

## Introduction To Structured Finance

This chapter comes from the book *The Handbook of Structured Finance*, a complete guide to the major issues facing investors in the structured finance market. Comprehensive and accessible, it provides the latest techniques for measuring and managing risk, finding optimum pricing, and taking advantage of leverage and market incompleteness, as well as models for debt and equity modeling.

This book is designed to start with simple examples that progressively develop the reader's confidence to take on more complex tasks. There is very little theoretical discussion about computer science, operations research algorithms, mathematics, or finance. The thrust of the book is to teach the reader to break complex tasks down into simple tasks. It then looks to implement those simple tasks into VBA code using a critical subset of the features of the language. The tentative contents is: (1) Why? What? Who? Where? and How? (2) Common Sense (3) Securitizing A Loan Portfolio (4) Understanding the Excel Waterfall (5) Designing the VBA Model (6) Laying the Model Groundwork (7) Recorded Macros: A First Look at the VBA Language (8) Writing Menus: An Introduction to Data, Ranges, Arrays, and Objects (9) Controlling the Flow of the Model (10) Building Messaging Capabilities (11) Designing the Model's Reports (12) Main Program and Menus (13) Writing the Collateral Selection Code (14) Calculating the Cash Flows (15) Running the Waterfall: Producing Initial Results (16) Debugging the Model (17) Validating the Model (18) Running the Model (19) Building Additional Capabilities (20) Documentation of the Model (21) Managing the Growth of the Model (22) Building Portfolio Monitoring Model (23) Valuation Techniques: How do we Determine Price? (24) Challenging Times For the Deal (25) Parting Admonitions

Credit derivatives as a financial tool has been growing exponentially from almost nothing more than seven years ago to approximately US\$5 trillion deals completed by end of 2005. This indicates the growing importance of credit derivatives in the financial sector and how widely it is being used these days by banks globally. It is also being increasingly used as a device of synthetic securitisation. This significant market trend underscores the need for a book of such a nature. Kothari, an undisputed expert in credit derivatives, explains the subject matter using easy-to-understand terms, presents it in a logical structure, demystifies the technical jargons and blends them into a cohesive whole. This revised book will also include the following: - New credit derivative definitions - New features of the synthetic CDO market - Case studies of leading transactions of synthetic securitisations - Basle II rules - The Consultative Paper 3 has significantly revised the rules, particularly on synthetic CDOs - Additional inputs on legal issues - New clarifications on accounting for credit derivatives/credit linked notes

A timely guide to today's high-yield corporate debt markets *Leveraged Finance* is a comprehensive guide to the instruments and markets that finance much of corporate America. Presented in five sections, this experienced author team covers topics ranging from the basics of bonds and loans to more advanced topics such as valuing CDs, default correlations among CLOs, and hedging strategies across corporate capital structures. Additional topics covered include basic corporate credit, relative value analysis, and various trading strategies used by investors, such as hedging credit risk with the equity derivatives of a different company. Stephen Antczak, Douglas Lucas, and Frank Fabozzi present readers with real-market examples of how investors can identify investment opportunities and how to express their views on the market or specific companies through trading strategies, and examine various underlying assets including loans, corporate bonds, and much more. They also offer readers an overview of synthetic and structured products such as CDS, LCDS, CDX, LCDX, and CLOs. *Leveraged Finance* has the information you need to succeed in this evolving financial arena.

The rapid accumulation of pension funds assets in Latin America has surpassed the offer of eligible traditional corporate debt securities, contributing to a high concentration of funds investment portfolios on public debt. Authors argue that the introduction of structured finance mechanisms can help to expand the pool of eligible investments by issuing high quality securities that are ultimately linked to loans to small borrowers, mortgage loans or proceeds of infrastructure projects.

