## Chapter 13

# The I nvestment Portfolio and Policy Guidelines 

## The securities activities of large banks and small banks

$\square$ Small banks generally purchase securities and hold them until maturity.
$\square$ Large banks, in contrast, not only buy securities for their own portfolios, but they also frequently:

- manage a securities trading account
- manage an underwriting subsidiary that helps municipalities issue debt in the money and capital markets


## Dealer operations and the securities trading account

$\square$ Many large banks hold securities as part of a trading account.
$\square$ A trading account represents an inventory of securities that a bank holds for resale to other investors:

- In this capacity, banks operate both as primary dealers with the Federal Reserve and as market makers with other participants.


## Banks perform three basic functions within their trading activities．

1．Offer investment advice and assistance to customers managing their own portfolios
2．Maintain an inventory of securities for possible sale to investors
－their willingness to buy and sell securities is called making a market
3．Traders speculate on short－term interest rate movements by taking positions in various securities

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## Banks earn profits from their trading activities in several ways．

$\square$ When making a market，they price securities at an expected positive spread， charging a higher price（lower interest rate）
$\square$ Profits arise from a positive spread between the ask and the bid prices
$\square$ Traders can also earn profits if they correctly anticipate interest rate movements

## Objectives of the investment portfolio

$\square$ A bank＇s investment portfolio differs markedly from a trading account as investment securities are held to meet one of six general objectives：
1．Safety or preservation of capital
2．Liquidity
3．Yield
4．Credit risk diversification
5．Help in manage interest rate risk exposure
6．Assist in meeting pledging requirements

## Accounting for investment securities

$\square$ Held to Maturity：
－Securities purchased with the intent to hold to final maturity
$\square$ Available for Sale：
－Securities that are not classified in either of previous categories
$\square$ Trading：
－Securities purchased with the intent to sell them in the near term

## The primary impact of FASB 115 is：

$\square$ A bank＇s net income and equity capital position will be more volatile when securities are accounted for in market value terms
$\square$ The distinction between motives is important because of account treatment
$\square$ The difference between market value and par value equals the unrealized gain or loss on the security
－Mkt value－par value＝unrealized gain（loss）

## Safety or preservation of capital

$\square$ A primary objective is to preserve capital by purchasing securities when there is only a small risk of principal loss.
$\square$ Regulators encourage this policy by requiring that banks concentrate their holdings in investment grade securities, those rated Baa or higher.

## Liquidity

$\square$ Commercial banks purchase debt securities to help meet liquidity requirements.
$\square$ Securities with maturities under one year can be readily sold for cash near par value and are classified as liquid investments.
$\square$ Liquid securities are often viewed as only those which can be sold at a gain, regardless of the remaining term to maturity, credit quality, and issue size.

## I nvestment Portfolio for a Hypothetical Bank

Current Date：September 30， 2002

| Purchase <br> Date | Book <br> Value | Description | Coupon Income | Market Value |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 12／15／90 | \＄4，000，000 | $\$ 4,000,000$ par value U．S． Treasury note at $11 \%$ ，due 11／15／03 | \＄440，000 | \＄4，099，000 |
| 10／15／90 | 2，000，000 | $\$ 2,000,000$ par value Federal National Mortgage Association bonds at 8．75\％，due 10／15／10 <br> $\$ 500,000$ par value | 175，000 | 1，824，000 |
| 6／6／94 | 500，000 | Allegheny County，PA，A－ rated general obligations at $5.15 \%$ ，due 3／1／06 | 25，750 | 482，500 |
| 10／l／89 | 1，000，000 | $\mathbf{\$ 1 , 0 0 0 , 0 0 0}$ par value State of Illinois Aaa－rated general obligations at $11 \%$ ， due 10／1／14 | 110，000 | 1，190，000 |

## Yield

$\square$ To be attractive, investment securities must pay a reasonable return for the risks assumed.
$\square$ The return may come in the form of price appreciation or periodic coupon interest.


## Diversify credit risk

$\square$ The diversification objective is closely linked to the safety objective and difficulties that banks have with diversifying their loan portfolios.
$\square$ Too often, particularly at small banks, loans are concentrated in one industry such as agriculture, energy, or real estate that reflects the specific economic conditions of the region.

