

# The New World of Basel 3

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# The Knowns and Unknowns of Basel 3



Capital Adequacy Ratio =  $\frac{\text{Capital}}{\text{RWA}}$

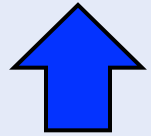


The diagram illustrates the formula for the Capital Adequacy Ratio. A green arrow points upwards to the left of the text 'Capital Adequacy Ratio'. To the right of this text is an equals sign followed by a fraction. The numerator of the fraction is 'Capital', with a red arrow pointing downwards above it. The denominator is 'RWA', with a blue arrow pointing upwards below it.

- Tighter definition of bank capital
- Link capital to cyclical behaviour
- Recognize SIFIs, global and local
- Account for “new” risks
- Better price transparency ... or else
- Think of correlations & stress tests

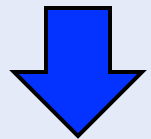


# The Knowns and Unknowns of Basel 3



Capital Adequacy Ratio

*Higher value;  
Better*



Leverage

*Composition  
Less risks; More  
Restraint*



Liquidity

*Structured  
handling*



Infrastructure

*Key source of risk*



Price Transparency

*Back to basics*



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# What the reforms are not (necessarily)

- The reforms does not change the perspective of banks

Choose  $w_i$ :

Asset 1

Asset 2

Asset 3

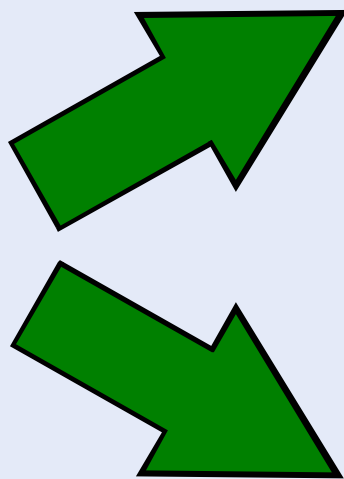
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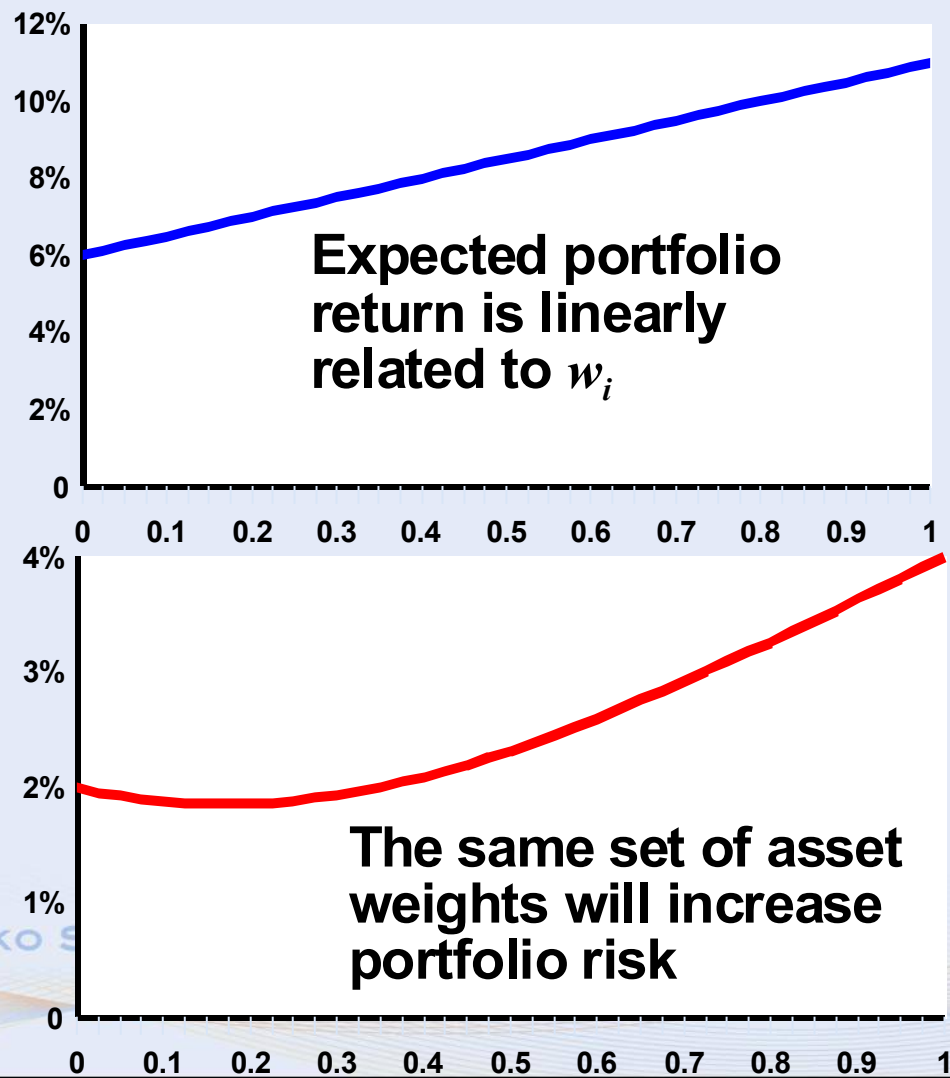
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Asset n-2

