
Coupon Only Swap (COS)



Product Disclosure Statement (“PDS”)

(This Product Disclosure Statement is to be read in conjunction with the Terms and Conditions available on this website).

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide you with key information about various products offered by ICICI Bank. ICICI Bank is providing you with this PDS so that you receive adequate information about Coupon Only Swaps (COS). It will help you understand their features, risks, benefits, an illustration of how the product works and assist you in making an informed decision about entering into COS, and also facilitate comparison with other products (for other products, please refer to their respective PDS). Please read this PDS in full, before deciding to enter into a COS.

Components determining the value of COS

The Swap value would be determined by the prevailing exchange rates and interest rates in respective tenors.

Termination

If you wish to terminate the COS before the expiry date, the COS will be terminated at the prevailing market rates. The termination value may either be positive (gain) or negative (loss). The termination value would be a function of the prevailing exchange rate, interest rate, for the residual tenor and discount factors. Any illiquidity in the market for the specific currency or tenor or notional could lead to a wider bid-offer spread, which would adversely affect the market value of the outstanding derivative contract.

Currency markets are highly volatile and the prices of the underlying currencies can fluctuate rapidly and over wide ranges and may reflect unforeseen events or changes in conditions. Thus, fluctuations in the underlying currencies will affect the benefit or cost to you when you terminate a COS. Any fluctuations in the underlying interest rates would also impact the termination cost of a COS.

The risks mentioned in this document are not exhaustive. There may be other risks that are relevant to you while entering into a COS.

Costs and fees

Any specific transaction of this nature will be concluded at an all-inclusive price and there would not be any separate costs, fees and charges. The break-up of the all-inclusive price will be provided, as per the extant RBI guidelines. The statutory levies and charges will be recovered separately, as applicable from time to time.

Principal Terms and Other Terms

Please refer to the website for ‘Principal Terms’ and ‘Other Terms’ applicable to the product.

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General information /Disclaimer

Please refer to the disclaimer at the end of this document.

Please note that all products are also subject to regulatory risks (not limited to change in regulation, product discontinuation by the regulator, etc.)

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Description and Features

A COS is a derivative contract between two parties to exchange coupon flows (fixed/floating) in the two different currencies periodically, i.e. there is no exchange of principal notionals in the two currencies.

For example:

A Corporate wishing to hedge the floating rate liability to a fixed rate and hedge the currency risk on coupons, may enter into a COS where it would receive a floating coupon in one currency and pay a fixed rate coupon in another.

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The purpose of a COS is to hedge the interest rate and currency risk of the coupon payments of the underlying exposure.

Illustration for USD/INR COS

Parameters:

1. Index: USD <6> month LIBOR
2. Notional: USD <10> million i.e. INR <745> million
3. Tenor: <1.5> years
4. USD/INR spot: <74.50>
5. Contract holder
Receives: <6> m LIBOR + <2.20>% in USD s.a
Pays: <2.60>% in INR s.a

Pay off Profile/ Possible Scenario(s) at settlement for the above illustration

(a) USD <6> ML fixing above <0.40>% and/or Spot above <74.50>

For example, if USD <6> ML fixing is at <0.5>% and the spot rate is <75>.00, then the contract holder receives: USD <6> ML + <2.20>% or <2.70>% on outstanding USD notional for <6> months. The same may be used to settle against the underlying exposure.

Contract holder pays: INR <2.60>% on the outstanding INR notional.

(b) USD <6> ML fixing below <0.40>% and/or Spot below <74.50>

For example, if the USD <6> ML fixing is at <0.20>% and the spot rate is <74>.00, then the contract holder receives: USD <6> ML + <2.20>% or <2.40>% on the outstanding USD notional for <6> months. The same may be used to settle against the underlying exposure.

Contract holder pays: INR <2.60>% on the outstanding INR notional.

Benefits:

- The contract holder is hedged against the following risks:
 - a) Movement in the underlying interest benchmark
 - b) Movement in the underlying currency.

Predominant Risks

- In case of a favorable movement in interest rates, the contract holder has already locked into a fixed rate and would not be able to take advantage of any favorable movement in the interest rate.

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- In case of any favorable movement in currency, the contract holder has already locked into the spot rate at the inception of trade for coupons. In the above illustration, if USD/INR moves to <73>.00, the contract holder has locked his USD coupon payments at a USD/INR rate of <74.50>; and would not be able to take advantage of any favorable movement.
- Please refer to the section 'Various Risks associated with the Transaction.'

