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# Controlling the Impact of Pension Expense on Corporate Finance

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### Agenda

- Current investment outlook
- Enterprise risk management
- Strategies for pension management
- Case study
- Q&A



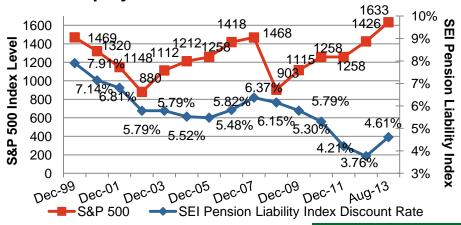
### **Outlook**



### It is critical to manage both equity and interest rate risk

- AA corporate-bond discount rates and equity markets have fallen significantly since 2000, hurting plan funded status
- As a result, liabilities have grown much faster than assets (as demonstrated by the green columns in the table below)
- Interest rate movements often overwhelm the impact of portfolio returns on plan funded status
- Failure to properly manage these risks can result in unnecessary funded status volatility and erosion

#### **Equity Market and Interest Rate Levels**



#### Asset Versus Liability Returns as of 8/31/2013

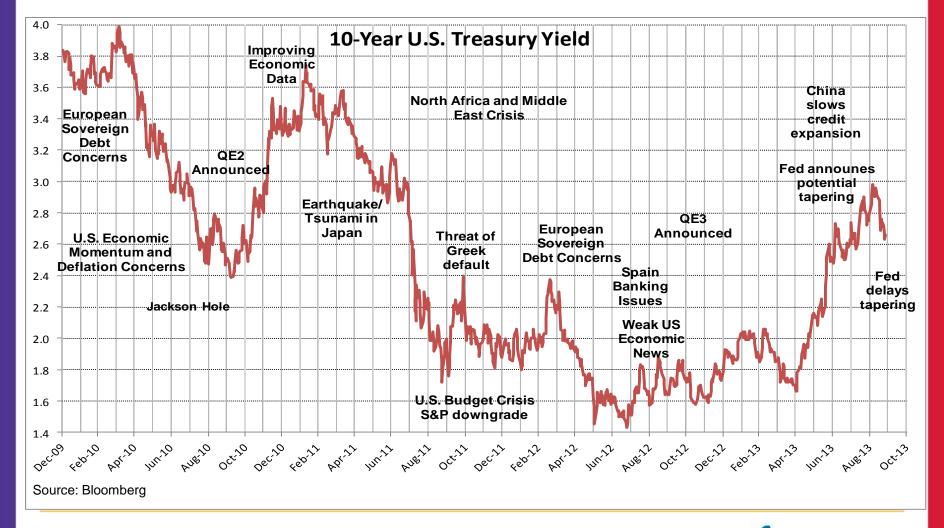
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Calendar Year	200 0	200 1	200 2	200 3	200 4	200 5	200 6	200 7	200 8	200 9	201 0	201 1	201 2	201 3 YTD	Annualize d	Cumulative
70/30 Portfolio <sup>1</sup> return (%)	-3.3	-7.6	-11.3	24.0	11.3	6.6	14.3	7.0	-27.6	22.5	12.5	0.7	13.1	9.1	4.2	76.5
SEI Pension Liability Index <sup>2</sup> return (%)	17.6	11.4	20.4	6.1	9.5	6.3	1.7	-0.3	9.9	11.0	12.2	21.4	10.6	-8.5	9.2	233.5
Excess returns of Portfolio over Liabilities	-20.9	-19.0	-31.7	17.9	1.8	0.3	12.6	7.3	-37.5	11.5	0.3	-20.7	2.5	17.6	-5.0	-157.0

Source: Bloomberg. The 70/30 Portfolio is based on the aggregate asset allocation of the top 1,000 defined benefit plans (Source: Pension & Investments) and is comprised of 50% Domestic Equities (Russell 3000) 20% International Equities (MSCI EAFE) and 30% Fixed Income (Barclay's Capital Aggregate Index). The SEI Pension Liability Index is comprised of the SEI Benefit Payment Stream, which is an equally weighted average of benefit payment streams of 15 of SEI Investments Management Corporation's institutional clients that had durations between 10 and 14 years as of June 30, 2010, discounted by Citigroup Pension Discount Curve. The Citigroup Pension Discount Curve is a spot curve derived from investment grade bonds.



Returns since 2000

### 10-year treasury yield: Record lows





## Global market review: Markets pause on Fed concern

#### Market review

- The Federal Reserve provided guidance that they would begin "tapering" QE in the second half, impacting fragile investor confidence
- -Bonds sold off sharply as real yields spiked
- -U.S. equities led all asset classes and geographies
- Concerns of moderating growth within the emerging markets pressured EM equities, debt and commodities

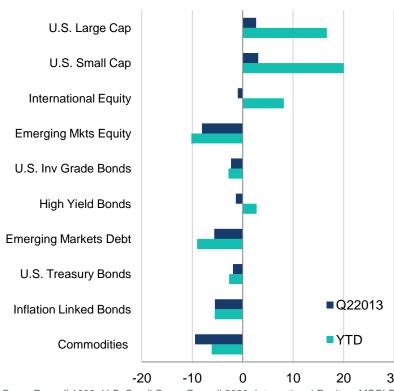
#### Strategy positioning

- Client portfolios are generally well positioned for increased volatility amidst rising rates
- Bond market volatility provided opportunity for managers to add attractively valued credit exposure

#### SEI's market and economic outlook

- -Investors overreacted to Fed comments
- Interest rates are likely to be range bound at these higher levels
- Slowing corporate earnings growth may lead to volatility as investors' attention turns to fundamentals
- Select emerging market equity valuations have become attractive

#### Financial Markets Performance as of 8/31/13 Selected Markets Q2 2013 and YTD (%)

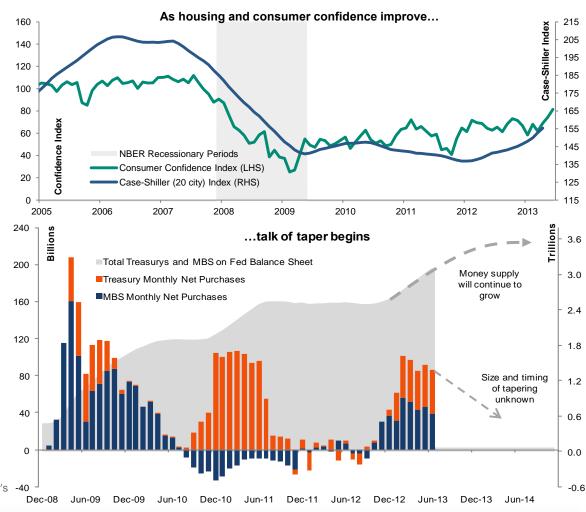


U.S. Large Cap = Russell 1000, U.S. Small Cap = Russell 2000, International Equity = MSCI EAFE, Emerging Markets Equity = MSCI EME, U.S. Investment Grade Bonds = Barclays U.S. Aggregate, High Yield = BofA ML Master II HY Constrained, Emerging Markets Debt = JP Morgan EMBI Global Diversified, Treasury = Treasury component of the Barclays U.S. Aggregate, Inflation Linked = Barclays 1-10 Year TIPS, Commodities = DJ UBS Commodity Index. Source: SEI, FactSet



