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Foreword

The World Bank consists of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD) and its affiliate, the International Development Association (IDA). The International Finance Corporation (IFC) is also an affiliated institution of the IBRD.

This glossary contains terms which have appeared or may appear in documents dealing with lending and borrowing of the World Bank and IFC. Many of the terms are connected with IBRD's borrowing program, which has recently been under scrutiny within the Bank, in order to increase the sources of borrowing. As a result, many different financial instruments have been considered, and it is these that form a large part of this glossary.

Inevitably, the IBRD has been looking to the two major world financial markets, namely the U.S. and Eurodollar markets—so many of the terms will be unique to these two areas. As the language of these two markets tends to be mainly English, there are frequently no exact equivalents in French and Spanish, and many of the terms given should be considered as proposed translations and not standard terms. Naturally, where there is an equivalent used in French or Spanish, or where the experts in France or Spain and Latin American countries have an agreed term, it has been used. It should be noted, however, that many of these terms will be used in English by the experts, even when there is an accepted equivalent in French or Spanish. Definitions have been given for many of the terms. These are based on the English term, except where otherwise noted, and appear in the English section.

Besides terminology used in the financial markets, this glossary also contains terms relating to the World Bank's current lending program, including the currency pool and the pool-based lending rate (which are not the same thing), banking, accounting, particularly ratios, as well as a few terms in the fields of economics and financial analysis. The names of the United States and the United Kingdom have been consistently abbreviated to "U.S." and "U.K."

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Avant-propos

L'expression "Banque mondiale" désigne la Banque internationale pour la reconstruction et le développement (BIRD) et l'Association internationale de développement (IDA), qui lui est affiliée. La Société financière internationale (SFI) est également une institution affiliée à la BIRD.

Nous avons réuni dans le présent glossaire des termes rencontrés dans les documents relatifs aux prêts et aux emprunts de la Banque mondiale et de la SFI. Beaucoup de ces termes se rapportent au programme d'emprunt de la BIRD qui, soucieuse de se ménager de nouvelles sources de financement, a été amenée depuis peu à s'intéresser à de nombreux instruments financiers.

Il était inévitable que, pour élargir son programme d'emprunt, elle s'oriente vers les deux principaux marchés mondiaux de capitaux, ceux des Etats-Unis et des eurodollars, qui ont souvent leur propre terminologie, essentiellement anglaise. Bien des traductions que nous donnons ne doivent donc être considérées que comme de simples suggestions. Naturellement, chaque fois qu'il existe un équivalent accepté en français ou en espagnol ou que des experts de pays francophones ou hispanophones se sont mis d'accord sur un terme, nous l'avons repris. Il faut toutefois signaler que même s'il existe une traduction acceptée en français ou en espagnol, les experts emploient fréquemment le terme anglais. Nous avons généralement donné une définition qui, sauf indication contraire, est celle du terme anglais.

Outre le vocabulaire employé par les spécialistes des marchés financiers, ce glossaire contient des termes relatifs au programme de prêt de la Banque mondiale, notamment au pool de monnaies et au pool d'emprunts utilisé pour déterminer le taux prêteur (deux notions différentes), aux opérations bancaires, à la comptabilité (ratios par exemple) et même à l'économie et à l'analyse financière. Les sigles "U.S." et "U.K." ont été employés systématiquement pour désigner les Etats-Unis d'Amérique et le Royaume-Uni.

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Toutes les suggestions qui permettront d'améliorer et de compléter ce glossaire seront les bienvenues. Prière de les envoyer à l'adresse suivante :

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Prefacio

El Banco Mundial está constituido por el Banco Internacional de Reconstrucción y Fomento (BIRF) y su afiliada, la Asociación Internacional de Fomento (AIF). La Corporación Financiera Internacional (CFI) es también una institución afiliada del BIRF.

Este glosario contiene términos que han aparecido o pueden aparecer en documentos sobre operaciones de empréstito y préstamo del Banco Mundial y la CFI. Muchos de los términos están relacionados con el programa de empréstitos del BIRF, que recientemente ha sido objeto de un examen cuidadoso dentro del Banco con el fin de ampliar las fuentes de obtención de fondos. Como consecuencia, se han considerado numerosos instrumentos financieros distintos, y son éstos los que constituyen una gran parte del presente glosario.

