

## Identifying At-Risk Firms in Your Private Firm Portfolio

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### Agenda

- 1. Dive into Five Risk Metrics
- 2. Two Additional Signals
- 3. Conclusions

#### The Problem

RiskCalc<sup>™</sup> generates accurate and forward-looking EDF<sup>™</sup> (Expected Default Frequency) measures for private companies.

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When do changes with the credit cycle or financial statements of a private firm warrant immediate attention?

#### **EWTK** as a Solution

#### **Five Risk Metrics**

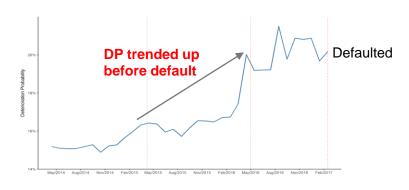
# EDF Term Structure EDF5Y-EDF1Y EDF Percentile EDF Change %Change in EDF Level Relative EDF Change %Change in Relative EDF

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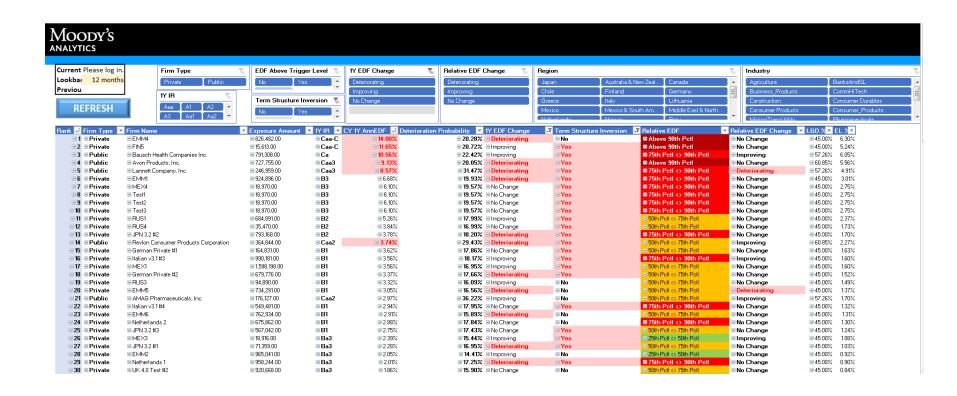
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#### **Deterioration Propensity**



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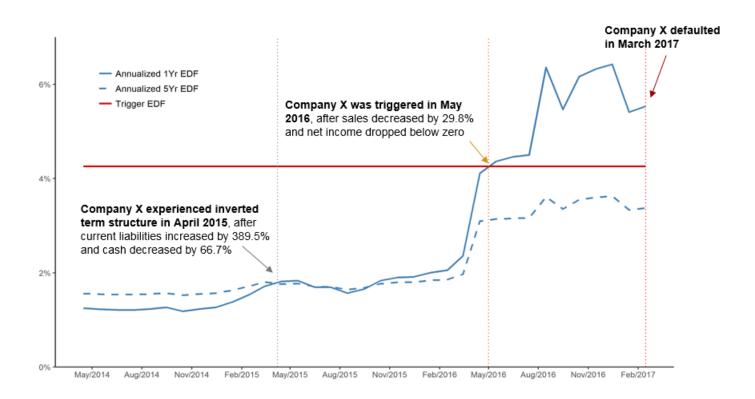
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- The company's EDF rose above trigger level in May 2016 after a significant decrease in sales and net income.

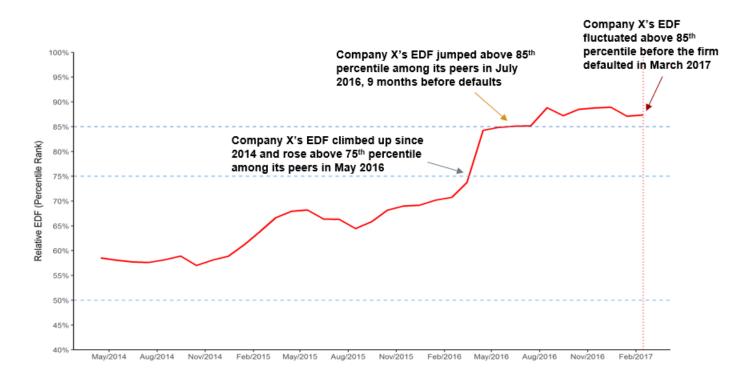
## EDF Measure Soared with Deteriorating Financial Conditions

Company X's EDF measure trended upward beginning in 2014, rising from 1.25% at the beginning of 2014 to 5.45% just before default.