*Securitization, Structured Finance, and Capital Markets* provides an introduction to securitization as a method of financing. It is suitable for an independent course or seminar in securitization and structured finance, and may also be used as supplementary reading or as advanced examples in courses in bankruptcy, secured transactions, trusts, corporations, securities regulation, corporate finance, tax, banking, or accounting. The book is organized by substantive legal areas. The first chapter provides an overview of securitization and is a terrific starting point for anyone trying to learn more about this \$6 trillion industry where assets as diverse as car loans, credit card debt, student loans, home mortgages, and commercial mortgages are securitized to provide the loan originator with a source of capital at lower cost than might otherwise be available. The first chapter introduces securitization through a detailed discussion of an actual securitization of loans made to purchasers of Hondas. The Honda deal is followed as an example throughout the subsequent chapters and numerous documents from the deal are reprinted in the book. Students should benefit from the concrete example and the opportunity to examine the actual legal documents used to implement this type of financing transaction. Subsequent chapters of the book examine Article 9 of the UCC, the Bankruptcy Code, accounting issues, tax and other considerations, securities laws, and the Investment Company Act. There is a separate chapter focused on special concerns of banks securitizing loans, a chapter on international and cross-border issues in securitization, and a concluding chapter exploring the academic debate relating to the efficiency of securitization. Each chapter of the book contains discussion questions.

*Praise for Structured Finance & Insurance* "More and more each year, the modern corporation must decide what risks to keep and what risks to shed to remain competitive and to maximize its value for the capital employed. Culp explains the theory and practice of risk transfer through either balance sheet mechanism such as structured finance, derivative transactions, or insurance. Equity is expensive and risk transfer is expensive. As understanding grows, and, as a result, costs continue to fall, ART will continue to replace equity as the means to cushion knowable risks. This book enhances our understanding of ART." --Myron S. Scholes, Frank E. Buck Professor of Finance, Emeritus, Graduate School of Business, Stanford University "A must-read for everyone offering structured finance as a business, and arguably even more valuable to any one expected to pay for such service." --Norbert Johannig, Managing Director, DaimlerChrysler Financial Services "Culp's latest book provides a comprehensive account of the most important financing and risk management innovations in both insurance and capital markets. And it does so by fitting these innovative solutions and products into a single, unified theory of financial markets that integrates the once largely separated disciplines of insurance and risk management with the current theory and practice of corporate finance." --Don Chew, Editor, *Journal of Applied Corporate Finance* (a Morgan Stanley publication) "This exciting book is a comprehensive read on

alternative insurance solutions available to corporations. It focuses on the real benefits, economical and practical, of alternatives such as captives, rent-a-captive, and mutuals. An excellent introduction to the very complex field of alternative risk transfer (ART)." --Paul Wohrmann, PhD, Head of the Center of Excellence ART and member of the Executive Management of Global Corporate in Europe, Zurich Financial Services "Structured Finance and Insurance transcends Silos to reach the Enterprise Mountaintop. Culp superbly details integrated, captive, multiple triggers and capital market products, and provides the architectural blueprints for enterprise risk innovation." --Paul Wagner, Director, Risk Management, AGL Resources Inc.

The most cutting-edge read on CDO and credit market structures Collateralized Debt Obligations and Structured Finance provides a state-of-the-art look at the exploding CDO and structured credit products market. Financial expert Janet Tavakoli examines securitization topics never before seen in print, including the huge increase in the CDO arbitrage created by synthetics; the tranches most at risk from this new technology; dumping securitizations on bank balance sheets; the abuse of offshore vehicles by companies such as Enron; and securitizations made possible by new securitization techniques and the introduction of the Euro. This valuable guide comprehensively covers one of the fastest growing markets on Wall Street, predicting where new bank regulations and other developments may lead to product growth or product extinction. While providing an overview of the market and its dynamic growth, Collateralized Debt Obligations and Structured Finance explores the types of products offered, hedging techniques, and valuation and risk/return issues associated with investment in CDOs and synthetic CDOs. Janet M. Tavakoli, MBA (Chicago, IL), has over eighteen years of experience trading, structuring, and marketing derivatives and structured products with major financial institutions in New York and London. She is also the author of Credit Derivatives and Synthetic Structures, now in its Second Edition (0-471-41266-X).