### "Taper talk" moves the markets

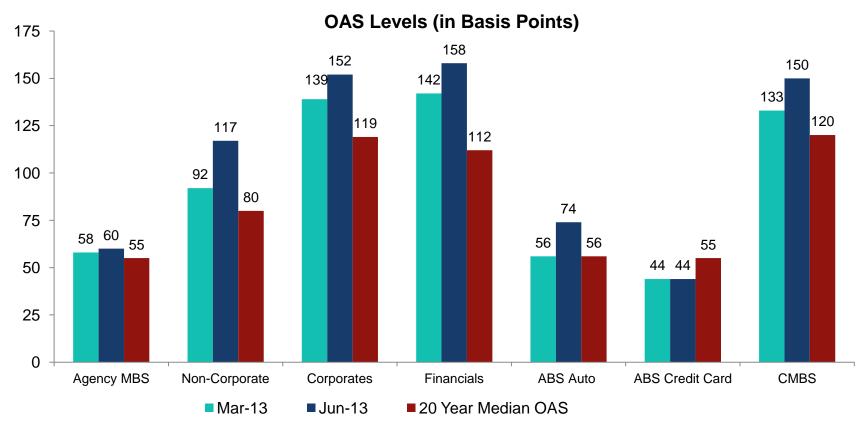
- An improving housing market and rising consumer confidence underpin the Fed's view that downside risks are diminishing
- Tapering implies that the Fed will slow the rate of growth in its balance sheet rather than withdrawing monetary stimulus from the economy
- SEI believes that the markets overreacted to the Fed's announcement
- The Fed emphasized that the rate of tapering will be dependent on economic conditions
- We believe tapering will be slower than many expect



Source: Top Chart: Conference Board, Standard and Poor's -40
Bottom Chart: Federal Reserve, SEI



# Taper talk results in wider spreads and increased volatility: Market reprices uncertainty around US monetary policy



20-Year Median option-adjusted spread (OAS) calculated based on monthly data beginning 10/31/1992. CMBS OAS data begins 7/30/1999. Option-Adjusted Spreads estimate the difference in yield between a security or collection of securities and comparable Treasurys after removing the effects of any special features, such as provisions that allow an issuer to call a security before maturity. Source: Barclays



### What will 2013 and 2014 look like?

#### Liabilities (absent future changes)

- Rates will come down across the curve
- 25-year corridor expands to 85%
- Liability losses may increase in short-term

#### Rate outlook

- Fed rate low until late 2015
- Flat to slight increases is general expectation, short-term

#### Assets

- 2013: Will still have 1/3 of 2011 losses unrecognized and 2/3 of 2012 gains
  - Smoothed close to market

#### Asset outlook

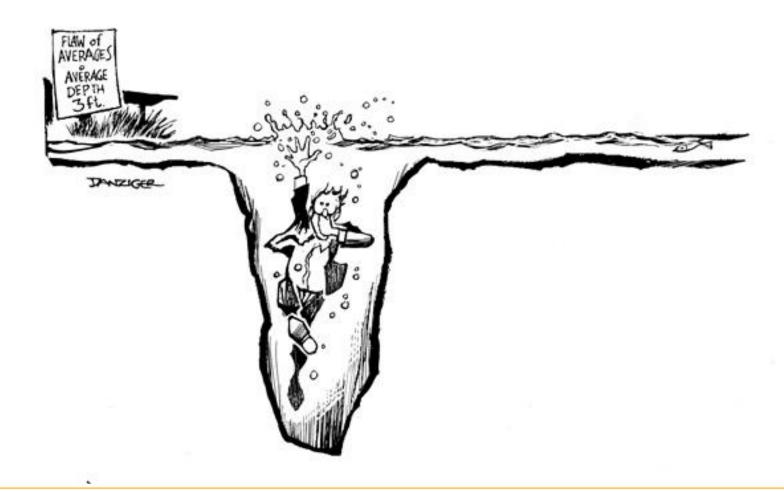
- Unclear
- Long-term expect growth
- Short-term lower growth than in recent history



### **Enterprise risk management & the pension**



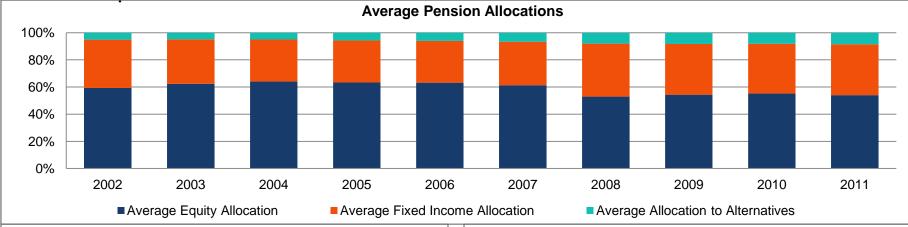
### Average results - over time - can be fatal

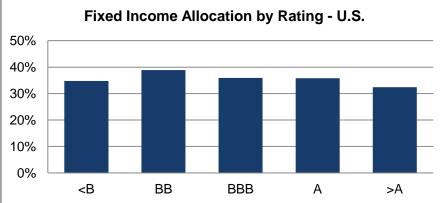


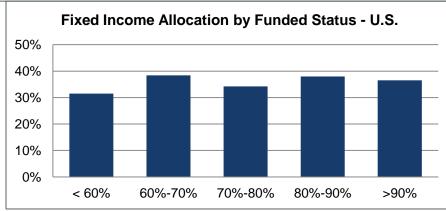


# Plan sponsors typically implement standardized "balanced fund" asset allocation

Standard implementation - "Balanced Fund"







Note: Based on year-end 2011 financial results for 1,100 public companies with pension assets > \$10 MM. Source: SEC Filings, CapIQ.

