

Investment Risk Management

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◆ Three main questions we ask ourselves: Key challenges? How to manage? What to expect?

- 2013-16, non-standard investments grew by 55% CAGR;
- YTD Jun, 7 corporate bonds in the market defaulted for the first time
- YTD Aug, A-shares fell by 17.28%



Key challenges?

- Mismatch between assets and liabilities – lack of long term assets
- Derivatives market under-developed, lack of hedging tools



How to manage 2.58 trillion insurance assets?

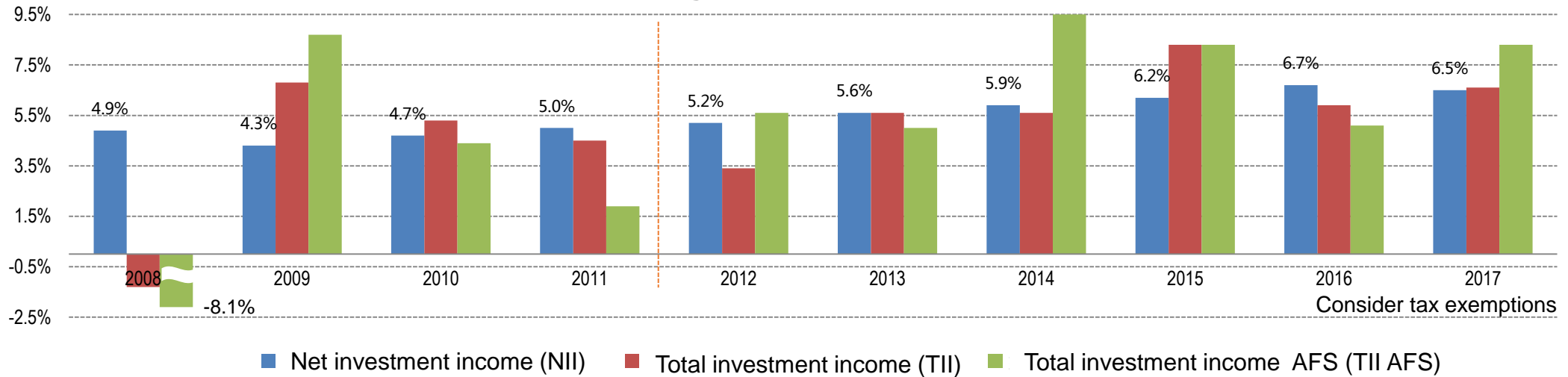
- Impact of IFRS9 on insurance assets?
- Future investment strategies for insurance assets?



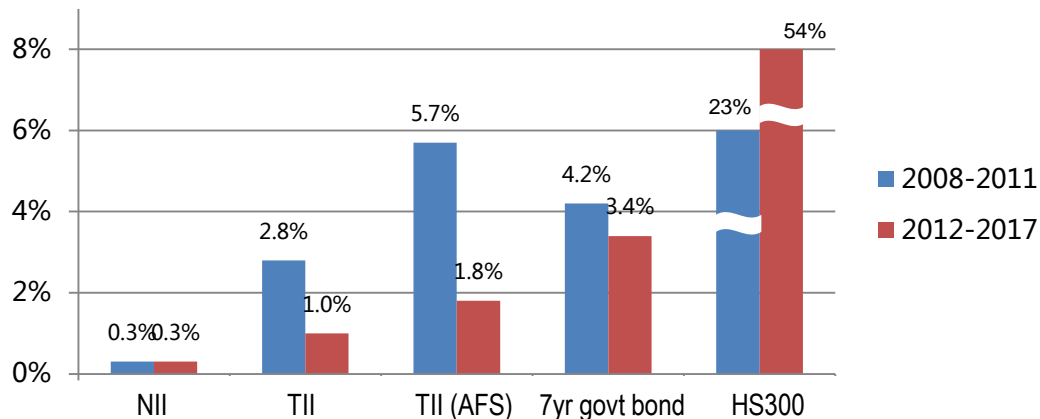
What is our expected future return?

◆ Our performance – steady growth in NII since 2012, largely reduced fluctuations (1/3)

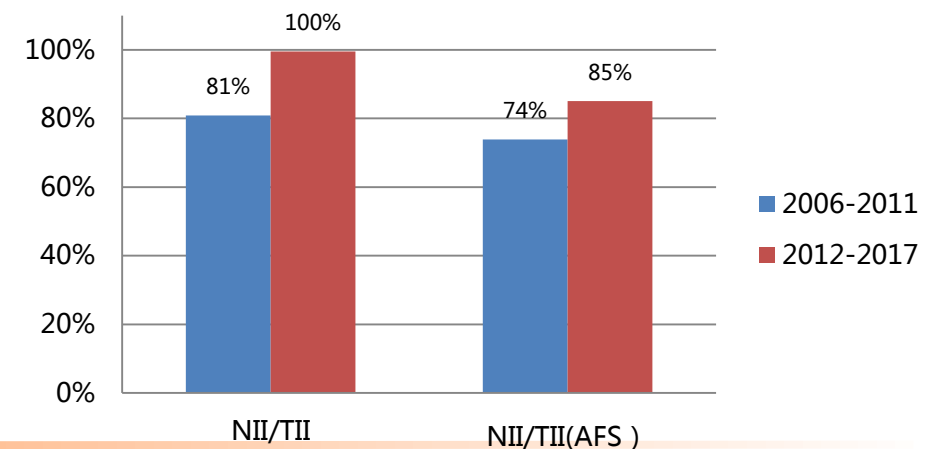
Annual returns in Ping An's insurance assets



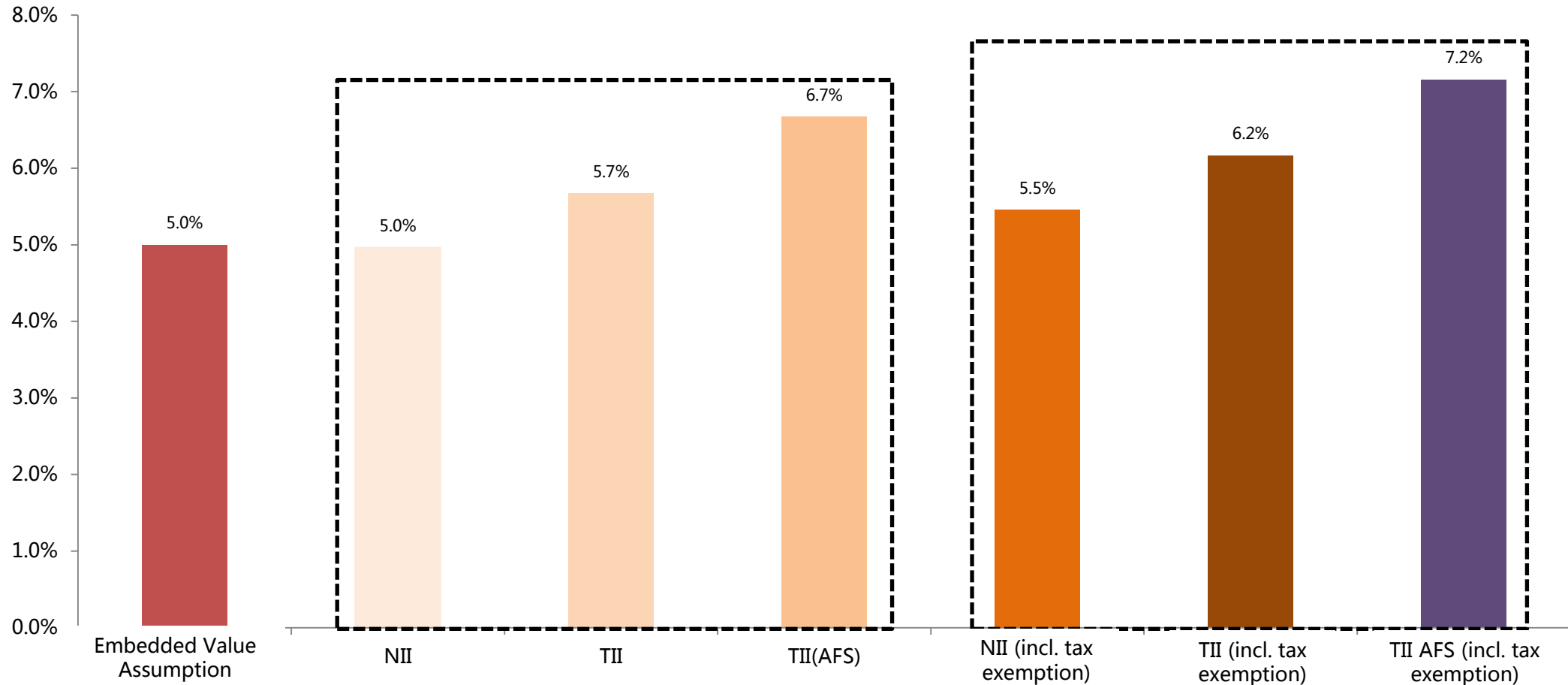
Significantly lower volatility in return vs. market & own history (2008-2011)



Significantly more predictable investment return



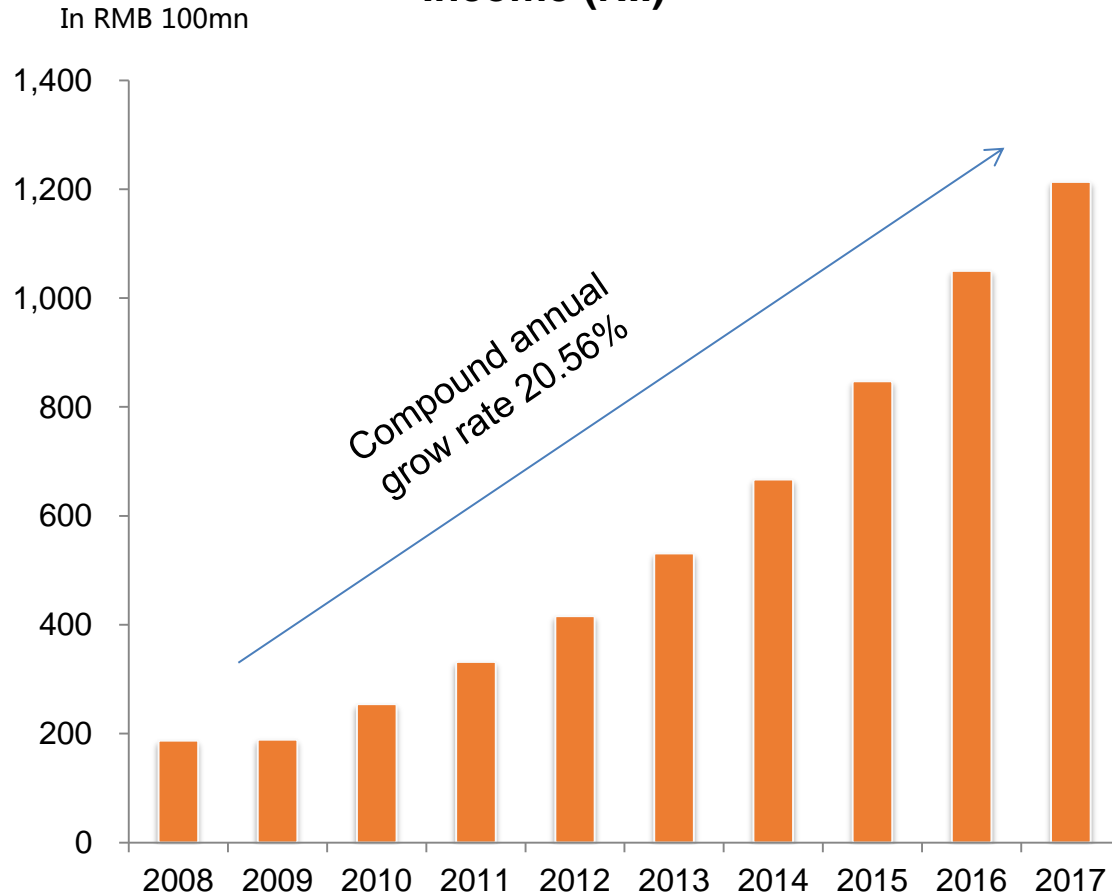
◆ Our performance – long-term investment return significantly exceeds the actuarial assumption (2/3)



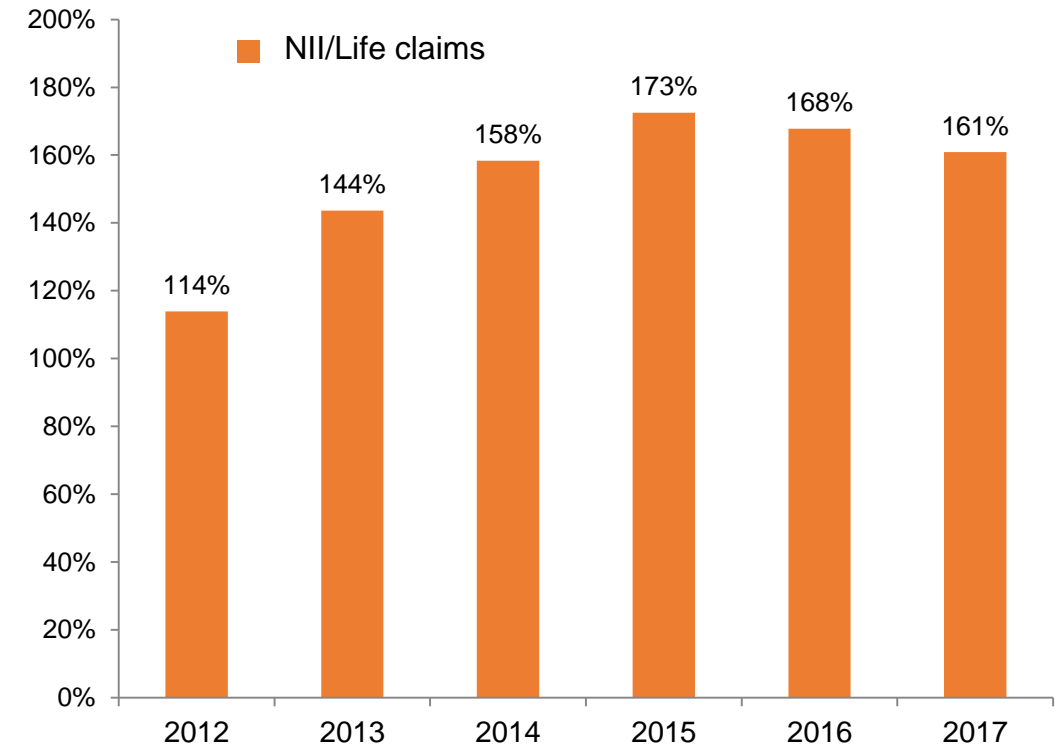
Note: The interest income earned on assets such as Chinese government bonds is tax-exempted. The exempted amount is an indirect investment income for insurance companies. The tax exempted figures above are unaudited estimations.

