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 derivative instruments

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Use and apply state-of-the-art modelling techniques to accurately value interest rate derivatives

Benefit from computer simulations and real-life case studies of derivative instruments

Use models to effectively formulate risk management and hedging strategies for derivatives

Examine international and regional characteristics of the capital markets

Master bond mathematics and yield curve calculations

Examine essential elements in bond portfolio management

Incorporating Computer Simulations

SINGAPORE

20-22 September 2000, The Oriental

In the new millennium, the ability to apply complex interest rate derivatives will be a key skill for financial market practitioners. This course provides an up-to-date and advanced insight into the market, the instruments, and the techniques, with particular emphasis on computer simulations and real-life case studies of derivative valuation.

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INTEREST RATE DERIVATIVES MODELLING

Course Objectives

Developments in financial derivatives continue to be some of the most innovative and exciting in today's financial markets. New and novel uses for derivatives are being constantly developed, as are highly inventive methods of structuring derivative instruments. However, in order to take full advantage of the enormous opportunities presented by the use of derivatives, practitioners and users require the latest and most accurate information about the instrument before vital decisions can be made. As a result, the need for effective derivative modelling techniques has never been so important.

Euromoney Training's intensive Interest Rate Derivatives Modelling course will provide delegates with extensive exposure to the newest techniques for the pricing and trading of major fixed income instruments in the financial markets. The state-of-the-art models used for valuing these derivative instruments will be explained and illustrated through case studies and computer simulations of real financial products. Also covered will be the portfolio management techniques for bonds as well as the risk management of these derivative instruments. The course will focus on both the international perspective and regional characteristics of the capital markets.

Course Content

This unique 3-day course covers:
- Characteristics of interest rate instruments
- Bond mathematics
- Spot rate models and forward rate models
- Yield curve calibration
- Pricing of bonds, bond options and other interest rate instruments
- Structure of European, US and Asian bond markets
- Bond portfolio management

Teaching Methods

The course strikes a fine balance between lecture sessions, worked examples and exercises and case studies through computer simulations. One distinctive feature of the programme is the interactive hands-on computer simulations of real case studies of various classes of derivative products. Throughout the course, participants will price and hedge various fixed income instruments on spreadsheets. They will then be given information about changing market conditions and will be required to identify the options open to them and make a decision on their trading strategy. Heavy reliance is therefore made upon computer simulations throughout the course.

Participants

This course is directed to market practitioners with limited exposure to interest rate derivatives who want to acquire a sound understanding of various aspects of trading and pricing derivatives. It is suitable for individuals in financial institutions who are involved in derivatives in their recent job functions. It is also suitable for those whose jobs are related to the trading and marketing of interest rate instruments to gain acquaintance with the new generation of financial derivative products.

Course Level / Assumed Knowledge

A good working knowledge of derivatives, capital markets and basic financial mathematics is assumed. Delegates should also be familiar with Microsoft Excel.

Documentation & Course Texts

All delegates will receive comprehensive course documentation, as well as a copy of Dr Kwok’s textbook, “Mathematical Models of Financial Derivatives”, for during and after the course, enabling them to return to their organisations with an extensive and valuable source of information for future reference.

Day One

Review of Interest Rate Instruments
- Straight-rate instruments:
  - Straight bonds: Treasury, corporate or high yields
  - Short term borrowing/lending: Repos, reverse Repos and FRAs
  - Floating rate notes (FRNs)
  - Interest rate futures: T-Bond, T-Note and Eurodollar futures
  - Interest rate swaps and currency swaps

Bond Portfolio Management
- Structure of bond markets
- International bond markets
- Eurobond markets
- US Treasury and corporate debt markets
- Asian bond markets
- Other sovereign debts: Brady bonds and Eastern European bonds

Credit ratings and prices
- Credit scales and risk premiums
- Investment grade versus non-investment grade bonds
- Sharpe ratio for portfolio return measurement
- Passive risk management
- Dedicated portfolio/duration immunization/horizon matching/indexed portfolios
- Active risk management
- Yield curve trading/arbitrage/bond switch/yield enhancement

Day Two

Term Structure Models
- Term rates, forward rates and futures implied rates
- Variety of yields: zero, forward, par, LIBOR, swap, CMT and CMS
- Bootstrapping method for Treasury yield curves
- From yield curves to forward rate curves

Spot Rate Models
- Vasicek model and Cox-Ingersoll-Ross model: capturing yield curve dynamics
- Bond pricing formulas
- Term structure of volatilities
- Fitting the term structures: Black-Derman-Toy model and Hull-White model
- Building a binomial tree for the Hull-White model
- Pricing American T-bond options using a calibrated tree

Day Three

Forward Rate Models
- Heath-Jarrow-Morton model: all in one
- HJM-lee model: simplicity is beauty
- Forward measure and Black’s model
- Implied volatility: measurement of price rationality
- Hedging with the Black model
- Pros and cons of spot versus forward models

Case Studies & Computer Simulations:
- Notes of Credit Local de France
- Straight bond pricing methodology
- Calculating PVBP/DV01, duration and convexity
- Valuing T-bond futures

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Course Conclusion & Summary

Course Times:
Registration is at 8.30am on the day one. The course begins at 9.00am and concludes at approximately 5.00pm daily.

Please note: Delegates should bring a good financial calculator to the course. The Hewlett Packard HP-12C series are recommended.

The Euromoney Certificate
Delegates who successfully complete this course will receive the prestigious Euromoney Training Certificate, a statement of excellence recognised worldwide.

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Dr. Lixin Wu, is a lecturer, Department of Mathematics, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, Hong Kong. Lixin Wu received his PhD degree in Applied Mathematics from UCLA. His current research interests are quantitative modelling of equity and fixed income derivatives. He has published numerous articles on financial engineering in major journals. Between 1998 and 1999, Dr Wu was a consultant to Morgan Stanley Dean Witter (New York) on credit risk modelling of the Brady debt markets. In addition, he has acted as a consultant to local firms on exotic derivative modelling. Mr. Wu is an experienced trader of equity options.

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