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Funds transfer Pricing Framework

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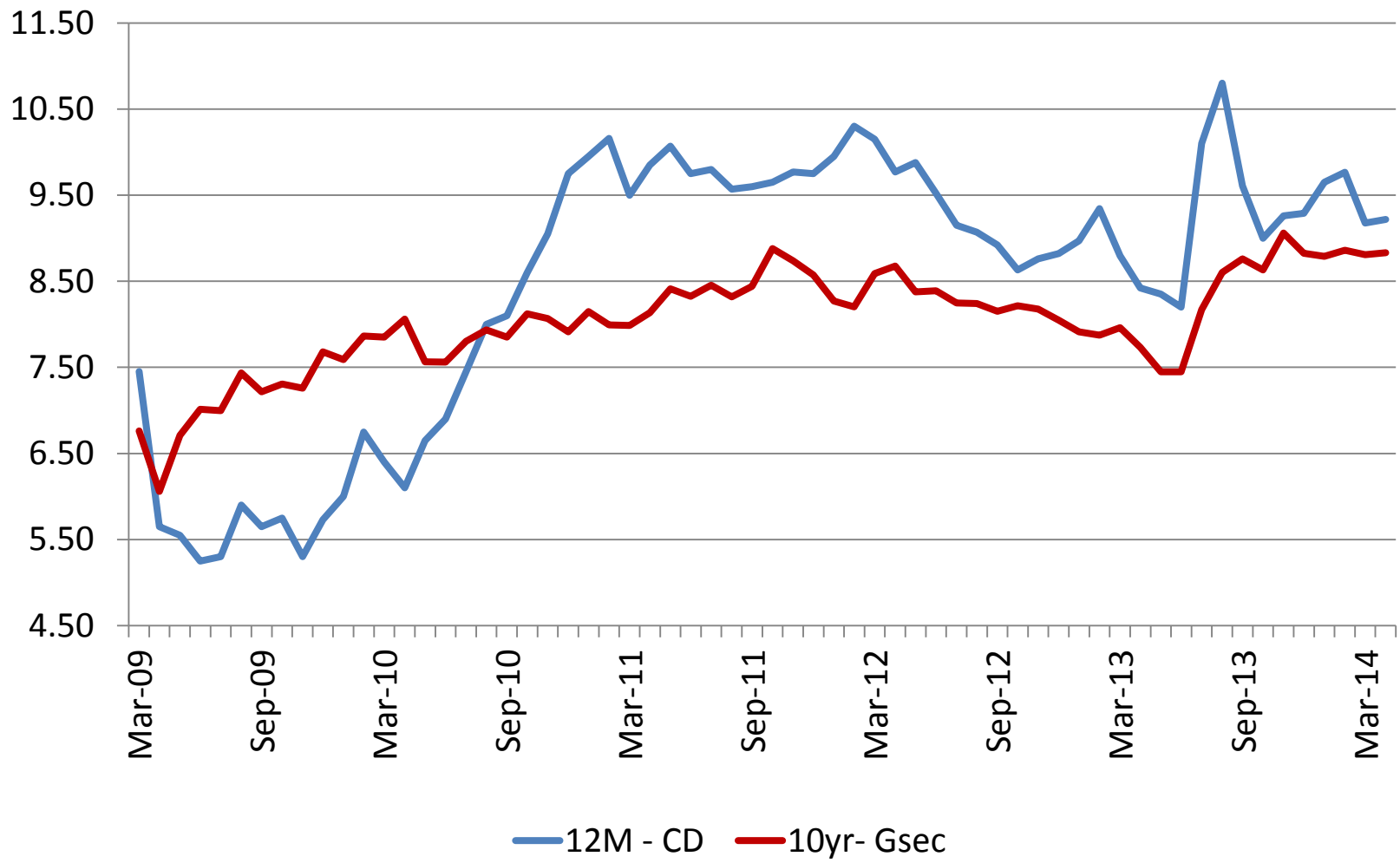
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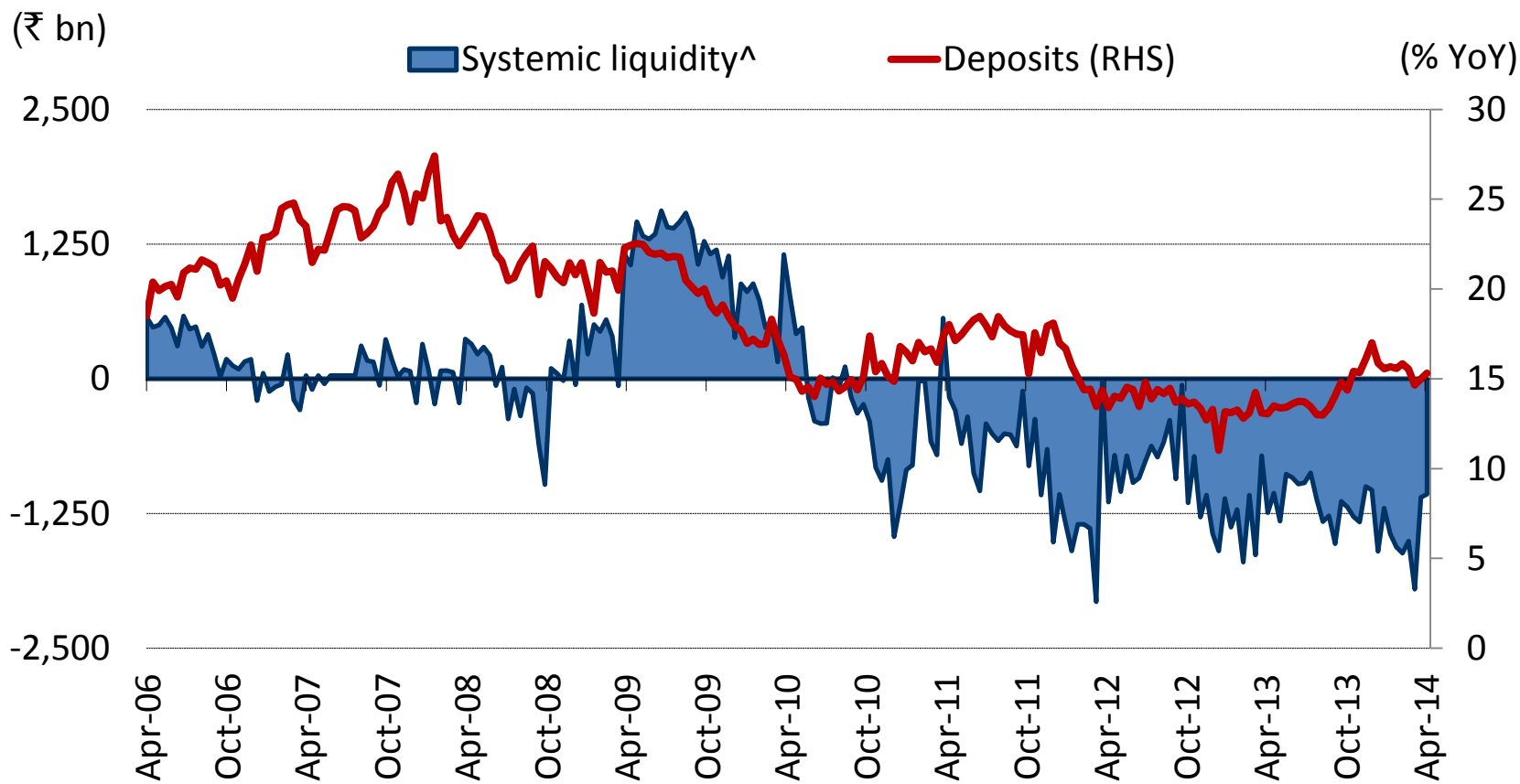
Need for a systematic approach