◆ Our performance – net investment income grows at 21% CAGR, exceeding life claim payments (3/3)

Steady increase in Net Investment Income (NII)



NII exceeds life insurance claims



Note : NII-Net Investment Income

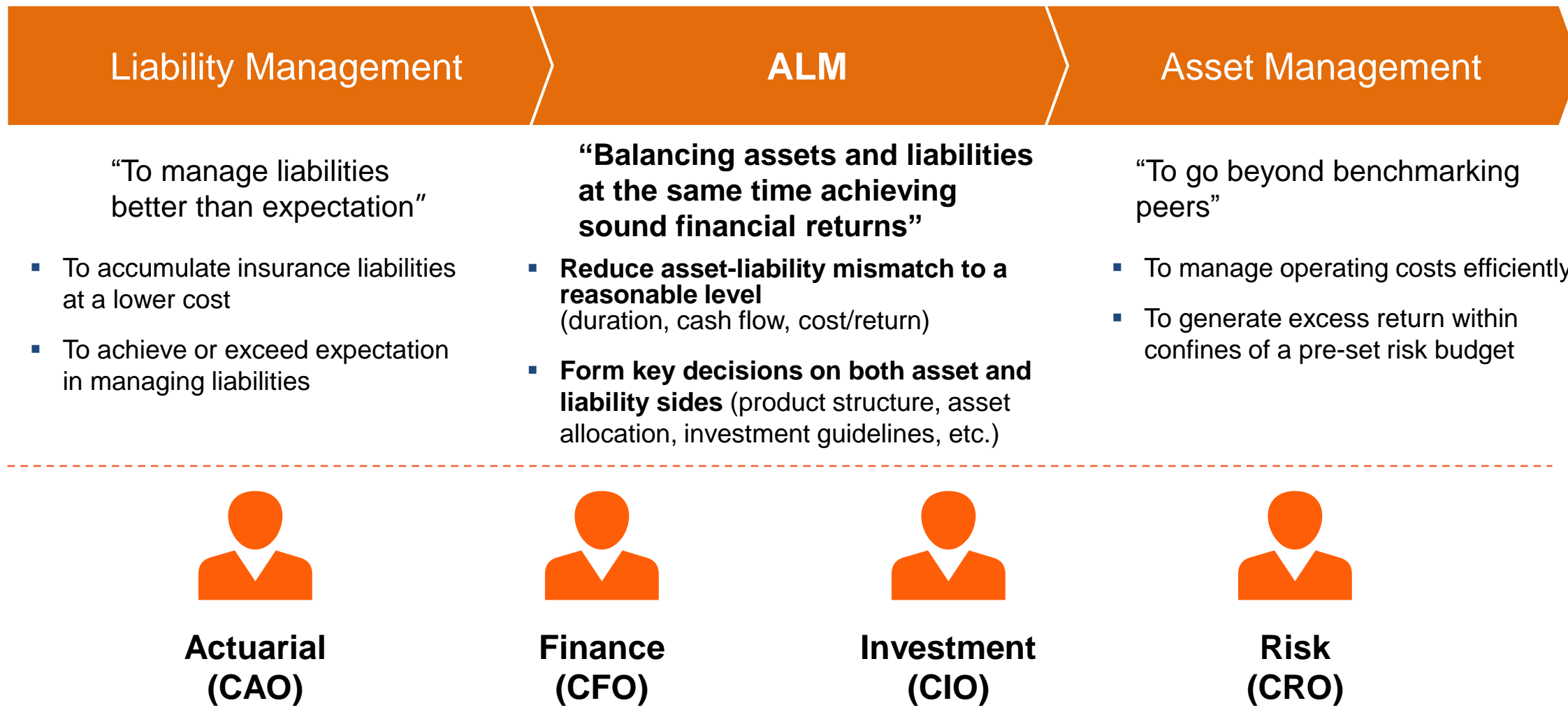
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◆ Investment procedure – insurance asset investment must adhere to core ALM principles (1/5)

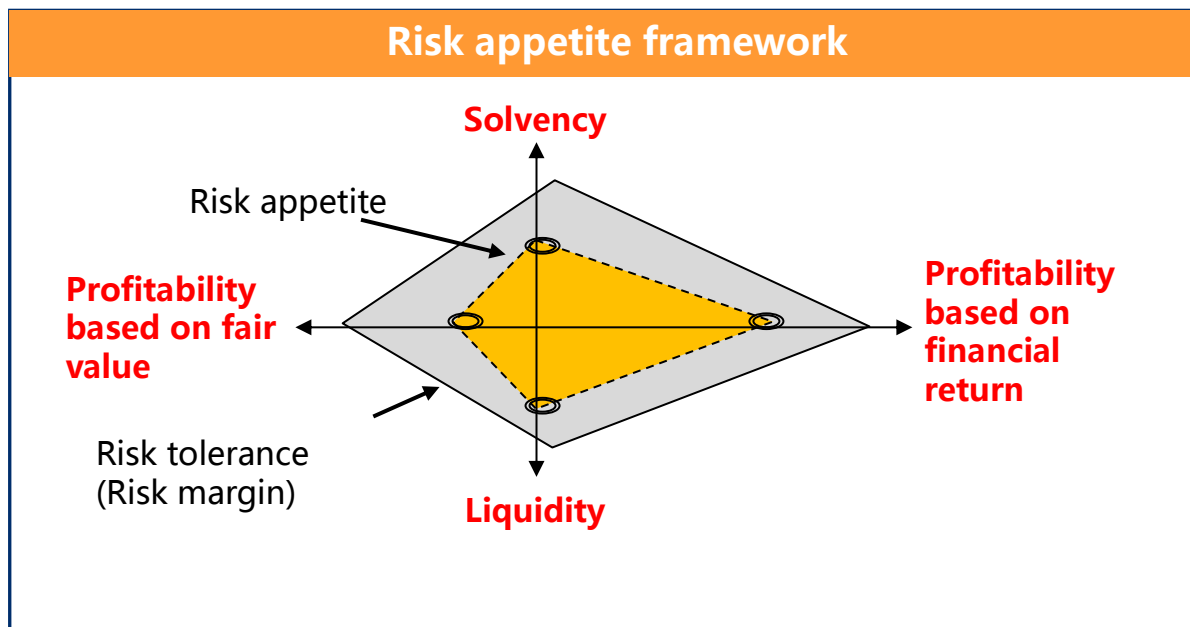


Note: Group Risk Management Executive Committee participates in the regular review of Strategic Asset Allocation.

◆ Investment procedure – multi-dimensional risk appetite: finance, actuarial, risk & investment (2/5)

Actuarial pricing constraint: investment return on fair-value basis uses the **actuarial assumed interest rate** as minimum return requirement, to ensure its portfolio generates sufficient return even under most adverse economic conditions; the investment objective is set via the minimum return requirement;

Finance cost constraint: in addition, investment return on accounting basis refers to **liability cost** as the minimum return requirement.



3 dimensional constraints

- Solvency risk constraint

Under stressed scenario, solvency ratio $\geq 120\%$

- Actuarial pricing consideration: fair-value return constraints

E.g. Life	Minimum return guarantee (%)	Product assumed interest rate (%)	Maximum probability of breaking through min. return guarantee (%)
Traditional	***	***	20
Participating	***	***	15
Universal Life	***	***	10

- Finance cost consideration: financial return constraints

E.g. Life	Average cost of liabilities (%)	Maximum probability of breaking through average cost (%)
Traditional	***	15
Participating	***	10
Universal Life	***	10

◆ Investment procedure – Strategic Asset Allocation via Monte-Carlo simulations and expert judgment (3/5)

Input

Investment constraints and asset data

Minimum solvency under stressed scenario

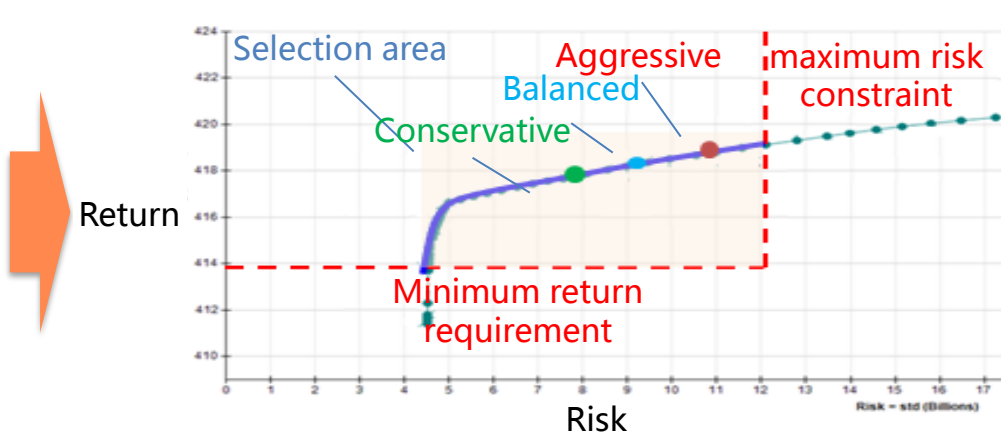
Max. probability of hitting min. return guarantee

Expected return and volatility

Investment strategies

Quantitative simulations

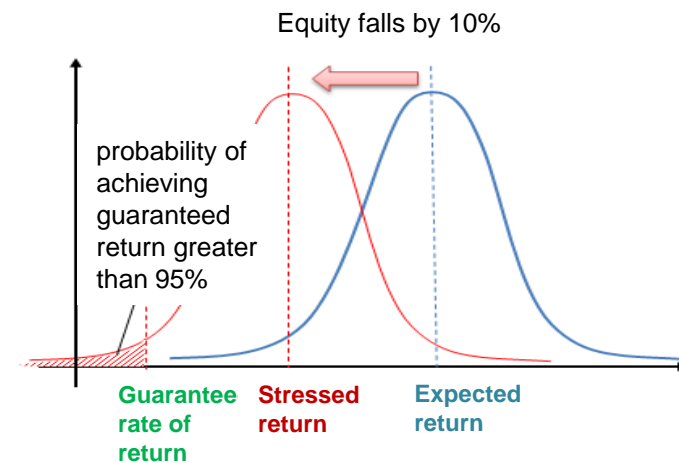
Generating the Efficient frontier using Monte Carlo simulations



Selection on Efficient Frontier with stress tests

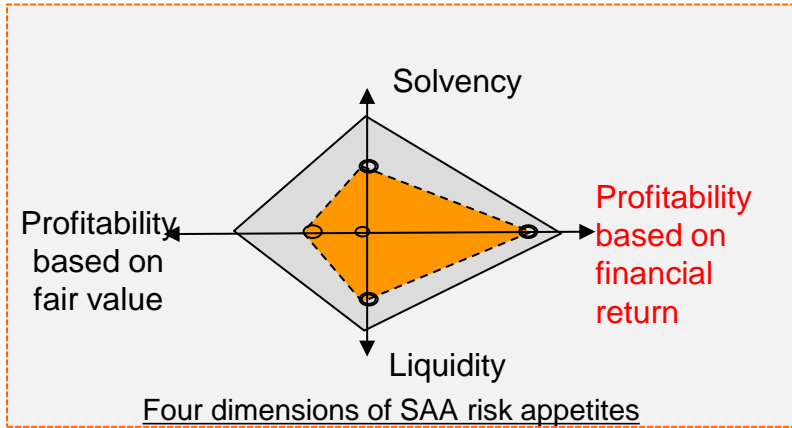
Evaluation & Selection

Apply stress tests to shortlisted portfolios and form the distribution of returns. Finally select three different portfolios which fulfill all constraints at different risk levels.

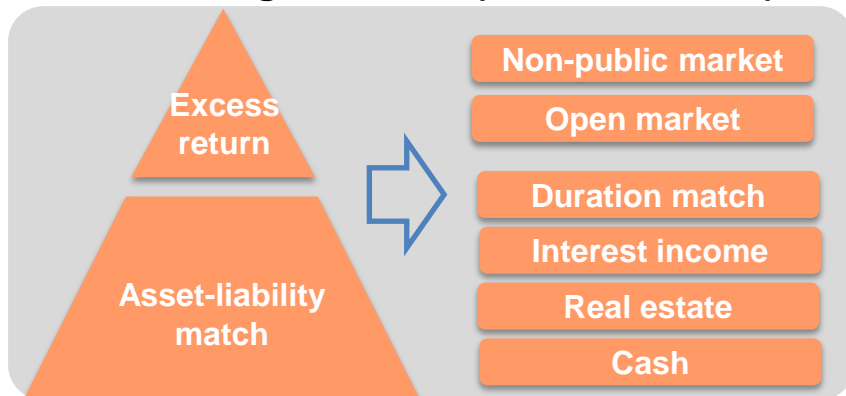


◆ Investment procedure – Strategic Asset Allocation (SAA) through adequate quantitative assessment (4/5)

Appetite, strategy, and IFRS9 asset class

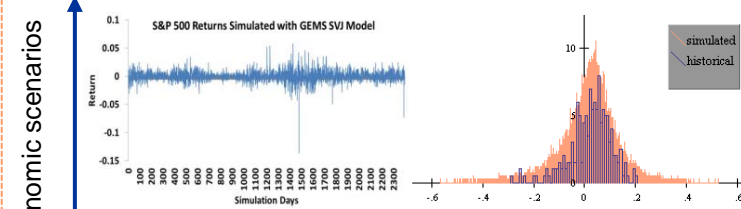


Six strategies of SAA (based on IFRS9)



Ping An-Conning System

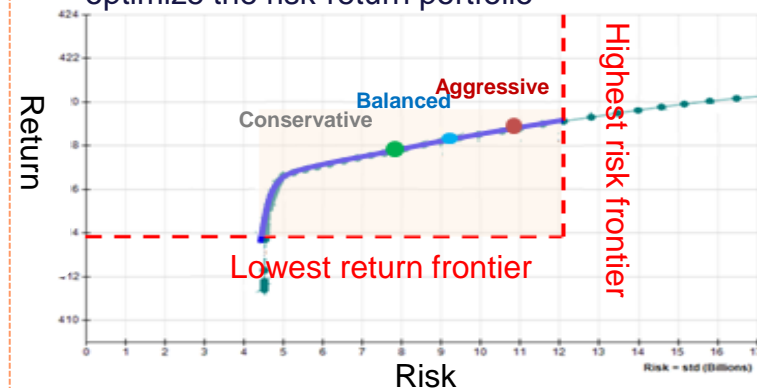
✓ Monte Carlo simulations to fully reflect risk distribution



SAA simulates investment asset performances based on economic scenarios and allocation portfolios

