



FIXED INCOME PRODUCTS AND MARKETS

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1. Swaps, Fras and Short Term Interest Rate Futures



1.0 Introduction

• Spot Market

- Equity, bonds,...
- Settlement of transactions occurs few days after

• Forward Market

- Futures, options, *forwards*, *swaps*, *caps*, *floors*, *collars*, etc.
- Settlement of transactions (delivery) occurs in the future, but the price is agreed today
- Main purpose: **Hedging**



• Forward Markets



- **OTC markets**
 - Taylor made
 - Counterparty risk
- **Organized markets (Exchanges)**
 - Standardized contracts
 - Liquidity
 - Transparency
 - No counterparty risk



• Types of operations



- **OTC Market**
 - *Forwards, Fra's, repos*
 - *Swaps*
 - *Options, caps, floors, collars*
- **Exchanges**
 - Futures
 - Options



1.1 Swaps

- Definition
 - Agreement between two parties
 - They exchange interest payments
 - Computed on a “notional” principal
 - Principal is not exchanged
- Classic swap (plain vanilla)
 - One side pays a fixed rate
 - Counterpart pays floating rate
- Floating rate is usually Libor / Euribor
 - Rate is reset at every payment date

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Example (plain vanilla swap)

- Date: 01/01/2008
- 6- months Euribor Swap with 2 years maturity, fixed rate r^f
- Notional amount: N

Schedule of payments (pay floating receive fixed)

Datas	01/07/2008	01/01/2009	01/07/2009	01/01/2010
<i>Fixed leg</i>		$r^f \times N$		$r^f \times N$
<i>Floating leg</i>	$-\frac{N}{2} \times E_{6M(01/01/2008)}$	$-\frac{N}{2} \times E_{6M(01/07/2008)}$	$-\frac{N}{2} \times E_{6M(01/01/2009)}$	$-\frac{N}{2} \times E_{6M(01/07/2009)}$

Where $E_{6M(i)}$ is the 6-months Euribor rate at date i

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Swap specifications (fixed/floating):

- Principal amount

A swap is composed of two legs a fixed leg whose payments depends on a fixed rate and a floating leg whose payments depends on a floating rate

The notional, or principal, amount allows one to calculate the exact amount of the different payments on the two legs of the swap
- Maturity date: date of termination of the swap contract
- Frequency

Payments on the fixed-leg take place either annually or semi-annually (e.g., in the US); Payments on the floating leg match the maturity of the reference rate (e.g., 4 times a year if the reference rate is a 3 months rate)
- Rate (day count convention) and payments

The floating rate for each period is fixed at the start of the period

The first interest payment of the swap is known in advance by both parties

Note that even if both parties pay and receive interest payments, at a payment date only the net difference between the two interest payments change hands



Pricing Swaps

- Exchange of a fixed-rate (F) for a floating-rate (V) security
- Initially, both have the same value
 - Otherwise it would not be a fair deal
$$F_0 = V_0$$
- Later on, prices can differ depending on the evolution of the term structure
 - Fixed-rate notes have longer duration => a rise (decline) in interest rates tends to lower (increase) the value of the fixed-leg more than that of the variable leg
 - This raises (lowers) the value of the swap to the buyer and lowers (raises) the value of the swap to the seller
- Value of the swap (party that receives fixed): $F_t - V_t$



Swap value



- Party that receives fixed

$$SWAP_t = N \times \left(\sum_{i=1}^n F \left(\frac{T_{ki} - T_{k(i-1)}}{360} \right) B(t, T_{ki}) - \sum_{j=1}^m V_{j-1} \left(\frac{T_j - T_{j-1}}{360} \right) B(t, T_j) \right)$$

(considering Actual/360 convention)

N – Notional principal

V_{j-1} - Floating rate at date T_{j-1} , paid at date T_j

m – number of cash-flows of the floating leg

F – Fixed rate

n – number of cash-flows of the fixed leg (k is a coefficient equal to the payment frequency on the variable leg divided by the payment frequency on the fixed leg: $kn = m$)

$T_j - T_{j-1}$ – number of days between the j th and the $(j-1)$ th payments



Swap value – zero coupon



- Assume that the notional is also exchanged (the fixed leg corresponds to a fixed rate bond and the variable leg to a FRN)
- Then, the floating will pay notional plus market rate
 - The present value of notional plus market rate is:
 - => Notional



The price of a floating rate note on each and every coupon date (T_{j-1} , $j = 2, 3, \dots, m$, including T_0) is equal to par, thus:

$$SWAP_{T_{j-1}} = N \times \underbrace{\left(\sum_{i=a}^n F \left(\frac{T_{ki} - T_{k(i-1)}}{360} \right) B(T_{j-1}, T_{ki}) + B(T_{j-1}, T_m) \right)}_{\text{fixed part value}} - N$$