- Volatile interest rate environment
- Fluctuating systemic liquidity
- Increasing divergence between profile of assets and liabilities
- Multiple asset products with differing liquidity and interest rate characteristics
- Increasing complexity of typical lending decision

Volatile interest rate environment



Fluctuating systemic liquidity



^sum of overnight LAF, term repo, MSF and standing liquidity facility

Increasing divergence between assets and liabilities


- Sharp reduction in granular term deposits
 - Term deposits of individuals reduced from 59.28% at March 2005 to 44.30% at March 2012
 - Term deposits of value \geq INR 10.0 million increased from 35.80% at March 2005 to 48.30% at March 2012
- Gradual reduction in term deposits of original maturity of \geq 3 years
 - Share in o/s term deposits reduced from 27.83% at March 2004 to 19.15% at March 2012
- Increase in long term wholesale loans
 - Outstanding infrastructure lending increased from 9.23% at November 2008 to 14.99% at March 2013

Growing need for product specific focus

Asset products	Liquidity profile	Interest rate profile	Remarks
CC/OD	Non-maturity	Short-term	Volatility in utilization
Demand loans	Short-term	Fixed/floating	
Corporate term loans	Medium term	Floating/reset (short term)	
Project/infra loans	Long term	Floating/reset (short term)	
Mortgage loans	Long term	Floating/limited fixed	Prepayments are high
Other retail loans	Medium term	Floating/fixed	Prepayments are high
Treasury assets	Short term	Fixed	High turnover

