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# 2019 SFGFOA Annual Investment Seminar A primer on fixed income securities

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## **Presentation agenda**

- Bond fundamentals
- Types of bonds
  - -Treasury
  - -Agency
  - -Commercial paper & corporate notes
  - -Other short-term investments





# **Bond fundamentals**





## **Investment risks**

### **Credit Risk**

• Risk that the issuer of the security will be downgraded or default

### **Market Risk**

Sensitivity of the security to interest rate changes

### Liquidity Risk

Ability to sell the security in the secondary market





## Where does one invest?

### **Primary Market**

Market in which securities are originally issued

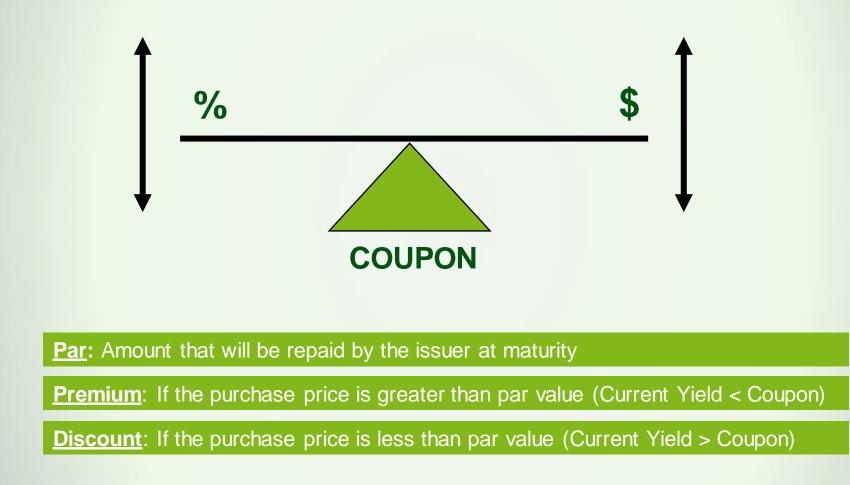
## **Secondary Market**

Market where securities trade after they are issued but prior to their maturity





## Prices and yield move inversely

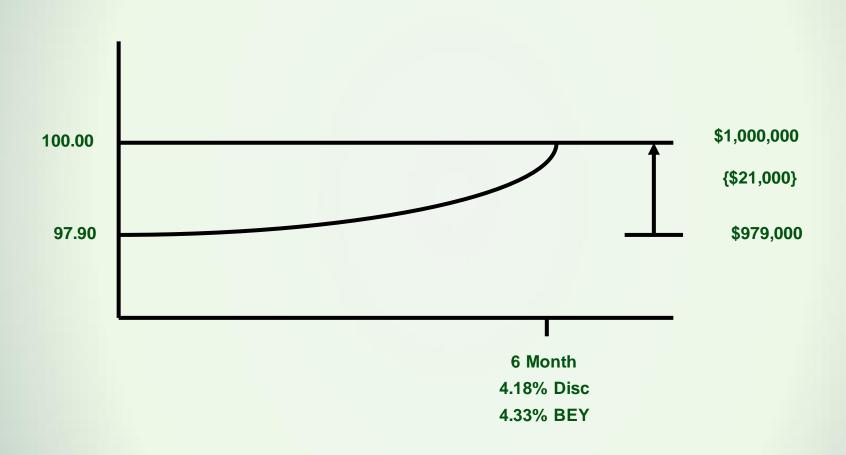


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# Original issue discount

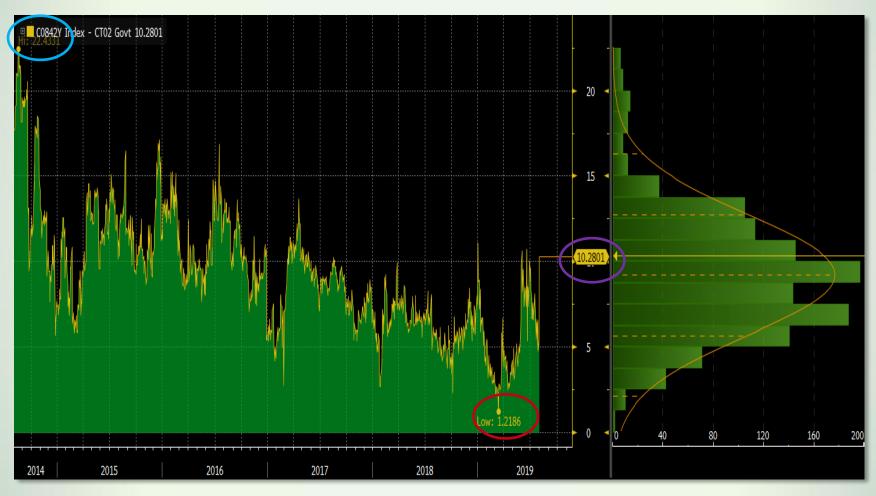


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# Evaluating the pick up versus Treasury securities: "spread"



Source: Bloomberg, as of August 2019. 2-year agency securities versus 2-year Treasury securities.





# Types of bonds





## **Treasury securities**

#### Virtually credit risk free

- Backed by full faith and credit of US government
- Market risk

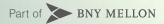
## Potential for excellent liquidity

- Average issue size over \$30bn
- Primary dealers

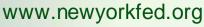
### Standardization

- Coupon and maturity
- Auction schedule

#### **Benchmarks for fixed-income securities**



# Primary dealer list





- Amherst Pierpont Securities, LLC
- Bank of Nova Scotia, New York Agency
- BMO Capital Markets Corp.
- BNP Paribas Securities Corp.
- Barclays Capital Inc.
- BofA Securities, Inc.
- Cantor Fitzgerald & Co.
- Citigroup Global Markets Inc.
- Credit Suisse Securities (USA) LLC
- Daiwa Capital Markets America Inc.
- Deutsche Bank Securities Inc.
- Goldman, Sachs & Co.

- HSBC Securities (USA) Inc.
- Jefferies & Company, Inc.
