## **DERIVATIVES**

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#### THE DERIVATIVE MARKET

- Global derivatives markets are worth tens of trillions of dollars annually
- Can be a transaction in isolation or a part of a broader transaction like structured finance, project financing, securitisations, CDOs and repackagings
- Mystery
- Terminology

#### **FACTS AND FIGURES**

- BIS reports USD 595 trillion notional of derivatives at end June 2018
- USA reports average daily notional interest rate derivative trading Q1 2017 at USD 787 billion
- USA reports Q1 2017 average number of interest rate derivative trades 4718
- 74% of interest rate derivative turnover involves an end user on one side and a reporting dealer on the other.

#### **EXAMPLES: ALL MARKET SECTORS**

### **Manufacturing:**

 Manufacturers use derivatives to help lock in the cost of issuing debt to finance new investments and plants, which contributes to growth and job creation.

### **Exporting:**

 Exporters use derivatives to achieve certainty in the rate they can convert future overseas revenue, which creates stability and keeps them competitive.

#### **Food Production:**

 The agricultural businesses that produce food and the companies that bring it to store use derivatives to manage the risk of fluctuating crop, livestock and fuel prices.

### **Energy:**

 Explorers, producers and distributors of energy use derivatives to manage changes in energy prices and reduce volatility for consumers.

#### **Financial Services:**

 Banks use derivatives to manage their interest rate risk, enabling them to expand lending to individuals and businesses.

#### **EXAMPLES: ALL MARKET SECTORS**

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### **Mortgage Providers:**

 Derivatives allow mortgage providers to offer a choice of fixed-rate and floatingrate mortgages.

### **Transport:**

 Airlines use derivatives to hedge fuel costs, which helps to keep ticket prices more stable.

#### **Pensions:**

• Pension funds use derivatives to manage interest rate and inflation risk to protect the value of pension pots for future retirees.

#### Insurance:

 Insurance companies use derivates to ensure premiums paid by customers are sufficient to meet future insurance claims.

## **EXAMPLES OF DERIVATIVE TRANSACTIONS**

- Interest Rate Swap
- Basis Swap
- Forward Rate Transaction
- Commodity Option
- Equity or Equity Index Swap
- Equity Option
- Equity Index Option
- Bond Option
- Interest Rate Option
- Cap Transaction
- Floor Transaction
- Collar Transaction
- **Currency Swap**

- Cross Currency Rate Swap
- Currency Option
  - Deliverable
  - Non-Deliverable
- Foreign Exchange Transaction
  - Deliverable
  - Non-Deliverable
- Swaption
- Credit Default Swap
- Total Return Swap
- Bullion Trade
- Bullion Option
- Bullion Swap
- Any Combination of the above

#### **TODAY**

- What is a derivative?
- Examples
- Terminology
- How are they documented?
- Legal issues

#### WHAT ARE DERIVATIVES?

**DEFINITION** 

"A derivative is a contract, whose value derives from that of an underlying asset or index"

#### WHAT ARE DERIVATIVES?

#### FIVE KEY ELEMENTS

#### **Contracts**

- general principles of contract law apply
- capacity and authority

## Rights and obligations

- may change over life of contract as value changes
- market risk

## **Future performance**

Counterparty risk - bankruptcy

## Linked to underlying asset

value of underlying affects value of derivative

#### **Financial instruments**

a derivative contract has a value and can be sold independently of the underlying asset.

