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"Pricing Illiquid Securities" Summer School Edition 2009 MatemateS University of Bologna

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The **Summer School in Financial Market Mathematics** wants to provide the audience with the state of the art of advanced topics in financial mathematics by means of lectures from the most outstanding scholars working on frontier issues. The program is spread over a five day period. The first day will provide an introductory tutorial to the topic, the following four will be devoted to indepth analysis of the issues.

Sixth International Summer School:

Topic: Pricing Illiquid Securities One of the main topics raised by the recent financial crises is the problem of market liquidity. Lack of liquidity in the market is a problem common to risk managers, pricers, auditors and regulators. Particularly interesting issues in this topic are the definition of pricing bounds, the selection of worst case scenarios for liquidity, the definition of axioms for the choice of acceptable prices for sale and purchase of products, the design of alternative trading strategies to gauge the performance of investment in illiquid securities.

Faculty

Ales Cerny, Cass Business School, London Claudio Tebaldi, Bocconi University, Milan Marcello Minenna, CONSOB Giacomo Scandolo, University of Florence Tiziano Vargiolu, University of Padua Sabrina Mulinacci, University of Bologna Umberto Cherubini, University of Bologna



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Preliminary Program

Monday 13 July, 2009:

h. 10,00-10,30: Registration and Address of the Head of Department
h. 10.30-12-30: *Liquidity Risk A Tutorial*, Umberto Cherubini, MatematES, Bologna
h. 14.00-16.00: *Pricing Illiquid Securities: A Tutorial*, Sabrina Mulinacci, MatematES, Bologna

Tuesday 14 July, 2009

h.10,30-12,30: *Risk Measures*, Giacomo Scandolo, University of Florence h.14.00-16,00 *Liquidity Risk Measures*, Giacomo Scandolo, University of Florence

Wednesday 15 July, 2009

h.10,30-12,30: A Risk Measure at Work: Shortfall Risk, Tiziano Vargiolu, University of Padua
h.14.00-16,00 Quantitative Measures for a Unified Approach to Risk Disclosure for Financial Products, Marcello Minenna, Consob

Thursday 16 July, 2009

h.10,30-12,30: *Mean Variance Hedging with Liquidity Effects*, Ales Cerny, Cass Business School, London
h.14.00-16,00 *Maximizing Non-Expected Utility*, Ales Cerny, Cass Business School, London

Friday 17 July, 2009

h.10,30-12,30: *Financial Valuation when Some Assets Are Illiquid*, Claudio Tebaldi, Boccon University, Milan
h.12,00-14,00: *Uncertainty Aversion and Non-Additive Utility*, Sabrina Mulinacci, Umberto Cherubini, University of Bologna



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OUTLINE

Non-equity investment products

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Financing products

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Quantitative measures for an unified approach to risks disclosure in financial products

The implementation of the disclosure regulation on the risk-profile of nonequity investment products should allow the investor, even assisted by a financial advisor, to choose the financial product more suitable to his investment objectives.

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Non-equity investment products

Financing products

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Risk Target products		Return Target products
risk optimization		return optimization
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The information to be provided to the investor, in a simple, clear and fair way, must allow an assessment of his needs in terms of:

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Time goal: liquidity/investment horizon

INVESTMENT HORIZON









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Time Zero

(C) = (A) + (B) Notional Capital

(B) Costs



Connection between the risk-neutral price at time zero and at the end of recommended minimum investment horizon

(A) Invested Capital

End of the recommended investment horizon Financial investment tabl

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Unbundling of the financial investment at time zero

Financial investment table

(A) Invested Capital

(B) Costs

(C) = (A) + (B) Notional Capital

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Connection between the risk-neutral price at time zero and at the end of recommended minimum investment horizon







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Connection between the risk-neutral price at time zero and at the end of recommended minimum investment horizon

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Financial investment table	Table of probabilis
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(A) Invested Capital	The performance is negative
(B) Costs	The performance is <u>positive by</u> than risk-free asset
	The performance is positive an with risk-free asset
(C) = (A) + (B) Notional Capital	The performance is positive at than risk-free asset

Table of probabilistic perf	ormance s	cenario
EVENTS	PROBABILITY	MEDIAN RETURN
The performance is negative	~	¢
The performance is positive but lower, than risk-free asset	s.	¢
The performance is <u>positive and in line</u> with risk-free asset	~	¢
The performance is positive and higher than risk-free asset	~	¢

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Table of probabilistic performance scenarios

EVENTS	PROBABILITY	MEDIAN RETURN
The performance is <u>negative</u>	%	€
The performance is <u>positive but lower</u> than the risk-free asset	%	€
The performance is <u>positive and in line</u> with the risk-free asset	%	¢
The performance is <u>positive and higher</u> than the risk-free asset	%	¢



Probability Distribution of the final value of the Notional Capital invested in the risk-free asset

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Probability Distribution of the final value of the Invested Capital

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<u>Table of probabilistic performance scenarios</u> <u>Connection between the risk-neutral price at time zero and</u> <u>at the end of recommended minimum investment horizon</u>

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Financial investment table	
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1:1 Relationship









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			medium	$_{\scriptscriptstyle 0}\sigma_{\!$	$_{ m O}\sigma_{3.max}$
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Step 3: Fine-tuning of Volatility Intervals