Created by the experienced author team of Frank Fabozzi and Pamela Peterson Drake, Financial Risk Management examines the essential elements of this discipline and makes them accessible to a wide array of readers—from seasoned veterans looking for a review to newcomers needing to get their footing in finance. Financial risk is the exposure of a corporation to an event that can cause a shortfall in a targeted financial measure or value and includes market risk, credit risk, market liquidity risk, operational risk, and legal risk. This material discusses the four key processes in financial risk management: risk identification, risk assessment, risk mitigation, and risk transferring. The process of risk management involves determining which risks to accept, which to neutralize, and which to transfer.

What is project finance? What makes project or structured finance so relevant for large renewable energy infrastructure? Which vocabulary do I need to know in order to speak the same language during meetings with lawyers, investors, bankers and engineers? These questions and many more are answered throughout this book, offering real world examples to bridge the gap between theory and practice. The book details the role of each stakeholder in the development of renewable energy projects, the interconnection between all the agreements, the financial process from fundraising to financial close, the processes of due diligence, risk analysis, project investment valuation and much more. It also provides with an introduction to Portfolio Management using renewable energy assets and an explanation of the role of Climate Finance in green energy investments. The commented glossary enables readers to unpick the jargon used in project finance for renewable energy, and the numerous creative figures and comprehensive tables aid with understanding. Offering a complete picture of the discipline, Introduction to Project Finance in Renewable Energy Infrastructure will be of value to professionals, engineers and academics alike interested in understanding the process and components of project finance in renewable energy infrastructures, in both private and public-private contexts. A detailed look at how object-oriented VBA should be used to model complex financial structures This guide helps readers overcome the difficult task of modeling complex financial structures and bridges the gap between professional C++/Java programmers writing production models and front-office analysts building Excel spreadsheet models. It reveals how to model financial structures using object-oriented VBA in an Excel environment, allowing desk-based analysts to quickly produce flexible and robust models. Filled with in-depth insight and expert advice, it skillfully illustrates the art of object-oriented programming for the explicit purpose of modeling structured products. Residential mortgage securitization is used as a unifying example throughout the text.

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The bond markets are a vital part of the world economy. The fourth edition of Professor Moorad Choudhry's benchmark reference text An Introduction to Bond Markets brings readers up to date with latest developments and market practice, including the impact of the financial crisis and issues of relevance for investors. This book offers a detailed yet accessible look at bond instruments, and is aimed specifically at newcomers to the market or those unfamiliar with modern fixed income products. The author capitalises on his wealth of experience in the fixed income markets to present this concise yet in-depth coverage of bonds and associated derivatives. Topics covered include: Bond pricing and yield Duration and convexity Eurobonds and convertible bonds Structured finance securities Interest-rate derivatives Credit derivatives Relative value trading Related topics such as the money markets and principles of risk management are also introduced as necessary background for students and practitioners. The book is essential reading for all those who require an introduction to the financial markets.

Created by the experienced author team of Frank Fabozzi, Henry Davis, and Moorad Choudhry, Introduction to Structured Finance examines the essential elements of this discipline. It is a convenient reference guide—which covers all the important transaction types in one place—and an excellent opportunity to enhance your understanding of finance.

Inhaltsangabe: Introduction: The fundamental motive of this thesis is to locate the main catalysts that caused the 2007/2008 financial crisis, and the rationale of their unique interaction. The three primary avenues used to layout the analysis are the Structured Finance Instruments involved, the parties concerned and the channels that exacerbated the rapidity of the spread that ultimately increased the severity of the crunch. Chapter One lays an overview of the Structured Finance Instruments prevalent in the financial spectrum, of which the main instruments that, contributed to the triggering and propagation of the financial turmoil are demonstrated and explained. Chapter Two exemplifies the pre-cursors of the