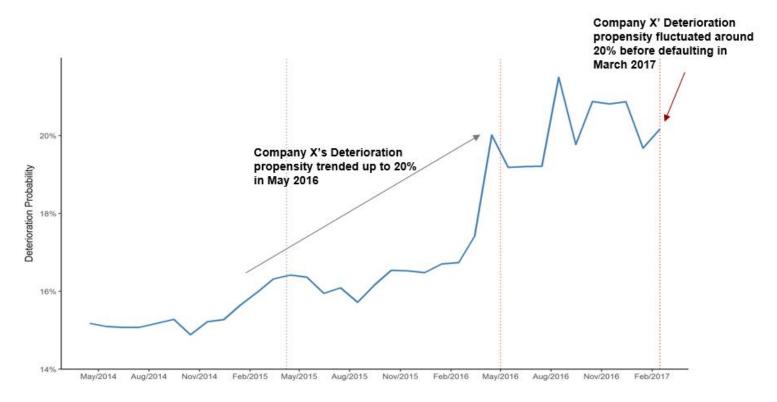
## EDF Measure Rose above the 85th Percentile of Peers Before Default

Company X's relative EDF (percentile ranking among its peers) measure rose from the 60th percentile at the beginning of 2014 to above the 85th percentile just before default.



## Steady Increase in Deterioration Propensity Before Default

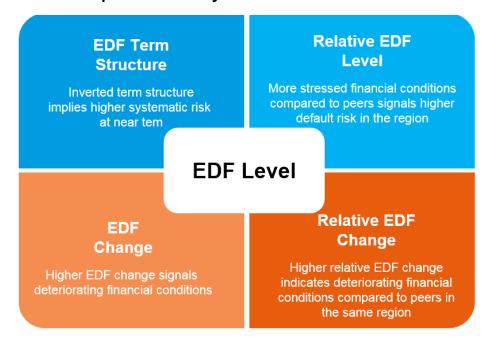
Company X's deterioration propensity increased from 15% at the beginning of 2014 to more than 20% just before default.



#### Dive into Five Risk Metrics

## EWTK Incorporates Four Additional Risk Metrics Besides EDF Level

- » RiskCalc generates accurate and forward-looking EDF (Expected Default Frequency) measures. The higher the credit risk, the higher the EDF measure.
- In addition to RiskCalc EDF, we incorporate four other risk metrics that complement EDF and help to identify at-risk names with similar EDF levels.



## Relative EDF, EDF Change, Relative EDF Change

#### » Relative EDF — EDF percentile ranking of the company relative to its peers

 The higher the percentile, the higher the company's credit risk compared to its peers.

#### » EDF change

A sharp increase in EDF measure signals deteriorating financial conditions.

#### » Relative EDF change

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#### **EDF Term Structure**

RiskCalc produces annualized EDF measures from one-year to five-year horizons.

#### » Short-term EDF vs. Long-term EDF Measures

- Short-term EDF fluctuates more compared to long-term EDF measure
- Short-term EDF captures more systematic risk in the market
- Long-term EDF reflects more firm-specific credit risk

#### » EDF Term structure

- We generally expect upward term structure, where annualized, long-term EDF is higher than short-term EDF during expansionary periods, and downward term structure during recessionary periods
- An inverted term structure, where short-term EDF surpasses long-term EDF, indicates rising systematic risk in near-term

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## Two Additional Signals

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#### Trigger EDF and Deterioration Propensity

The Early Warning Toolkit helps enhance internal credit monitoring processes by providing clients with two additional signals:

#### » Trigger EDF

At which EDF level, should we start managing down the exposure?