### TYPES OF DERIVATIVES: FORWARDS **AND OPTIONS**

## The crucial building blocks to understanding all derivative products:

#### **Forwards**

- Terms agreed now
- Creates legal obligations for both parties to perform in the future
- Example: equity forward (agreement today) for the sale and purchase of specified shares on a specified date in the future at an agreed price) (aka "future" in exchange traded context)

## Sub-set

#### **Swaps**

- Typically an exchange of cash flows over time
- A type of forward, since:
- terms agreed now
- performance in future
- creates legal obligations for both parties to perform in the future
- Example: fixed to floating interest rate swap

#### **Options**

- Terms agreed now
- Option buyer has right (but not obligation) to exercise in future
- Put or call (sell or buy)
- Example: equity option (agreement today giving one party the option to buy/sell specified shares in the future at an agreed price)

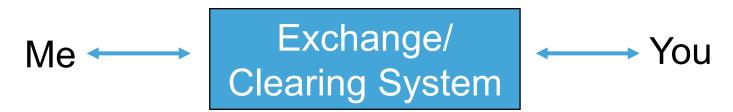
#### **HOW ARE DERIVATIVES TRANSACTED?**

OTC (over-the-counter) or securities or funds

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## **Exchange traded**



#### **EXAMPLE OF A FORWARD**

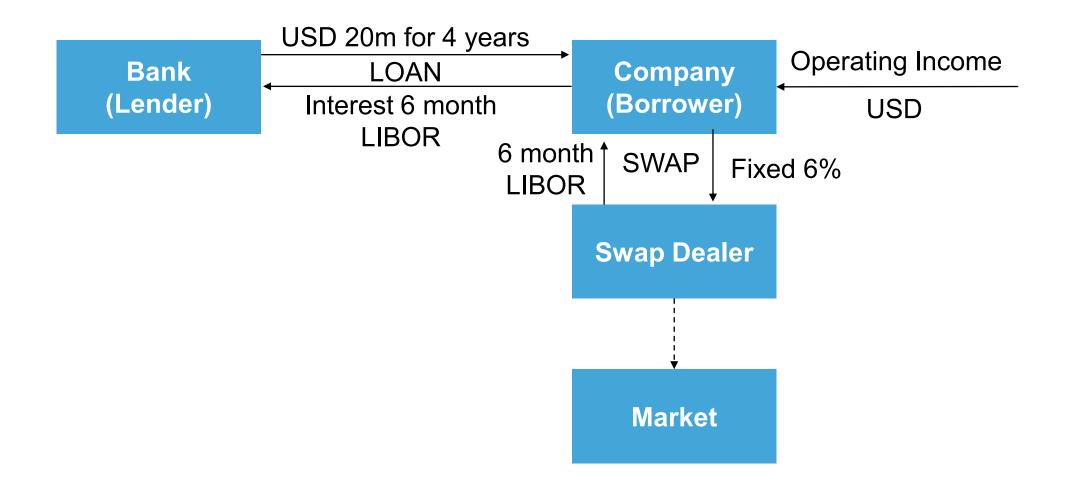
- You and I agree now that I will sell my shares to you in 5 years for \$100.
- Compulsory (no optionality)
- Why?

- In 5 years what happens?
- What if cash settled?

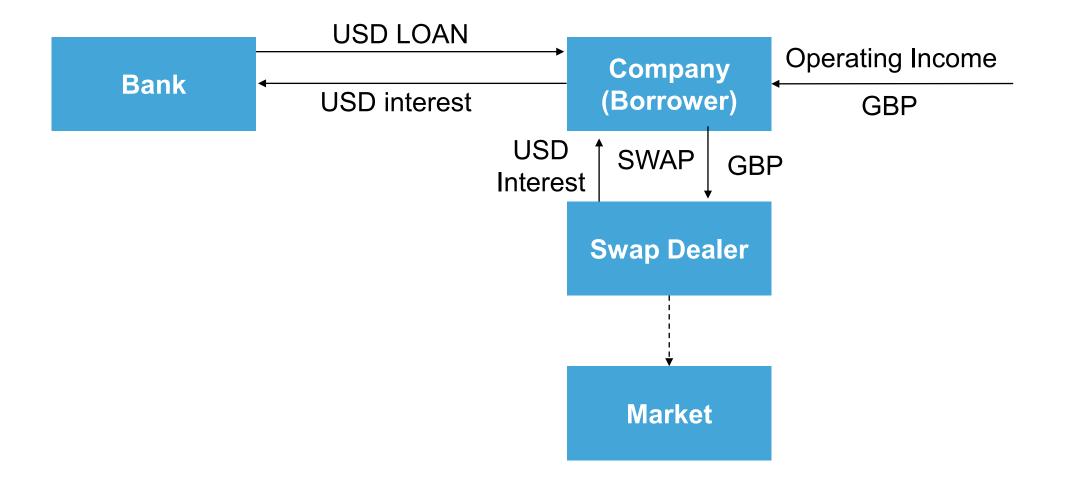
## **ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF A FORWARD: SWAPS**

