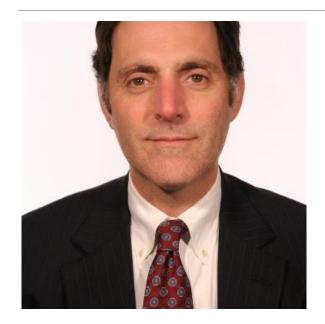
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# Update on International Standards and the Impact on the Valuation of Financial Instruments

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### Update on IVS - Impact on Financial Instrument Valuations



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### Agenda - IVS and Impact on FI Valuations





### **IVSC Background - Mission**

- International Valuation Standards (IVS) serve as the key guide for valuation professionals globally to underpin consistency, transparency and confidence in valuations.
- IVS's are central to the IVSC's mission to raise standards of international valuation practice as a core part of the financial system for the benefit of capital markets and the public interest.
- IVSC and IOSCO Collaboration
  - IOSCO and IVSC agree to explore best ways to promote high quality valuation practices in the public interest.
  - Cooperation agreement follows feedback from securities regulators highlighting inconsistency in valuation quality and approach worldwide

### IVSC Background - Technical Boards

Three independent technical boards of international experts are appointed to lead the development of the IVS Asset Standards.

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Standards Review Board

The Standards Review Board (SRB) comprises senior leaders from all fields of valuation and is responsible for overseeing the work of the technical boards and leads the development of the General Standards.

### **IVSC Background - Overview of Standards**

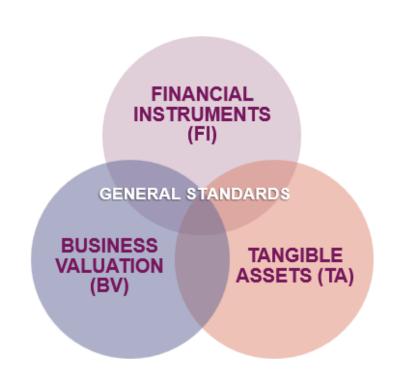
IVS are comprised of General Standards and Asset-Specific Standards

General Standards - requirements for conduct of all valuation assignments

- Key pillars of valuation
- Terms of a valuation engagement, basis of value and scope of work
- Valuation methods, models, data and inputs
- Documentation and reporting

Asset Standards - requirements related to specific types of asset valuation

- Background information on the characteristics of each asset type that influence value
- Additional asset-specific requirements regarding common valuation approaches and methods used



### IVSC Improvement Project - Goals

Based on feedback from the Agenda Consultation, the IVSC SRB has launched this initiative to:

- 1. Modernize to include key valuation components
  - Data and Inputs
  - Models
- 2. Increase understandability and relevance of the IVSC Standards
  - Valuers
  - Financial institutions
  - Investors
  - Regulators

- 3. Future-proof the IVSC Standards
  - New markets
  - New and different assets and liabilities
- 4. Address and limit valuation risk
  - Principles of valuation
  - Quality control
- 5. Protect public and stakeholders

### **IVSC Improvement Project - Potential Impact**

Requirements	Location	Format	Features
Standards will have certain additional requirements, for data, models, documentation, and controls	Certain requirements will move between the IVS General Standards and Asset Standards	Some requirements will shift to appendices	Appendices will allow for addressing additional valuation features such as ESG

\*Technical boards will be reviewing current Asset Standards for consistency with the updated General Standards

### **IVSC Improvement Project - Valuation Process**

#### General Standards (IVS 100-106)

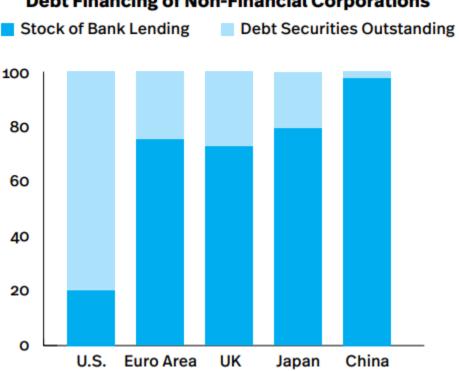
- Describes key processes in a valuation required to be IVSC compliant
- Designed to be applicable for any asset or liability to be valued
- Clarifies the connection between the IVS General Standards and Asset Standards
- Provides flexibility for inclusion of additional specifics in Asset Standards

