



## You Can't Predict, But You Can Prepare - the Second Half of 2022

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## Developing Strategy in 2022

**Determine the part or parts of the yield curve that impact your institution the most**

- 80/20 rule may be in effect

**Realistic modeling should create your roadmap to strategy development**

- Don't predict:  
Prepare by knowing the WHAT, the WHEN & the HOW

**Don't wait for big moves in rates to develop strategy – too late**

- 15bp+ moves in shape of curve should lead to execution

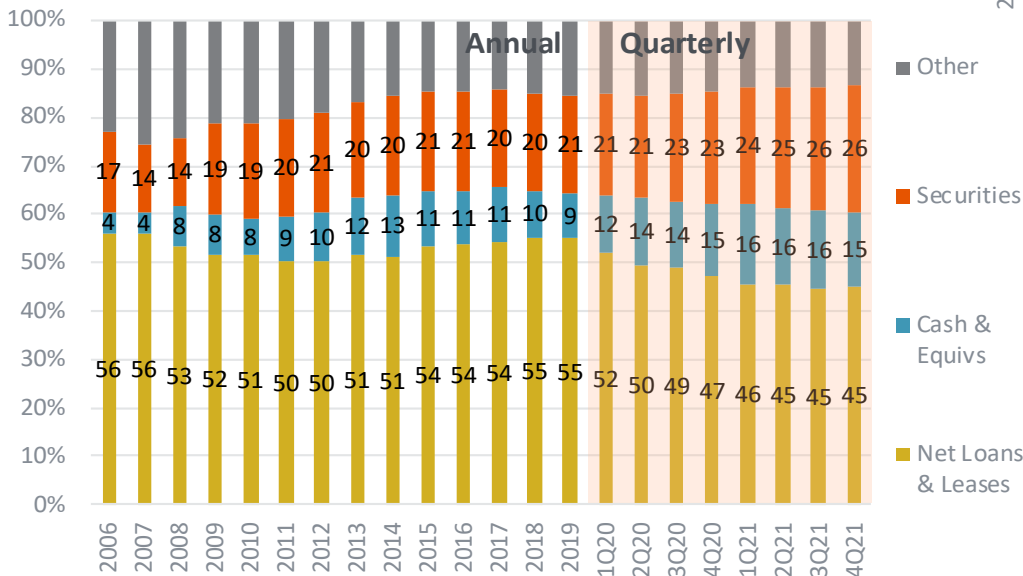
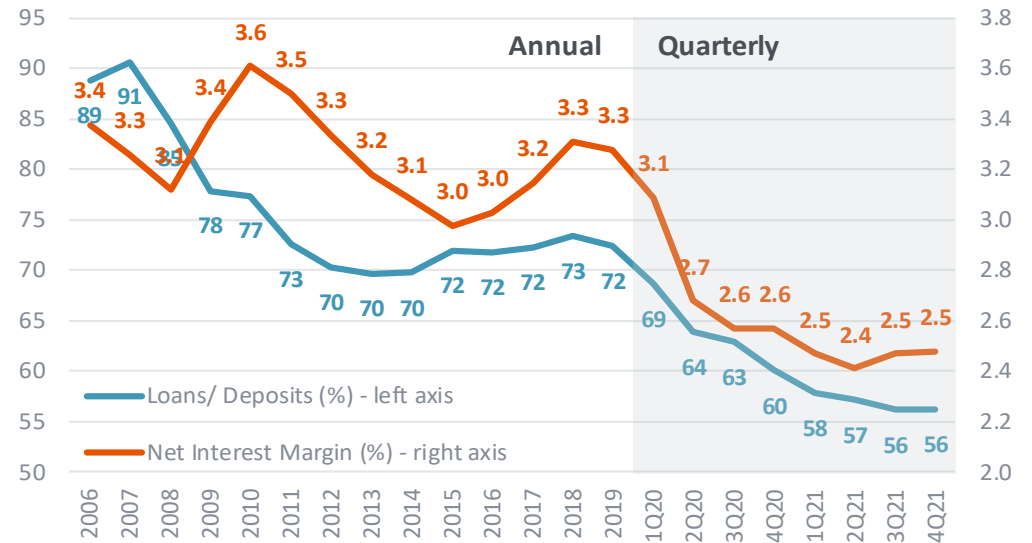
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## Don't confuse strategy with tactics

- Tactics are running “what ifs” for examiners based on parallel shifts to stay within policy
- Strategy is knowing what you will execute when and if the situation arises
- Knowing the impact of small curve shifts should lead to future execution

# How we got here... liquidity surge has driven loan-to-deposit (and NIM) to cycle lows, and bond portfolios to record highs

