Efficient Frontiers

Basic Combined

- Following the March 28th meeting, MPI requested an analysis combining the Basic Short and Basic Long assets and liabilities
- Mercer's approach is as follows:

Step 1 – Re-Determined Liability Benchmark

	Basic Short	Basic Long	Combined	
Duration	0.7 years	11.0 years	10.3 years	
Liability Benchmark				
Treasury Bills	85%		3%	
Short Provincial Bonds	15%	36%	39%	
Mid Provincial Bonds		2%		
Long Provincial Bonds				
Real Return Bonds		62%	58%	

Step 2 – Adjusted asset mix construction based on weighted liabilities

- About 93% Long and 7% Short.
- Assumed *Midpoint* (*Mix B*) from the Basic Short analysis
- Constraints were maintained (i.e. 20% allocation to MUSH; max. 35% illiquid assets)

Step 3 – Refined asset mixes to optimize risk/return metrics

- Asset mixes refined to:
 - maintain 100% interest rate hedge ratio
 - align with risk/return spectrum from the Basic Long & Basic Short analysis

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	Liability Benchmark	Current	Higher Return	Lower Risk	Midpoint	Higher Return & Risk
Fixed Income	100%	(A) 100%	(D) 85%	85%	85%	(E) 85%
Treasury Bills	3%		6%	6%	6%	6%
3x Real Return Bonds		· · · · · ·				
Real return bonds	58%		18%	42%	31%	15%
3x Long Provincial Bonds						
Provincial short-term bonds	39%					
Provincial mid-term bonds		33%		5%	3%	
Provincial long-term bonds		27%				
Corporate mid-term bonds		9%	8%	12%	10%	7%
Corporate long-term bonds		11%	33%		15%	37%
MUSH Bonds		20%	20%	20%	20%	20%
Public Equities		``				
Canadian equity (large cap.)						
All Country World Equity						
Alternatives			15%	15%	15%	15%
Commercial mortgages		``	1%	9%	5%	
Core Canadian Real Estate			14%	6%	10%	15%
Return Metrics						
Median return - 10 year	1.82%	2.48%	3.21%	2.48%	2.83%	3.30%
Risk Metrics						
Expected excess return - 10 year		0.76%	1.43%	0.67%	1.03%	1.52%
Surplus volatility		3.69%	3.51%	1.35%	2.35%	3.77%
Information Ratio (Excess Return/Risk)		0.21	0.41	0.50	0.44	0.40
5% Value at Risk		129.0 M	139.5 M	66.5 M	100.1 M	148.4 M
Other Metrics						
Minimum Capital Required		16.8 M	97.0 M	56.2 M	75.4 M	101.5 M
Interest Rate Metrics						
Duration	10.3	11.1	10.2	10.2	10.2	10.1
Hedge Ratio	100%	108%	99%	99%	99%	99%

T-bills ¹	liabilities	T-Bills		
Basic Short	Basic Short	Basic Combined		
Allocation to	Proportion of	Allocation to		

Maintained: 20% MUSH, and 15% Alternatives

Compared to Current:

- 1. Median Returns are higher, except (C)
- 2. Information Ratios are all higher
- 3. 5% VaR are all lower, except (E)
- 4. Minimum Capital Required is higher in all cases

¹Assumed Midpoint (Mix B) from Basic Short analysis, given Basic Short has 3 mixes and Basic Long has 4 mixes.

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- The combined mixes from the previous page are shown in the top left efficient frontier
- The results show that the combined mixes are "efficient"
 - Conducting an analysis on a separate vs. combined basis did not alter the efficiency of the mixes