Roadmap for managing Basel II implementation issues for Asian banks

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1. Basel II is a very good news
“The Basel II framework places considerable emphasis on internal processes for managing risk and for managing capital requirements. This along with the Pillar III disclosure requirements places tremendous demand on the Governance and oversight standards within a bank. **Banks should therefore focus their energies on raising their governance and oversight standards to greater heights**”

KISHORI J. UDÉSHI, September 2005
Basel II is very good news

**Regulators**
- Provides deeper insight into bank risk management
- Gives greater comfort in the robustness of risk management practices in various banks
- Compliance simplifies risk management practices

**Banks**
- The Regulators expect the major banks to comply with the most sophisticated models
- International peer analysis shows bank risk-adjusted assets to decrease by more than any other jurisdiction
- Differences are attributable to:
  - balance sheet structure
  - different risk profiles

**Equity investors / Analysts / Debt investors / Rating Agencies**
- Greater rigour of balance sheet analysis
- Better understanding of risk / reward – fundamental value
2. Basel II is a long way away
The Basel Committee explicitly acknowledges that moving toward an early adoption of Basel II may not be a first priority in terms of what is needed to strengthen their supervision. Each national supervisor should consider carefully the benefits of Basel II in the context of its domestic banking system when developing a timetable and approach to implementation.
3. Having a strong foundation – Pillar I
### Roadmap for Basel II - Credit Risk

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Roadmap for Basle II – Operational Risk

LONG TERM

MEDIUM TERM

SHORT TERM

BASIC APPROACH

• Compliance with Sound Practices for the Management of Operational Risks

STANDARDISED APPROACH

• Mapping existing activities to business lines defined by Basel II
• Modification of accounting systems to incorporate business lines
• Installation of IT infrastructure to enable collection of internal loss data
• Initiation of institutional processes to collect external loss data

ADVANCED MEASUREMENT APPROACH

• Clear and Comprehensive framework for qualitatively assessing inherent operational risks and controls using self assessment scorecards, key risk indicators. Conversion of such qualitative assessment to a quantitative metric.
• Development of comprehensive framework that combines such a quantitative metric with internal/external loss data to appropriately capture operational risk exposure,

• Development of internal loss events database
• Development of external loss events database

• Compliance with Sound Practices for the Management of Operational Risks
Building capacities & capabilities

Building Risk Management Capability requires an interdisciplinary effort ..... Banks must possess the supporting risk management infrastructure required to align the risk & business strategies

Strategy
- Articulated strategic vision and approach
- Risk based capital allocation processes
- Portfolio Analysis (and on a stand alone basis)

Process
- Clearly defined corporate level and business unit risk management policies and procedures
- Effective controls and risk limits

Organization
- Strong, risk centric governance structure
- Chief Risk Officer & the risk organisation
- Skill sets

Technology
- External and internal data feeds/interfaces
- Data warehousing and middleware capabilities
- Risk measurement engines
- Data visualization tools
Having a right architecture for implementing credit risk management

- **Dimensions** - two dimensional, appropriately differentiates risk, covers all material portfolios.
- **Stress** - Obligor and facility ratings must consider the impact of economic weakness.
- **Calibration** - Obligor and facility ratings must be calibrated to PD and LGD, respectively.
- **Accuracy** - Actual defaults/loss rates for rating grades must reasonably reflect the PDs and LGDs assigned.
- **Validation** - Validation processes must include: developmental evidence, benchmarking, and back-testing.

- **Data** - construct a reference data source
- **Estimation** - apply statistical techniques to the reference data to derive parameter estimates
- **Mapping** - create a link between the reference data and a bank’s actual portfolio data
- **Application** - apply parameter estimates to each exposure in the portfolio

Banks should collect credit data at all points over the life cycle of the loan -- from “cradle-to-grave.”

Banks should capture key criteria used to assign obligor and facility ratings.