Swap value – zero coupon method



Swap value at date $t \in T_{j-1} < t < T_j$

$$SWAP_t = N \times \underbrace{\left(\sum_{k=a}^n F \left(\frac{T_{k1} - T_{k(l-1)}}{360} \right) B(t, T_{k1}) + B(t, T_m) \right)}_{\text{fixed part value}} - N \times \underbrace{\left(V_{j-1} \left(\frac{T_j - T_{j-1}}{360} \right) + 1 \right) B(t, T_j)}_{\text{variable part value}} \\ \text{(considers only the next coupon)}$$

Example:

Today is 1/1: remaining life of 9 months

Notional principal of \$1,000

Receives 10% a year (Semiannually paid coupons, on 3/31 and 9/30)

Pays 6-month LIBOR (Next payment based on LIBOR at 6%)

Term structure: $r(0;0,25) = 5\%$ and $r(0;0,75) = 7\%$



Swap value – zero coupon method



Example (Cont.):

$$\text{Fixed: } F = \frac{50}{(1 + 0,05)^{0,25}} + \frac{1050}{(1 + 0,07)^{0,75}} = 1\,047,44$$

$$\text{Floating: } V = \frac{1030}{(1 + 0,05)^{0,25}} = 1\,017,51$$

Swap value (receive fixed rate):

$$F - V = 1\,047,44 - 1\,017,51 = 29,93$$



Swap value – Forward Projection Method



Replace V_{j-1} by its forward value $F(t, V_{j-1})$

(Receives fixed)

$$SWAP_t = N \times \left(\sum_{i=1}^n F \left(\frac{T_{ki} - T_{k(i-1)}}{360} \right) B(t, T_{ki}) - \sum_{j=1}^m F(t, V_{j-1}) \left(\frac{T_j - T_{j-1}}{360} \right) B(t, T_j) \right)$$

For the plain vanilla *swaps*, where the payments frequency and the maturity of the variable rate is the same, we have:

$$F(t, V_{j-1}) = \left(\frac{B(t, T_{j-1})}{B(t, T_j)} - 1 \right) \frac{360}{T_j - T_{j-1}}$$

And both methods are equivalent



Quotation



Market convention:

- set the floating leg at flat rate (Libor or Euribor)
- quote the fixed rate, called the **swap rate**, that makes the value of the swap equal to zero




The **swap rate** is then the value of the fixed rate that makes the swap's fixed leg equal to its floating leg




When the swap is initiated, the value of the floating leg equals to par, thus the value of the fixed leg also equals to par

The Swap rate is a *par yield*



Quotation – example



A market maker is quoting a 5 years 3-months Libor swap:

Bid	Ask
4,25%	4,30%

The bank is willing to pay a fixed rate of 4,25% and to receive 3-months Libor


The bank is willing to pay 3-months Libor and to receive a fixed rate of 4,30%

A swap is also quoted as a **swap spread**. The swap spread of a swap with a given maturity is equal to the difference between the fixed rate of the swap and the benchmark treasury bond yield of the same maturity. It is expressed as a number of basis points


Example: A market maker quotes a 5 years 3-month Libor swap: 45-50

- Means that he is willing to enter a swap paying fixed 45 points above the 5-years benchmark bond yield and receiving the Libor
- And receiving fixed 50 basis points above the 5-years bond yield and paying the Libor