crisis which began in the sub-prime sector of the United States. The vital triggers that caused the bust of the subprime bubble are further illustrated as well. Chapter Three examines the varying involvement of the contributing instruments to the rapid propagation and displays the connecting link between the Structured Finance Instruments and the very source of the turmoil. Chapter Four illustrates in depth the involvement of the three vital players (the Rating Agencies, Banks and the Regulatory/Supervisory Institutions) and their effect on the propagation of the crisis. Chapter Five analyses the two main regulatory catalysts that contributed to the crunch through Pro-cyclicality and will also examine the role and consequences of mark-to-market Fair Value Accounting and Minimum Capital Adequacy Requirements (Basel II Accord). Chapter Six will present a post crisis status quo with recommendations and remedies for relevant counter-cyclical mechanisms. Inhaltsverzeichnis: Table of Contents: TABLE OF CONTENTS III ABBREVIATIONS III LIST OF FIGURES IV GLOSSARY VI INTRODUCTION AND CHANNELING OF THE RESEARCH 10 1. CHARACTERISTICS OF CREDIT RISK TRANSFER INSTRUMENTS 11 1.1 Securitization 13 1.1.1 Mortgage Backed Securities (MBS) 16 1.1.2 Asset Backed Commercial Papers (ABCP) 17 1.1.3 Cash Flow Collateralised Debt Obligations (CDOs) 19 1.2 Credit Derivatives and Hybrid Products 20 1.2.1 Single Name CDSs 20 1.2.2 Synthetic CDOs 23 1.3 Re-Securitization 24 1.3.1 ABS CDOs 24 1.3.2 CDO 226 2. THE PRECURSORS AND TRIGGERS OF THE CRISIS 29 2.1 Soft Macroeconomic Environment in the United States and the Vulnerability of Banks 29 2.1.1 The Soft Macroeconomic Environment 29 2.1.2 The Vulnerability of Banks 29 2.2 The Augmentation of Subprime Mortgages 30 2.3 Increased [...]

The Structured Credit Handbook is a comprehensive introduction to all types of credit-linked financial instruments. This book provides state-of-the-art primers on single tranche collateralized debt obligations (CDOs), collateralized loan obligations (CLOs), credit derivatives (such as credit default swaps and swaptions), and iBoxx indexes. Filled with in-depth insight and expert advice, The Structured Credit Handbook covers all aspects of the synthetic arbitrage CDO market, including new instruments such as CDO2. Readers will also gain a firm understanding of the investment rationale, risks, and rewards associated with CDO investments through this valuable resource. The exploding use of credit derivatives and collateralized debt obligations (CDOs) has transformed the world of credit, creating an \$18 trillion market almost overnight and resulting in innumerable investment and career opportunities globally. The Structured Credit Handbook provides the reader with a comprehensive and clear roadmap to today's new credit landscape. The full spectrum of structured credit products, from single-name CDS to CDOs, is explained in a simple, clear fashion that is free from the financial jargon and mathematical complexity which characterize many other derivative texts. The handbook begins with an in-depth explanation of the building blocks of the structured credit markets, single-name default swaps and indexes, and it culminates with complex products such as credit options, synthetic tranches, CDOs based on bank loans and asset-backed securities, and CDO-squareds. Written by experienced practitioners who have participated in this market since its infancy, each of the thirteen chapters introduces and analyzes a new product and explains its practical applications. A rich set of real-life case studies illustrate the application of each product in a concrete market setting. The book may be used in a semester-long course on structured credit as part of a business or finance curriculum. Whether you are a market professional, a university student or faculty member, or simply a financially savvy layperson, look no further for an up-to-date and thorough introduction to this rapidly growing and exciting field. Dr. Arvind Rajan, Managing Director, Citigroup Global Markets, is engaged in proprietary trading of Structured Credit products, and until recently, was global head of Structured Credit Research and Strategy at Citigroup. Glen McDermott (New York, NY) is Director of Fixed Income Sales and the former head of CDO Research at Citigroup Global Markets Inc. Ratul Roy is head of CDO Strategy for Citigroup Global Markets and has spent the prior nine years in structuring or analyzing CDOs and other structured credit products.

Financial Management and Analysis, Second Edition covers many important financial topics that are neglected elsewhere--from raising funds via securitization to managing a financial institution. This book provides valuable insights into many major aspects of financial management and analysis, and includes expert advice, real-world examples, useful charts and graphs, and incisive end-of-chapter questions that help develop the skill set necessary to deal with the important financial problems encountered in today's business world.

