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De-Risking without Reducing Returns? Investment Risk Governance



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Agenda

- Investment Risk Governance
- Controlling Volatility
- Equity Exposure Adjusted for Volatility
- Historical Examples
- Summary
- Q&A



Pension Fund Governance – Investment Risk

• Outcome from making an investment is uncertain

- Investment risk governance involves examining the likely range of negative outcomes
 - Investment losses are among the greatest risks facing a pension plan



Pension Fund Governance – Investment Risk

- Equities in a pension fund investment portfolio
 - Known for good <u>long-term return potential</u> albeit with large peak-to-trough falls in value

- Probably the <u>riskiest</u>, liquid asset in the fund

<u>De-risking</u> often involves taking down equity allocation



Pension Fund Governance – Investment Risk

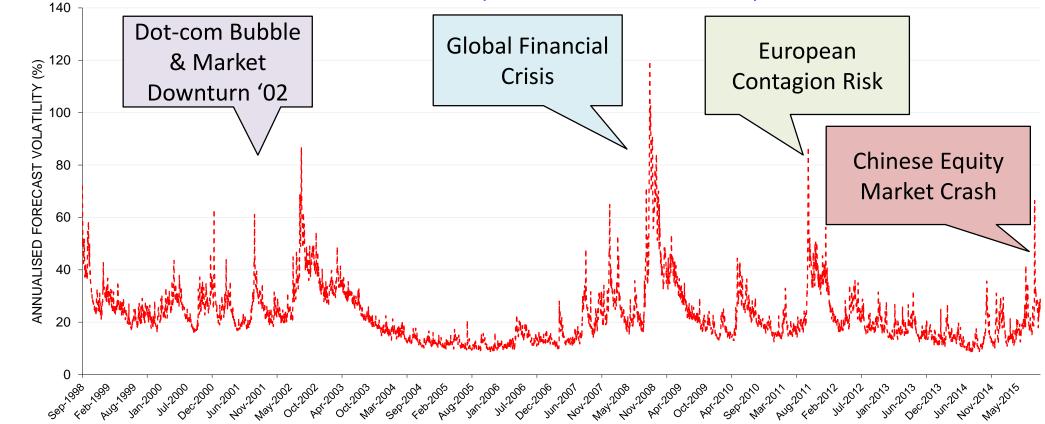
- Equity risk varies significantly
 - Average risk is not a guide to maximum peak-to-trough falls in value of an equity portfolio
 - Maximum risk is the driver of maximum peak-to-trough falls in value





Equity Risk Varies Significantly

Annualised Daily Forecast Risk Euro Stoxx 50[®] (net dividends reinvested)

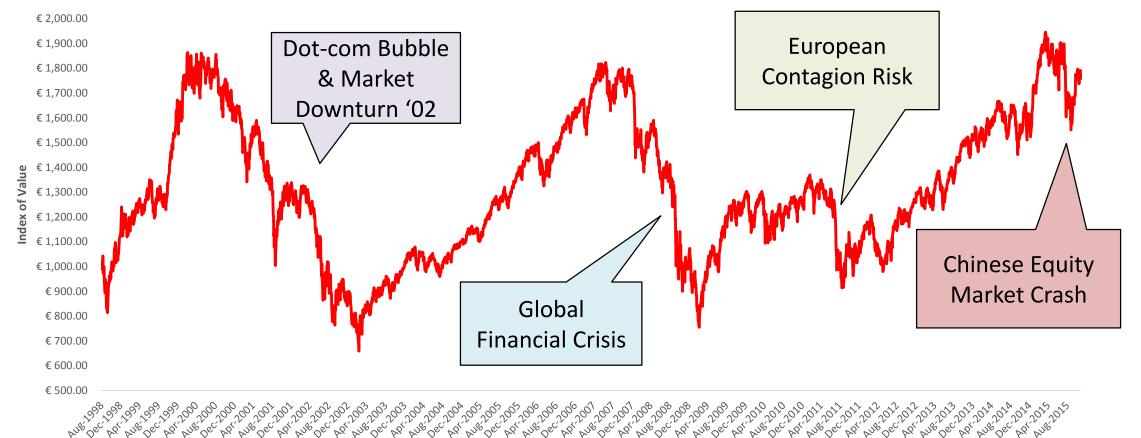






Euro Stoxx 50[®] Index of Value

(Sep. 1998 to Nov. 2015)