Banking system moving from single product (CC/WCDL) to multi product offering with increasing significance for each product

Increasing complexity of typical lending decision

- Base funding cost (say one year cost)
- Cost of liquidity
 - May arise from liquidity commitments with long validity periods 
 - May arise from significantly longer tenure lending
- Tenure premium
 - If the rate is fixed for a longer tenure
- Embedded option cost
- Product specific operations cost
- Credit related costs
 - Expected losses
 - Capital charge

Key requirements to manage in this environment

- Structured mechanism to evaluate risks and drivers involved in a decision
- A common framework for:
 - Pricing decisions across different products
 - Risk adjusted product/business unit evaluation
 - Risk attribution and return evaluation
- Transfer of risks from line units to central unit best equipped to manage ALM risks
 - Specialized risk management of ALM

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Funds transfer pricing framework

- Integral to asset liability management
- To consider the strategic choices of the bank
 - Achieve the desired maturity profile of assets and liabilities
 - Achieve the desired mix of the asset and liabilities
- Aligns the risk-taking incentives of individual business lines with the liquidity and interest rate risk exposures taken by individual business lines

*Funds transfer pricing is specific to individual entities
designed to achieve their objectives*

Objectives of funds transfer pricing

Provides consistent guidance in product pricing decisions

Objective criteria for business group/ product performance evaluation

Removes interest rate/liquidity risks from line units and products and centralizes in one unit (ALM)

Objectives of funds transfer pricing framework

How to get funds transfer pricing right ?

- Senior management buy-in
 - Commitment for transparency around true economics
 - Explicit incentives should be used to support key businesses
- To be used along with other management levers (volume targets, subsidies)
- Implementation at the point of origination – transaction level
- Feed through product/business performance management, customer pricing, strategic planning and ALCO optimization decisions

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Alternate approaches for FTP

- Average cost based FTP
- Matched FTP
 - Marginal FTP (MFTP)
 - Market benchmark based FTP
 - Marginal Blended Funds transfer pricing (MBFTP)
- Banks within bank (net transfer of funds)

Average cost FTP

- Based on average cost of outstanding liabilities adjusted for liability operations cost
- Ease of implementation
- Does not take into consideration the current & expected market scenario
 - Incentivizes asset creation in rising interest rate scenario
- Does not take into consideration the term structure of interest rates and liquidity characteristics
 - Incentivizes the long term and risky assets
- May result in suboptimal decision making



Marginal FTP

- Based on high cost deposits/borrowings expected to be mobilized incrementally
- Best indicator of current market rates & market scenario
- Expectations of market rates could be built into the TP rates
- Considers costs for each of the liquidity/market risks embedded in the transaction
 - Incentivizes banks to eliminate costliest marginal funds so that threshold for lending rate reduces
- Considers other related costs attributable to the marginal decision making
- Requires clear establishment of liquidity and interest rate characteristics of all assets and liabilities
 - Non-maturity liabilities (CASA) and assets (CC/OD)
 - Retail loans with standard prepayment rates



Marginal FTP

- Ensures that profits are maximized
 - Establishes threshold for each decision to make it profit making on an incremental basis
- May lead to uncompetitive product pricing if competition does not follow similar methodology
 - May become uncompetitive during increasing rates environment
- Business/profit planning becomes difficult since decision making is more market linked

Market benchmark based FTP

- Variant of MFTP
- Based on market benchmarks for funding
 - Appropriate spread is added to reflect average divergence between benchmark and bank's marginal funding rates
- Need liquid markets for wholesale funds
 - Availability of wholesale funds linked to market benchmark key to pricing
 - Developed swap markets needed for proper risk management
- Need stable/predictable relationship between benchmark and internal funding rates
- Ideal if lending decisions are linked to the same benchmark

Market benchmark based FTP

- Transparent for internal business groups
 - Could become independent of funding structure of the bank
 - Bank specific funding inefficiencies do not impact asset groups' competitiveness and profitability
- Low correlation between benchmark and banks' actual funding and lending rates results in
 - FTP not being used in decision making for product pricing
 - Volatility in business group profits vs. budgets
 - Uneconomical decisions if the benchmark movements are idiosyncratic
- Difficult in Indian market on account of lending linked to Base Rates of banks while liabilities are predominantly short/medium tenure fixed deposits

Marginal Blended FTP

- Mix of average cost & MFTP
- Based on blended cost of marginal term deposits and CASA deposits
 - Significant funding advantage in CASA deposits
 - Transfers part of liability income to asset groups
 - Lower threshold for lending decisions
- Reflects current market rates & market scenario
- May become uncompetitive during volatile markets
- May result in sub-optimal lending due to CASA blending

