



IFRS 17: How May Future Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) Look Like?

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Agenda: How may future KPIs look like?

1 Current industry view

2 Profits

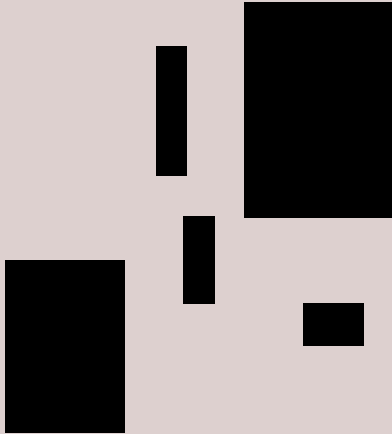
3 Dividends and sustainability

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Current industry view



What will be the role of IFRS 17 for your business? (check all that apply)

Question 1 (out of 2)

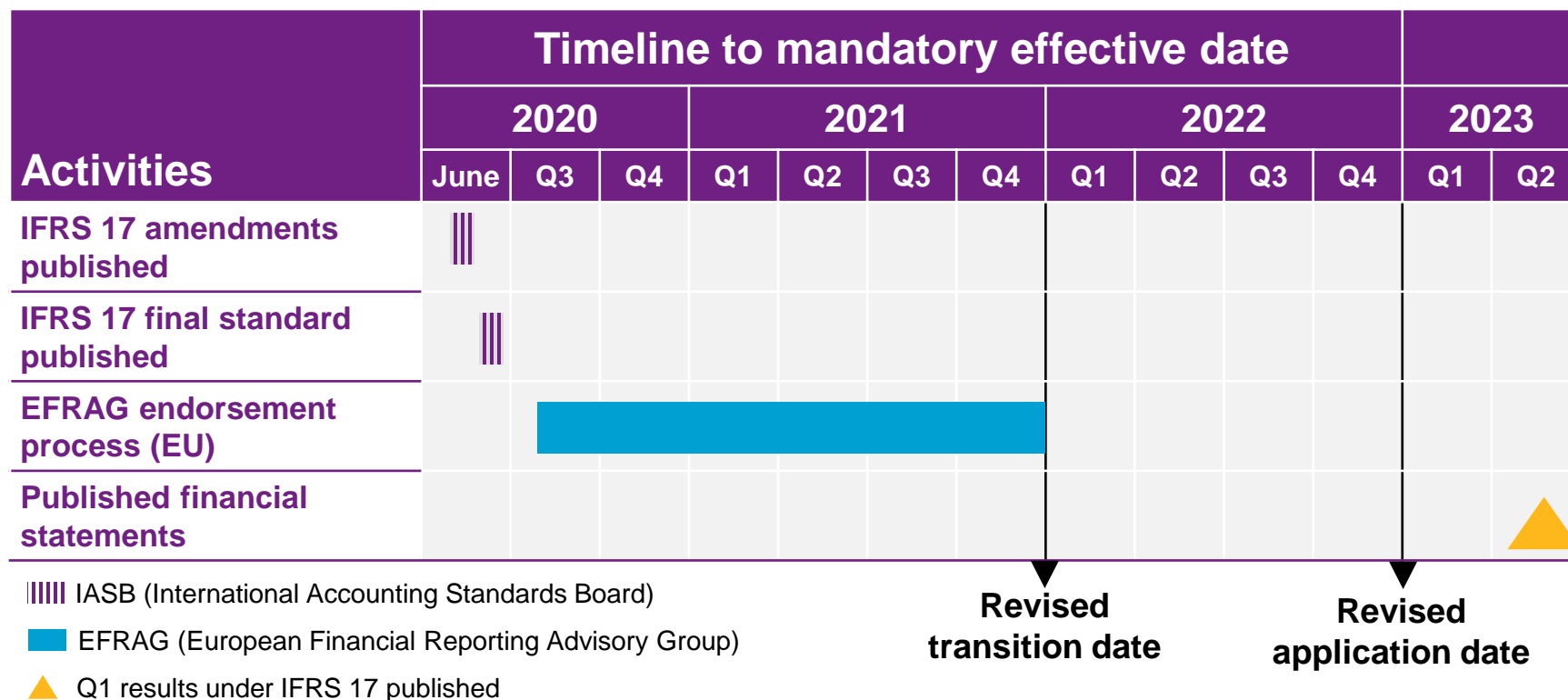
1. Statutory reserve requirement
2. GAAP reporting that differs from statutory requirement
3. Group consolidation reporting
4. Internal management financial reporting
5. Not relevant

What is your expectation of IFRS 17 impact on business decisions? (check all that apply)

Question 2 (out of 2)

1. Business planning / Pricing
2. Performance analysis / management
3. Capital management
4. Too early to tell
5. Not relevant

IFRS 17 background and Timescales



The IASB released the final insurance contracts standard IFRS 17 on Thursday June 25th. This is the culmination of almost 23 years of discussion, with IFRS 17 scheduled to take effect with annual reporting cycles beginning on or after January 1, 2023

Where are we now?