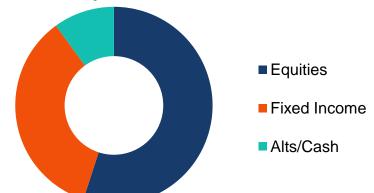


## Why the disconnect? Frame of reference of the office of th

#### Wrong frame of reference

- Application of classic portfolio optimization pioneered by Harry Markowitz, serves as a basis for implementation
- Approach to portfolio strategy similar to multi-asset construction of the efficient frontier
- Basis is primarily asset-only, with a modest overlay of hedging the pension liability

#### **Traditional Optimal Portfolio**



- Significant departures from traditional individual investment strategies
  - Funding requirements plan sponsors need to annually fund 1/7th of their funding gap
- Fixed liability corporations cannot modify their retirement like individual savers
- No "investor life-cycle" model
- Corporate pensions in accumulation, consolidation and spending phase simultaneously
  - Exposure to interest rates reversed
  - Asymmetry of benefits



### Comprehensive plan management

- Funding policy
- Minimum required contributions
- Credit balance

- Earnings impact
- Pension expense
- OCI<sup>1</sup> charge



- Return seeking assets
- Risk mitigating assets
- Custom LDI
- Market point of view
- Actively managed

- Active, closed, frozen
- Legacy benefit vs. ongoing

1 Other Comprehensive Income.



# Enterprise Integration: Pension strategy should be part of a corporate-wide asset/liability framework

#### **Asset-Liability Framework**

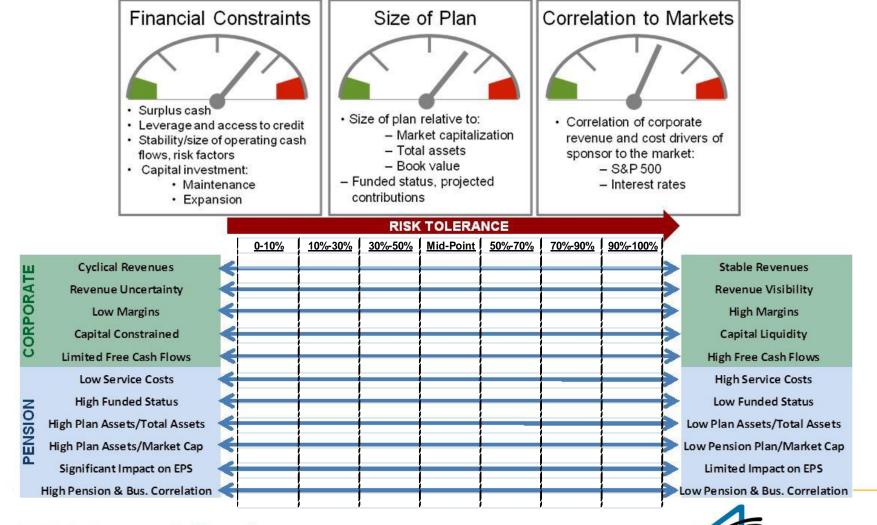
- Pension management is part of an overall risk management structure.
  - Pension liability for corporate sponsors are integrated with other balance sheet and contingent liabilities.
  - Resources and risks need to be evaluated holistically.
- Capital structure decisions/capabilities have a significant impact on approach:
  - Liquidity, debt profile and leverage, capital needs.
- How does risk in the corporate pension plan impact corporate performance, valuation, and volatility?
- How does value-at-risk from the pension plan and corporate financial profile impact contribution strategy and allocation?

#### Pension, debt and risk management decisions **Corporate leverage Pension** Debt/equity Funding level Liquidity Contribution policy Corporate Risk Risk Asset allocation Management **Debt profile** Corporate hedging Fixed-floating Interest rate hedging Maturity · Commodity hedging Coupon

#### **Total Corporate Risk Operating Risk Financial Risk** Total Corporate Risk (Market & Credit) **Pension Risk** Integrating the **Multiple Levers** of Pension **Asset** Management **Management:** Market View Returns/Risks Correlations Optimal Allocations **Corporate** Liability **Objectives:** Management Funding Capability Funded Status Capital Demands Pension Expenses Size of Plan Plan Benefits Earnings Impact Long Term Plan



# Asset allocation and funding strategy needs to be tightly aligned with financials



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# Analyze the pension exposure both from an aggregate cash perspective...

Pension Liabilities (\$MM)	Legacy Liability (PBO)	+	PBO Annual Increase	+	Annual Service Costs
	\$558.0		\$29.0		\$4.0

Pension Assets Cash		Debt Capa	acity	FCF (5 y	rs)	Equity			
Value	\$390.0	Value	\$55.0	Value	\$500.0	Value	\$500.0	Value	Unlimited
Expected annual returns Annual income	7.3% \$29.0	Available for pension ≈10%-20%	\$5.0- \$10.0	A∨ailable for pension ≈ 10%-20%	\$50.0- \$100.0	A∨ailable for pension ≈ 20%-30%	\$100.0 -200.0	A∨ailable for Pension = 10% Plan	\$55.0
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Expected vs actual returns Low returns Cost Investment volatility Liquidity constraints Liquidity		Cost Liquidity constra	Considerations Cost Liquidity constraints resulting from use		S	Considerations Accretion/Dilution Risk correlation			
Total Capita	al					\$500-\$	700	\$!	55

#### **Long-Term Goal**

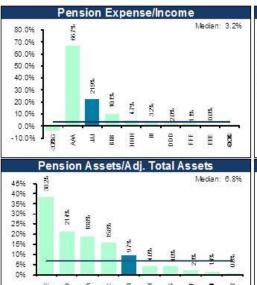
Minimize impact on financial statement/fully fund plan/immunization from operations

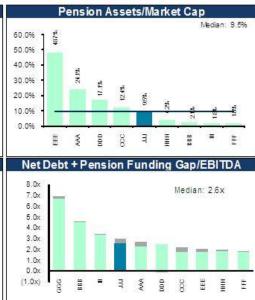
Source: Company 10K Filing, Bloomberg Consensus Estimates, Analyst Reports, SEI Projections. Notes: Debt Capacity 4.0Xs EBITDA.



