

# Basic Derivatives

## An introduction to Interest Rate Derivatives

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# Rates Exposure

Movements in interest rates affect:

- ❑ Interest payments on debt
- ❑ Interest received on deposits/investments

How does a corporate / investor protect itself against adverse movements in rates ?

# Historic Interest Rates

EURO03M  $\uparrow$  4.747  $+$  .004

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At 10:06 Op 4.747 Hi 4.747 Lo 4.747

Mid Line **EUR003M Index** 1/11

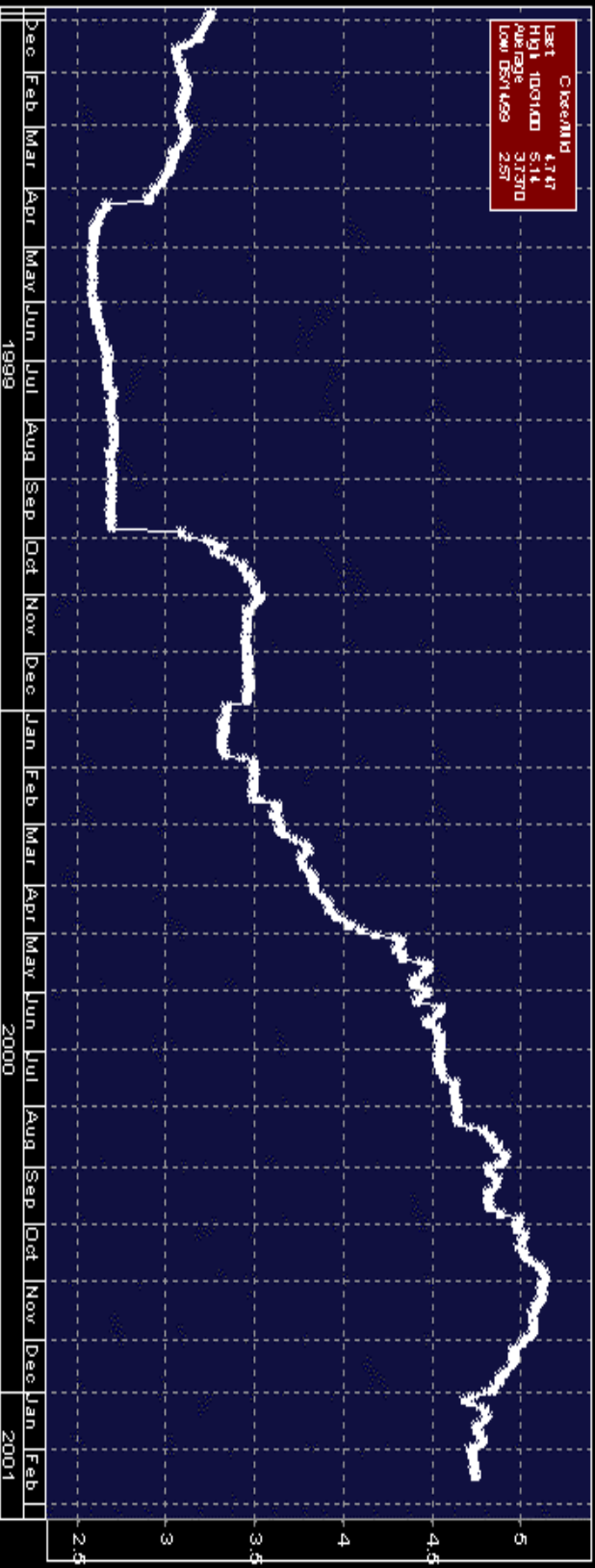
Range **12/30/98** - **2/15/01**

Upper Chart: **1** Mid Line

Period **D** Daily  
 Moving Averages

1) News

Close/High	4.747
Last	5.14
High	100100
Average	31750
Low	DSM499
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Source: Bloomberg

# Why Interest Rates Move

- ❑ Macroeconomic factors / Inflation
- ❑ Political events
- ❑ Currency fluctuations
- ❑ Changes in interest rate policies in other parts of the World

**The corporate / investor protects  
itself against adverse movements  
in rates**

**by HEDGING**

# Hedging

The act or a method of reducing the risk of financial loss on an investment, bet, etc.

