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# Capital Setting at Lloyd's

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# Agenda

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- Member capital
- Central capital
- Conclusion

# OVERVIEW



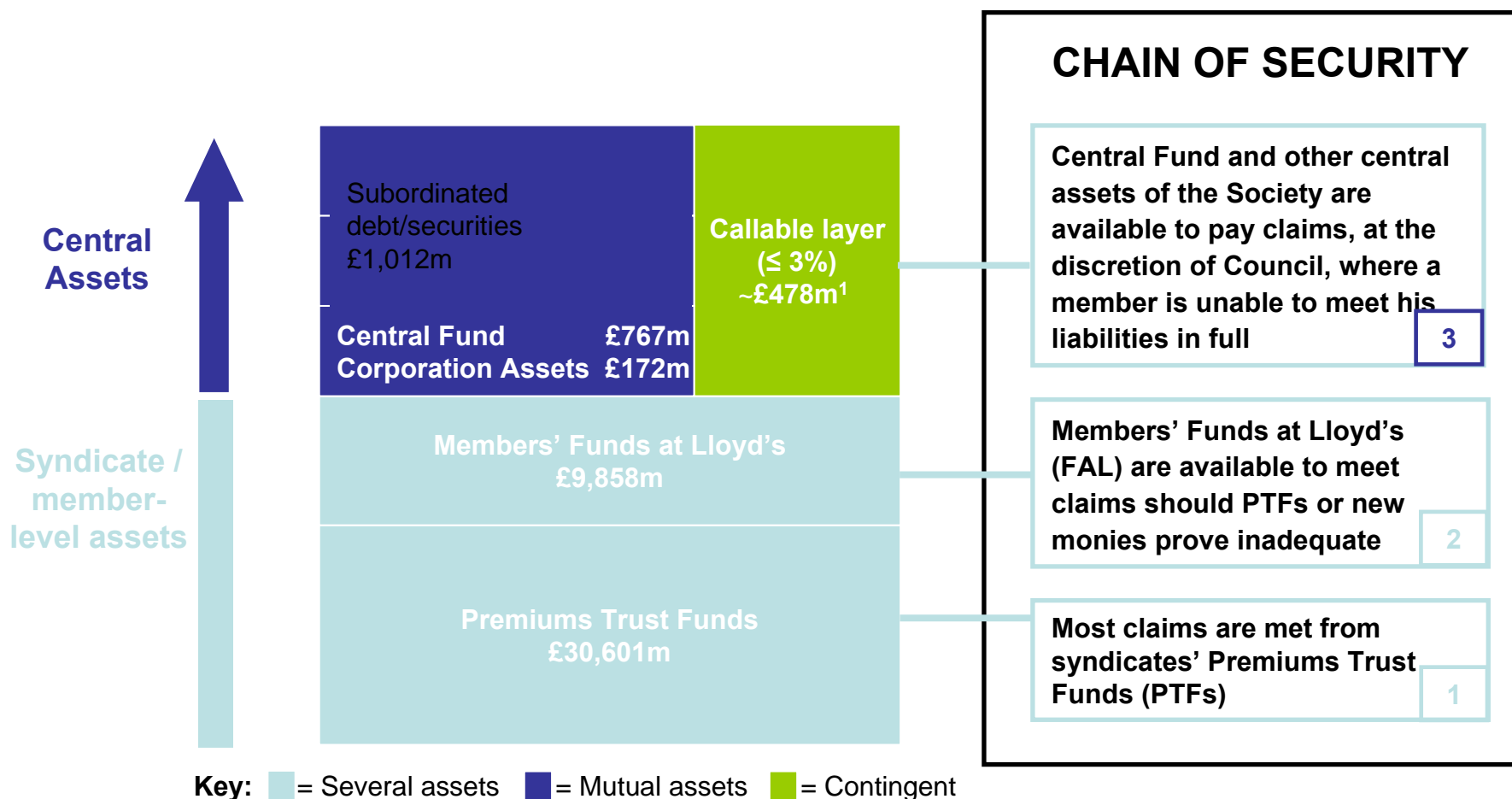
# Capital advantages at Lloyd's

- A risk-adjusted capital-setting process
- Capital structures that can be tailored and benefit from strong ratings
- Cost of maintaining Lloyd's mutual assets targeted to be on average less than 1% of GWP across the insurance cycle
- A capital framework that actively assists managing agents in accessing flexible sources of capital at a competitive cost and allows them to take advantage of business opportunities

