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## Managing Tail Risk in a Global Multi-Strategy Portfolio

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## Agenda

- P \& L Distribution
- Objectives
- Definitions
- Example
- Observations

Histogram of Losses for a Generic Example


Prevent Forced Liquidation on Tail Event

Create a Risk Measurement Framework

Stay within the Risk Parameters Defined in Offering Memorandum



- Daily $99 \%$ VaR of \$(25)mm
- Term Margin Requirement of \$1 BN
- Primary Risk Factors Provided below
- Risk Horizon 1 Month, CI 99\%
- Scaled VaR ->
$\$ 25 \mathrm{~mm} *$ sqrt(21) $=$ \$(115)mm
- Unconditional Stress Loss = \$(250)
(aggregated using a correlation matrix based on historical data)
- Conditional Scenarios $=\$(362), \$(118), \$(339)$

|  |  |  |  |  |  | Conditional Scenarios |  |  |  |  |  |
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|  | Exposure |  | Shock 1-month 99\% |  |  | Loss Severity |  |  | Loss Amt |  |  |
| Factor | Unit | Amt | Unit | Amt | Loss | Europe Fin. Crisis | China <br> Slowdown | Inflation Crisis | Europe Fin. Crisis | China <br> Slowdown | Inflation Crisis |
| DM IR 30yr | \$mm/bp | (1) | bp | 100 | (100) | -50\% | -25\% | 200\% | 50 | 25 | (200) |
| DM IR 2/10 | \$mm/bp | 1 | bp | 50 | (50) | 50\% | 25\% | 200\% | (25) | (13) | (100) |
| IG Corporate Bond | \$mm/cr01 | (1) | bp | 100 | (100) | 200\% | 25\% | 25\% | (200) | (25) | (25) |
| IG CDS | \$mm/cr01 | 1 | bp | 75 | (75) | -150\% | -25\% | -25\% | 113 | 19 | 19 |
| EM High Vol FX | \$mm | 500 | pct | 15\% | (75) | 100\% | 50\% | 0\% | (75) | (38) | - |
| Equity Net | \$mm | 100 | pct | 25\% | (25) | 100\% | 50\% | 20\% | (25) | (13) | (5) |
| Equity L/S Matched | \$mm | 1,000 | pct | 10\% | (100) | 100\% | 50\% | 20\% | (100) | (50) | (20) |
| CBond Arbitrage | \$mm | 1,000 | pct | 5\% | (50) | 150\% | 35\% | 10\% | (75) | (18) | (5) |
| SN Concentration | \$smm | 50 | pct | 100\% | (50) | 50\% | 10\% | 5\% | (25) | (5) | (3) |
| Totals | (625) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | (362) | (118) | (339) |

Economic Capital $=\$ 1 \mathrm{bn}+2^{*} \min (-115,-250,-362,-118,-339)=\$ 1.724 \mathrm{bn}$

- Fund is Adequately Capitalized to Absorb a Major Shock
- Available Capital beyond margin and loss buffer at $\$ 274 \mathrm{~mm}$
- Current VaR Implies Annual Volatility of $\sim 8.6 \%$
- Max Drawdown at $\sim 18.1 \%$
- Interest Rate Exposure is Dominant in an Inflationary Environment
- Possible Hedge in Long Dated Swaptions
- Long Credit, Equity and Convertible Exposure Sensitive to Financial Risk
- Possible Hedge in Equity Puts, Tranched Protection
- Hedging Could Increase VaR While Decreasing Scenario Risk
- Overconfidence in Scenarios is a Risk
- Counterparty Risk on Derivatives and Operational Risk not Included
- Model Could be Used at a Strategy Level


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