

## Mind the gap

What do the IFRS 4 amendments on applying IFRS 9 for insurance companies mean for analysts & investors?

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## Agenda

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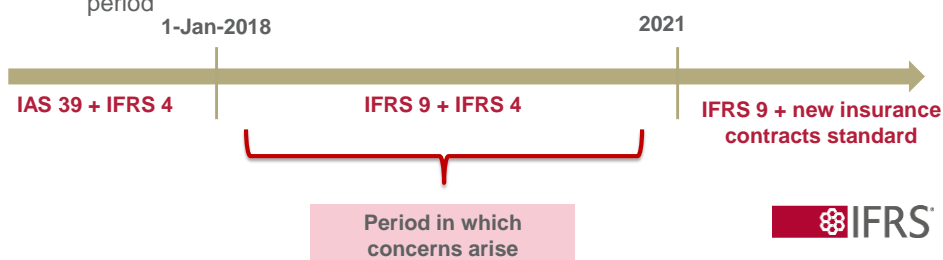
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## Background – Mind the gap

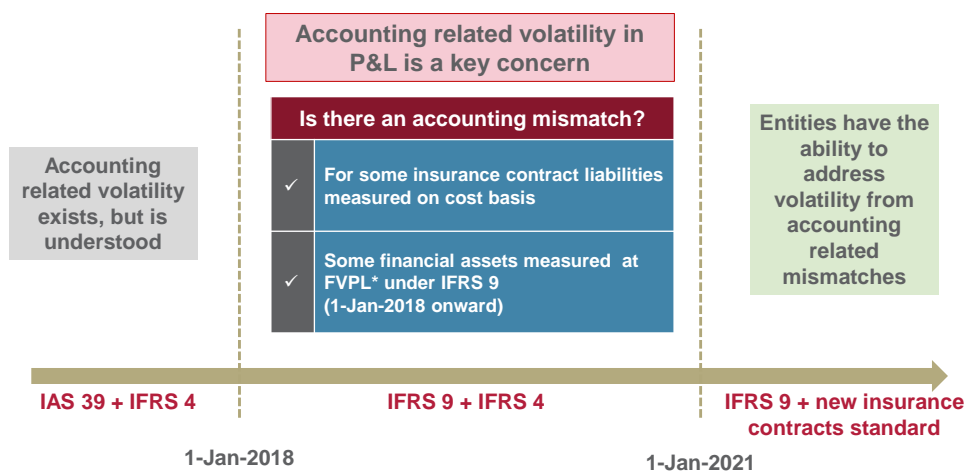
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- IFRS 4 *Insurance Contracts* is the current IFRS Standard.
- The Board has decided that the new insurance standard will be effective in 2021
- IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* is effective from 1 January 2018.
- The gap in effective dates has made insurance companies concerned about:
  1. Implementing two consecutive major accounting changes
  2. Potential accounting volatility in profit or loss (P&L) that could arise in this period



## Why the concern? Accounting mismatch

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\* FVPL = Fair Value Through Profit or Loss

## What is the solution? IFRS 4-9

- 2 optional approaches introduced in the amendments to IFRS 4:

### The **overlay approach**:

- Available to all issuers of insurance contracts
- Recognises in Other Comprehensive Income (OCI), rather than in P&L, the volatility that could arise when IFRS 9 is applied before the new insurance contracts Standard
- Available until 2021

### The **temporary exemption**:

- Available to companies whose activities are predominantly connected with insurance
- IAS 39 is applied rather than IFRS 9
- Available until 2021



## IFRS 4-9: the basics

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- Who does the amendment apply to?
  - Issuers of insurance contracts
- When can it be applied?
  - During annual periods beginning 1.1.2018\* up until 2021
- What does the amendment aim to achieve?
  - An outcome where insurance companies can cope with the accounting volatility related concern by presenting some information under IAS-39 instead of IFRS 9

\* The Overlay Approach can be applied earlier than 1.1.2018 if an entity early adopts IFRS 9



## What does this mean for investors?

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- The period between 1.1.2018 and 2021 may see mix of practices across different companies.

### Insurance Company PLCs (IFRS)

IFRS 9 adopted	IFRS 9 adopted & overlay approach	IFRS 9 deferred, IAS 39 applied & disclosures
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## Overlay approach – available to all

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### Applying the overlay approach

**IFRS 9 is applied in full**

**Information remains comparable with other companies**

- balance sheet classification and measurement of financial assets

**Option to apply IAS 39 to eligible financial assets**

**Single line item adjustment to profit or loss so as to reflect profit or loss as under IAS 39**

- for assets relating to insurance contracts measured at FVTPL under IFRS 9, but not FVTPL under IAS-39

**Objective:**

Remove any additional volatility from P&L in a transparent manner while maximising comparability

Illustrative statement of comprehensive income

Statement of Comprehensive Income	
	20XX
Insurance contracts revenue	X
Incurring claims and expenses	(X)
Operating result	X
Investment income 'IFRS 9'	X
Interest on insurance liability	(X)
Overlay approach-adjustment	(X)
Investment result	X
Profit or loss	X
Overlay approach-adjustment	X
Effect of discount rate changes on insurance liability	(X)
Other comprehensive income	X
Total comprehensive income	X



## Overlay Approach: disclosures

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Disclosure Objectives	
<b>The Big Picture</b>	Disclose information that enables investors to understand: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• How the “overlay” was calculated</li> <li>• Effect of the reclassification on the financial statements</li> </ul>
<b>Key Details</b>	<b>Information to be provided by disclosures</b>
<b>Affected Financial Assets</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Carrying amount of financial assets with overlay approach.</li> <li>• Details by class of financial asset</li> <li>• Basis for designating financial assets for overlay</li> </ul>
<b>Explanation of P&amp;L/OCI overlay amounts</b>	Enable investor to understand <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Amount reported in P&amp;L for designated financial assets applying IFRS 9, and</li> <li>• Amount that would have been reported in P&amp;L if IAS-39 had been applied</li> </ul>
<b>Other P&amp;L/OCI effects</b>	Impact on other line items in P&L/OCI (eg Tax)



## Temporary exemption approach (\*reporting entity)

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### Temporary Exemption to apply IAS-39 only

Who can apply it?

