

Investment Management of Life Assets

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Corporation Asia Asia life insurance assets

An interesting and complex investment challenge

- £7.8 billion in assets under management, managing more than 70 funds
- Many different types of product :
 - Participating and Non-participating
 - Unit linked
 - Regular and single premiums
- Many types of investment mandates
 - Plain vanilla: Domestic assets only, no derivatives
 - Full asset universe and full derivative availability
- Multiple currencies
 - 12 base currencies, many with restrictions on convertibility: Vietnam to Japan
 - Global investment universe but local liabilities
- **Huge variation in Regulatory environments**
 - Life Fund / Assets less Reserves
 - RBC / Book Value

The Philosophy: We have not had to reinvent the wheel

- Prudential has over 150 years of experience managing UK Life assets
 - Very large (c. £ 70 billion) fund investing across global asset markets
 - Substantial resources and expertise already in place
- Significant competitive advantage:
 - The PMG responsible for oversight and control of portfolio management for UK Life assets who have an average 15 years with Prudential
 - Focus on many common issues e.g. ALM, asset allocation, risk based capital, regulatory and accounting requirements etc
- Asia leverages PMG's experience, resources and management approach

Corporation Asia Architecture for managing life assets

3 stage process

Strategic asset allocation (SAA)

Tactical asset allocation (TAA)

Fund management

Strategic asset allocation (SAA)

Objective

Determining and defining risk profile and resultant asset mix of fund

Focus

Long term

"Big Picture"

Approach

- Risk / reward trade off between assets and liabilities using Stochastic modeling / deterministic scenarios to assess short and long term positions
- Balancing PRE, Life Fund strength, Economic and Regulatory Capital with shareholder returns

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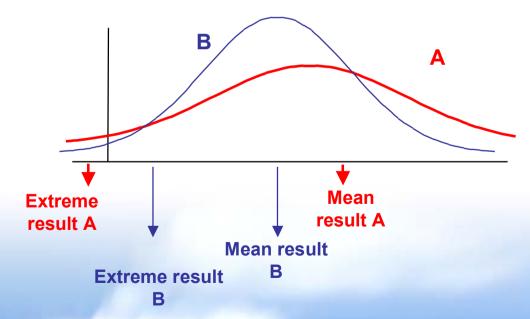
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Distribution of shareholder value for strategies A and B

Example of stochastic modelling



Strategy A is more attractive with a higher mean and lower extreme measure of shareholder value

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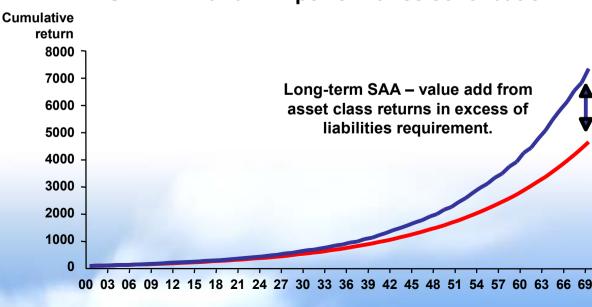
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Medium-term adjustments to "pure" SAA within a risk controlled framework allowing for asset mis-pricing

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Asset mis-pricing Medium term

