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## **2019 NCSHA**

### **Latest Trends in Single Family Debt Financing**

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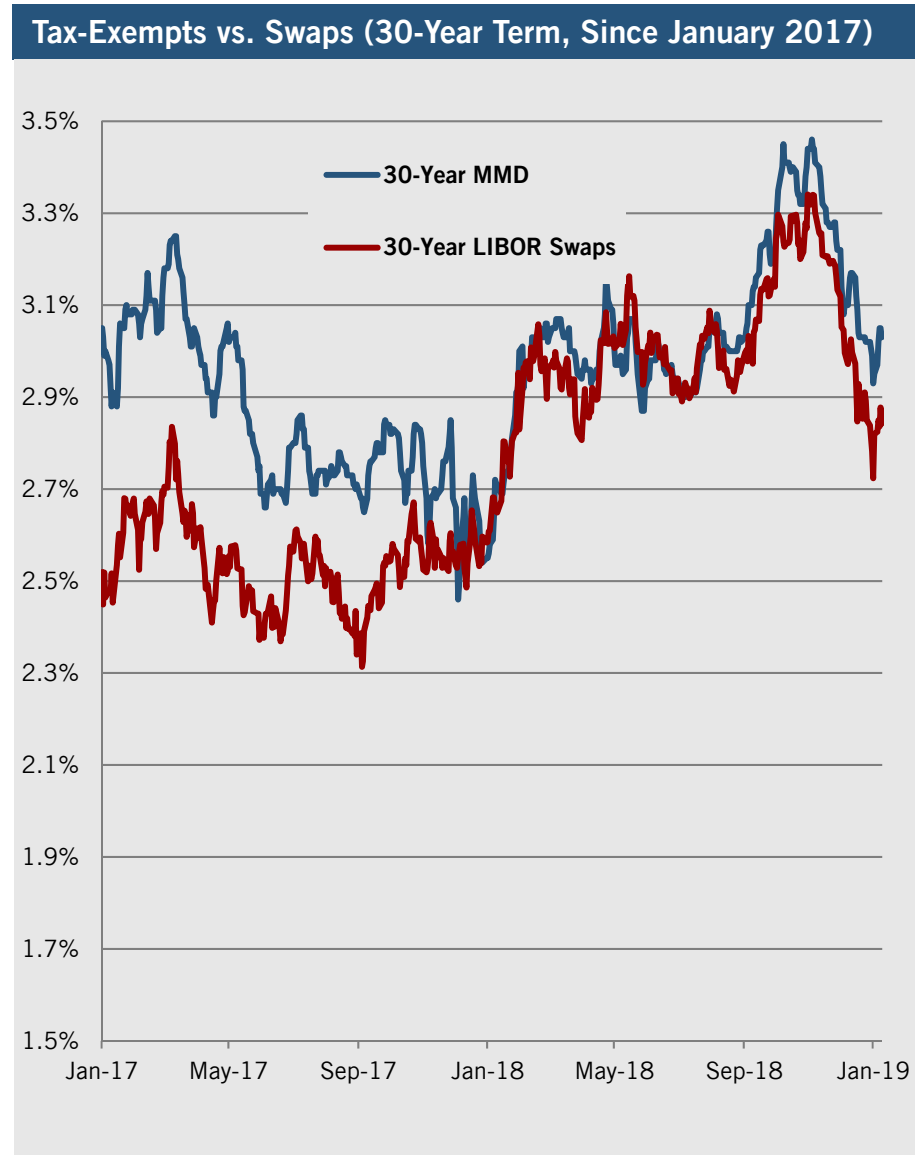
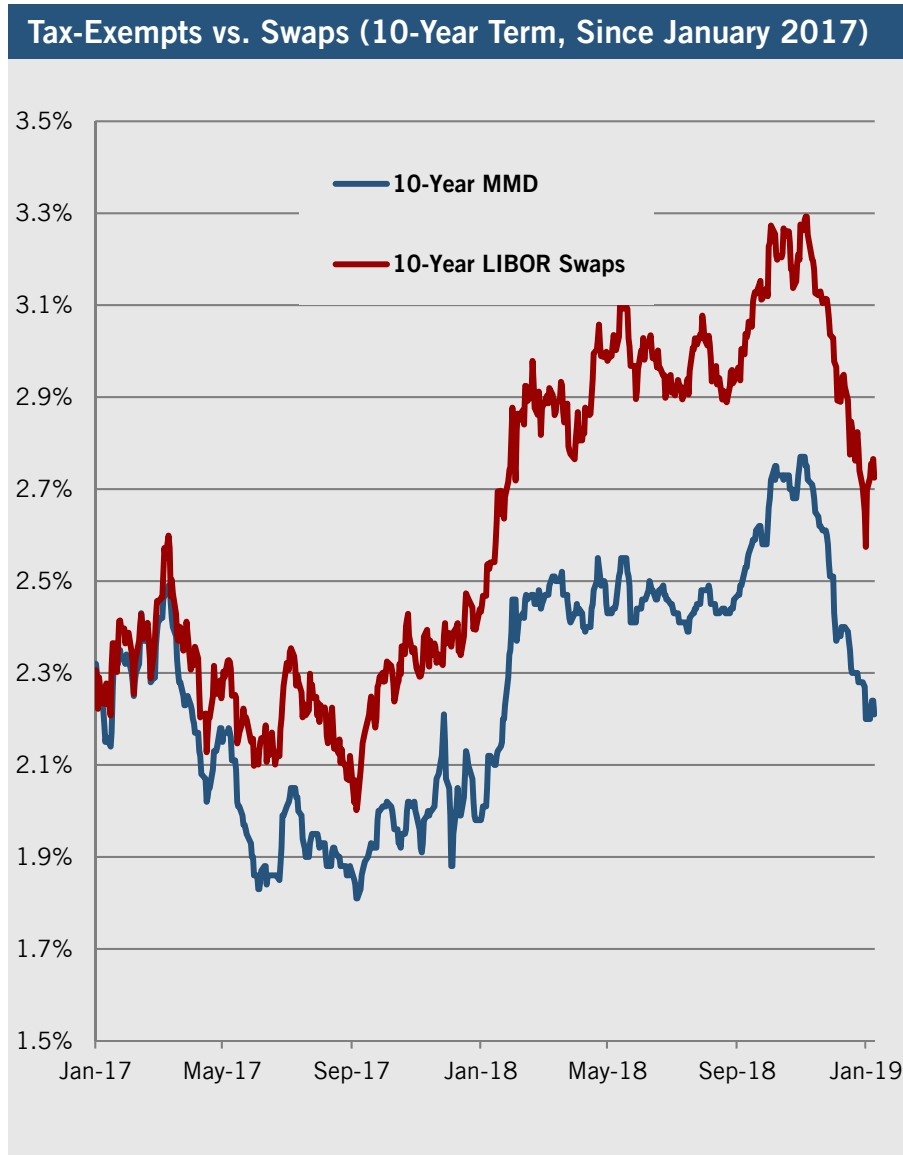
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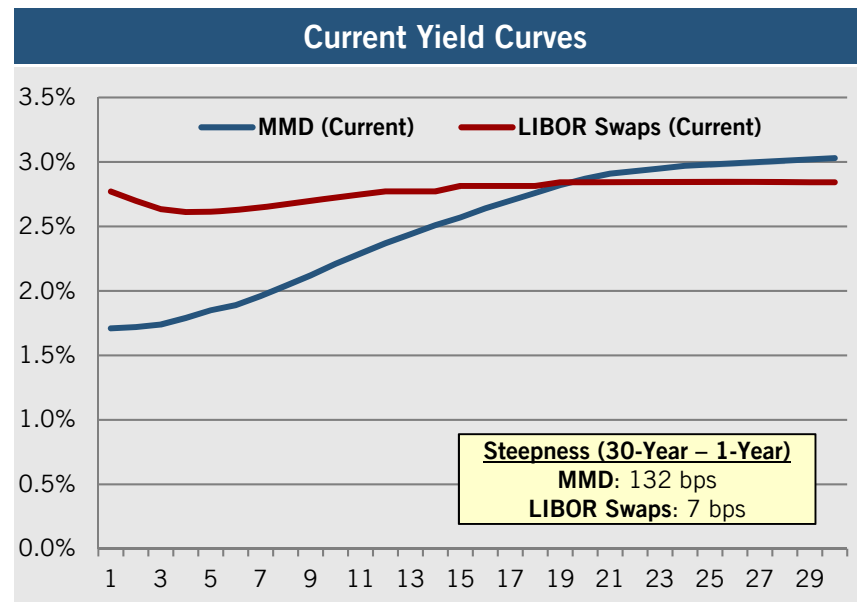
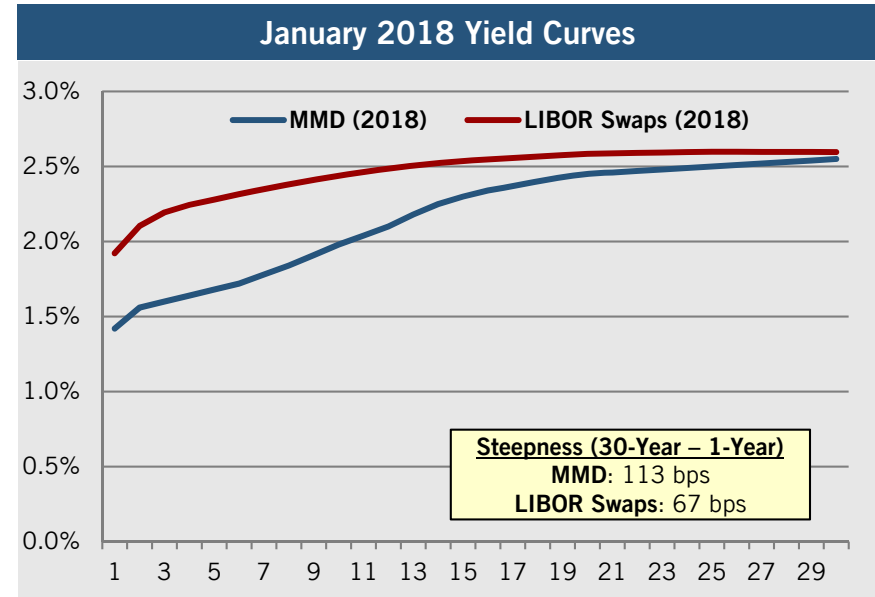
