

# Using Capital Market Securities as Operational Risk Mitigants

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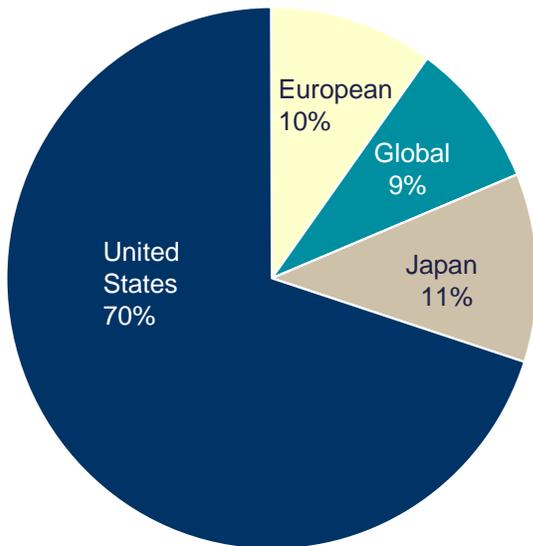
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# Agenda

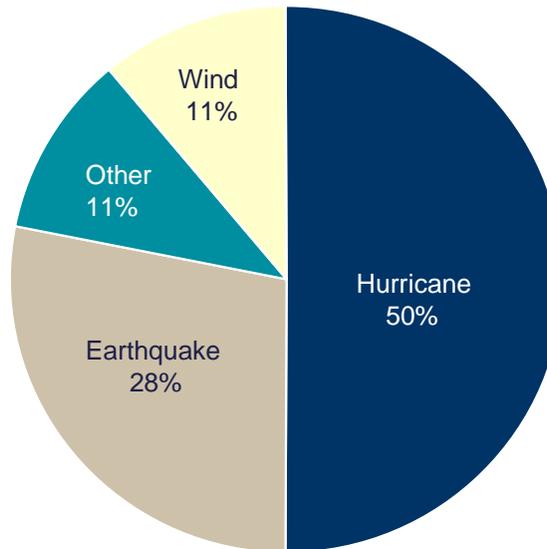
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  - Key success factors
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# The Catastrophe Risk Capital Market

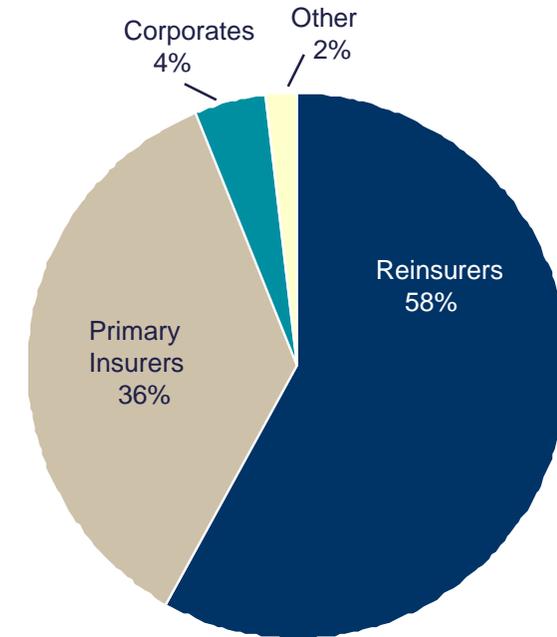
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## By Type of Risk