# Why Hedge ?

- ❑ To reduce uncertainty and minimise risk
- ❑ To help improve financial performance
- ❑ To put yourself in charge

“To do nothing is to speculate”

# Before You Hedge

- ❑ **Identify...** the exposure by currency, amount, period, source etc.
  - ❑ **Assess ...** the consequences of a movement in rates - sensitivity analysis
  - ❑ **Investigate...** the available products
- Then ...*
- ❑ **Decide ...** on the appropriate action

# Hedging Alternatives

**Fixed Rate  
Borrowing**

**Interest Rate  
Swaps**

**Interest Rate Options  
(Caps, Floors &  
Collars)**

# Traditional Route

## *Fixed Rate Borrowing*

Fixes an interest rate now for the duration of a loan

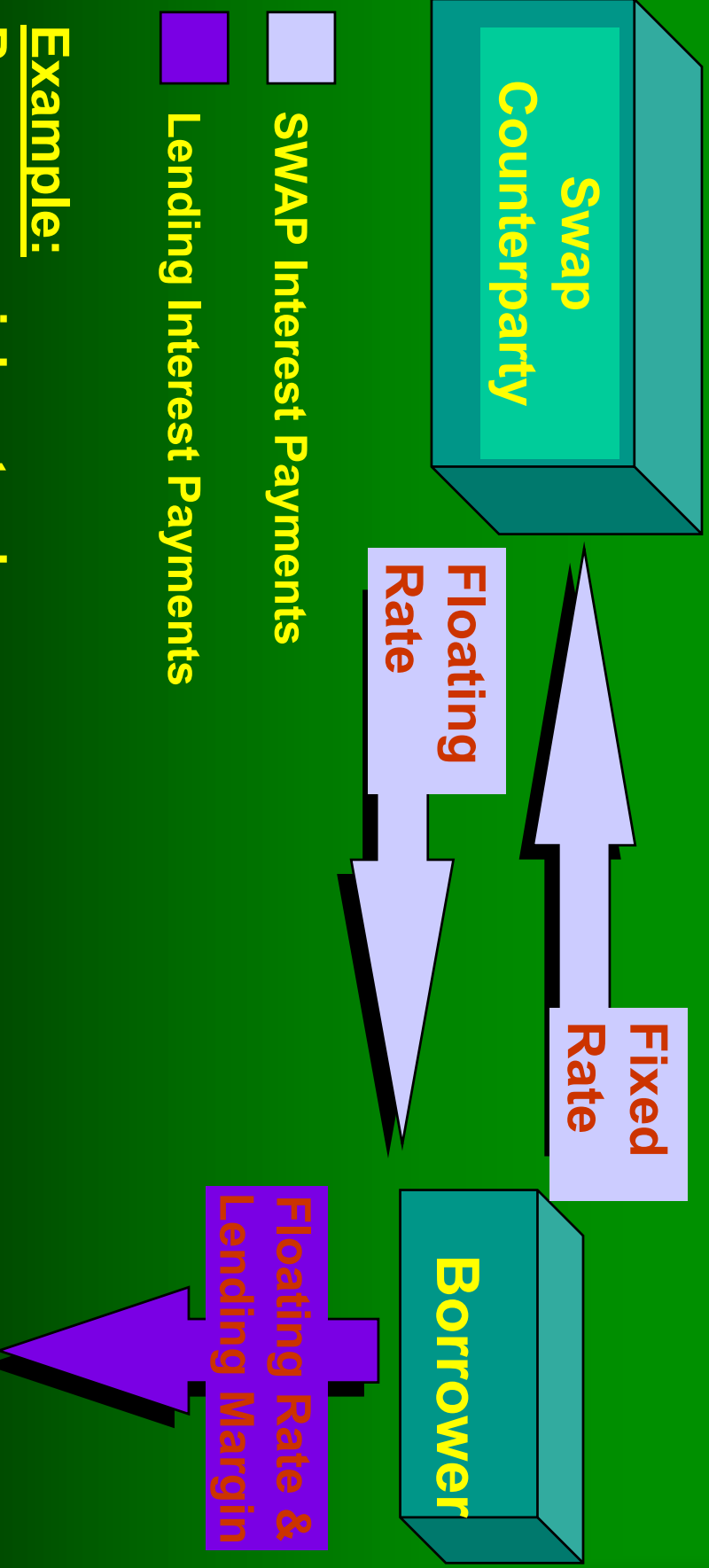
# The Alternatives

# Interest Rate Swaps

# Interest Rate Swap

Enables a borrower or investor to change an exposure from Floating Interest Rates into a Fixed Interest Rate cost or income ... or vice-versa