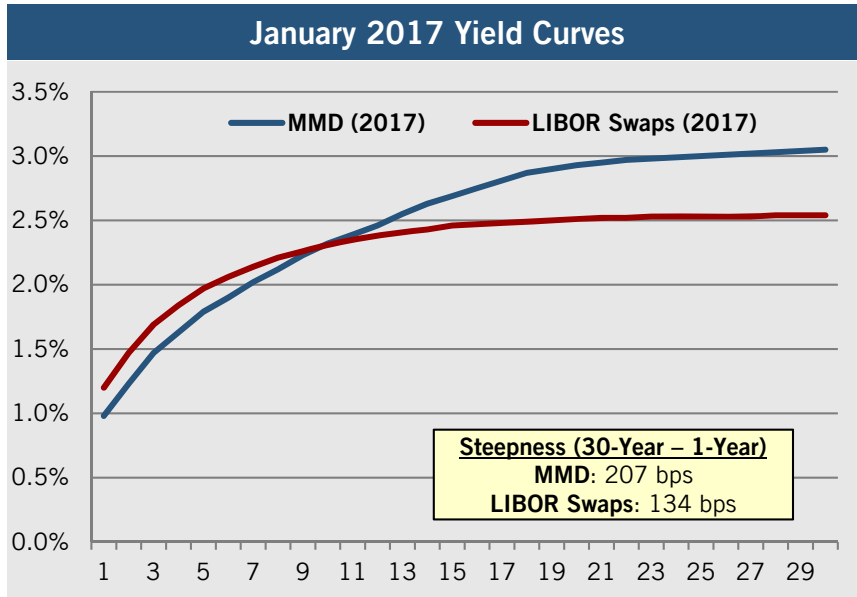
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# Since 2017, the Relationship Between Tax-Exempt and Taxable Rates Has Shifted