# Corporate pension metrics: measure of the market cap and balance sheet exposure

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Company	Ticker	Pension Data	Market Cap 10/15/2012	Gross Margin	EBITDA Margin	Return on Capital	EBITDA	Total Debt	Total Debt / EBITDA	Assets	Liabilities	Funded Ratio	Discount Rate	ROA Assump.	Annual Expense	Equity	Debt	Other
Company A	AAA	12/31/2011	11,496.5	23.2%	10.6%	8.2%	1,428.3	3,313.2	2.3x	2,766.6	3,328.3	83%	4.9%	7.8%	421.8	43.0%	23.0%	34.0%
Company B	BBB	12/31/2011	9,030.7	34.2%	29.2%	5.9%	2,232.0	10,001.0	4.5x	191.6	424.0	45%	4.6%	8.0%	78.0	57.7%	42.3%	0.0%
Company C	CCC	12/31/2011	2,660.2	46.1%	9.8%	9.7%	286.5	488.1	1.7x	330.1	472.8	70%	4.9%	8.0%	-0.4	51.7%	14.6%	33.7%
Company D	DDD	12/31/2011	18,317.3	35.4%	17.5%	13.3%	2,018.1	5,036.5	2.5x	3,140.8	2,930.3	107%	4.4%	8.2%	25.4	61.0%	31.0%	8.0%
Company E	EEE	12/31/2011	3,109.8	28.4%	13.4%	8.4%	547.0	944.0	1.7x	1,515.0	1,680.0	90%	5.1%	6.5%	0.0	6.0%	91.0%	3.0%
Company F	FFF	12/31/2011	26,829.3	31.7%	18.3%	10.8%	3,428.0	5,995.0	1.7x	470.0	527.0	89%	4.6%	7.4%	33.0	57.0%	43.0%	0.0%
Company G	GGG	12/31/2011	NA	24.4%	16.0%	5.5%	394.1	2,628.5	6.7x	176.5	266.7	66%	4.9%	7.0%	2.8	39.0%	61.0%	0.0%
Company H	HHH	12/31/2011	9,306.9	33.7%	20.1%	8.1%	1,146.7	2,069.9	1.8x	386.5	561.7	69%	5.1%	7.0%	21.8	49.5%	44.8%	5.8%
Company I	III	12/31/2011	1,966.1	22.0%	13.5%	6.2%	285.8	942.2	3.3x	34.8	50.8	69%	4.8%	7.2%	3.3	59.0%	41.0%	0.0%
Company J	JJJ	12/31/2011	\$11,708.2	56.7%	9.8%	7.7%	1,285.4	3,251.9	2.5x	\$1,116.1	\$1,649.8	68%	NA	NA	\$51.0	NA	NA	NA
Median Mean				32.7% 33.6%	14.8% 15.8%	8.2% 8.4%			2.3x 2.9x			69.3% 75.6%	4.9% 4.8%	7.4% 7.5%		2 W X C C	42.3% 43.4%	3.0% 9.1%





Client Compared to Compar	ables and	US Public Sector	Comps
Pension Metric	JJJ	Comps Median	US Public Co Median
Pension Assets/Market Cap	9.5%	9.5%	10.9%
Pension Assets/Adj. Corporate Assets	9.7%	6.8%	9.5%
Pension Assets/Book Value	28.9%	24.9%	20.9%
PBO/Adjusted BS Liabilities	21.4%	17.1%	18.0%
Unfunded PBO/EBITDA	0.4X	0.2X	0.2X
Pension Expense/Corporate Income	21.9%	2.9%	4.7%
Funded Status	67.7%	69.3%	73.5%
Equity Allocation/Pension Assets	NA	51.7%	54.0%

Note: Based on year-end 2011 financial results for 1150 public companies with pension plans over \$10 MM. Excludes financial services firms

Source: SEC Filings, CapIQ



# Best practices: plan sponsors need to evaluate the impact of plan volatility under a range of corporate scenarios

#### **Four Key Inputs**

#### Corporate Financial Analysis

- Develop risk tolerance profile of plan sponsor
- Create multiple projection scenarios to establish cash flow, leverage and liquidity metrics

#### **Actuarial Data**

 Review actuarial valuation reports and liability data from plan actuary

#### **Enterprise Goals**

- Review SEC filings and analyst and industry reports
- Identify enterprise financial goals and key sensitivities

#### CMAs and Simulations

- Develop capital market assumptions (CMAs)
- Use CMAs and current economic data to create Monte Carlo simulations

#### **Portfolios**

 Create customized asset allocation options designed to achieve goals more efficiently

#### Scenario Modeler

Output includes projections for the various portfolios and their impact on key plan and enterprise metrics





# Corporate finance considerations impact plan funding as well as portfolio construction

#### Overview

- Many pension plan sponsors are making accelerated contributions to their plans
- Multiple factors driving contribution
  - Attractive financing environment
  - Large cash balances
  - Limited acquisition, investment appetite

#### **Benefits**

- For tax purposes, a pension contribution generates a deduction
  - Tax deduction can effectively be "spent" on reducing pension liability
- Arbitrage cost of financing and returns in plan
- EPS accretive higher asset value in plan times EROA
- · Accelerate plan de-risking

#### **Recent Examples of Pension Funding**

Company	Amount of debt raised to contribute	Underfunded pension	Use of proceeds in prospectus
Com Ed	\$600 MM	\$3,643 MM	"net proceeds from the sale of Bonds as an interim source of liquidity for the planned contribution to the Exelon-sponsored pension plan
Kellogg's	\$500 MM	\$282 MM	"general corporate purposes including voluntary pension contributions and repayment of commercial paper issued to fund share repurchases"
Albemarle	\$100 MM	\$154 MM	"intend to use approximately \$100 million from net proceeds to fund pension contributions"
UPS	\$2,000 MM	\$2,605 MM	"intend to use the net proceeds of this offeringto make early contributions to certain of our primary domestic pension plans that are otherwise payable over the next five years."
PPG	\$500 MM	\$950 MM	"'to contribute to the employment pension fund"
Dow	\$400 MM	\$5,325 MM	"intend to use all of such net proceeds for general corporate purposes, which may include repaying or refinancing indebtedness and funding pension contributions"



# Considering a switch to Mark-to-Market accounting?

#### Reasons to consider

- (US GAAP) is on a path to converge with International Accounting Standards (IAS)
- Analysts already using mark-to-market to get a more accurate view of the assets and liabilities
- Helps minimize the impact of the amortization of past losses in the pension plan
- Could help control the volatility of pension expense via a more effective LDI strategy

#### Benefits

- Historical financial statements would be restated to reflect the actual losses experienced within the plan
- Escrowed" losses awaiting future amortization would be flushed through the income statements

#### Risks moving forward

- Greater volatility in pension expense going forward asset values and liability measures vary from expected returns and liabilities
- Potential threat of a negative earnings impact, as evidenced by the 2012 decline in interest rates

#### SEI research: Stakeholder reaction

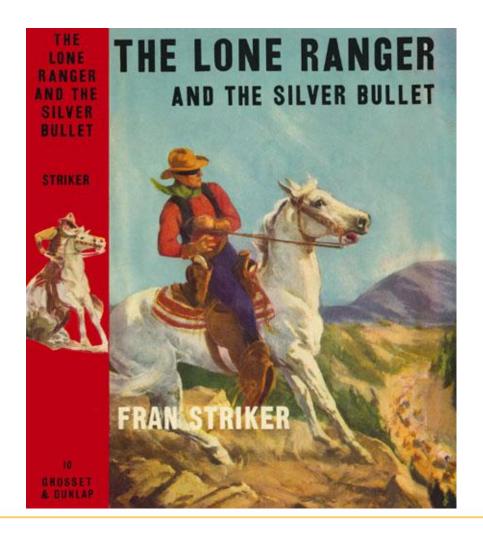
- In 2011 and 2013, a total of 23 companies announced change to Mark-to-Market
- Reaction of stakeholders and subsequent impact is usually negligible



