

# Forecasting Market Fundamentals to Estimate Expected Loss for Commercial Real Estate Portfolios

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#### **AGENDA**

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## Understanding Challenges in CRE Risk Management



#### **Challenges in CRE Risk Management**

**Updated Property** Information



Valued - \$95M in 2007 Now?

- Data captured at origination may not be complete for data analysis.
- Data management is important for historical and forward looking analysis

Foresight into Market **Fundamentals** 



 Sound forecast that differentiates between property types and submarkets is important

**Default history** and modeling expertise



 Default history over multiple credit cycles and from multiple sources is important for sound modeling and CRE data history is not captured

Intuition vs quantitative validation



 Several qualitative factors can impact the analysis and risk measures and integrating quantitative models with intuition can be a challenge

Assessing the impact of macro economy



· Different cities and neighborhoods react differently to an economic recession or expansion





Moody's Analytics Modelling Approach for CRE



## Understanding why CRE credit events occur



#### Insufficient income (NOI) to make the mortgage payment

- Rising vacancy and loss of rental income during recessions
- Deterioration of certain neighborhoods or properties even during boom years



#### Perceived inability to sell the property for the loan amount

LTV comes into play during times of cash-flow distress or at refinancing



#### Lack of reserves and additional outside resources available to cover cash flow shortfalls

- Both ability and willingness to pay shortfalls decrease during recessions
- Size of shortfall likely to matter: \$1 million >> \$1000

## **Employing a modeling framework that reflects** business practices









#### Starting with collateral

- Forecasting cash flow under various scenarios
- Property value influences default decision mostly during cash flow stress
- Macro and local market condition matters

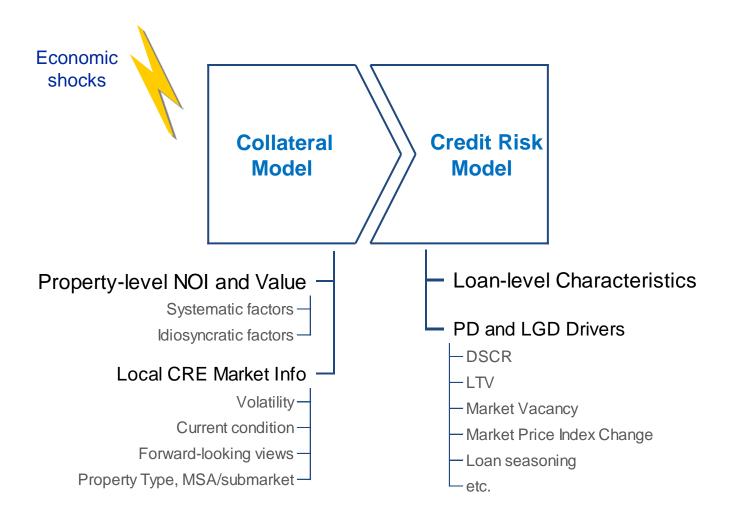
#### **Modeling default** behavior

- Option A: Continue payment out of pocket, expecting market recovery
- Option B: Default on loan

#### **Empirical Evidence**

- Inability to reach consensus triggers credit events
- Borrowers are more likely to default in a recession than in an economic expansion

## Collateral performance and credit risk go hand-in-hand





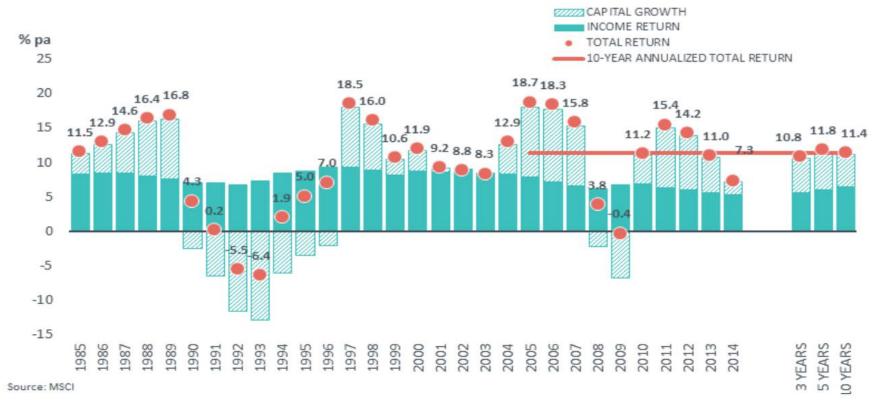


## Forecasting CRE Fundamentals for Canada



#### Canadian CRE Market Followed Global Cycles, With **Some Variations**

Canadian CRE market experienced similar decline as the US in late 1980s through early 1990s, but its downturn in the late 2000s was limited