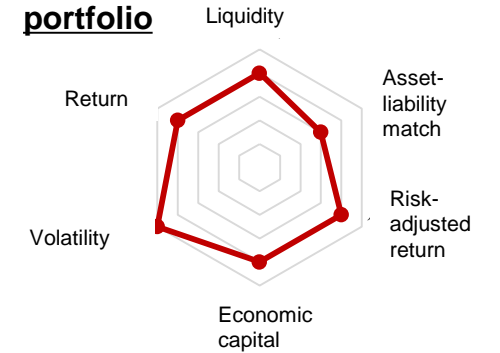
5000+ economic scenarios
10000+ allocation portfolios

✓ Portfolio optimizer produces effective frontiers to optimize the risk-return portfolio

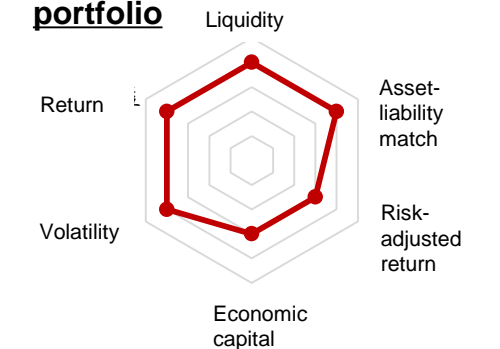


Multi-dimensional evaluation

Aggressive portfolio



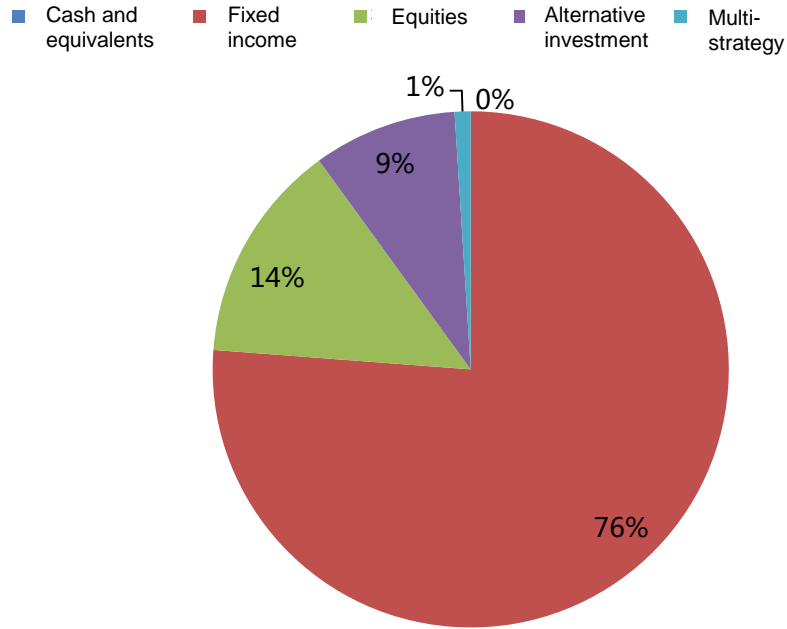
Balanced portfolio



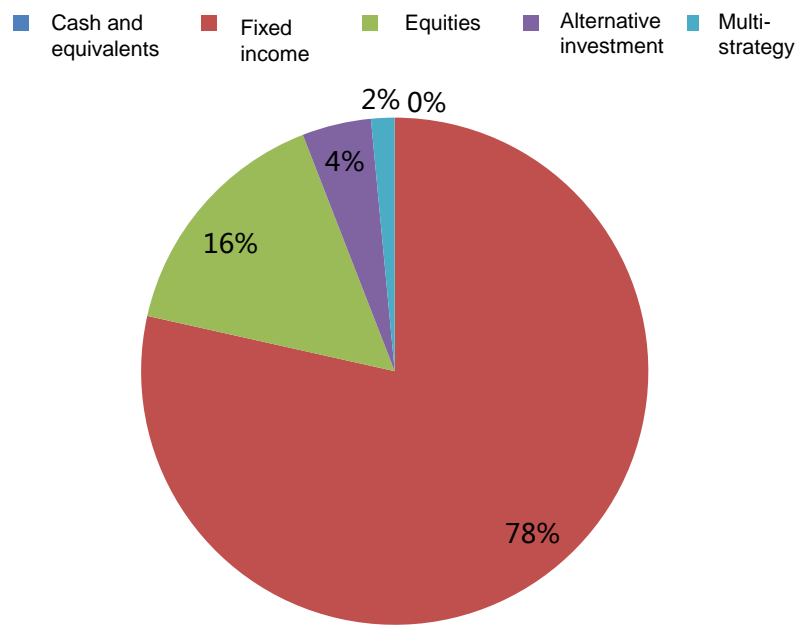
◆ Investment procedure – differentiated strategic asset allocation for different insurance accounts (5/5)

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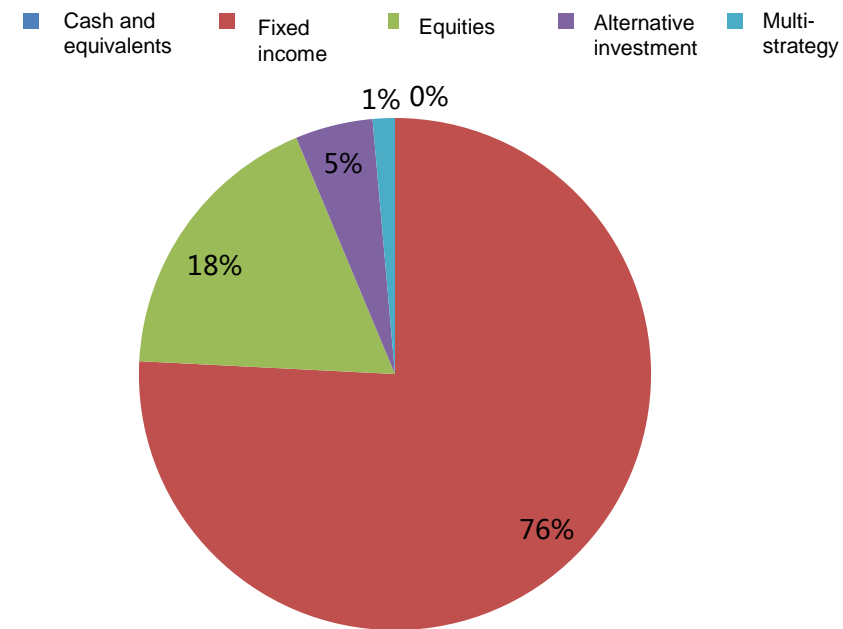
Traditional Life



Participating



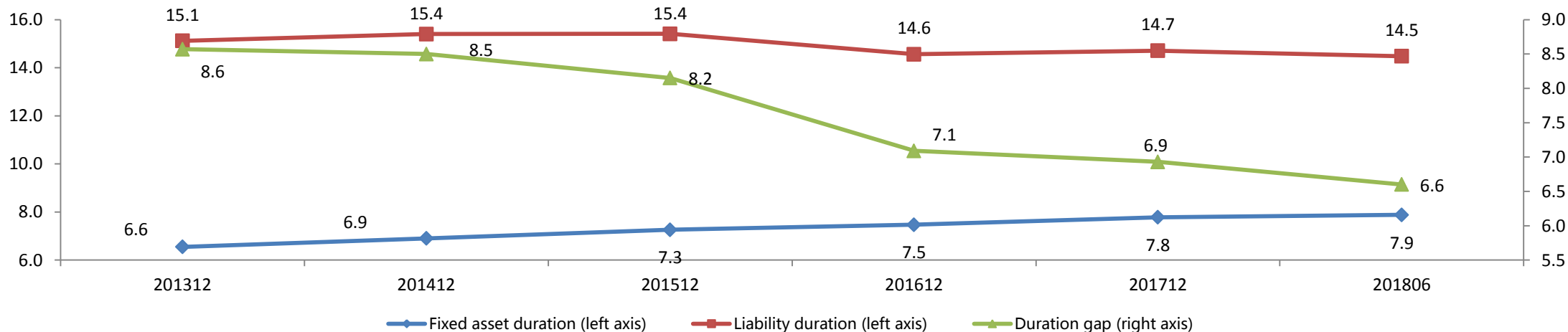
Universal



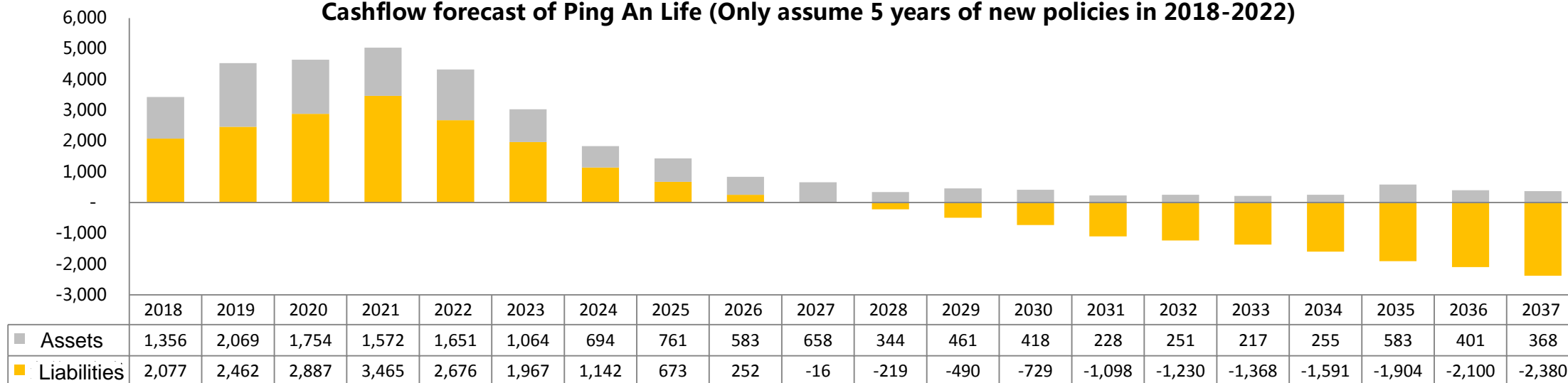
Note : Equity investments include preferred stock; Alternative investments include PE and real estate ;

◆ Our achievement – a narrowing asset-liability mismatch, net-outflow may only occur in 2029 (1/2)

Asset-liability duration gap continues to reduce since 2013

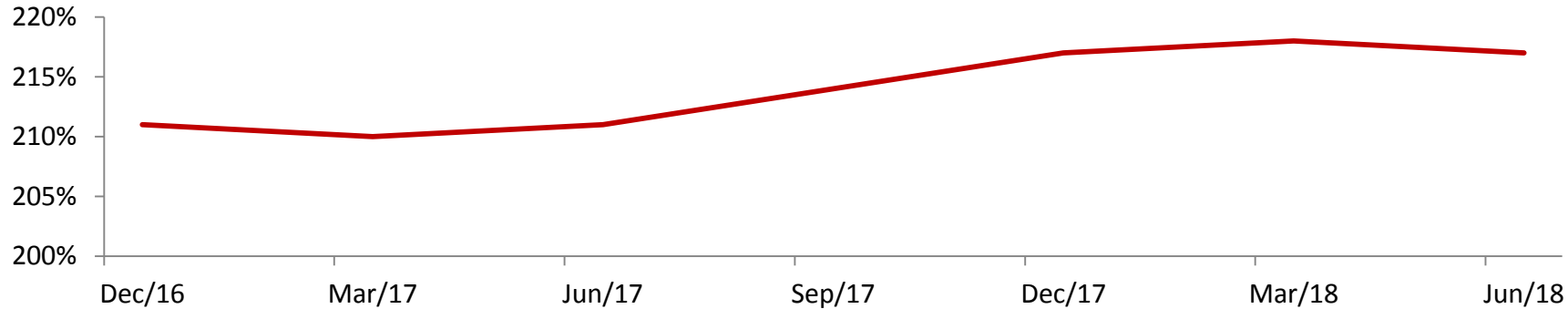


Cashflow forecast of Ping An Life (Only assume 5 years of new policies in 2018-2022)



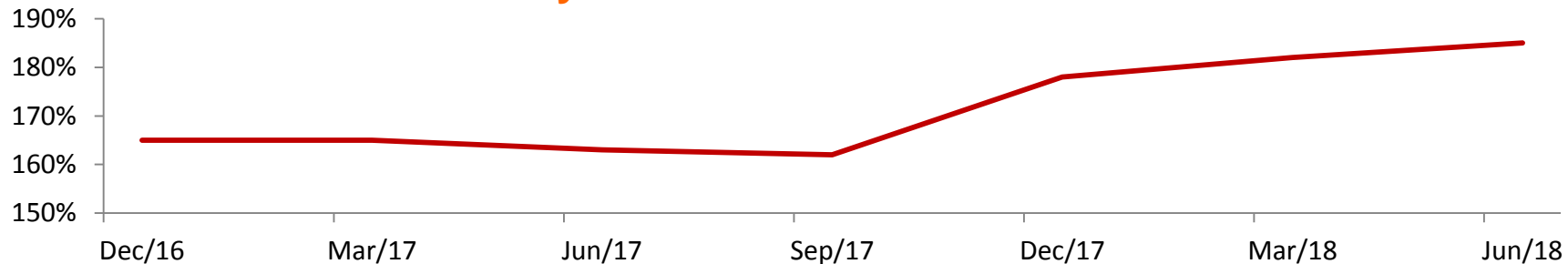
◆ Our achievement – highly solvent, even under severe economic conditions (2/2)