## Help manage interest rate risk exposure

－Investment securities are very flexible instruments for managing a bank＇s overall interest rate risk exposure．
$\square$ Banks can select terms that meet their specific needs without fear of antagonizing the borrower．
$\square$ They can readily sell the security if their needs change．

## Pledging requirements

$\square$ By law, commercial banks must pledge collateral against certain types of liabilities.
$\square$ Banks that sell RPs essentially pledge part of the government's portfolio against this debt.

## Composition of the investment portfolio

- Money market instruments with short maturities and durations include:
- Treasury bills,
- large negotiable CDs,
- bankers acceptances,
- commercial paper,
- security repurchase agreements, and
- tax anticipation notes.



## Composition of the investment portfolio

－Capital market instruments with longer maturities and duration are classified by the issuer as：
－Long－term U．S．Treasury securities，obligations of U．S．government agencies，
－Obligations of state and local governments and their political subdivisions labeled municipals，
－Mortgage－backed securities backed both by government and private guarantees，
－Corporate bonds，and
－Foreign bonds．

# Composition of U．S．commercial bank investments：1965－2000 

A．All Banks Over Time

| Percentage of Total Assets |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 1965 | 970 | 1975 | 1980 | 1985 | 1990 | 1995 | 2000＊ |
| U．S．Treasury securities | 17．6\％ | 12．1\％ | 9．8\％ | 7．8\％ | 8．3\％ | 5．4\％ | 6．2\％ | 2．80\％ |
| Agency securities | 1.7 | 2.7 | 3.9 | 4.1 | 3.2 | 8.4 | 10.4 | 11.3 |
| Municipal securities | 11.4 | 13.6 | 11.6 | 10.0 | 9.7 | 3.5 | 2.1 | 1.80 |
| Corporate \＆foreign securities | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.9 | 0.5 | 1.0 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 4.30 |
|  | 31．1\％ | 29．0\％ | 26．4\％ | 22．4\％ | 22．2\％ | 20．0\％ | 21．2\％ | 20．1\％ |
| Total financial assets（billions of \＄） | \＄342 | \＄517 | \＄886 | \＄1，482 | \＄2，375 | \＄3，334 | \＄4，488 | \＄6，455．6 |

B．Percentage of Total Consolidated Assets，December 31， 2000

|  | Commercial Banks Ranked by Assets |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \hline 11-100 \\ \text { Largest } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { 101-1,000 } \\ \hline \text { Largest } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \hline>1,000 \\ & \hline \text { Largest } \\ & \hline \end{aligned}$ |
|  | 10 Largest |  |  |  |
| Investment securities |  |  |  |  |
| U．S．Treasury securities | 1．96\％ | 1．12\％ | 1．18\％ | 2．12\％ |
| U．S．Gov＇t．agency \＆corporate securities | 6.59 | 9.71 | 15.56 | 16.95 |
| Private mortgage－backed securities | 0.51 | 1.66 | 0.99 | 0.23 |
| Municipal securities | 0.51 | 0.96 | 2.91 | 4.64 |
| Other securities | 3.47 | 2.06 | 2.18 | 0.88 |
| Equities | 0.68 | 0.6 C | 0.79 | 0.56 |
| Total investment securities | 13．72\％ | 16．11\％ | 24．24\％ | 25．38\％ |
| Trading account securities | 5.26 | 1.22 | 0.09 | 0.02 |
| Total | 18．98\％ | 17．33\％ | 24．33\％ | 25．40\％ |

# The risk-return characteristics of investment securities 

$\square$ The fundamental objective of the investment portfolio is to maximize earnings while limiting risk within guidelines set by management.
$\square$ Earnings come in the form of:

- periodic interest income
- reinvestment income
- capital gains (losses)


## General return characteristics

$\square$ Most debt instruments either accrue interest at fixed rates against the principal invested with a lump sum distribution at maturity，or carry fixed coupon payments with the return of principal at final maturity．
$\square$ Aggregate returns are also affected by capital gains and losses on securities sold prior to final maturity．

