RiskVal Libor Cessation Guide



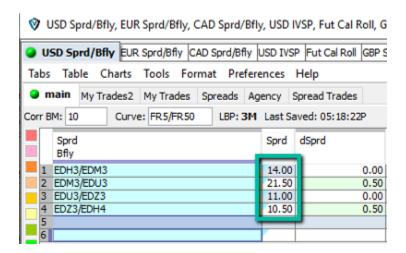
Background

The overnight, 1M, 3M, 6M, and 12M USD LIBOR rates will cease to be published after <u>June 30th, 2023</u>, and as per ISDA's guidance, fixings on LIBOR after this time will fallback to the <u>sum</u> of:

- (1) The overnight <u>SOFR</u> compounded over the relevant LIBOR term (set in arrears, as SOFR is a daily overnight rate)
- (2) A static <u>spread adjustment</u> equal to the <u>median</u> historical difference between LIBOR and the compounded SOFR over the 5Y period before the trigger event.

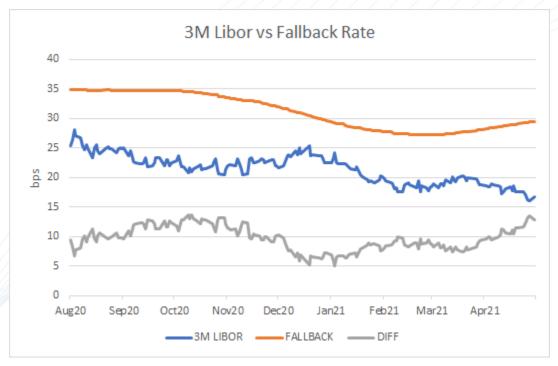
We highlight in this note the numerous ways RiskVal can help traders navigate the complexities of the LIBOR cessation.

Looking at the evidence in EuroDollar Futures Market



We can see the spread between the EDM3 and EDU3 is about 10 bps higher than the spreads between EDH3 / EDM3, EDU3 / EDZ3 and EDZ3 / EDH4. This is because the market has priced in about a 10bps move at the start of July 2023 between EDM3 and EDU3 when the 3M LIBOR rates will cease to be published.

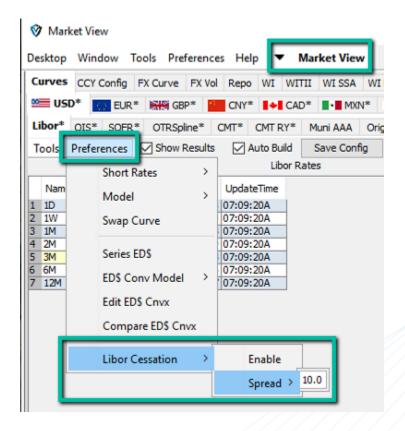
The 10bps consensus from the market is approximated from the historical difference between LIBOR and the fallback rate.



We can see that the average "DIFF" historically is around 10bps currently.



Enabling the new Libor Curve



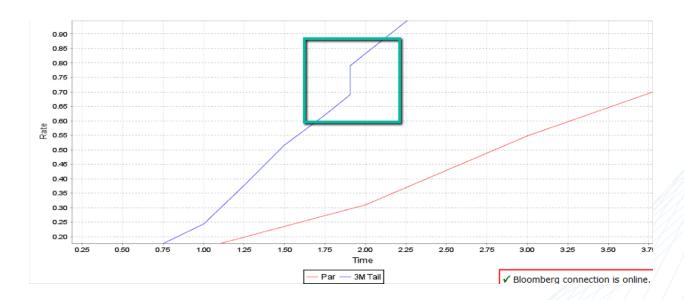
- 1) In Market View -> Preferences -> Libor Cessation -> Check "Enable"
- 2) Click "New Build" in the top right and "Save Config"

Once the new curve has been enabled and built, you can also set the bump of the curve on July 1st, 2023. RiskVal's default is 10bps based on market expectations observed in the EuroDollar market.

Implementation of RiskVal Libor Cessation Adjusted Curve

Though all the liquid and tradable instruments with fixing dates after July 1st 2023 used to fit our Libor curve already price in this 10bps bump, the interpolation between our default fitting points that surround this event (currently 2y and 3y LIBOR swap rate) does not properly reflect the timing of the change due to the Libor cessation event on July 1st 2023. Therefore in our Libor Cessation Adjusted curve, we correctly apply the 10bps bump on July 1st, 2023. The curve prior to 2y and after the 3y swap rate are roughly unchanged, except due to the change in shape of the curve from this 10bps bump.