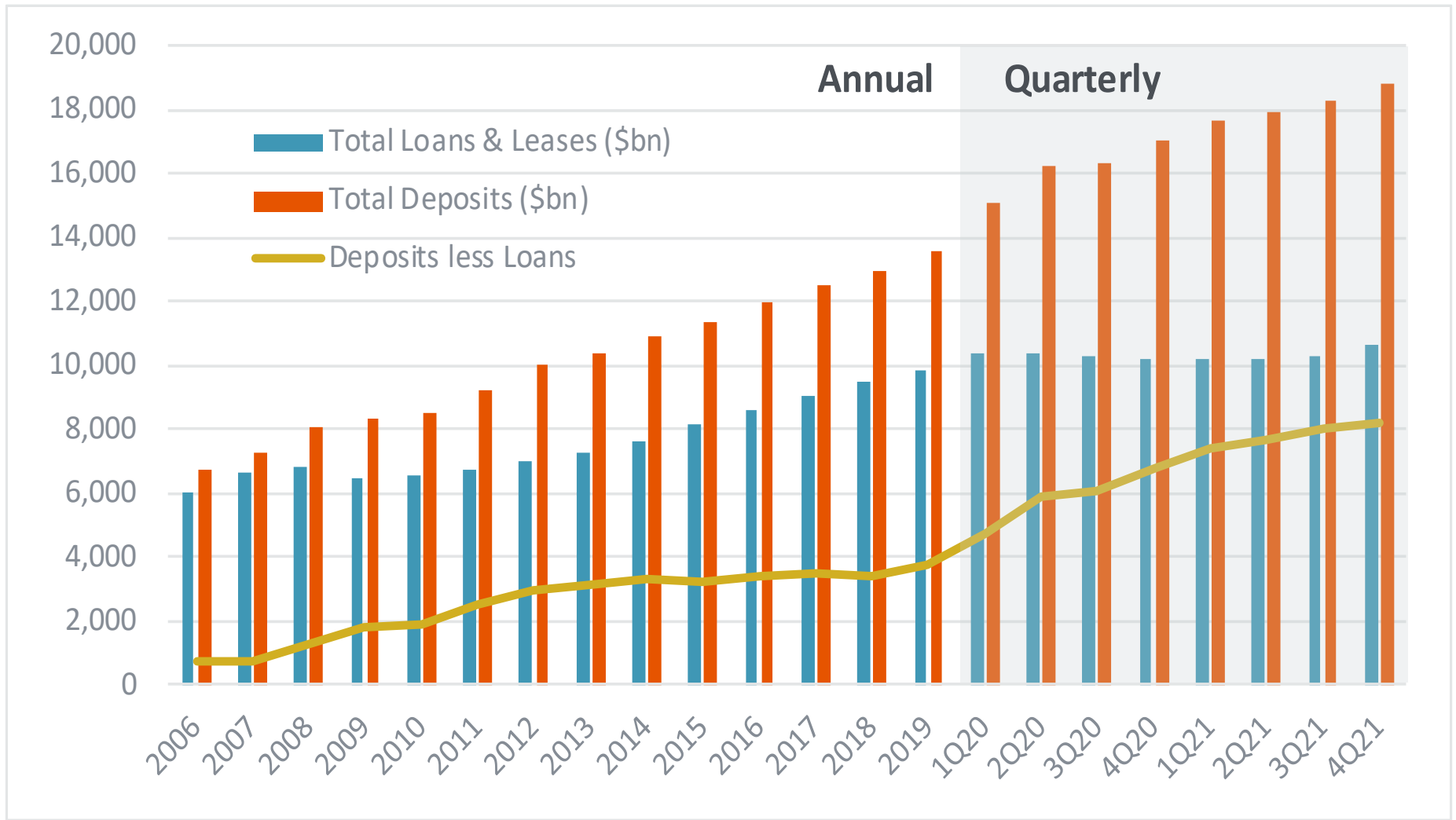
- L2D down from 73% to 56%
- Banks \$500M – \$10B L2D down from 85% to 71%
- Deposits up \$5.2T, or +39%
- Loans up just \$760bn, or +8%



- Meaningful NIM compression
- Cash remains at record levels
- Bonds up 66% to cycle-high 26% of total assets
- 20% of assets in AFS

Sources: S&P Global  
Note: data reflects all US commercial banks

# Deposits Relative to Loans Over Time



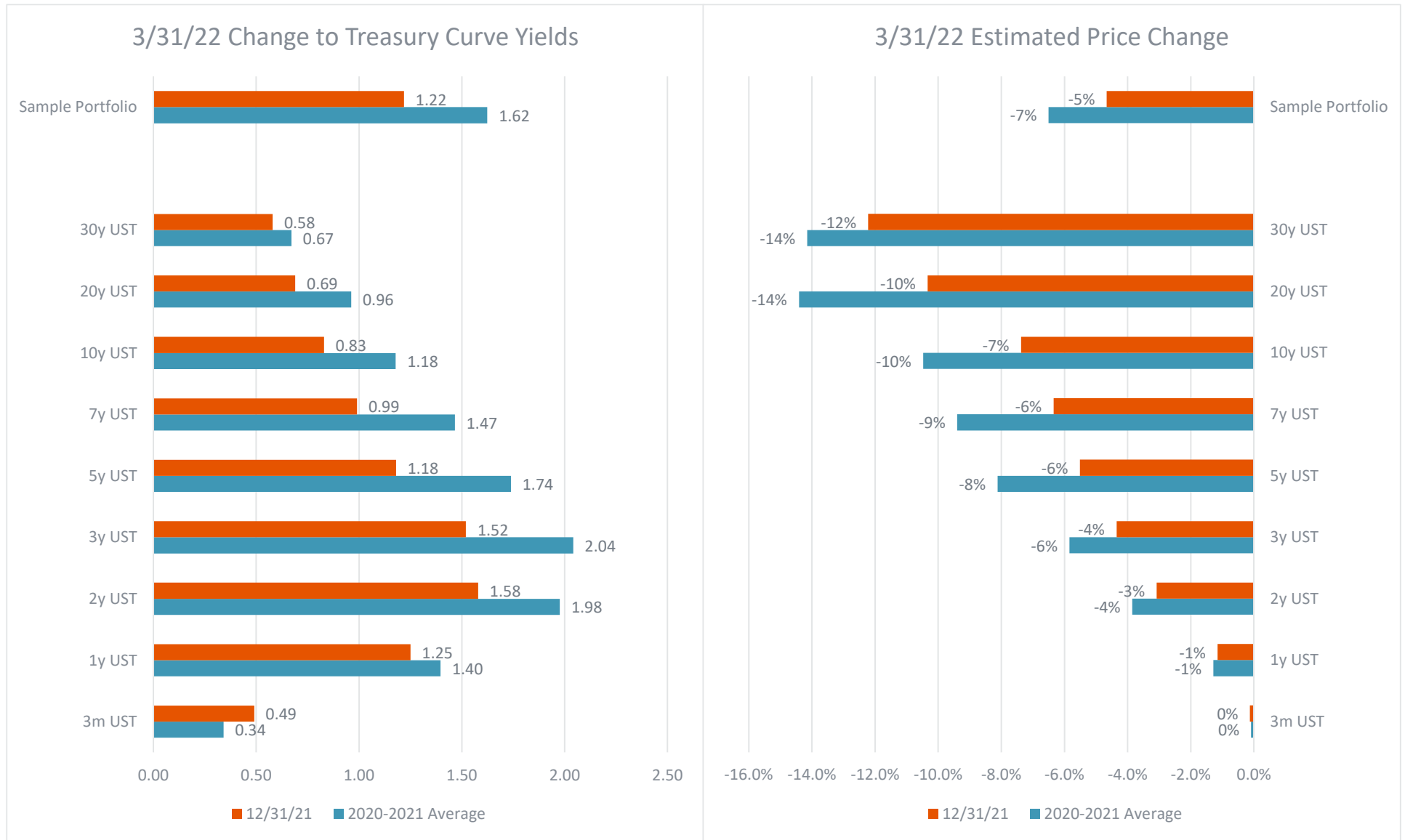
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## The deposit landscape has changed