Como cabía prever, inevitablemente el BIRF se ha dirigido a los dos principales mercados financieros del mundo—el de los Estados Unidos y el del eurodólar—, de modo que muchos de los términos corresponden a expresiones que se usan exclusivamente en dichos mercados. Dado que el idioma que se emplea en estos dos mercados generalmente es el inglés, con frecuencia no se encuentran equivalentes exactos en español y francés, por lo que muchas de las traducciones que se dan deben considerarse como sugerencias y no como términos consagrados. Lógicamente, en los casos en que se emplea un equivalente en español o francés, o en que los expertos de España y los países latinoamericanos o Francia tienen un término convenido, se ha usado éste. No obstante, cabe señalar que los expertos usarán muchos de estos términos en inglés, aun cuando exista un equivalente aceptado en español o en francés. En muchos casos se dan las definiciones. Salvo indicación contraria, éstas se basan en el término inglés y aparecen en inglés en la sección trilingüe.

Además de la terminología usada en los mercados financieros, este glosario contiene términos relacionados con el programa actual de operaciones crediticias del Banco Mundial, incluidos los referentes al fondo común de monedas, el tipo de interés variable basado en una “cesta” de empréstitos pendientes, banca, contabilidad—en particular relaciones—y algunos términos que se emplean en los campos de la economía y el análisis financiero. A través de todo el glosario los nombres de los Estados Unidos y el Reino Unido se han abreviado como “U.S.” y “U.K.”.

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- A -

AAA bond [cf., *top-rated bond*]

obligation de premier ordre; obligation (cotée) AAA (marché américain)

bono, obligación (con clasificación) AAA

Bond given highest rating in the *Standard & Poor* classification. AAA bonds have the highest degree of protection as regards principal and interest. The other main rating agency, *Moody's*, has Aaa as its highest rating. IBRD bonds are rated AAA.

"A" loan

prêt "A"

préstamo "A"

Standard World Bank loan in cofinancing.

acceptance, accepting house [U.K.]

maison d'acceptation

casa de aceptaciones

Merchant banks in the U.K. specializing in accepting bills of exchange.

accounting price

prix comptable

precio de cuenta

A price used for accounting purposes (i.e., not a market price). Often used synonymously with shadow price.

accounting rate of interest (ARI)

taux d'intérêt comptable (TIC)

tasa de interés de cuenta (TIC)

tipo de interés de cuenta (TIC)

Discount rate used to convert future values of benefits and costs into equivalent present values.

accounting ratio

ratio prix comptable-prix du marché

relación de cuenta

Ratio of accounting price to market price of a good.

accreted call bond

obligation assortie d'une option d'achat au-dessous du pair

bono redimible con descuento antes de su vencimiento

Discount bond which allows the issuer to call the bond before maturity, at a discount from the face value.

acid-test, liquid, quick ratio

ratio de trésorerie réduite

relación activo disponible-pasivo corriente

The standard IBRD definition is the ratio of cash plus marketable securities plus accounts receivable plus other amounts readily convertible into cash to current liabilities. Other definitions include ratio of current assets less inventories to current liabilities, ratio of quick assets to current liabilities, ratio of cash plus near-cash assets to current liabilities, and ratio of cash plus accounts receivable plus the market value of selected investments to current liabilities. In Latin America, *relación de prueba ácida* is often found, while in Spain *ratio de tesorería* is used.

activity ratios

taux d'activité

relaciones de actividad

A group of ratios that measure movement in the activities of a corporation.

actuarial evaluation

évaluation actuarielle

evaluación actuarial

advanced refunding

refinancement anticipé

refinanciamiento anticipado

Refinancing before maturity, to take advantage of favorable market conditions.

after-market

après bourse

período "after-market"

The period between the issue of the security and lifting of syndicate restrictions in the fixed-interest and Eurobond markets. Sometimes used incorrectly as a synonym for *secondary market* (q.v.).

after-sight bill

traite à un certain délai de vue

letra a cierto plazo de la fecha de presentación

Bill of exchange which becomes payable at a certain date after presentation for acceptance.

agency fee [Euromarket]

commission de gestion

comisión de gestión

agency securities, obligations

obligations émises par des organismes fédéraux

títulos de organismos federales;

emisiones de organismos federales

Security issued by a U.S. federal agency.

agent bank

1. correspondant; 2. mandataire; agent

1. banco corresponsal; 2. banco agente

1. Bank acting for a foreign bank. 2. Bank handling administration of loan in a syndicated credit.

agio

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agio

The premium which the metallic or other currency of a country may command over legal tender paper money which is its face equivalent.

allotment

attribution; répartition

distribución

Allocation of securities to members of the syndicate involved in the issue, in the Eurobond and U.S. securities market.

all-purpose bank, see combined

commercial and investment bank

amortization

amortissement; remboursement [prêts]

1. amortización; 2. depreciación

1. The gradual extinguishment of any amount over a period of time (e.g., the retirement of a debt). 2. A reduction of the book value of a fixed asset.