Willis Towers Watson global IFRS 17 survey, June/July 2020

Implementation Progress

- **53%** indicated **less than halfway through** implementation vs **32%** **more than halfway through**
- **More than half** started **business process automation exercises**
- **72%** feel they are **at least half way through** impact analysis

Forecasting Budgeting

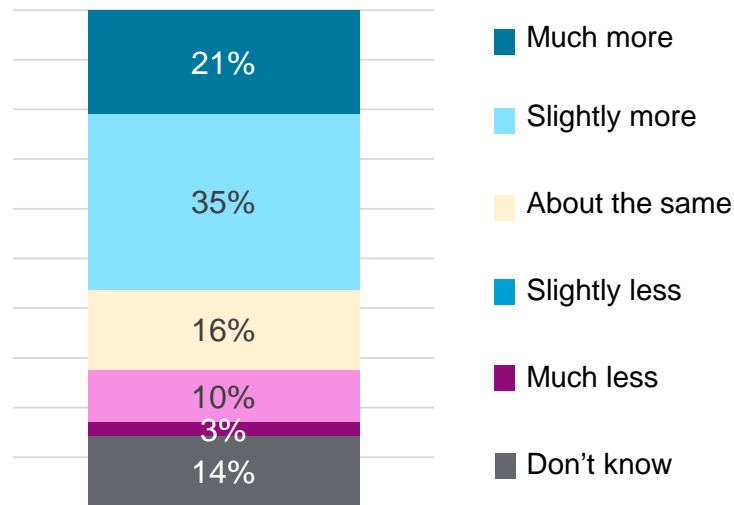
- **44%** made **no progress** in business planning and forecasting
- **31%** made **some (or less than half) progress**

Driving Decisions

- **52%** expressed **some internal views on business implications**
- **37%** responded they have **made a start**
- Most view the IFRS 17 will affect **business planning** and **ALM/Capital modeling** more than other areas (pricing, reinsurance, M&A, product design, executive compensation)

Based on 105 Life and Health insurers' responses

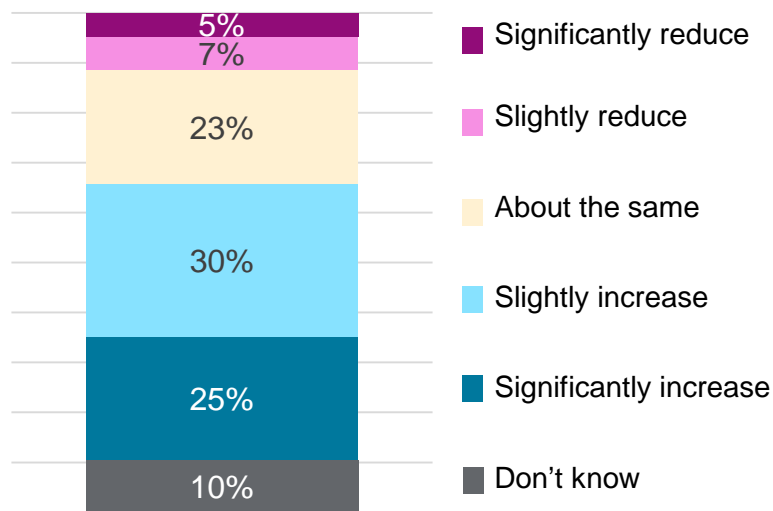
Do you believe that Future IFRS earnings / equity will be more helpful as metrics to manage your business than Current GAAP earnings / equity?



- About 56% believe that IFRS 17 is likely to be more or much more helpful than current GAAP earnings / equity
- In general, Groups expect a higher degree of usefulness than Subsidiaries

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Do you think the need for non-GAAP measures / supplementary reporting will increase or reduce as a result of IFRS 17?



- A majority of 55% expects an increase in supplementary reporting, whereas a minority of 12% expects such need to reduce
- Respondents who found IFRS more helpful tended to respond less need for supplementary reporting

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Profits

Results: Earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT), ROE etc.

