

# Supervisory practice and internal procedures after the introduction of Solvency regulatory regimes (SST, Solvency II)

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## Implementation of the SST and Solvency II was a multi-year journey



- Zurich has began its Solvency II implementation in 2009 and went life in 2016
- Collaborative efforts between European subsidiaries and Corporate Center in Switzerland defined the success factor
- Zurich has established governance, processes and control framework on local and central levels
- Zurich has developed the required IT system for modelling and reporting
- Responsibility for Solvency II compliance reside with Legal Entities' management and the board

## Internal Model has evolved from "R&D" to well controlled and governed process



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#### to

Understanding risk profile

Mathematical modelling

Risk parameterization

Internal use only

### **Governance** to assure robust processes:

- Methodology changes
- Model production
- IT implementation

#### **Control framework** to assure:

- Data quality
- Reporting accuracy

### **Model approval** process requires:

- Excessive model documentation
- Justification of assumptions, expert judgment, model simplifications
- Model validation & Stress testing

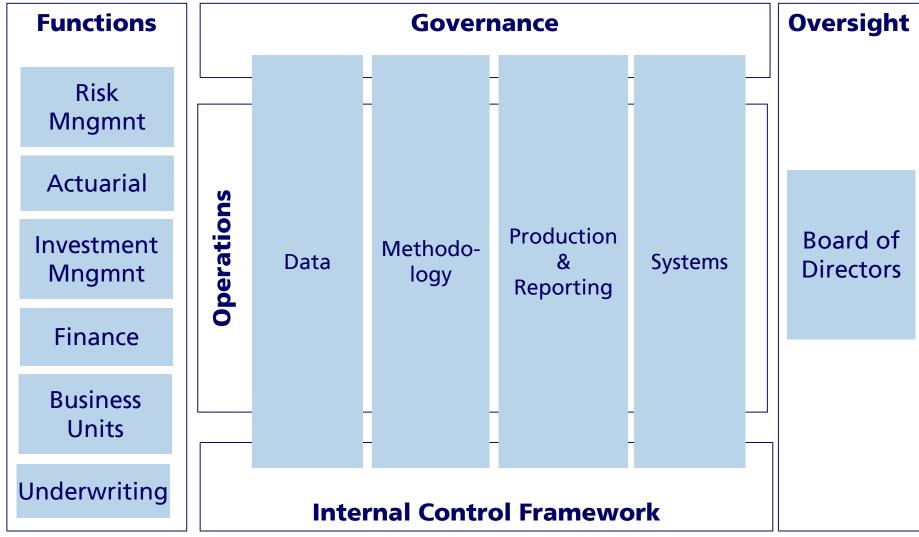
### Management awareness and use of results

- Up to Board of Directors level
- Use Test for Internal Models
- Public disclosure

Heavy data collection in Solvency II

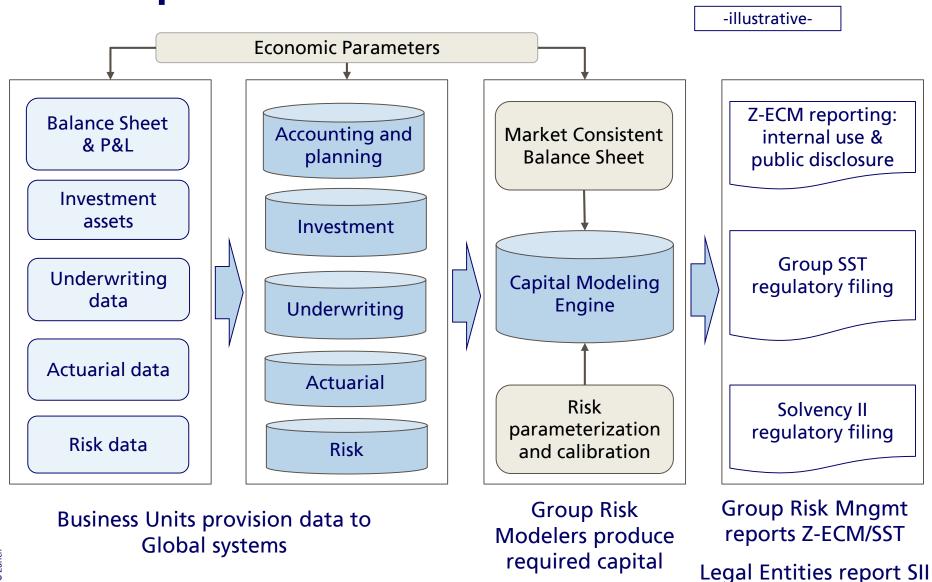
## **Zurich established solid Governance across all elements of Solvency requirements**