- Stop preparing like it hasn't
- The Fed drove deposits in –
  - But will they dictate a change in cost
- How do you think about protecting your cost of funds
- Starts with modeling – create your own index

# How we got here: 1Q22 treasury curve prices down 1-12% across the curve, as rates are up 50-160bps (most in 40 years\*)



Sample Portfolio: created to estimate impact to a 'typical' depository investment portfolio with a duration of ~4.3 years  
 \*Some tenors saw biggest quarterly change in nearly 40 years

## Yield curve fluctuations

Index	11/8/18	12/31/19	8/4/20	3/19/21	12/31/21	4/14/22
Fed Funds Target	2.25%	1.75%	0.25%	0.25%	0.25%	0.50%
2 Year Treasury	2.97%	1.57%	0.11%	0.15%	0.73%	2.42%
5 Year Treasury	3.09%	1.69%	0.19%	0.88%	1.26%	2.72%
7 Year Treasury	3.17%	1.83%	0.36%	1.36%	1.44%	2.78%
10 Year Treasury	3.24%	1.92%	0.51%	1.72%	1.51%	2.78%
2-10Yr Treasury Spread	0.27%	0.35%	0.40%	1.57%	0.78%	0.36%
FFT-5Yr Treasury Spread	0.84%	-0.06%	-0.06%	0.63%	1.01%	2.28%
<i>Commentary (Peak/Trough Based on 10year UST)</i>	<i>(Last) Cycle Peak</i>	<i>Pre- Covid</i>	<i>Cycle Trough</i>	<i>Spring Spike</i>	<i>Year- End</i>	<i>Today</i>

Source: Bloomberg, Fed Funds Target is Upper Bound  
Market data as of 4/14/2022



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# Weaponizing your ALCO

## Concept

- Determine part(s) of the yield curve that matter to your company
- Use economic data for pricing, not strategy development

## Strategy

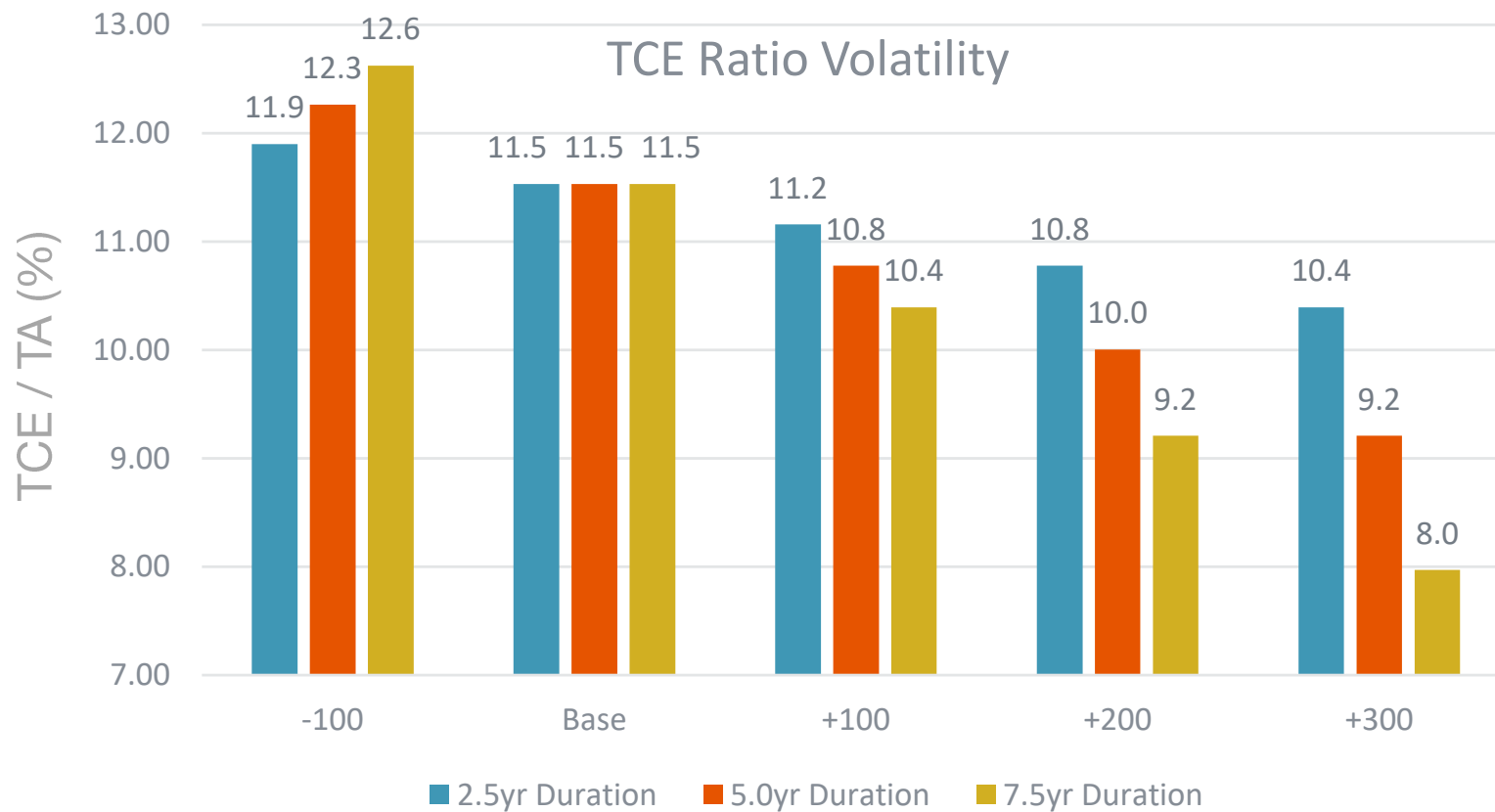
- Understand your exposure to develop sound strategies
  - Pick 2-3 realistic yield curve shifts
  - Quantify these impacts for ALCO and identify potential remedies
  - Given macro uncertainty, financial institutions are migrating to neutral
- Stick to “inside-out” approach
  - Realistic modeling leads to effective strategy development