Comparative costs under various approaches

Particulars	Share	Avg Cost	MFTP	MBFTP
Average cost of term deposits	65%	9.00%	-	-
Incremental cost of term deposits		-	10.00%	10.00%
Current Account*	5%	0.00%	-	0.00%
Savings Account*	30%	4.00%	-	4.00%
Blended cost of deposits - (A)		7.75%	10.00%	8.40%
SLR Carry (Yield assumed @ 8.00%) – (B)		0.00%	0.63%	0.13%
CRR Carry – (C)		0.42%	0.55%	0.46%
Cost to business groups - (D=A+B+C)		8.17%	11.18%	8.99%

* CASA operations cost is considered at 2.00%

Banks within bank (net transfer of funds)

- Each unit borrows/lends net funds from/to central group
 - Each unit then follows average/marginal FTP
 - Net funds transfer between units and central group follows average/marginal FTP
- Each unit is expected to manage the business volume, profitability and to decide the pricing

Banks within bank (net transfer of funds)

- 'Appears' to be fair and less problematic
- Results in divergent policies followed within the bank
- May lead to sub-optimal decision making as individual units take decisions in isolation
 - Surplus liquidity at unit and wholesale TD at higher cost by another unit
- Clients may arbitrage within the bank
 - Competition across units could lead to lower overall profitability
- High incentive to run liquidity risks to increase profitability results in unsustainable balance sheets
- Centralized profit planning may be difficult

Banks within bank (net transfer of funds)

- Need for strict norms for unit-wise liquidity and interest rate gaps
 - No scientific way of computing penalty for breach of limits
 - Individual units could be within limits but overall bank may not be
- Need for agreed pricing norms for lending and borrowing of net funds between units and treasury
- Need for strict and uniform norms for pricing of products

