## P.R.I.M.E. Finance

Panel of Recognized International Market Experts in Finance Derivatives Closeout Valuation: Challenges and Approaches


Dr. Peter Niculescu
Capital Market Risk Advisors
P.R.I.M.E. Finance Annual Conference 2018

22 \& 23 J anuary, Peace Palace, The Hague

## Lehman Estate Suffered a \$65 Billion Loss of Value According to Derivatives Claims

The loss arose from moving from mid-market valuations on Sep 12
to claims for replacement cost on Sep 15


## CloseoutAmount and Loss Rely on the Commercial Reasonableness of Replacement Pricing

## Examples of Products

- Liquid Products
- Interest rate swaps
- Single name CDS
- Forex swaps
- On-the-run indexes
- Inactive or Customized Products
- Non-standard attachment point indexes
- CDS on single name non-Agency RMBS
- TARNs
- Digital options
- Auto receivables index
- Extraordinary M arket Circumstances
- Canadian ABCP
- Icelandic bank CDS
- TRS with underlying loans that had no bid


## Issues in Valuation

- Liquid Products
- Netting
- Position size
- Credit Valuation Adjustment
- Counterparty access to market
- Inactive or Customized Products
- Valuation methodologies consistent with market practice
- Reasonable assumptions that would have been made contemporaneously
- Cost of hedging
- Extraordinary M arket Circumstances
- Contractual stays
- Valuation anomalies


## Marketable Products

## The Derivatives Claims Settlement Framework

 (i.e., the 'Lehman Framework') attempts to anrive at a commercially reasonable result for liquid productsFind the net risk position, price at mid market and adjust for replacement costs for two offsetting corporate credit default swaps on the same reference entity

| Trade | Notional (\$) | Fixed Rate (bp) | Maturity | Mid-market value <br> $(\$)$ | CR01 (\$) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | $500,000,000$ | 285 | $3 / 20 / 2012$ | $1,496,076$ | 151,662 |
| 2 | $-200,000,000$ | 280 | $6 / 20 / 2012$ | $-1,072,507$ | $-64,159$ |
| Total | $\mathbf{3 0 0 , 0 0 0}, \mathbf{0 0}$ |  |  | $\mathbf{4 2 3 , 5 6 9}$ | $\mathbf{8 7 , 5 0 3}$ |

$\$ 0.4$ mid-market value $+\$ 1.1$ delta add-on $+\$ 3.1$ million size adjustment $=\$ 4.6$ million total


## For Less Liquid or Large Size Positions, An Altemative Approach May be Necessary



## Inactive Products Digital Yield Curve Slope Option The Cost of Hedging: the Shark Fin

Digital option hedged by buying a low strike call and selling a high strike call (i.e., call spread). Depending on available call strikes, may require larger notional call spread than original digital option.

_——Digital Payout ...... Low Strike ( -25 bp ) Call Payout _-- High Strike ( 0 bp) Call Payout _——Call Spread Payout
P.R.I.M.E. Finance

Panelof Recognised intematonal Maketerxperts in Finance

## Extraordinary Market Circumstances: 17 Month Standstill Total Retum Swap Valuation in a CDO Structure \$300 Million Dispute in a Canadian Court



## Determining Commercially Reasonable Closeout Amounts Requires MarketJ udgment

- Valuation of less liquid and/or large size transactions is much more nuanced than putting numbers in a model
- Real world practical knowledge and perspective as well as sophisticated analytics are needed
- M id market "marks" are of limited value in assessing "replacement" levels, especially in stressed markets