## Content

- Create a 3-5 page actionable ALCO summary deck
- Equate sensitivity to rate changes to something that will get your committee’s attention
  - BPS of NIM, ROA, EPS, etc.

## Tangible book value at risk

- A 100bps rate increase (parallel shock) results in ~75bps decline to TCE Ratio
- This equates to 2/3rds of a full year of earnings given the industry average 9% ROTCE (~114bps TCE Ratio Expansion)



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## Impact to my institution?

### Regulatory Capital Adequacy:

- No impact to (most) regulatory capital ratios (assuming opt out)
- FDIC PCA Critically Undercapitalized: Tangible Equity/Tangible Assets < 2%

### Earnings:

- Losses are unrealized (unless impaired)
- Reinvestment rates higher
- Industry trends 'asset sensitive' holistically

### Liquidity:

- On/off balance sheet liquidity metrics largely unaffected... although realizing losses likely necessary to sell bonds

### Tangible Equity Sensitivity:

- Trading multiple for public companies
- Exchange multiple for some private company ownership transactions
- Compensation incentives tied to book value growth
- Dividend distribution implications
- M&A deal math

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## Communication with key stakeholders

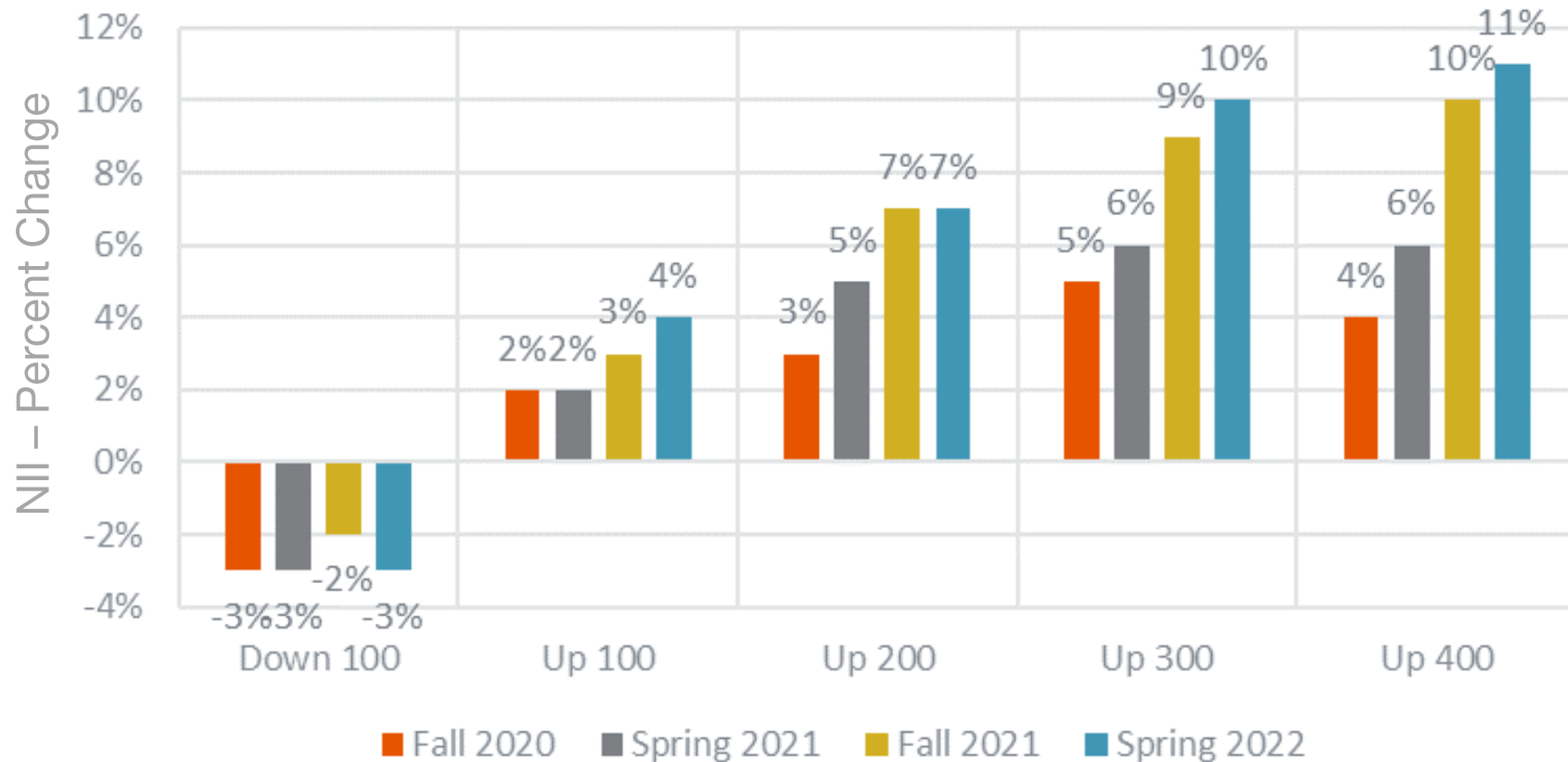
- Reminder: purpose of the bond portfolio
  - Spread managers, not Total Rate of Return (vs. benchmark)
- Why is the bond portfolio at a loss and why is equity down?
  - Bonds down, balance sheet potential up
  - Unrealized: Interest rate impacts - Accounting vs. Economics
- Why did we buy bonds when rates were so low?
  - Opportunity cost at an all time high
  - Have a long memory of prior earnings
  - NOTE: We rarely have cash when bond yields are up – current situation
- What will be the impact to our franchise value or stock price?
  - Are you in the bell curve?
  - Unrealized gains/losses move opposite of Price/TBV
  - Fed moves are different than curve moves
- What are the strategies to mitigate or fix it?