amortization adjustment factor

[currency pool]

facteur d'ajustement de

l'amortissement

factor de ajuste para fines de amortización

The ratio of the current value, in terms of the U.S. dollar, of the principal outstanding of a loan at the commencement of business of a day to the corresponding total of withdrawals from the Loan Account, net of recalls for amortization.

annuity bond

titre de rente

bono perpetuo, de renta vitalicia

- apex loan**
prêt pyramidal, en cascade
préstamo en pirámide, en cascada
Loan whereby IBRD lends money to an apex development financial unit which onlends it to participating financial institutions which, in turn, onlend it to industrial companies.
- arbitrage**
arbitrage
arbitraje
Buying (or borrowing) in one market and selling (or lending) in another.
- arbitrageur**
arbitragiste
arbitrajista
Person systematically engaged in arbitrage dealing.
- ARI**, *see* accounting rate of interest
- arm's length (price)**
(prix) normal du marché; (prix) de pleine concurrence
precio de mercado
Price between corporations under fully competitive conditions (the opposite of *transfer price*).
- ask(ed) price [securities market]**
cours de l'offre
precio vendedor
The price at which a security or commodity is quoted or offered for sale.
- ATM**, *see* automatic teller machine
- automatic teller machine (ATM)**
guichet automatique de banque (GAB)
ventanilla automática; cajero automático, permanente
- availability clause**, *see* switch clause
- aval**
aval
aval
Guarantee of the payment of a bill of exchange or promissory note with the signature of a third person appearing on the bill.
- averaging**
amélioration des prix moyens (d'un titre)
inversión periódica de monto constante
The practice of investing a fixed amount of money in a particular security, regardless of price. When the market price is high, the investor receives proportionally less stock and vice versa.
- B -
- "B" loan**
prêt "B"
préstamo "B"
Loan made by the World Bank involving cofinancing.
- back-to-back (loan, borrowing)**
1. échange de monnaies différentes; 2. (crédit) adossé; 3. (crédit) face à face; 4. opération couplée d'emprunts; emprunt de contrepartie
1. *préstamos cruzados en divisas; 2. crédito con garantía de otro crédito; 3. préstamo con intermediación de un banco; 4. empréstito de contrapartida*
1. Operations whereby a loan is made in one currency in one country against a loan in another currency in another country (e.g., a U.S. dollar loan in the U.S. against a pounds sterling loan in the U.K.). 2. A credit opened by a bank on the strength of another credit (e.g., if a British merchant buys cotton in Egypt and sells it to a Belgian who establishes a credit for payment to the U.K. firm, then the firm may be able to use this as a security for opening a credit to finance payment to the Egyptian.) 3. A scheme whereby a bank brings together a borrower and a lender so that they agree on a loan contract. 4. Refers to a variable-rate loan made by IFC to a borrower, for which the funds are borrowed from the IBRD. Also called *matched funding*.
- back-up line of credit**
ligne de crédit de protection, de soutien, auxiliaire
línea de crédito de apoyo
- backwardation**
déport
1. *situación en que el precio al contado es superior al precio a plazo; 2. prima pagada por aplazamiento de entrega*
1. In the commodity market, when the cash price is higher than the forward price. 2. In the stock exchange market, a charge paid by an investor who has not yet acquired securities, does not want to do so at the prevailing rate, and, therefore, does not take up delivery of the securities but carries delivery over to the next accounting period. (The opposite of *contango*.)
- backwardation rate**
intérêt de dépôt
tipo de interés pagado por aplazamiento de entrega
- balance-sheet ratio**
ratio tiré du bilan
relación derivada del balance general
Ratio based on figures appearing in the balance sheet.
- balloon loan**
prêt ballon
préstamo "balloon"; préstamo amortizable en su mayor parte al vencimiento
A loan repayment scheme, under which the last repayment is larger than the previous repayments. In some cases, the term is used to refer to a scheme, under which the whole loan is repaid at maturity.
- BAN**, *see* bond-anticipation note
- bank bill**
acceptation de banque
pagaré bancario; letra bancaria
Commercial bill accepted by a bank.
- banker's acceptance**
acceptation de banque
aceptación bancaria
U.S. and Canadian term for a bill of exchange which has been accepted by a banker.
- banker's draft**
chèque banque; chèque tiré
letra de banco; cheque de banco
A draft payable on demand and drawn by, or on behalf of, a bank upon itself.
- bank money**
monnaie scripturale
depósitos bancarios
Money on deposit at a bank.
- bank quality bond**
obligation pouvant intéresser les banques
bono de calidad bancaria
Bonds rated in the top four categories (AAA, AA, A, and BBB) and generally regarded as eligible for bank investment.

