

PCS Symposium: Basel end game

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Price to book ratios of UK/EU and US banks



Source: Y-Charts data (2023)

This is a more general trend with, average UK/EU bank is trading at a P/B ratio of less than 1 and North American banks hovering around a P/B ratio of 1 ...



Source: Refinitiv datastream, KPMG analysis (2023)



Portfolio effect: Why is the output floor important?

Example portfolio – Day 1:

- Given the portfolio is below the output floor, the binding capital constraint is the IRB approach RWAs of 52.5% as this is above the output floor of 48.94%.
- This results in a RoRWA of 5.7%

Sub- portfolio	Portfolio weighting	Risk Weight		Intertest	RoRWA*
		SA	IRB	rate	HORWA
SP 1	50%	100%	100%	5%	5%
SP2	50%	35%	5%	1%	20%
Weighted average		67.5%	52.5%	3.0%	





Example portfolio – Day 2:

- The Bank directs all resources to SP 2 due to the comparatively higher RoRWA.
- · Pre-Basel 3.1 this would lower the Banks RWA to 5%. However, post-Basel 3.1 the output floor would result in RWAs that are c5 times higher at 25.4%.
- This results in the portfolio RoRWA falling to 3.9%

Sub- portfolio	Portfolio weighting	Risk Weight		Intertest rate RoRWA	
		SA	IRB	rate	NURWA
SP 1	0%	100%	100%	5%	5%
SP2	100%	35%	5%	1%	20%
Weighted average		35%	5%	1%	-





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Efficient frontier for managing the output floor

Implication of being away from the floor...

Assuming that internal models more accurately reflect the risk of exposures and the return of assets, there are implications of being far below or above the output floor...

Far above the floor



- Inefficient as incurs the cost of models but not getting a significant capital benefit compared to STD.
- · Not playing where there is a competitive advantage.

Far below the floor



• Inefficient as this requires holding capital that is not reflective of the risk and for which is not priced.

Optimal management of the floor...

As a results of these implications, firms should typically look to manage resources close to the floor as follows depending upon their capabilities:





Integrated portfolio and financial resource Active porte in the president and centralised portfolio decision-making requires centralised control of the balance sheet within Financial Resource Management (FRM) and Portfolio Management (PM) functions



Central control and ownership of the balance sheet with greater influence on business strategy;



Dynamic, forward looking allocation of resources to increase balance sheet velocity and Return on Equity

Manage up, manage out with accountability for setting, monitoring and enforcing hurdle rates



distribution and origination, which allows pricing and incentives to be adjusted dynamically.

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