Our view	Interpretation of existing KPI measures
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Existing measures will remainHowever, the amounts will and also the volatility might changeTherefore, it will need some time to interpret old KPIs measuring profits based on the new IFRS 17 regime	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Profit measurement and also shareholder equity will change significantly by introducing IFRS 17In consequence, analysts as well as preparers might need a kind of adaption phase <h3 data-bbox="767 722 1831 826">Additional KPIs might arise</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Additional KPIs might arise because of one of the following two reasons:<ul style="list-style-type: none">Establishing a kind of “economic view” out of IFRS figures – see the “Total Comprehensive Return on Equity” described on the next slideIFRS 17 provides additional and new data (balance sheet, P&L as well as in the disclosures) which might be used to focus on aspects currently not analysed – see the “Combined Ratio” on the next slide as example

Results: EBIT / ROE etc.

<p>EBIT Margin</p>	<p>IFRS 17 would change the denominator “net revenue”. While former IFRS 4 revenue was mainly determined by “premiums” it may now change to the “insurance revenue” defining “revenue” as a benefit magnitude.</p> <p>Attention: High dependency on interpretation of “investment component”!</p>
<p>RoE: Return on Equity</p>	<p>No change of definition, but changes in amounts: “return” as well as “equity”</p>
<p>TCRoE: Total Comprehensive Return on Equity</p> <p>(Reveal something that the industry has fought for not to show transparently in the P&L, however ...)</p>	<p>One possible definition of this adjusted RoE KPI:</p> $TCRoE := \frac{(Net\ Income + change\ in\ OCI + change\ in\ CSM)}{(Equity\ incl.\ OCI + CSM)}$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Denominator is based on figures averaged over the considered period ▪ Other Comprehensive Income (OCI) and Contractual Service Margin (CSM) figures should be transformed to be after tax and minorities ▪ Expansion possible to be consistent with amounts effecting the net income: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Risk Adjustment as expected future shareholder gain in denominator and its change in the nominator ▪ Accordingly, present value of Non-attributable Expenses as deduction
<p>Combined Ratio (Life)</p>	<p>Possible definition:</p> $Combined\ Ratio\ (Life) := 1 - \frac{(Net\ Insurance\ Service\ Result)}{(Gross\ Insurance\ Revenue)}$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ KPI is exposed to volatility of benefit cash flows → averaged over e.g. five years? ▪ KPI is not an indicator for an ultimate profitability as in the P&C business ▪ High dependency on interpretation of “investment component”

Dividends and Sustainability

Earnings / Dividends per Share

... and Dividend Payout Ratio

Our view

- KPIs like the following will remain unchanged:
 - Earnings per share
 - Dividends per share
 - Dividend payout ratio
- Of course, amounts may change significantly compared to current values
- With IFRS 17, the question comes up how sustainable and stable earnings or dividends can and will be



Dividend Strategy

- Most entities have a dividend strategy based on non-decreasing dividend payout capabilities
- Dividend payments financed by the company's financial substance are commonly avoided (see further regarding Sustainability)

Dependency of Earnings

- Influencer "Transition": Split "Equity vs. CSM"
- Other item which will influence the emergence of future earnings and therefore also dividends
 - Choice of coverage units: fast vs. slow CSM recognition
 - Definition of interest rate structure, especially regarding Illiquidity Premium and Extrapolation
 - Amount of Risk Adjustment and its amortisation pattern

Sustainability

Some preliminary remarks



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Example:

- An entity has “designed” the transition in a way to have a high CSM while a low equity at the start of accounting under IFRS 17.



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Consequences might be:

- The CSM release and therefore the profits in future periods may start high, but will decrease unless the new business’ profitability may help through



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What does this mean:

- If investors and analysts prefer a sustainable (and non-decreasing) dividend stream, high profits in the near futures produced by the use of some “freedom of design” under IFRS 17 could evoke unfavourable expectations if the CSM release cannot be compensated by new business
- Furthermore, the IFRS 17 disclosure requirements will reveal both the profitability of new business and the future pattern of CSM releases according to IFRS 17.109
- Therefore, analysts may conclude with the following easy-to-calculate KPIs about the sustainability of earnings and dividends