Asset n-1



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# What the reforms are not (necessarily)

- Should not force an increase in bank capital

$$CAR = \frac{K}{RWA}$$

- CAR is useful because it relates owners' funds (capital) to the risks taken by the bank

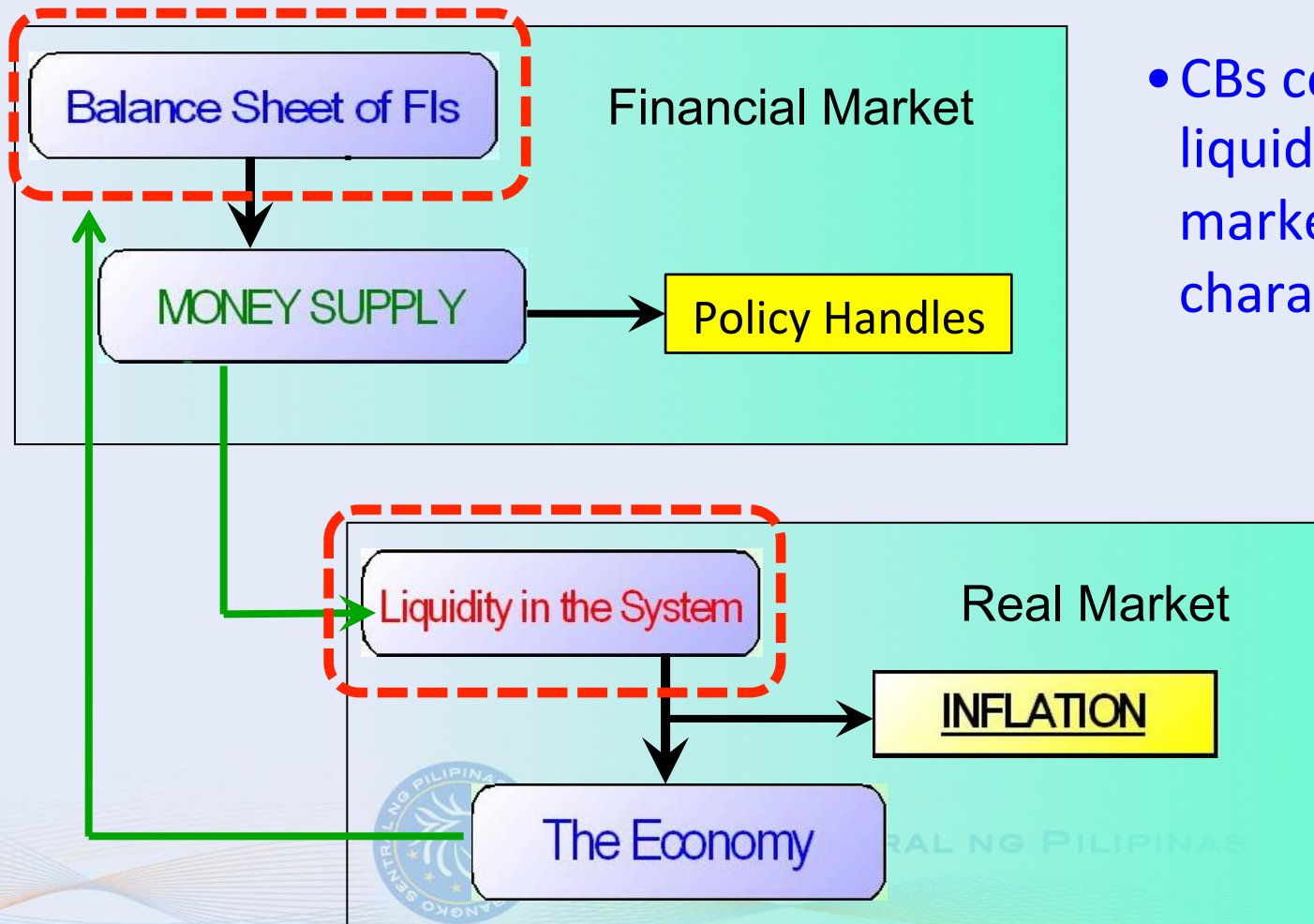
$$CAR(\text{Risk}) = \frac{K_S}{RWA(\text{Risk})}$$