C-ROSS Solvency Ratio maintained at above 200%

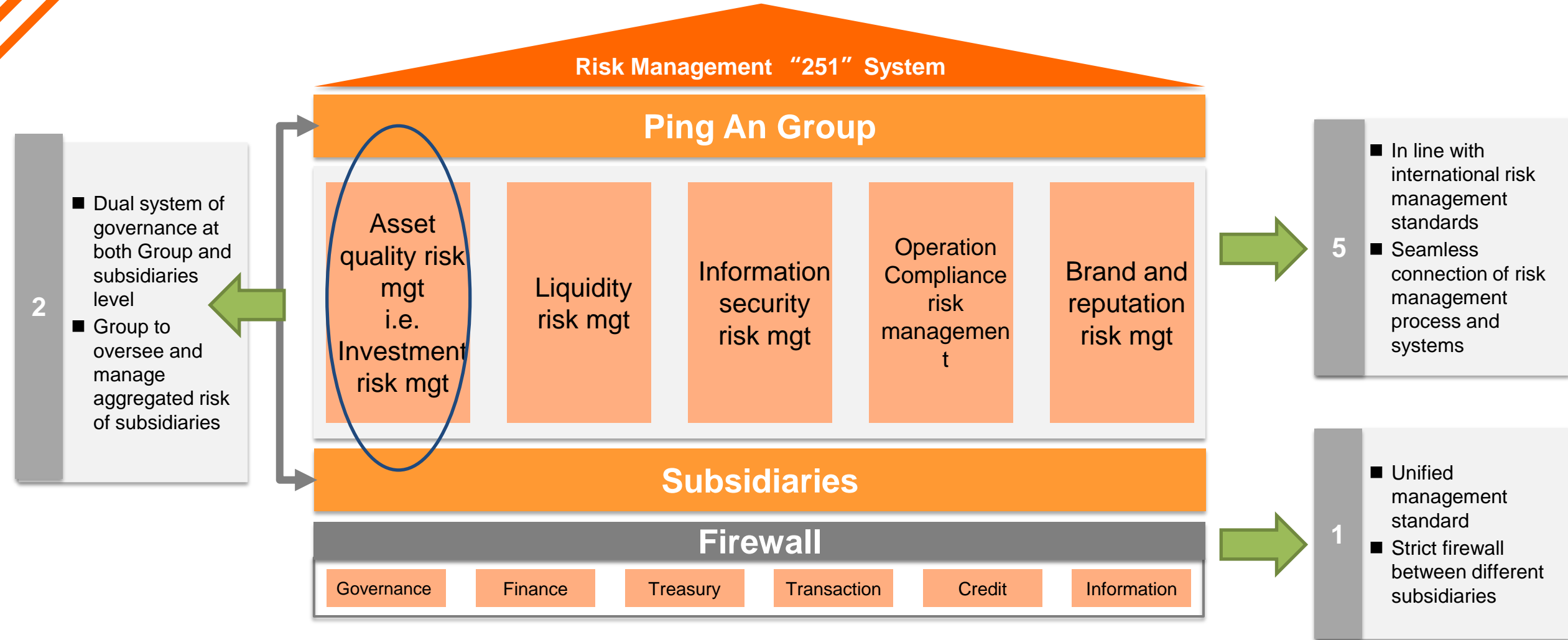


Ping An's 2018 Stress Test (extreme scenario)	
HS300 index (CSI 300)	-42%
1-yr govt bond yield	-112bp
10-yr govt bond yield	-98bp
Credit default rate	1.91%
Real estate price	-27%
USD/RMB spot rate	-9%
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Under extreme scenario: C-ROSS Solvency Ratio still maintained at above 150%

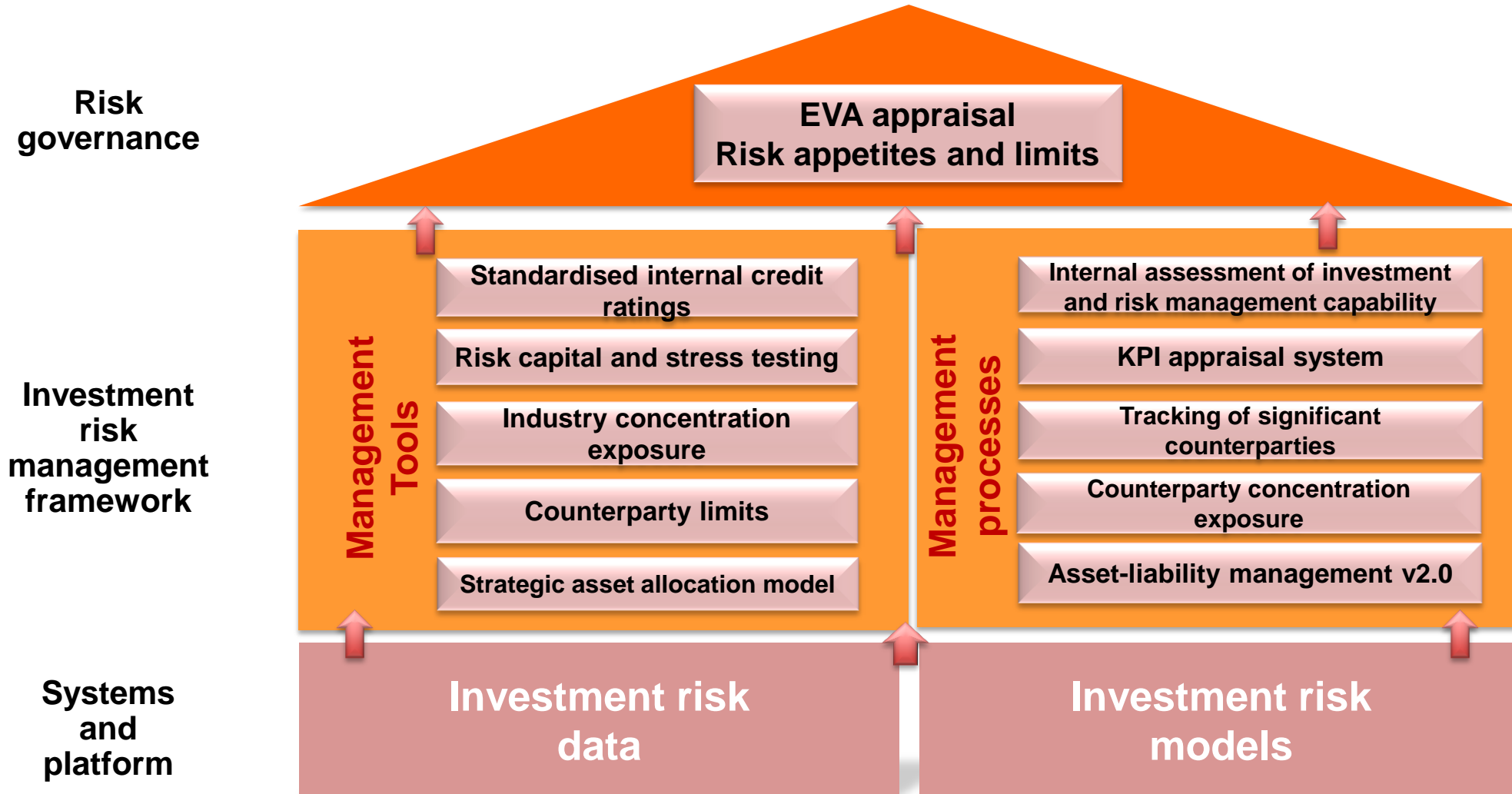


◆ Investment risk mgt framework – the only Chinese institution in G-SIIs, aligned with international stds(1/2)

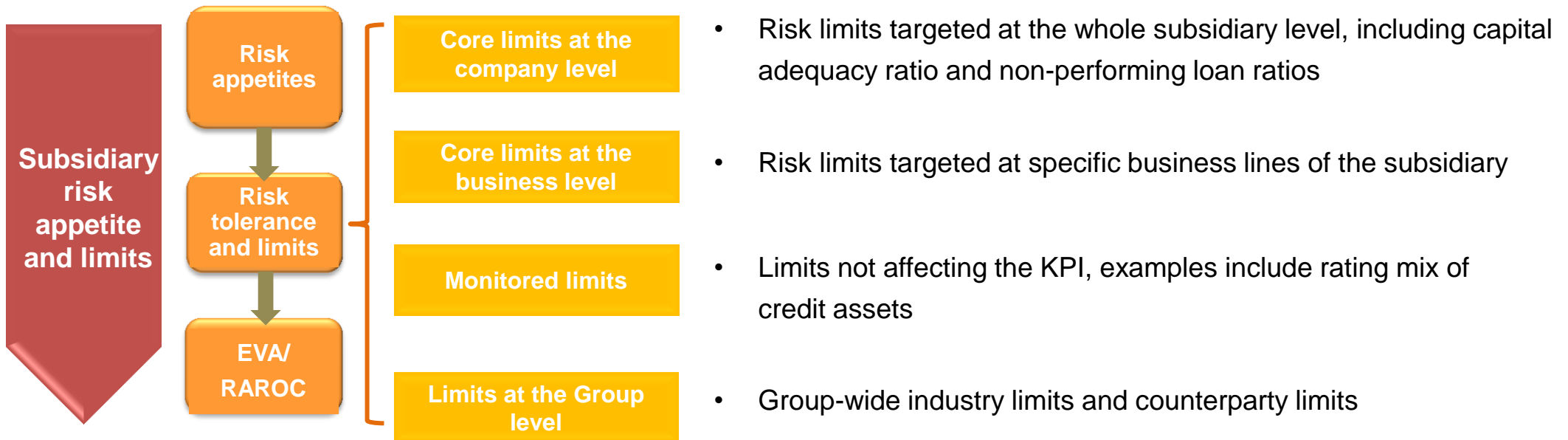
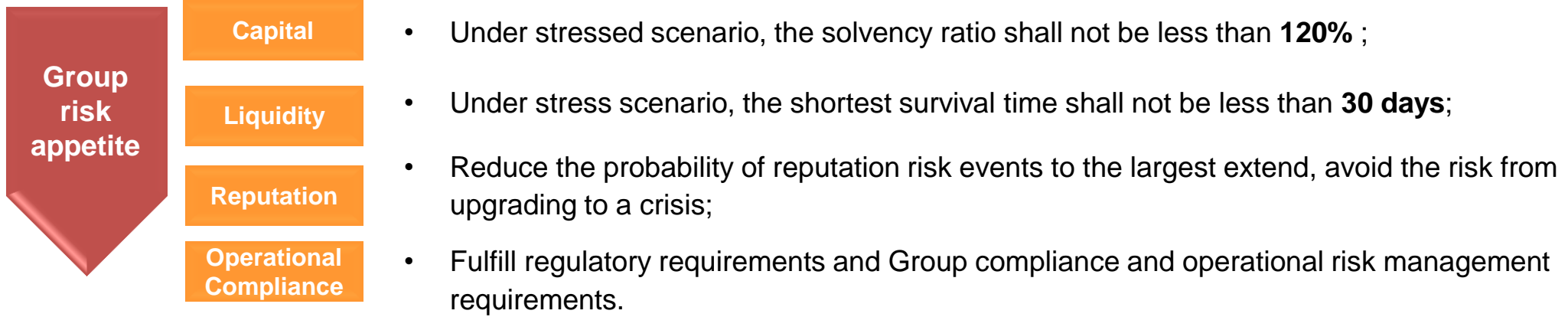


Note: Professional committees at the Group level participate in the review and assessment of major risks. This includes the Group Risk Management Executive Committee and the Group Investment Management Committee.

◆ Investment risk mgt framework – a sound risk mgt system that promotes a balanced risk and return (2/2)



◆ Investment risk mgt process – annual risk budgeting and 4-category limits after adequate stress tests (2/8)



◆ Investment risk mgt process – Example: risk limits set by insurance subsidiaries (3/8)

Core risk limits at company level

Subsidiary	C-ROSS Solvency Ratio
PA Life	≥150% under stressed environment (“stressed”)
PA P&C	≥150%, stressed
PA Pension	Insurance side: ≥150%, stressed Third party side: Credit risk capital ≤58m; Market risk capital ≤29m
PA Health	≥150%, stressed

Note: The regulatory solvency requirement is ≥100% under normal condition.

Core risk limits at business lines

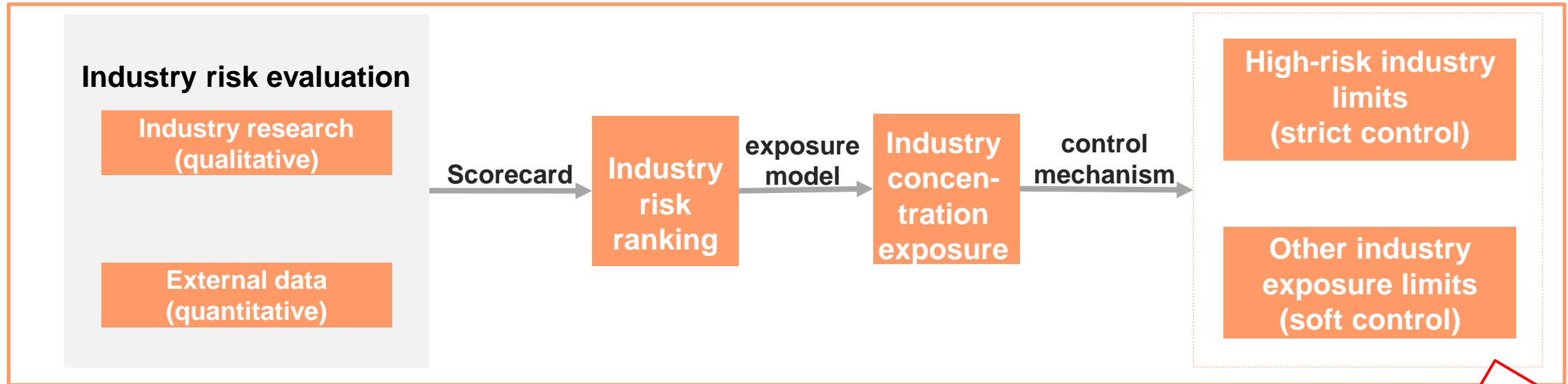
Example: The ceiling limit of asset allocation of each category in each account

Example

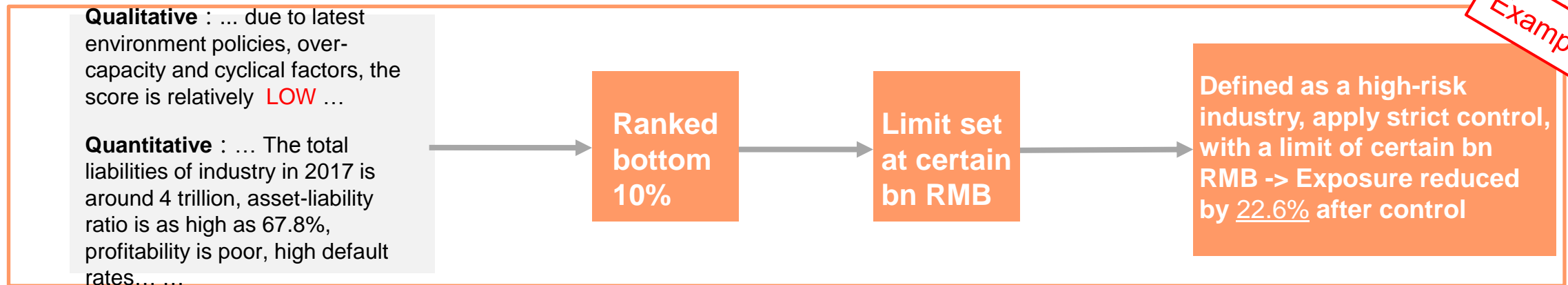
Subsidiary	Account	Equity %	Corporate bond %	Alternative %	Real Estate %	Private Equity %
PA Life	Traditional	18.5%		9.0%		
	Participating	22.3%		6.0%		
	Universal	21.3%		6.0%		
PA P&C	Traditional	15.0%	30%	45%	30%	10%
	Traditional	23%			30.0%	
PA Pension	Participating	20.6%			30.0%	
	Universal	20.4%			30.0%	
PA Health	Traditional	15.0%	30%	20.0%	0.0%	0.0%

◆ Investment risk mgt process- Industry concentration exposure management covering 39 industries (4/8)

Management Process



E.g. Coal industry



◆ Investment risk mgt process – Counterparty limits to suppress high risk counterparty exposures (5/8)