bank trust departments

services bancaires de gestion financière
departamentos fiduciarios de bancos

basis point

centième de pour cent; point de base
centésimo de punto porcentual
 0.01 per cent of yield (e.g., of a security).

bearer bond

obligation au porteur
bono, obligación al portador

A bond whose title is to the bearer (i.e., it is presumed to be owned by its holder). The same as *coupon bond*.

bearer market

marché de porteurs
mercado de títulos al portador

bearer note

bon au porteur
pagaré al portador

Note where ownership is transferred merely by handing over, as opposed to registration.

bearer scrip, see scrip certificate**bearer security**

titre au porteur
título al portador

bellwether security

titre précurseur
valor precursor de tendencias

A security that seems to lead a market movement or economic trend.

best efforts sale

vente sans garantie d'émission
venta sin compromiso de garantía de emisión

A new issue which is not underwritten and not purchased as a whole from the issuer, but is sold by securities dealers on a "sell what can be sold" basis. Used in the U.S. securities and syndicated Eurocredit markets.

bid price

cours acheteur
precio comprador; precio de compra

The price offered for a security or commodity by a prospective buyer.

bill broker, see discount house**bill of exchange**

lettre de change
letra de cambio

An unconditional order in writing, addressed by one person to another, signed by the person giving it, requiring the person to whom it is addressed to pay on demand, or at a fixed or determinable future time, a sum of money to, or to the order of, a specified person or to bearer.

blue chip

placement de père de famille; valeur de père de famille; valeur de premier ordre

valor de primera clase; acción de primera clase

Share or security of top-rated U.S. corporation.

bond

obligation
bono; obligación

Debt instrument with maturity of longer than one year. Note that U.S. bonds are usually secured, while U.K. bonds and Eurobonds are usually unsecured.

bond-anticipation note (BAN)

avance de préémission
pagaré en previsión de una emisión de bonos

Short-term borrowing that serves as an interim source of funds for a project that is eventually to be financed by the sale of bonds.

bond certificate

certificat nominatif
certificado nominativo
 Certificate given to the holder of a registered security.

bondholder

porteur de titres, d'obligations
tenedor de bonos

bond-rating agency, see rating agency**bond sold on tap**

obligation vendue à guichet ouvert
bono de venta continua

A bond issued on an "as required" basis (i.e., it is continuously available and may be obtained on demand). The issuer may determine a maximum amount for the issue.

bonus share

action gratuite
acción gratuita

A share given as a bonus to purchasers of such shares.

book-entry security

titre relevé
título consistente en un asiento bancario

U.S. term for a security, not in the form of a certificate, but as an entry in an account at a bank. Eighty percent of marketable U.S. Treasury securities are now held in book-entry form.

book value

valeur comptable
valor contable, en libros

The net amount at which an asset appears on the books of account.

border price

prix frontière; prix franco frontière
precio en la frontera; precio fronterizo
 Price of a tradable good at a country's border or port of entry.

borrower's indebtedness subaccount [currency pool]

sous-compte débiteur de l'emprunteur
subcuenta de endeudamiento del prestatario

Principal outstanding on a borrower's loan.

borrow-pledge security loan

prêt de titres garanti par d'autres titres
préstamo en valores garantizado por otro(s) valor(es)

Security loan where one or more securities are posted as collateral for the borrowed security.

bought deal

prise ferme
emisión adquirida anticipadamente por un consorcio bancario

Bond issue where a group of investment banks agree to purchase an entire issue for their own account or for resale, prior to announcing the issue to the market.

break clause, see jeopardy clause**break-even point [stock market]**

niveau d'indifférence
punto de equilibrio

Point where two strategies are equivalent.

broad money [cf. M3]

monnaie, masse monétaire au sens large

dinero en sentido amplio

broker

[stock exchange] agent de change;
agent boursier; [foreign exchange]
courtier

*corredor (de cambio, de bolsa; agente
(de cambio y bolsa)*

broker loan rate

taux d'avances sur titres

*tipo para préstamos con garantía de
valores*

The rate banks charge to securities dealers
and brokers on loans made with stock as
collateral.

brokerage

courtage

corretaje

Bruno ratio

coefficient de Bruno

relación de Bruno

Also known as *domestic resource cost ratio*
(q.v.).