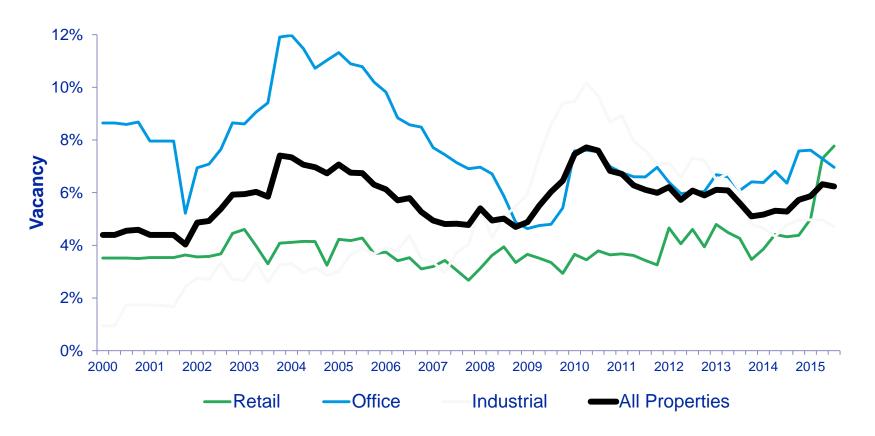


Source: IPD Canada (2000-2012) and Frank Russell Canada (1985-1999). Chart from IPD presentation.



## **Cycles Can Differ Across Property Types**

Different property types can have different cycles due to their unique natures

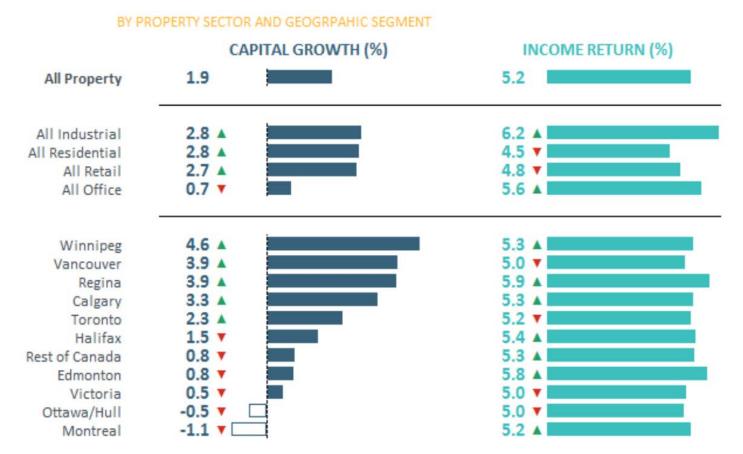


Source: MSCI/IPD



## **Meaningful Difference Across Property Types and Location**

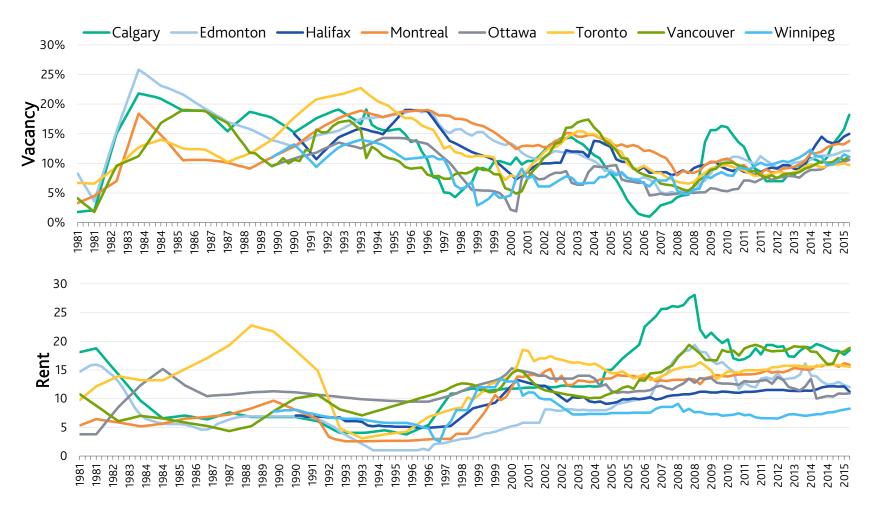
Office lagging in price appreciation, and Edmonton and Montreal saw price declines too.