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Ticker	TIME	Bid	Ask	Change	Open	High	Low	Prev Cls	Ticker	TIME	Bid	Ask	Change	Open	High	Low	Prev Cls
EURO									Euro Annual Swa								
Euro Swap Annu									23) 1YR	18:25	75.1363	76.9363	-7607	76.8870	78.3035	72.0031	76.7870
3) 1YR	18:25	4.6160	4.6340	+0430	4.5830	4.6365	4.5410	4.5820	24) 1.5YR	18:40			n.a.				N.A.
4) 1.5YR	18:40	4.4350	4.4440	+0600	4.3910	4.4510	4.3755	4.3780	25) 2YR	18:29	77.6622	79.5622	-8763	79.3885	81.5300	78.0122	79.2885
5) 2YR	18:40	4.3340	4.3530	+0545	4.2800	4.3570	4.2825	4.2880	26) 3YR	18:42	82.5360	84.5360	+2414	83.2446	85.2963	81.6946	83.2946
6) 3YR	18:42	4.2540	4.2740	+0440	4.2190	4.2805	4.2040	4.2195	27) 4YR	18:00	48.9156	51.5656	-1.5570	51.7982	52.9724	49.6482	51.7982
7) 4YR	18:00	4.2145	4.2410	+0270	4.2040	4.2575	4.1795	4.2005	28) 5YR	18:40	50.2892	52.1892	-1.7655	53.0047	53.8515	50.4481	53.0047
8) 5YR	18:42	4.2200	4.2390	+0190	4.2100	4.2605	4.1850	4.2105	29) 6YR	18:42	45.0787	46.8787	-1.5805	47.5592	48.4108	45.4287	47.5592
9) 6YR	18:42	4.2450	4.2630	+0130	4.2410	4.2990	4.2190	4.2405	30) 7Y	18:42	41.9356	43.8356	-1.8504	44.7360	45.8572	42.3356	44.7360
10) 7YR	18:42	4.2830	4.3020	+0095	4.2850	4.3220	4.2635	4.2830	31) 8YR	18:40	37.7191	39.6191	-1.6155	40.2846	41.4008	38.1191	40.2846
11) 8YR	18:42	4.3290	4.3480	+0030	4.3360	4.3720	4.3210	4.3355	32) 9YR	18:42	38.6507	40.4507	-1.3194	40.8701	41.6213	39.9507	40.8701
12) 9YR	18:42	4.3820	4.4000	+0005	4.3910	4.4220	4.3730	4.3900	33) 10YR	18:40	44.1000	46.5000	-1.8804	46.4278	48.1080	44.7974	47.2278
13) 10YR	18:42	4.4350	4.4540	+0005	4.4360	4.4755	4.4255	4.4440	34) 15YR	18:42	14.9000	17.0000	-3.5600	19.5000	19.5100	14.6500	19.5100
14) 12YR	18:42	4.5230	4.5620	-0005	4.5430	4.5740	4.5240	4.5430	35) 20YR	18:40	15.5556	19.4556	+4699	17.0357	19.6310	16.2886	17.0357
15) 15YR	18:42	4.6400	4.6610	-0296	4.6800	4.6801	4.6210	4.6801	36) 30YR	18:42	11.8310	15.6310	+1.1413	12.5897	15.5598	12.5332	12.5897
16) 20YR	18:42	4.6970	4.7360	-0015	4.7180	4.7470	4.6955	4.7180	For Euro Benchmark Yr Bt Ctrne, Type: (NYC113-Gov)								
17) 25YR	18:41	4.6940	4.7320	-0015	4.7150	4.7410	4.6925	4.7145	For Euro Swap Ctrne, Type: (NYC153-Gov)								
18) 30YR	18:41	4.6660	4.7040	-0030	4.6890	4.7135	4.6665	4.6880	Page Forward for All Swaps as Eolia								
19) 40YR	18:41	4.6090	4.6460	-0005	4.6290	4.6530	4.6055	4.6280									
20) 50YR	18:41	4.5620	4.6000	-0020	4.5840	4.6060	4.5570	4.5830									

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Uses of Swaps



Swaps may be used to:

- Optimize the financial conditions of a debt
- Convert the financial conditions of a debt
- Create new synthetic assets
- Hedge a bond or another fixed-income security against any change of the yield curve



Optimize the financial conditions of a debt



Financial conditions for two firms:

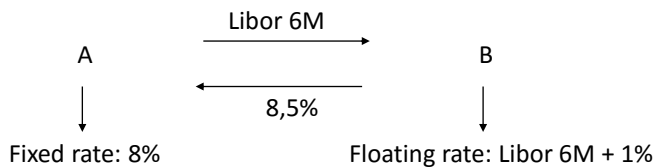
	Fixed rate	Floating rate
A	8%	Libor 6M + 0,50%
B	10%	Libor 6M + 1,00%

- A would prefer floating and B fixed
- A has “comparative advantage” at fixed:
 - 200 basis points better than B for fixed
 - 50 basis points better than B for floating
- A borrows at fixed and B at floating
- They enter a swap



Optimize the financial conditions of a debt

- Terms of the swap
 - A will pay 6-month Libor
 - B will pay 8,5%



- After the swap:
 - A pays: $8\% + \text{Libor } 6\text{M} - 8,5\% = \text{Libor} - 0,50\%$
 - B pays: $\text{Libor } 6\text{M} + 1\% + 8,5\% - \text{Libor } 6\text{M} = 9,5\%$
- Advantage:
 - A saves 100 basis points (pays Libor-.5% instead of Libor +.5%)
 - B saves 50 basis points (pays 9,5% instead of 10%)

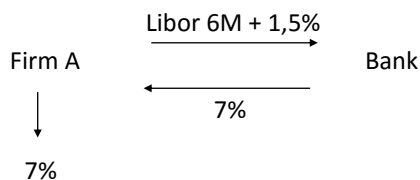


Convert the financial conditions of a debt

A firm issued a 5 years fixed rate (7%) bond.