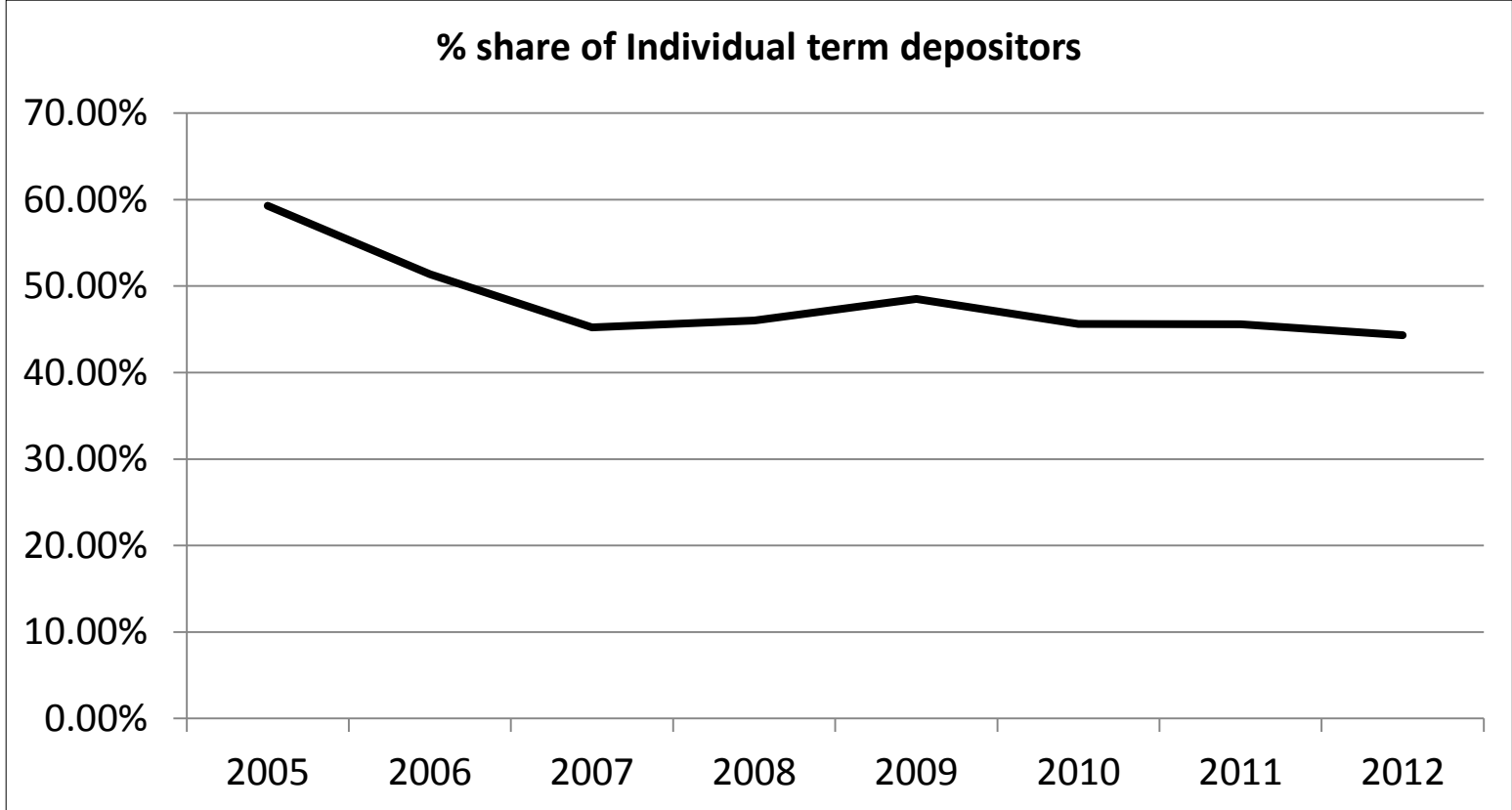
Conclusion

- Structured mechanism required to evaluate risks and drivers in a changing environment
- Funds transfer pricing mechanism is useful for:
 - Pricing across different products in a consistent manner
 - Risk adjusted product/business unit evaluation
 - Centralizing the ALM risks in a specialized group
- Multiple approaches for FTP in a bank
- Each bank to decide the specific approach based on their balance sheet structure and strategic objectives

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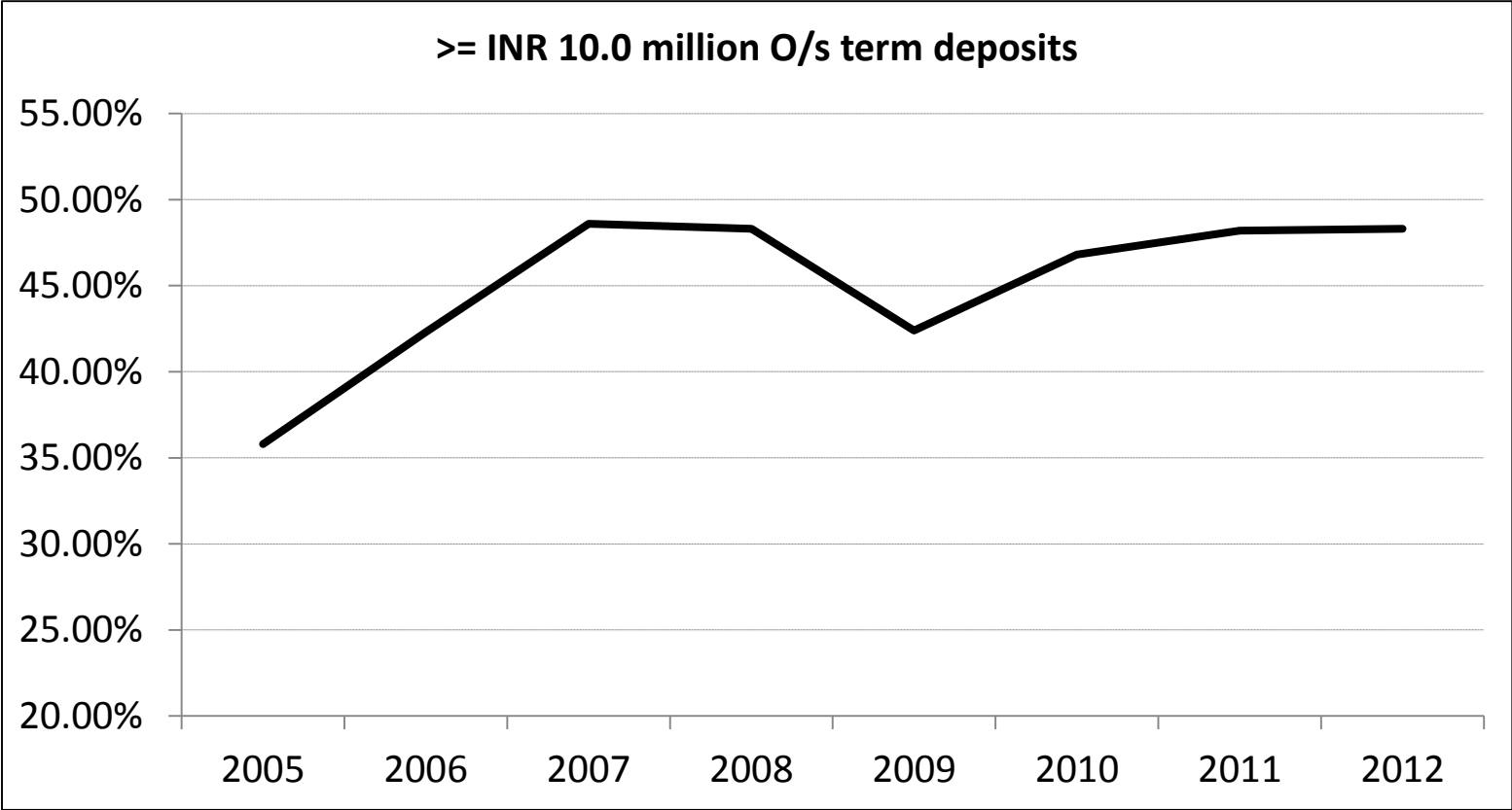
Share of term deposits from individuals