# Shape of the Yield Curves Has Changed Drastically



# Structuring Trends in Current Market

## Mortgage Revenue Bonds Provide Rate Advantage

- Reflected in the steepness of tax-exempt curve vs. flatter taxable curve
- More spread available to HFAs
- Provide better rate advantage than Pass-through bonds
- Maintain both TBA and MRB programs
- TBAs are useful to accomplish lending non-qualified or taxable loans

### Indicative Rates<sup>1</sup>

Single Family Housing (Aaa)  
30-Year Debt

MRB  
3.31%

Pass Through Bonds  
3.40%

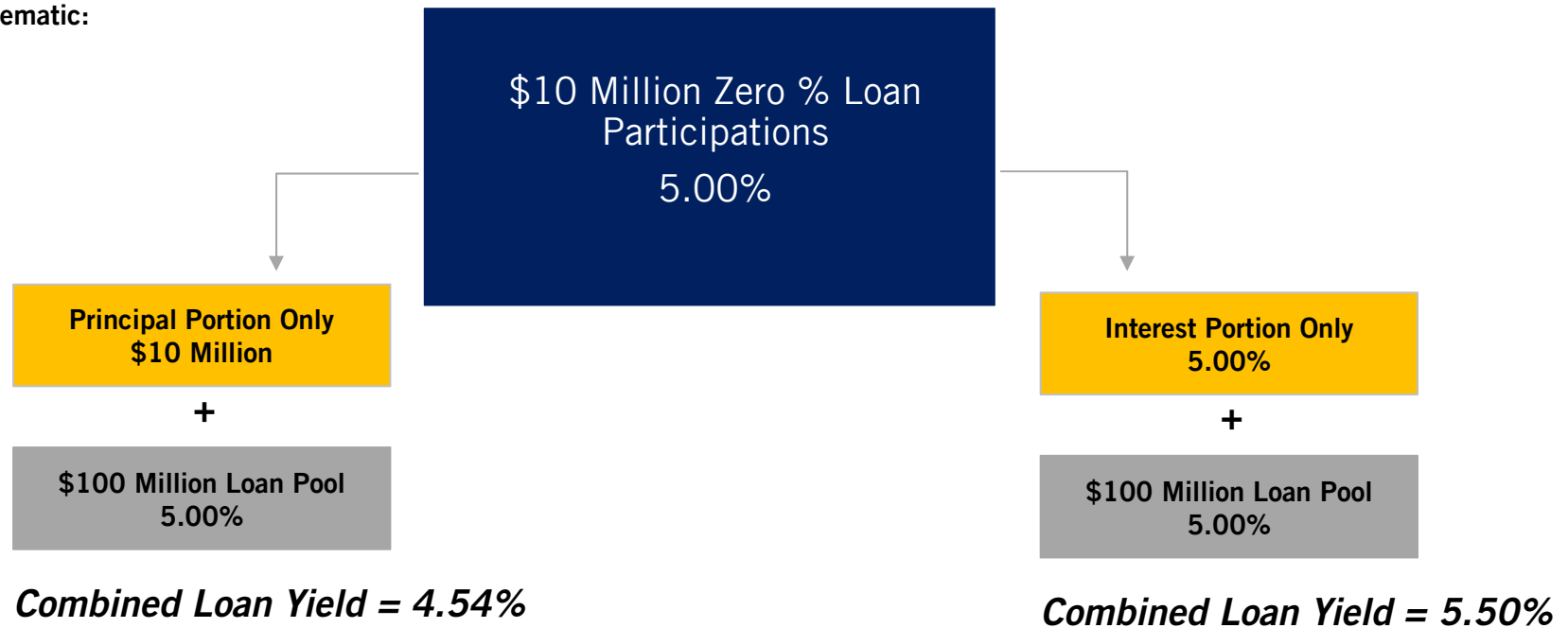
*Traditional Single Family Structure (Serials,  
Terms and PAC with 5-yr Average Life.)  
Bond Yield @ 100FHA*

# Structuring Trends in Current Market

## Zero Participation Loans Are Back

- Current rate environment has created excess spread opportunities
- Zero percent loan participations reduce spread and transferred to raise spread in future

Schematic:

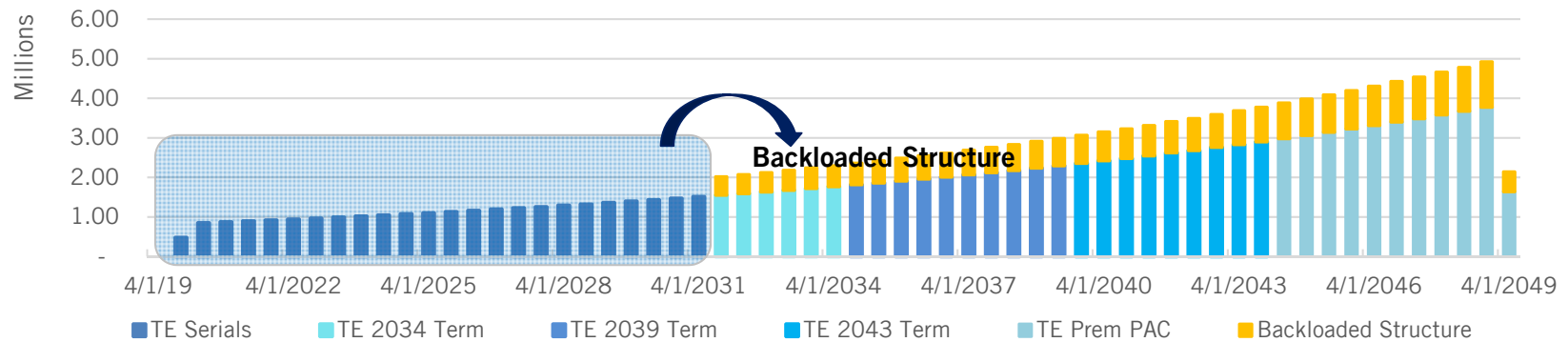


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## Flexibility to Backload Bonds for Recycling