Source: IPD. Data reflective of 2014 annual performance.



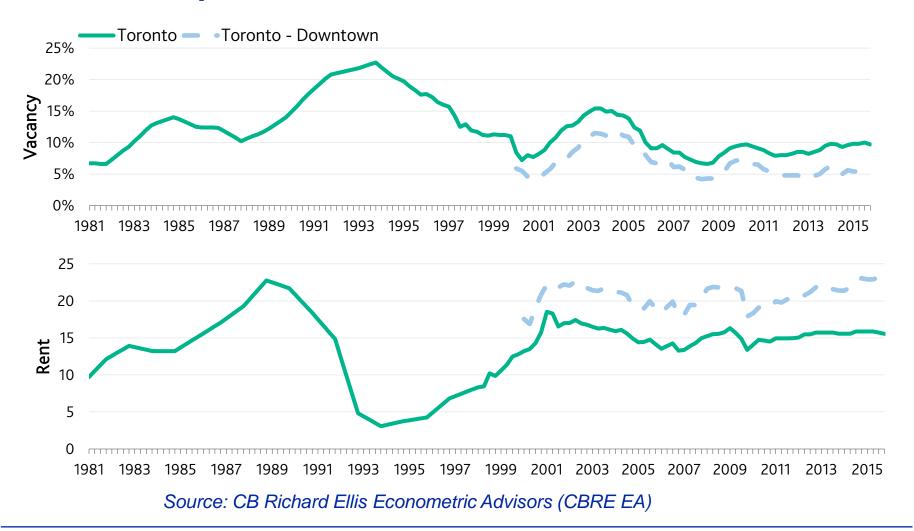
#### Location, Location: Office Market Performance



Source: CB Richard Ellis Econometric Advisors (CBRE EA)



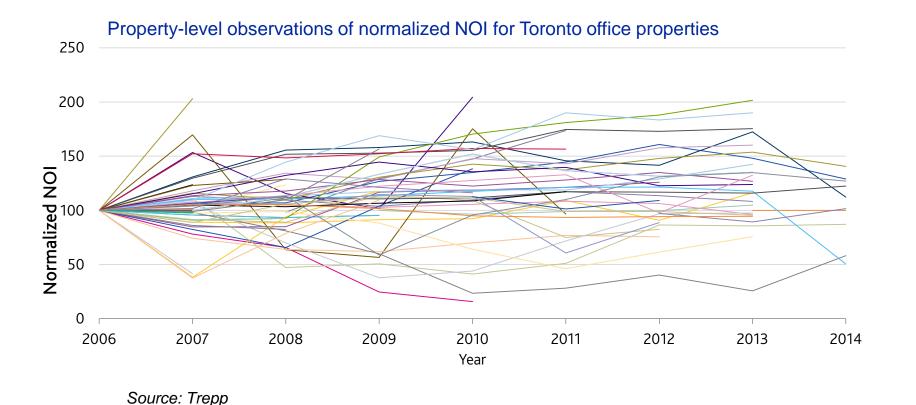
## **Submarkets Can Make A Big Difference Too: Another Aspect of Location**





## **Never Underestimate the "Power" of Idiosyncratic Risk**

- Individual properties can perform worse than the market average: idiosyncratic risks!
  - In a generally healthy Toronto office market, some properties' financial performance still got distressed.