Sustainability

Possible new KPIs for this new focus

Reconciliation of CSM	<p>Reconciliation of CSM from opening to closing, showing separately:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Effects on CSM of new business▪ CSM recognized in P&L▪ Other changes in CSM (finance effects and changes in Fulfilment Cash Flows from assumption updates)
CSM Sustainability Index	<p>The CSM Sustainability Index can be defined as CSM recognized by new business divided by the CSM recognized in the P&L. A value equal or above 1.0 would indicate that IFRS results are sustainable and not achieved out of financial substance.</p>
Physicists will love it: CSM Half-Value Period	<p>According to IFRS 17.109, quantitative explanations about the future CSM recognition pattern has to be disclosed. Analysts will easily conclude on the “speed” compared to other players in the market, for example by deriving the half-value period which may serve as a meaningful indicator.</p> <p>Example with a precarious situation made transparent by IFRS disclosures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ A value of the CSM Sustainability Index far below 1.0 together with ...▪ ... a comparatively short CSM half-value period would lead to the conclusion ...▪ ... that earnings and dividends should be questioned for the (near) future
Further Remarks	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ If a significant portion of the life business is accounted for according to the Premium Allocation Approach (PAA) further enrichments are deemed to become necessary, e.g. for the Half-Value▪ If the new business contains significant onerous parts this should also be reflected, e.g. as deduction in the nominator of the CSM Sustainability Index▪ “CSM duration” may also be derived and used instead of the Half-Value Period

Volume and New Business

Volume and Growth

Gross Written Premium (GWP) vs. Insurance Revenue

Our view

- Currently, GWP is often used to indicate “volume” and to measure growth
- However, IFRS 17 does not account for any “premium”, but “insurance revenue”
- The methodologic concepts are totally different
 - It may easily happen that an entity has a growth in premium but a drop of insurance revenue at the same time
 - Due to the fundamental differences we also do not foresee the possibility to reconcile both amounts

GWP and NBP

- We expect that GWP will remain as a well-known measure for volume as well as NBP (New Business Premium) for growth
 - Measurement of cash receipts, but no consideration of benefits payments (and their timing)

Insurance Revenue according to IFRS 17

- We expect that Insurance Revenue might be considered as additional magnitude to measure volume and growth
 - Advantage: It brings in a kind of “benefit view”
 - Challenges:
 - What’s the meaning of an in/decrease? How to measure NB?
 - How can differences to GWP / NBP can be explained?
 - Dependency from interpretation of “investment component”

New Business

... and its measurement

Our view

- Volume measures like APE or PVNBP will remain unchanged
- We expect, however, that the information of VNB according to the “MCEV” metric may be replaced by the CSM of the new business according to disclosure requirements by IFRS 17.107 (d)
- Margin measures will use the (adjusted?) CSM as new magnitude in relation to the established volume measures APE or PVNBP

Transition Period?

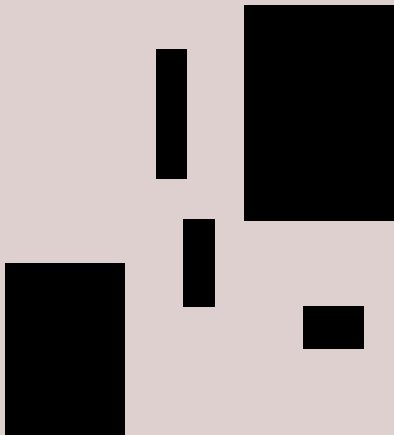
- In the first few years, companies may present some reconciliation from the VNB to (adjusted?) CSM and explain differences, induced e.g. by:
 - Differences in the method to derive interest rates, to reflect risk in technical reserves or contract boundaries
 - Allowing for Mutualisation under IFRS 17