- CAR is not a mechanical ratio but should be more behavioural
- The key is how banks structure their RWA for a given level of K



# What the reforms will do

- Brings liquidity risk to the forefront ... finally



- CBs control liquidity but the market defines its character

# What the reforms will do

- Inward look at infrastructure risk and risk channels
  1. Wholesale and retail payments systems are getting more focus
  2. Greater emphasis on price transparency is also giving market infrastructure a boost:
    - a) December paper of BIS requires banks to have capital charges for exposures to CCPs
    - b) More recent paper on FMI is a market-changing proposal for new best practices



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# What the reforms will do

- Can introduce uncertainty because of timing

(shading indicates transition periods - all dates are as of 1 January)

	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	As of 1 January 2019
Leverage Ratio	Supervisory monitoring		Parallel run 1 Jan 2013 – 1 Jan 2017 Disclosure starts 1 Jan 2015					Migration to Pillar 1	
Minimum Common Equity Capital Ratio			3.5%	4.0%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%	4.5%
Capital Conservation Buffer						0.625%	1.25%	1.875%	2.50%
Minimum common equity plus capital conservation buffer			3.5%	4.0%	4.5%	5.125%	5.75%	6.375%	7.0%
Phase-in of deductions from CET1 (including amounts exceeding the limit for DTAs, MSRs and financials)				20%	40%	60%	80%	100%	100%
Minimum Tier 1 Capital			4.5%	5.5%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%
Minimum Total Capital			8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%
Minimum Total Capital plus conservation buffer			8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.625%	9.25%	9.875%	10.5%
Capital instruments that no longer qualify as non-core Tier 1 capital or Tier 2 capital			Phased out over 10 year horizon beginning 2013						
Liquidity coverage ratio	Observation period begins					Introduce minimum standard			
Net stable funding ratio	Observation period begins							Introduce minimum standard	

***Some banks prefer to move forward with the changes. . . But cannot***



# What the reforms will do

- Makes the case for better protection. . .but for whom?

1. Financial Stability is now the “new normal”
  - Stability requires some uniformity in global behaviour
2. Behaviour deemed “bad” will put stability at risk
3. This can create a conflict of interest
  - a) Will **jurisdictions** be “saved” in line with global stability?
  - b) Yet, we teach **investors** that they must be held responsible for their actions



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# HOW do we manage financial risk ?