At 2 years from maturity, the firm decides to transform its debt at a fixed rate into a floating-rate debt through a swap

Suppose the 2 years 6-months libor swap rate is 5,5% (or 7% against Libor 6M + 1,5%)



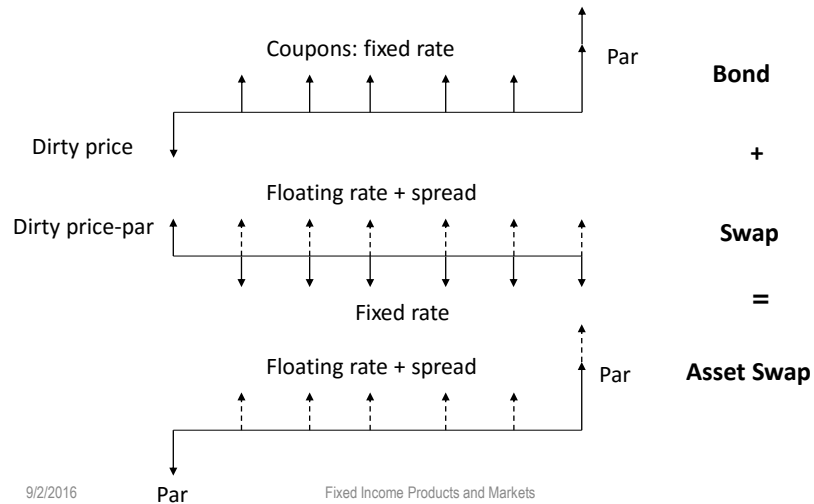
After the swap, the firm pays Libor 6M + 1,5%



Create synthetic securities – Asset Swap



Combination of a long position in a fixed rate bond and a swap creates a synthetic floating rate bonds, whose value depends on the credit spread:



Hedging interest rate risk



- Duration hedge:

$$\text{Hedge ratio: } \phi_s = -\frac{\$Dur_p}{\$Dur_s}$$

Where $\$Dur_p$ e $\$Dur_s$ are, respectively, the $\$$ duration of portfolio P and of the fixed-coupon bond contained in the swap

- Duration/Convexity hedge:

$$\begin{cases} \phi_1 \$Dur_{S_1} + \phi_2 \$Dur_{S_2} = -\$Dur_p \\ \phi_1 \$Conv_{S_1} + \phi_2 \$Conv_{S_2} = -\$Conv_p \end{cases}$$

Where $\$Dur_p$ ($\$Conv_p$), $\$Dur_{S_1}$ ($\$Conv_{S_1}$) e $\$Dur_{S_2}$ ($\$Conv_{S_2}$) are, respectively, the $\$$ duration ($\$$ Convexity) of portfolio P and of the fixed-coupon bond contained in swaps S_1 e S_2



Hedging interest rate risk



- Hedge in a Three-Factor model (Nelson e Siegel):

$$\begin{cases} \phi_1 \frac{\partial S_1}{\partial \beta_0} + \phi_2 \frac{\partial S_2}{\partial \beta_0} + \phi_3 \frac{\partial S_3}{\partial \beta_0} = - \frac{\partial P}{\partial \beta_0} \\ \phi_1 \frac{\partial S_1}{\partial \beta_1} + \phi_2 \frac{\partial S_2}{\partial \beta_1} + \phi_3 \frac{\partial S_3}{\partial \beta_1} = - \frac{\partial P}{\partial \beta_1} \\ \phi_1 \frac{\partial S_1}{\partial \beta_2} + \phi_2 \frac{\partial S_2}{\partial \beta_2} + \phi_3 \frac{\partial S_3}{\partial \beta_2} = - \frac{\partial P}{\partial \beta_2} \end{cases}$$

Where $\partial P / \partial \beta_i$, $\partial S_1 / \partial \beta_i$, $\partial S_2 / \partial \beta_i$ e $\partial S_3 / \partial \beta_i$ are, respectively, the sensitivity of portfolio P and of swaps S_1 , S_2 e S_3 with respect to factors β_i ($i = 0, 1, 2$)



Non Plain Vanilla Swaps



Accreting swap: the notional principal increases in amount over time

Amortizing swap: the notional principal decreases in a predetermined way over the life of the swap

Roller Coaster swap: the notional principal can rise or fall from period to period

Basis swap: a floating-for-floating interest rate swap

- That exchanges floating rate of two different markets ...
- ...or that exchanges the same floating rate but with different maturities ...
- ...or that exchanges floating rate of two different markets and with different maturities



Other types of Swaps (Nonplain Vanilla)



Constant maturity swap (CMS): is a floating-for-floating interest rate swap exchanging a Libor/Euribor rate for a particular swap rate

Example: 6-months Euribor against 5-years Swap rate

Forward-start swap: allows the counterparties to initiate it at a specified deferred date

Back-set swap: the floating rate is fixed at the end of each period

Zero-coupon swap: is a swap which allows a counterparty to exchange:

- a fixed or floating index that delivers regular coupon
- for an index that delivers only one coupon at the beginning or at the end of the swap



1.2 Short Term Interest Rate Futures



Future contract:

- negotiable
- in an exchange
- where the parties agree to buy/sell
- an underlying asset
 - with normalized quantity and quality
 - to be delivered in a future date
- at an agreed-upon price today



Future contract – underlying asset

- **Commodities**
- **Bonds**
- **Index**
- **Equity**
- **Interest rate**
- ...