- Subset of forwards
- Can swap:
  - assets such as bonds or equities
  - cash flows
  - interest rates
  - currencies
  - credit risk

#### **EXAMPLE: INTEREST RATE SWAP**



### **EXAMPLE: CURRENCY SWAP**



#### **EXAMPLE OF PUT OPTION**

- You and I agree now that I will have the option to sell (put) my shares to you in 5 years for \$100
- I "may do", you then "must do"
- Why?
  - Option buyer has paid a premium to option seller
- In 5 years what happens?

#### **EXAMPLE OF CALL OPTION**

- You and I agree now that you will have the option to buy (call) my shares in 5 years for \$100
- You "may do", I then "must do"
- Why?
  - Option buyer has paid a premium to the option seller
- In 5 years what happens?

#### **TERMINOLOGY: OPTIONS**

## **Terminology**

- Call option a right to purchase
- Put option a right to sell
- Premium
- Exercise
- Exercise price
- European style exercisable only at maturity
- American style exercisable at any time in the exercise period, hence expire
- Bermudan style exercisable on certain specified dates in the exercise period

### TERMINOLOGY: EXPOSURE AND RISK IN DERIVATIVES

### Position/Exposure

 if A owes money to B then B can be said to have an exposure to/be exposed to A

#### **Credit risk**

 B is taking a risk in respect of A's creditworthiness that A will be able to pay B back before A goes bust (risk of insolvency)

#### Settlement risk

 the risk that A fails to settle its obligations on the due date (thus perhaps causing B to default elsewhere)

#### Market risk

 the risk of an adverse movement in the relevant market if derivative needs to be re-booked

#### WHY USE DERIVATIVES?

## **Principally:**

## Hedging

- Managing out **risk**
- Remember: a hedge is an investment made to reduce the risk of loss from fluctuations in interest rates or the price of commodities, currencies or securities etc.

## **Speculation**

Deliberately taking on risk for the reward.

## **Arbitrage**

Taking advantage of different prices in different markets.

#### **HOW ARE DERIVATIVES VALUED?**

MARK-TO-MARKET (1)

 Value of derivative to each party at a moment in time during the tenure of the derivative

Example: 1EUR/1USD Swap

#### **HOW ARE DERIVATIVES VALUED?**

MARK-TO-MARKET (2)

- What would parties pay to enter transaction again
- In the money
- Out of the money
- Why calculate?
  - Determine exposure for credit and regulatory purposes

#### WHAT IS COLLATERAL?

- A credit enhancement mechanism used to reduce or mitigate credit risk
- Limits the credit exposure of one or both parties across a portfolio of derivatives
- The net mark-to-market value of the portfolio between two parties is reviewed on a periodic basis and, if necessary, the out-of-themoney party transfers collateral to the in-the-money party.