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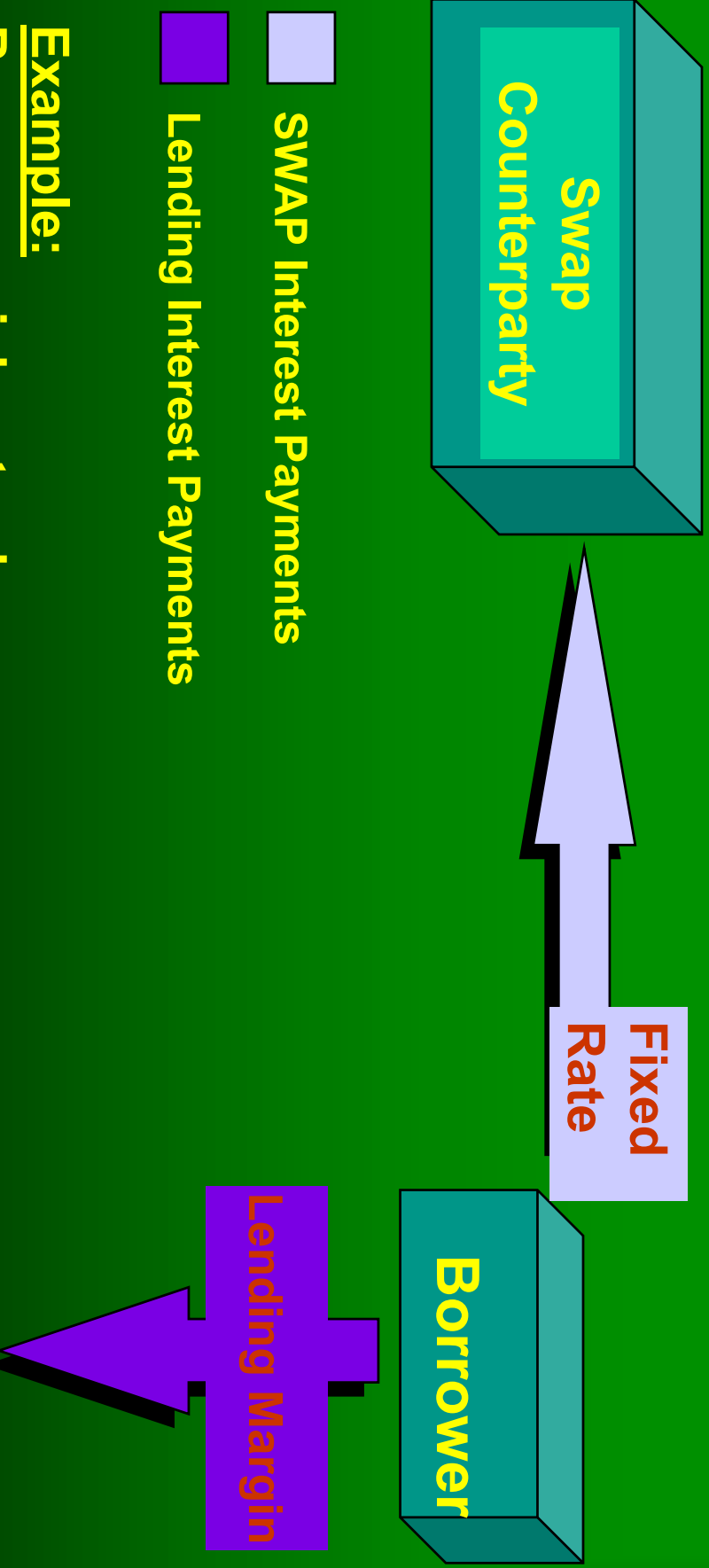
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# Interest Rate Swap

## *Summary:-*

- ❑ Stand-alone agreement
- ❑ Known cost / income
- ❑ Available for periods from 18m upto 30 years
- ❑ Minimum transaction size E 2,000,000
- ❑ Cheaper than equivalent fixed rate loan
- ❑ Can be tailored to match exposure
- ❑ No fee
- ❑ Bank Credit Line required

