

Covered Bonds, a requirement

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Background

- Indian Mortgage Industry is ~8% of GDP at INR 10.6 trillion
- Market dominated by a few players top 10 players account for 75% of the market or 4 players account for ~56%
- HFCs/ NBFCs account for only ~37% of market of which top 4 account for 34% of the market
- Total 64 HFCs registered assuming 50% not operational...30 HFCs account for 3% of market share i.e.an average of only INR 1000 –INR 1200 crores per HFC
- Why this huge gap between small players and large players
 - Is it on account of reach to end customers?
 - Or is it access to funding options?



Funding Options of HFCs

- Over all gearing of HFCs ranges between 7-8 times with a median capital adequacy of ~ 18%
- Alternate borrowing options for HFCs
 - NCDs / Commercial paper (mainly large HFCs)
 - Fixed Deposits
 - Bank Loans
 - NHB Refinance
 - Securitisation (off balance funding)
- Rating Profile of HFCs
 - Around 3-4 HFCs have a AAA rating and ~ 15 have a AA rating
- Hence the borrowing cost (balance sheet funding) is high for most HFCs resulting in thin Net Interest Margins

An alternative and less expensive source of funding is the "need of the hour"



Whether Covered Bonds meet the requirement

What are Covered Bonds

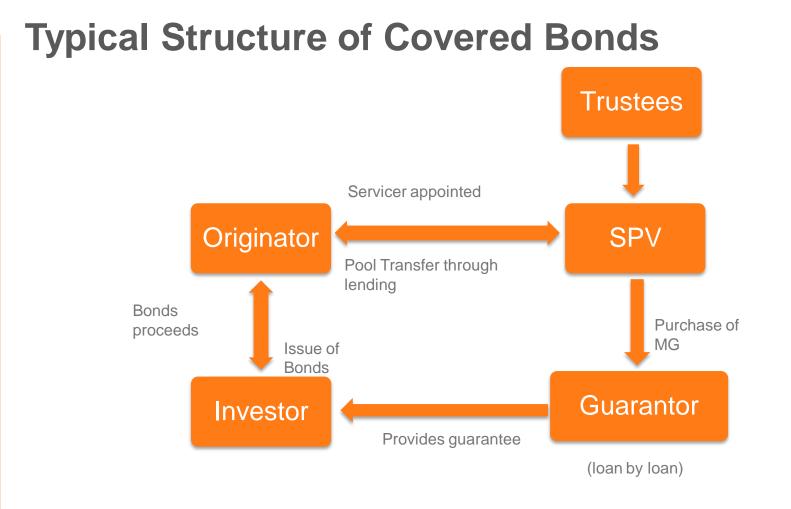
Covered Bond is a variant of mortgage backed securities, but is on the balance sheet of the issuer / originator

OR

Covered Bond is a Corporate Bond with a recourse to an asset pool in case the issuer becomes insolvent

- Covered bond has a blend of both Corporate Bond and Asset Backed Securities
- Have been in existence for more than 200 years
- Were mostly prevalent in the European nations
- Gained popularity in the US and other markets post GFC
- Currently no legislation protection in India





How Covered Bonds help?

- Facilitate differential rating, hence can bring down cost of funding
- On balance sheet funding, improve leveraging
- Bankruptcy proof, hence will attract investors



What makes covered bonds attractive

- Benefits to the Issuer
 - Rating better than the rating of the issuer hence cost efficient
 - Balance sheet funding resulting is improving leveraging or no deleveraging as in the case of securitisation
 - Alternate source of funding (likely to attract new investors)
- Benefits to the Investor
 - Dual recourse, in case of insolvency of issuer, has a fall back option on the asset pool
 - Cash flows not tied to the pool, hence investors not impacted by prepayments / balance transfers
 - Fixed repayment schedules
 - Issuer and Investor interest is aligned, as it is balance sheet funding
- Benefits to the economy
 - Bond Market development
 - Financial stability



How MG can help?

What is Mortgage Guarantee

- Mortgage Guarantee (MG) or more known as Mortgage Insurance (MI) in other countries, is a product designed to offer credit protection to lenders of home loans.
- The following additional benefits are inherent to the product:
 - Release of Regulatory Capital (by reduced risk weight)
 - Release of Economic Capital (recognised by credit rating institutions)
 - Lowering of credit enhancement (in securitisation transactions)
 - Improvement in return of Equity by
 - $\circ~$ Expansion of books with same level of equity
 - $\circ~$ Expanding the addressable market for a lender
 - Better Delinquency Management
 - Second, independent review of the credit worthiness of mortgage loans

How MG can Help?

- By providing loan by loan guarantee on the underlying collateralized pool
- Efficient Collateralization
- Assistance in better delinquency management



Sample Comparison

	Without MG	With MG
FD as Credit Enhancement	12%	6%
MRR	0%	4%
Pool Level Cover	0%	10%
Total Credit Enhancement	12%	20%

The approximate **Net Savings** to the originator in a securitisation transaction, on account of MG ranges between **2%-3%** of the pool size.

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