Introduction to Securitization outlines the basics of securitization, addressing applications for this technology to mortgages, collateralized debt obligations, future flows, credit cards, and auto loans. The authors present a comprehensive overview of the topic based on the experience they have gathered through years of interaction with practitioners and graduate students around the world. The authors offer coverage of such key topics as: structuring agency MBS deals and nonagency deals, credit enhancements and sizing, using interest rate derivatives in securitization transactions, asset classes securitized, operational risk factors, implications for financial markets, and applying securitization technology to CDOs. Finally, in the appendices, the authors provide an essential introduction to credit derivatives, an explanation of the methodology for the valuation of MBS/ABS, and the estimation of interest rate risk. Securitization is a financial technique that pools assets together and, in effect, turns them into a tradable security. The end result of a securitization transaction is that a corporation can obtain proceeds by selling assets and not borrowing funds. In real life, many securitization structures are quite complex and enigmatic for practitioners, investors, and finance students. Typically, books detailing this topic are either too lengthy, too technical, or too superficial in their presentation. Introduction to Securitization is the first to offer essential information on this topic at a fundamental, yet comprehensive level--providing readers with a working understanding of what has become one of today's most important areas of finance. Authors Frank Fabozzi and Vinod Kothari, internationally recognized experts in the field, clearly define securitization, contrast it with corporate finance, and explain its advantages. They carefully illustrate the structuring of asset-backed securities (ABS) transactions, including agency mortgage-backed securities (MBS) deals and nonagency deals, and show the use of credit enhancements and interest rate derivatives in such transactions. They review the collateral classes in ABS, such as retail loans, credit cards, and future flows, and discuss ongoing funding vehicles such as asset-backed commercial paper conduits and other structured vehicles. And they explain the different types of collateralized debt obligations (CDOs) and structured credit, detailing their structuring and analysis. To complement the discussion, an introduction to credit derivatives is also provided. The authors conclude with a close look at securitization's impact on the financial markets and the economy, with a review of the now well-documented problems of the securitization of one asset class: subprime mortgages. While questions about the contribution of securitization have been tainted by the subprime mortgage crisis, it remains an important process for corporations, municipalities, and government entities seeking funding. The significance of this financial innovation is that it has been an important form of raising capital for corporations and government entities throughout the world, as well as a vehicle for risk management. Introduction to

Securitization offers practitioners and students a simple and comprehensive entry into the interesting world of securitization and structured credit.

This revised and fully updated edition continues to provide students with a clear and well-structured introduction to financial accounting. This edition retains all of the classic features that have contributed to the book's success particularly its clarity of expression within a sound conceptual framework. There is a strong emphasis on the 'why' rather than simply the 'what' and 'how'.

The world's best financial minds help us understand today's financial crisis With so much information saturating the market for the everyday investor, trying to understand why the economic crisis happened and what needs to be done to fix it can be daunting. There is a real need, and demand, from both investors and the financial community to obtain answers as to what really happened and why. Lessons from the Financial Crisis brings together the leading minds in the worlds of finance and academia to dissect the crisis. Divided into three comprehensive sections-The Subprime Crisis; The Global Financial Crisis; and Law, Regulation, the Financial Crisis, and The Future-this book puts the events that have transpired in perspective, and offers valuable insights into what we must do to avoid future missteps. Each section is comprised of chapters written by experienced contributors, each with his or her own point of view, research, and conclusions Examines the market collapse in detail and explores safeguards to stop future crises Encompasses the most up-to-date analysis from today's leading financial minds We currently face a serious economic crisis, but in understanding it, we can overcome the challenges it presents. This well-rounded resource offers the best chance to get through the current situation and learn from our mistakes.

Analyses governance structures for international finance, evaluates current regulatory reforms and proposes a new governance system for global financial markets.