# Interest Rate Cap

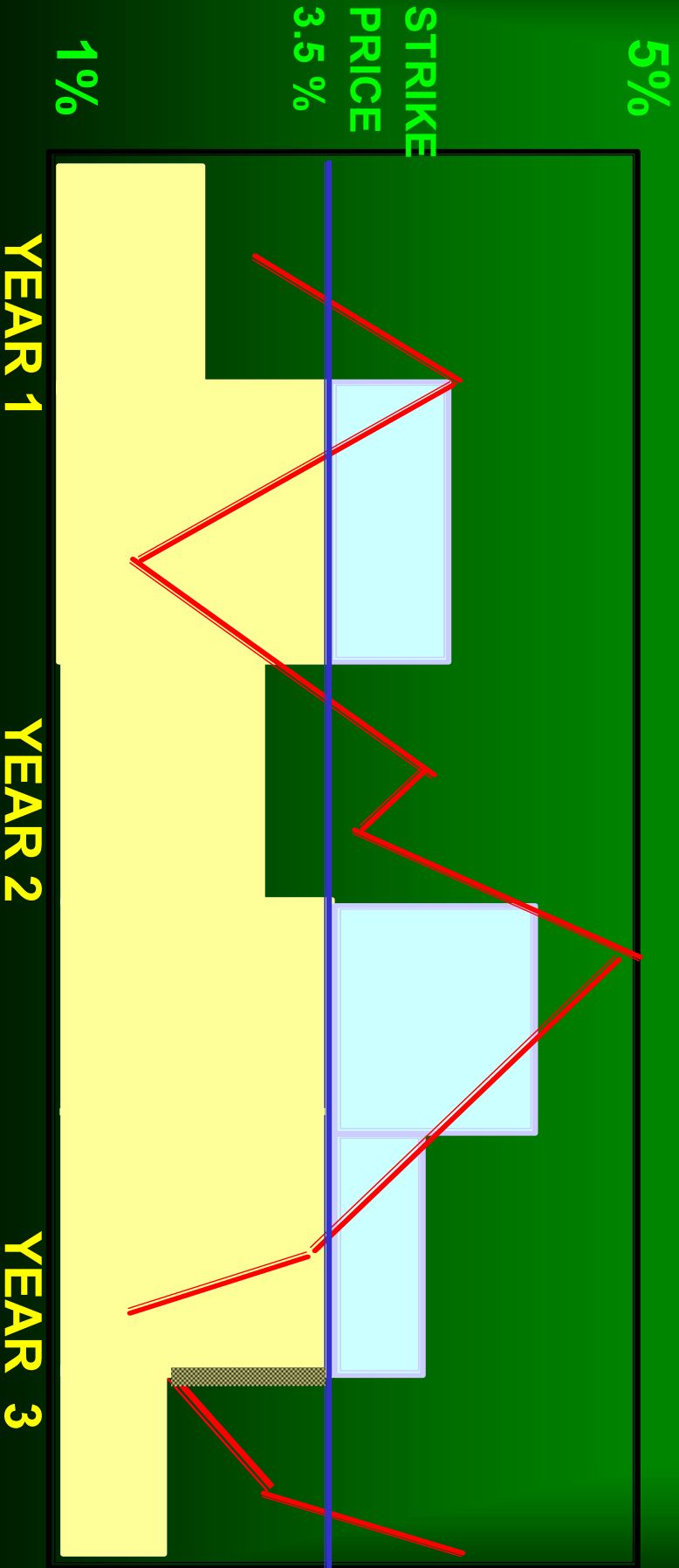
# Interest Rate Cap

Fixes a maximum interest rate payable on a nominal sum of borrowings whilst allowing advantage to be taken of favourable interest rate movements

# Libor Cap

Company is paid the difference between Libor and the strike price

Company's net borrowing costs (excluding lenders margin and cap premium)



# Interest Rate Cap

*Summary:-*

- Stand alone agreement
- Fixes maximum interest rate payable whilst allowing advantage to be taken of favourable interest rates
- Can be tailored to match exposure
- Available for periods up to 30 years
- Can be sold back to bank
- Fee payable (premium)