Variation

A contract holder can enter into a step-up Coupon Only Swap (COS), wherein the fixed rate could be different for each period (or a group of periods).

Other Risks

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Various risks associated in the transaction:

The Counterparty acknowledges that before entering into Derivative Contracts, it understands the underlying risk of the above-mentioned transaction. The Counterparty acknowledges that derivative transactions are in general, exposed to various types of risks, including but not restricted to the following:

1. Credit Risk: Credit risk is the risk of loss, due to a counterparty's failure to perform on an obligation to the institution. Credit risk in derivative products comes in two forms:

a. Pre-settlement risk: Pre-settlement risk is the risk of loss, due to a counterparty defaulting on a contract during the life of a transaction. The level of exposure varies throughout the life of the contract and the extent of losses will only be known at the time of default

b. Settlement risk: Settlement risk is the risk of loss, due to the counterparty's failure to perform on its obligation after an institution has performed on its obligation under a contract on the settlement date. Settlement risk frequently arises in international transactions because of time zone differences. This risk is only present in transactions that do not involve delivery versus payment and generally exists for a very short time (less than 24 hours).

2. Market Risk: Market risk is the risk of loss, due to adverse changes in the market value (the price) of an instrument or portfolio of instruments. Such exposure occurs with respect to derivative instruments when changes occur in market factors such as underlying interest rates, exchange rates, equity prices, and commodity prices or in the volatility of these factors.

3. Liquidity risk: Liquidity risk is the risk of loss, due to failure of an institution to meet its funding requirements or to execute a transaction at a reasonable price. Institutions involved in derivative activities face two types of liquidity risks: Market Liquidity risk and Funding Liquidity risk.

a. Market Liquidity risk: Market Liquidity risk is the risk that an institution may not be able to exit or offset positions quickly, and in sufficient quantities, at a reasonable price. This inability may be due to inadequate market depth in certain products (e.g. exotic derivatives, long-dated options), market disruption, or inability of the bank to access the market (e.g. credit downgrading of the institution or of a major counterparty)

b. Funding Liquidity risk: Funding Liquidity risk is the potential inability of the institution to meet funding requirements, because of cash flow mismatches, at a reasonable cost. Such funding requirements may arise from cash flow mismatches in swap books, exercise of options, and the implementation of dynamic hedging strategies.

4. Operational risk: Operational risk is the risk of loss, occurring as a result of inadequate systems and control, deficiencies in information systems, human error, or management failure.

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Derivative activities can pose as a challenging operational risk issue because of the complexity of certain products and their continual evolution.

5. Legal risk: Legal risk is the risk of loss, arising from contracts which are not legally enforceable (e.g. the counterparty does not have the power or authority to enter into a particular type of derivative transaction) or not documented correctly.

6. Regulatory risk: Regulatory risk is the risk of loss, arising from the failure to comply with regulatory or legal requirements.

7. Reputation risk: Reputation risk is the risk of loss, arising from adverse public opinion and damage to reputation.

8. IBOR Discontinuation: If the Counterparty transacts in any derivatives linked to an Interbank Offer Rate (IBOR) such as LIBOR, or any synthetic rate (such as MIFOR) that use an IBOR in its calculation, please note that there is a risk that such IBOR may be discontinued, prior to the maturity of the derivatives contract. There are public consultations by different industry groups, including ISDA for derivatives contracts, to develop contractual fallbacks that will apply in the event of an IBOR discontinuation. A contractual fallback will define the events that will trigger the benchmark fallback and the methodology that will determine the fallback rate. ISDA has consulted on technical issues related to new benchmark fallbacks for derivatives contracts that reference certain IBORs. As and when the benchmark fallbacks are finalised, market participants are expected to incorporate them into the existing derivatives contracts, by way of bilateral amendment or multilateral protocol adherence, to enhance contractual robustness. Please note that application of the benchmark fallbacks may cause a change in value of the existing derivatives contracts. In addition, there is no assurance that the same trigger events and fallback methodologies will be incorporated into cash products (such as bonds, loans or other non-derivative products). Accordingly, you may run basis risks if you are using derivatives contracts to hedge your obligations or investments in cash products (or another financial instrument) that adopt different triggers and fallbacks. The potential mismatches may impact the hedge effectiveness, financial reporting and value of the existing derivatives contracts.

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