risk Management has defined a Risk Behaviour Diagnostic, which:

- uses both fact based and observational indicators;
- measures the extent to which individual leaders' demonstrate the risk management behaviours, defined and promoted by the Reinsurance BU Risk Management team;
- identifies potential weaknesses by leader or behaviour; and
- enables the CRO to tailor a dedicated plan in support of the leader.



Exhibit 1 - Risk Behaviour Diagnostic (illustrative example)



Desired risk management behaviour **not** evident

Desired risk management behaviour occasionally evident

Desired risk management behaviour **usually** evident

Desired risk management behaviour always evident

## Risk Transparency Risk Dashboard

#### **Objective**:

Concise, visually appealing, overview of key risks in the Region / Country, supported by the assessment of the Regional/Country CROs

- Consistent metrics and layout across Regions
- ✓ Information scalable (Branch → LE → Region → BU)
- Essential risk information may be extracted from other reports and presented in the regional context
- Quantitative risk information enhanced by smart analytics
- Address risk behaviour and risk culture, ie. not just focus on risk figures



## **Emerging Risk Management**

## Identification and monitoring of emerging risks allows us to validate SR's ERM approach



\* SONAR is Swiss Re's tool for identifying, assess and monitoring emerging risks.







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