




The role of the LLMA in the Longevity Markets

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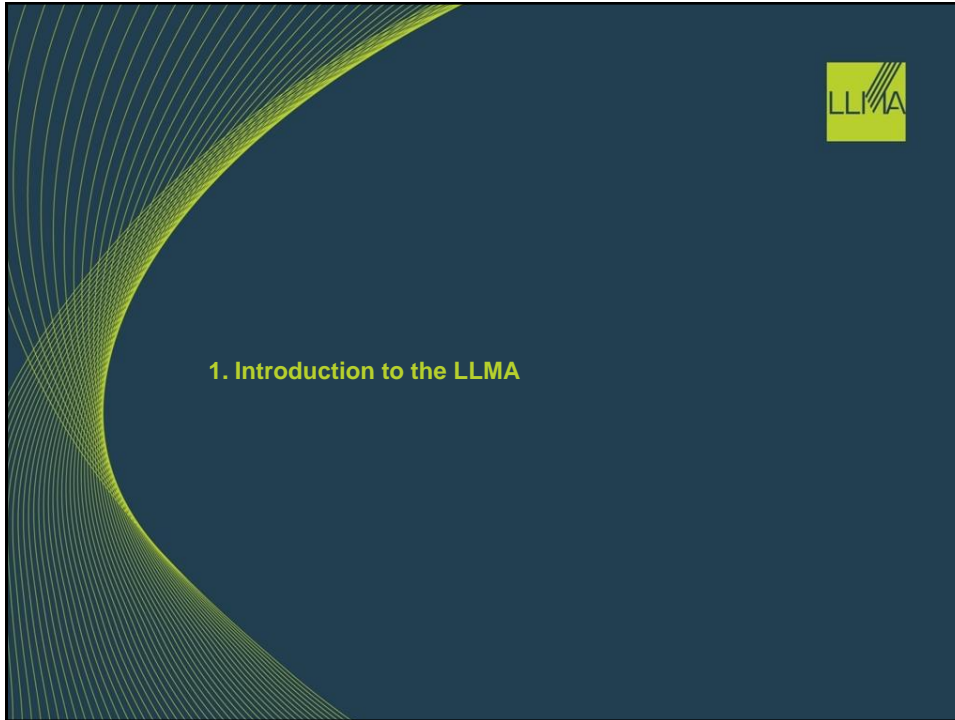
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Agenda

- Introduction to the LLMA
- Longevity Indices
- Basis risk

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What is the LLMA?

- The **Life and Longevity Markets Association** ('LLMA') is a non-profit organisation funded by current members
 - Website: www.llma.org
- **The LLMA aims to promote the development of a liquid traded market in longevity and mortality-related risk**
- It is a cross-industry association, currently including members from the banking, insurance and reinsurance industries
- Current members are (in alphabetical order):
AVIVA, AXA, Deutsche Bank, J.P. Morgan, Legal & General, Morgan Stanley, Munich Re, Pension Corporation, Prudential, RBS and Swiss Re
- The LLMA is open to new members that share its aims and objectives, and that intend to be active participants in this market
- The Association was formally launched in the UK on February 1st 2010

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What does the LLMA do?

Our aim is to allow the capital markets to invest with confidence in this new asset class, which will bring knock-on benefits of increased stability and certainty to the UK's pension funds.

The Association aims to support the creation of a liquid market in Longevity Risk.

Output from the Association includes:

- Standardised glossary of terms
- Standardised longevity product definitions
- Standardised documentation
- **Longevity indices and index methodologies**
- Standardised valuation/pricing model for longevity
- Standardised framework for risk management

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2. Longevity Indices

Longevity Indices



The LLMA publishes national population mortality indices for England and Wales, Holland, Germany and the US

Raw Data

- Exposure (e.g. number of lives at an indicated time)
- Death (e.g. number of deaths over a defined period)

Metrics:

- Crude mortality rates
= Death / Exposure
- Graduated mortality rates
- Period life expectancies