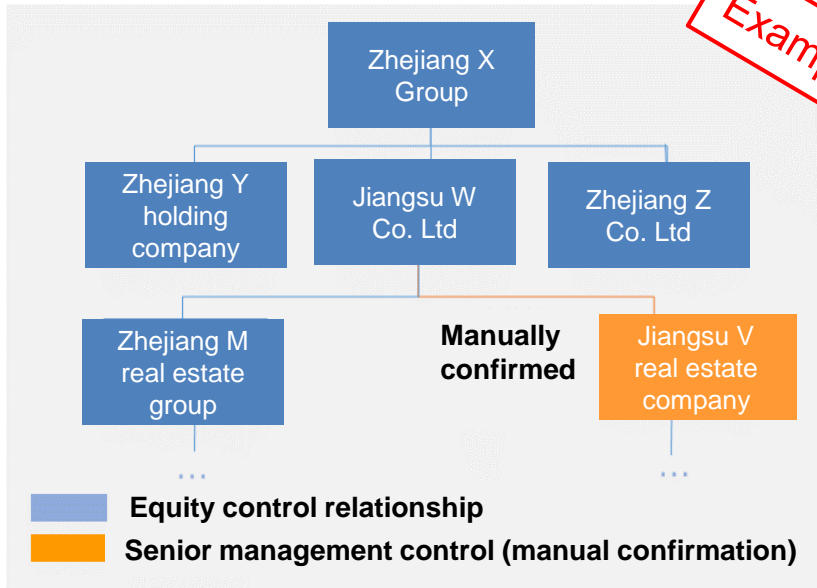


‘Counterparty’ = a group of related corporate clients

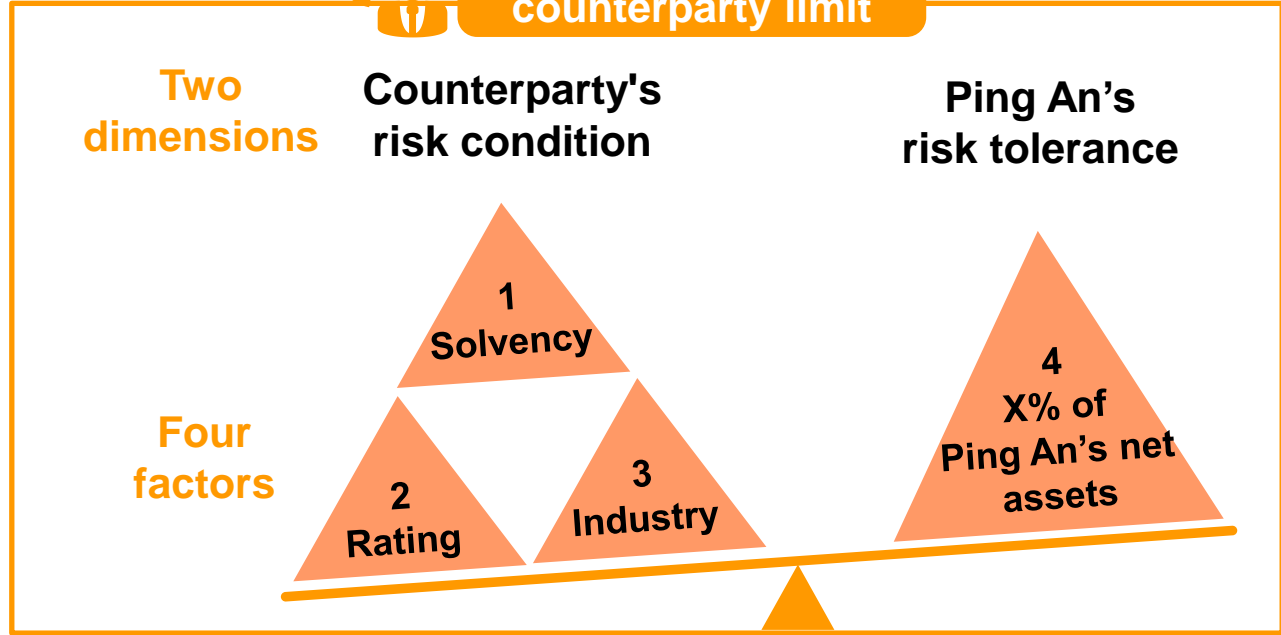
- Equity control enterprise
- Senior management control enterprise
- Related-party guarantee enterprise
- ...

1. Identify counterparty and related parties

Example



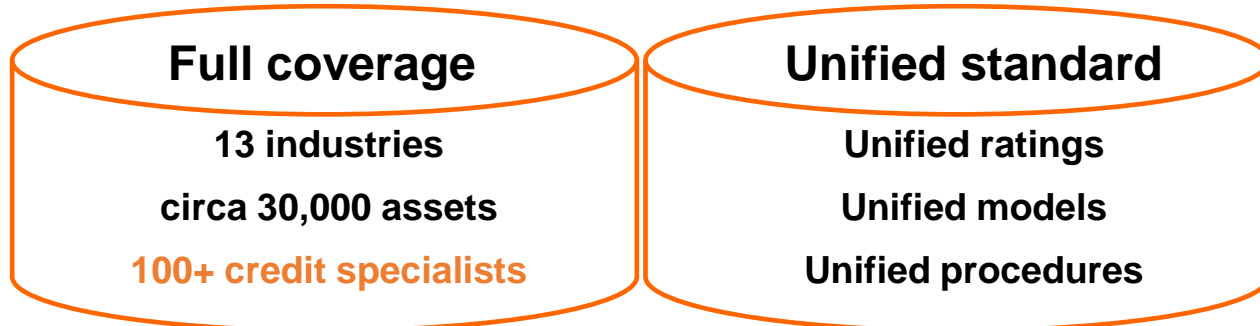
2. Establish counterparty limit



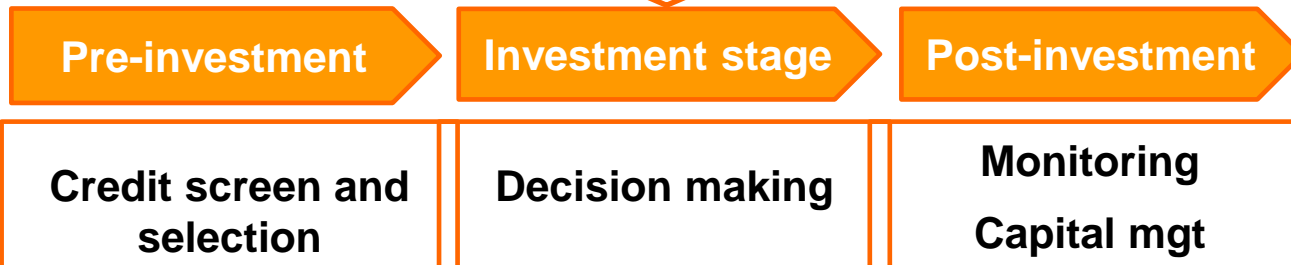
One limit for each counterparty

Change Counterparty limit for Zhejiang X Group = RMB 8.0 billions

◆ Investment risk mgt process – internal credit rating developed since 2003 (6/8)



Standardised ratings across 10 subsidiaries



Wide usage

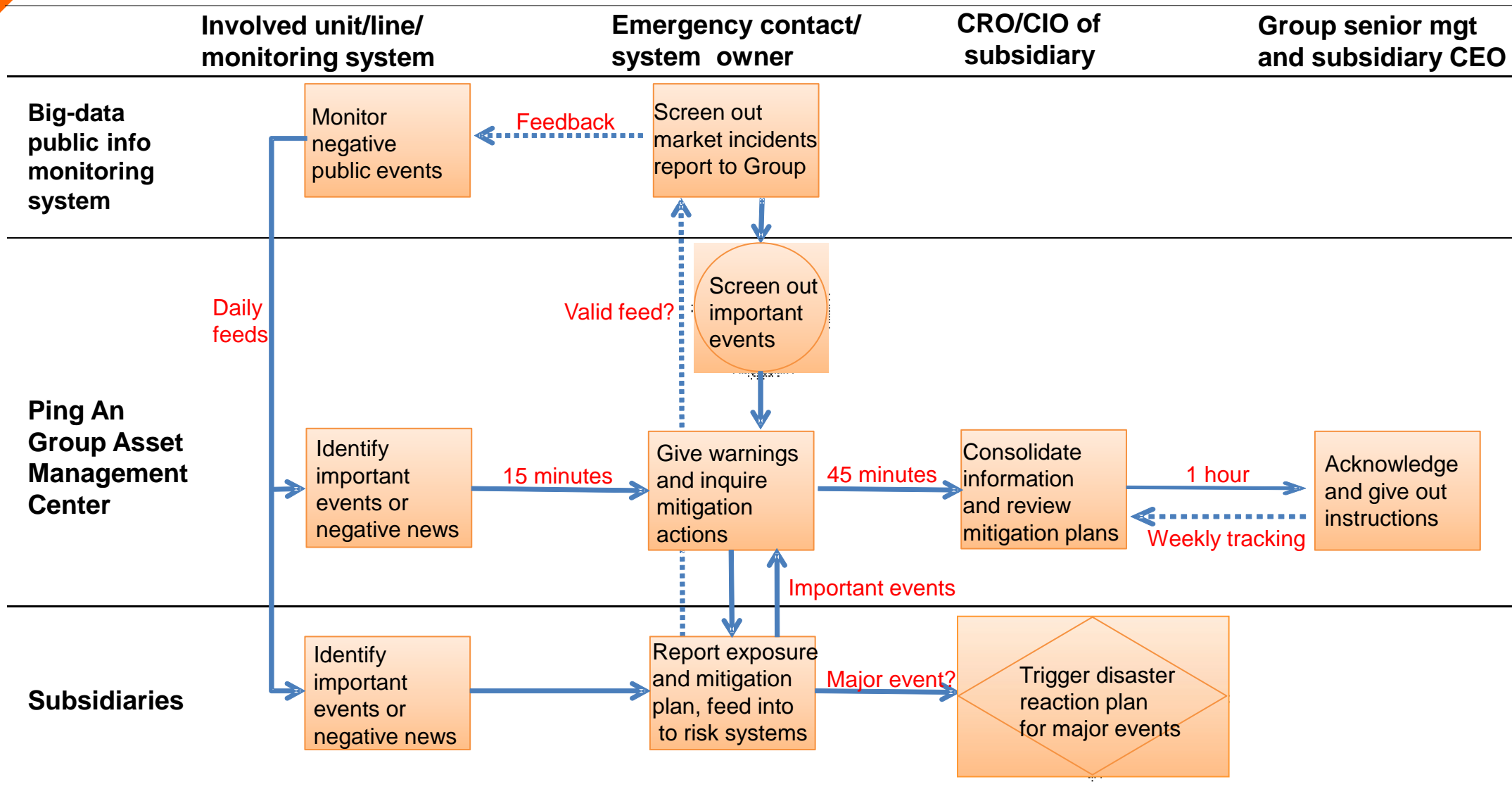
Regular review



Example

Internal VS. International standards		
Ping An	S&P	Moody's
AAA	AAA	Aaa
AA	AA+~A	Aa1~A2
A	A-~BBB	A3~ Baa2
BBB	BBB-~BB	Baa3~ Ba2
.....

◆ Investment risk mgt process – a 2-hour quick response through ‘grey-list’ & big-data early warning system (7/8)



◆ Investment risk mgt process –16k warning signals in two months via big-data, traced 206 counterparties (8/8)



- ❖ Exposure
- ❖ Litigation amount
- ❖ Warning strength
- ❖ Financial ratios
- ❖ Negative news
- ❖ White list



◆ **Our achievement – 0 default in non-standard assets, 0 default in corporate bonds in H1 2018**

**0 default
in non-std
assets**

The **RMB 360 billion** non-standard assets invested by the insurance funds account for **14.1%** of the entire portfolio, **so far there is no default.**

**0 default
in corporate
bonds**

The proportion of corporate bond invested by the insurance funds is **6.7%**, with the amount of over **RMB 170 billion**. **No default during the first half of 2018.**

◆ Investment management system – the world leading Ping An-Conning asset allocation system (1/2)



Economic Scenario Generator (ESG)

- 10,000+ Monte Carlo simulations of the economy, each generating a different set of asset returns and cashflow



Asset-liability simulator (Simulation)

- Full path simulation, work out the investment return, duration mismatch and cashflow at each time step under each economic scenario.



Investment risk database (Database)

- Collecting all internal investment and risk management related data, files and market data to support real-time monitoring and warnings

- ✓ 30+ asset models
- ✓ 100+ financial parameters
- ✓ 3 000+ financial assets data
- ✓ 10 000+ economic scenarios
- ✓ 60 000+ simulation nodes
- ✓ 200 000+ statistical data
- ✓ 1 000 000+ results
- ✓ 60min to finish all calculations above
- ✓ 313 data fields ; 277 products

Database and Query Tool



- Storing all computations and results
- Large amount of statistics for each variable

Optimisation Tool



- Generating the efficient frontier
- Optimising according to multi-dimensional requirements

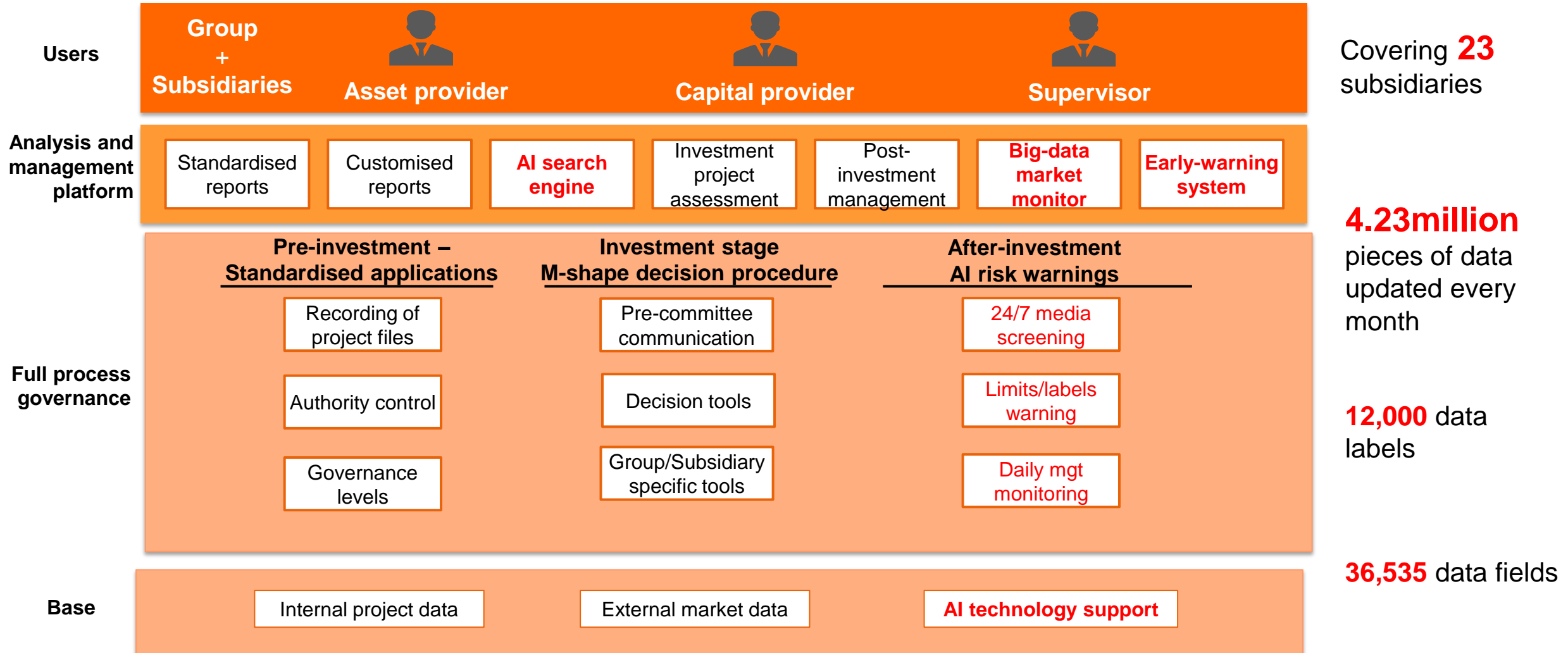
remote iPad application (Investment Analysis)



- Verifying group exposure in 10 minutes
- Asset allocation analysis, investment risk scenario tests and stress tests

◆ Investment management systems – from a traditional accounting system to a state-of-art smart platform (2/2)

Ping An's investment management platform



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5. Equity investment risk management
6. Embracing the challenges posed by IFRS9 standard
7. Embracing the Asset-Liability Mismatch

◆ Investment outlook: Global financial asset return in 5-10yrs could be lower than the average of past 10-20yrs

1

“NII+”Strategy — Create a cushion for insurance investments

Over the past decade, the compounded growth rate of NII reached **20.56%**, hundreds of billions of cashflow provided solid support to Ping An’s growth. The coverage ratio of NII to life compensations has also increased over the past five years.