Futures contracts - standardized characteristics

- **Characteristics**
 - Quantity (contract size)
 - Quality
 - Last trading day
 - Delivery day (delivery month)
 - Delivery place
 - Type of delivery (Settlement)
 - Quotation method / *tick size*



Short term interest rate futures contracts

- **Main Contracts:**
 - 3-month Euribor Futures
 - 3-month Eurodollar Futures
 - 3-month Euroswiss futures
 - 3-months EuroYen futures
 - 3-month Short Sterling futures

- **Main Exchanges**
 - NYSE Euronext (<https://globalderivatives.nyx.com/nyse-liffe>)
 - Eurex (www.eurexchange.com)
 - Chicago Mercantile Exchange (www.cme.com)

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3-months Euribor future contract

Unit of trading (contract size)	European Interbank Offered Rate (EURIBOR) for three-month euro term deposits – 1 000 000€
Quotation	100,000 – implied interest rate
Tick size	0,005%, ie, 1/2 basis point (tick value = 12,50 euros)
Contract months (delivery months)	Nyse Euronext: 6 consecutive months and the next 22 months from the quarterly cycle: March, June, September and December Eurex: 12 months of the quarterly cycle
Settlement	Cash settlement
EDSP (Exchange Delivery Settlement Price)	100,000 – Euribor 3M
Last Trading Day	two exchange days prior to the third Wednesday of the respective delivery month
Final Settlement Day	Eurex: last trading day; Nyse Euronext: First business day after the Last Trading Day


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3-months Euribor future contract		€%	
Type # <G0> For Related Function			
Futures Contract Description		Page 1/2	
Exchange (LIF) LIFFE		Related Functions	
Name	3MO EURO EURIBOR Jun08	1) CT	Contract Table
Ticker	ERM8 <CMDTY>	2) EXS	Expiration Schedule
Price is 100 - Yield		3) SFR	Synthetic FRA Matrix
		4) WECO	World Economic Releases
Contract Size	EUR 1,000,000	Margin Limits	
Value of 1.0 pt	EUR 2,500	Speculator	
Tick Size	.005	Initial	700
Tick Value	EUR 12.5		
Current Price	95.430 100 - yield		
Pt. Val x Price	EUR 238,575 @ 15:51:41		
Cycle	--- --- Mar --- --- Jun --- --- Sep --- --- Dec		
Trading Hours		Three Month Euro Euribor Interest Rate Future.	
London	Local	As of Nov.22,1999, trading only on Liffe Connect.	
01:00-21:00	01:00-21:00	On last trading day, trading ceases at 10am.	
		Delivery date is 1 business day after LTD.	
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3-months Euribor future contract		€%	
Contract Table			
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3)ERM8 Jun08	95.435	-.01%	15:42
4)ERN8 Jul08			
5)ERQ8 Aug08			
6)ERU8 Sep08	95.730	-.04%	15:42
7)ERZ8 Dec08	95.880	-.02%	15:42
8)ERH9 Mar09	96.065	-.03%	15:42
9)ERM9 Jun09	96.125	-.03%	15:42
10)ERU9 Sep09	96.170	-.04%	15:42
11)ERZ9 Dec09	96.125	-.04%	15:42
12)ERH0 Mar10	96.110	-.04%	15:40
13)ERM0 Jun10	96.070	-.03%	15:37
14)ERU0 Sep10	96.040	-.03%	15:35
15)ERZ0 Dec10	95.995	-.03%	15:21
16)ERH1 Mar11	95.995	-.03%	15:10
17)ERM1 Jun11			
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		0	0
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		464716	61422
		338172	39104
		278412	21895
		219168	15198
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 **3-months Euribor future contract** 

Contract Table

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Exchange Web Page Pricing Date: **4/7/08** Price Display: **2**



Eurex Deutschland Delayed prices --LATEST AVAILABLE--

Grey date = options trading 36496 690 Previous

	Last	Pct Chg	Time	High	Low	OpenInt	TotVol	Close
1)FPM8 Jun08	95.430d	-.02%	12:37	95.435	95.430	21587	583	95.445
2)FPU8 Sep08	95.725d	-.04%	12:35	95.735	95.725	6442	80	95.765
3)FPZ8 Dec08	95.885d	-.02%	14:36	95.885	95.875	2755	5	95.900
4)FPH9 Mar09	96.065d	-.03%	12:27	96.070	96.050	1471	18	96.090
5)FPM9 Jun09	96.110d	-.05%	9:44	96.110	96.110	1269	4	96.155
6)FPU9 Sep09						1593	0	96.205
7)FPZ9 Dec09						629	0	96.155
8)FPH0 Mar10						244	0	96.140
9)FPM0 Jun10						169	0	96.095
10)FPU0 Sep10						213	0	96.060
11)FPZ0 Dec10						92	0	96.020
12)FPH1 Mar11						32	0	96.015