# Industry profile: net interest income volatility projection

Industry well position for higher rates...

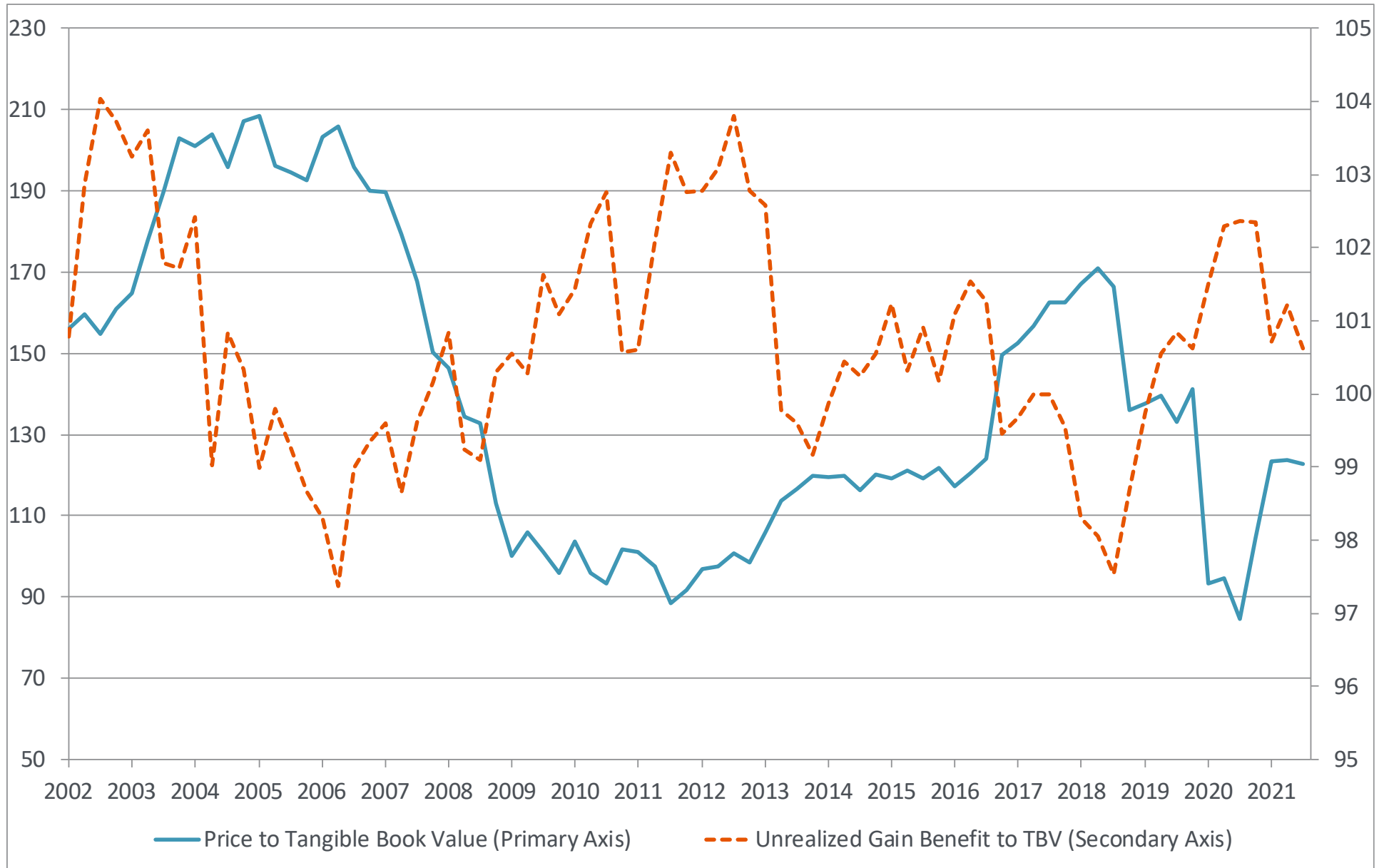
...at least based on a parallel rate shock