### Strategies for pension management



### There is no silver bullet...





## Pension management strategies for 2013 and 2014

- Funding strategy
- Liability reduction
  - Annuity purchases
  - ET cash outs
  - Buy-ins and buy-outs
- Diversification
  - Asset classes
  - Include alternatives in consideration
- Liability driven investing (LDI)
  - Interest rate hedging
  - Also, portfolio development within consideration of liability

#### Monitor funded status

Monthly (real-time) at a minimum

#### Portfolio changes

- In consideration of market changes
- Glidepath
- LDI strategy
- Corporate finance perspective



### **Options for defeasing liabilities**

	Lump Sum for Term- Vested Participants	Annuity Buy-Out	Annuity Buy-In
Pros	<ul> <li>Reduction of the liability</li> <li>Reduction of admin costs, including increased PBGC premiums</li> <li>Less expensive than purchasing annuities for this group</li> <li>Generally shortens duration for custom LDI implementations</li> </ul>	Completely defeases the plan sponsor liability – may or may not be completely true in terms of a buy-in	Defers potential accounting impacts of annuity purchase
Cons	<ul> <li>One time charge to the P&amp;L if the amount of the lump sums exceeds current service cost, plus interest costs</li> <li>Dilutive to MAP-21 funded status</li> <li>AA may be disrupted due to cash flow out, especially with plans holding illiquid assets</li> <li>May cause a disruption in custom LDI implementation</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Requires settlement accounting</li> <li>Rather long and complicated process</li> <li>The expense – anywhere between 115% to 125% of the liability value</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Still subject to initial high price (more assets than liability covered)</li> <li>Cost and process to flip to a buy-out (safest available rules)</li> <li>Potential tracking risk to the liability</li> <li>Impacts on custom LDI strategy</li> </ul>



### **Funding alternatives**

#### **Funding of plans**

- Required under law
- Approximately 7 years
- 80% (and 60%) threshold
- Participant communications
- Pension expense (P&L) and balance sheet impacts

Strategy
Minimum or minimum plus
Balance sheet cash
Raise debt
Raise equity
Asset sales
Other actions

Evaluate
ROA impact
EPS impact
Future flexibility
Rating impact
Transition benefits
Availability



### **Diversification**

#### Asset classes

- Traditional equity and fixed income
- High yield and emerging market debt Alternatives: hedge, bank loans, private equity, real estate, commodities

#### **Optimizes portfolio (efficient** frontier expands)

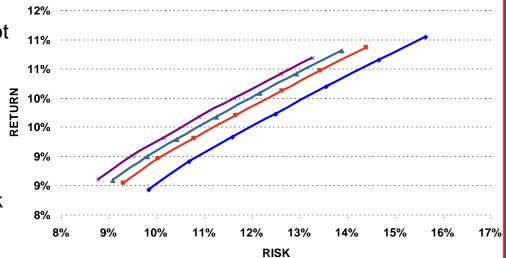
- Lower risk for given level of return
- Higher return for a given level of risk

#### Within asset classes too

- Single manager risks
- Across strategies for alts

#### New expertise may be needed

- Particularly in alternatives
- Liquidity for portfolio
- Lack of regulatory oversight





# Diversified asset classes and multi-manager approach: Building blocks for custom LDI

#### **Fixed Income Strategies**

- Ultra Short Bond Strategy
  - Wellington Management
  - Logan Circle Partners, L.P.
- . Opportunistic Income Strategy
  - Wellington Management –
     Enhanced Cash
  - Ares Management LLC Opportunistic
- · Core Fixed Income Strategy
  - JP Morgan Asset Management
     Value
  - Jennison Associates Core Fixed Income
  - Western Asset Management –
     Sector Rotator
  - Metropolitan West Asset
     Management Value
  - Wells Capital Management Strategic Value

- Long Duration Bond Strategy
  - Metropolitan West Asset
     Management Opportunistic
  - Jennison Associates Long Duration
  - Income Research & Management – Long Duration
  - Legal & General Investments
     Management Long Duration
- Long Duration Corporate Bond Strategy
  - Metropolitan West Asset
     Management Opportunistic
  - Jennison Associates Long Duration
  - Income Research &
     Management Long Duration
  - Legal & General Investments
     Management Long Duration

- High Yield Bond Strategy
  - Ares Management LLC –
     Opportunistic
  - Brigade Capital Management,
     LLC Opportunistic
  - Delaware Investments Fundamental
  - Guggenheim Investment Management, LLC – Relative Value
  - JP Morgan Asset Management
     Relative Value

#### **Custom Overlay**

Client specific Treasury STRIPS

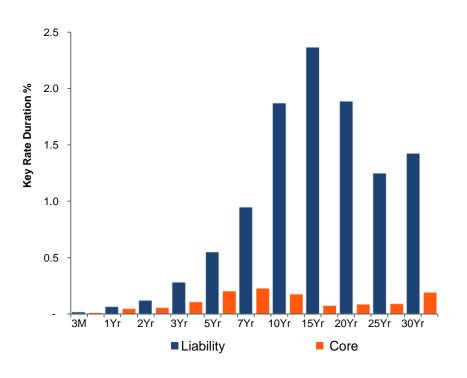
Client specific Interest Rate Derivatives

#### Integrated Customized Client Solution

Sub-Adviser Diversification as of June 2013. The strategies above are not an exhaustive list, but represent those that are typically utilized by SEI Institutional clients. Certain strategies are currently available only in registered mutual fund products. References to specific SEI funds are designed to illustrate SEI's manager selection process, which is implemented by SEI Investments Management Corporation (SIMC). The managers may be offered exclusively through mutual funds. References to specific securities do not constitute an offer or recommendation to buy, sell or hold such securities.



## LDI analysis: Key rate duration of liability of current allocation



Decomposition of Effective Hedge Duration %								
Total Fixed Income Asset Duration		4.38 years						
Allocation to Fixed Income	X	34.9%						
Funding %	Х	82%						
Effective Asset Duration	=	1.25 years						
Liability Duration	÷	10.66 years						
Effective Hedge Duration % (asset duration/liability duration)	=	11.7%						
Fixed Income Asset Duration Cor	Fixed Income Asset Duration Composition (years):							
Government	•	1.86						
Credit		2.52						

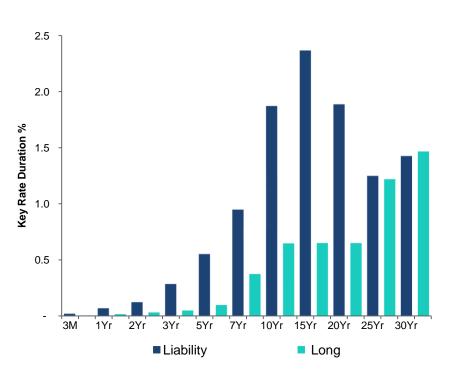
**Total Fixed Income Asset Duration** 

Note: this chart denotes the approximate percent change in value the liability and fixed income assets would experience with a 1% change in key rate, holding all other rates even. Key rate duration shows percent change in total asset and liability value for a 1% change in the highlighted maturity point.