Bulldog bond

obligation "bouledogue"; obligation
étrangère émise à Londres

bono "bulldog"

Bond issued in pounds sterling on the
London market outside the U.K.

bullet issue

emprunt remboursable en une seule
fois; emprunt remboursable *in fine*
*préstamo reembolsable de una sola
vez a su vencimiento*

An issue to be repaid in a lump sum at the
end of its term rather than gradually.

bunching (of maturities)

concentration (des échéances)
acumulación (de vencimientos)

buoyancy, *see* tax buoyancy

buy-back [Canada]

prise en pension

recompra

A repurchase agreement in the Canadian
short-term commercial market.

buying rate [securities market]

prix acheteur

precio comprador

The price that a buyer will pay for a security.

- C -

call-and-put option, *see* straddle

call loan

prêt au jour le jour

préstamo a la vista

A loan on a demand basis (i.e., which either
the borrower or lender may terminate at
will).

**call money; day-to-day money; demand
money; money at call**

argent au jour le jour; crédit à vue, à
très court terme; avances à vue
dinero exigible; dinero a la vista

Money deposited in an interest-bearing
account, that can be called by the depositor
on a day's notice. Often applied to money
lent by banks to stock exchange brokers,
which may be called at any time.

call-money rate

taux de l'argent au jour le jour; taux
des avances à vue

*tipo de interés para préstamos a la
vista*

call option

option d'achat, de rachat

opción de compra

Option to purchase designated securities at
a predetermined price within a specified
time limit.

call premium

prime de remboursement

prima de rescate

The amount over the issue price when a
bond is redeemed.

call protection

protection contre un rachat anticipé
protección contra rescate anticipado

Protection available in purchase of bonds,
whereby a period is fixed during which the
bond may not be redeemed.

callable bond

obligation remboursable avant
l'échéance

*bono rescatable, redimible antes del
vencimiento*

Bond with a call option.

cancellation (of a debt);

remise (d'une dette)

condonación (de una deuda)

capital base

assise financière; parfois, fonds propres
base de capital

capital deepening

approfondissement du capital
*aumento del capital con respecto al
trabajo*

Action which increases the relative value of
capital in relation to labor (cf. *capital
widening*).

capital-deepening investment

investissement de productivité
*inversión orientada a aumentar la
eficiencia de la producción y
reducir los costos*

Investment aimed at increasing production
efficiency and lowering costs.

capital issue

émission de titres

emisión de valores de capital

capital market

marché de capitaux; marché financier
mercado de capitales

capital redemption reserve funds

compte de réserves pour le rachat du
capital des actions

*fondos de reserva para redención de
capital accionario*

Special account held by a corporation to
repurchase part of its shares.

capital stock, *see* equity capital

capital widening

élargissement du capital
ampliación del capital

Investment that increases the absolute
value of capital (cf. *capital deepening*).

capitalization

capitalisation
capitalización

Total authorized par value of the stocks and
bonds of a corporation.

carry-over

report de crédits

saldo que pasa (al ejercicio siguiente)

Funds unused during a financial year which are transferred to the budget for the following financial year.

cash management

gestion de (la) trésorerie

*gestión de caja, de liquidez***cash-management account**

compte de gestion de trésorerie

cuenta de administración de fondos

An interest-bearing current account, normally held with a stockbroker.

cash-management bill

bon du Trésor à très court terme

bono del Tesoro (EE.UU.) a muy corto plazo

Bill introduced by the U.S. Treasury in 1975, designed to raise funds quickly for a short period, ranging from nine to twenty days' maturity. Payment must be made in federal funds.

cash market, see spot market**cash risk; liquid-holdings risk**

risque lié à la rentabilité des liquidités

riesgo de liquidez

Risk to actual cash receipts due to difference in spread between money borrowed medium term and reinvested short term.

cash security loan

prêt de titres garanti par des fonds

préstamo de títulos con garantía en efectivo

Security loan where cash is posted as collateral for the borrowed security.

CD, see certificate of deposit (CD)**certificate of deposit (CD)**

certificat de dépôt

certificado de depósito

Certificate of an interest-bearing time deposit with a bank.

changes in working capital statement, see statement of changes in financial position**chartered bank [Canada]**

banqué à charte

*banco comercial***city bank [Japan]**

grande banque

gran banco

Major commercial bank, located in a city, dealing with corporations and major accounts (as compared to a local bank).

clean

(en) blanc; simple; non garanti

sin garantía escrita

Refers to a money market operation without underlying documentary security. (Note that in the U.K. *clean* means "exclusive of accrued interest.")

clean advances

avances non garanties

*anticipos sin garantía escrita***clean float**

flottement pur, non dirigé

flotación limpia

Floating of currency where the value of the currency is controlled by the market rather than the authorities. Opposite of *dirty float*.

