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Commercial Credit Overview

Commercial Credit Risk Management Issues/Activities



Risk Assessment/Management

- Anticipate Your Institution's Future
- Develop Risk Management Framework to Achieve Desired Future
- Implement Necessary Process to Execute for Desired Future
- Generate Action to Achieve Desired Future
- Role of Information



Financial Services Industry

- Business Behaviors in Marketplace are Driven by the "Dumbest Competitor"
- Competitors are everywhere
 - Brick & Mortar
 - Internet
 - FinTech
- Battleground is Too Big to Fail versus Community Banks; *Credit is Weapon of Potential Mass Destruction*



Financial Service Basics

- Exist To *FULFILL DREAMS*
- Provides → MONEY/INFORMATION
 - Convenience (Facilitate Payments)
 - Wealth Management
 - Build (Investments)
 - Protect (Insurance)
 - Credit (Replace Borrower's Cash Shortfall)
- Role in Economy as *RISK INTERMEDIARY*



Credit Risk Management Tools

- Avoid the Risk ("Just Say No")
- Take the Risk ("Just Do It")
- Mitigate the Risk (Collateral/Derivatives)
- Transfer the Risk (Participations)
- Insure Against the Risk (Government Programs)
- Limit the Risk (Legal → House → Concentration → Lending Authority)



Actions to Manage Credit Risk

- Make Credit a Strategic Event, not a Tactical Event
- Return to Basics of Sound Credit Risk
- Understand Marketplace and Develop Institution's Response (Future Financial Performance)
- Inspect What You Expect



Credit Basics

- Credit → Financing the borrowers *CASH SHORTFALL* ("Dreams")
- Focus of credit activity is to assess ability to get the *CASH BACK* ("Repayment")
- Credit Risk Involves Understanding
 - Where/Why Ran Out of CASH (6 Causes)
 - Determine Ability/Willingness to Repay
 - Monitor Behaviors to Repayment



Credit Risk Management

- Commercial Credit → Financing the Borrower's "Cash Shortfall" (CAUSE)
- Commercial Loan → Finance a Selfliquidating Asset (REPAYMENT SOURCE)
- Properly Managed Credit ALIGNS the Cause with the Repayment Source



Key Credit Concepts

- "No one ever makes a loan decision; all decisions are portfolio decisions!"
- "You aren't paid to make loan decisions; you're paid to manage credit risk!"
- Yesterday's Loan Repaid With Today's CASH; Today's Loan Repaid With Tomorrow's CASH!



Key Credit Concept

"No one ever makes a loan decision; all decisions are **portfolio decisions**!"



Portfolio Issues

- Represents "pooling" of homogeneous risk
 - Ag
 - C&I
 - CRE
 - Private Banking
- Levels
 - Front Line Officer
 - Branch
 - Bank
 - Holding Company



Credit Risk Outcome

Marketplace Factors Impacting Institution

PLUS

Institution's Response to Marketplace

EQUALS

Institution's Financial Performance



Credit Risk Activities

- Understand Marketplace
 - Know Key Driver
 - Manage to Key Influencers
- Develop/Implement Response
 - Establish Institution's Credit Priority
 - Communicate Expectations
- Inspect What You Expect (MIS)



Assessing Risk—Marketplace

- Risk=Probability X Consequences
 - Probability= Likelihood that an event will occur
 (Identify) →
 - Consequences = Impact if that event doesn't occur as intended (Mitigate) →
- Challenges to Success
 - External Factors (Opportunity/Threat)
 - Internal Factors (Strengths/Weaknesses)



Understand Marketplace

- Institution's Outcomes are Result of Intersection of Marketplace Factors Impacting Institution and Institution's Response to those Factors
- *Know Key Driver(s)*
 - Employer
 - Industry
- Assess Key Influences (Internal/External)
- Determine Level of Credit "Desirability"
- Manage COVARIANCE



Risk Assessment/Response

- Marketplace
 External
 - Factors
 - *Opportunities* (Competitive Advantage → Leverage)
 - *Threats* (Competitive Disadvantage→ Avoid)
 - Uncontrollable, But Manageable
- Institution Response → Internal
 - Factors
 - *Strengths* (Maximize)
 - Weaknesses (Minimize)
 - Foster Appropriate Personnel Behaviors
- Perform on Ongoing Basis ("Rolling")



