

Parametric Liability Driven Investing Solutions

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Seek to mitigate liability risk with total plan management

Parametric Liability Driven Investing (LDI) solutions are a suite of comprehensive, systematic, risk-managed solutions for all stages of the LDI process.

Recognizing that each investor's LDI journey is unique, Parametric has designed core building blocks that can be customized to support the goal of funding future liabilities, while balancing risk exposures on a total plan basis. Each approach is designed with the plan sponsor's growth needs and risk constraints in mind and underpinned by our proprietary program of key risk analysis, risk management oversight, and daily asset monitoring. Parametric's LDI solutions are suited for plans of all sizes who are seeking a consultative, risk-based approach to liability management.

Investment thesis

LDI has traditionally focused on fixed income assets, including cash bonds and derivatives, and their relationship to liabilities. Parametric's approach broadens that view to include return-seeking investments and exposure-management overlays.

Return-seeking assets likely have some relationship to credit spreads; exposure overlays preserve consistent adherence to target allocations at any point along an asset allocation glide path. Only by considering the entire plan can investors fully realize the transparency and efficiency of their LDI approach.

Potential Benefits

FLEXIBLE, INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS

Customization available across physical and overlay program. Pension plans can choose from standard or liability-aware benchmarks, with dynamic hedge ratio management available.

EXPERIENCE AND SCALE

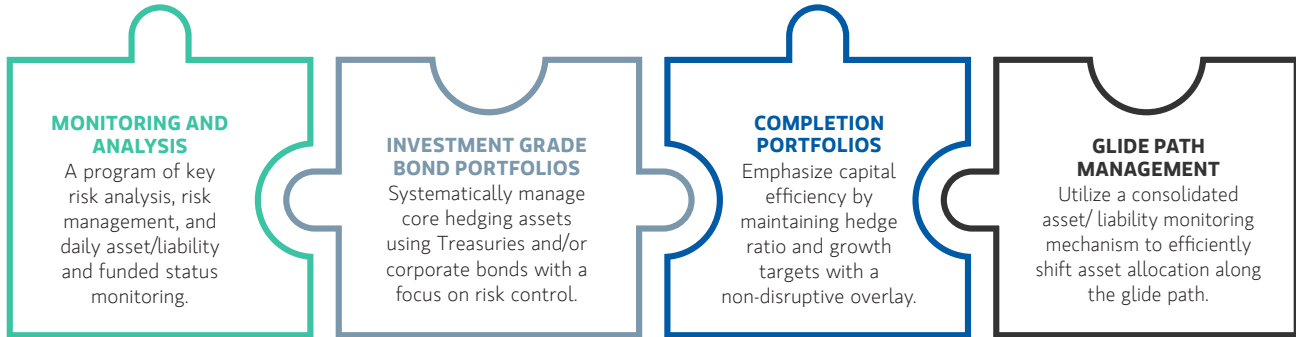
Parametric has over 30 years experience managing systematic, rules-based strategies. Our size, scale and proprietary technology enable us to deliver customized, cost effective LDI solutions for clients of all sizes.

RISK-BASED APPROACH

A risk-based analysis and monitoring program provides an in-depth view of assets and liabilities. Our focus on risk, or "winning by not losing," applies throughout the investment process.

Portfolio Construction

Parametric LDI solutions may provide comprehensive end-to-end expertise for all phases of the pension de-risking process. Our approach is comprised of four core implementation options: 1) Monitoring and analysis, 2) Investment grade bond portfolios, 3) Completion portfolios, and 4) Glide path management. Portfolio construction begins as a risk exercise. Whether using all of these capabilities or a subset, the portfolio is then tailored and implemented using a rules-based, transparent investment process.



Investment objective

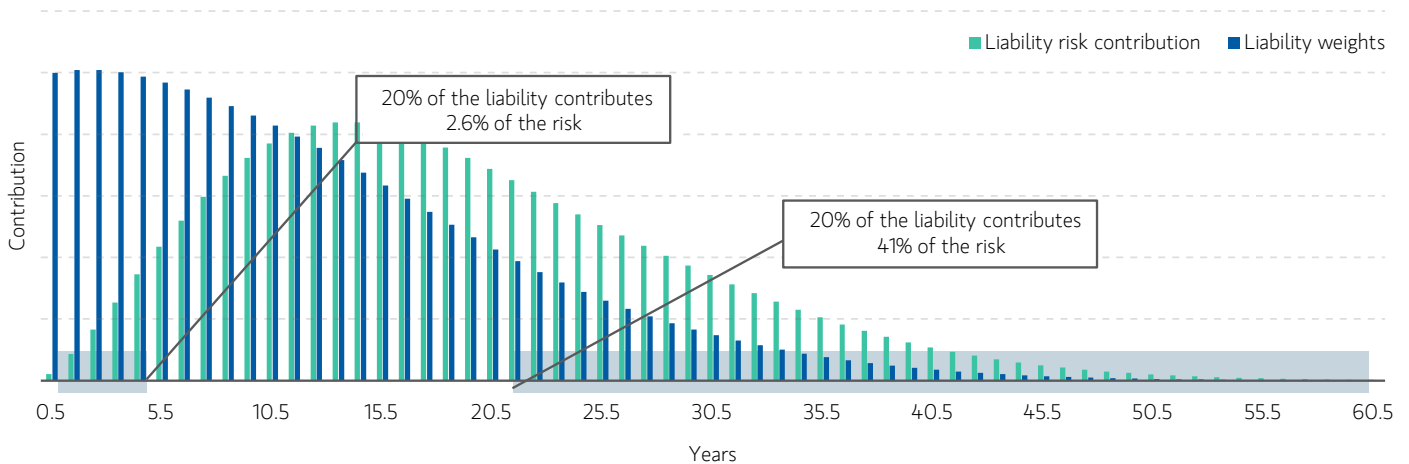
Parametric’s LDI solutions seek to reduce the mismatch between plan assets and liabilities, and reach, or maintain, adequate funding.

To achieve this objective, both growth needs and risk constraints are considered. Additionally, the approach taken is customized depending on the plan’s LDI glide path journey, from asset/liability alignment, and hedge ratio targeting, through to more complex hibernation strategies.

Proprietary analysis program

Parametric’s analytics platform is designed to highlight key pension risks to help achieve the plan’s objectives. Parametric thoughtfully analyzes projected benefit cash flows to deconstruct liability risk.

ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLE: LIABILITY CONTRIBUTION TO RISK BY CASH FLOW¹



Investing in an LDI program involves risk. All investments are subject to loss. Please refer to the disclosures for additional information.

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About Parametric liability driven solutions

Parametric Liability Driven Investing (LDI) solutions are a suite of comprehensive, systematic, risk-managed solutions for all stages of the LDI process. Recognizing that each investor's LDI journey is unique, Parametric has designed three core implementation options: 1) Investment grade bonds, 2) Completion overlay, and 3) Glide path management. These options can be customized to support the goal of funding future liabilities, while balancing risk exposures on a total plan basis.

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