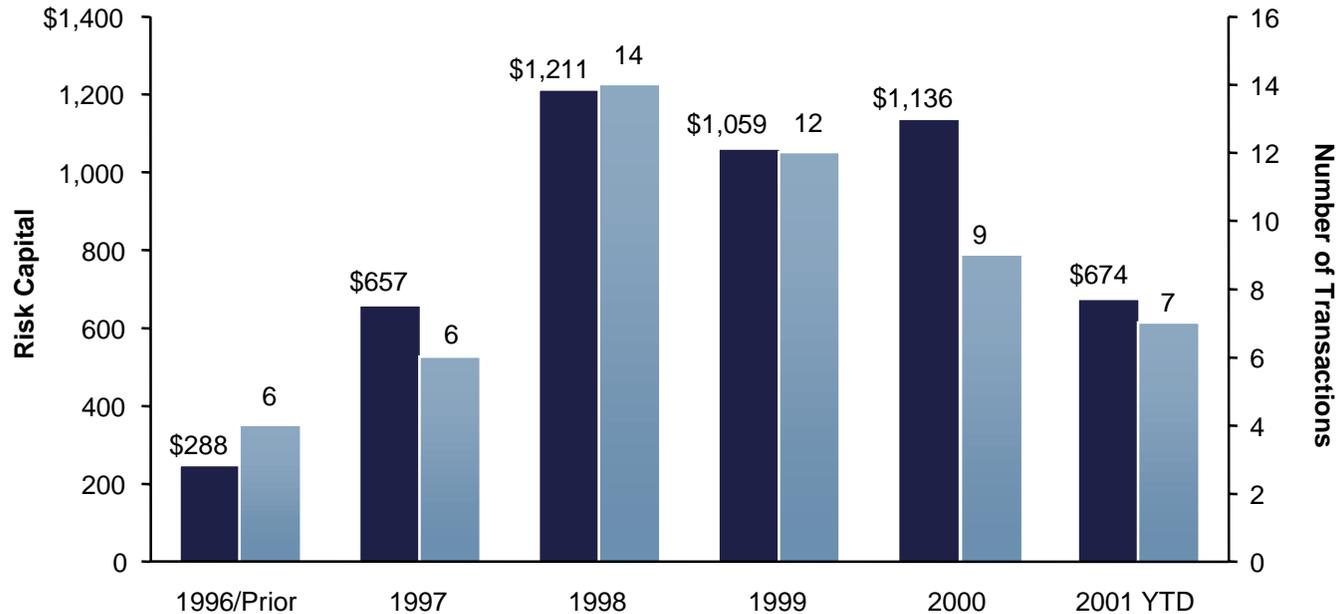
## By Issuer



Source: GS Estimates

# Evolution of the Catastrophe Bond Market

## Property Catastrophe Risk Securitization Activity



Source: GS Estimates



# Breakdown by Investors

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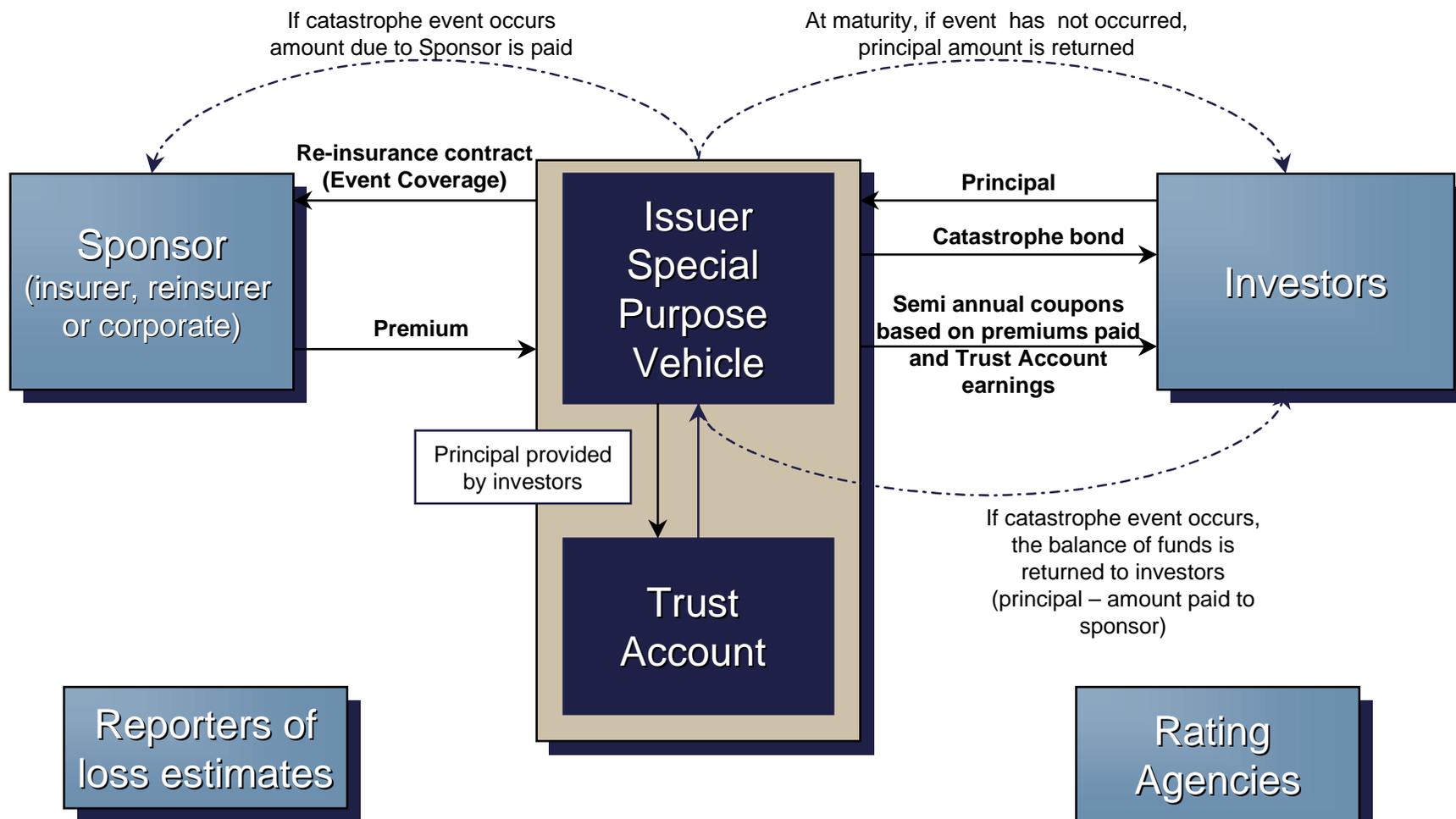
Hedge Funds