- J.P. Morgan Securities LLC
- Mizuho Securities USA Inc.
- Morgan Stanley & Co. LLC
- NatWest Markets Securities Inc.
- Nomura Securities International, Inc.
- RBC Capital Markets, LLC
- Societe Generale, New York Branch
- TD Securities (USA) LLC
- UBS Securities LLC.
- Wells Fargo Securities, LLC

Source: www.newyorkfed.org, as of August 2019.





# US guaranteed agencies

- Backed by the full faith and credit of the US government
- Most not considered money-market instruments
- Most are not active; therefore, the quotes, except for GNMAs are not widely published
- Examples
  - -Government National Mortgage Association (GNMA)
  - -Small Business Association (SBA)
  - -Housing and Urban Development (HUD)
  - -National Credit Union Administration (NCUA)





# US sponsored agency securities

- Federal oversight, but not guaranteed
- Differentiated investment offerings
- Most are widely traded
- Examples
  - -Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA)
  - -Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC)
  - -Federal Farm Credit Banks (FFCB)
  - -Federal Home Loan Banks (FHLB)
  - -Resolution Financing Corporation (REFCO)





## Agency characteristics

- Spread over Treasuries
- Liquidity considerations
  - -issues size \$10 MM to several billion
- Various structures
  - -discount notes, "bullets," callables, floating rate, step-up callables
- Purchased at the "window", primary or secondary through dealer





## Callable agency securities

- Issuer has right but not the obligation to redeem early
- Investors are paid a higher yield to compensate them for their loss of rights
- One-time (European): Callable one-time only on call date
- Discrete (Bermuda): Callable on certain specified dates (e.g., coupon payment date, monthly, quarterly, annual)
- Continuous (American): Can be called at any time on or after the first call date



# **Typical schedule**

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5 Guarantors						
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3) QRD Qt Recap 왜 TDH Trade Hist		02/01/2	021			100.000
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#### Source: Bloomberg, as of August 1, 2019.





