## **AMERIBOR®**

## The New Benchmark for Loan Origination after LIBOR

### **Background**

US and UK regulators have reaffirmed that the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) will be phased on by June 30, 2023.

AMERIBOR® is a new credit sensitive interest rate benchmark created by the American Financial Exchange.

AMERIBOR® reflects the actual borrowing costs of US banks and financial institutions.

# American Interbank Offered Rate AMERIBOR®

- Completely transparent benchmark interest rate based on overnight unsecured lending on the American Financial Exchange (AFX)
- Cboe Global Markets hosts the AFX platform & performs market surveillance & compliance services and is the calculation agent for AMERIBOR
- Term structure of interest rates based on two alternative methodologies:
  - AMERIBOR cash and futures market data
  - DTCC and AMERIBOR market data
- Quoted on actual/360 day-count, following business day convention
- Published by Cboe Global Markets under various AMERIBOR ticker symbols

# Advantages of AMERIBOR® for Loan Origination

- Market driven benchmark interest rate term structure
- Stable reference benchmark interest rate
- Contains a credit spread component based on unsecured loans in contrast to SOFR which is based on secured (i.e., collateralized) loans
- Facilitates loan origination at spreads to a benchmark that represents actual funding costs for many American financial institutions
- Optimizes asset-liability management by matching asset prices & liability costs to a single common benchmark interest rate
- Can be swapped and hedged with the dealer community
- Published by all major data vendors including Bloomberg, Refinitiv and others

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## **Typical AMERIBOR® Transactions**

### **Line of Credit**

- A borrower wants a revolver with an annual renewal.
- Reset Frequency: Monthly, on the anniversary date (i.e., if the revolver was issued on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the month, it will reset on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the month)
- Payment frequency: same as reset frequency
- Index: spot 1-month AMERIBOR interest rate

#### Floating Rate Term Loan

- Same as Line of Credit Example above except the balance is not variable and it does not renew annually, but there is a specified term.
- Term: X years
- Reset Frequency: Monthly, on the anniversary date (i.e., if the revolver was issued on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the month, it will reset on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of the month)
- Payment frequency: same as reset frequency
- Index: spot 1-month AMERIBOR interest rate

#### Floating Rate Term Loan with Swap

- A borrower wants a floating rate term loan and wants to synthetically fix the borrowing rate with a swap.
- Reset Frequency: Monthly
- Fixing lag: two (2) business days in advance (i.e., if the swap pays on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month the rate is fixed 2 business days prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month.
- Payment frequency: same as reset frequency; paid on the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month
- Index: spot 1-month AMERIBOR interest rate