Reinsurers / Intermediaries

Life Insurers

*Typical Investors*

# A Simplified Catastrophe Bond Structure



# Measurement & Calibration Considerations

- **Based on sponsor's specific losses**
  - Disadvantages: Sponsor has to disclose proprietary information related to catastrophe claim. Investors are more exposed to adverse selection and moral hazard.
  - Advantages: Absence of basis risk to sponsor.
- **Based on an independent catastrophe index**
  - Disadvantages: Sponsor may be exposed to basis risk.
  - Advantages: No proprietary information disclosure. Greater objectivity & transparency to investors with reduced adverse selection and moral hazard risk.

# “Corporate” Risk Securitization: Example

- In 1998 Toyota\* entered into a relationship with Gramercy Place Insurance Ltd as the special purpose vehicle for this transaction.
- Securitized a portion of Toyota’s auto lease residual risk for 1999, 2000, and 2001 to protect against high losses on vehicles returned to Toyota at the end of full-term leases.
- A deductible totaling up to the first 9% of residual value will be paid by Toyota on resulting losses. Losses that exceed the deductible are split 90% / 10% between investors and Toyota, respectively.
- Notes issued in classes rated Aa2 / AA and Ba2/BB
- Residual values have deviated historically and may be impacted by underwriting practices as well as Toyota’s remodeling and/or repricing of certain popular models.

\*Toyota Motor Credit Corporation in all cases

Source: Research from Moody’s Investors Service and Standard & Poor’s

# Catastrophe Risk Bonds: Summary

- **Advantages for issuers**

- Stable source of non-fluctuating insurance
- Minimal credit risk, since principal to cover catastrophe losses is invested in a trust account of highly rated investments
- Structuring of vehicle can provide prompt payout
- Multi-year transactions
- May have advantageous pricing

- **Disadvantages for issuers**

- Heavy reliance on catastrophe modeling
- Potential for basis risk
- May require additional disclosure

# Key Success Factors

*In general, the success of these securities depends on the extent to which they facilitate a mutually beneficial transfer of risk, allowing issuers to tap into new sources of liquidity and investors to diversify their portfolios.*

## Specific success factors

- Clear and objective definition of catastrophe event, loss and risk
- Issuer motivation to transfer a portion of risk
- Demand from potential investors
- Accurate modeling and quantification of risk
  - Loss history
  - A loss probability model that can calculate a reliable estimate of expected losses (frequency, severity) and likelihood of different loss outcomes
- Mechanism to mitigate moral hazard and adverse selection risk
- Generally accepted reporter of loss estimates
- Rating agencies acceptance of criteria and methodology

# Comparison with Operational Risk

## *Historical Success Factors*

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## *Operational Risk – “Current State”*

- ➔ Lack of standardized & agreed definitions
- ➔ Uncertain. Final regulatory capital treatment and potential inclusion of ‘floor’ will likely have a meaningful impact.
- ➔ Uncertain diversification benefits
- ➔ Does not exist  
Does not exist. Requires causality linkage.
- ➔ Substantive Risk
- ➔ Does not exist
- ➔ Does not exist. Necessary development of loss history & probability model.

# Issues to Consider

- Development of some necessary attributes is a matter of time, while for others, it is uncertain whether they will be developed.
  - Definitional standardization and loss histories are not enough
  - Models need to be developed and based on proven causality and incorporate objective assessments of specific control environments at present and at time of historical losses
- Moral hazard and adverse selection risk is a substantial consideration
- If develops, more likely to evolve first for individual loss types, or subsets of loss types (narrow definitions)
- If develops, more likely to develop in the reinsurance and insurance markets prior to the direct market

# Potential Capital Allocation Considerations

- Flexibility of BIS approach to allow for capital impact, as appropriate, from the risk securitization capital markets
- Flexibility of BIS approach to allow for capital impact for individual loss types
- Flexibility of approach to incorporate risk sharing techniques (first loss, co-payments, other techniques) and other types of potential mitigants to moral hazard risk
- Potential limiting impact of proposed capital ‘floor’ on demand and development of these advanced techniques

# Relation with GS Operational Risk Approach

***Our Operational Risk Approach is aligned with many of the identified primary areas which require further development:***

1. Create and accumulate quantitative metrics and qualitative indicators reflecting the state of the control environment.

2. Focus on unexpected operational losses above thresholds which reflect ordinary costs of conducting business.

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4. Establish methodology which scales unexpected operational losses depending on the control environment in place, not solely 'size' indicators.

5. Over time, develop robust operational risk model which is forward-looking, causality-based, and reflects the risks inherent in the specific control environment. This is crucial both to the modeling and to ensuring proper incentives for control improvements.