# Pricing to maturity may be misleading

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		Benchmark Risk	0.243	0.243
		Risk Hedge	19,219 M	4,512 M
		Proceeds Hedge	1,005 M	
Spreads Yield Calcula		Invoice		
11) G-Sprd 65.3 Street Conve	ention 2.444432			1,000 M
	Yr 2.459371	Principal		1,000,260.00
Basis N.A. Mmkt (Act/		Accrued (1 Days)		68.06
14) Z-Sprd 66.8 True Yield		Total (USD)		1,000,328.06
15) ASW 65.8 Current Yield	2.449			
16) OAS -35.0				
17) TED -64.0				
After Tax (Inc 40.800 % CG 23.80	<mark>)(</mark> %) 1.446184			

Source: Bloomberg, as of August 1, 2019.





# Valuing to the "worst" provides a better picture

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# Agency mortgage backed securities

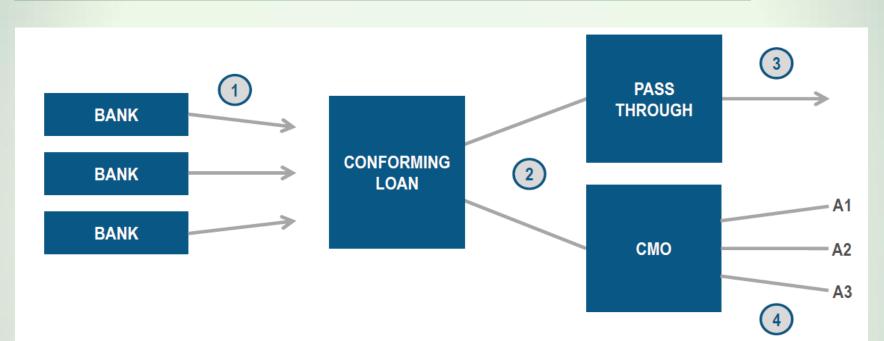


- Introduces prepayment risk, extension risk and liquidity risk
- Pass-through securities
  - -Collateralized by 30yr, 15yr or adjustable rate conforming mortgages
  - -Payment is determined by the characteristics of the collateral
  - -Creditworthiness of the collateral and the agency
- <u>Collateralized mortgage obligations (CMOs)</u>
  - -Collateralized by 30yr, 15yr or adjustable rate conforming mortgages
  - -Payment is determined by the characteristics of the collateral and the bond indenture
  - -Creditworthiness of the collateral and the agency





# Visualizing MBS securities



- 1. Banks issue and sell conforming loans to GSEs
- 2. GSEs securitize loans in pass-through or collateralized structures
- 3. Investors receive cash flows as borrowers pay
- 4. Investors receive cash flows according to a pre-determined schedule

#### Source: Insight Investment





# **Commercial paper**

- Credit risk
- Unsecured debt
- Highest ratings
  - -Moody's: P-1
  - -S & P: A-1+
  - -Fitch: F-1+
- 270-day maximum maturity
- Discount (most common) or coupon
- Purchased direct or through dealers





# Corporate notes

#### Credit risk

Average cumulative issuer-weighted global default rates by letter rating, 1983-2018										
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Aaa	0.00%	0.01%	0.01%	0.04%	0.06%	0.10%	0.13%	0.13%	0.13%	0.13%
Aa	0.02%	0.06%	0.12%	0.20%	0.30%	0.39%	0.48%	0.57%	0.65%	0.74%
Α	0.05%	0.17%	0.35%	0.54%	0.77%	1.03%	1.30%	1.58%	1.87%	2.14%
Baa	0.17%	0.44%	0.75%	1.12%	1.50%	1.90%	2.27%	2.64%	3.02%	3.42%
Ba	0.87%	2.47%	4.38%	6.39%	8.17%	9.77%	11.21%	12.57%	13.91%	15.26%
В	3.31%	7.88%	12.57%	16.84%	20.71%	24.19%	27.29%	29.93%	32.26%	34.22%
Caa-C	9.70%	17.32%	23.84%	29.34%	33.93%	37.51%	40.63%	43.53%	46.19%	48.19 <sup>%</sup>

- Coupon securities, can be callable
- Purchased in primary or secondary markets
- DTC eligible