## What is the purpose of taking collateral?

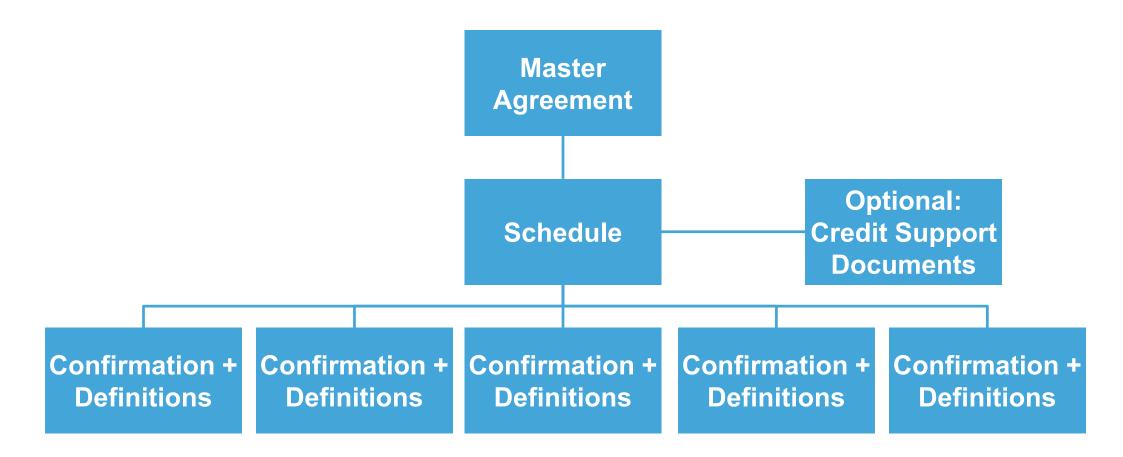
- Counterparty risk transformed into legal, operational, market, liquidity risks
- Regulatory capital can be reduced
- Compliance with OTC regulation
- Collateral can produce access to:
- More clients, more liquidity
- Longer maturity transactions
- Larger size transactions
- Transactions with high risk elements.

#### **OTC DERIVATIVE DOCUMENTS**

#### INTRODUCING THE ISDA MASTER AGREEMENT

- Who is ISDA?
- What is a Master Agreement?
- The 3 Master Agreements:
  - -1987
  - -1992
  - -2002
- What does it look like?

### ISDA DERIVATIVE DOCUMENTATION FRAMEWORK: THE KEY COMPONENTS



#### BENEFITS OF MASTER AGREEMENT

- Certainty as to legal position
- Liquidity: facilitates more market trading when parties trade consistently
- Bank documentation teams: reduces need to rely on outside Counsel
- Reduces costs of documenting derivative transactions.

#### **ISDA MASTER AGREEMENT** COMPARISON TO LOAN AGREEMENT

	ISDA Master Agreement	Loan
Representations	✓	✓
Withholding tax/gross-up	✓	✓
Transfer restrictions	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Events of Default	<b>✓</b>	✓
Payments on default	<b>✓</b>	✓
Notices	✓	<b>✓</b>
Governing law	✓	<b>✓</b>

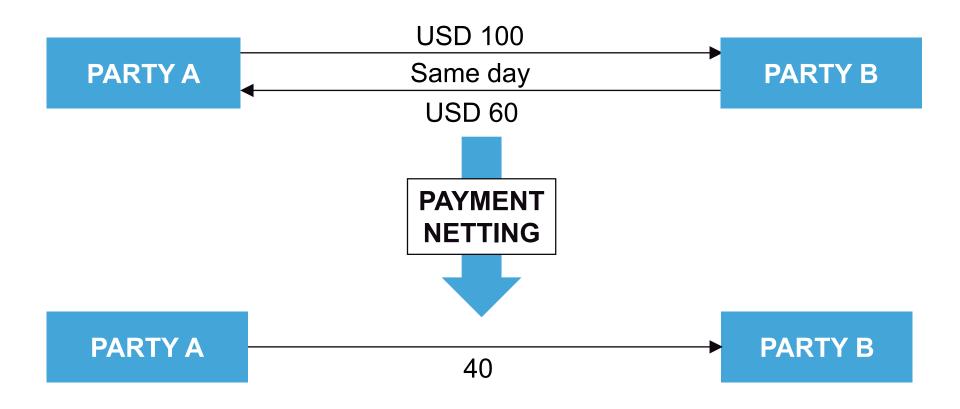
### IMPORTANT MASTER AGREEMENT **CONCEPTS**

PAYMENT NETTING

## Payment netting for same currency payments on same day benefits counterparties by reducing:

- number of payments
- size of payment
- scope for settlement error
- cost of payment
- credit exposure
- settlement risk.

