

# **OUR TAILORED APPROACH TO LOWER CAPITAL COSTS**

# Leverage our capital markets expertise to determine the ideal mix of loan products. We can help with:

- Pricing and Comparing Multiple Offers
- Evaluating Deal Terms
- Negotiating Strategy
- New Capital Project Planning
- Refinancing Analysis

# Approach the market with a long-term plan to manage interest rate risk by:

- Forward Start Hedging (up to 5 Years)
- Work Swap Orders Over Time
- Seize Periodic Timing Opportunities
- Realize Profits When Advantageous
- Formulate the Appropriate Mix of Floating or Fixed Rate Debt
- · Hedging Solutions for 1-Month LIBOR and SOFR

# Trade directly with us.

With an OTC account at StoneX Markets LLC, you'll be able to execute trades efficiently with our in-house traders. One account gives you access to our deep liquidity in interest rates and currencies, as well as a broad range of OTC commodities.

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### OTC INTEREST RATES PRODUCT LINEUP

## **INTEREST RATE SWAPS**

An interest rate swap is an agreement between two parties to exchange interest payments for a set length of time based on a specified dollar amount. In a single, upfront transaction, a borrower can customize the length of time and dollar amount to use in this exchange to craft a unique hedge to interest rate risk. In a common transaction, a borrower will receive a floating rate payment in exchange for a fixed rate payment. The floating rate received from the swap offsets the floating rate paid on the loan thereby creating a simple, effective way to control exposure to rising rates. Monthly settlement statements will show the floating rate received versus the fixed rate paid and net the difference. If the floating rate received is higher than the fixed rate paid, the borrower receives the difference and vise versa. If the maturity and dollar amount of the swap matches that of the loan, the borrower effectively converts their floating rate loan into a fixed rate, without changing the terms of the underlying loan.



With the much-anticipated transition away from LIBOR, we also have the ability to use the Secured Overnight Funding Rate (SOFR) in swap transactions

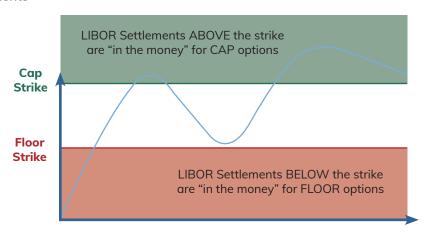
- Custom Amortizing Schedules
- Term Loan Hedging out to 15 years
- Operating Line Hedging out to 10 years
- Market Intelligence Services
- Complete Product Training

## **INTEREST RATE OPTIONS: CAPS & FLOORS**

Long-term interest rate options (Caps & Floors) are tradeable OTC contracts. Similar to interest rate swaps, they are used to "lock in" the interest rate risk on floating rate loans. Unlike swaps however, interest rate options require an upfront premium and only exchange floating rate payments

Caps and Floors can provide flexible, cost-efficient ways to control long term borrowing costs. Some strategies include:

- **Simple Cap Purchase:** Pay a single upfront premium to buy the right to receive an interest payment every month that LIBOR settles above a specified rate. Allows the borrower to effectively "lock in" a maximum rate to pay on a floating rate loan while benefiting from no minimum rate
- Interest Rate Collar: Offset the upfront premium from the purchase of a Cap by selling back a Floor. Allows the borrower to lock in a maximum and minimum rate for a floating rate loan, with no upfront premium



- **Cap Spread:** Offset the upfront premium from the purchase of a Cap by selling another Cap with a higher rate. Provides the borrower a limited payment above a maximum rate in exchange for a lower upfront premium
- Ratio Spread: Buying and selling options with different dollar amounts to achieve the desired risk and cost profile (advanced strategy)
- **Floor Sale:** Collecting an upfront premium in exchange for locking in a minimum rate to be paid. Provides no protection against rising rates (advanced strategy)
- **Dynamic Swap Hedging:** Using Caps and Floors to potentially lower the cost and/or margin impact of an existing interest rate swap hedge (advanced strategy)