Entity's activities must be predominantly connected with insurance.

To qualify, the company must have:

- Not previously applied IFRS 9\* and
- Pass the predominance test

- Significant IFRS 4 liabilities compared to total liabilities; and
- Predominance percentage ( $P^{\wedge}$ )  $> 90\%$  or  $80\% < P^{\wedge} \leq 90\%$  and no significant activity unconnected with insurance

$$P^{\wedge} = \frac{\text{Liabilities from contracts within the scope of IFRS 4} + \text{Investment contracts at FVPL} + \text{Other connected liabilities (e.g. tax)}}{\text{Total liabilities}}$$



## Temporary Exemption Approach: Disclosures

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Disclosure Objectives	
<b>The Big Picture</b>	Disclose information that enables investors to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Understand how the insurer qualified for temporary exemption</li> <li>• Compare insurers applying the temporary exemption with those applying IFRS 9</li> </ul>
Key Details	Information to be provided by disclosures
<b>Predominance test outcome</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Are insurance contracts &gt;90% of liabilities</li> <li>• Are insurance contracts &gt;80% of liabilities but &lt;90%</li> </ul>



## Temporary Exemption Approach: Disclosures

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Key Details	Information to be provided by disclosures
<b>Group 1</b> Financial assets with contractual cash flows are SPPI* <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Excluding held for trading, or managed on fair value basis</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fair value information               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• period end FV</li> <li>• Change in FV during period</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Credit risk exposure information, including carrying amounts by credit risk rating grades</li> </ul>
<b>Group 2</b> All other financial assets, such as: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Held for trading,</li> <li>• Managed on a fair value basis</li> <li>• Not SPPI</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fair value information               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• period end FV</li> <li>• Change in FV during period</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Similar to population of assets to which ECL\*\* requirements would apply

Similar to population of assets mandatorily applying FVPL under IFRS 9



\*Solely Principal and Interest (SPPI)

\*\* Expected Credit Loss (ECL)

## IFRS 4-9 in summary

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- New accounting standards are coming
  - IFRS 9 is effective from 1.1.2018
  - IFRS 17 effective date tentatively agreed as 1.1.2021
- The IFRS 4-9 Amendment addresses concerns during the intervening period.
- IFRS 4-9 requirements aim to:
  - Help avoid unnecessary accounting volatility while waiting for IFRS 17 to be implemented
  - Provide sufficient disclosures to understand how a company has applied the amendment
  - Provide transparency and a basis of comparison during a period of transition.



## IFRS 4-9 project page





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- Link to project page
- <http://www.ifrs.org/Current-Projects/IASB-Projects/Different-effective-dates-of-IFRS-9-Financial-Instruments-and-the-new-insurance-contracts-Standard/Pages/default.aspx>




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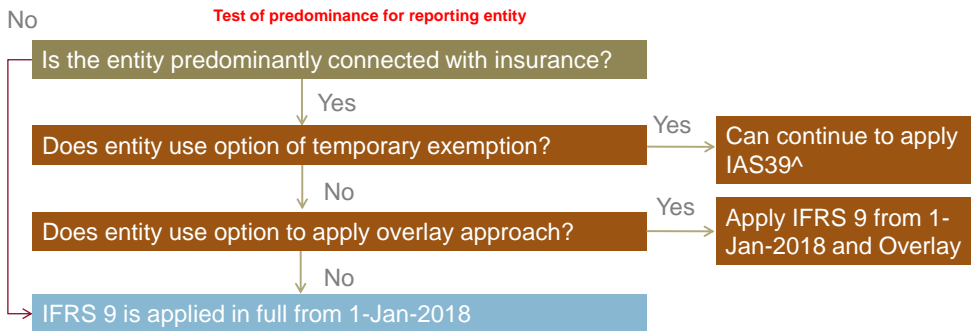




## IFRS 4-9: Eligibility flowchart

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The Board issued final amendments to IFRS 4 in September 2016, introducing two optional approaches for issuers of insurance contracts that have not previously applied IFRS 9\*:

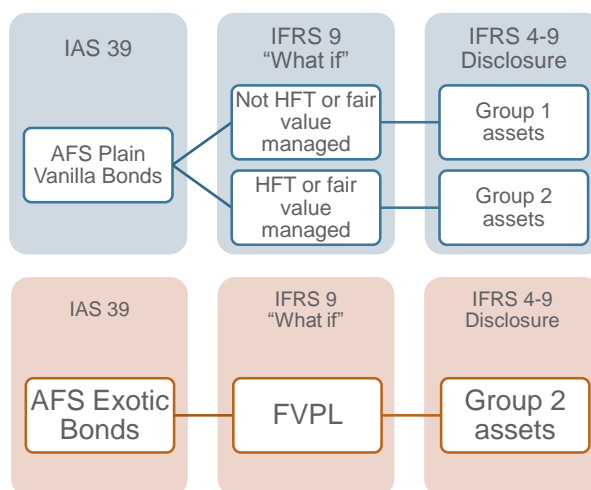


\*Other than 'own credit requirements' in insolation  
 ^Until 1-Jan-2021, when IFRS 17 is applied



## Temporary Exemption

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