## In general，bank managers are reluctant to report securities losses

$\square$ Even in the face of superior reinvestment opportunities
$\square$ Securities losses directly lower reported profits，and，in the near term，earnings may appear depressed

## General risk characteristics

$\square$ Credit Risk
－variability in returns resulting from not making promised payments
$\square$ Purchasing Power Risk
－unanticipated changes in inflation
$\square$ Interest Rate Risk
－interest rate changes affect returns in two ways： price risk and reinvestment rate risk
$\square$ Liquidity Risk
－risk of not being easily traded prior to maturity．

## I mpact of interest rate changes on fixed－rate，option－free bond prices



# Regulatory guidelines： Three types of securities 

$\square$ Type I Securities
－U．S．Treasury，federal agency，and general obligation municipal obligations
－Banks can own unlimited quantities of these securities and underwrite new issues or make a market in outstanding obligations

# Regulatory guidelines： Three types of securities 

## －Type II Securities

－Obligations issued by quasi－public federal and municipal agencies
－The amount owned from any single issuer is limited to 15 percent of a bank＇s capital plus surplus

# Regulatory guidelines： Three types of securities 

$\square$ Type III Securities
－All other investment grade equivalent obligations
－Banks can invest no more than 10 percent of capital and surplus in any single issue and
－Not allowed to underwrite or deal in these securities
－Although the bank cannot deal in these securities，a bank with a Section 20 affiliate can or a financial holding company structure can．

## Money market investments

$\square$ Highly liquid instruments which mature within one year that are issued by governments and large corporations.
$\square$ Very low risk since they are issued by wellknown borrowers and a deep secondary market exists.
$\square$ Banks purchase money market instruments in order to meet liquidity and pledging requirements and earn a reasonable return

## Repurchase agreements

$\square$ The lender or investor buys securities from the borrower and simultaneously agrees to sell the securities back at a later date at an agreed-upon price plus interest.
$\square$ The minimum denomination is generally $\$ 1$ million, with maturities ranging from one day to one year.
$\square$ The rate on one-day RPs is referred to as the overnight RP rate and is quoted on an add-on basis assuming a 360-day year

- \$Interest = par value $x$ (repo rate $\times$ (days / 360))
$\square$ Longer-term transactions are referred to as term RPs and the associated rate the term RP rate.


## Treasury Bills

$\square$ They exist only in book-entry form, with the investor simply holding a dated receipt.
$\square$ Investors can purchase bills in denominations as small as $\$ 10,000$, but most transactions involve much larger amounts.
$\square$ Each week the Treasury auctions bills with 13week and 26-week maturities.

- Investors submit either competitive or noncompetitive bids.
- With a competitive bid, the purchaser indicates the maturity amount of bills desired and the discount price offered.


## T－Bill auctions

## T－Bill Auction Results for May 20， 2002

|  | $13-$ Week | 26－Week |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Applications | $\$ 35,879,782,000$ | $\$ 32,156,863,000$ |
| Accepted bids | $\$ 17,000,105,000$ | $\$ 15,000,055,000$ |
| Accepted noncomp | $\$ 1,438,237,000$ | $\$ 1,087,195,000$ |
| Accepted frgn non | $\$ 175,000,000$ | $\$ 75,000,000$ |
| Auction price（Rate） | $99.563(1.730 \%)$ | $99.039(1.900 \%)$ |
| Coupon equivalent | $1.76 \%$ | $7.95 \%$ |
| Bids at market yield | $58.13 \%$ | $25.09 \%$ |
| Cusip number | $912795 \mathrm{KX8}$ | 912795 LL 3 |

Both issues are dated May 20，2002．The 13－week bills mature Aug．22， 2002，and the 26－week bills mature Nov．21， 2002.