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### LDI analysis: Key rate duration of liability of Portfolio Allocation A



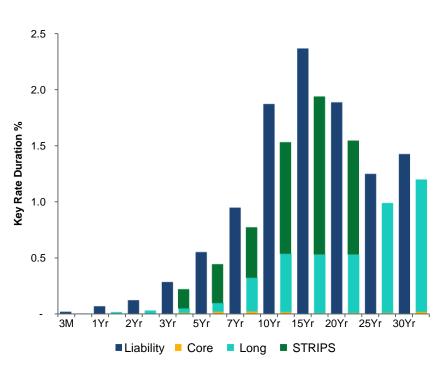
Decomposition of Effective Hedge Duration %								
Total Fixed Income Asset Duration		12.66 years						
Allocation to Fixed Income	Х	50%						
Funding %	X	82%						
Effective Asset Duration	=	5.19 years						
Liability Duration	÷	10.66 years						
Effective Hedge Duration % (asset duration/liability duration)	=	48.6%						

Fixed Income Asset Duration Composition (years):					
Government	4.34				
Credit	8.32				
Total Fixed Income Asset Duration	12.66				

Note: this chart denotes the approximate percent change in value the liability and fixed income assets would experience with a 1% change in key rate, holding all other rates even. Key rate duration shows percent change in total asset and liability value for a 1% change in the highlighted maturity point.



# LDI analysis: Key rate duration of liability of Optimized Allocation B



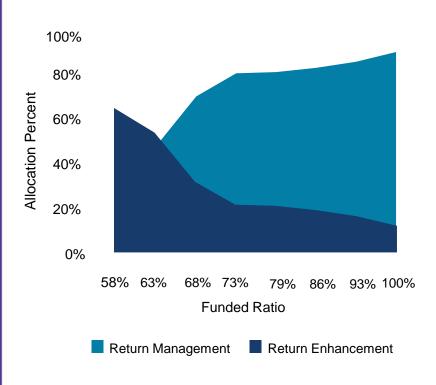
Decomposition of Effective Hedge Duration %					
Total Fixed Income Asset Duration		10.32 years			
Allocation to Fixed Income	х	100%			
Funding %	Х	82%			
Effective Asset Duration	=	8.46 years			
Liability Duration	÷	10.66 years			
Effective Hedge Duration % (asset duration/liability duration)	=	79.4%			

Fixed Income Asset Duration Composition (years):				
Government	1.94			
Credit	3.52			
STRIP	4.86			
Total Fixed Income Asset Duration 10.32				

Note: this chart denotes the approximate percent change in value the liability and fixed income assets would experience with a 1% change in key rate, holding all other rates even. Key rate duration shows percent change in total asset and liability value for a 1% change in the highlighted maturity point.



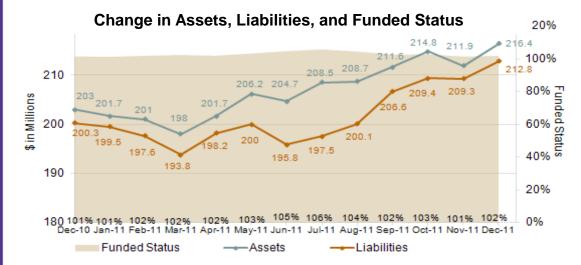
# Retirement plan: Example glidepath, target set to reach 100% in 7 years



Funded Ratio	Risk Management	Return Asset Enhancement Return		Surplus Volatility	
58%	35.44%	64.56%	7.20%	2.13%	
63%	46.43%	53.57%	6.50%	1.49%	
68%	68.41%	31.59%	5.50%	0.77%	
73%	78.64%	21.36%	5.03%	0.50%	
79%	79.20%	20.80%	5.01%	0.40%	
86%	81.12%	18.88%	4.92%	0.31%	
93%	83.83%	16.17%	4.80%	0.24%	
100%	88.11%	11.89%	4.60%	0.19%	



## Monthly snapshot: Change in assets, liabilities, and funded status



Year to date, funded status has deteriorated as:

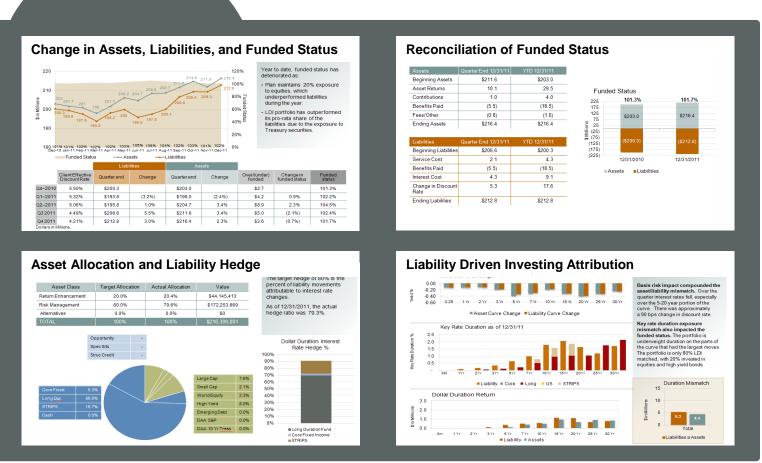
- Plan maintains 20% exposure to equities, which underperformed liabilities during the year
- LDI portfolio has outperformed its pro-rata share of liabilities due to the exposure of Treasury securities

		Liabilities		Assets				
	Client effective discount rate	Quarter end	Change	Quarter end	Change	Over/(under) funded	Change in funded status	Funded status
Q4	5.50%	\$200.1		\$200.3		\$2.7		101.3%
Q1	5.32%	\$193.8	(3.2%)	\$198.0	(2.4%)	\$4.2	0.9%	102.2%
Q2	5.06%	\$195.8	1.0%	\$204.7	3.4%	\$8.9	2.3%	104.5%
Q3	4.49%	\$206.6	5.5%	\$211.6	3.4%	\$5.0	(2.1%)	102.4%
Q4	4.21%	\$212.8	3.0%	\$216.4	2.3%	\$3.6	(0.7%)	101.7%

**Dollars in Millions** 



# Custom, real time reporting monitors progress against goals



Sample reporting. For illustrative purposes only.