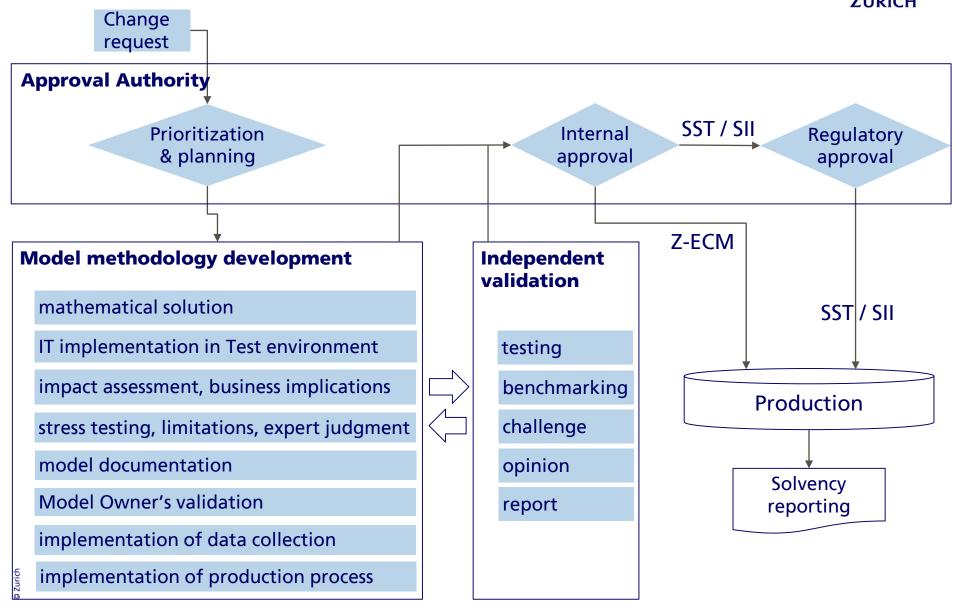


### Solvency reporting is a complex process across the Group





### Zurich has well established Model change process Zurich



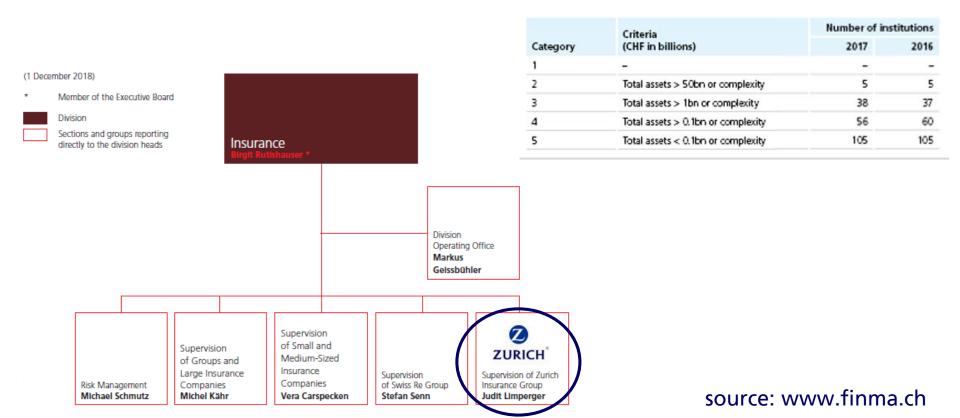
## FINMA was the first mover to the risk-based supervision



Supervision in the insurance sector



FINMA adopts a principle-based, risk-oriented approach to its supervision of insurance companies. The greater the risk potential of an insurance company, the more intensive the supervision.