## Regional Economic Data/Forecast Offers Essential Context

- CMAs with macroeconomic variables from Moody's Analytics
- Start date varies from 1971 to 1986
- CMM Canada uses market (property type and location) specific CRE forecasts from **CBRE** and Moody's Analytics in deriving PD/LGD

Source: Moody's Analytics

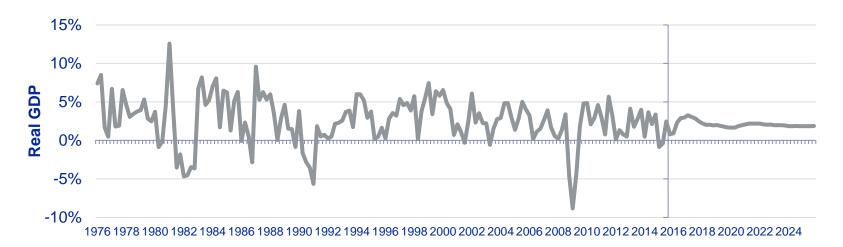
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Alma	Hamilton	Ottawa	St. John's	
Barrie	Joliette	Owen Sound	Stratford	
Bathurst	Kamloops	Peterborough	Swift Current	
Calgary	Kawartha Lakes	Port Alberni	Thetford Mines	
Campbell River	Kelowna	Portage la Prairie	Thompson	
Cape Breton	Kenora	Prince George	Thunder Bay	
Chatham-Kent	Kingston	Quebec	Tillsonburg	
Collingwood	Kitchener	Red Deer	Timmins	
Cornwall	Lachute	Regina	Toronto	
Cowansville	Lethbridge	Riviere-du-Loup	Trois-Rivieres	
Dawson Creek	London	Roberval	Truro	
Drummondville	Matane	Saguenay	Val-d'Or	
Edmonton	Medicine Hat	Saint John	Vancouver	
Edmunston	Midland	Saint-Georges	Vernon	
Elliot Lake	Moncton	Saint-Jean-sur-Richelieu	Victoria	
Estevan	Montmagny	Salaberry-de-Valleyfield	Victoriaville	
Fort St. John	Montreal	Sarnia	Wetaskiwin	
Fredericton	Moose Jaw	Saskatoon	Williams Lake	
Gaspe	Nanaimo	Sault Ste. Marie	Windsor	
Gatineau	New Glasgow	Sept-iles	Winnipeg	
Granby	North Battleford	North Battleford Shawinigan Wood Buffalo		
Greater Sudbury	North Bay	Sherbrooke	Woodstock	
Guelph	Orillia	Sorel-Tracy		



#### Risk Assessment Is About Future, Not Past

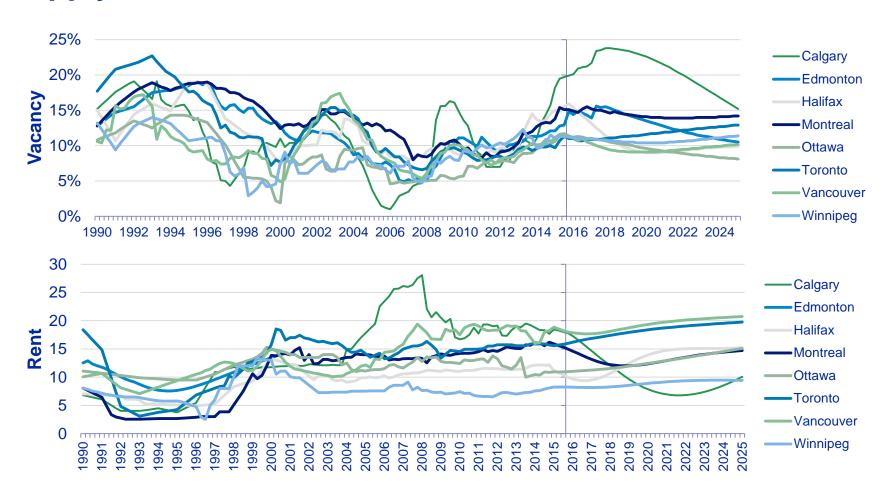
Moody's Forecasts Regional Economic Performance: An example of Toronto CMA