IVS 100	VALUATION FRAMEWORK
IVS 101	SCOPE OF WORK
IVS 102	BASIS OF VALUE
IVS 103	VALUATION APPROACHES
IVS 104	DATA AND INPUTS
IVS 105	MODELS
IVS 106	COMMUNICATION AND DOCUMENTATION
IVS	ASSET STANDARDS
IVS	COMPLIANT

### IVSC Standards - Financial Instrument Markets

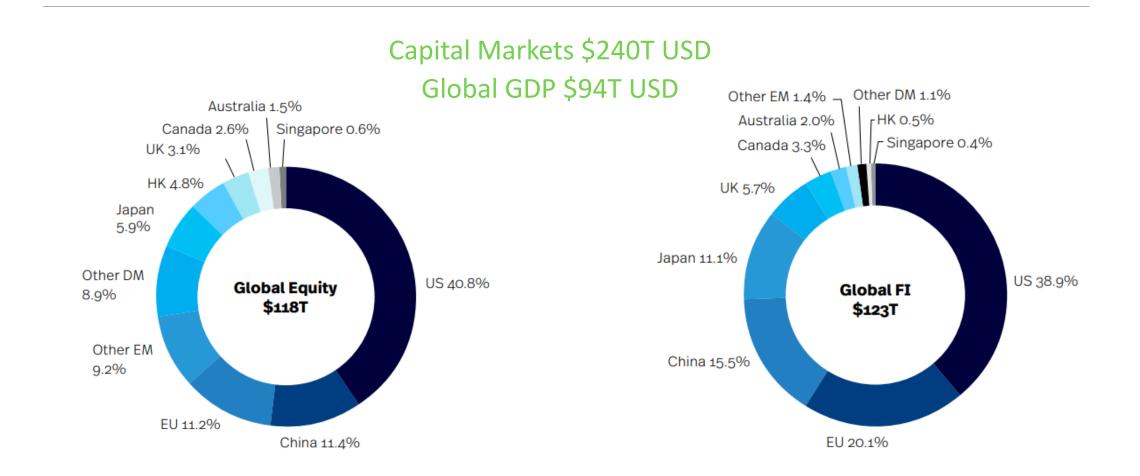
#### **Global Capital Markets**

- Critical to economic financing
- Support economic growth
- Offer less restrictive borrowing
- Fund companies, governments, and consumers
- Provide returns for investors
  - Banks and financial institutions
  - Funds
  - Corporate investors
  - Retail Investors
    - Household liquid savings
    - Retirement savings



#### **Debt Financing of Non-Financial Corporations**

### **IVSC Standards - Financial Instrument Markets**



### **IVSC Standards - Financial Instrument Valuation**

Financial instruments vary greatly and require different competencies

Financial instruments have diverse asset classes, structural features, and trading mechanisms

- Equities
- Debt Instruments
- Funds
- Commodities
- Derivatives

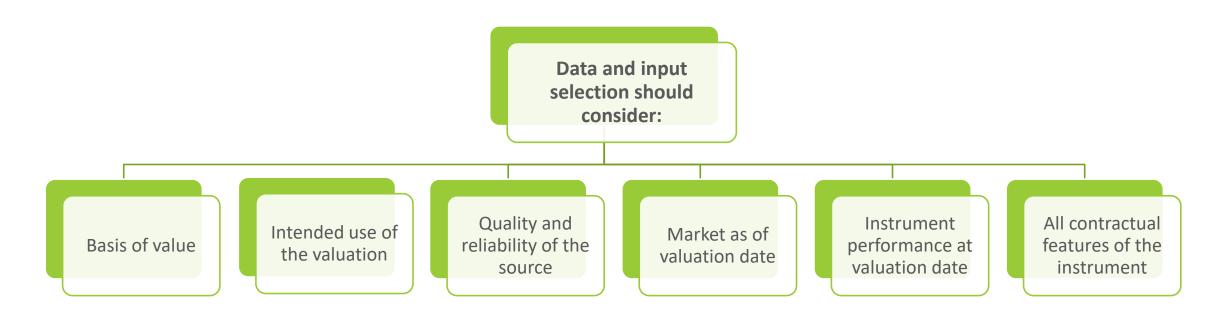
Successful valuation requires an appropriate degree of competency for each specialism

- Knowledge
- Experience
- Technical skills
- Data and modelling sources

It is essential to understand and all contractual, structural, and performance features of the instrument and address them in all aspects of the valuation.