Risk—Response

- Utilize Assessment Analysis
 - Opportunity → External → Leverage
 - Threats → External → Avoid
 - Strengths → Internal → Maximize
 - Weakness → Internal → Minimize
- Develop/Implement Strategic Credit Risk Plan

 Key is assessing potential outcome of External

 and Internal Factors (Future Financial

 Performance)



Credit Risk Basics

- Manage as Strategic Activity
 - "Lending" → Tactical Focus
 - "Credit" → Strategic Focus
- Credit "Components"
 - Product (Lines of Business)
 - Replaces Borrower's Cash Shortfall (Commercial Credit)
 - Understand True Borrowing Cause (Cash Shortfall)
 - Understand Repayment Source (Self-Liquidating Asset)
 - Process (Solutions to Cause of Shortfall)
 - How to Manage Risks of Delivery (Strategic Framework)
 - How to Deliver Solution (Credit Process)



Credit Risk Focus—Portfolio

- Establish Clear Credit Priority
- Establish/Communicate Expectations for Frontline Behaviors
- Inspect What You Expect

No one ever makes a "loan decision"; every decision is a "portfolio decision"



Manage Credit Risk—Portfolio

- Determine How to Manage Credit Paradox (Credit Priority)
- Determine Credit Activities to Achieve Priority (Credit Risk Management Strategy)
- Manage for Long-term/Consistent Earnings (Credit Policy)
- Establish/Manage Credit Priority Control (Credit Process)



Risk Management Framework

- Determine Credit Priority
- Implement Appropriate Credit Culture
- Determine Risk Strategy
- Implement Necessary Risk Controls



Corporate Objectives

- Philosophy=Credit Priority (Determine Level of Risk to be Managed)
 - Growth
 - Profitability
 - Quality
- Action=Credit Policy (Establish Risk Management Control)
 - Role=Communication Of Priority
 - Focus=Board Expectations
 - Outcome=Personnel Behaviors

Goal is Long Term Consistency of Earnings



Role of Credit Policy

- Credit Policy, NOT Loan Policy
 - Strategic versus Transaction Outcomes
 - Credit Risk
 - Primary Exposure—Direct Risk
 - Secondary Exposure—Indirect Risk
- Establishes Credit Priority
 - Soundness/Quality
 - Profitability
 - Growth

Ensure to make Credit Policy YOURS!!!!



Role of Credit Policy

- Generates *Desired Behaviors* for Front Line Personnel (*Credit Culture*)
- Determines Criteria for Credit Review (Inspect What You Expect)
 - Policy Compliance—Doing the Correct Things
 - Procedure Adherence—Doing Things Correctly
 - Risk Rating Reliability—Monitoring/Level of Credit Administration

Manage PROACTIVELY



Credit Culture

- Culture is Determined by **ALIGNMENT**
 - Management *OBJECTIVES*
 - Personnel **BEHAVIORS**
- Outcome
 - Loose
 - Tight
- Approach (Develop/Foster)



Risk Strategy Actions

- Utilize appropriate activities/tools to achieve desired priority to generate long-term, consistent earnings regardless of marketplace situation
- Proactively Manage COVARIANCE



Risk Controls

- Action Needed→ Achieve Alignment
 - Management Objectives
 - Personnel Behaviors
- Results Needed→ Manage Covariance
- Outcome → Measure Against Priority (Adjust as Appropriate)



Risk Controls

- Can't Manage What You Can't Measure
- Tools
 - *Underwriting Process* (Standards versus Guidelines)
 - Structure (Alignment—Cause/Repayment Source)
 - Risk Rating System (Potential Volatility to Repayment)
 - Banker→
 - Bank→
 - Approval System (Affirmation of Decision)
 - MIS/Reporting (Inspect What You Expect)



Strategic to Tactical Risk Response

- Be Aware of Marketplace
 - Challenges to Success
 - Rolling Assessment
- Develop/Implement Strategic Credit Plan
 - Credit Policy
 - Credit Priority
 - Short and Long Term Outcomes
- Execute Strategic Credit Plan—Credit Process
 - Credit Risk Activities
 - Actions to Achieve Strategic Credit Plan

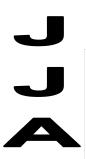


Credit Risk—Activities

• **Process**—What Needs to be Done to Manage Credit Risk?

• Systems—How Will Credit Risk Be Done?

• People—Who Will Do Credit Risk?