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 **Hedging with 3-months Euribor futures contracts** 

Risk exposure:

	Risk of an increase in interest rate	Risk of a decrease in interest rate
Need to finance in the future	x	
Excess cash in the future		x
Bonds indexed to Euribor rate:		
- Issuer	x	
- Investors		x

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Hedging with 3-months Euribor futures contracts



- Types of hedging:

- Risk of an increase in interest rate → Sell Futures
(short hedge)

- Risk of a decrease in interest rate → Buy Futures
(long hedge)

- Substitution of risks:

Interest rate risk →

- Indivisibility risk
- Basis Risk
- Correlation risk
- Spread risk

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Hedging with 3-months Euribor futures contracts



- Fixing a loan rate

Example 1:

On 7/04, a firm knows that it will need 50 millions euros on 16/06 (last trading day of futures contracts) for 90 days. The loan rate is 3-months Euribor + 0,50%.

Cash-Euribor 3 Month: 4,742%

3-Months Euribor future (Junho): 95,43 (implied rate: 4,57%)



Risk of an increase in interest rates ⇒ **Sell futures**

$$\text{Number of contracts to sell*} = \frac{50\,000\,000}{1\,000\,000} = 50$$

* Without considering the *tailing*

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Hedging with 3-months Euribor futures contracts



Scenario 1 On 16/06: 3-months Euribor = 4%
Futures = 96,00

Interest on the loan
(rate: 4,00%+0,50% = 4,50%): $50\ 000\ 000 (0,045) \frac{90}{360} = 562\ 500$

Result on futures position: $\left(\frac{95,43 - 96,00}{0,005}\right) 12,5(50) = -71\ 250$
 Δ ticks ↓ Tick value # of contracts

Result on futures positions
(capitalized at Euribor rate): $-71\ 250 \left(1 + 0,04 \frac{90}{360}\right) = -71\ 962,5$

Net financing costs: $562\ 500 + 71\ 962,5 = 634\ 462,5$

Net financing rate = $\frac{634\ 462,5}{50\ 000\ 000} \left(\frac{360}{90}\right) = 5,076\%$



Hedging with 3-months Euribor futures contracts



On 16/06:

	Scenario 1 Decrease in rate	Scenario 2	Scenario 3 Rise in rate
Euribor 3 m.	4,00%	4,74%	5,50%
Futures Euribor 3 m.	96,00	95,26	94,50
Financing rate	4,50%	5,242%	6,00%
Interest	562 500 €	655 250 €	750 000€
Results on futures*	-71 962,50 €	21 754,88 €	117 848,44 €
Net financing costs	634 462,50 €	633 495,12 €	632 151,56 €
Net financing rate	5,076%	5,068%	5,057%

* Capitalized for 90 days at Euribor 3 m rate

- The hedging with futures allowed to fix on 7/04 a value (the implied rate on the future price) for the 3 –months euribor rate on 16/06.



Hedging with 3-months Euribor futures contracts



- Fixing the Financing rate (cont.)

⇒ When the date of the future loan doesn't coincide with the future's last trading day



Basis Risk

(financing rate obtained \approx initial financing rate (cash) + basis change)

(Basis = Future price - (100 - Euribor 3M))

⇒ When the financing rate is related to other than 3-months Euribor reference rate



Correlation risk

(financing rate obtained \approx initial financing rate (cash) + basis change + change in the difference between the financing rate and the 3-month euribor rate)



Hedging with 3-months Euribor futures contracts



- Fixing the lending rate



Buy futures contracts

⇒ If the future lending date coincides with the future's last trading day :

Lending rate obtained \approx futures implied rate - spread between Euribor 3M and the lending rate on the last trading day

⇒ If the future lending date doesn't coincide with the future's last trading day :

Lending rate obtained \approx initial lending rate (cash) + basis change - change in spread (Euribor 3M - lending rate)



forward bid-ask rates



Remember that:

Borrowing for a short period (D_s days) + lending for a long period (D_L days)



Allows to fix today the rate for a future lending starting in D_s days from now, for a period of $(D_L - D_s)$ days

(*forward bid rate*)

Lending for a short period (D_s days) + borrowing for a long period (D_L days)



Allows to fix today the rate for a future borrowing starting in D_s days from now, for a period of $(D_L - D_s)$ days

(*forward ask rate*)