Banks need good data in order to:
1) Validate the rating process and parameters
2) Refine rating system
3) Apply improvements historically
4) Develop internal parameter estimates
5) Calculate capital ratios
6) Produce internal and public reports
7) Support risk management

Strong system of controls to ensure rating system integrity and to keep incentive conflicts in check.

Banks will have latitude in designing and implementing their control structures subject to three broad principles:

- Banks must employ independence, accountability, transparency and use of ratings in ways that promote accurate rating systems.
- Banks must employ ratings review to evaluate the effectiveness of the rating system.
- Banks will use internal audit and senior management/board oversight to ensure that control mechanisms are functioning as intended.
Framework for Operational Risk

Defining Operational Risk
Implementing Best Practices
Mitigating Operational Risk
Monitoring Op.risk Developing Business KRI’s
Quantification of Operational Risk
Classification of Op Risk
Basel II Op. Risk approaches
Op. Risk Measurement approaches
Risk, Control & Self Assessment methodology
Scenario Analysis
Framework for Measuring, Managing & Monitoring Operational Risk
**Framework for Market Risk**

- **Interest Rate Risk**
- **Foreign Exchange Risk**
- **Equity Price Risk**
- **Commodity Price Risk**

**Calculation of VaR for Trading Book**

1. **Quantification of Market Risk of Portfolio—Trading as well as banking book**
2. **Model to measure interest rate risk in the banking book**
3. **Calculation of VaR (for interest rates) FOR BANKING BOOK**

**Calculation of VaR for Trading book**

- **Quantity Exposure:** BIS 'standard model' advocates bucketing of interest rate risk into time bands
- **Determine Risk Analogs:** Multiply assets and liabilities in each time band with interest rate volatility and assumed duration of each time band.
- **Calculate Direct Risk:** Add risk analogs in all time bands to arrive at direct risk
- **Calculate Yield Curve Risk:** Adjust for change in shape of yield curve
- **Calculate Basis Risk:** Adjust for imperfect correlations between offsetting assets and liabilities
- **Calculate Total VaR:** Sum of Direct Risk, Yield Curve risk and Basis Risk

* Adaptation of BIS Standard Model
4. Beyond Pillar I
The Implementation Framework of the Second Pillar of Basel II in Japan

(1) Assessment of Comprehensive Risk Management system

**Comprehensive Risk Management System**

- Best Practice -
  1. The risk amount of each business department is assessed quantitatively.
  2. Capital is allocated to each business department in accordance with the risk amount within the core capital.
  3. Risk and return is appropriately managed in relation to the business plan and profit plan by using quantitative indicators such as risk-adjusted profit of each business department.

**Risk Evaluation and review by the Regulator**

- Profitability
- Credit risk
  - Credit concentration risk
- Market risk
  - Interest rate risk in the banking book
- Other risks

(2) Enhancement of the Early Warning System

**Early Warning System**

- Profitability Improvement Measures
- Credit Risk Improvement Measures
- Stability Improvement Measures
- Cash Flow Improvement Measures

(Actions)

- Interviews and requesting reports
  - Interviews and requesting reports

**Consideration for proportionality of small- and medium-sized and regional financial institutions**

**Consideration for the stability of financial markets**

**New addition**

- New addition

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(Outlier Level)

(Interest rate risk amount exceeds 20% of the sum of Tier1 and Tier2 capital)

The amount affected by the emergence of a large credit risk.