2

Fixed Income investment strategy — Extend asset durations + seek tax exemptions

Actively purchase long duration assets. We hold over RMB 575bn 20yrs+ bonds, average duration **14.75 years**. Over the past five years, asset-liability mismatch has reduced by **2 years**. Over the past ten years, tax-exempted assets contributed an extra by **50 bps** of investment returns per annum.

3

Real estate investment strategy — “Cornerstone” of long-term return

Allocation to real estate investments to increase from 2% to **10%**, exploring new types of real estate investments.

4

Equity investment strategy — Focus on key holdings, making use of good external managers

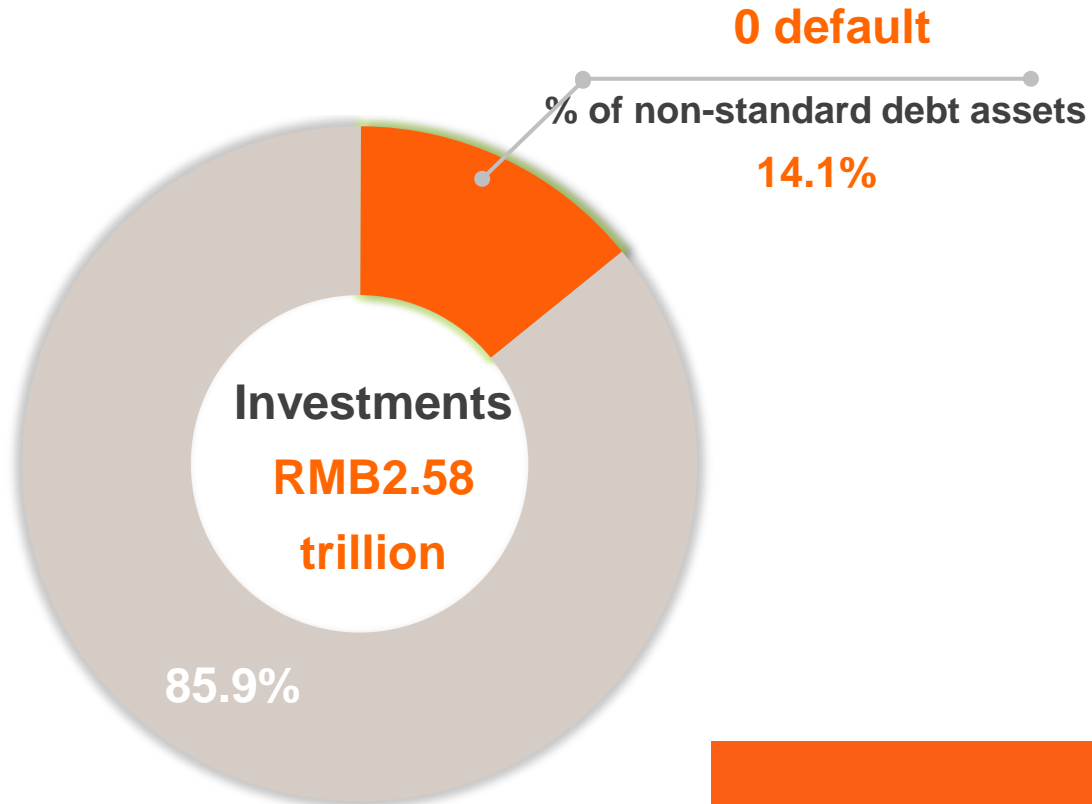
Concentrate on in key holdings. Based on our cost of buying, we predict the dividend ratio by HSBC for 2018 is up to **5.9%**, ICBC is **5.2%**, and Country Garden as much as **22.7%**; we plan to increase the mandate size to external managers.

5

Overseas investment strategy — Adequate diversification, with managed FX risks

Non-capital market investment will be mainly through entrusted investment.

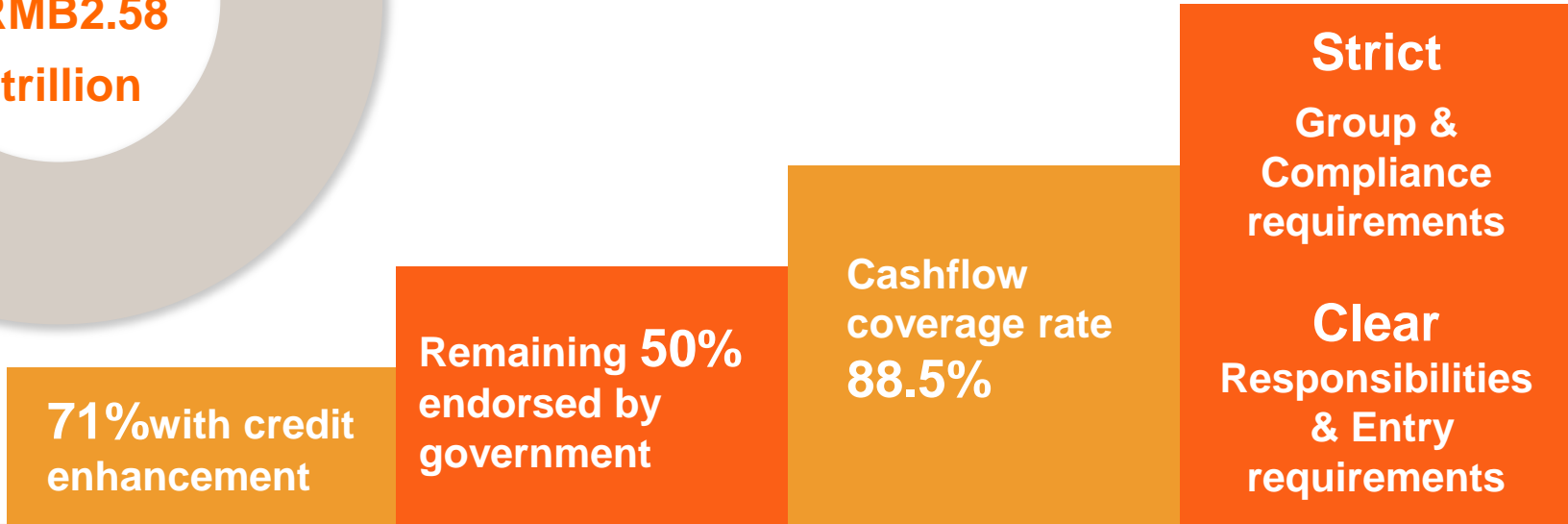
◆ Non-standard debt credit risk mgt – multi-stage assessments, credit enhancement, govt credit (1/3)



- Quota management
- Concentration limits
- Business team's project management
- Subsidiary's investment decision committee
- Internal/external credit rating

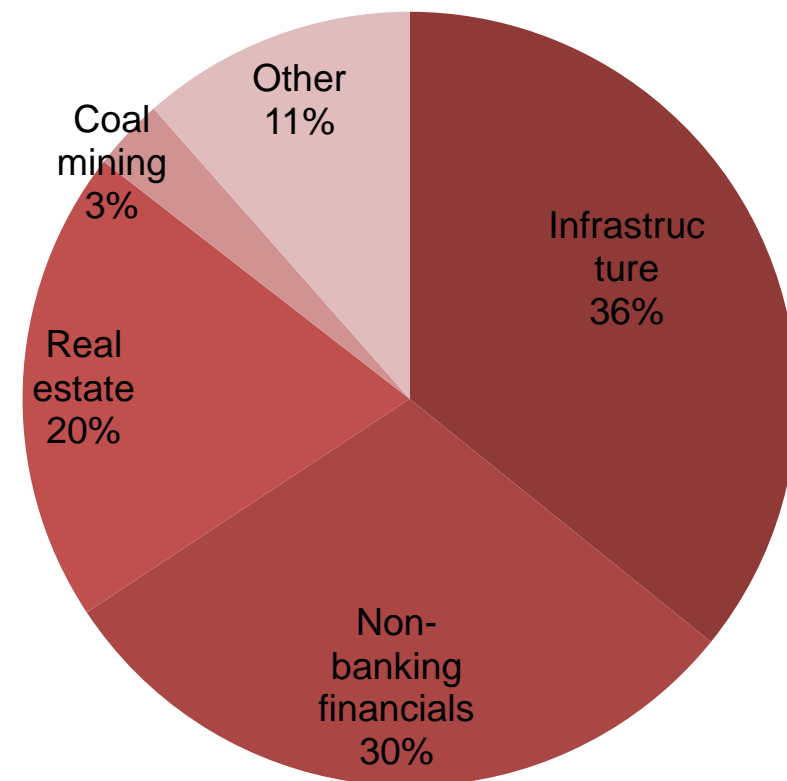


- Secretariat assessment
- Investment Committee review
- Strict firewall between product side and funding side



◆ Non-standard debt credit risk mgt – infrastructures and non-banking financials have lower risks (2/3)

	Investment proportion (%)	Nominal investment income (%)	Remaining maturity (Years)
Infrastructure	35.8	5.82	4.82
Highways	17.7	5.93	5.85
Utilities	6.1	5.53	2.90
Infrastructure and industrial parks	5.5	5.77	4.58
Other (Water, Environmental, railways)	6.5	5.84	4.01
Non-banking financials	29.9	5.70	4.25
Real estate	19.8	6.12	2.62
Coal mining	3.0	6.16	2.41
Other	11.5	5.78	5.26
TOTAL	100.0	5.85	4.22

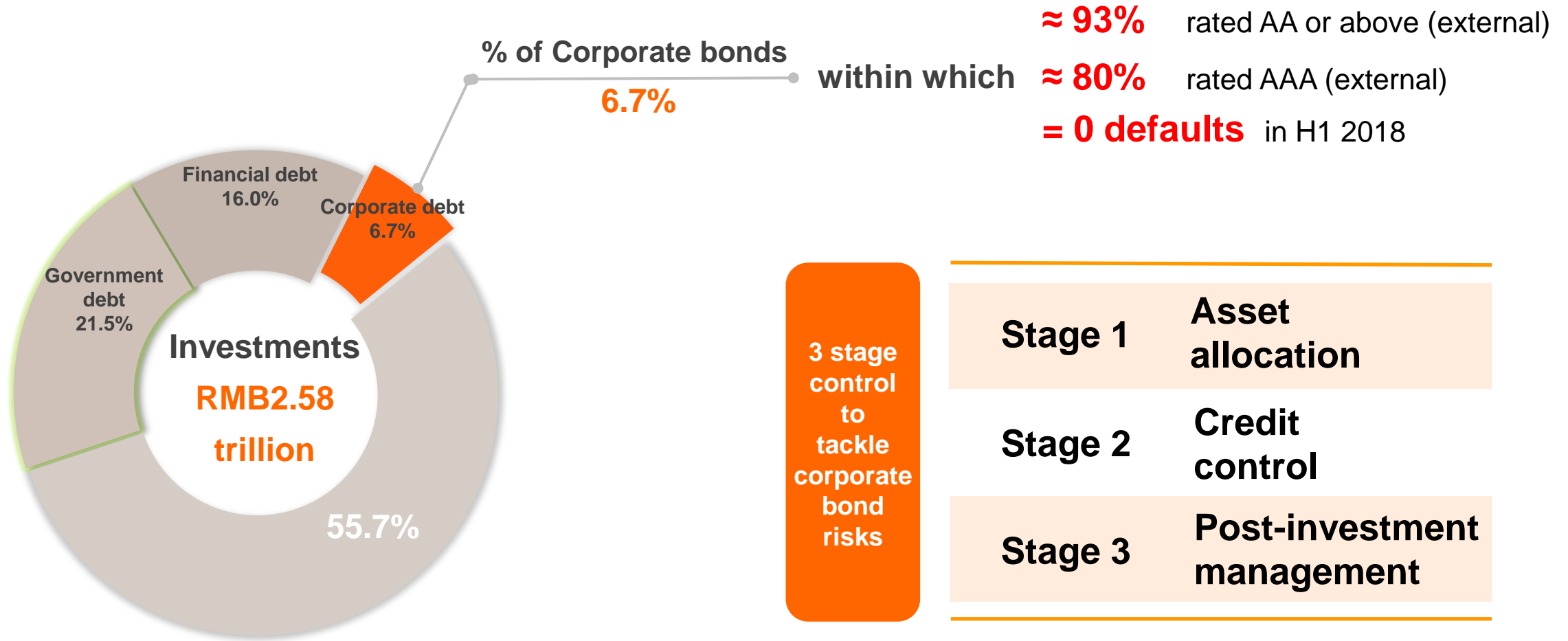


Note: (1) Non-standard debt assets: refer to debt assets other than standardised ones ;
 (2) The data includes the asset-backed plans, amounting to RMB35bn compared with the total amount of debt plans and trust plans;

◆ Non-standard debt credit risk mgt – strict regulations strengthens product security (3/3)