## Assets

## Liabilities

**Banks**

**Loans**  
**Investments**  
**Provisions (Contra)**

**Deposits**

**Securities  
Firms**

**A/R (secured by securities)**  
**Investments**

**Payables (short position)**  
**Wholesale funding**  
– repos  
– securities borrowing

**InsCos**

**Investments**

**Technical provisions**



# Are the Standards Really So Different?

## Technical Provision

- Transaction risks
- Meet obligations, current and future
- Going concern

## Net Capital Rule

- Transaction risks
- Meet obligations, current and future
- Going concern

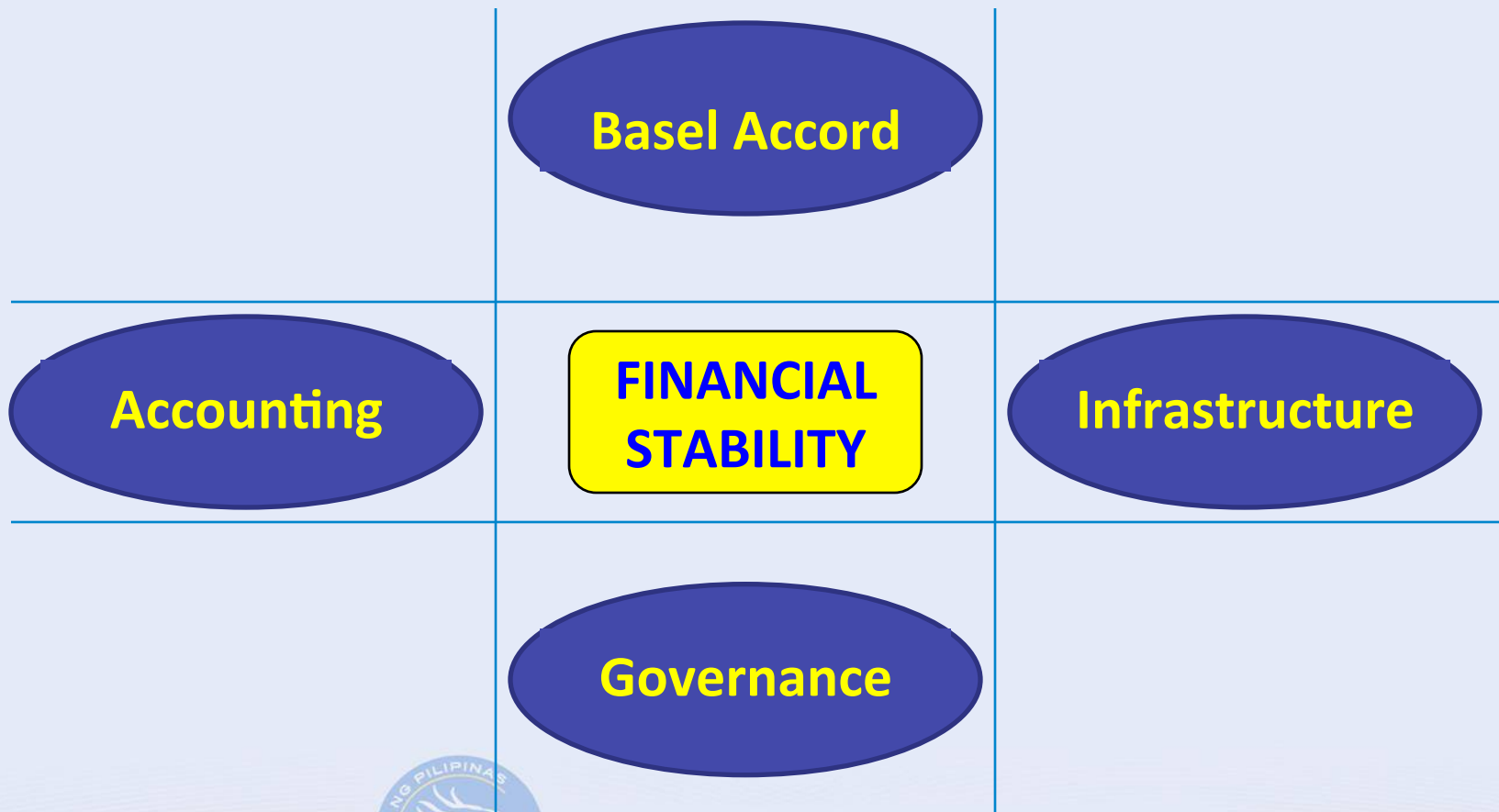
## Basel 3 Framework

- Transaction risks
- Meet obligations, current and future
- Going concern
- Liquidity
- Sensitive to cycles
- Macro-prudential
- SIFIs
- FMIs



# Challenges to Supervisors

- We cannot take Basel 3 independently of other reforms



# Challenges to Supervisors

- Supervisors need to develop multi-faceted skills

“... it would be very useful to develop staff who have the expertise of a macro-financial economist, the preciseness of a financial engineer, the orderliness of an accountant, the eloquence of a commentator, the imagination of a physicist and the perspective of a market practitioner”

*Gov. Amando M. Tetangco, Jr.  
High Level BOJ-BIS Conference  
Hong Kong, SAR November 2010*



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