Possible (and sensible?) Adjustments of the CSM

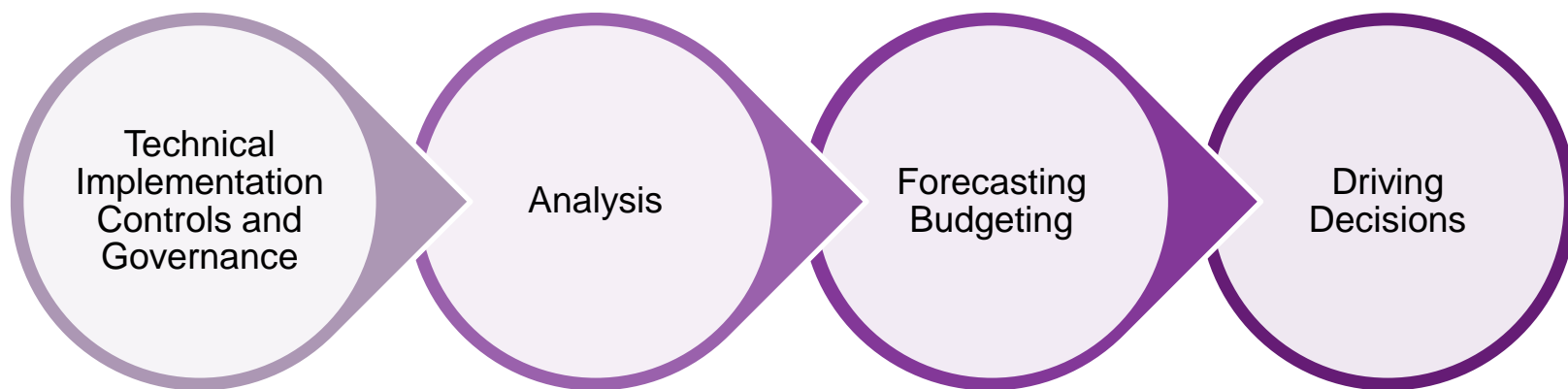
- The CSM itself may not be regarded as “complete” magnitude of the profitability of new business:
 - Onerous contracts create immediately a P&L loss
 - PAA business may be profitable without contributing to the CSM; similarly, IFRS 9 investment products
 - Overall profitability depends also on the size of the risk adjustment as well as on PV(non-attributable expenses)

Managing business through IFRS 17

With illustrative examples



Evolution stages of using IFRS 17 for business decisions

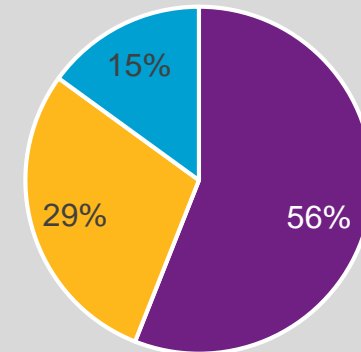




Understanding profit or loss (insurance service result)

- Contractual service margin (CSM) is a key to defer the profit
 - Set up at initial recognition and amortized over life time
- CSM can represent value of deterred profit but...
- Not all group of contracts have CSM
 - Conservatism - CSM cannot be negative (loss component for onerous underlying contracts)
 - Group of contracts using Premium Allocation Approach (PAA) will not have CSM
- May not fully align with management's view or economic view

How much of your business do you expect to cover under the three measurement models?



% of reserves

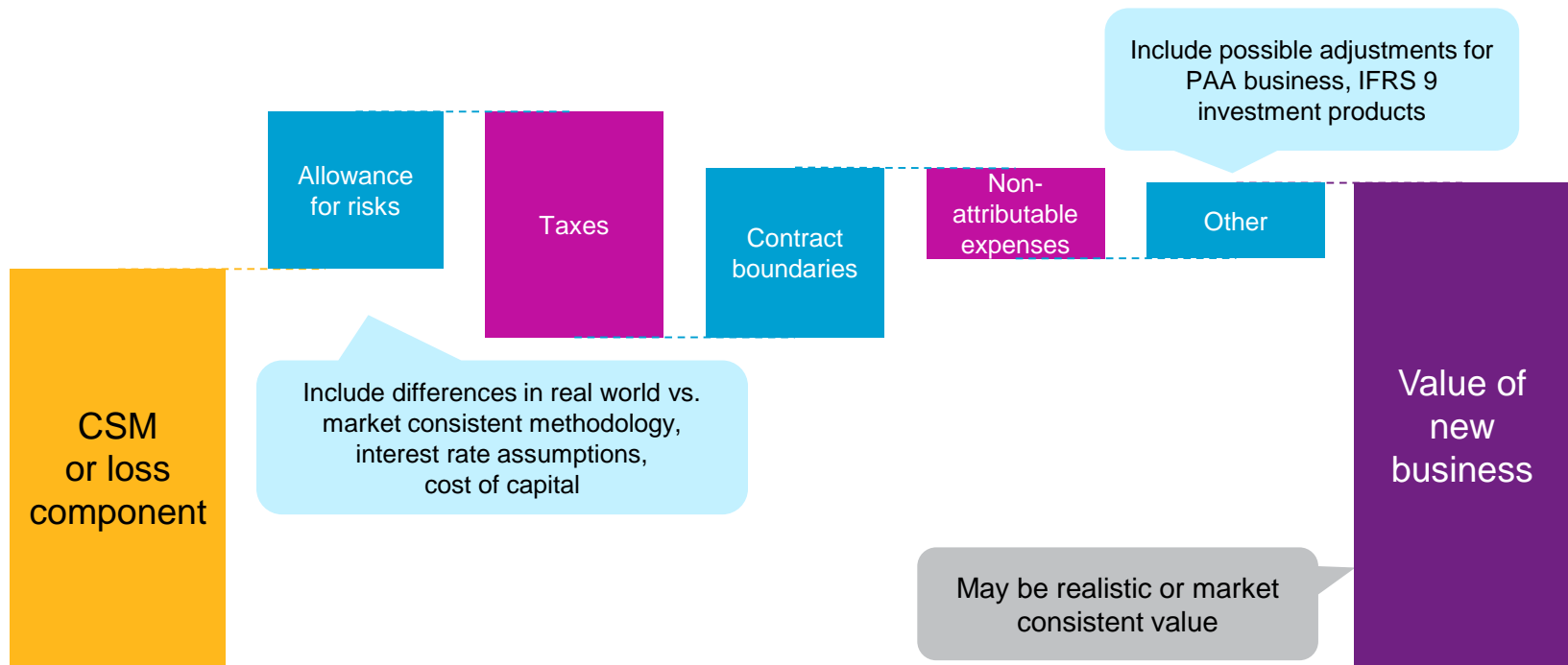
- Premium Allocation Approach (PAA)
- Variable fee approach (VFA)
- General Measurement Model (GMM)

