# Linking Pricing & Reserving in the London Market

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## Setting the scene

\* Exposure taken on \* Indications of profitability \* Characteristic notification, development & settlement pattern of claims

\* Settlement of known events & outstanding claims

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#### Pricing actuary

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#### Actuarial **Function**

(& actuarial opinion on underwriting)

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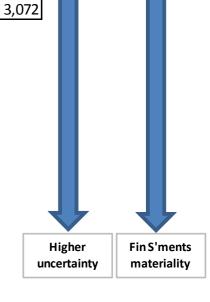
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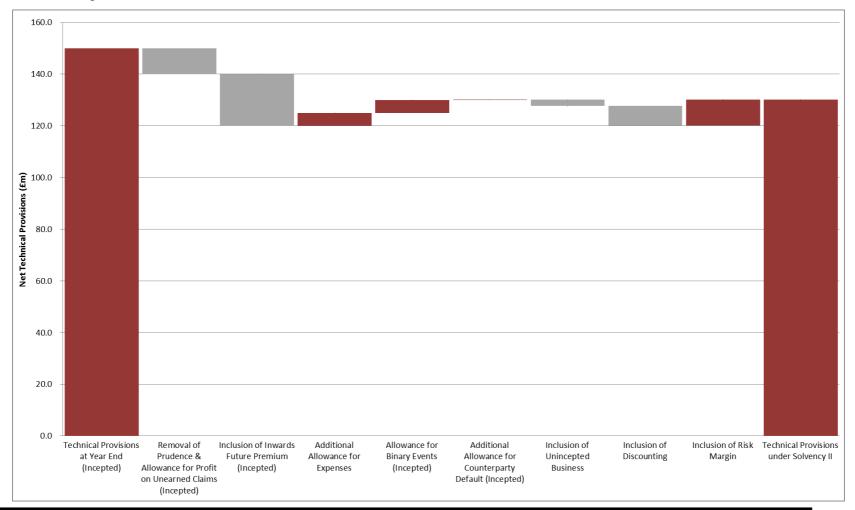
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## Solvency II and Technical Provisions

- Earned Provision (Claims Provision)
  - > Earned claims reserve
  - >Future premiums relating to earned business
- ➤ Unearned Provision (Premium Provision)
  - ➤Incepted business:
    - ➤ Unearned claims reserve
    - > Future premiums relating to unearned business
  - ➤ Unincepted business:
    - > Expected claims on the unincepted business
    - > Premiums relating to this unincepted business



## Solvency II and Technical Provisions





# Solvency II and Technical Provisions

- Realisation of profit straight away
- Allowing for binary events
- Discounting
- Risk Margin



## Pricing & Portfolio analysis

- Minimum underwriting standards. For each risk;
  - Benchmark comparison with plan; (Pricing Expected Loss Ratio)
  - Rate change analysis by component.
- Practice varies in application, especially
  - Application in the underwriting teams; &
  - Governance + information quality standards.
- Portfolio Management

Assignment of responsibility for assessing and calculating the impact that pricing movements, new business and non-renewed business may have on the syndicate loss ratios to a nominated director. {Lloyd's Minimum Standards}



## Knowing the market we are operating in

- Developing a market view & dashboard
- Relative incurred + projection of market level ULRs
- Underwriter value-add
- More subjective information flows
- Usual caveats apply



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### Potential bias + misinformation

- Rate Monitoring subject to inherent flaws
  - Many uses & different audiences
  - Can be difficult to establish a single truth
  - Behavioural issues
- Using PMD returns to Lloyds



## Just how important is Pricing Data..?

- Data storage is cheap
- Good data is a competitive advantage
- Products + policy forms are not evolving rapidly
- Information standards vary by class, broker, nature of market; but...
- Has there been enough of a focus on improvement here.?

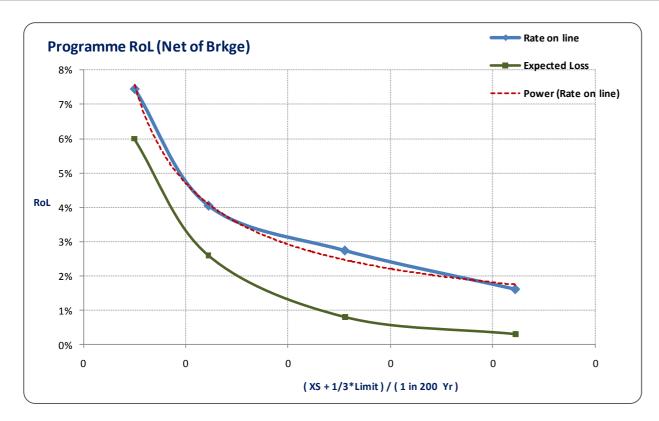


## Calibrating your pricing models

- The biggest 'win' of all
  - Budgeted amounts versus actual delivers quickest insight
    - > By Pricing Component;
    - > By Peril.
- Practicality various by class, a strong 'view' still provides the framework
- Underwriter ownership
- Allowing for different varying capital loads



# **Expected loss vrs Rate on Line**

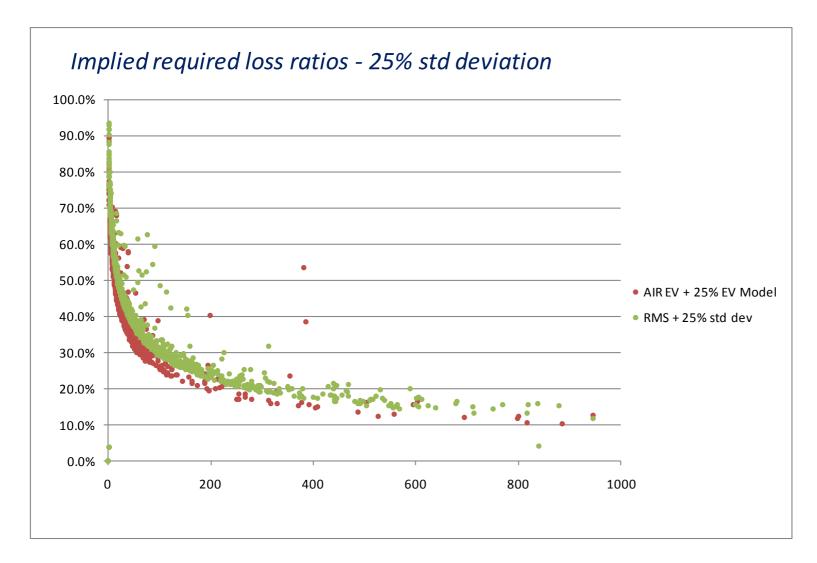


Expected loss
Implied Capital Charge
Market Price

Ly1	ı	_y2	Ly3	Ly4
	72.6%	57.8%	26.2%	16.1%
	27.4%	42.2%	73.8%	83.9%
	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
	0.4	0.7	2.8	5.2



## Allowing for volatility charge



Warning...

Based on 'model prices' not actuals



## Calibrating your pricing models

- Maybe the biggest 'win' of all
- Practicality various by class, but;
- ➤ A strong 'view' is still important
- Underwriter ownership
- Governance + information quality standards.



### My wrap-up

- Reserving
  - > Has changed, evolved & improved
  - > But further changes likely or inevitable
- Pricing
  - > Evolution to continue (some way to go)
  - Improved transparency around underwriting
- Linking the two
  - > In short term, iterative learning + 'red flag' approach
  - ➤ Medium to long term? Discuss.