## Treasury Bills（continued）

$\square$ Treasury bills are purchased on a discount basis，so the investor＇s income equals price appreciation．
$\square$ As with most money market yields， the Treasury bill discount rate is quoted in terms of a 360－day year．

## Treasury Bills, an example.

$\square A$ bank that purchases $\$ 1$ million in face value of 26 -week (182-day) bills at $\$ 990,390$ the low auction price, to earn a discount yield of 1.90 percent.
$\square$ The discount rate is:
$\square d r=(1,000,000-990,390) \div 1,000,000]$
(360/182)
$=1.90 \%$


## Treasury Bills, an example.

$\square$ The coupon-equivalent rate (cer) is:

- cer $=[(1,000,000-990,390) \div 990,390]$ x (365 / 182)

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=1.946 \%
$$

$\square$ The true (effective) yield is:

- eff $y=[1+(1,000,000-990,390) \div$ 990,390] ${ }^{(365 / 182)}-1$
$=1.956 \%$



## CDs

$\square$ Domestic CDs
...dollar-denominated deposits issued by
U.S. banks in the United States and have fixed maturities ranging from 14 days to several years.

- They pay yields above Treasury bills.
- Interest is quoted on an add-on basis, assuming a 360 -day year.


## Eurodollars

## $\square$ Eurodollars

．．．dollar－denominated deposits issued by
foreign branches of banks outside the United States．
－The Eurodollar market is less regulated than the domestic market，so the perceived riskiness is greater．

## Commercial paper

$\square$ Unsecured promissory notes issued by corporations that use the proceeds to finance short-term working capital needs.

- Unsecured, hence the issuers are typically the highest quality firms.
- Minimum denomination is $\$ 10,000$.
- Maturities range from 3 to 270 days.
- Interest rates are fixed and quoted on a discount basis.
$\square$ Small banks purchase large amounts of commercial paper as investments.


## Bankers acceptances

$\square$ A draft drawn on a bank by firms that typically are importer or exporters of goods.
$\square$ Short-term, and has a fixed maturity.
$\square$ Maturity is typically up to nine months
$\square$ Priced as as discount instrument like T-bills.

## Taxable capital market investments

$\square$ Capital market instruments consists of instruments with original maturities greater than one year．
$\square$ Banks are restricted to＂investment grade＂securities，those rated Baa or above；i．e．，no junk bonds．

## Treasury notes and bonds

$\square$ Original maturity is longer than T-bills, notes typically 1-10 years and bonds beyond 10 years.
$\square$ Most pay semi-annual coupons.
$\square$ Some are zero, STRIPS.
$\square$ Sold via closed auctions.
$\square$ Rates are quoted on a coupon-bearing basis with prices expressed in thirtyseconds of a point, $\$ 31.25$ per $\$ 100,000$ face value.

## Treasury strips

$\square$ During recent years，many banks have purchased zero coupon Treasury securities as part of their interest rate risk management strategies．
$\square$ Since 1985 the U．S．Treasury has allowed any Treasury with an original maturity of at least 10 years to be＂stripped＂into its component interest and principal pieces and traded via the Federal Reserve wire transfer system．

## Example: Treasury strips

$\square$ Consider a 10 -year, $\$ 1$ million par value Treasury bond that pays 9 percent coupon interest or 4.5 percent semiannually ( $\$ 45,000$ every six months).

- This security can be stripped into 20 separate interest payments of \$45,000 each and a single $\$ 1$ million principal payment, or 21 separate zero coupon securities.



## U.S. Government Agency

 securities1. Members who are formally part of the federal government
2. Members who are governmentsponsored agencies.

- Default risk is low even though these securities are not direct obligations of the Treasury; most investors believe there is a moral obligation.
- These issues normally carry a risk premium of about 10 to 100 basis points.


## Yields on Treasury and Agency securities

## $\square$ The yield to maturity (y) formula

 follows can be expressed solving for $y$, as: $\mathbf{P o}=\sum_{\mathrm{t}=1}^{\mathrm{n}} \frac{\mathrm{C}_{\mathrm{t}}}{(1+\mathbf{y})^{\mathrm{t}}}+\frac{\mathrm{Pn}}{(1+\boldsymbol{y})^{\mathbf{n}}}$where
Po = current price,
$P_{n}=$ cash flow at maturity,
$C_{t}=$ dollar value of the cash flow (interest payment) received in period $t$,
$n=$ number of periods until the final cash flow
$y=$ periodic yield to maturity.