clearing agreement

accord de compensation; accord de paiement

*acuerdo de compensación***clearing bank, see investment bank****clearing house**

chambre de compensation

cámara de compensación

An organization set up by financial institutions agreeing to initiate and receive among themselves electronic transfers of funds authorized by their customers.

closed-end (investment) fund

société d'investissement à capital fixe;

société d'investissement fermée;

fonds de placement fermé

sociedad de inversión con número de acciones fijo

U.S. term for an investment company with a fixed number of shares outstanding. The shares represent an interest in the fund's portfolio. New shares may not be issued.

club loan

crédit consortial (sans chef de file)

préstamo concedido por un club bancario, por un consorcio

Loan whereby, instead of one bank being designated lead bank and others comanagers or underwriters, the various

functions these carry out are divided among the members, in order to save fees.

colead manager, see comanager**colloan**

prêt cofinancé

*préstamo cofinanciado***comanager; colead manager**

co-chef de file

banco codirector, coadministrador

Lender ranking next to lead manager in a Euroloan.

combined commercial and investment bank; multibank; all-purpose bank

banque "multiservices", à tout faire, à vocation générale, polyvalente
banco múltiple; multibanco [Chi, Mex.]

comfort

sécurité

garantía (dada por terceros)

Security offered in a commercial loan in the form of a guarantee or cofinancing from a parent company, government, or international organization. See also *letter of comfort*.

commercial bank; clearing bank [U.K.]

banque de dépôt, commerciale

*banco comercial***commercial bills, see commercial paper****commercial lending**

prêts à des conditions commerciales

préstamos en condiciones comerciales

Lending not always at market rate but under normal market conditions (e.g., as regards maturity, reimbursement) (cf. *market-related lending*)

commercial paper; commercial bills

effets de commerce; papier commercial; papier financier

efectos comerciales; papel comercial

Promissory notes normally having a maximum maturity of 270 days sold by companies or institutions to raise cash for purposes of working capital. A major borrowing instrument for first-class borrowers in the U.S. and Canada.

commissioned company [Japan]

société mandatée (par la Banque mondiale pour la représenter à des émissions d'obligations au Japon)

compañía comisionada; sociedad comisionada

Agent in Japan which acts for the IBRD (or other non-Japanese financial institutions) in the issue of bonds on the Japanese market.

commitment authority

pouvoir d'engagement

facultad para contraer compromisos

commitment fee; stand-by fee

commission d'engagement

comisión por compromiso, por inmovilización de fondos

common stock

actions ordinaires; actions de capital
acciones ordinarias

consol, see nonmaturing,

nonredeemable government bond

consolidated discount notes

bons à prime (d'émission) consolidés
pagarés descontados consolidados

Consolidation of several issues of discount notes into one uniform note.

consumption rate of interest (CRI)

taux d'actualisation de la consommation

tasa de interés del consumo (TICO); tipo de interés del consumo (TICO)

The rate at which the value of a unit of currency destined for consumption falls over time, usually expressed as an annual percentage.

contango

report

"contango"

In commodity markets, when the cash price is lower than the forward price. In the stock exchange market, the fee paid by an investor for the privilege of carrying the settlement of a transaction from one account period to another. (The opposite of *backwardation*.)

contango rate; continuation rate

intérêt de report

interés de "contango"

The difference between the cash and settlement prices.

contingent obligation [IBRD]

engagement conditionnel

obligación contingente

Type of IBRD "B" loan (q.v.) whereby the loan is initially financed entirely by the commercial lender with IBRD having a contingent commitment to finance at a given date (i.e., at the end of the duration considered "normal" by the commercial markets for the specific borrower) the remaining balance of principal (if any), if the commercial lenders choose not to finance this amount.

continuation rate, see contango rate**contract financing**

financement sur contrat

financiamiento con garantía de contratos

Project finance, involving the use of commercial contracts such as a ship charter or take-or-pay contract as security for the loan.

conversion discount

décote de conversion

descuento de conversión

Ratio of the market value of a convertible security to its conversion value (q.v.) expressed as a percentage. When the market value of the security is lower than the conversion value, this ratio is said to be a discount.

conversion premium

prime de conversion

prima de conversión

Ratio of the market value of a convertible security to its conversion value (q.v.) expressed as a percentage. When the market value of the security is higher than the conversion value, this ratio is said to be a premium.

conversion price

prix de conversion

precio de conversión

The price which an investor must pay for a share, if he buys a convertible bond first and later converts it into shares.

conversion value

parité de conversion

valor de conversión

The conversion price multiplied by the current price of the security.