Source: RBI, Basic Statistical Returns of SCB's in India



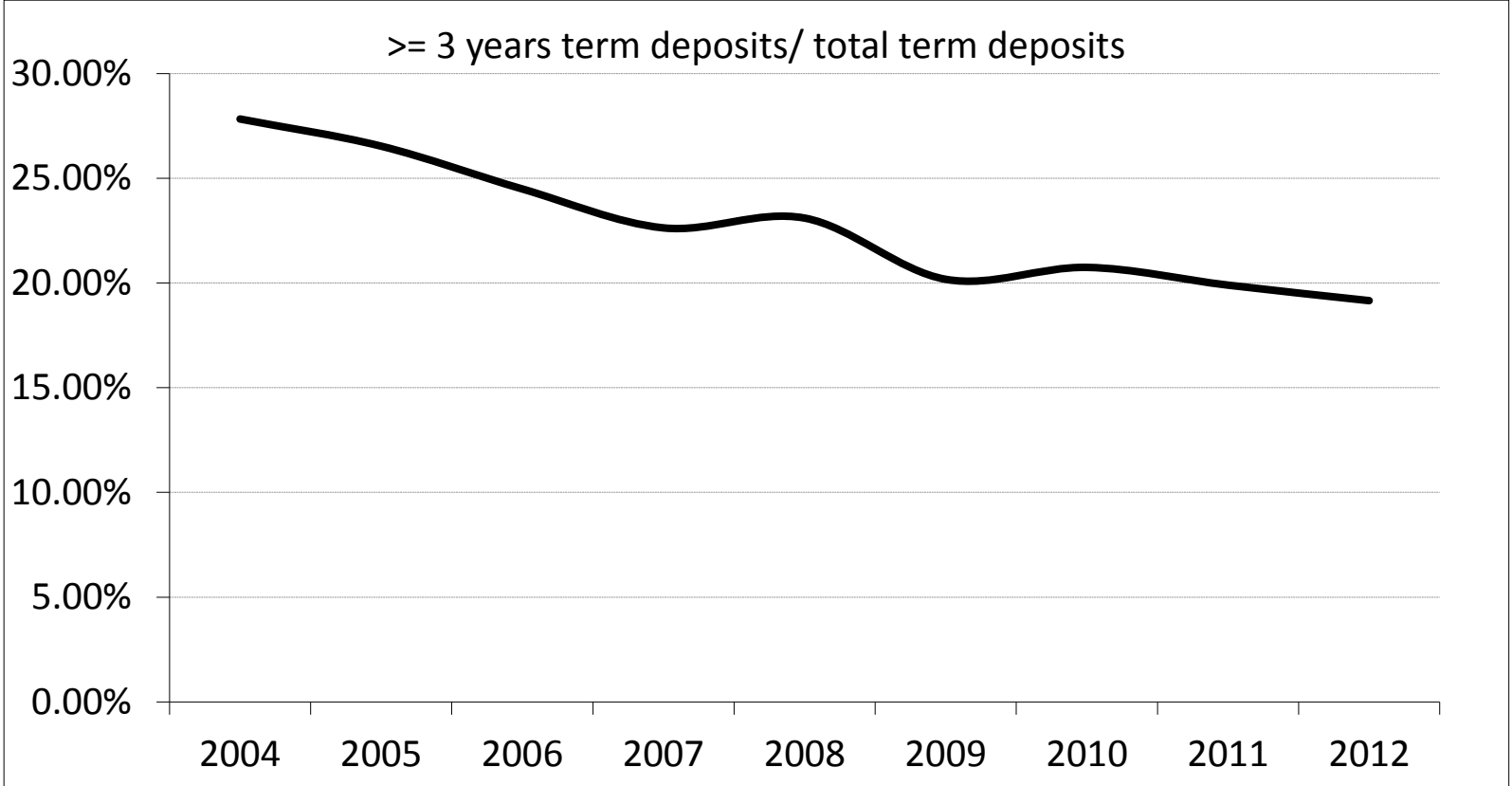
>= ₹ 10.0 million term deposits



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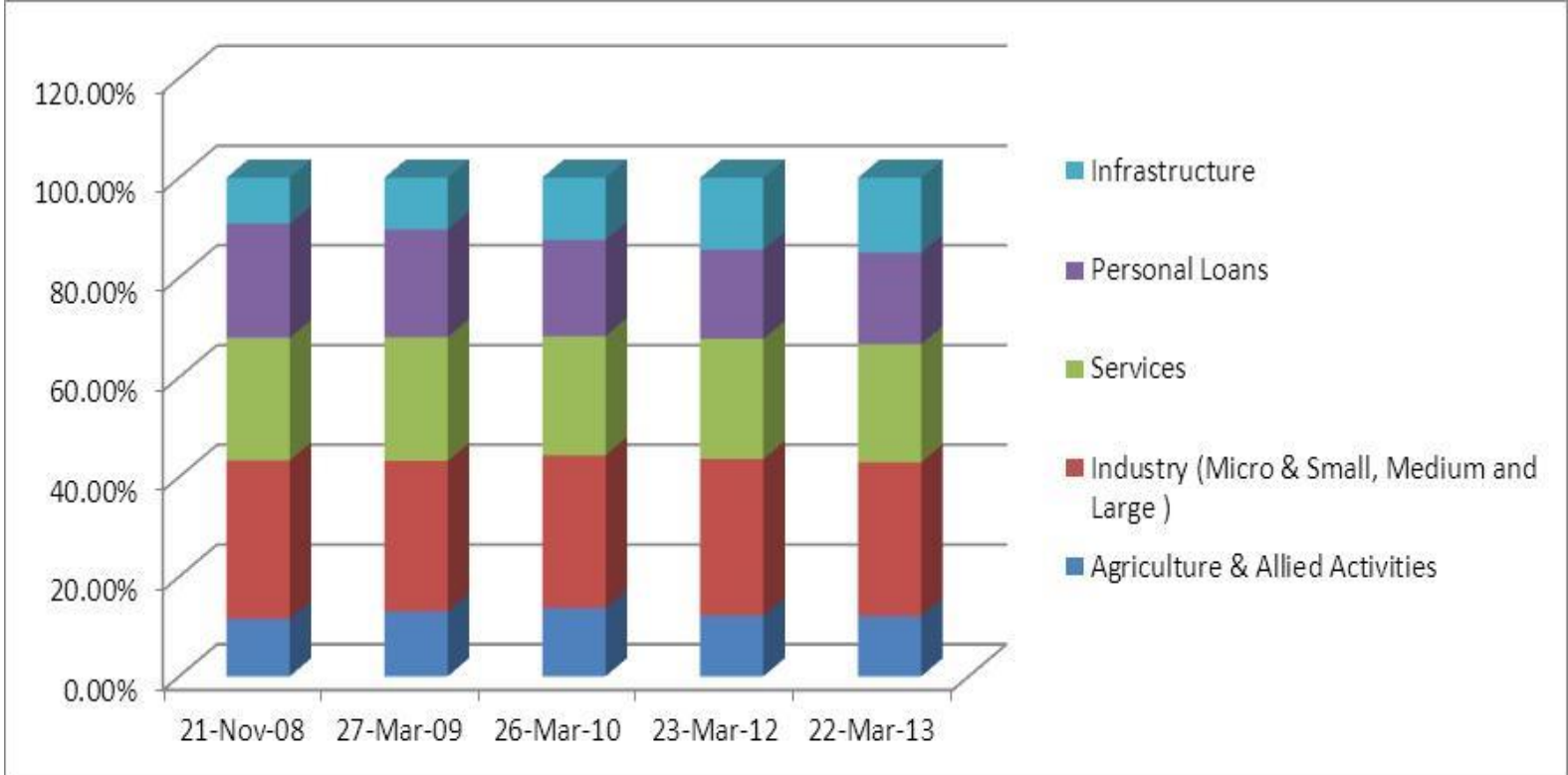
>= 3 year term deposits



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Increasing share of infra/medium/large industries



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Average cost – illustration

Liabilities	INR cr	Average cost %	Assets	INR cr	Yield %	Profit
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Average cost – illustration

Asset	Tenure	Rating	Yield
Asset 1	1 year	AAA	7.00%
Asset 2	5 years	AAA	7.25%
Asset 3	10 years	AAA	8.00%

Which incremental asset should be created ?