## Example: Yields on Treasury and Agency securities

$\square$ An investor obtains a price quote of 96.24 on a 10 percent coupon, $\$ 10,000$ par value Treasury note with exactly two years remaining to maturity.

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\begin{aligned}
9,675 & =\sum_{t=1}^{4} \frac{500}{\left(1+y^{*} / 2\right)^{\mathrm{t}}}+\frac{10,000}{\left(1+y^{*} / 2\right)^{4}} \\
y^{*} & =11.87 \%
\end{aligned}
$$

## Callable Agency bonds

$\square$ One of the most popular bank investments during the 1990s has been callable agency bonds．
$\square$ Typically，there is a call deferment period during which the bonds cannot be called．
$\square$ Such bonds contain an explicit call option where the issuer，such as a FHLB，buys the option to call the bonds and investors sell the option．
－The issuer pays by offering a higher promised yield relative to comparable noncallable bonds．
－The present value of this rate differential essentially represents the call premium．

## Callable agency bonds

Issuer Final Maturity Call Deferment Yield to Maturity Price

| FNMA | 7 years | 1 year | $6.42 \%$ | 99.91 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | :---: |
| FHLB | 5 years | 3 months | 5.84 | 100.00 |
| FHLMC | 10 years | 1 year | 6.55 | 99.625 |
| FHLMC | 10 years | 2 years | 6.37 | 99.10 |
| FHLB | 3 years | 1 year | 5.78 | 99.97 |
| FHLMC | 3 years | 1 year | 5.62 | 99.4375 |

## Conventional mortgagebacked securities

$\square$ A mortgage-backed security (MBS) is any security that evidences an undivided interest in the ownership of mortgage loans.
$\square$ The most common form of MBS is the passthrough security
$\square$ Even though many MBS have very low default risk, they exhibit unique interest rate risk due to prepayment risk.

## Structure of the GNMA mortgage-backed pass-through security issuance process



## Types of mortgage－backed securities

$\square$ GNMA pass－through securities
－Government National Mortgage Association（Ginnie Mae）－a government entity that buys mortgages for low income housing and guarantees mortgage－backed securities issued by private lenders．

## Types of mortgage-backed securities

## $\square$ FHLMC

- Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac)-a private corporation, operating with an implicit federal guarantee, that buys mortgages financed largely by mortgage-backed securities.


## Types of mortgage-backed securities

- FNMA securities
- Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae)-A private corporation, operating with an implicit federal guarantee, that buys mortgages financed by mortgage-backed securities.
$\square$ Privately issued pass-through
- Issued by banks and S\&Ls, with private insurance rather than government guarantee.


## Prepayment risk on mortgagebacked securities

$\square$ Borrowers may prepay the outstanding mortgage principal at any point in time for any reason.
$\square$ Prepayment generally occurs because of fundamental demographic trends as well as movements in interest rates.
$\square$ Prepayment typically increases as interest rates fall and slows as rates increase.
$\square$ Forecasting prepayment is not an exact science.

## Prepayments impact on duration and yield

$\square$ Market prices are found by following a three step process:

- Estimate the duration of the MBS based on an assumed interest rate environment and the speed of prepayments.
- Identify a Treasury security with the same duration.
- The MBS is priced as a markup over the Treasury.


## Collateralized mortgage obligation (CMO):

$\square$ Security backed by a pool of mortgages and structured to fall within an estimated maturity range (tranche) based on the timing of allocated interest and principal payments on the underlying mortgages.
$\square$ Tranche:

- The principal amount related to a specific class of stated maturities on a collateralized mortgage obligation. The first class of bonds have the shortest maturities.


## CMOs

$\square$ CMOs were introduced to circumvent some of the prepayment risk associated with the traditional pass－through security．
$\square$ CMOs are essentially bonds．
$\square$ An originator combines various mortgage pools to serve as collateral and creates classes of bonds with different maturities．
$\square$ The first class，or tranche，has the shortest maturity．
$\square$ Interest payments are paid to all classes of bonds but principal payments are paid to the first tranche until they have been paid off．
$\square$ After the first tranche is paid，principal payments are made to the second tranche，etc．

## Types of CMOs

- PAC:
- Planned amortization class CMO-a security that is retired according to a planned amortization schedule, while payments to other classes of securities are slowed or accelerated.
- Least risky of the CMOs.
- Objective is to ensure that PACs exhibit highly predictable maturities and cash flows.
$\square$ Z-Tranche:
- Final class of securities in a CMO, exhibiting the longest maturity and greatest price volatility.
- These securities often accrue interest until all other classes are retired.