## **CRE Markets React to Macroeconomic Conditions in the Supply Constraints of the Local Markets**



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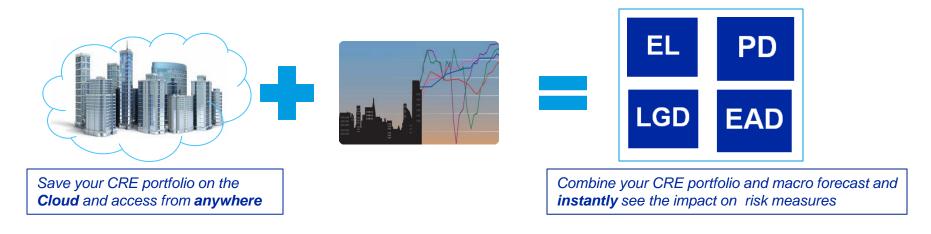
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CMM<sup>™</sup> (Commercial Mortgage Metrics) at a Glance



## **CMM™** (Commercial Mortgage Metrics) capabilities at a glance

- » Report risk measures at *portfolio and loan level;* also integrated with our spreading, loan origination and stress testing solutions
- » Supports *back-testing* by allowing historical analysis on a portfolio
- » Supports *regulatory review*, by enabling you to generate risk measures under various macroeconomic scenarios into CRE specific forecast and determine related losses on your portfolio
- » Provides flexible framework that is *adjustable* to your default experience



## Default Drivers Can Be Identified and Quantified from **Empirical Data**

#### Financial ratios

- Debt-service-coverage ratio (DSCR)
- Loan-to-value ratio (LTV)
- Collateral size

#### » Market cycle factors

- Space market (vacancy rate)
- Capital market (market price changes)
- Origination quality

#### Behavioral factors

- Loan seasoning
- Guarantee

#### **Property Type**

Core vs. non-core

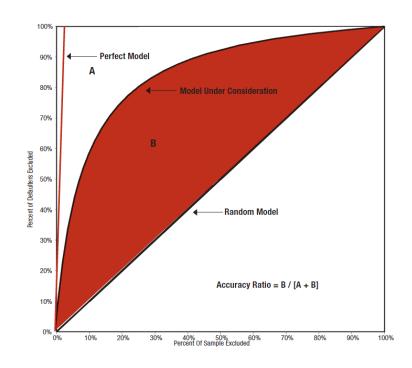


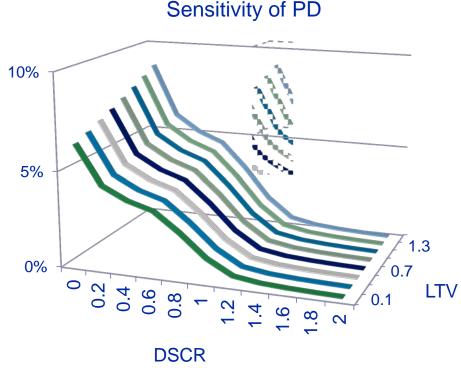
#### A Robust Default Risk Model Can Be Developed

» A very robust and comprehensive credit risk model can be built upon all the datasets discussed: from CRE markets to loan credit performance history

**CMM (Commercial Mortgage Metrics)** Canada accuracy: 56%

## Model quantifies risk by key ratios







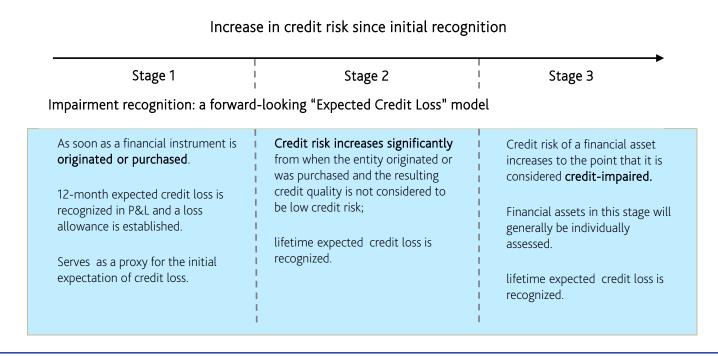


## IFRS 9: Estimating Expected Loss for Your CRE Portfolio



#### IFRS 9 – The Basics

- As part of the response to the last financial crisis, the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) recently issued IFRS 9, which moves from an "incurred loss" model to an "expected loss model", with a mandatory effective date of January 1, 2018.
- » Canada's Domestic Systemically Important Banks (D-SIBs) will early adopt IFRS 9 for annual periods beginning November 1, 2017 to align with global peers.
- IFRS 9 provides a general "three-bucket" approach for regular financial instruments.