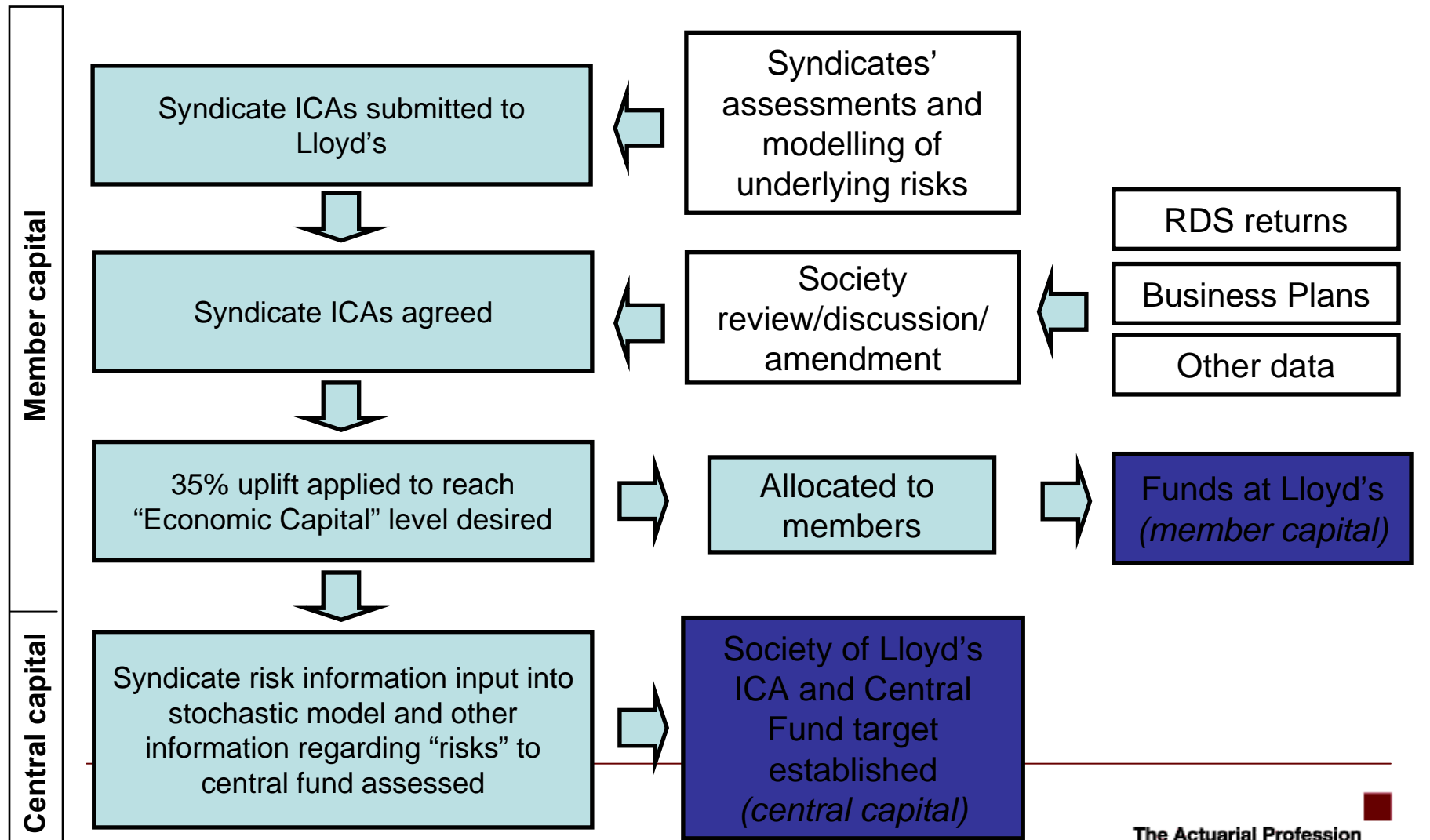
**“A capital framework in which the benefits of mutuality demonstrably outweigh the costs and which cannot readily be duplicated outside Lloyd's”**