### **IVSC Standards - Financial Instrument Data Selection**

IVSC Standards address the selection of data and inputs



\*Note: Most valuations are estimates. Data and input selection in often imperfect.

### **IVSC Standards - Financial Instrument Data Selection**

IVSC Standards address the selection of data and inputs

#### IVS outlines the following features that should be maximized in data selection

- Accuracy free from error and reflective of characteristics they are designed to measure
- Appropriateness relevant for the asset being valued
- **Completeness** set of inputs sufficient to address all attributes of the asset
- **Observability** obtainable and visible to multiple users or market participants
- **Timeliness** reflective of market conditions as of valuation date
- Transparency source of the inputs can be traced from their origin



### IVSC Standards - Financial Instrument Data

Lessons from the financial crisis – Current credit assessments

#### EXAMPLE: Sub-Prime Mortgage-Backed Securities (MBS)

Sub-prime mortgage originations supported by mortgage-backed security issuance

- Valuations based on credit ratings from agencies
- Valuations did not independently assess future cash flows



#### Housing bubble and financial crisis

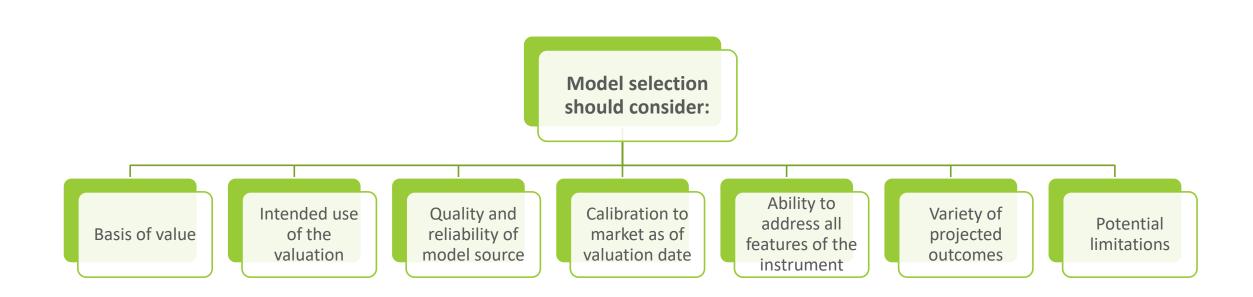
- Rating agencies did conduct timely review of cash flows
- MBS ratings shifted from AAA to CCC overnight, plummeting values

#### Valuation lesson

- Ensure credit ratings have been recently visited
- Check multiple rating agencies
- Independently assess credit and cash flows

### **IVSC Standards - Financial Instrument Model Selection**

IVSC Standards address the selection of models



### **IVSC Standards - Financial Instrument Model Selection**

IVSC Standards address the selection of models

#### IVS outlines the following features that should be maximized in model selection

- Accuracy free from error and functions correctly based on valuation objective
- Appropriateness suitable for the instrument being valued given market on valuation date
- **Completeness** addresses all contractual and performance features of the instrument
- Transparency ability to understand how the model works and any inherent limitations



### IVSC Standards - Financial Instrument Models

Lessons from the financial crisis – Model all features and potential outcomes

#### **EXAMPLE:** Auction Rate Securities (ARS)

#### Long term, variable rate bonds tied to short term interest rates

- Money market-equivalent interest rates set at auction
- Frequent auctions but 30-year maturities
- Modeled as very short-term instruments despite long-dated contractual maturities



#### 2007-auctions began to fail

- Too few bidders
- Lead underwriters stopped supporting the auctions
- Investors left with long term, illiquid investments worth a fraction of the value

#### **Valuation lesson**

- Understand and model all contractual features
- Consider and model all possible cash flow outcomes

### **IVSC Improvement Project - Proposed Schedule**



### **Update on IVS - Impact on Financial Instrument Valuations**

## Questions?