For all but the most credit-worthy companies, it is more efficient to finance large pools of assets that have predictable behavioral characteristics through non-standard arrangements. These off-balance sheet structures allow credit exposures to be tailored to investor risk, asset class, and an ever-increasing diversity of idiosyncratic needs on the part of issuers and investors. The discipline that addresses these structures, which is called structured finance or securitization, is almost twenty years old, and has become a ubiquitous element of modern financial management. Yet, it has not been systematically covered in a textbook designed for both the school and workplace contexts.

Elements of Structured Finance, the text version of a program of instruction in structured finance that the authors have offered at universities, private training programs, and consultancies, fills this void spectacularly. Raynes and Rutledge, two very highly regarded teachers and consultants in the field, bring clarity and logic to an inherently complex and frightening area of finance, using their extensive experience working with many of the top Wall Street securities houses. The book will start with the relatively simple concepts of static valuation models and the benchmark pool, and take the reader through the more esoteric features of dynamic risk analysis, thus serving as both an excellent introduction for the beginner and an essential reference for the professional. In addition to participants in structured finance programs, this book will appeal to structured finance analysts and managers at banks, asset management companies, insurance companies, and a wide variety of other corporations.

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A step-by-step guide to implementing and closing securitization transactions Securitization is still in wide use despite the reduction in transactions. The reality is that investors and institutions continue to use this vehicle for raising funds and the demand for their use will continue to rise as the world's capital needs increase. The Mechanics of Securitization specifically analyzes and describes the process by which a bank successfully implements and closes a securitization transaction in the post subprime era. This book begins with an introduction to asset-backed securities and takes you through the historical impact of these transactions including the implications of the recent credit crisis and how the market has changed. Discusses, in great detail, rating agency reviews, liaising with third parties, marketing the deals, and securing investors Reviews due diligence and cash flow analysis techniques Examines credit and cash considerations as well as how to list and close deals Describes the process by which a bank will structure and implement the deal, and how the process is project managed and tested across internal bank departments While securitization transactions have been taking place for over twenty-five years, there is still a lack of information on exactly how they are processed successfully. This book will put you in a better position to understand how it all happens, and show you how to effectively implement an ABS transaction yourself.

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Structured Finance: The Object Orientated Approach is aimed at both the finance and IT professionals involved in the structured finance business with the intention of sharing common concepts and language within the industry. The financial community (structurers, pricers and risk managers) view structured products as collections of objects under the so-called replicating portfolio paradigm. The IT community use object oriented programming (OOP) techniques to improve the software updating and maintenance process. For them structured products are collections of objects as well. Despite use of the same object concept, it looks like communication between these different professional functions has been problematic. Recently, construction of standard data structures known as FpML has begun to lay out a common definition of objects, at least for plain vanilla derivatives, both between IT and financial people and across different market players. Along this line, this book builds upon the concept of object to provide frontier treatment of structured finance issues relevant to both communities engaged in building, pricing and hedging products and people engaged in designing and up-dating the corresponding software. Structured Finance: The Object Orientated Approach will enable you to: decompose a structured product in elementary constituent financial objects and risk factors (replicating portfolio) understand the basics of object oriented programming (OOP) applied to the design of structured cash flows objects build your own objects and to understand FpML data structures available for standard products gauge risk exposures of the objects in structured products to: risk factors, their volatilities and the correlation among them (which factor are you long/short? Are you long/short volatility? Are you long/short correlation?) update your risk management system to accommodate structured products with non linear exposures and to design objects to represent, price and hedge, counterparty risk

The Repo markets have grown dramatically in the past few years because of the need to hedge short positions in the capital and derivatives markets. Virtually all major currency markets in the world now have an established repo market, the facility is also increasingly being used in developing currency markets as well. This book is a practical introduction that focuses on the instruments, applications and risk management techniques essential for this rapidly evolving market. Fully updated to reflect the changes in these markets, the book also includes worked examples and case studies, and new sections on basket and structured finance repo.