## Net Interest Income - 12 months (Parallel)



Source: OCC <https://occ.gov/publications-and-resources/publications/interest-rate-risk-statistics-reports/files/pub-interest-rate-risk-statistics-spring-2022.pdf>  
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# AFS/HTM OCI protection debate: bank valuation vs. bond valuation



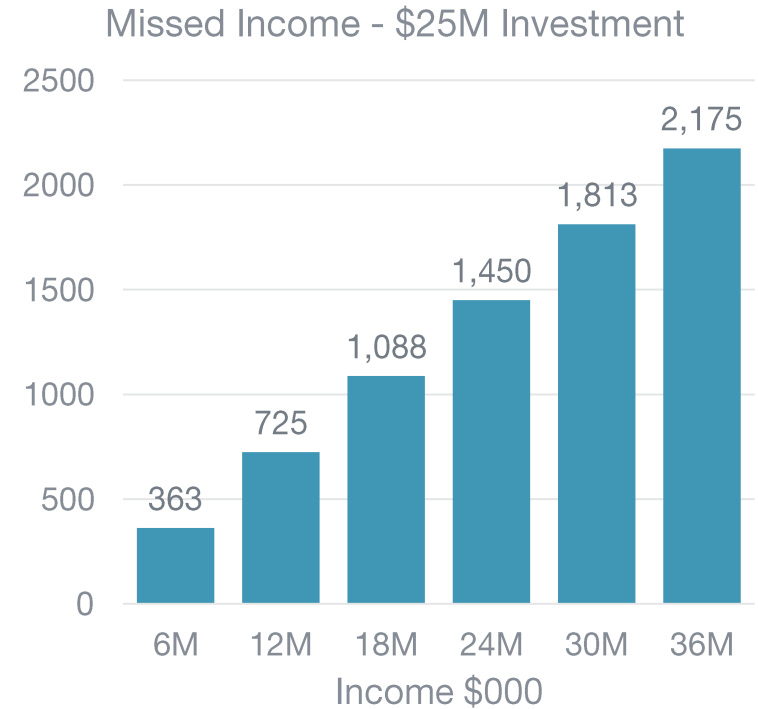
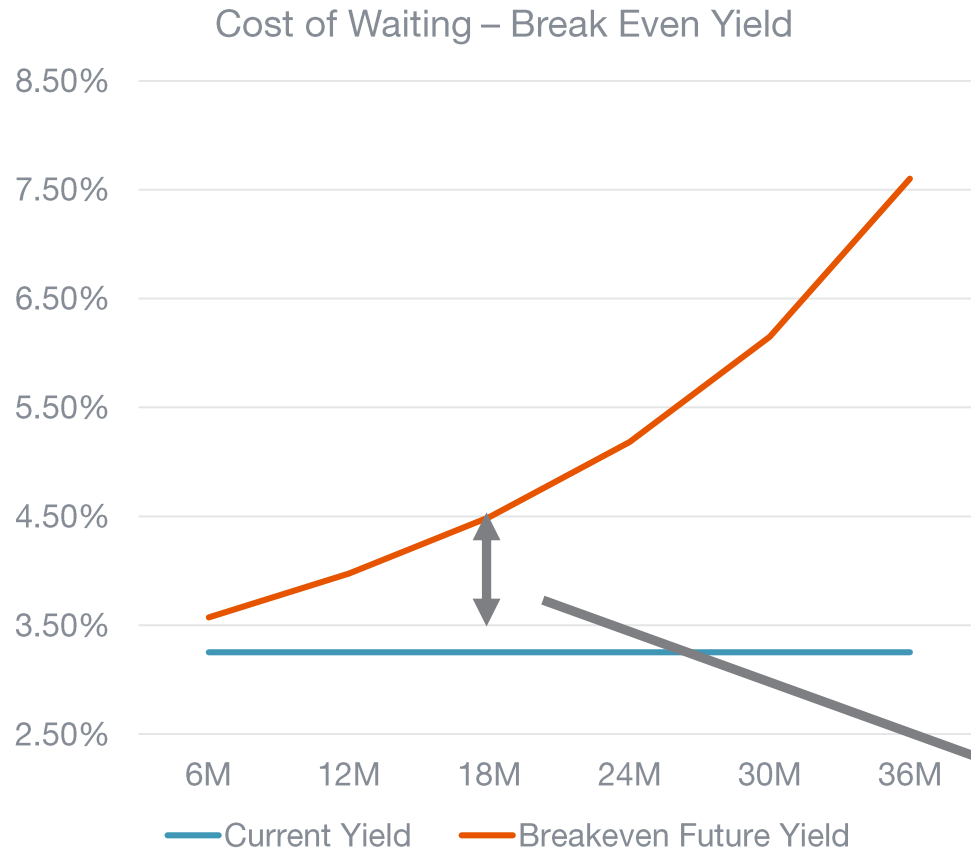
Source: S&P Global Market Intelligence.  
Includes public banks \$1bn to \$10bn in assets (median metrics)

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## Common mistakes

- View bond portfolio in a vacuum
- Confusing unrealized with actual losses
- Short memories
- Rate predictions
- Pause security purchases
- Purchase only shorter assets
- Ignoring where your entire balance sheet is exposed
- Ignoring exposure to multiple parts of the curve
- Confusing tactics for strategy