- Targeting the risk in debt plans, the CBIRC has formulated very strict regulations on initiating and issuing debt plans, which greatly reduced the credit risk of debt plans. Typical requirements are listed as follows:
 - **Issuer** : Generally should be “insurance assessment management companies”.
 - **Paying party** : **0** bad records (e.g. no defaults)
 - **Fund provider** : Insurance funds are NOT allowed to invest in product issued by institutions punished by the regulator over the **past 3 years** (including debt plans and trust plans)
 - **Credit enhancement** : the transaction structure should have effective credit enhancement, such as:
 - Type A: jointed-liability guarantee provided by state-owned commercial banks or publically-listed banks;
 - Type B: the guarantor must fulfill multiple conditions such as **net assets no less than RMB 15bn, guaranteed amount cannot exceed 50%** of its net assets etc. if the guarantee is provided by the parent company or the effective controller of the paying party, the guarantor’s net assets should not be less than 1.5 times that of the paying party If the guarantor ;
 - Type C: guarantee provided by pledge or collateral of no less than **2x** the fair value of the debt;

◆ Corporate bond credit risk mgt – low allocation, high ratings, strict controls (1/2)



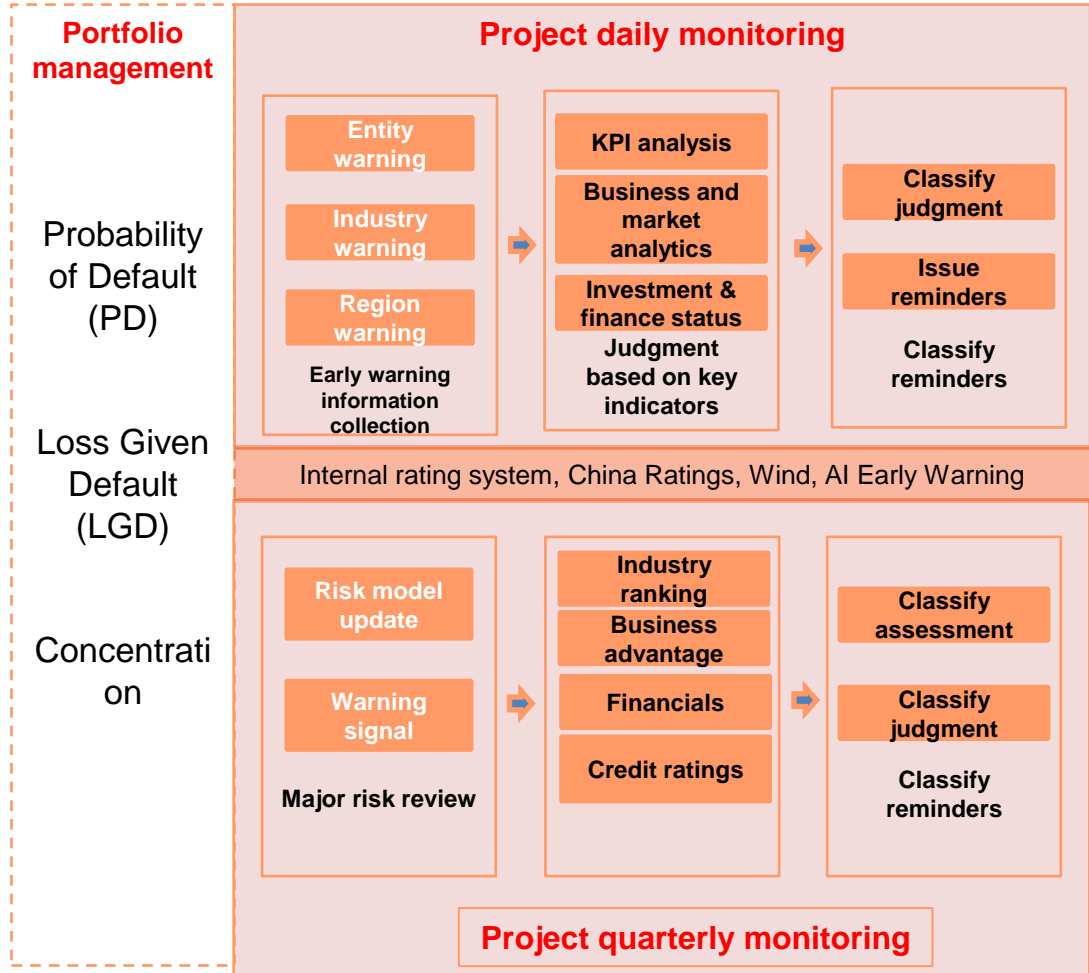
Note: Financial bonds refer to securities issued by banks and non-bank financial institutions in accordance with legal procedures and agreed to repay principal and interest within a certain period of time.

◆ Corporate bond credit risk mgt – Rating, monitoring, early warning and quarterly full reviews (2/2)

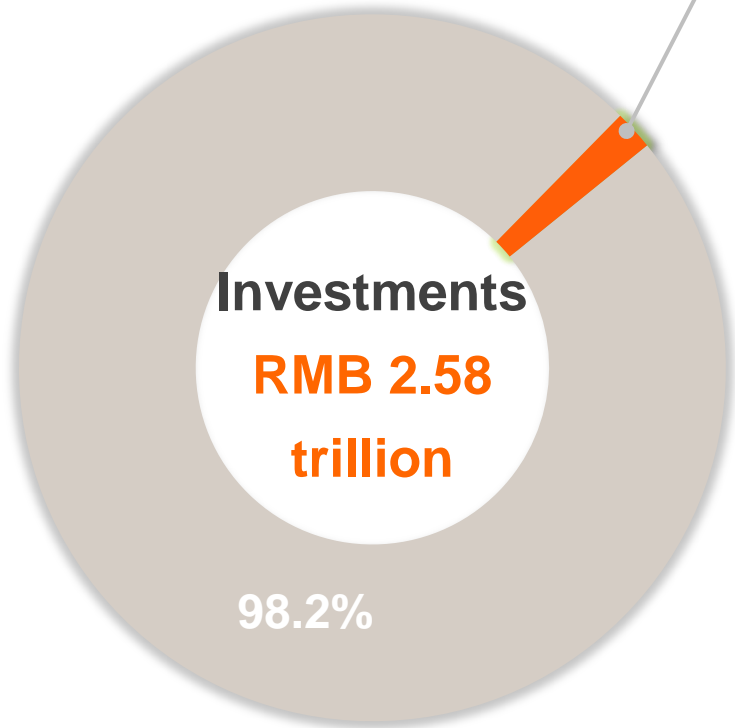
Pre-investment



Post-investment



◆ Real estate contraction risk mgt – relatively low % of insurance assets, with few key focuses (1/3)



% of real estate assets

1.8%

- ◆ Office building RMB 38.3bn, **92% located at tier 1-2 cities**
- ◆ Shopping malls RMB 5.1bn
- ◆ Logistics RMB 5.3bn



New real estate	Reference area	Investment horizon	Expected IRR
Retirement real estate	Around cities	>20 years	10~15%
Industrial park	Non-core areas in tier-1 and tier-2 cities	10 years	7%~9%
Long-term rental apartment	Most of them are within one hour of distance from core business districts in tier-1 cities and core tier-2 cities	5-10 years	7%~8%
City renovation	Urban central area, shanty town, old commercial area, industrial area, etc.	5-15 years	10~20%
High-speed railway new city	Along railways	5-15 years	IRR 12-15% for parts of the sales, and some parts may see IRR>20% due to the high turnover rate

◆ Real estate concentration risk mgt – multiple strategies to produce stable returns (2/3)

Capital	Land reserves, direct purchase Infrastructure and utilities investment Equity investment
Resource	Integrate government and industry resources with Group resource: capital, brand, management, healthcare and pension etc.
Development	Infrastructure development Utilities development Office building development
Management	Industrial park operation, industry support Business innovations: leasing, securitisation, REITS, PE funds



Stable cash yield to enhance the NII strategy

Natural hedge against inflation in the long run

Partnership with experienced developers to preserve property values

◆ Real estate concentration risk mgt – initial selection, mitigation and post-investment warnings (3/3)

Pre-investment selection

Credit rating : basic criteria
Region, industry and financial ratios

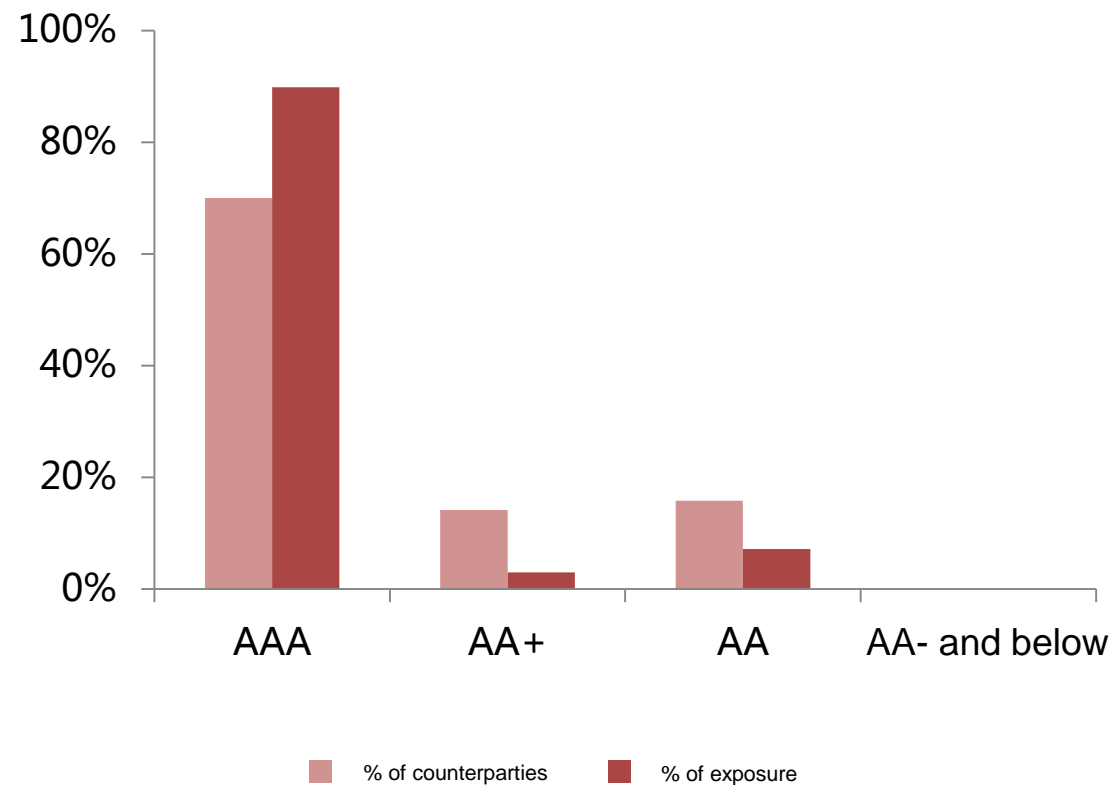
Risk mitigation techniques

Differentiated : pledge rate, financial period, credit enhancement facilities...

Real-time post-investment warnings

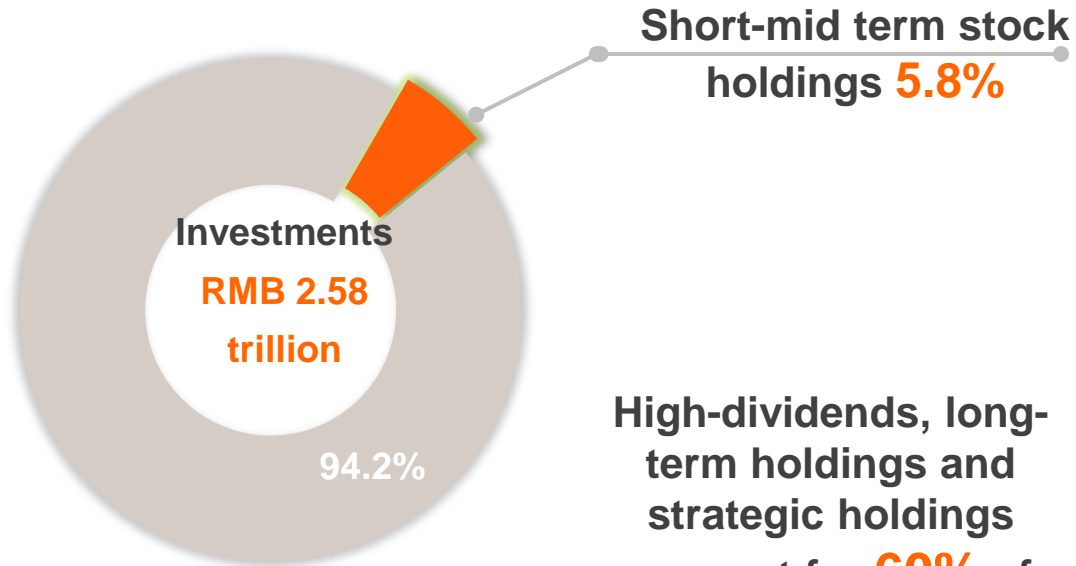
Quantitative: net debt ratio, cash multiples, pledge rates...

Qualitative: policy changes, etc.

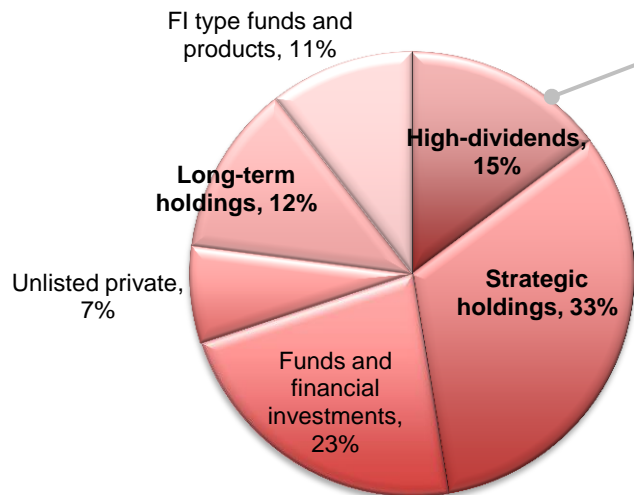


* Based on external ratings

◆ Equity risk management – focus on high-dividend stocks and long-term holdings (1/2)



High-dividends, long-term holdings and strategic holdings account for **60%** of our equity holding.