Essay from the year 2008 in the subject Business economics - Investment and Finance, grade: 2,2, European Business School - International University Schloß Reichartshausen Oestrich-Winkel, course: Introduction to Investment Banking, language: English, abstract: "There are two superpowers in the world [...] the United States and Moody's Bond Rating Service" – Thomas L.

Friedman, NY Times The above statement by Thomas L. Friedman accentuates the importance of credit rating agencies (CRAs) in modern financial markets. As the past months have shown, Friedman's statement has held especially true for the role of CRAs in the structured finance market, where CRAs are currently being made responsible for playing an integral role in the emergence of

one of the biggest financial crises of mankind: the subprime crisis. The role and the importance of CRAs in the structured finance market is the central topic of the following paper. To fully understand the impact of this issue on the worldwide financial markets, it is interesting to shed some light onto the dimensions of the structured finance market. The market is of considerable size given that outstanding structured finance securities in the United States amounted to 7.3 trillion US dollars in 2005 (Nomura, 2005) and have now grown to 9 trillion US dollars, which is more than two thirds of the United States GDP of 13.1 trillion US dollars in 2007 (U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis, BEA, 2007). More-over, these outstanding structured finance securities represent more than 30% of the total outstandings in the U.S. bond markets (Nomura, 2005). As these figure reveal, it is not surprising that complications in the core of the huge market of structured finance could potentially lead to a major destabilisation of the entire worldwide financial markets; a risk that was obviously underestimated for a long time and finally lead to the genesis of the subprime crisis. The role of CRAs in the structured finance market has long been debated and the current financial turmoil has brought about concerns regarding such questions as to whether these credit ratings were based on wrong information and faulty or dated models, thereby questioning the significance of the system of CRAs. To enable a better insight into the functioning of CRAs and a justified testimony as to their performance, the following paper will dig deeply into the ambiguity of the rating process and the role of CRAs in structured finance.

This book, now in its second edition, provides an in-depth overview of all segments of the structured finance business, with particular reference to market trends, deal characteristics and deal structuring. The goal is to assist readers in gaining a clear understanding of the common features of structured finance transactions. The process of deal structuring for each type of transaction is carefully analyzed, with extensively updated chapters on asset securitization, project finance, structured leasing transactions and leveraged acquisitions. In the new edition, particular attention is paid to novel areas of intervention, such as public-private partnerships and non-performing loans in the resolution of bank restructuring. Although the subject of much criticism, structured finance, when used properly, offers an effective solution to the credit crunch that many European countries are suffering and is also a way to revive a single capital market for debt instruments. Readers will find this book to be an illuminating guide to the business and to the best market practices in organizing transactions. It will be of value for BSc and MSc finance students, professionals and consultants alike.

Structured products are sold to a wide range of retail, high net worth and institutional investors, with over £15bn of structured investments sold in the UK in 2009. Based on a non-specialist graduate lecture course given at University College London (UCL), this book provides an invaluable introduction to the fast growing world of derivative investments and the technology used in their design, pricing and structuring. The book gives a comprehensive overview of structuring and trading products based on the author's extensive international experience in structuring investment products across a range of underlying asset classes, including equities, interest rates, credit and hybrids. The product coverage ranges from equity investments such as reverse convertibles and basket correlation products, to credit products such as first-to-default notes and the notorious "CDO2". Written in a simple and accessible manner, this book will be of interest to students, bankers, investors and other finance professionals. /a Comprehensive coverage of all major structured finance transactions Structured Finance is a comprehensive introduction to non-recourse financing techniques and asset-based lending. It provides a detailed overview of leveraged buyouts, project finance, asset finance and securitisation. Through thirteen case studies and more than 500 examples of companies, the book offers an in-depth analysis of the topic. It also provides a historical perspective of these structures, revealing how and why they were initially created. Instruments within each type of transaction are examined in detail, including Credit Default Swaps and Credit Linked Notes. A presentation of the Basel Accords offers the necessary background to understand the regulatory context in which these financings operate. With this book, readers will be able to: Delve into the main structured finance techniques to understand their components, mechanisms and how they compare Understand how structured finance came to be, and why it continues to be successful in the modern markets Learn the characteristics of financial instruments found in various structured transactions Explore the global context of structured finance, including the regulatory framework under which it operates Structured Finance provides foundational knowledge and global perspective to facilitate a comprehensive understanding of this critical aspect of modern finance. It is a must-read for undergraduate and MBA students and finance professionals alike.