2. Determination of the Time Series of the Annualized Volatility of Product Daily Returns



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Step 3: Fine-tuning of Volatility Intervals

3. For each trajectory the Volatility forecast band is calculated using GARCH Diffusive Models



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Synthetic Risk

Indicator

Risk Class

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Step 3: Fine-tuning of Volatility Intervals

4. Validation of Initial Volatility Interval through an iterative procedure that minimizes the number of observations outside the band



2 nd	Step 3: Fine-tuning of Volatility Intervals
Synthetic Risk Indicator Risk Classes Management Style	Initial Interval $\begin{bmatrix} \partial \sigma_{4,min} & \partial \sigma_{4,max} \end{bmatrix}$
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2 nd	Step 3: Fine-tun	ing of Volatility Intervals	·	
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The recommended minimum investment horizon

Investment period which can be deemed appropriate having regard to the risk-reward profile and to the costs of the product

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The recommended minimum investment horizon

... for performance target products and for guaranteed products the recommended minimum investment horizon is inherent to their financial engineering, as:





the period of validity (or the time to maturity) of their target/guarantee mechanisms

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The recommended minimum investment horizon

Formally speaking, the probability of the event

The investiment recovers the initial charges and offsest the ongoing costs at least once

can be calculated using the mathematical concept of

First Hitting Time

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The recommended minimum investment horizon

... for risk target products or benchmark products is calculated as the break-even time of the financial investment, i.e. the time needed to recover the initial charges and to offset the ongoing costs at least once, from a probabilistic perspective.

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First Hitting Time of a Structured Product:

first time (expressed in years) at which the value of the product recovers the initial cost and offsets the ongoing costs





$$T^* = \left\{ t \in \mathbb{R} : \mathbb{P}\left[t^* \le T\right] = \alpha \right\}$$

Computational Steps

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The probability of the event

The investiment recovers the initial charges and offsest the ongoing costs at least once

given a level of confidence α , identifies univocally a time T on the cumulative distribution of first hitting times, i.e.:

$$T^* = \left\{ t \in \mathbb{R} : P\left[t^* \le T\right] = \alpha \right\}$$

where
$$t^* = \inf\left[t \in \mathbb{R} : CI_t > CN\right]$$

is the first hitting time

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The probability of the event

The investiment recovers the initial charges and offsest the ongoing costs at least once

is perfectly represented using the cumulative distribution of first hitting times, i.e:

$$P[t^* \le T] = X\%$$

where
 $t^* = \inf[t \in \mathbb{R} : CL > CN]$
is the first hitting time

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 $T^* = \left\{ t \in \mathbb{R} : \mathbb{P} \left[t^* \le T \right] = \alpha \right\}$

is defined as the recommended minimum investiment horizon







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The recommended minimum investiment horizon is heavily depedent

- IC 1%,OGC 0.5%

IC 1.3%, OGC 1%

IC 1.35%,OGC 1%

IC 1.35%,OGC 2%

Time (years)

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PROBABILITY, VOLATILITY AND COSTS

An *analitical tool* in order to better appreciate the relationship between probability, volatility and costs

In a Black-Scholes-Merton world under the hypothesis.....



First hitting time cumulative probability can be determined through a closed formula (Karatzas-Shreve – 1991):

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PROBABILITY, VOLATILITY AND COSTS

Asymptotic behavior:

cr: periodic cost

$$\lim_{T \to \infty} \mathbf{P} \Big[t^* \le T \Big] = \begin{cases} 1 & se \quad (r - cr) \ge \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 \\ \left(\frac{CN_0}{CI_0} \right)^{\frac{2(r - cr)}{\sigma^2} - 1} & se \quad (r - cr) \le \frac{1}{2}\sigma^2 \end{cases}$$

PROBABILITY, VOLATILITY AND COSTS

First hitting time cumulative probability can be determined through a closed formula (Karatzas-Shreve – 1991):





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Step 1:

А

В

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 $\mathbf{D} = \mathbf{E} - \mathbf{C}$

Methodology

Quantitative measures for an unified approach to risks disclosure in financial products

The method has to take in account the following steps ...

other hedging instruments

STRUCTURED PORTFOLIO

Identify basic components

debt instrument

INITIAL PORTFOLIO



Methodology Step

Step 2: Analysis of the single component of the Structured Portfolio

Decomposition of the STRUCTURED PORTFOLIO in simple component evidencing the cash flow structure for each of them



Quantitative measures for an unified approach to risks disclosure in financial products



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Quantitative measures for an unified approach to risks disclosure in financial products

Standard	DEBT II	NSTRUMENT	
portfolio	Trade date:	01/01/1998;	
components	 Termination date: 	31/12/2022;	
	 Notional: 	€ 10.000.000;	
	 Fixed rate: 	6% p.a.;	
	 Amortising: 	italian;	
	 Payment dates: 	semi-annually.	

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Structured portfolio components

OTHER HEDGING TRANSACTION	l
NONE	



Computational & methodological steps

a) Parameters calibration b) Stochastic processes

Parameters should be determined on the basis of the market data at the proposal date and under the risk-neutral probability measure numerical simulation

c) Probability distribution of the synthetic swap

d) Probabilistic valuation of the contract cost

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