

The UK retail bond market – an untapped source of corporate funding



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As changing regulation impacts the cost and availability of bank finance, today's CFOs and treasurers are facing up to the need to reduce their reliance on bank lending and seek out effective alternatives.

Investment in retail bonds in continental Europe is commonplace but in the UK they remain an underused means of raising debt capital and diversifying funding sources. With large pools of untapped cash sitting in the hands of retail investors, are UK businesses missing out on a golden opportunity?

The latest in the ACT's series of hot topic breakfast briefings will provide a comprehensive view of the retail bond market, how treasurers can take advantage, and current efforts to bring the UK retail investor base to corporates in the most efficient, transparent and cost effective way. Key topics include:

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- getting to grips with the documentation is it easier than you think?
- what are the real benefits and drawbacks for the borrower? In an ever-changing financial landscape, innovative funding solutions are gaining in profile and importance as treasurers look to alternative methods of raising finance. Don't miss this opportunity to find out how the retail bond market can help you meet your funding needs in 2011 and beyond.

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Tuesday 5 July

08.00 Registration and breakfast

08.30 Chair's opening remarks

Peter Matza, Head of Publishing

08.35 The advisor perspective

- what is the retail bond market?
- untapped cash and the retail investor base
- a low risk, reliable and sustainable source of funding for corporates?
- key benefits and drawbacks

Adrian Bell, Head of Debt Advice & Origination Evolution Securities

08.55 The market place for retail bonds

- liquidity
- transparency
- potential growth

Gillian Walmsley, Head of Fixed Income Products London Stock Exchange

09.10 The corporate issuer perspective

- accessing retail investors thought-process and rationale
- practical tips and insight
- the role of brand profile, reputation and loyalty

Chris Jones, Group Head of Tax & Treasury Places for People

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Paul Phillips, easyJet

09.35 The legal perspective

- additional requirements exposing the myth
- alternative listing approaches/grandfathering
- typical cost

Matthew Hartley, Partner Allen & Overy

09.55 Panel discussion

- retail demand in continental Europe vs the UK
- is a retail bond right for your business?
- alternative routes to access retail demand Facilitated by:

Peter Matza, Head of Publishing **ACT**

The panel:

Stephen Pugh, Finance Director **Adnams**

Matthew Hartley, Partner Allen & Overy

Henrietta Podd, Director

Evolution Securities

Gillian Walmsley, Head of Fixed Income Products London Stock Exchange

Chris Jones, Group Head of Tax & Treasury **Places for People**

10.30 Chair's closing remarks

End of breakfast briefing



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