# Different classes (Tranches) of CMO bonds issued by the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation, Sept. 2001 

Orig. Amt Orig. Orig.

| Class | (000s) | Coupon | WAL | Maturity | Description** |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1) B | 100,000 | 6.00 | 4.00 | $2 / 15 / 1931$ | TAC(11) |
| 2) C | 34,900 | 6.00 | 4.60 | $9 / 15 / 1931$ | SEQ |
| 3) LL | 10,944 | 6.25 | 16.00 | $9 / 15 / 1931$ | SEQ, RTL |
| 4) LO | 456 | 0.00 | 16.00 | $9 / 15 / 1931$ | PD, SEQ |
| 5) TW | 40,912 | 6.50 | 4.00 | $9 / 15 / 1931$ | SCH(22) |
| 6) ZA | 3,700 | 6.00 | 11.90 | $3 / 15 / 1931$ | Z, SUP |
| 7) MC | 159,088 | 6.50 | 8.50 | $9 / 15 / 1931$ | EXCH, PZ, SUP, PAC |
| 8) R | 0 | 0.00 |  | $9 / 15 / 1931$ | R, NPR |
| 9) KA | 34,282 | 6.50 | 2.50 | $7 / 15 / 2018$ | PAC(11) |
| 10)KB | 47,270 | 6.50 | 6.00 | $7 / 15 / 2026$ | PAC(11) |
| 11)KC | 38,898 | 6.50 | 11.00 | $6 / 15 / 1930$ | PAC(11) |
| 12)KD | 15,923 | 6.50 | 19.10 | $9 / 15 / 1931$ | PAC(11) |
| 13)KD | 11,380 | 6.50 | 2.10 | $9 / 15 / 1931$ | SUP |
| 14)KZ | 11,335 | 6.50 | 15.80 | $9 / 15 / 1931$ | Z, SUP |
| 15)KE | 136,373 | 6.50 | 8.10 | $9 / 15 / 1931$ | EXCH, PAC |

## CMOs＇advantages over MBSs

－Exhibit less prepayment risk
$\square$ Appeal to investors with different maturity preferences by segmenting the securities into maturity classes

## Stripped mortgage－backed securities

$\square$ Stripped mortgage－backed securities are more complicated in terms of structure and pricing characteristics．
$\square$ Consider a 30 year，12\％fixed－rate mortgage
－There will be $30 \times 12$（360）payments（principal plus interest．
－Loan amortization means the principal only（PO） payments are smaller in the beginning：

$$
P 1<P 2<\ldots<P 360
$$

－Interest only（IO）payments decrease over time：
$11>12>\ldots>1360$

| Time Line |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 0 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 357 | 358 | 359 | 360 | Period |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | $\mathrm{I}_{1}$ | $\mathrm{I}_{2}$ | $I_{3}$ | $\mathrm{I}_{357}$ | $\mathrm{I}_{358}$ | $\mathrm{I}_{359}$ | $\mathrm{I}_{360}$ |  |
|  | $\underline{+P_{1}}$ | $\frac{+P_{2}}{P Y}$ | $\frac{+\mathrm{P}_{3}}{P Y}$ | $\underline{+P_{357}}$ | $\underline{+P_{358}}$ | $\underline{+\mathrm{P}_{359}}$ | ＋ $\mathrm{P}_{360}$ |  |
|  | PY | PY | PY | PY | PY | PY | PY |  |

## Assets－backed securities

$\square$ Conceptually，an Asset－backed security is comparable to a mortgage－backed security in structure．
－The securities are effectively＂pass－throughs＂ since principal and interest are secured by the payments on the specific loans pledged as security．
$\square$ Two popular asset－backed securities are：
－Collateralized automobile receivables（CARS）
－CARDS，securities backed by credit card loans to individual．

