

# Welcome to this ACT webinar A fresh approach to interest rate risk management

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# Introduction

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# Agenda

#### Introduction

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#### **Practical corporate experience**

Keith Reed Group Treasurer, Belmond (UK)

#### **Presentation from the sponsor**

George Karalis Director, Corporate Financial Risk Management Chatham Financial

Zwi Sacho Consultant, Corporate Hedge Accounting Chatham Financial

Panel discussion and Q&A



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## Case Study Belmond (formerly Orient Express)

#### Company:

Belmond (formerly Orient-Express) is a collection of 45 iconic hotels, river cruises and railway journeys located in 18 countries. It is a NYSE listed entity reporting under US GAAP. Group turnover and EBITDA of about \$600m and \$120m respectively and debt of around \$640m. Market capitalisation of around \$1.4bn.



#### **Project:**

Financing and hedging \$552m dual currency term loan. The term loan and a \$105m revolving credit facility were used to repay all of the Group's asset level debt and associated interest rate swaps. Approximately 50% of new debt swapped into fixed rate debt.

#### Relative value between debt currency options

Quantification of Price Product Choice Hedge Accounting Capital charges

#### Debt and derivatives documentation and structuring

Hedging constraints Embedded options **4** ISDAs Negotiated

#### Implementation strategy

33 existing swaps terminated Novation agreements Market hedge Credit auction

#### Accounting and Regulatory

Hedge Accounting Dodd Frank set up and reporting Ongoing valuations and accounting solution

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## **Case Study Belmond**

#### **Before:**

15 asset level facilities with average remaining life of 2.5 Years33 interest rate swap\cap transactions with a \$ notional of \$352m (equivalent)16 relationship banks

#### After:

Corporate Term Ioan due March 2021, dual currency facility Corporate Revolving Credit Facility due March 2019 6 interest rate swap\cap transactions 8 relationship banks







## The Building Blocks of a Best-in-Class Policy



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## Debt Currency and Fixed & Floating Mix Considerations





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#### **Direct Comparison**

- At first glance, borrowing cost in EUR and USD seems equivalent
- Two borrowing costs could not be directly compared
  - -USD borrowing cost does not take into account the influence of future FX movements on borrowing cost
  - -Value of embedded floor is different

#### Synthetically convert USD borrowing cost to EUR borrowing cost through Cross-Currency Swap

- -By entering into a cross-currency swap, only EUR cash flows become relevant as USD cash inflows match with USD outflows
- Insulated from borrowing cost fluctuations due to **FX** movements



## USD Interest rate environment – projected exposure



\*3M Libor forward curves as of 05.23.2014



## Hedging Scenarios – Interest Expense p.a. (\$175m Loan)















## **Execution Strategies**

A spectrum of execution methods can be used to balance competing priorities







## Swap Rate Components





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## Why apply Hedge Accounting?





## Accounting considerations for hedging alternatives

- One needs to assess whether the floor in the underlying loan should be accounted for separately as an "embedded derivative" at fair value resulting in P&L volatility.
- The presence of an embedded derivative could significantly alter the hedging structure. Rather than including the floor premium in the swap rate, the company may consider executing the swap and purchased floor as 2 separate instruments.
- A float-to-fixed cross currency swap can be designated simultaneously in multiple hedging relationships (such as a net investment hedge and a cash flow hedge) and achieve good hedge accounting.



## Hedge Accounting Requirements

A system might be needed to automate compliance with stringent criteria





## Recap

#### Hedge accounting

- Accounting considerations often neglected during the pre-deal process which could limit accounting options post-deal
- Implementing a hedge accounting program requires technology and know how

- Significant new changes in accounting standards
  - FRS 102 New UK GAAP (derivatives to be now shown "on-balance sheet")
  - IFRS 13 Fair Value Measurement (requirement to consider counterparty credit risk in valuations)
  - IFRS 9 Financial Instruments (replacement of IAS 39)



Thank you and questions!





# The panel

#### Chair

#### Martin O'Donovan

Policy & Technical Director **ACT** 

### **Speakers**

George Karalis Director, Corporate Financial Risk Management Chatham Financial

#### Keith Reed

Group Treasurer Belmond (UK)

#### **Zwi Sacho** Consultant, Corporate Hedge Accounting **Chatham Financial**



# **Chair's closing remarks**

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