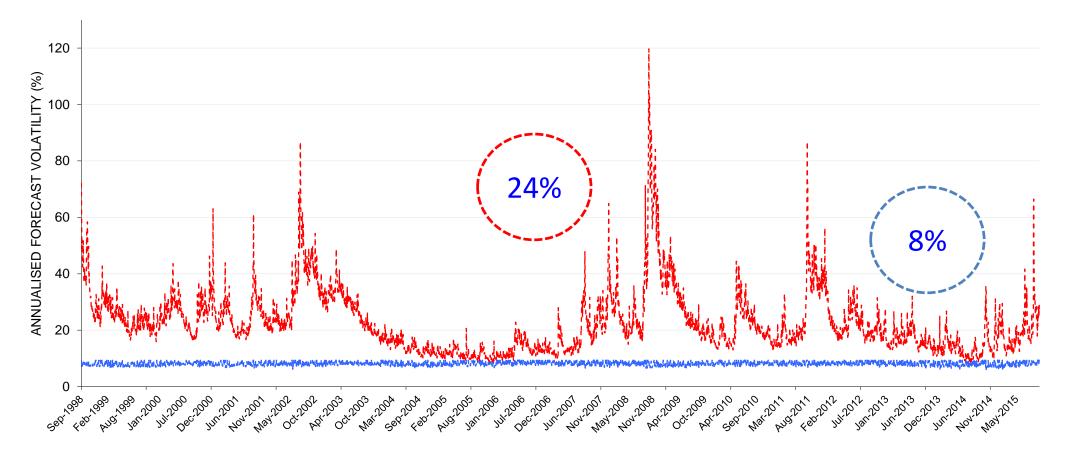






Annualised Daily Forecast Risk

Target Risk Equity Strategy vs Euro Stoxx 50[®] (net dividends reinvested)







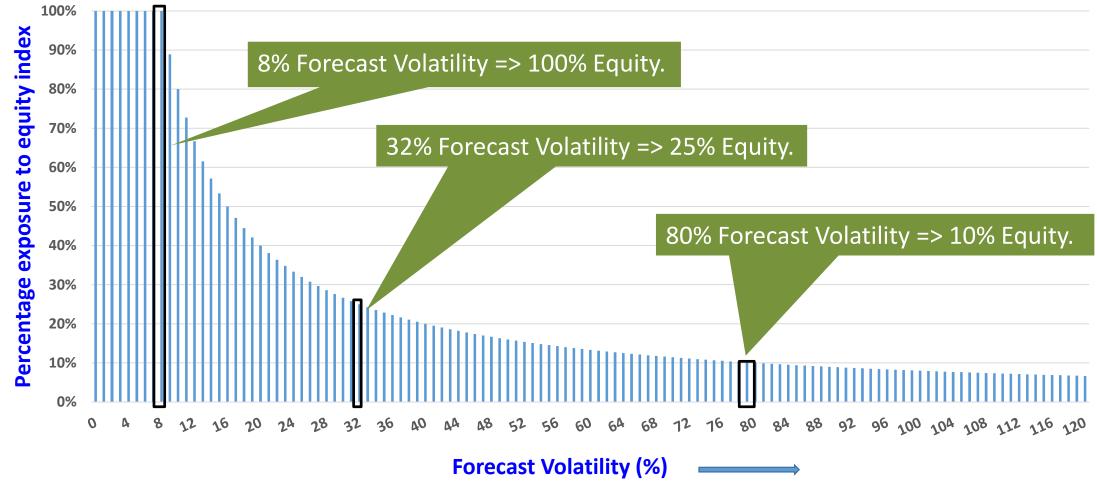
Target Risk v Euro Stoxx 50® Index of Value (Sep. 1998 to Nov. 2015)







How do you target risk?