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- **Extreme valuation signals on asset** pricing eg substantial deviations from equilibrium
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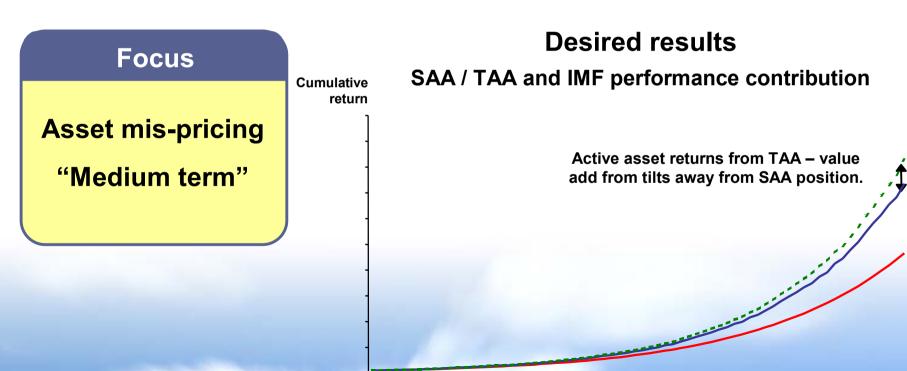
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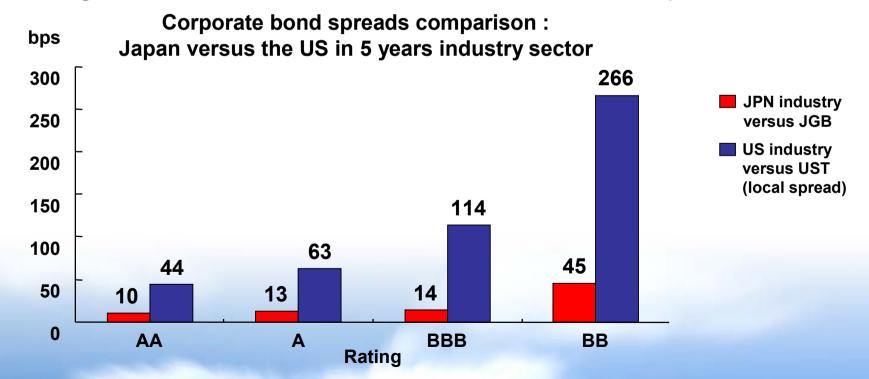
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Corporation Asia funds

Rationale for TAA into US credits out of domestic bonds

- US credit risk premiums more attractive than Asian local markets
- Deeper and wider US credit markets offer diversification benefits
- Deregulation in several countries allowed life funds to invest up to 30% offshore

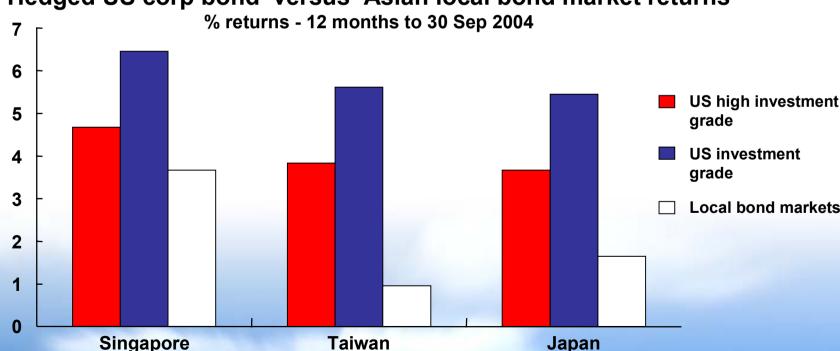


Corporation Asia funds

£ 12mn of value added over past 12 months

 TAA into Hedged US credit out of domestic bonds in several countries added excess returns to funds as US credit markets outperformed domestic bond markets resulting in £ 12 million of value add

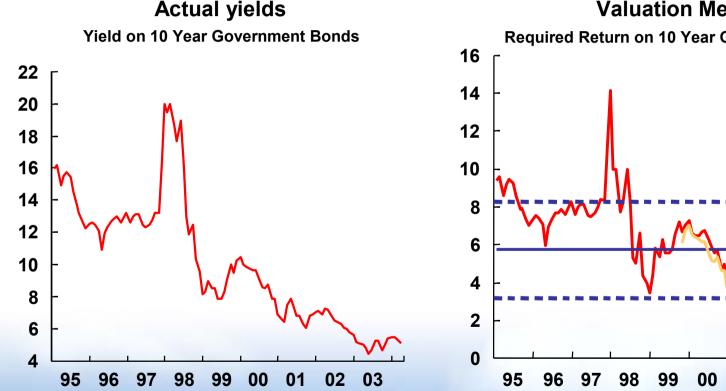
Hedged US corp bond versus Asian local bond market returns