# Interest Rate Floor

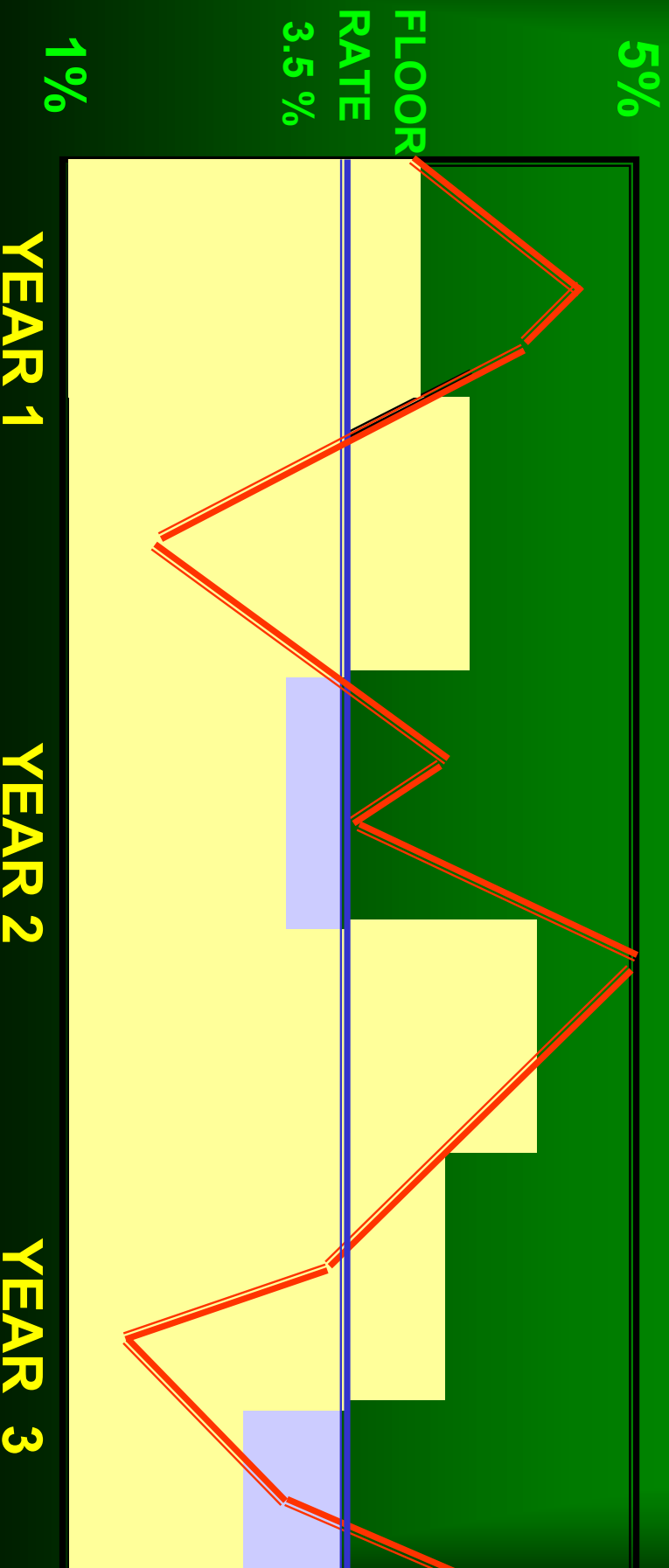
# Interest Rate Floor

Fixes a minimum interest rate receivable on a nominal sum of floating rate investments whilst allowing advantage to be taken of favourable rate movements

# Interest Rate Floor

Company is paid the difference between Libor and the floor rate

Company's net investment income (excluding floor premium)



YEAR 1

YEAR 2

YEAR 3

# Interest Rate Floor

## *Summary:-*

- ❑ Stand-alone agreement
- ❑ Fixes minimum interest rate receivable whilst allowing advantage to be taken of favourable rate movement
- ❑ Can be tailored to match exposure
- ❑ Can be sold back to the Bank
- ❑ Available for periods upto 30 years