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Forward bid-ask rates



$$\text{forward bid rate} = \left[\frac{1 + R_L^{\text{bid}} \frac{D_L}{360}}{1 + R_S^{\text{ask}} \frac{D_C}{360}} - 1 \right] \times \frac{360}{D_L - D_S}$$

$$\text{forward ask rate} = \left[\frac{1 + R_L^{\text{ask}} \frac{D_L}{360}}{1 + R_S^{\text{bid}} \frac{D_C}{360}} - 1 \right] \times \frac{360}{D_L - D_S}$$

R_L^{bid} - bid rate for the long period

R_S^{bid} - bid rate for the short period

R_L^{ask} - ask rate for the long period

R_S^{ask} - ask rate for the short period

D_S - # of days in the short period

D_L - # of days in the long period

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Forward bid-ask rates



Example:

Term	Euribid	Euribor
3 months (90d)	4,65%	4,75%
6 months (180d)	4,50%	4,60%

$$\text{forward bid rate} = \left[\frac{1 + 0,0450 \frac{180}{360}}{1 + 0,0475 \frac{90}{360}} - 1 \right] \times \frac{360}{180 - 90} = 0,04200$$

$$\text{forward ask rate} = \left[\frac{1 + 0,0460 \frac{180}{360}}{1 + 0,0465 \frac{90}{360}} - 1 \right] \times \frac{360}{180 - 90} = 0,044977$$



Arbitrage with 3-months Euribor futures



Compare the *forwards* rates obtained through the money market cash rates with the implied rates of the future's price

Relevant dates:

Moment 0 – Position opening in the futures market and the interbank market

Moment T – Futures contract delivery date

Moment T+ 90 – lending/borrowing settlement



Cash and Carry Arbitrage



Conditions to implement: overvalued future contract

Future price Implied rate < forward bid rate

Strategy:

- Borrow in the money market for T days (short period: (0;T))
- Sell (“expensive”) futures contracts, with delivery in T days, ensuring the borrowing roll-over rate for 90 days
- Lend in the money market for T+90 days (long period: (0;T+90))



Cash and Carry Arbitrage



Example:

Term	Euribid	Euribor
3 months (90d)	4,65%	4,75%
6 months (180d)	4,50%	4,60%

forward bid rate = 4,2%

Future (delivery in 90 days): 95,98

Future price implied rate (4,02%) < forward bid rate (4,20%)



Cash & carry arbitrage opportunity

Carry out the strategy considering 20 000 000 € of reference value.



Cash and Carry Arbitrage



Example (cont.):

Moment 0:

- Borrow for 90 days (rate: 4,75%) so as to liquidate 20.000.000€ at the end :

$$19\,765\,287,21 = \frac{20\,000\,000}{\left(1 + 0,0475 \frac{90}{360}\right)}$$

- Lend for 180 days (4,5%): - 19 765 287,21

the final value will be: $19\,765\,287,21 \left(1 + 0,045 \frac{180}{360}\right) = 20\,210\,006,18$

- Sell futures contracts:

$$N = \frac{20\,000\,000}{1\,000\,000} = 20$$

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Cash and Carry Arbitrage



Example (cont.):

Moment T:

	Scenario 1 Euribor 3m = 4,00%	Scenario 2 Euribor 3m = 4,75%	Scenario 3 Euribor 3m = 5,50%
Second borrowing for 90 days*	20 009 907,11	19 972 828,83	19 935 887,72
maturity of first borrowing	-20 000 000,00	-20 000 000,00	-20 000 000,00
Result in futures	-1 000,00	36 500,00	74 000,00
Arbitrage gain	8 907,11	9 328,83	9 887,72

*The amount of the second borrowing is such that its maturity value matches the final value of the initial lending, (this way the arbitrage gain is available on T):

$$20\,009\,907,11 = \frac{20\,210\,006,18}{\left(1 + 0,04 \frac{90}{360}\right)}$$

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Reverse Cash and Carry Arbitrage



Conditions to implement: undervalued future contract

Future prices implied rate > **forward ask rate + bid-ask spread expected for the last trading day**

Strategy:

- Lend in the money market for T days (0;T)
- Buy (“cheap”) futures, with delivery in T days, “ensuring” the lending roll-over rate for 90 days
- Borrow in the money market for T+90 days (0;T+90)



1.3 Fra – Forward Rate Agreement



Definition

FRA – is an agreement between two parties whereby:

- the seller of FRA agrees to pay floating interest rate and receive a fixed interest rate;
- the buyer of FRA agrees to pay the fixed interest rate and receive the floating interest;
- on an agreed notional amount
- over an agreed **forward period**

Buying Fras allows to fix a borrowing rate (to hedge against rising interest rates)

Selling Fra allows to fix a lending rate (to hedge against decreasing interest rates)