*Lloyd's three-year plan 2008-2010*

# Strong and flexible capital structure



# Capital setting process



# MEMBER CAPITAL

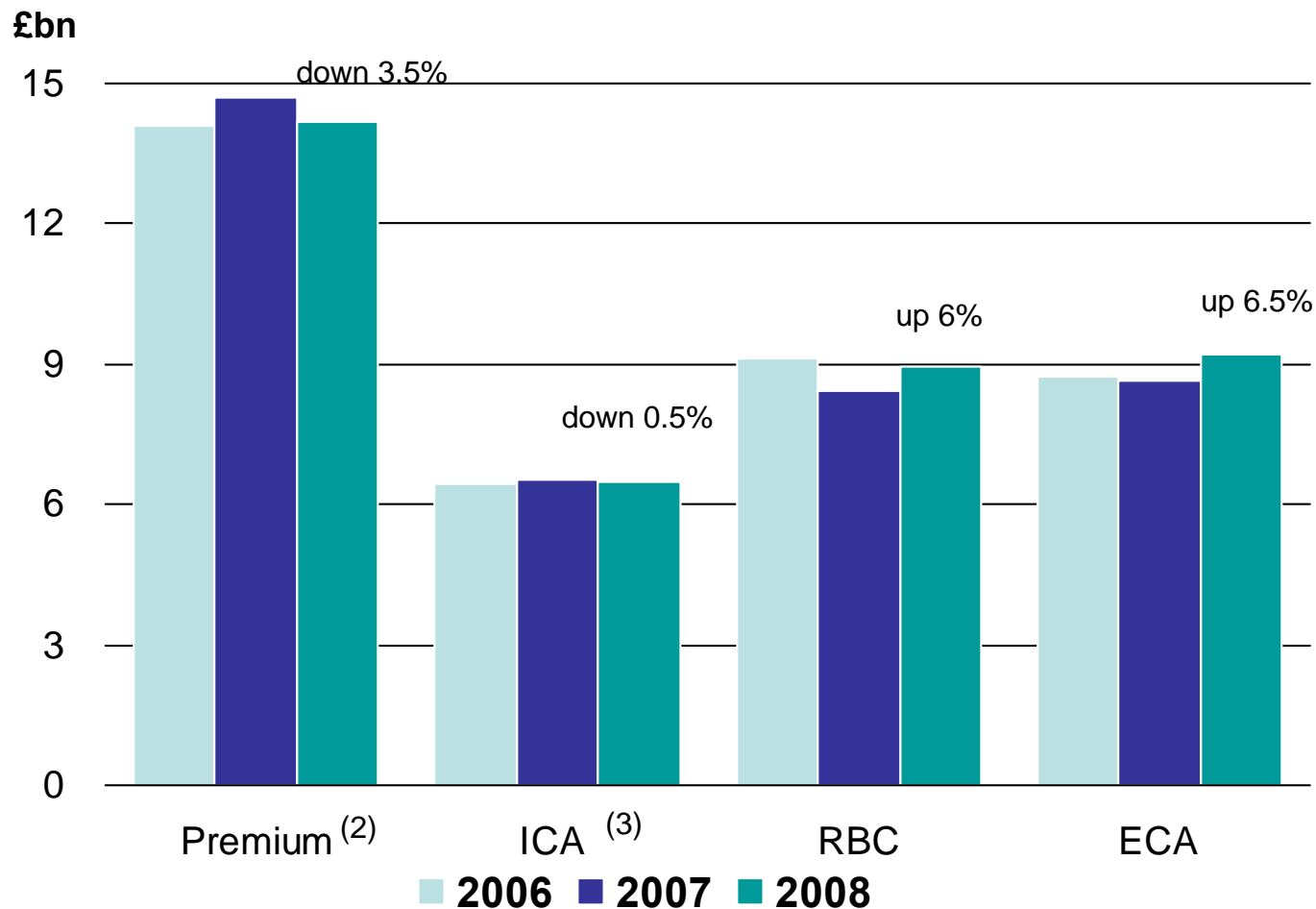


# Syndicate ICA reviews

- Guidance updated
- Multi-disciplinary teams (Actuarial, FPD, Risk Management, other Finance)
  - Information feeds from all departments including Exposure Management
  - Steering Group
- Consultative approach – pre-meetings, early clarity regarding issues