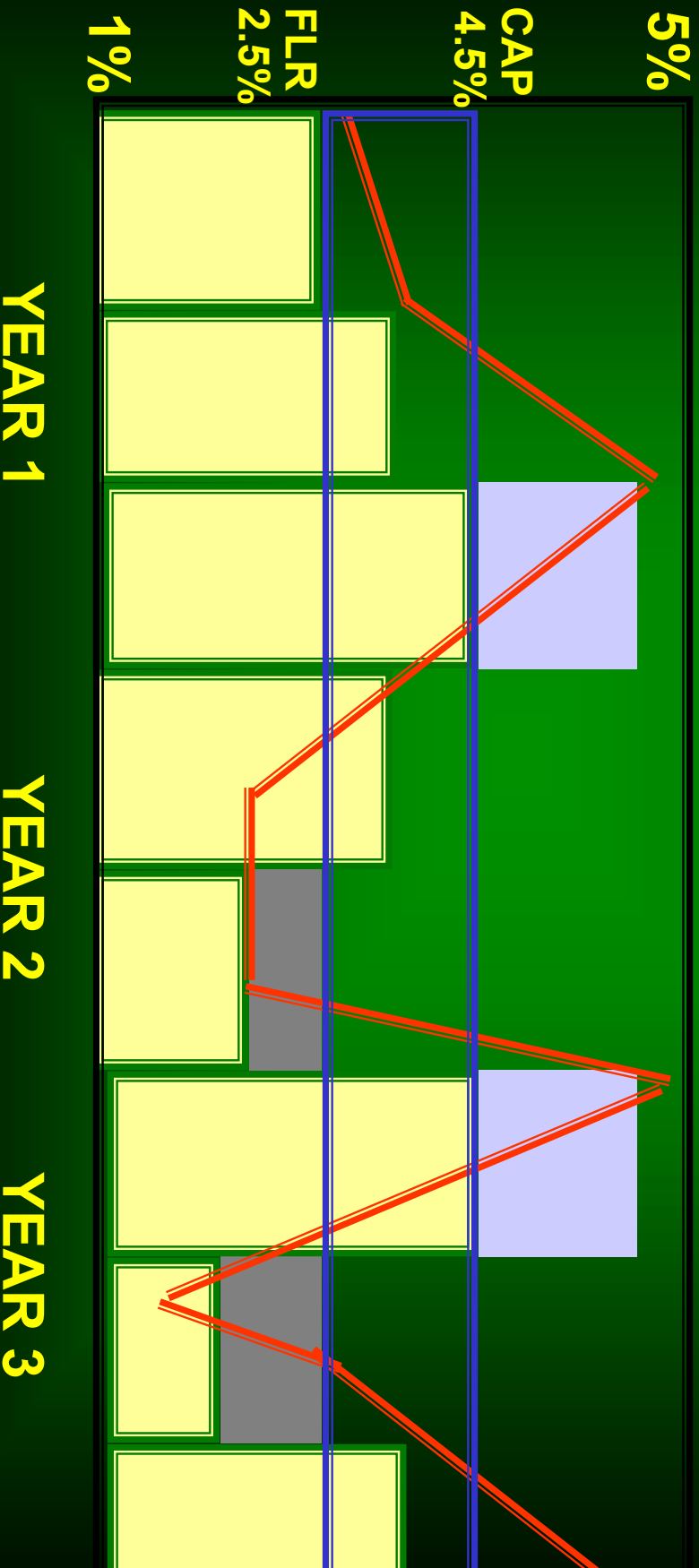
# Interest Rate Collar

# Interest Rate Collar

A combination of a Cap and a Floor, fixing both a maximum and minimum interest rate payable or receivable on a nominal sum of floating rate borrowing or investment

# Interest Rate Collar

- Bank pays the Company the difference between Libor and the Collar's Cap rate
- Company pays the Bank the difference between Libor and the Collar's Floor rate



YEAR 1

YEAR 2

YEAR 3

5%

CAP

4.5%

FLR

2.5%

1%

# Interest Rate Collar

## *Summary:-*

- ❑ Stand-alone agreement
- ❑ Fixes maximum and minimum interest rate payable or receivable
- ❑ Reduces or eliminates Cap or Floor premium
- ❑ Can be tailored to match exposure
- ❑ Credit line required

# Interest Rate Hedging

## Summary of benefits

- ❑ Can be used to protect exposures to ANY lender
  - no need to have a banking relationship with the swap counterparty
- ❑ Gives full flexibility of underlying borrowing / assets
- ❑ Hedge can either be closed out or “transferred” to other / new exposures
- ❑ ISDA documentation is Industry Standard

# Interest Rate Hedging

## Structured Solutions

# Structured Solutions

- Involves taking a view on rates
- Get subsidised protection
- Give up some upside
- Extent of subsidy depends on:
  - shape of curve
  - volatility of rates

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