core inflation

inflation de base

inflación básica

corporate bond

obligation de société

bono de una empresa privada, de una compañía, de una sociedad anónima

corporate right

part sociale

derecho (del accionista)

Rights held by a partner in a corporation.

country exposure

engagement par pays

compromisos por países

coupon

coupon

cupón

A slip attached to a bearer bond, which can be detached and exchanged for an interest payment or dividend due at a specific date. Also used to describe the nominal annual rate of interest which a borrower promises to pay the holder of a fixed-income security. Colloquially, in the U.S. domestic market, used to describe a U.S. Treasury note or bond.

coupon(-bearing) bond

obligation munie de coupon

bono con cupón

Bond with coupon attached. Also called *bearer bond*.

coupon equivalent yield

rendement converti en taux d'intérêt

rendimiento equivalente a un interés nominal

The yield obtained from the difference between the purchase price and the face value of a short-term noninterest-bearing instrument, expressed as a percentage, determined by the difference divided by the purchase price.

coupon note

bon-coupon

pagaré con cupón

Note with coupon attached.

coupon paper

titres assortis de coupons

títulos con cupón

Paper with coupon attached.

coupon rate

taux de coupon
interés nominal

Interest to be paid regularly on the face value of a long-term debt instrument.

creative financing

formules nouvelles, inédites, originales de financement
financiamiento innovador

credit standing; creditworthiness

honorabilité [client privé]; surface financière; solvabilité; capacité d'endettement
solvenia; solvenia crediticia

CRI, *see* consumption rate of interest -

cross-currency interest hedge;**double-hedge swap**

swaps portant à la fois sur les taux d'intérêt et sur des monnaies
protección de "swap" doble

Technique that combines shift from a floating to a fixed rate of interest, together with a shift from liability in one currency to liability in another.

cross-default clause

clause de manquement réciproque; clause d'exigibilité croisée
cláusula recíproca en caso de incumplimiento

A clause in a loan agreement specifying that default on any other loans to the borrower shall be regarded as default on this one.

cross-over discount rate; equalizing discount rate

taux d'indifférence; taux d'égénération des valeurs actuelles

tasa de actualización de equilibrio

The discount rate that equalizes the net present value of two streams of benefits and/or costs.

crowding-in

attraction
atracción

Occurs where government bonds are sufficiently good money substitutes so that bond issues reduce demand for money balances, leading to an expansionary impact via their effect on portfolio composition.

crowding-out

éviction -
desplazamiento

Any displacement of private economic activity by public economic activity.

cumulative preferred stock

actions cumulatives privilégiées
acciones preferenciales, (preferentes, preferidas) acumuladas

Preferred stock where the unpaid dividend is held over, totally or partially, when there are no returns in a financial year, or the returns are insufficient to distribute the dividend fixed for these shares.

currency-linked bond, *see* option bond

currency option bond, *see* option bond

currency pool

pool de monnaies
fondo común de monedas

currency pooling system

système du pool de monnaies
sistema de fondo común de monedas

A system set up by the World Bank to equalize among all borrowers, at any time, the risks inherent in fluctuations in the exchange rates of the currencies disbursed and repayable on all Bank loans included in the system. Equalization is achieved by pooling all currencies disbursed and outstanding on participating loans and by expressing the outstanding principal amount of each such loan as a share of the pool. As a result, loan-service obligations on each participating loan are related to all amounts in various currencies disbursed and outstanding on all loans in the system.

currency swap

swap de monnaies, sur le cours de change

intercambio de monedas

System whereby an institution with funds in one currency converts them into another and enters into a forward exchange contract to recover the currency borrowed.

currency translation

conversion monétaire; traduction monétaire

traducción de monedas

Recording in accounts of assets (or liabilities) in one currency when they are, actually in another. No actual exchange of funds takes place. The World Bank and IFC, for example, translate all their assets and

liabilities into U.S. dollar amounts, regardless of the actual currency in which they are denominated.

current coupon (rate)

taux de coupon courant
"interés nominal corriente"

1. In fixed-rate securities, a coupon rate which approximates current yield levels for similar securities. Straight debt securities with current coupons have prices close to par. 2. In floating-rate securities, the rate of interest on the current interest period.

current ratio; working-capital ratio

ratio de liquidité générale
relación corriente [América Latina]; coeficiente de solvencia [Esp.]

Ratio of current assets to current liabilities. It is the main liquidity ratio.

cushion bond

"cushion bond"

bono amortiguador

A high-coupon bond selling at a price above its call or optional redemption price.

custom-duty bill

obligation cautionnée

letra aduanera garantizada

Special type of credit in France granted by the state to corporations to allow them to pay indirect taxes or customs duty, with a guarantee provided by a bank or other financial institution. These bills allow the corporation to defer payment of value-added tax or customs duties. The state draws up a bill for the amount in question which the corporation agrees to pay on maturity.