This book showcases recent academic work on contemporary issues in financial institutions and markets. It covers a broad range of topics, highlighting the diverse nature of academic research in banking and finance. As a consequence the contributions cover a wide range of issues across a broad spectrum, including: capital structure arbitrage, credit rating agencies, credit default swap spreads, market power in the banking industry and stock returns. This timely collection offers fresh insights and understandings into the ongoing debates within and between the academic and professional finance communities. This book was originally published as a special issue of the European Journal of Finance.

In this book, you will be introduced to generic best practice principles for a post credit crunch market. First, the book takes a closer look at the reasons why the market froze during the 2007 to 2009 credit crisis. Then you will learn how to use the principles explained here in your generic deal's typical life cycle stages. Throughout, each stage is discussed in detail, from strategy and feasibility, pre-close, at close, and post close. The final section of the book contains a toolbox of references, tables, dictionaries, and resources.

This book is essential in understanding, investing and risk managing the holy grail of investments - structured products. The book begins by introducing structured products by way of a basic guide so that readers will be able to understand a payoff graphic, read a termsheet or assess a payoff formula, before moving on to the key asset classes and their peculiarities. Readers will then move on to the more advanced subjects such as structured products construction and behaviour during their lifetime. It also explains how to avoid important pitfalls in products across all asset classes, pitfalls that have led to huge losses over recent years, including detailed coverage of counterparty risk, the fall of Lehman Brothers and other key aspects of the financial crisis related to structured products. The second part of the book presents an original approach to implementing structured products in a portfolio. Key features include: A comprehensive list of factors an investor needs to take into consideration before investing. This makes it a great help to any buyer of structured products; Unbiased advice on product investments across several asset classes: equities, fixed income, foreign exchange and commodities; Guidance on how to implement structured products in a portfolio context; A comprehensive questionnaire that will help investors to define their own investment preferences, allowing for a greater precision when facing investment decisions; An original approach determining the typical distribution of returns for major product types, essential for product classification and optimal portfolio implementation purposes; Written in a fresh, clear and understandable

style, with many figures illustrating the products and very little mathematics. This book will enable you to better comprehend the use of structured products in everyday banking, quickly analyzing a product, assessing which of your clients it suits, and recognizing its major pitfalls. You will be able to see the added value versus the cost of a product and if the payoff is compatible with the market expectations.

Filled with the insights of numerous experienced contributors, *Structured Products and Related Credit Derivatives* takes a detailed look at the various aspects of structured assets and credit derivatives. Written over a period spanning the greatest bull market in structured products history to arguably its most challenging period, this reliable resource will help you identify the opportunities and mitigate the risks in this complex financial market.

Over the past decade, credit derivatives have emerged as the key financial innovation in global capital markets. At end 2004, the market size hit \$6.4 billion (in notional amounts) from virtually nothing in 1995. This rise has been spurred by the imperative for banks to better manage their risks, not least credit risks, and the appetite shown by institutional investors and hedge funds for innovative, high yielding structured investment products. As a result, growth in collateralized debt obligations and other second-generation products, such as credit indices, is currently phenomenal. It is enabled by the standardization and increased liquidity in credit default swaps – the building block of the credit derivatives market. Written by market practitioners and specialists, this book covers the fundamentals of the credit derivatives and structured credit market, including in-depth product descriptions, analysis of real transactions, market overview, pricing models, banks business models. It is recommended reading for students in business schools and financial courses, academics, and professionals working in investment and asset management, banking, corporate treasury and the capital markets. Highlights include: Written by market practitioners and specialists with first-hand experience in the credit derivatives and structured credit market A clearly-written, pedagogical book with numerous illustrations Detailed review of real-case transactions A comprehensive historical perspective on market developments including up-to-date analysis of the latest trends

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