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CSM and company's value definition

CSM Adjustments or Reconciliation to Value

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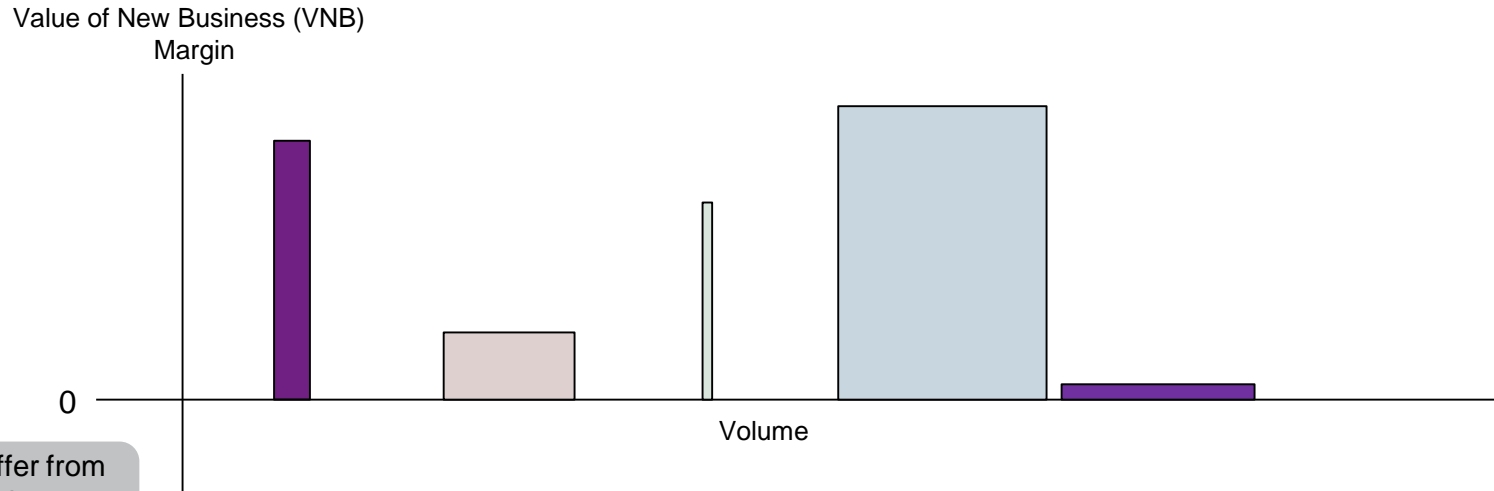


	CSM	Risk allowance	Taxes	Contract boundary	Not-attributable expenses	Other	VNB
Division A							
Sub-product	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Sub-product	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
Division B ...							
Total	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$



Value added from New Business

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Granularity may differ from IFRS 17 reporting (e.g., division vs. product)

	Product 1 (PAA)	Product 2 (Reinsured product)	Product 3	Product 4	Product 5	TOTAL
A) Volume (PV Premium)	\$700	\$1,600	\$300	\$2,000	\$1,900	\$6,500
B) VNB	49	32	17	160	10	268
C) VNB Margin (%) (B/A)	7.0%	2.0%	5.5%	8.0%	0.1%	4.1%
D) Initial CSM or loss component	n/a	40	21	115	-2	174
E) Adjustment (B - D)	49	-8	-4	45	12	94