- Link to business planning process
- Continued reliance by FSA on Lloyd's ICA review process
- Similar but separate process for run-off syndicates



# Aggregate capital increased to 65% of gross premium



(1) All figures based on 1 January for each year of account

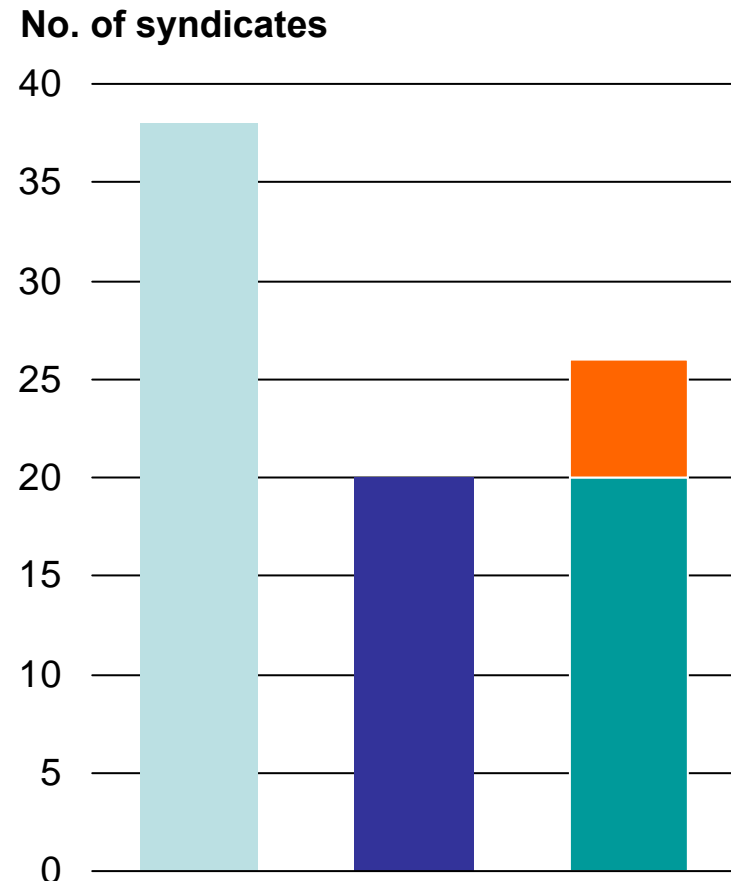
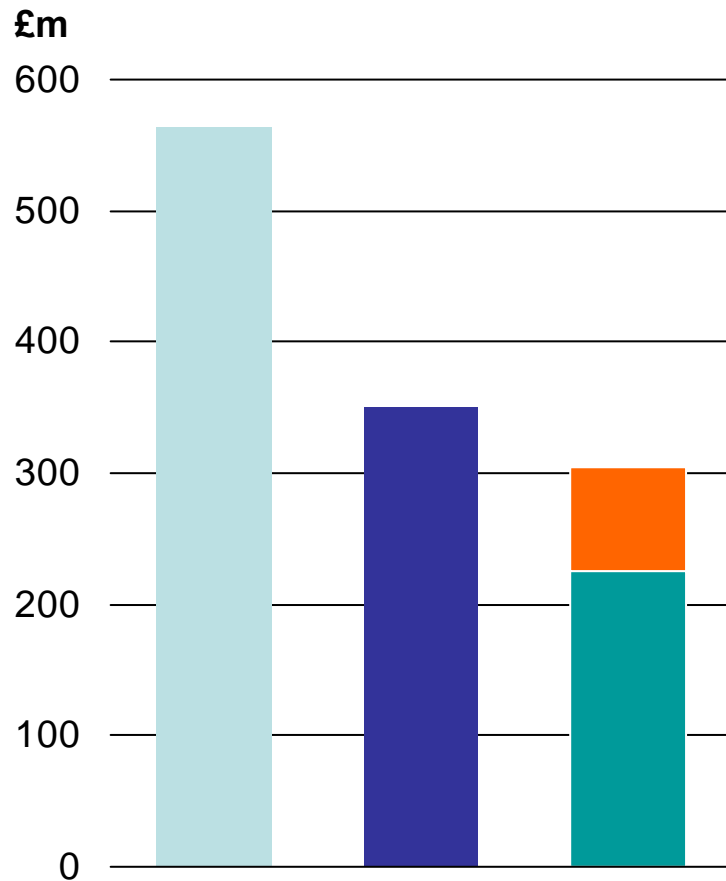
(2) Gross premium net of acquisition costs