# Opportunity Cost of Cash

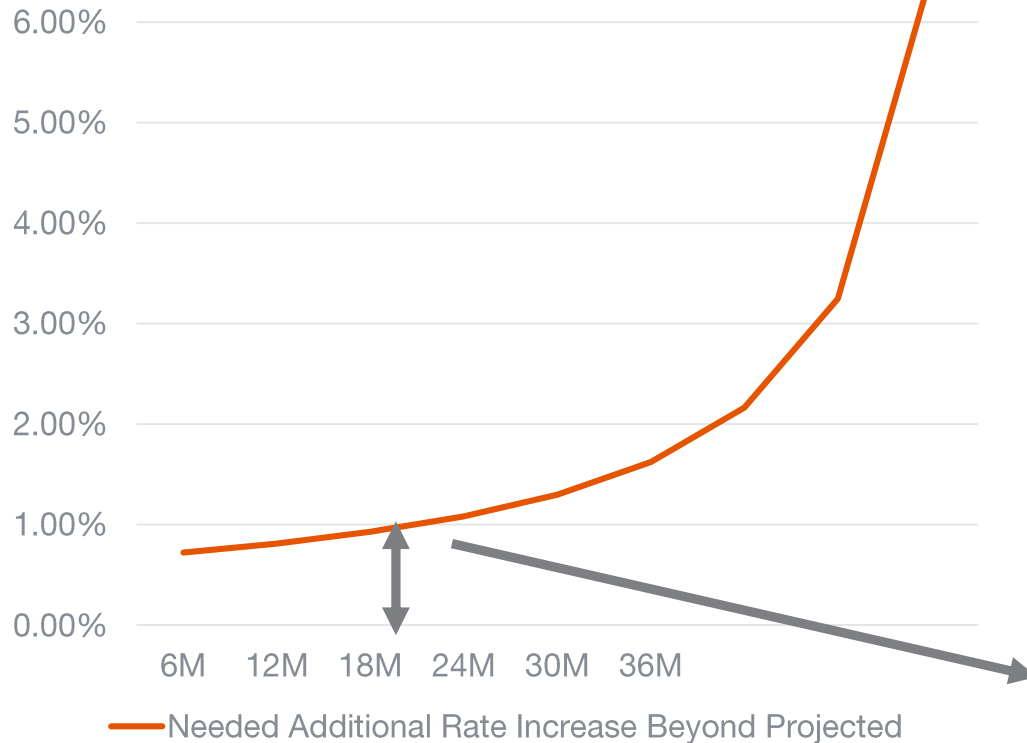


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- Current expectations for multiple Fed moves are baked into current yields