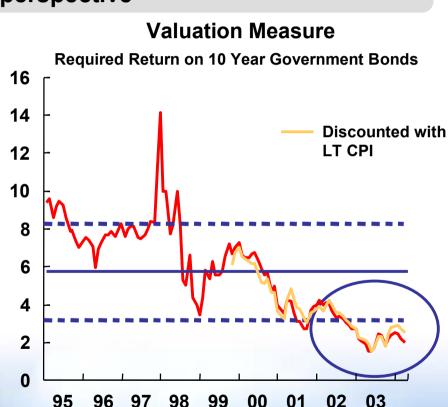


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TAA: Korean example

The Korean bond market remains expensive from a medium term valuation perspective



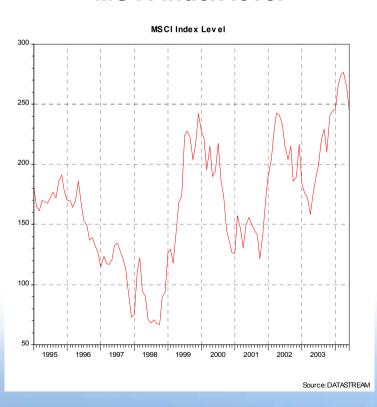


- The SAA duration for the Korean life fund was 6yrs
- As a result of this extreme pricing anomoly we reduced the duration on the fund by 1 y to 5yr, to try to take advantage of a rise in yields back towards equilibrium

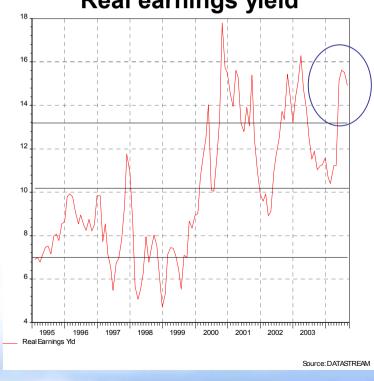
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Despite a strong run, Korean equities appear cheap as earnings have risen faster than prices

MSCI index level



Valuation measure : Real earnings yield



As a result of this extreme pricing anomoly we added a 5% allocation to Korean equities to the Korean Life fund which has an SAA position of 100% fixed income

Fund management

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Asset tilts within portfolios and stock selection within asset classes, without changing the overall risk profile of the fund

Focus

- Investment views
- Benchmark and risk tolerance in IMA
- Asset mis-pricing
- Medium / shorter term

Approach

- Regional functional reporting ensures process and risk management consistency
- Clear Investment Management Agreements with risk management parameters (credit, concentration etc) and compliance aspects
- Performance Related Fees aligned with strategic asset allocation where possible