(3) Excludes new syndicates

# Key issues were addressed during 2008 YoA review

- Consideration of **market softening** conditions both in assumptions and methodology
- **reserve margin** credit restricted to 50%
- **Compliance** with guidance:
  - loss ratios consistent with SBF
  - discounting FAL not permitted
- **Dependency structures** and correlation factors within and between risk components
- **Operational risk**, including group risk
  - particular focus for new syndicates and recent agent mergers

# Into third year of ICAs, similar level of capital increases required



2006 2008 2008

Increases included within re-submitted ICA following Lloyd's review

# Policy for new syndicates reflects additional risk

- 8 new syndicates/SPS's approved and initial capital set at RBC plus 20%
  - includes two notional prior years for calculation of reserve risk
- Encourage agent to prepare ICA at earliest opportunity
  - uplifted ICA benchmarked against RBC plus 20%
  - higher operational risk
  - full feedback on all points to ensure ICA captures all issues going forward irrespective of quantum
- New syndicate capital averages 110% of premium (62% for all others)

# “Light” submissions can reduce workload

- Recognised improvement in overall quality of submissions during 2007 and 2008 YoA
- ICA “light” is
  - a summary of change document which should provide a commentary per risk group as well as an overview of the change in total ICA number and key sensitivities
  - a completed pro-forma
  - requirement that previous ICA has been accepted and is fully compliant
- FSA have approved this approach
- A full submission required if there are major changes

# CENTRAL CAPITAL



# Optimum Size of Central Assets

- Two years ago Lloyd's made a tactical decision to increase the central assets so that it can further improve its financial strength
  - ..and also in preparation for potential strains on assets:
    - Deterioration in KRW claims
    - Downturn in the insurance cycle
    - Expected losses from viatical business
  - Underwriting and reserving losses better than expected
  - Investment return high
  - Subordinated Debt issued successfully
  - The size of the central assets is now very healthy compared with the LSICA
  - This will be reviewed over the next two months
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# Conclusion

- Strong capital base
- Approach now in fourth year - “evolutionary” to “stable” approach
- Greater focus on consultation and transparency
- Capital will flex with market conditions, contributions to be low and stable
- New tools