Designing annuity products for consumers needs

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Agenda

- Options for generating lifetime income
- Consumer needs
- Investing for life
- Managing survival
- A new model



"I don't want to achieve immortality through my work - I want to achieve it by not dying"

Woody Allen



"People will soon live twice as long as today, and have the potential to live for 1200 years"

John Harris, Scientist

Member of UK Human Genetics Commission as reported Sunday Times, 25 June 2000



Funeral firm hit by 29% profit fall

Not enough people are dying in the US, according to Service Corporation International, the world's largest funeral services company

Times, 2 October 1999



Scale of opportunities People over 65



Source: US Bureau of the Census



Annuity versus bond yield

Income taken monthly in advance; interest rate 5% pa Annuity income broken down into capital element and the balance (ie interest element)



Options for retirement income





Traditional annuities Some important questions

- How much do the guarantees cost?
- How valuable are they to customers?
 - early in retirement/later in retirement?
 - according to other assets?
- How will lifestyles and needs change in retirement?
- Will customers change their minds over time?



Key issues for design The Pensioner

- Choice (investment)
- Flexibility (income)
- Protection (survival)
- Communication (trade offs)
- Fail safe



A lifetime asset allocation model Traditional







Retire



Effect of investment growth on supportable income - males



Base income supportable calculated at 5%. Income multiple = income supportable assuming extra investment return resulting from equity investment of 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5% pa after charges, divided by base income. Mortality as previously

Planning retirement income

- The consumer problem is
 How long will I live?
- Lifespan is a distribution not an expectation



Distribution of deaths Retirement at age 60



Mortality: PMA92/PFA92 Year of use 2001



Distribution of deaths by age now

Age 75 now



Mortality: PMA92/PFA92 Year of use 2001



Distribution of deaths by age now





Standard deviation of deaths, as a proportion of life expectancy



Mortality: PMA92/PFA92 Year of use 2001

Progression of income: spreading fund over future life expectation



Progression of income annuitised fund versus non-annuitised fund



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Supplier view of mortality guarantees

- Mortality improving
- How fast
 - 1% pa? 2% pa? 3% pa?
- In future?
- Scope to review?
- Guarantees are (too) expensive?



Mortality drift uncertain future improvements



Excess survivors -PMA92 compared with PMA80



□ % surviving: PMA80 ■ % surviving: PMA92 − % increase in survivors

Cost to annuity provider of not reviewing mortality relates to payments made to those survivors who were not expected to live so long - the red zone





Investment fund

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Insurance against survival



Lifetime income model benefit statement

	Units	Unit Price £	Value £
Start of Year	10,000	10.00	100,000
Annuity Payments	(975)		(10,000)
Survival Bonus	295		3,000
Effect of Changes in Unit Price			4,860
End of Year	9,320	10.50	97,860
Target Income for Next Year			10,000



Equivalent additional fund growth resulting from mortality cross-subsidy



Mortality: PMA92/PFA92 Calendar Year 2001



Equivalent additional fund growth

	М % ра	F % pa
75	4.1	2.8
85	13.1	8.4
95	33.2	21.2

NB: Partial survival protection possible



Flexible annuity review cycle



Flexible income The corridor





Communication of benefits Income projections - income taken initially = income supportable at 7% pa



Income projections - income taken initially = 1.1 x income supportable at 7% pa





Income projections - income taken initially = 0.9 x income supportable at 7% pa



Income projections variable investment model



Fail safe

- Programmed switching to guarantee at high age
- Programmed switching to guarantee on sustained market fall, eg Japan scenario
- Voluntary switching

NB: More features — better systems



Annuity developments unbundling dynamic

More impaired life/ enhanced annuities

Weaker longevity guarantees Other g'teed annuities more expensive/less profitable

More equity based annuities



Effect of LTC rider on income



The product is a variable annuity prior to claim, then a fixed LTC annuity after claim, plus a continuing variable annuity (which could convert to a conventional annuity). The level of benefit is chosen by the insured.

Advantages of lifetime income model

Pensioners

- natural extension to DC pension vehicle
- choose and vary asset allocation
- flexibility of income
- optimise income relative to risk

Insurers/fund managers

- longevity risk manageable
- potential segmentation of risks
- not restricted by available bond (or other) investments
- global multi market application
- Also financial planners/bond suppliers



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