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#### Simplifying the Complexity of Investment Risk

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### **Pattern Recognition**



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### Perception of Risk vs. Real Risk



### **Clusters & Bridging**



#### **Risk clusters:**

Risk events seldom occur in isolation

A risk event will by the level of its severity impact other risk factors forming risk clusters

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Bridging of risk can occur across the system

This can happen during severe risk events and is counter intuitive, as in these circumstances, risk generates more risks to the point at which they begin to spread across the system.

Clusters and bridges are therefore important to our knowledge of risk because understanding how they behave may help us to avoid further risk occurrences.

# **Problems with VaR**



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## Market According to VaR



### What actually happened: Risk Clusters



## What a complete system should look like





# A new approach to risk management

• KEY WORDS

POSITIONAL AWARENESS ARE YOU BEING PAID TO TAKE RISK? ARE YOU OVER PAYING FOR RISK TAKEN? NETWORK RISKS

# A new approach to risk management



### TOTAL RISK MONITORING SYSTEM

PRMS: Portfolio Risk Monitoring System (Positional Awareness) RAAM: Risk Adjusted Asset Management (Paid or not) FMRMS: Fund Manager Risk Monitoring (Fit for Promise) MRDO: Macro Risk Decomposition Overlay (Tail Risks) Four Active Risks for 2014



2. Valuation Risk

3. Currency Wars

### 4. Sovereign Debt Risk

- Tapering
- Portugal Spain Italy France
- EU/ECB Time Line

# Segregating risk and recognising change

#### **Historic Global High Yield Portfolio Risk Components**

■ Credit ■ Currency ■ Economic ■ Equity ■ Rate ■ Yield



# **Risk Budgeting and Risk Appetite**

#### **RAAM Balanced Overweight/Underweight**



### Active Share & Tracking Error (ROC)



### Interest Rates have never been so low

#### • A GLOBAL PHENOMENON: UK BANK RATES SINCE 1694 RATES HAVE NEVER BEEN SO LOW



UK Bank Rate since 1694

# Cyclically Adjusted Price Earnings S&P



# Average Real Returns from Starting P/E

Starting P/E		Avg. Real	Worst Real	Best Real	Standard
Low	<u>Hig h</u>	<u>10 Yr Return</u>	<u>10 Yr Return</u>	<u>10 Yr Return</u>	<u>Deviation</u>
5.2	9.6	10.3%	4.8%	17.5%	2.5%
9.6	10.8	10.4%	3.8%	17.0%	3.5%
10.8	11.9	10.4%	2.8%	15.1%	3.3%
11.9	13.8	9.1%	1.2%	14.3%	3.8%
13.8	15.7	8.0%	-0.9%	15.1%	4.6%
15.7	17.3	5.6%	-2.3%	15.1%	5.0%
17.3	189	5.3%	-3.9%	13.8%	5.1%
189	21.1	3.9%	-3.2%	9.9%	3.9%
21.1	25.1	0.9%	-4.4%	8.3%	3.8%
25.1	46.1	0.5%	-6.1%	6.3%	3.6%

# **Diversification as a protection from risk?**



#### Bonds, Equity, and Inflation linked Assets all correlate in time of stress



## Summary: Risk Systems

- Legacy Risk Models have limitations
- A Total Risk System Approach provides a better solution
- Risk Budgeting and Risk Appetite statements
- Target Risk rather than Expected Return
  - Particularly in non benign risk clusters

# Summary: Macro Risk environment



- QE has set up a false market negative real rates are a significant problem
- Interest Rate Shock Risk & QE, Valuation, Sovereign Debt and Currency Risk
- Beware Supercorrelations. Volatility hedging a solution
- Ask yourself everyday: Am I being paid to take this risk?

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