# Features of pass－through， government，and corporate 

|  | Pass－Throughs | Treasuries | Corporates | Stripped Treasuries |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Credit risk | Generally high grade；range from government guaranteed to A （private pass－throughs）． | Government guaranteed | High grade to speculative． | Backed by government securities． |
| Liquidity | Good for agency issued／guaranteed pass－through． | Excellent． | Generally limited． | Fair． |
| Range of coupons （discount to premium） | Full range． | Full range． | Full range for a few issuers． | Zero coupons（discount securities）． |
| Range of maturities | Medium and long term（fast－paying and seasoned pools can provide shorter maturities than stated）． | Full range． | Full range． | Full range． |
| Call protection | Complex prepayment pattern； investor can limit through selection variables，such as coupon seasoning， and program． | Noncallable（except certain 30－year bonds）． | Generally callable after initial limited period of 5 to 10 years． | Noncallable． |
| Frequency of payment | Monthly payments of principal and interest． | Semiannual interest payment． | Semiannual interest （except Eurobonds， which pay interest annually）． | No payments until maturity． |
| Average life | Lower than for bonds of comparable maturity；can only be estimated due to prepayment risk． | Estimate only for small number of callable issues；otherwise，known with certainty． | Minimum average life known，otherwise a function of call risk | Known with certainty． |
| Duration／intere st rate risk | Function of prepayment risk；can only be estimated；can be negative when prepayment risk is high． | Unless callable，a simple function of yield，coupon， and maturity；is known with certainty． | Function of call risk； can be negative when call risk is high． | Known with certainty； no interest rate risk if held to maturity． |
| Basis for yield quotes | Cash flow yield based on monthly prepayments and constant CPR assumption（usually most recent three－month historical prepayment experience）． | Based on semiannual coupon payments and 365－day year． | Based on semi－ annual coupon payments and 360－ day year of twelve 30 day months． | Bond equivalent yield based on either 360－or 365－day year depending on sponsor． |
| Settlement | Once a month． | Any business day． | Any business day． | Any business day． |

## U．S．Market for asset－backed

 securitiesYear－to－date Issuance for 2001 Through March 31， 2001

Student Loans
2．7\％

Total Issuance for 2000 Through December 31， 2000

Student Loans 6\％



Total＝\＄312 Bililion

## Characteristics of First Security Auto



## Characteristic of municipal securities

$\square$ Municipals are exempt from federal income taxes （generally exempt from state or local as well．）
$\square$ General obligation ．．．principal and interest payments are backed by the full faith，credit，and taxing authority of the issuer．
$\square$ Revenue Bonds
．．．backed by revenues generated from the project the bond proceeds are used to finance．
$\square$ Industrial Development Bonds
．．．expenditures of private corporations．

# Summary of terms for a municipal school bond 

Sequoia Union High School District \＄30，000，000
General Obligation Bonds Election of 2001 Dated：May 1， 2002
Due：July 1， 2003 through July 1， 2031
Callable：July 1， 2011 at 102．0\％of par， declining to par as of July 1， 2013 Winning Bid：Salomon Smith Barney，at 100．0000，

True interest cost（TIC）of 5．0189\％ Other Managers：Bear，Stearns \＆Co．，Inc．，CIBC World Markets Corp．，