### **Zurich has on-going dialog with FINMA**



FINMA collects extensive financial and solvency reporting data on annual basis. Groups (including Zurich) and conglomerates supply additional reporting semi-annually.

FINMA hosts **supervisory college** for companies under its supervision annually. For Zurich, this is a management board level meeting and a platform for a regulatory dialog.

FINMA practices **on-site reviews** to assess compliance with Governance, Internal Control System, SST methodology reviews, etc.

SST requirement conclude **early warning** reporting requirement for special events which could drop a company's SST ratio by more than 20%.

FINMA uses the following tools in its insurance supervisory activities across all branches of the insurance sector:

- Swiss Solvency Test (<u>SST</u>)
- Tied assets and investment guidelines
- Monitoring of technical provisions
- Periodic data and information collection
- Governance assessment
- Intensive supervision

source: www.finma.ch

Zurich has an on-going dialog with FINMA via monthly calls & communications.

During SST IMAP the regulator was involved early in the discussion of the model development.

## Solvency has profound impact on the insurance product proposition



Economic valuation of Life insurance liabilities, in particular of traditional guaranteed product, results in heavy capital requirements for the business.

Life insurers transfer their guaranteed traditional policy business to 3<sup>rd</sup> parties.

#### GENERALI COMPLETES THE SALE OF GENERALI LEBEN

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Trieste/Munich – Generali announces that today it completed the sale of 89.9% of the shares of Generali Leben to Viridium Gruppe and the establishment of an industrial partnership with Viridium in the German insurance market, aimed at managing life insurance closed book portfolios.

Terms and conditions of the transaction are in line with the announcement of the sale published in July 2018 with a total evaluation for 100% of Generali Leben of €1 billion. In addition, €882 million of loans have been reimbursed to Generali Group.

Source: www.generali.com

AXA to transform its Swiss group life business, creating additional value for its customers and shareholders

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- AXA to transform its in-force Swiss Group Life business to a semi-autonomous model (\*)
- · Creating prospects of higher pensions on retirement for existing customers
- Transfer of ca. 31 billion CHF (\*) of reserves to occupational benefits foundations (\*) by the end of 2018, including ca. 3.5 billion CHF (\*) of excess reserves to enable a sustainable risk carrying capacity of the foundations

  SOURCE: WWW.axa.com

Life insurers move away from guaranteed products to Unit-Linked, Hybrid and Protection business.

P&C businesses appear to be less effected.

## Solvency regulatory reporting requirements are excessive



### **Solvency II reporting**

Quantitative Reporting Templates (quarterly & annually)

Own Risk and Solvency Assessment (annually)

Solvency and Financial Condition Reports (public, annually)

National specific templates (quarterly)

Internal Model reporting (varies by country)

### **Swiss Solvency Test reporting** (annual)

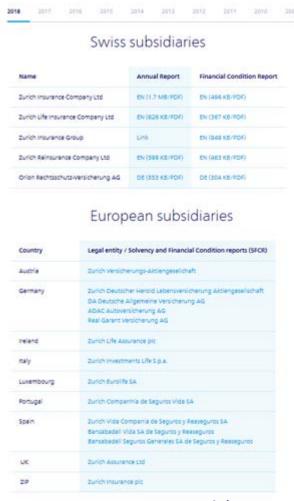
SST narrative report

Predefined templates

Financial Condition Report (public)

Own Risk and Solvency Assessment

Every **Legal Entity** subject to the regulation has to comply with these requirements.



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