Process="What"

- Provides Credit Risk Framework—Credit
 Priority
- Key element is *Credit Policy* (Strategy)

• Provide linkage between Management Objectives and Personnel Behaviors (*Credit Culture*)



Systems="How"

- Provide for Credit Delivery Activities
- Key element is *Procedures* (*Tactics*)
- Execution must be customer/employee friendly
- Enable banker to provide value added for customer and bank
 - Credit Risk Management
 - Customer Relationship Management



People="Who"

- Must understand what is expected to accomplish job responsibilities (**Process**)
- Must *have/use correct tools* to achieve desired outcomes for customer and bank (*Systems*)
- Must receive correct training to achieve desired outcome for customer and bank (**People**)
- Must be *given the opportunity* to apply skills successfully for customer and bank (*Incentive*)



Credit Risk Concept

"You Aren't Paid to Make a Loan Decision; You Are Paid to Manage Credit Risk!"



Credit Process Components

- **Portfolio Management**—What Are We Trying to Achieve with Credit?
- Portfolio Acquisition—How Are We Going to Do Credit?
- **Portfolio Maintenance**—What Do We Do With the Credit Now That We Have It?



Credit Process Components

• Portfolio Management

Portfolio Acquisition

• Portfolio Maintenance

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Process—Portfolio Management

Philosophy/Objectives

• Portfolio Management

• Credit Planning

Relationship Planning



Credit Process

Portfolio Management

• Portfolio Acquisition

• Portfolio Maintenance

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Portfolio Acquisition

- Borrower Analysis
- Risk Assessment
- Structure
- Pricing
- Approval
- Documentation
- Relationship Administration



Credit Risk Defined

Probability

Times

Consequences



Risk Management—Transaction

- Credit Risk Issues
 - Probability → Identifying Risks
 - Consequences → Mitigating the Risks
 Taken
- Credit Risk Activities
 - − Probability → Analysis
 - Consequences → Structure



Credit Risk Management— Transaction

- Credit Risk Actions
 - Identify Changes (Questions)
 - Anticipate the Future (Cash Results)
- Credit Risk Outcome
 - ALIGN the Probabilities and Consequences to Achieve Institution's Desired Financial Results
 - GET THE CASH BACK
 - Borrower → Ability to *REPAY*
 - Guarantor \rightarrow Ability to PAY



Risk Assessment

- Financial Analysis → Identify Change
- Credit Analysis → Reason/Impact of Change
- Anticipate the Future
- Credit Decision > Make Recommendation

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Credit Process

Portfolio Management

Portfolio Acquisition

• Portfolio Maintenance



Portfolio Maintenance

- Credit Review
 - Policy Compliance
 - Procedures Accuracy
 - Risk Rating Reliability
- Problem Loan Administration
 - Philosophy
 - Policy
 - Procedures



Credit Risk Concepts

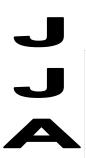
Focus on the Future

"Yesterday's loan repaid with today's cash; today's loan repaid with tomorrow's cash!"

• Be Strategic

"No one ever makes a loan decision; all decisions are portfolio decisions!"

"Credit Policy is your Strategic Plan for your credit business."



Credit Risk Concepts

• Operate Within Your Competency

"Bank performance is intersection of its marketplace and its response to that marketplace."

• Balance the Credit Paradox

"Bane of credit risk is finding the sweet spot between appropriate amount of growth with appropriate amount of quality."



Credit Risk Concepts

- Understand Institution's Credit Culture

 "Maintain alignment between Management
 Objectives and Front Line Personnel Behaviors."
- Reinforce Through Ongoing

 Communication

 "Its about the Message!"
- Manage to Desired Outcome "Inspect What You Expect""



Credit Quality Management

- Must Reinforce Business Strategy
- Must Be Broadly Communicated
- Must Be Proactively Managed
- Will Have Significant Impact On Organizational Performance



Role of Information

- Institution Sources
 - Annual Report
 - Call Report
 - Uniform Bank Performance Report
- Focus of Credit Risk Assessment
 - ALLL/Reserves
 - Provision
 - Non-Performing
 - Charge-offs



Action Plan

• Be PROACTIVE

- Know Marketplace
- Know Institution
- Know Customers
- Know People

• Anticipate the FUTURE

- Consider Probabilities/Consequences
- Manage to Strategy