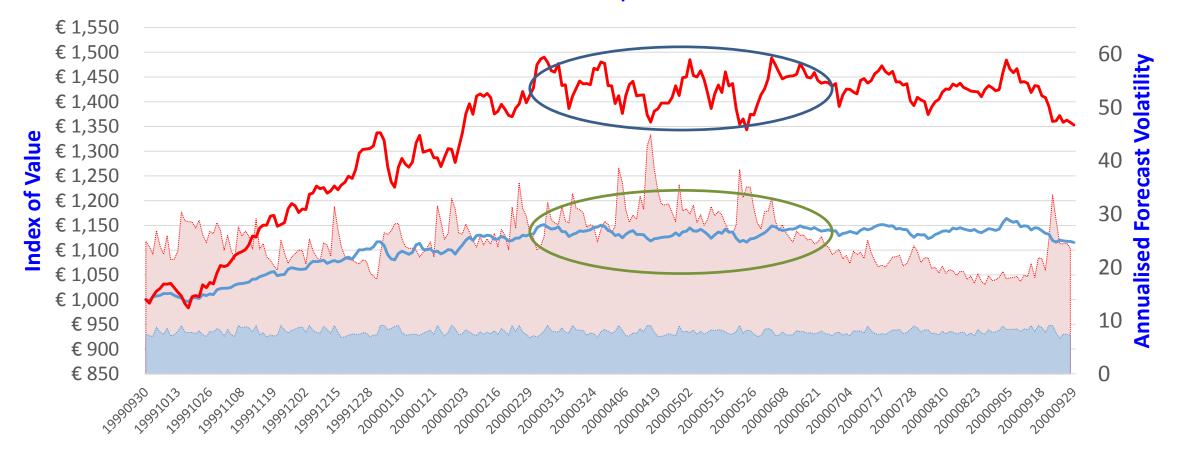


Return: 11.3% Vol Range: 6.6 - 9.1

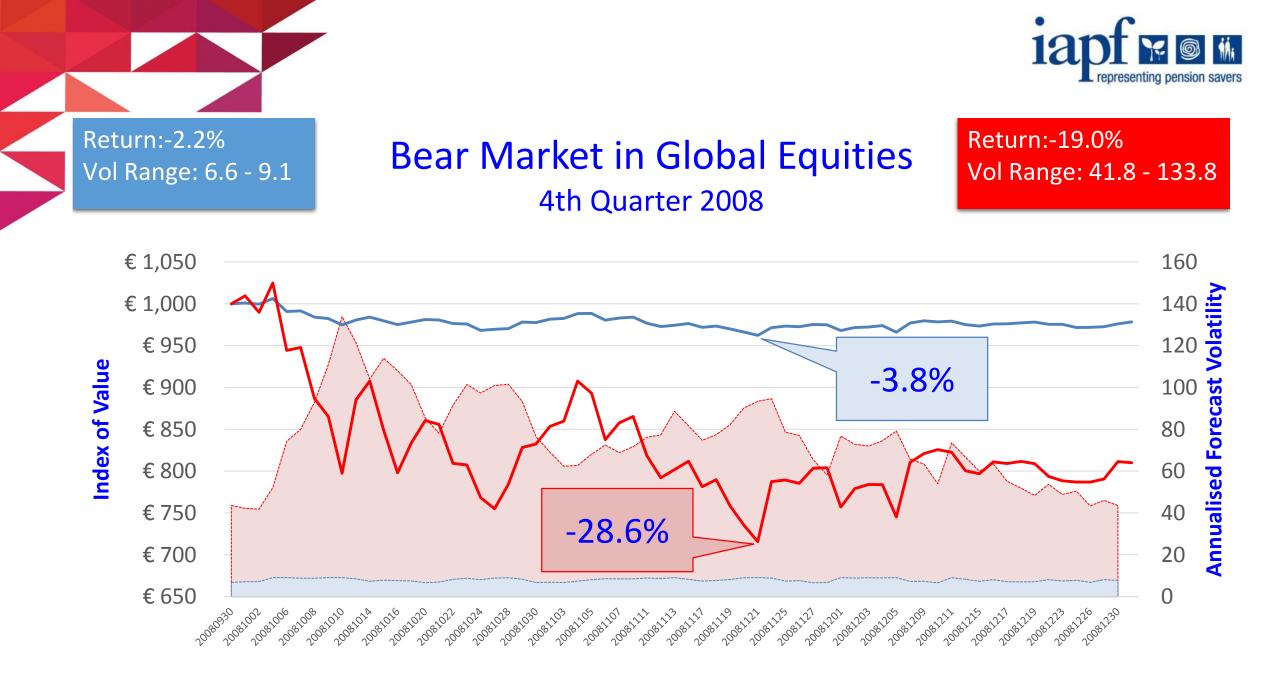


Equity Bull Run October 1999 to September 2000

Return: 35.3% Vol Range: 16.7 - 44.8



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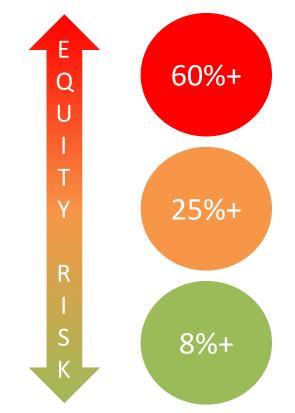




Summary

Pension Fund Governance of Investment Risk

- Equities are probably the riskiest liquid asset in pension fund investment portfolio
- Equity risk varies significantly
- Maximum rather than average risk drives maximum peak-to-trough falls in value







Summary Pension Fund Governance of Investment Risk

• To manage equity investment risk:

Forecast risk and adjust portfolio exposure

- Alder Capital research shows that keeping risk in a tight range around a target level achieves:
 - Same return every three to five years
 - Peak-to-trough falls in value of an equity portfolio reduced by two thirds



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