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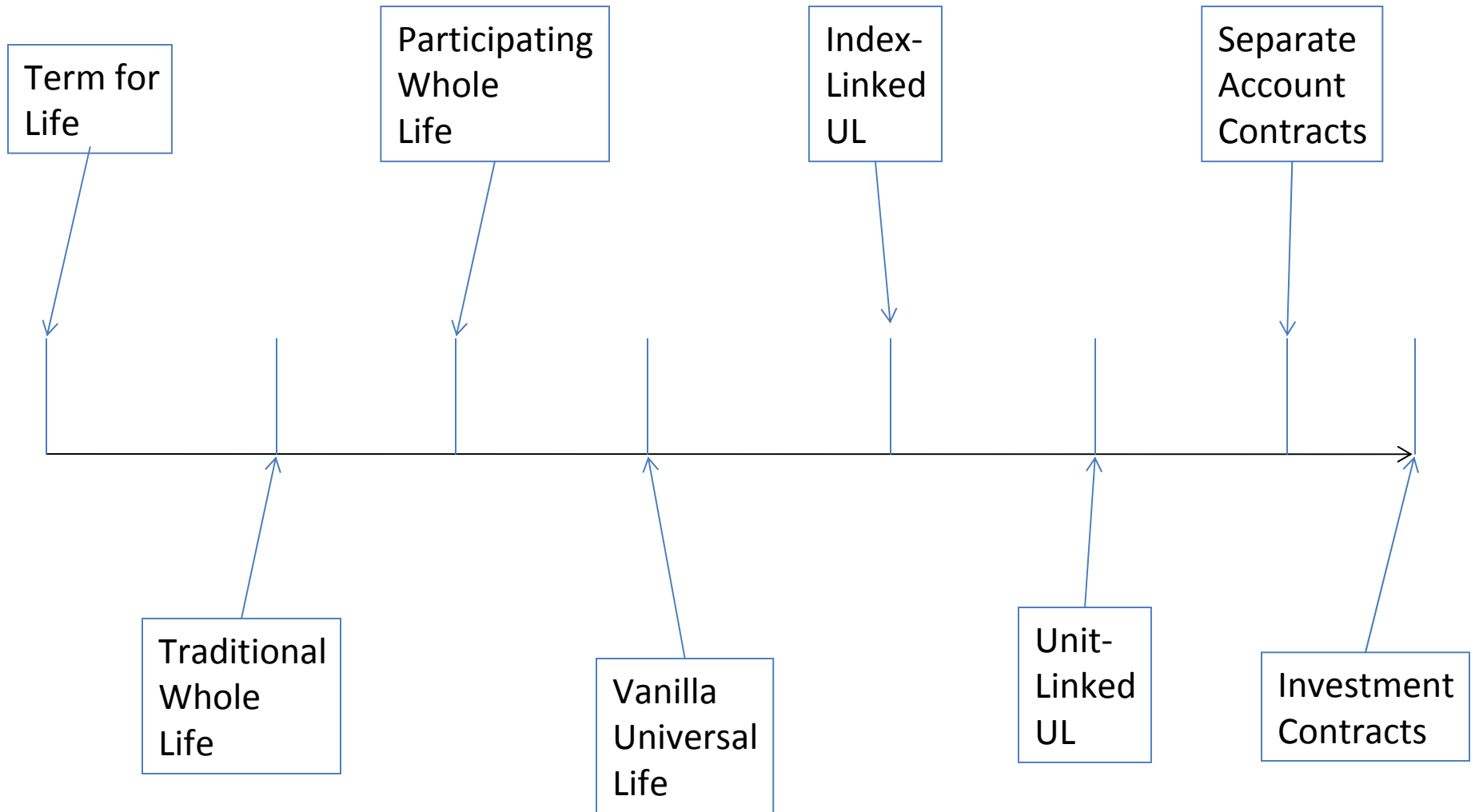
Insurance Contracts

Topic

Slides to accompany Agenda paper 14

A Spectrum of Contracts

The usual view



But how to arrange the items and draw a line?

- Significance of the investment element to total cash outflows?
 - Clusters everything but term for life toward the right
- Insurer's discretion?
 - May move index and unit-linked to the left of vanilla UL and some participating contracts
- Significance of insurer's remaining mortality/morbidity risk?
 - Depends on contract design and relative size of investment element today

But how to arrange the items and draw a line (continued)

- Potential variability in outcomes?
 - May move participating to the right of vanilla UL
- Explicit account balance?
 - The Statement 97 approach, but some have argued that it obscures economic similarities to traditional and participating
- Interdependence among cash flows?
 - One staff proposal, but some say it puts the line too far to the right

COMPARISON OF THE TWO STAFF VIEWS ON UNBUNDLING

Issue	View in AP 14C	Alternative View in AP 14D	Link with AP 14A (account-driven contracts) and AP 14B (variable and unit-linked contracts)
When is unbundling of a component of an insurance contract required for recognition and measurement ?	If a component is not interdependent with other components of the contract. [§29-38]	If components can function independently from each other. Interdependency should be applied only where the components cannot function independently (examples of contracts where the components can function independently are account-driven contracts). [§4-11]	The building block approach should be applied to the entire contract for account driven contracts, including variable and unit-linked contracts (fits in with AP 14C). [AP 14A §30-41, AP 14B §18-20]
Permit unbundling if it is not required?	No. [§34]	No. [§11]	No. [AP 14A §30-41, AP 14B §18-20]
Application to embedded derivatives	Interdependency should also apply for bifurcation of derivatives embedded in insurance contracts. [§39-43]	Use existing guidance for derivative instrument accounting and bifurcated when appropriate. [§12-13]	The insurer should not unbundle embedded derivatives that are interdependent (fits in with AP 14C). [AP 14A §30-41, AP 14B §18-20]
Unbundling for presentation in the performance statement	A (deposit) component is only unbundled for presentation if it is unbundled for recognition and measurement. [§44-47]	A (deposit) component is only unbundled for presentation if it is unbundled for recognition and measurement (but this is expected to take place more often than under the proposals in AP 14C). [§14-15]	The insurer should not unbundle the deposit component (fits in with AP 14C, AP 14D sees account-driven contracts as an example of contracts that will be unbundled). [AP 14A §30-41, AP 14B §18-20]
How to present the insurance liability for variable and linked contracts	N/A	The liability arising from the insurance component should be recognised as a general account insurance liability, separated from the separate account liability. [§16-18]	The liability should be of the total amount of the liability's elements using the building block approach. [AP 14B §33-34]