### **Case Study: ABC Company**

Progressing towards termination



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## Profile of the ABC Co. retirement plan

#### **Plan Overview**

• Status: Frozen

#### **Liability Overview**

• Duration: 7

• Liability Growth: (7.5%)

Benefit

Payments/Assets: 14.7%

Hurdle Rate: 7.2%

### **Pension Impact on Financial Statements:**

#### Balance Sheet

Funded status changes driven by portfolio returns relative to liability returns.

Fair Value

of Assets: \$204.4M -

**Projected Benefit** 

Obligation: \$293.6M =

#### Income Statement

Pension expense volatility driven by ROA and funded status. Plan's EROA assumption is 4.25%.

Service Cost: \$0 +

Interest Cost: \$12.0M +

Loss Amort: \$9.5M +

Settlement: \$6.4M -

**Expected Return** 

on Assets: \$7.8M =

## Cash Flow Statement

Minimum Required Contribution driven by funded ratio volatility.

Normal Cost: \$0 +

Shortfall Amort: \$12.3M

9/29/2012 Surplus/(Deficit):

> (\$89.2M); 69%

FYE 2012 Pension Expense (Income):

\$20.1M

2012 Minimum Required Contribution:

\$12.3M



<sup>\*</sup>Based on benefit payouts of \$3.3M. Note that 9/29/2012 FAS disclosure assumes \$6.1M.

# Funding considerations for ABC Co. pension plan

	Option A: Minimum Required Contributions	Option B: Funding Policy	Option C: Plan Termination	
Contribution Policy	Minimum Required Contributions	Develop funding policy to achieve Plan termination in 5 years: \$17.6M in FYE2013, greater of MRC or \$18.2M per year (or termination deficit if less than \$18.2M), thereafter	Fully fund Plan to termination (approximately \$119M)	
Goal	Minimize cash contributions	Cost predictability	Eliminate volatility	
Action Required	•Establish customized Glide Path for the Plan; Move upon predetermined triggers	•Immediately implement more conservative investment strategies with lower equity exposure and longer durated bond positions •Establish accelerated Glide path; predetermined triggers	•Implement custom LDI solutions •Begin exploring options to shift liabilities to third party	
Pros	•Given that Plan is underfunded, it is appropriate to underweight duration as plans will benefit in a rising rate environment and equities rally	•Surplus and contribution volatility will be minimized	•Surplus and contribution volatility will be eliminated	
Cons	<ul> <li>Plan's funded status will erode if interest rates fall and equities fall or stay flat</li> <li>May miss window to opportunistically de-risk</li> </ul>	•Funding costs will be locked in at higher levels due to current low interest rate environment; may increase costs if interest rates fall & equities fall or stay flat	•Funding costs will be locked in at higher levels due to current low interest rate environment	



## ABC Co. portfolio changes to consider

Asset Class	Current	Considered Portfolio A (Long Duration)	Considered Portfolio B (Conservative)
S&P 500 Index	26.3	26.3	8.8
US Managed Volatility	-	-	5.0
Small/Mid Cap Equity	7.4	7.4	5.0
World Equity ex-US	17.5	17.5	7.9
Global Managed Volatility	-	-	7.5
US High Yield	5.0	5.0	3.3
Emerging Market Debt	3.8	3.8	2.5
Total Return Enhancement	60.0	60.0	40.0
Core Fixed Income	40.0	-	-
Long Duration / Custom LDI	-	40.0	60.0
Total Risk Management	40.0	40.0	60.0
Expected Return	6.6	6.7	5.7
Standard Deviation	11.6	12.7	10.9
Risk of Loss (5 <sup>th</sup> Percentile)	-10.7	-12.1	-10.7
Portfolio Duration	1.7	5.3	TBD

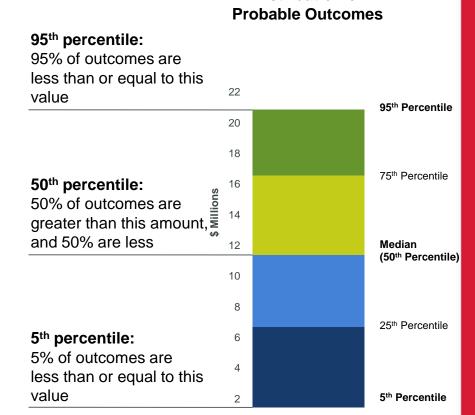
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# How do we create probability distributions and what do they mean?

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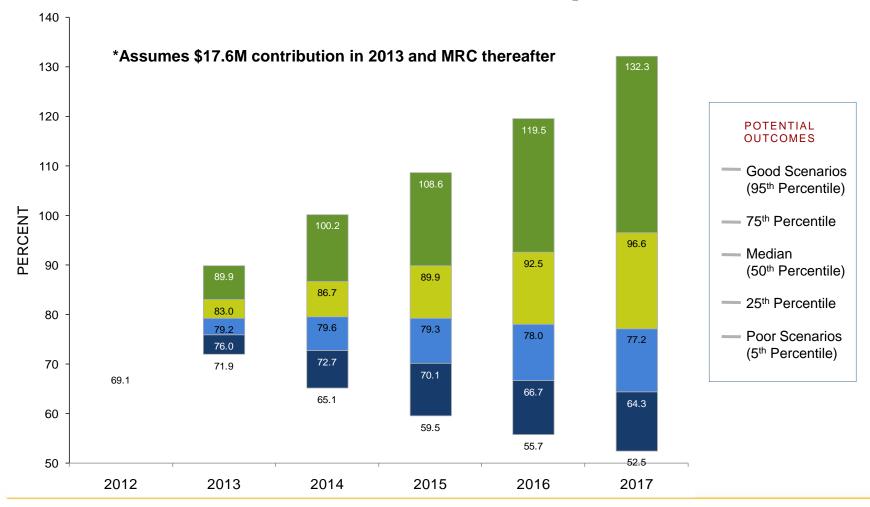


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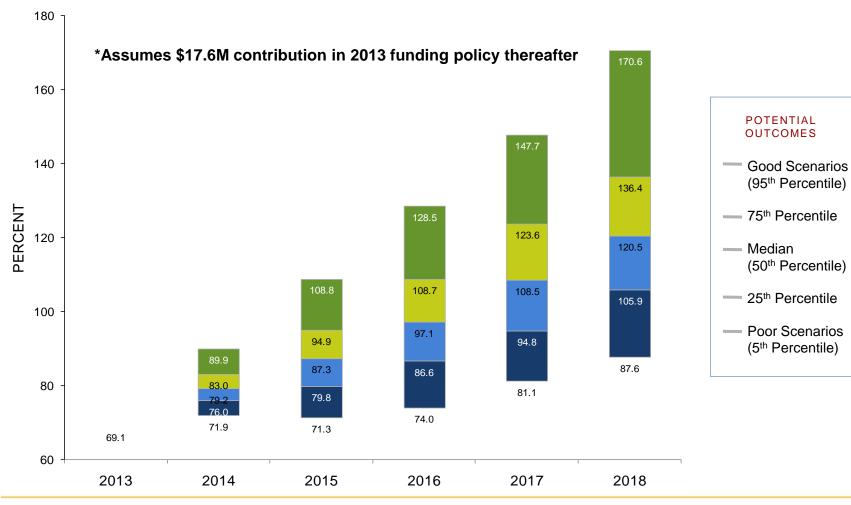