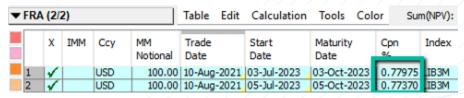


Seeing the implications in RiskVal

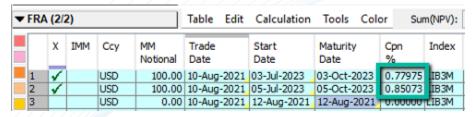
Pricing up a FRA with the old and new curve

This change in the curve build can be seen in pricing two FRAs before and after the Libor cessation date.

FRA 1 - Using the old curve



FRA 2 - Using the new curve with 10bp adjustment

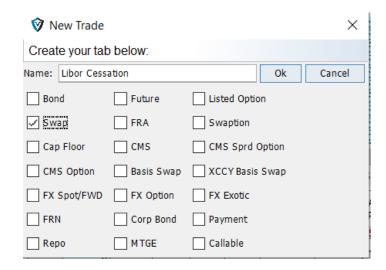


You can see that in FRA 2, the second FRA is almost 10 bps higher than in FRA 1 which is using the old curve.



Seeing the PV change of your portfolio due to the Libor Cessation

The Trade Blotter in RiskVal allows you to enter or import your portfolio for pricing and risk analysis.



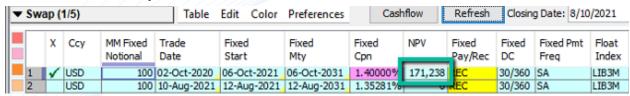
Once your portfolio is entered, you can price your portfolio with or without enabling the LIBOR Cessation Adjusted curve in Market View and compare the differences.

For example, we can price an old swap using the original curve and the new LIBOR cessation adjusted curve and see the resulting difference in PV.

Original LIBOR Curve:



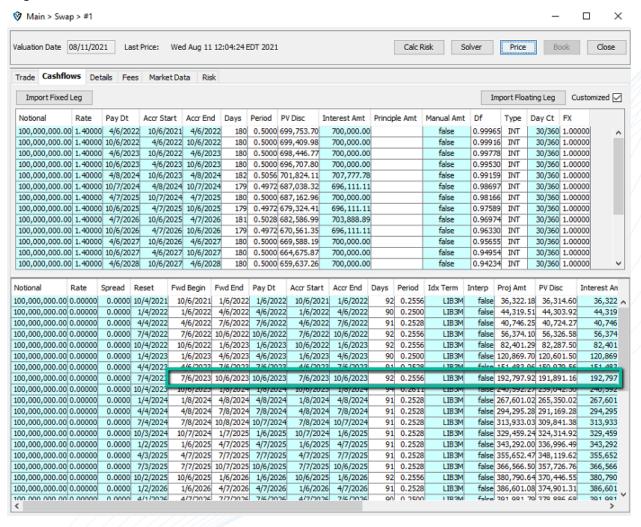
New LIBOR Cessation Adjusted Curve:



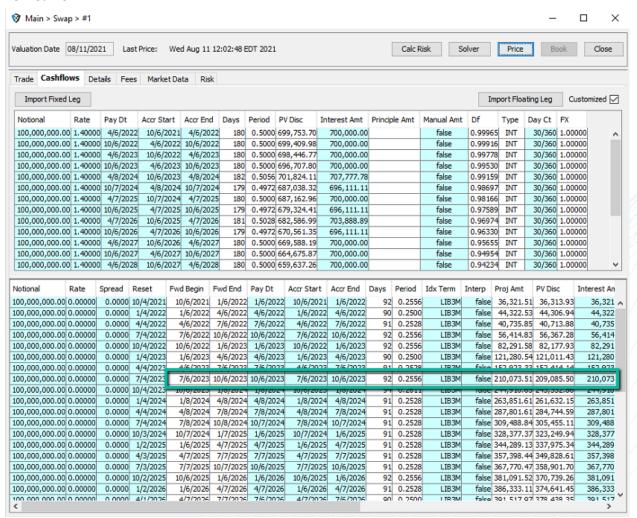
We can see that pricing two identical swaps on the original and the new curve produces different NPVs.

To see more details on the changes in the swap, we can also look at the actual cashflows by double clicking the "B/E Rate Dirty" cell, going to the "Cashflow" tab in the pop-up, and pricing it there. We can see in this example that the cashflow for the 7/4/2023 reset date under the original curve is significantly lower than for the new cashflow from the LIBOR cessation adjusted curve.

Original Curve:



New Curve:



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