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day-to-day money, *see* call money

dealer [options market]

agent de contrepartie

agente de contrapartida

dealer [stock market]

agent boursier; opérateur (sur le marché)

agente de bolsa; corredor de bolsa

dealer [securities market], *see* securities dealer

debenture (bond)

1. obligation non garantie; 2. obligation

1. *bono sin garantía específica; debenture* [Arg., Chile]; 2. *bono con garantía de activos*

1. U.S.: Unsecured bond. 2. U.K.: Loan secured against specific or general assets of a company.

debenture stock [U.S.]

actions de priorité
acciones privilegiadas

A special type of stock conferring rights superior to both preferred and common stock. Note that in the U.K. *debenture stock* is the equivalent of the U.S. *debenture bond* (i.e., an unsecured bond).

debt certificate

certificat de reconnaissance de dette
certificado de adeudo

Loans against borrowers' notes, which are privately placed and can only be transferred by formal assignment.

debt-equity ratio; debt-to-equity ratio

ratio d'endettement
relación deuda-capital; coeficiente de endeudamiento [Sp.]

Mainly used to describe the ratio of total liabilities to shareholders' equity (net worth). It can also be used to describe the ratio of long-term debt to equity, net long-term debt to equity, total or long-term debt to tangible equity (equity plus revenue plus capital reserves). All these definitions are used in the World Bank and IFC, so care should be taken in translation to ensure the correct term is used. Other definitions are used outside the World Bank.

debt-for-debt swap

swap sur des dettes
intercambio de deudas

Swap involving the exchange of a new obligation for an existing obligation held by investors. A technique used recently in the U.S. in conjunction with original-issue discount bonds (q.v.) as a means of realizing a capital gain on the retirement of a relatively low-coupon existing issue, and at the same time, achieving an interest cost saving due to special tax treatment of an original-issue discount bond issued as part of such a swap. New U.S. tax laws might well change this advantage.

debt ratio

ratio de solvabilité
relación de endeudamiento

Ratio of total liabilities to total assets.

debt-service coverage

couverture du service de la dette
cobertura del servicio de la deuda

Ratio of net income after taxes plus interest on long-term debt plus depreciation to debt service.

debt-service ratio

ratio du service de la dette
relación del servicio de la deuda

External public debt-service ratio (i.e., interest and principal payments) as a percentage of export earnings from goods, nonfactor services, and workers' remittances.

debt-to-equity ratio, see debt-equity ratio**debt warrant**

warrant obligataire
certificado para compra de bonos; "warrant" para compra de bonos

Bond warrant, giving an investor the right to buy additional bonds at a predetermined price/yield.

deep-discount bond, note

obligation à prime d'émission élevée
bono de descuento intensivo

Bond with relatively low-coupon rate of interest, offered with a discount in excess of what can normally be treated as capital gain by the investor.

demand money, see call money**depository receipt**

titre en dépôt
certificado de depositario

A technique devised to permit trading in a security, even though the security does not fulfil the requirements for listing on the local stock exchange. A security is bought and registered in the name of the depository bank or company, which will issue a receipt certifying that the receipt conveys the title to the security deposited with it or held to its order. If the receipt is in bearer form, it can then be freely bought and sold, whereas direct dealing in the stock would have needed registration of the new owner's name every time the security changed hands.

detachable warrant

warrant détachable
certificado separable; "warrant" separable

dirty float

flottement impur, contrôlé, dirigé, assisté, soutenu
flotación impura, dirigida

Floating of currency where the value of the currency is controlled by the authorities rather than the market. Opposite of *clean float*.

disagio

disagio; déport
disagio

Difference between nominal or par value and underlying market value.

disaster clause, *see* jeopardy clause

discount [bills]

escompte
descuento

Difference between price paid and face value of a bill or other paper.

discount [bonds]

prime d'émission
descuento

Difference between par value and purchase price of a bond.

discount; markdown [foreign exchange]

déport
descuento

In foreign exchange refers to a situation where currency can be bought more cheaply for a future date than for immediate delivery. For example, if US\$1 buys FF 4 for delivery now, while it buys FF 5 for delivery twelve months hence, then the franc is said to be at a discount against the U.S. dollar.

discount, to
mobiliser
descontar

To discount a bill means to buy it for less than its face value, the difference between the price paid and the face value representing the implied rate of interest receivable by the purchaser, during the period before the bill is repaid.

discount bond

obligation à prime (d'émission)
bono descontado