## **IFRS 9 Requirements and Potential Solutions**

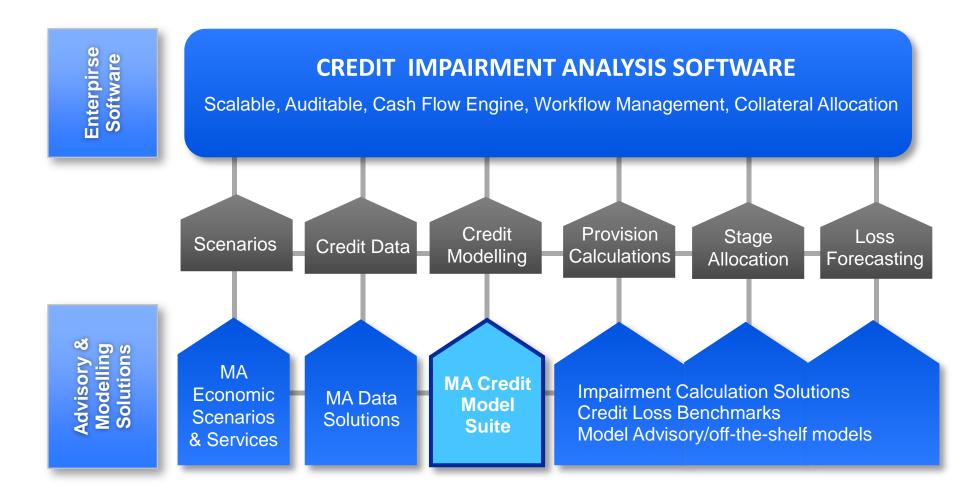
	IFRS 9 REQUIREMENTS		SOLUTION/ IMPLEMENTATION
1	Apply <b>Definition of Default</b> consistent with internal credit practices	» »	The standard default definition is 90 days or more past due. Align PD with an internal default definition that may be broader than the 90 days-past-due definition.
2	Reflect a <b>Probability- Weighted</b> expected credit loss	» »	Use multiple scenarios and weigh them to arrive at probability weighted outcome. Simulate different NOI and property value growth paths. The final PD and EL are the probability-weighted average across all simulation paths.
3	Calculate both 12-Month and Lifetime Expected Credit Loss	» »	Term PD/EL to capture the risk of payment default during the loan term.  Maturity PD/EL to capture the refinance risk associated with a typically large balloon payment at loan maturity.
4	Incorporate information from Past Events	<b>»</b>	Use historical CRE loan and market data in model development
5	Incorporate Current Market Condition	<b>»</b>	Update property Income & value using current CRE market conditions, and use the most recent loan attributes to estimate risk metrics.
6	Incorporate <b>Forecast</b> Information	» »	Incorporate forecasts of market conditions i.e. risk drivers such as DSC and LTV should be driven based on market forecast Loan payments maybe driven by interest rate forecast.
7	Calculate <b>Expected Credit Losses</b> considering the collateral and other credit enhancements.	» »	Use Loss models which incorporates cash flows from the sale of collateral and from expenses incurred during the liquidation process.  Incorporate liquidation expense based on historical experience and internal policy (including discount rate).



## **Using CMM for IFRS 9**

- ✓ Provides annual PD, LGD, EAD and EL loss measures for lifetime of the CRE Loans
- Calibrated to historical default and CRE market data
- Market information updated quarterly capturing changes in market conditions
- Provides various forward-looking scenarios that move the loan metrics such as DSC and LTV based on market conditions
- ✓ CMM LGD incorporates cash flows from the sale of collateral and from expenses incurred in the liquidation process
- Consistent definition of default, along with ability to easily customize the model

#### **Moody's Analytics Credit Loss and Impairment Analysis Suite**





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