PAA business has no CSM

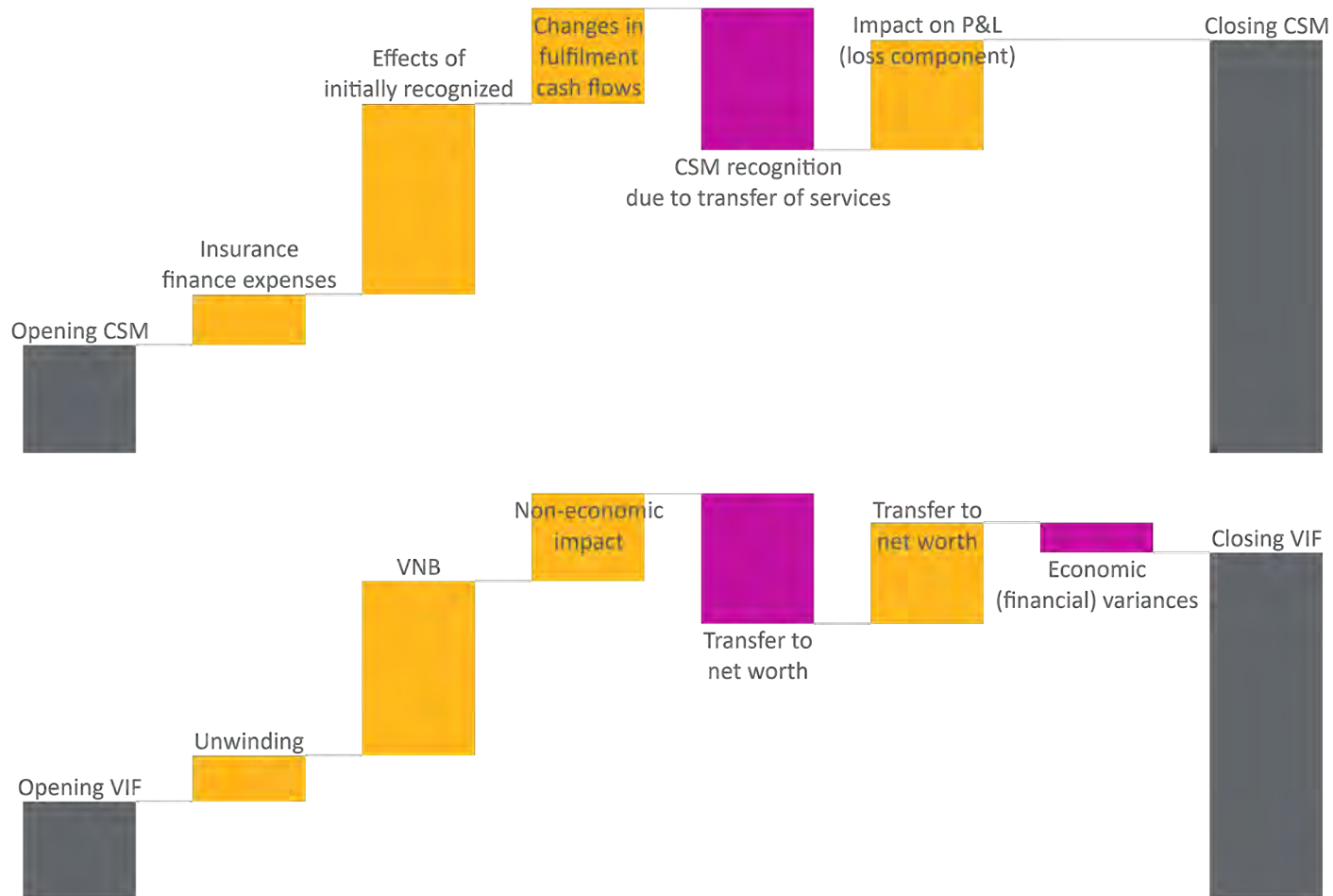
May combine the reinsurance held business

May include future renewals

Different risk allowance (e.g., real world VNB)

CSM movement steps can be comparable to value of in-force business (VIF) movement

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Analysis of value creation through IFRS 17

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- Disclosure requirement - reconciliation of changes in insurance contracts
- This table will tell stories of your business