 EWTK computes Trigger EDF based on spread and LGD information to help clients control for economic losses.

#### » Deterioration Propensity

How do we identify a borrower whose credit risk is important and increasing?

 EWTK aggregates five risk metrics into one additional Deterioration Propensity signal to help clients identify at-risk names.

#### Economic Value of a Trigger

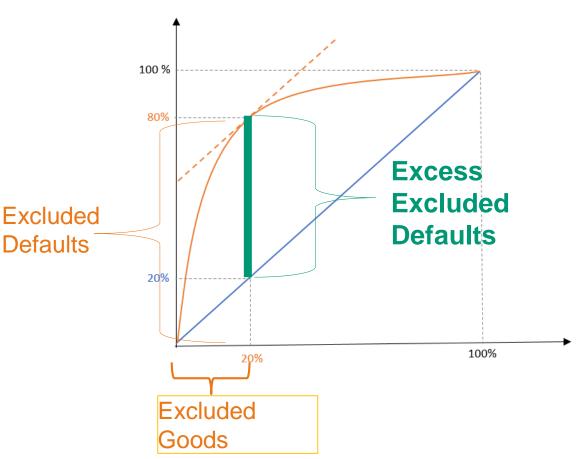
Given a portfolio, if in average, the expected income equals to the expected loss - i.e.,

$$Spread*(1-CDT) = LGD*CDT,$$

Then, we can show that the **Optimal Trigger** is the one which **maximizes the** "Excess Excluded Defaults."

In this example, the optimal trigger excludes 20% of the goods but 80% of defaults — the excess defaults are 60%. Consequently, the trigger's economic benefit is LGD\*CDT\*0.6 per dollar lent.

For a \$1 billion dollar portfolio with a 2% CDT and a 50% LGD, this results in a savings of \$6mm!



LGD is "Loss Given Default," and CDT is the "Central Default Tendency," which represents the average default rate of the portfolio.

#### Trigger EDF — Methodology

The Trigger EDF is the break-even risk level, where lenders may start from when reviewing loan terms or managing exposure to avoid economic loss.

#### » Theory

Given spread and LGD, the maximum level of default risk (EDF) a lender can bear satisfies:

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Expected\ Income = Expected\ Loss
(1 - EDF) * Spread = EDF * LGD
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This break-even EDF is the Trigger EDF.

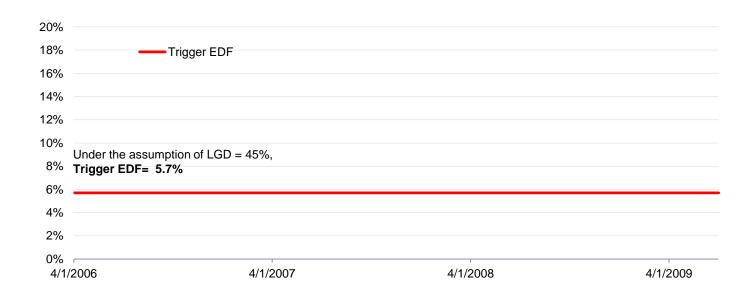
#### » Properties

Within the toolkit, clients can either

- Input their own spread and LGD information
- Use prepopulated spread and LGD based on Moody's CRD database

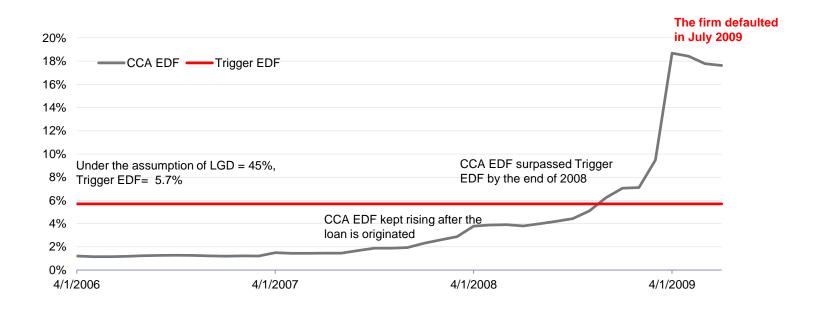
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#### Deterioration Propensity — Methodology

#### » Objective

An additional signal aggregating information in five risk metrics

#### » Challenges

- The additional signal is designed to remain consistent with the deterioration probability measure in the public EWTK, which predicts downgrade events of rated firms.
- Private firms are usually not rated.
- The lack of rating history eventually reduces model power for private firms.
- EWTK risk metrics are all EDF related, thus correlated.