Average cost at 5.00%

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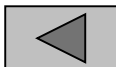
Period	O/s amount	Average cost %	Incremental asset yield %	Average asset yield %	Profit
Year 1	100	5.00%	7.00%	7.00%	2.00
Year 2	200	6.00%	7.50%	7.25%	2.50
Year 3	300	7.00%	8.00%	7.50%	1.50

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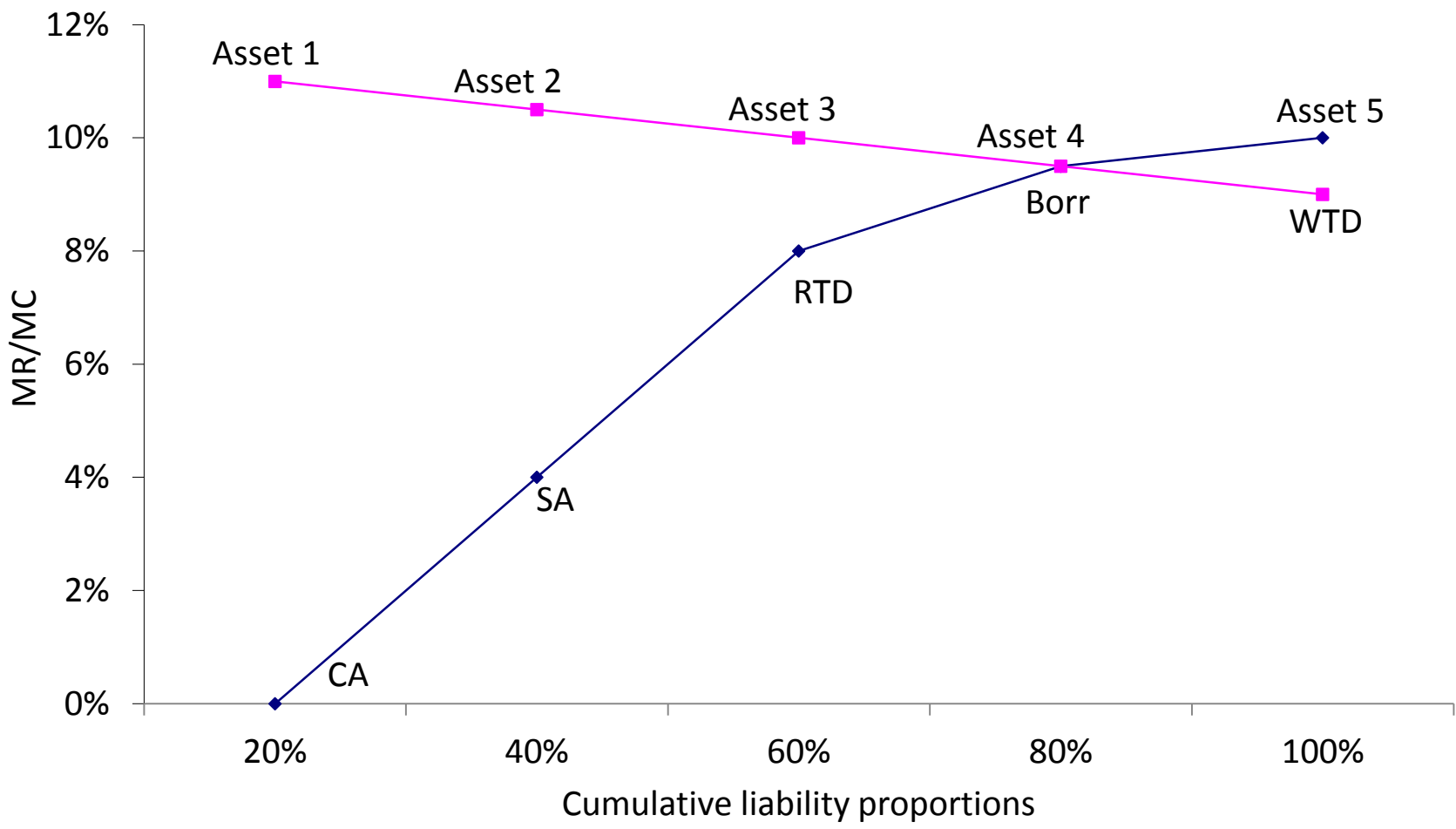
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Marginal cost



Sources of liquidity risk

- Long term loans requiring multiple rollovers of liabilities
- Volatile nature of demand deposits/working capital facilities
- Volatility due to
 - Undrawn committed facilities
 - Devolvement of LC/BG
 - Margin calls on derivatives
- Stress/contingency scenarios