• Our value-investment philosophy created a balanced mix of Equity holdings

- Among our Equity holdings (23%), after deducting PE and joint venture holdings, the remaining part accounts for 16.5%, of which long-term holdings of common stock accounts for 7.1%, preferred stocks accounts for 3.0%, **short-mid term stock holdings only accounts for 5.8%**;
- H1 2018, we received 6.0bn dividend income, circa **10.3%** of the NII (58.4bn), higher than 2017;
- Dividend ratios of banking preference shares at **4.85%**, dividend ratio from HSBC at **5.93%**;

Major strategic holdings	Dividend per share (18E)	Dividend ratio (18E)
HSBC	3.98	5.90%
ICBC	0.29	5.40%
Country Garden	0.64	17.02%
China Yangze Power	0.67	5.55%

◆ Equity risk management – make full use of FOF/MOM strategies to boost return (2/2)



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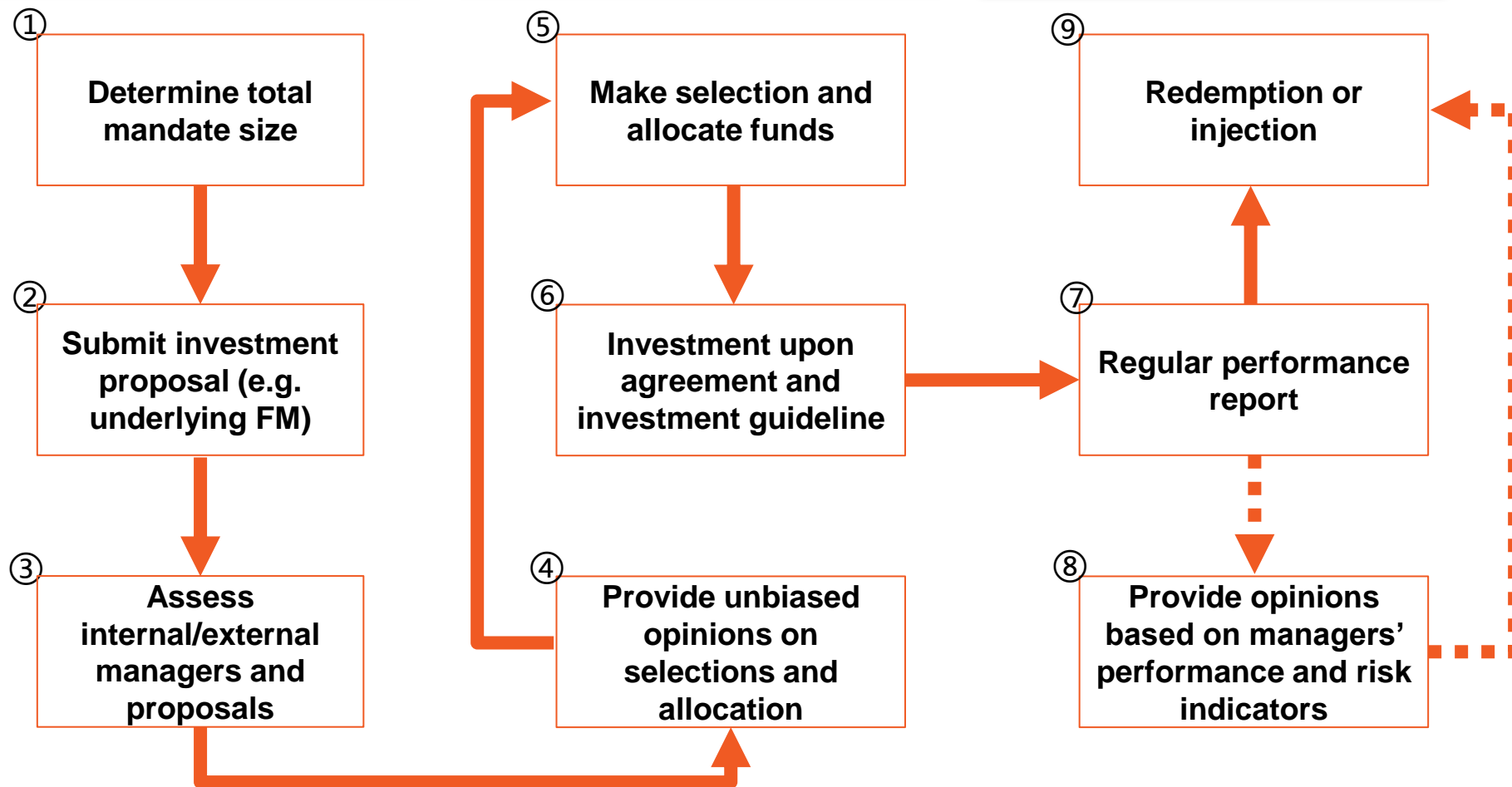
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Investment managers :

- Internal managers
- External managers

Supervisor :

- Ping An Group



◆ Incorporating IFRS9 – will lead to an increased volatility in accounting P&L (1/2)

- Assume a sample portfolio is switched through the following rules, the expected volatility in P&L will largely increase.

IAS39

Classification	%
HTM	70%
AFS	30%

IFRS9

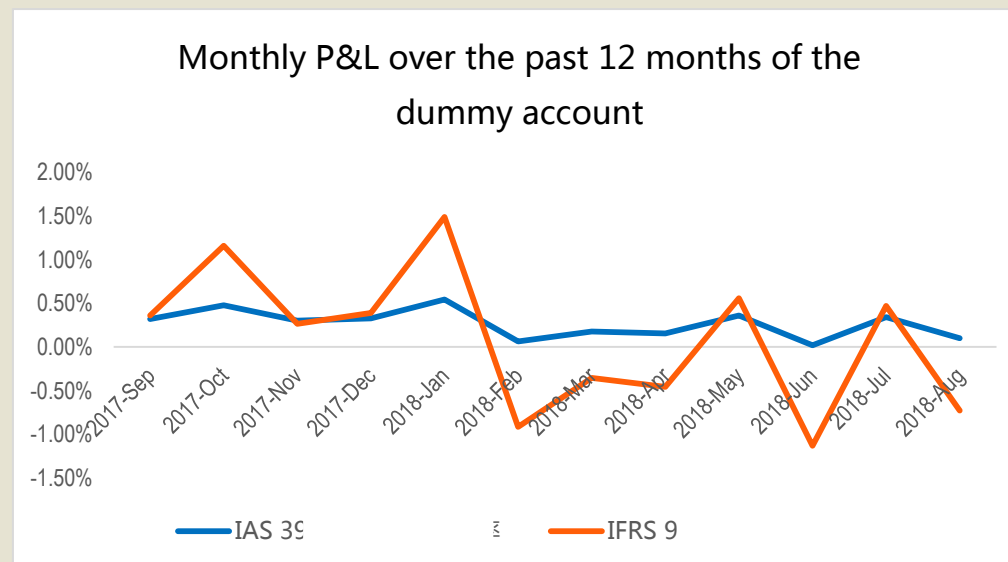
Classification	%
AC	66%
FVOCI	19%
FVPL	15%



	P&L volatility – IAS39	P&L volatility – IFRS9
Dummy account	0.20%	2.0%

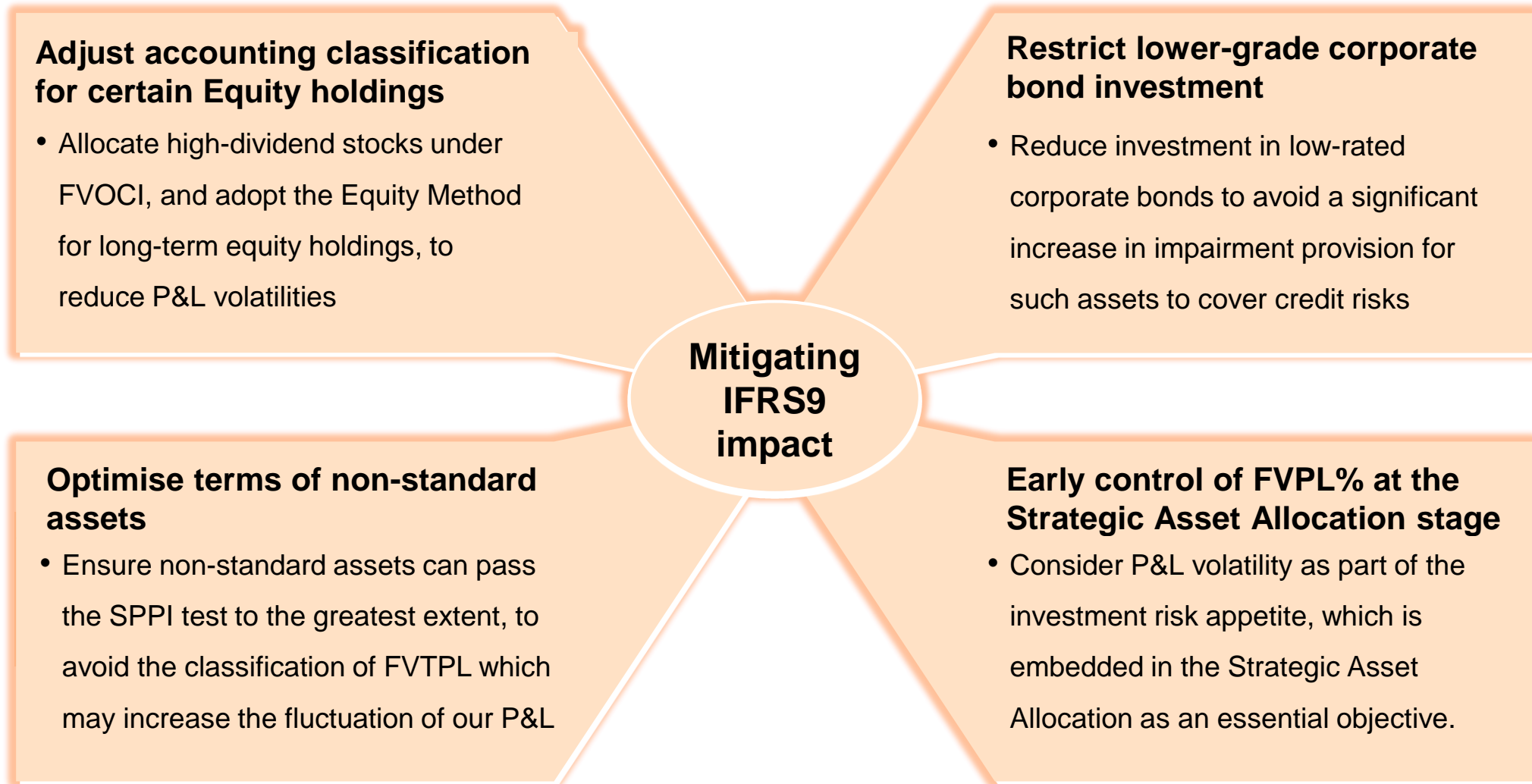
* Based on one-year Monte Carlo simulations

- Using historic back-testing approach, IFRS9 would have resulted a much higher volatility in the accounting P&L.



* Dummy account consists of 60% bonds, 20% stocks and 20% non-standard assets. Non-standard assets and 80% of bonds are booked under HTM or LR, stocks and 20% of bonds are booked under AFS.

◆ Incorporating IFRS9 – mitigating the impact of IFRS9 through optimisation and asset allocation (2/2)



◆ Summary — Ping An's 6 key strengths in investment and investment risk management

Aligned with international standards – “251” framework, internal rating

Group & subsidiary dual control system to ensure risks are transparent and manageable at consolidated level;
Collaboration with global firms to promote international standards.

Professional tools – supporting SAA and risk control

Localised the world leading **Conning** system; first to introduce **Risk Frontier & Risk Manager**, to create a modern risk management system

Process management – highly valued post-investment management

Utilisation of big data to support full investment process and promote realisation of investment objectives

Quantitative investment decisions – investment budgeting, risk management

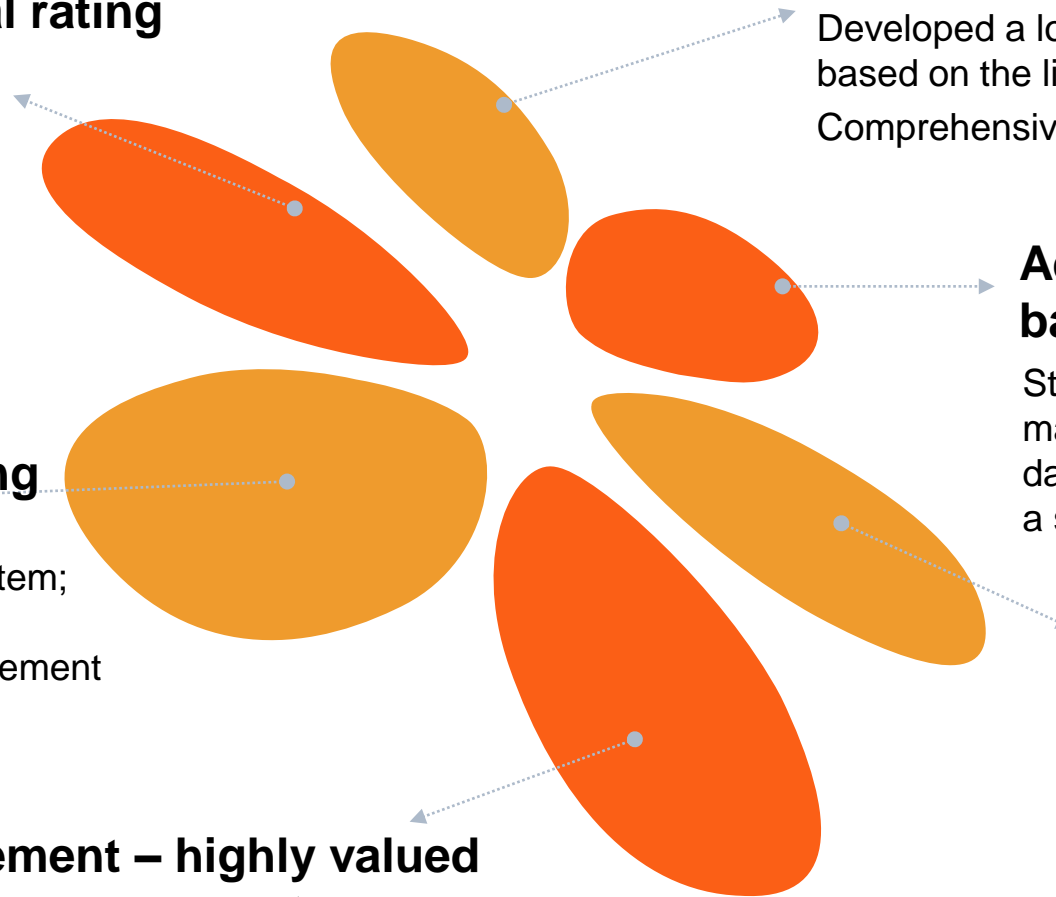
Developed a localised Strategic Asset Allocation model based on the liability features;
Comprehensive limits system covering 23 subsidiaries.

Advanced systems – system-based process management

Started in 2012, the investment and risk management system and investment database have evolved and transformed into a smart one.

Local data – an in-depth analysis of the Chinese market

10,000 economic scenarios based on China data; Economic capital models, and stress test scenarios based on domestic market.



Thank you !