(Actions)

More appropriate risk management is prompted.
The need for validation framework

All activities undertaken to analyze and verify the overall performance of the Risk Rating System to ensure accuracy and consistency. In general, the validation entails the following activities:

1. Confirmation of the Conceptual Soundness and Initial Risk Quantification of the Risk Rating Systems’ design,
   • concept, methodology, and assumptions

2. Confirmation of Risk Rating Systems’ Operations,
   • Replicability, Override and Exceptions monitoring, Monitoring of Risk Rating System’s KPIs, Data, the use test

3. Annual examination of overall performance of the Risk Rating System
   ▪ Backtesting
   ▪ Benchmarking
   ▪ Annual Health Check
Dealing with cyclicality / Business cycles in and capital allocation

- Some of the bank's businesses are more cyclical than others. How the capital can be allocated among these businesses annually, considering the differences in cyclicity of their business? What can be done with excess Capital?
- How can the bank stabilize the Economic Capital, which is more cyclical that allocated capital, and manage the Gap between Allocated and Economic Capital?
- What is the best way to allocate this Gap to the bank's businesses with respect to cyclicity in order to provide incentives to each business lines in the right way, while at the same time keeping the risk under control?
- Basel Capital is likely to be conservative and a-cyclical, which will have an impact on our capital management practices.
- Our internal view of capital is more PIT/cyclical and less conservative - which means we will have a cyclical Gap between Economic Capital and Allocated Capital.
- One way to stabilize the Economic Capital and thus the Gap could be to use cyclical solvency ratio/confidence interval corresponding to the target rating in estimation of Economic Capital.
- More cyclical businesses will be responsible for the cyclicity of the Gap. The allocation of Gap is critical to sent the right incentive.
- We want cyclical businesses to grow during the good times but how? If the business takes too much long term risk in good times, there will be implications later. How to bridge the long term and short term objectives?
- If the business has no or little control over the term of the deals, the Gap can be allocated to reduce/eliminate cyclicity: Cyclical businesses are charged TTC capital no matter where we are in the cycle.
- If the business has reasonable control over the term of the deals, we need to normalize the term effect, which could be done via capital holdback.

![Diagram showing capital and economic capital over time](image)
Understand the requirements for Regulatory Approvals

- Assessing the impact of Basel II on banks’ capital
  - Adjustment of overall minimum capital requirement at the global level
- Facilitating the preparation for Basel II implementation at banks that intend to adopt IRB/AMA from inception
  - QIS Spreadsheet + Questionnaire & Self-assessment Gap Analysis
- Assessing the preparedness of banks in adopting IRB/AMA from inception
- Facilitating the preparation for Basel II implementation at banks
- Assessing and judging whether banks satisfy requirements set out in the Regulator’s Ordinance, etc.
  - On-site/Off-site assessment
- Assessing the appropriateness of banks’ roll-out plans
  - Supported by constant monitoring of banks’ Basel II implementation plans

Approval process for advanced approaches will be a 3-stage process
Dealing in Cross-border Consolidation Methods

Should internationally active banks be allowed to apply different approaches to subsidiary banks and to aggregate the results of these approaches on a group-wide basis (i.e., add-up consolidation)?
Promotion of Home-Host Cooperation

**Background**

Concerns on regulatory burden
- Need for multiple reporting/approval requirement
- Dependence on centralized systems and business-line management across legal entities

**Industry**

**Supervisors**

Concerns on efficient allocation of supervisory resources
- Substantial increase of validation/approval work
- Scarce human resources (experts)

**Needs for home-host information sharing**

- Supervisory college meetings
- Kick off of home-host information sharing process and general review of bank’s implementation plans
- Regional supervisory cooperation
- Mutual understanding of Basel II implementation framework of neighboring countries
- Case study exercises
- Regular bilateral contacts
- In-depth information sharing on banks’ implementation plans

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Possible Criteria for Add-up Consolidation

Several criteria, as listed below, can be used to judge the appropriateness of add-up consolidation methods, but flexibility is needed anyway.

(Impact of different domestic rules)

1. Are Basel II approaches available in host jurisdictions?

2. How significant is the difference in Basel II implementation rules between home and host jurisdictions?
   (Impact of adopted different approaches)

3. Is the add-up consolidation method applied on a temporary basis?

4. Is the subsidiary a non-significant business unit?

5. Is it possible to prevent regulatory arbitrage?