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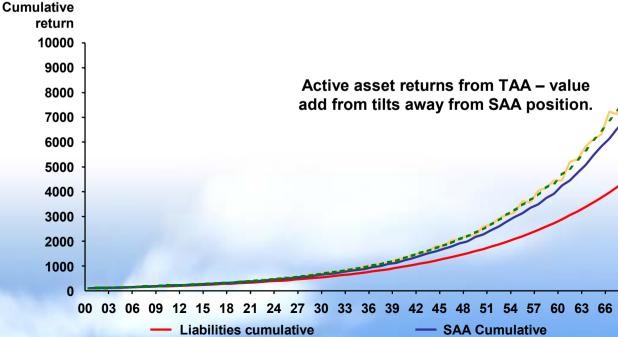
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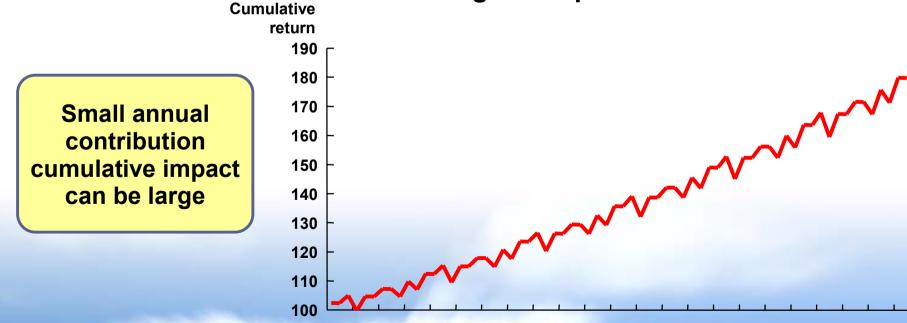
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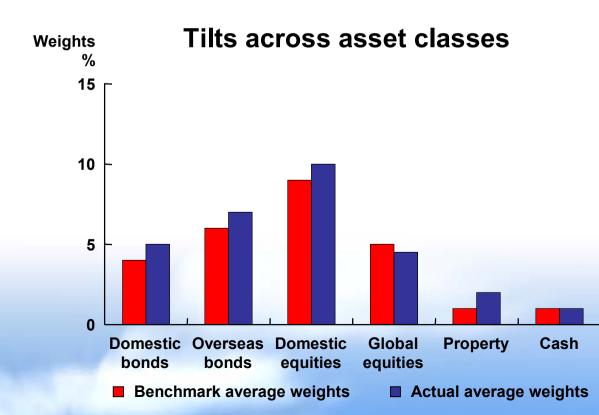
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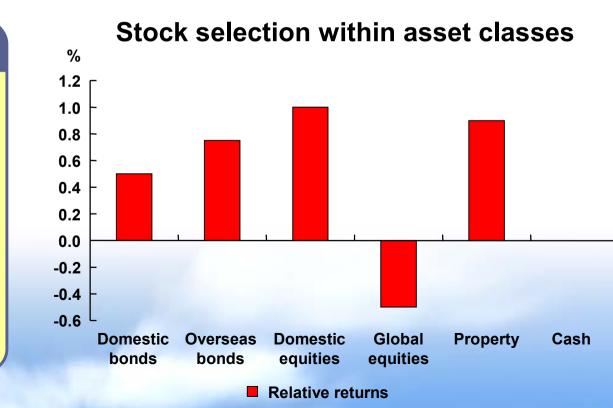
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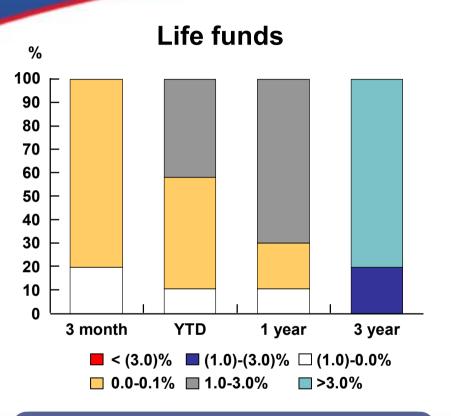
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Investment performance



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Source of funds	No of funds	FUM (£ m)
Singapore Life	1	1,318
HK Life	2	1,222
Japan Life	1	622
Total	4	3,161

Source of funds	No of funds	FUM (£ m)
Indonesia	5	146
Singapore	10	1,102
Malaysia	6	144
Philippines	3	9
Total	24	1,401

Prudential Corporation Asia Value added for life funds

Added significant value to our life companies' funds

Clients		Value added last 3 years (£ million)		
(::	Singapore Life	49		
*	Hong Kong Life	43		
(*	Malaysia Life*	23		
	United Kingdom Life	127		
	Total	242		

Governance and controls

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Long-term allocation among different asset classes

Tactical asset allocation (TAA)

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SAA Steering Committee

TAA Steering Committee



Two green lights required







A strong competitive advantage in asset management

- Large and complex funds, but managed by strong and effective architecture
- Leveraging Prudential's experience in the UK
- Rigorous and consistent approach applying specialist knowledge and experience
- Scale and depth of fund management capabilities
- Strong track record of delivering consistent risk controlled out-performance