Source: Moody's annual default study, February 2019





# Top 20 underwriters of corporate securities

## US investment grade corporate bonds – Managers, January 1, 2019-August 1, 2019

Jan	1 2019 - Aug 1 2019			
Rank Firm	Change	Table Share (%) Volume (N	IM USD)	Issues
1 JP Morgan	▲ 1	10.87%	80,342	
2 Bank of America Merrill Lynch	<b>▼1</b>	10.17%	75,170	432
3 Citi	0	9.66%	71,368	
4 Morgan Stanley	<u>▲1</u>	7.39%	54,645	302
5 Goldman Sachs	<b>▼</b> 1	6.87%	50,748	310
6 Barclays	<b>▲</b> 1	6.16%	45,546	291
7 Wells Fargo	<b>▼</b> 1	6.10%	45,112	287
8 Mizuho Financial	<b>▲</b> 1	3.58%	26,442	221
9 Mitsubishi UFJ Financial Group	<b>▲</b> 1	3.56%	26,321	195
Inc				
10 HSBC	<b>▼</b> 2	3.52%	25,994	144
11 Deutsche Bank	<b>▲</b> 2	3.33%	24,645	175
12 Credit Suisse	0	3.05%	22,575	151
13 RBC Capital Markets	<b>*</b> 2	2.91%	21,505	176
14 BNP Paribas	0	2.86%	21,165	159
15 Sumitomo Mitsui Financial	0	1.98%	14,619	119
16 US Bancorp	0	1.94%	14,342	123
17 TD Securities	0	1.62%	11,943	98
18 Scotiabank	<b>▲</b> 2	1.27%	9,383	80
19 UBS	<b>▼</b> 1	1.15%	8,526	40
20 Societe Generale	<b>▲</b> 1	1.09%	8,071	66
Credited	-	100%	739,166	1014

#### Source: Bloomberg, as of August 2019.





# Asset backed securities (ABS)

- Backed with non-mortgage loans
  - -auto loans
  - -equipment loans
  - -credit card loans
- Credit risk
  - -non-idiosyncratic risk
  - -credit enhancements
    - substitution
    - over collateralization
    - subordination
- Amortizing security with monthly principal and interest payments





## Certificates of deposit

#### Non-negotiable

No secondary market

**Redemption penalties** 

\$250,000 FDIC insurance

Collateralized

## Negotiable

Secondary market

\$1 million blocks

May or may not be collateralized





# Money market mutual funds

- Commercially operated pooled liquid assets
- Legal structure
  - -sponsored by private companies
  - -used by variety of institutional investors
  - could include investments not authorized for entity
  - most regulated and registered with SEC
  - -Rule 2a-7 governs credit quality, diversification and maturities
    - stable NAV of \$1.00 for government funds
    - floating NAV for any fund with corporate exposure





# Local Government Investment Pools (LGIP)

- Combines liquid assets of numerous public entities
- Two general types
  - -state-operated pools
  - -intergovernmental pools
- Questions to ask
  - -Does the pool follow SEC Rule 2a-7?
    - 60 day WAM
    - maturity limit to 1 year on non-floating assets
    - higher credit quality securities
  - -Is the pool rated AAAm\*? or AAAf\*?
  - -What are the cut-off times for contributions and withdrawals?
  - -Does the pool offer internet access?
  - -Does the pool offer ACH transactions?

<sup>\*</sup> m = money market, f = floating.





# **Evaluating investment options**

- Who is the issuer?
- What is the term of the investment?
- What are the sources of income?
- What are the sources of risk?
  - -credit risk
  - -market risk
  - -liquidity risk
- Are there any administrative considerations?
  - -calculation of interest
  - -issuance schedule
  - -monthly P&I reinvestment risk





# Principles and tips if going it alone

- Limit your options to the highest quality, best in class
- Be granular in your allocations to ensure diversification
- Be prepared to hold the issuers during times of stress
- Find your source for credit research
- Only participate in new issues
- Establish a process for monitoring these specific investments
- Document purchase decisions and retain new issue information





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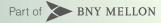
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