Value: deferred profit

Reconciliation Of Changes In Insurance Contracts	Present Value of Future Cash Flows	Risk adjustment	CSM	Total
Insurance contracts liability (asset) at beginning of period	1,432,721	12,400	61,515	1,506,637
Changes that relate to future service				
Changes in estimates that adjust CSM	(5,303)	530	4,773	0
Changes in estimates that do not adjust CSM	(1,070)	0	0	(1,070)
Effects of contracts initially recognised in period	(17,521)	5,891	19,439	7,809
Changes that relate to current service				
Recognition of CSM in P&L to reflect transfer of services	0	0	(8,687)	(8,687)
Change in risk adjustment that does not relate to future or past service	0	(1,084)	0	(1,084)
Experience adjustments	3,214	0	0	3,214
Changes that relate to past service				
Insurance service result	(20,681)	5,337	15,525	181
Insurance Finance expenses	8,063	0	52	8,115
Total amounts recognised in comprehensive income	(12,618)	5,337	15,577	8,296
Total cash flows	565,186	0	0	565,186
Insurance contracts liability (asset) at end of period	1,985,288	17,737	77,092	2,080,118

Changes in fulfilment cash flows (include impact on onerous products)

Value through New Business (reminder: sustainability index)

Realization of profit

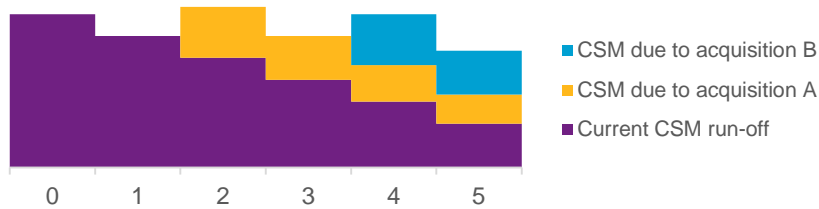
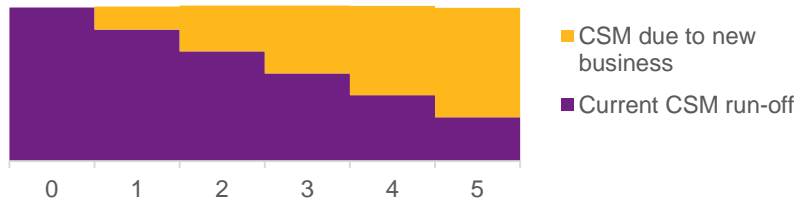
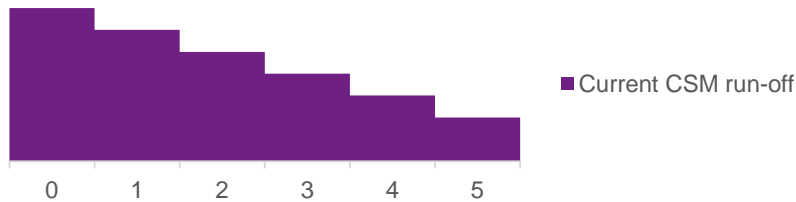
Experience variance vs. risk adjustment allowance
Further analysis (A/E ratio)

Compare to investment income

Is CSM increasing?

Forecasting and Value Creation Strategy

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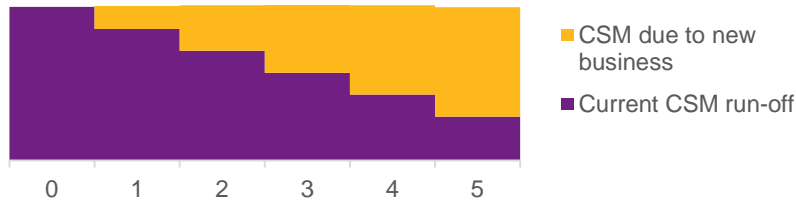


- Forecasting the CSM will give insights to future profits growth and dividend sustainability
- Does the current strategy support your business objective?



CSM run-off pattern and New Business

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- Both show similar CSM Sustainability Index but different CSM run-off pattern
- How do you want to allocate your resources (e.g., in-force management vs. new business/pricing)?

Summary

Metric	Impact
Profit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ IFRS profit usually top metric for insurers■ Will become more complex under IFRS 17 and new measures might arise
Distributable cash flow	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Top priority for investors■ Impact of IFRS 17 on dividend paying capacity may vary by sustainability of earnings
Value	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ IFRS 17 equity may add back CSM■ “Adjusted” CSM may represent embedded value metric
Driving decisions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ IFRS 17 and supplementary reporting (reconciliation of values, movement analysis of value, forecasting) can provide insights and support align business strategy to business objective

Thank you!