#### » Solution

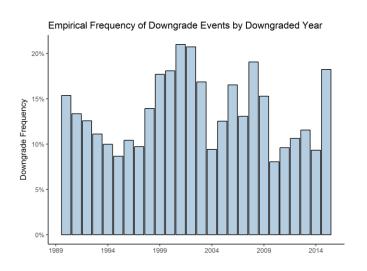
- Construct a sample of rated firms worldwide and compute EWTK risk metrics.
- Apply PCA analysis on the sample and extract first principal component.
- Estimate a logistical model for downgrade events with first PC.

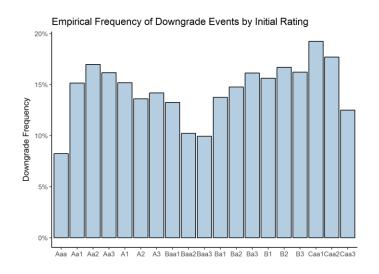
#### Deterioration Propensity — Development

#### » Data Description

Development population is Moody's rated companies from various countries.

# Unique Countries	# Unique Borrowers	# Observations	# Downgrade Events	Time Period
65	4,488	39,391	5,446	1989 - 2014

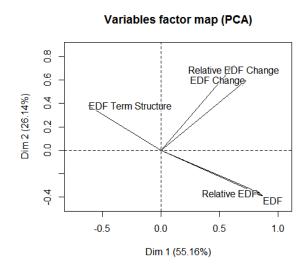


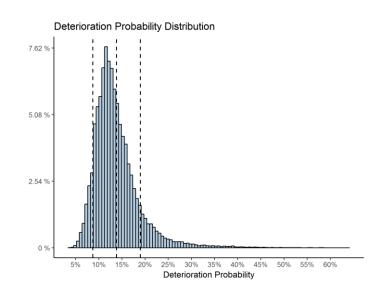


#### Deterioration Propensity — Development

#### » Development Results

- PCA analysis shows that 1) EWTK risk metrics are highly correlated, and 2) more than 50% of data variance is explained by first PC.
- Logistical Regression on PCs shows that only the first PC has a significant impact on downgrade probability.
- Model AR is 23.25%, which is relatively low, as expected.

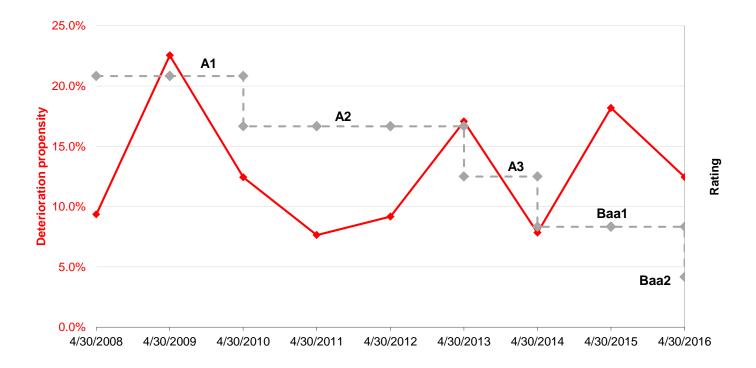




#### Deterioration Propensity — Example

Company X, an Austrian energy company, downgraded multiple times since 2008 due to deteriorating financial condition.

Deterioration propensity peaked one year before downgrade events occurred.



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## Conclusions

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The Early Warning Toolkit leverages RiskCalc results and helps clients identify atrisk names by providing:

- Five risk metrics: EDF, Relative EDF, EDF change, Relative EDF change, and EDF term structure
- > Two additional signals: EDF Trigger and Deterioration Propensity



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