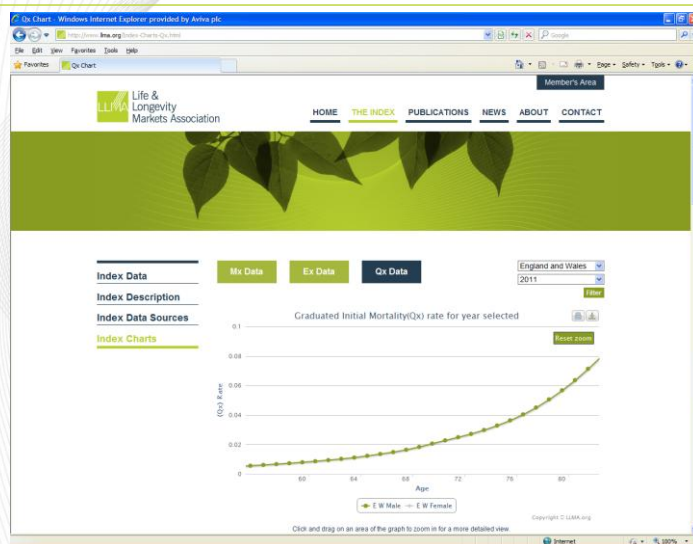
Breakdown

- Age
- Gender
- Country
- Annual frequency

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Index example England & Wales 2011



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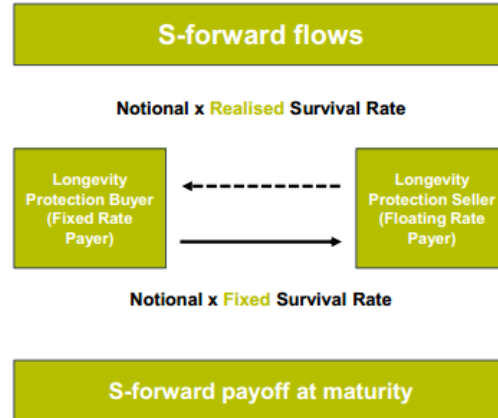
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How are the indices used?



Benefits

- Lower Cost
- Faster Execution
- Potential for liquidity
- Transparent
- Flexible structure



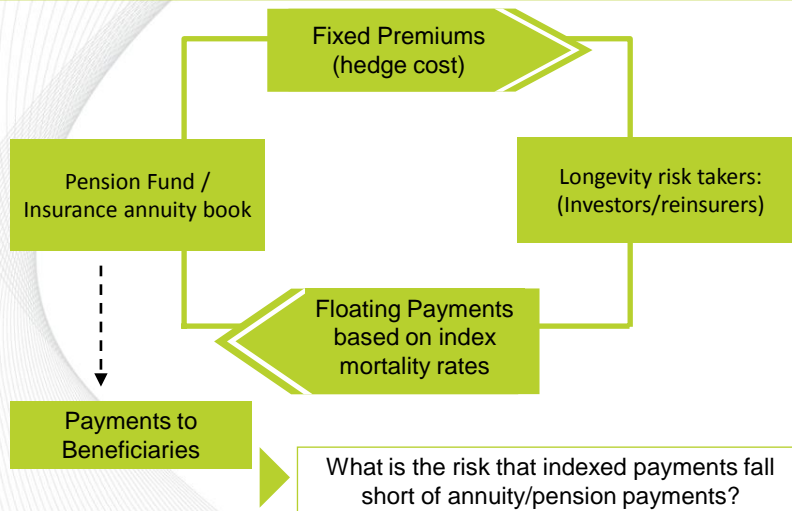
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3. Basis risk



The Basis Risk Question



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Types of Basis Risk: Three Main Categories



Structural

- Choice of reference age and genders
- Duration of hedge

Sampling

- Small population
- Large annuity amounts

Demographic

- Socio-economic status
- Lifestyle
- Geography

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Assessment of Basis Risk: Main Steps and Questions to Answer



Historical Analysis

- What relationship have the two populations demonstrated in the past?
 - Empirical assessment
 - Establish an underlying link

Modeling

- What do you expect the future relationship to be?
 - Stochastic models
 - Two-population models

Measurement

- What measure to use for hedge effectiveness?
 - Deterministic quantification
 - Select appropriate metrics

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The Longevity Basis Risk Working Group: The LLMA and the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries



Objective

- Define a practical methodology to assess basis risks for longevity transactions which is easily accessible to market practitioners

Work Performed

- Review of existing literature
- Identification of available inputs and desired outputs
- Simplified spreadsheet analysis

Ongoing work

- The biggest challenge is how to model the demographic risk
- How do we simulate the two populations? (Hedge and portfolio)
- How are their mortality rates related?

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