### **EXAMPLE OF PAYMENT NETTING**



## IMPORTANT MASTER AGREEMENT **CONCEPTS**

WHEN DO TRANSACTIONS TERMINATE EARLY?

## **Events of Default** (All trades terminate)

- Bankruptcy
- Failure to Pay
- Breach of Agreement
- Cross Default etc.

## **Termination Events** (Some trades terminate)

- Illegality
- Force Majeure
- Tax Event
- Additional Termination Events etc.

### IMPORTANT MASTER AGREEMENT CONCEPTS

**CLOSE-OUT NETTING** 

## How does close-out netting work?

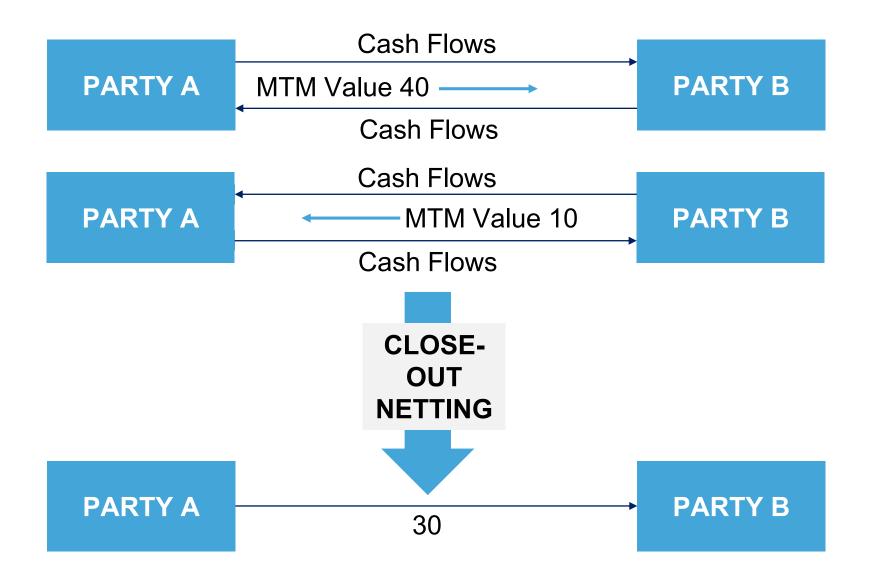
## **Upon insolvency**

- Accelerate performance of individual derivative transactions
- Convert non-cash amounts to cash equivalent
- Convert all amounts to a base currency (the "Termination Currency")
- Set-off each amount to produce single figure
- Intended to stop "cherry-picking" by liquidator.

## As a concept before insolvency

- Risk management
- Collateral on a net basis
- Regulatory capital requirements for banks.

#### **EXAMPLE OF CLOSE-OUT NETTING**



#### THE ROLE OF THE LAW AND LAWYERS

## Effective risk management requires legal certainty. In the ISDA context this means:

- Enforceability of derivatives contracts
- Clarity of insolvency law and enforceability of netting provisions
- Clarity regarding the treatment of collateral.

## **Key questions:**

- Will my agreement be respected and enforced by a court or arbitration tribunal?
- Will it be enforced <u>as written</u>, both before and after my counterparty's insolvency?
- How can I protect against the risk of my counterparty's insolvency?
  - Early termination and close-out netting under a master agreement
  - Do collateral arrangements work?
  - Legal opinions.

# LEGAL ISSUES IMPACTING DERIVATIVES

## **Licensing and Capacity**

- Authorisation
- Capacity and authority

## Regulatory requirements

- Trade reporting
- Mandatory clearing
- Mandatory margining.

## Insolvency

- Collateral
- Netting

## Legal characterisation

- Insurance
- Tax
- Gambling

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