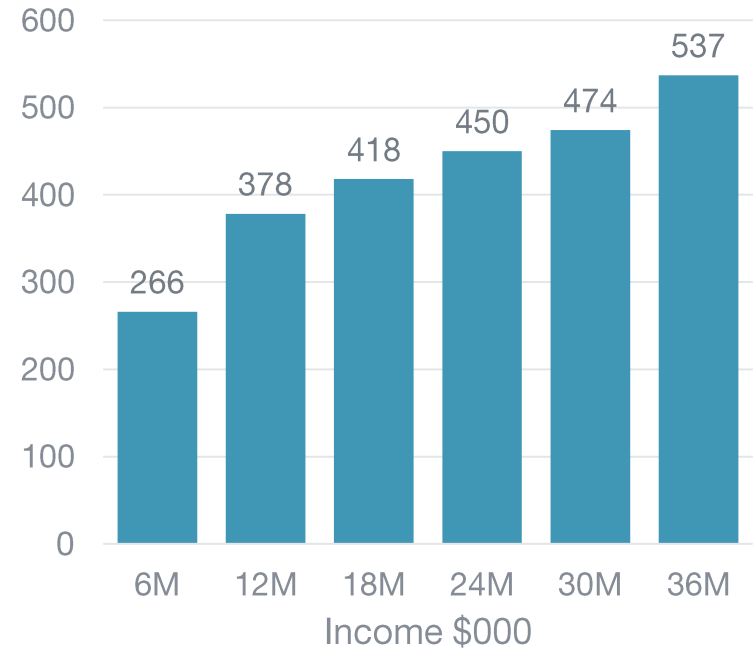


# Opportunity Cost of Cash – Forwards

Cost of Waiting – Break Even Yield



Missed Income - \$25M Investment



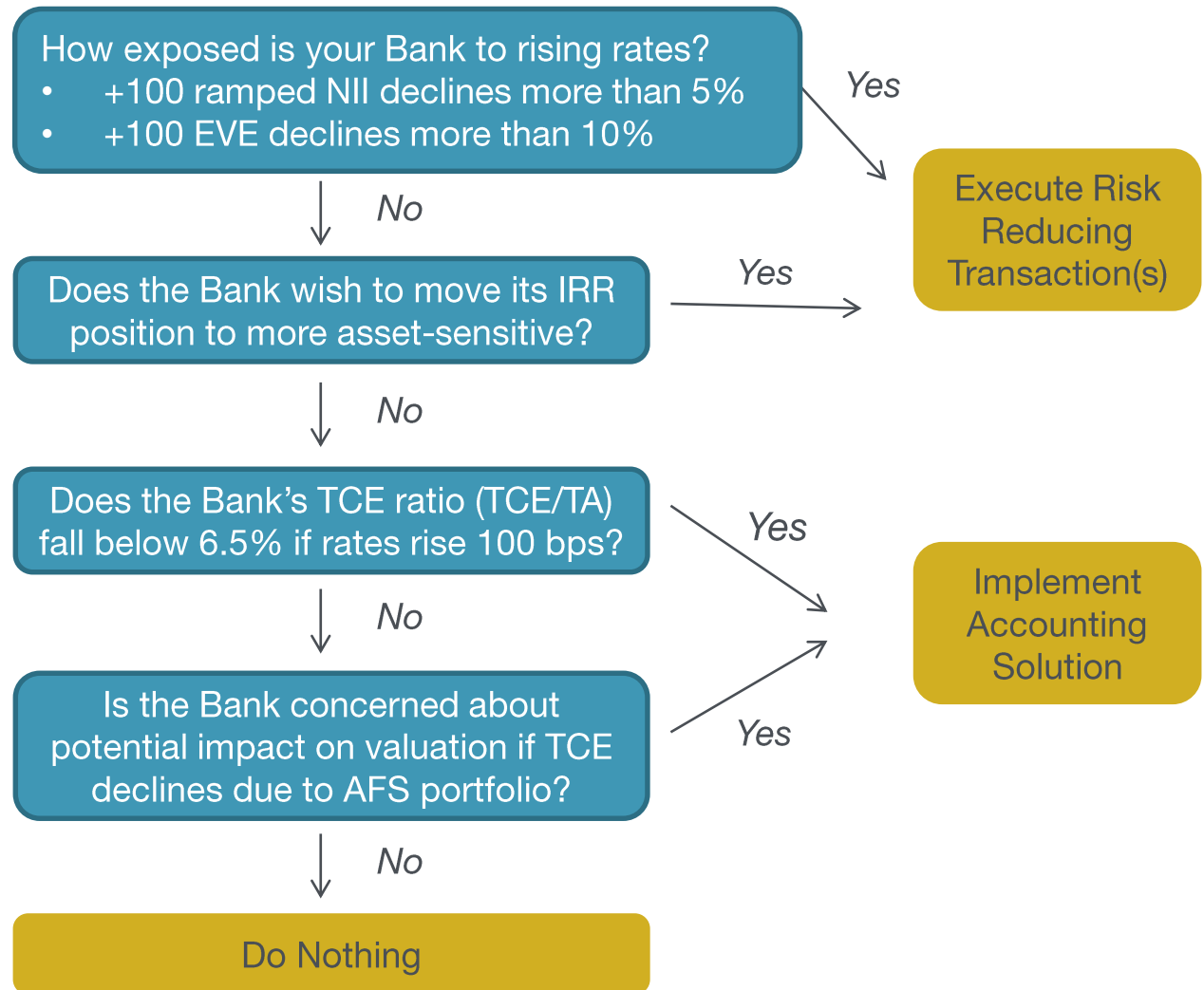
- Waiting 18 months means interest rates must rise by 93 bps more than projected to capture the same income impact of investing in bonds today
- Current expectations for multiple Fed moves are already baked into current yields

# AFS and unrealized losses

## Key considerations:

- Sensitivity to TCE & TBV
- Liquidity profile (and various measurements)
- Realized vs. unrealized mark-to-market
- Accounting vs. economic solutions
- Bond valuation vs. bank valuation, etc.

## Decision tree on rate protection



## Scenario overview: key considerations

	HTM	Sell Bonds	Hedge Assets	Hedge Funding
<b>Earnings</b>	No impact	Take loss; reinvest dictates earn back	Reduce current earnings	Reduce current earnings
<b>Accounting</b>	Accounting solution, not economic	Remove/ reduce exposure	Fair value partially hedged	Cash flow hedge marked through OCI (symmetry)
<b>Other Considerations</b>	Target AFS /Assets... not HTM /Bonds	Already flush with liquidity	Bond cash flows dictate structure	Limited items to hedge with the prolonged liquidity surge
	Reduced flexibility		Can forward start	Can forecast future funding
	CECL implications			

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## Sight vs. Vision

- Sight: is what lies right in front of us
- Vision: is what lies ahead
- Three biggest balance sheet concerns: these lie ahead, not the current mark on the bond portfolio
  - Deposit mix shift costing us money
  - Loan origination rates not keeping up with market rates
  - If we are significantly tied to the fed, what if we don't hit all the projected rate hikes

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## Key Takeaways

- Remember how we got here, communicate that message
- Don't confuse sight for vision
- Beware of common mistakes
- Holistic liquidity, balance sheet risk, and interest rate risk trends drive investment portfolio decisions
- Its not relative value, its relative value to your balance sheet
- **Don't spend so much time looking backwards, there are bigger issues ahead**

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# Appendix

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# Risk Considerations of Hedging with Derivatives

While derivative transactions hedging future liabilities have many benefits, they also require the Management and Board of Directors to carefully review the associated risks and considerations.

## SOME OF THE RISK FACTORS MANAGEMENT AND THE BOARD SHOULD CONSIDER INCLUDE:

### Market risk

- Risk that market moves in the opposite direction of the hedge leading to “buyer’s remorse” and a net cost to the hedge over its life

### Counterparty risk

- Risk that counterparty defaults and derivative’s value must be written off
- Risk that counterparty margin posted does not cover market value
- Chance of counterparty default may put hedge accounting treatment in jeopardy

### Accounting risk

- If hedge accounting is jeopardized through some misalignment between the hedge and the hedged item, the derivative market value of the hedge may be forced to flow through earnings and regulatory capital

### Regulatory risk

- Policies and procedures for monitoring initial and ongoing risk most scrutinized
- Minimal risk when derivative strategy is used for hedging and not speculative use

### Liquidity Risk

- Management must evaluate the effect an interest rate derivative strategy may have on liquidity calculations when collateral calls and periodic hedge payments are considered



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