# Range of potential impact of changes on PBO Funded Ratio – Current portfolio\*



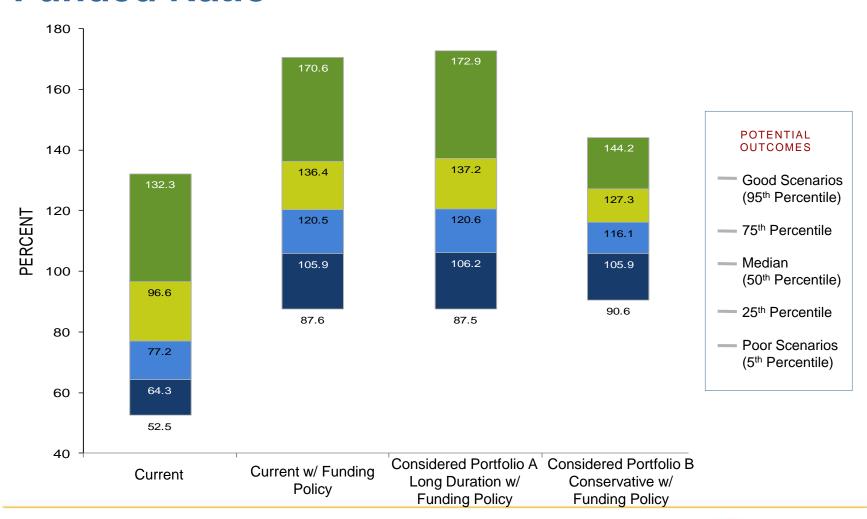


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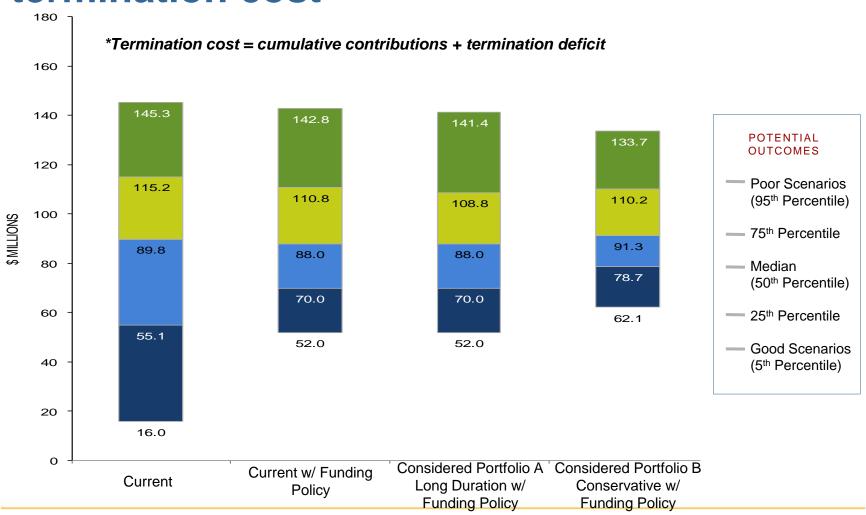


## Range of distribution of 9/30/2017 PBO Funded Ratio





## Range of distribution of 9/30/2017 termination cost\*





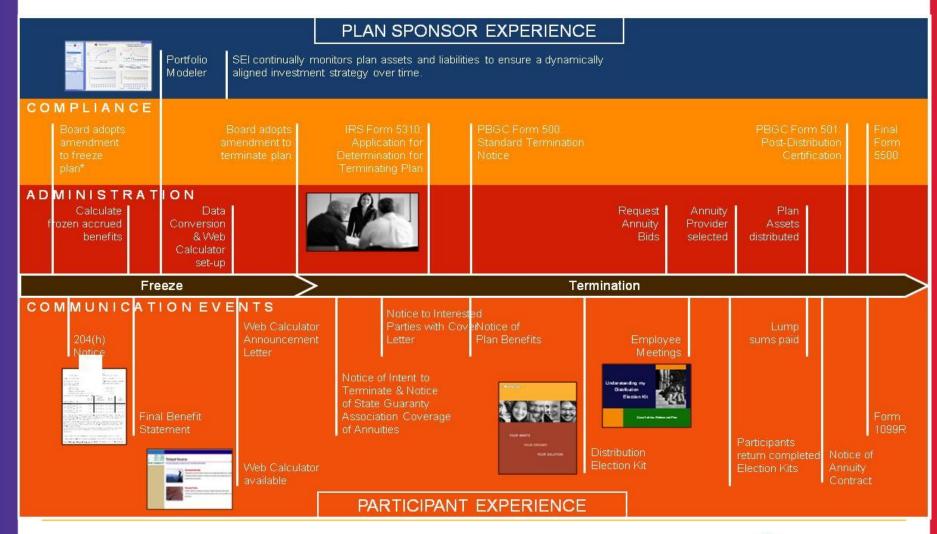
## Changes to consider for custom glidepath

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Target Ratio	7.2%	3.7%	3.1%	2.6%	2.1%	1.7%
Asset Class	< 90% Funded (Current)	90% - 95% Funded	95% - 100% Funded (Conservative)	100% - 105% Funded	105% - 110% Funded	> 110% Funded
S&P 500 Index	26.3	21.9	8.8	6.6	4.4	-
US Managed Volatility	-	-	5.0	3.8	2.5	-
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Long Duration / Custom LDI	-	-	60.0	70.0	80.0	100.0
Total Risk Management	40.0	50.0	60.0	70.0	80.0	100.0
Expected Return	6.6	6.1	5.7	5.1	4.5	3.3
Standard Deviation	11.6	10.2	10.9	10.8	10.9	12.0
Risk of Loss (5 <sup>th</sup> Percentile)	-10.7	-9.4	-10.7	-11.1	-11.9	-14.6
Portfolio Duration	1.7	2.2	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD





## Plan freeze/termination process





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## SEI's Fiduciary Management Model for defined benefit plans



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- Consolidated portfolio analysis & reporting
- Stress testing

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- Active management relative to liabilities
- Glidepath optimization
- Capital market point of view

#### **Goals-based Reporting**

- Reconciliation of funded status
- Pension surplus decomposition
- Attribution of interest rate changes



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