Fra - characteristics



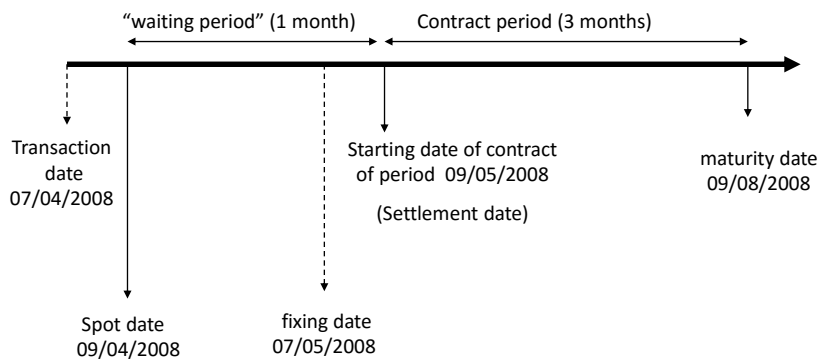
- definition of two periods
 - “waiting period”: period of time between today and the starting of the forward period – y months
 - “contract period”: length of the forward period (term of the loan/deposit) - z months
- $Fra_{yx(y+z)}$: Fra_{1x7} : 6 months loan/deposit starting 1 month from now
- Definition of two rates
 - the fixed rate (Fra rate)
 - the reference rate (exp: Euribor, Libor,...)



Fra - characteristics



Example: On 07/04/2008 an Fra_{1x4} was transacted :





FRA - Characteristics



- Interest difference:

$$N(r_{\text{ref}} - r_{\text{Fra}}) \frac{n}{360}$$

r_{ref} - reference rate

r_{Fra} - Fra rate

n - # of days of contract period

N - notional amount

- Settlement amount:

$$\frac{N(r_{\text{ref}} - r_{\text{Fra}}) \frac{n}{360}}{1 + r_{\text{ref}} \frac{n}{360}}$$

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FRA - characteristics



If:

- $r_{\text{ref}} > r_{\text{Fra}}$ – the seller pays to the buyer the settlement amount
- $r_{\text{ref}} < r_{\text{Fra}}$ – The buyer pays to the seller the settlement amount

Example:

On 07/04/2008, a firm bought an $\text{Fra}_{1 \times 4}$:

- Fra rate: 4,5%
- Reference rate: Euribor 3m
- Notional amount: 10 millions €

On 07/05/2008, the Euribor 3m rate is 4,15%, so the firm will pay to the bank:

$$\frac{10\,000\,000(0,045 - 0,0415) \frac{92}{360}}{1 + 0,0415 \frac{92}{360}} = 8\,850,58$$

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FRA vs Futures



The 3-months Euribor future contract is equivalent to an FRA (with a contract period of 3 months), with daily mark to market.

Quotation:

		Bid	Ask
FRA : Interest rate	(exp.	4,25	4,28)
Future: 100 – implied rate	(exp.	95,54	95,555)

Hedging interest rate risk

Risk of...	Decrease	Increase
Futures	Buy	Sell
FRA's	Sell	buy

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Futures vs FRAs Arbitrage



Implementation condition		Strategy
FRA bid rate > Bid future price implied rate	Future contract overvalued (relative to FRA)	Sell FRA Sell Futures
Fra ask rate < Ask future price implied rate	Future contract undervalued (relative to FRA)	Buy FRA Buy Futures

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Futures vs FRAs Arbitrage



Example:

ON 16/04 the quotes of FRAs and 3-months euribor futures contracts for June were:

	Bid	Ask
FRA _{2x5} *	4,44%	4,47%
3-months Euribor futures	95,46	95,48

FRA ask rate (4,47%)

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ask future price implied rate(4,52%)



Arbitrage opportunity:

buy FRA

buy Futures

*the reference rate is 3-months Euribor

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Futures vs FRAs Arbitrage



Relevant dates:

Future last trading day:	16/06/2008	
FRA fixing date:	16/06/2008	
Futures settlement date:	17/06/2008	
FRA settlement date	18/06/2008	} 92 days
FRA maturity date	18/09/2008	

Considering an FRA notional amount of 20 millions, how many futures contracts should be transacted?

- Impact of 0,5 bp change on 3 months euribor rate:

- FRA value:
$$\frac{20\,000\,000(0,00005)\frac{92}{360}}{1 + 0,0453\frac{92}{360}} = 252,631$$

- Value of 1 future contract: 12,5 (tick size)

of contracts to transact:
$$N = \frac{252,631}{12,5} = 20,21 \quad (20 \text{ contratos})$$



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Futures vs FRAs Arbitrage



	Scenario 1 Euribor = 4,00% Futures = 96,00	Scenario 2 Euribor = 4,50% Futures = 95,50	Scenario 3 Euribor = 5,00% Futures = 95,00
FRA settlement	- 23 779,15	1 515,90	26 747,12
Result on futures	26 000,00	1 000,00	- 24 000,00
Total	2 220,85	2 515,90	2 747,12