| Due Date | Amount | Coupon | Yield |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| $7 / 1 / 2003$ | $\$ 225,000$ | $7.00 \%$ | $2.00 \%$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2004$ | $\$ 520,000$ | $7.00 \%$ | $2.50 \%$ |
| 7／1／2005 | $\$ 545,000$ | $7.00 \%$ | $3.00 \%$ |
| 7／1／2006 | $\$ 575,000$ | $7.00 \%$ | $3.25 \%$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2007$ | $\$ 605,000$ | $7.00 \%$ | $3.50 \%$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2008$ | $\$ 635,000$ | $7.00 \%$ | $3.70 \%$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2009$ | $\$ 665,000$ | $7.00 \%$ | $3.80 \%$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2010$ | $\$ 700,000$ | $4.00 \%$ | $3.90 \%$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2011$ | $\$ 735,000$ | $4.00 \%$ | $4.00 \%$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2012$ | $\$ 765,000$ | $4.13 \%$ | $4.13 \%$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2013$ | $\$ 800,000$ | $4.25 \%$ | $4.25 \%$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2014$ | $\$ 835,000$ | $4.38 \%$ | $4.38 \%$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2015$ | $\$ 870,000$ | $4.50 \%$ | $4.50 \%$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2016$ | $\$ 910,000$ | $4.60 \%$ | $4.60 \%$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2017$ | $\$ 950,000$ | $4.70 \%$ | $4.70 \%$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2018$ | $\$ 995,000$ | $4.80 \%$ | $4.80 \%$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2019$ | $\$ 1,045,000$ | $4.90 \%$ | $4.90 \%$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2020$ | $\$ 1,095,000$ | $5.00 \%$ | $5.00 \%$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2021$ | $\$ 1,150,000$ | $5.00 \%$ | $5.00 \%$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2022$ | $\$ 1,210,000$ | $5.00 \%$ | $5.00 \%$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2023$ | $\$ 1,270,000$ | $5.00 \%$ | $5.00 \%$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2024$ | $\$ 1,335,000$ | $5.00 \%$ | $5.00 \%$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2025$ | $\$ 1,405,000$ | $5.00 \%$ | $5.20 \%$ |
| $7 / 1 / 2026$ | $\$ 1,480,000$ | $5.00 \%$ | $5.21 \%$ |
| $7 / 1 / 1931$ | $\$ 8,650,000$ | $5.13 \%$ | $5.21 \%$ |

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## Short-term and long-term municipals

$\square$ Short-Term Municipals

- Municipal notes provide operating funds for government units.
- Banks buy large amounts of short-term municipals.
- They often work closely with municipalities in placing these securities
- Banks have a need for short term investments.
$\square$ Long-Term Municipals
- Long-Term municipal securities include general obligation bonds and revenue bonds.


## Credit risk in the municipal portfolio

$\square$ Until the 1970s，few municipal securities went into default．
$\square$ Deteriorating conditions in many large cities ultimately resulted in defaults by：
－New York City（1975），Cleveland（1978）， Washington Public Power \＆Supply System （WHOOPS）（1983）．
$\square$ Liquidity Risk：
－Substantially lower liquidity than Treasuries．
－The secondary market for municipals is fundamentally an over－the－counter market．

## Liquidity risk in municipal securities

$\square$ Municipals exhibit substantially lower liquidity than Treasury or agency securities.
$\square$ The secondary market for municipals is fundamentally an over-the-counter market.

- Small, nonrated issues trade infrequently and at relatively large bid-ask dealer spreads. Large issues of nationally known municipalities, state agencies, and states trade more actively at smaller spreads.
- Name recognition is critical, as investors are more comfortable when they can identify the issuer with a specific location.
- Insurance also helps by improving the rating and by association with a known property and casualty insurer.


## Municipals are less volatile in price than Treasury securities.

$\square$ This is generally attributed to the peculiar tax features of municipals.

- The municipal market is segmented.
- On the supply side, municipalities cannot shift between short- and long-term securities to take advantage of yield differences because of constitutional restrictions on balanced operating budgets.


## I nvestment policy guidelines

$\square$ Each bank's asset and liability or risk management committee (ALCO) is responsible for establishing investment policy guidelines.
$\square$ These guidelines define the parameters within which investment decisions help meet overall return and risk objectives.
$\square$ Because securities are impersonal loans that are easily bought and sold, they can be used at the margin to help achieve a bank's liquidity, credit risk, and earnings sensitivity or duration gap targets.
$\square$ Investment guidelines identify specific goals and constraints regarding

## General portfolio considerations

$\square$ Investment policies must be flexible because no bank can exactly forecast its operating environment.
$\square$ Interest rates rise and fall, the yield curve changes shape, loan demand fluctuates, and the risk features of securities change when issuers' economic circumstances improve or deteriorate.
$\square$ A bank should establish guidelines that specify what and when portfolio adjustments are appropriate.