- Prior structures that lower bond yields not as necessary (E.g. Front loading, Super PACs, Swaps)

### Traditional Bond Amortization



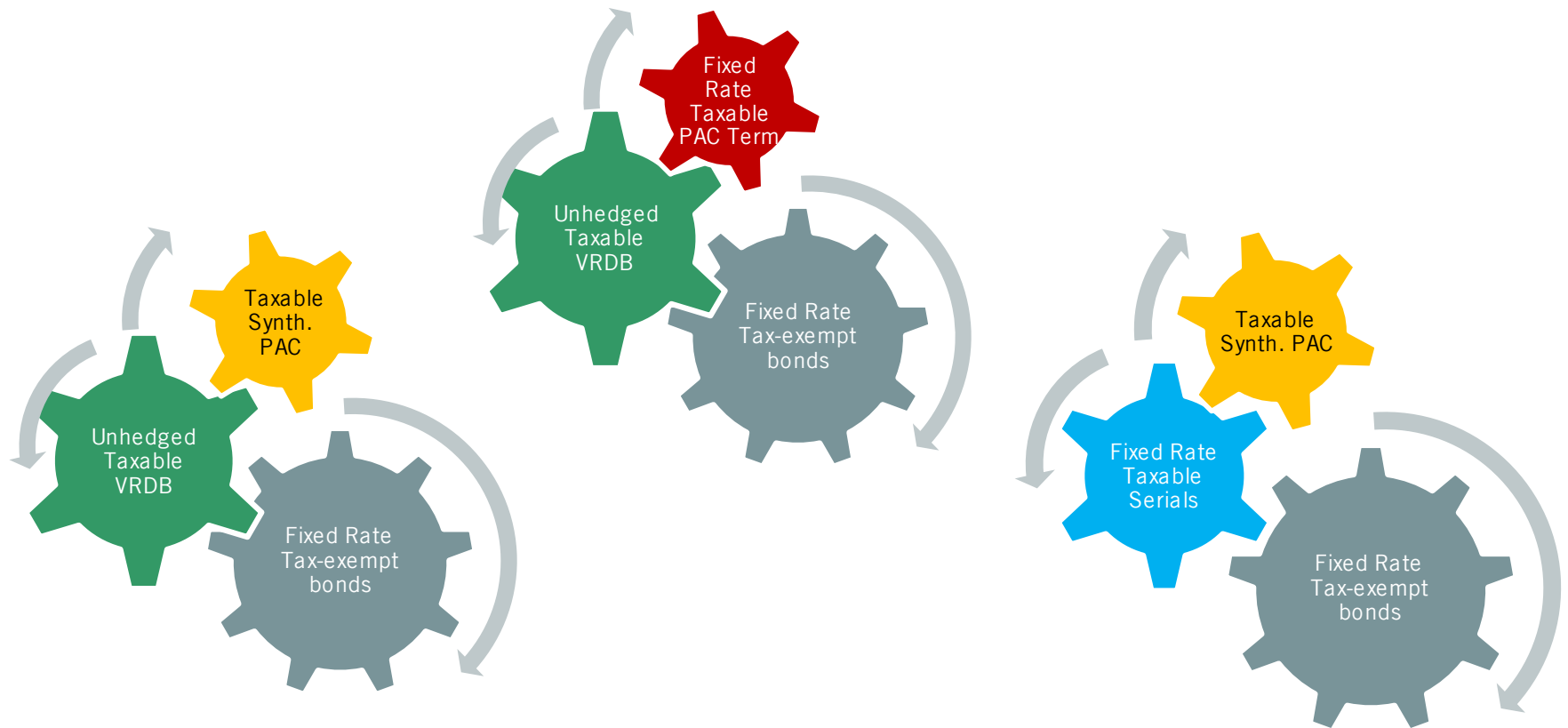
## PAC Bonds Remain an Effective Tool

- PAC bonds are priced to the average life, investor friendly
- Generates premium proceeds

# Structuring Trends in Current Market

## Taxable Structures Supplement Volume Cap Scarcity

- Shortage of bond volume cap increases taxable bond issuance
- Different variations of taxable structures can minimize the interest rate cost





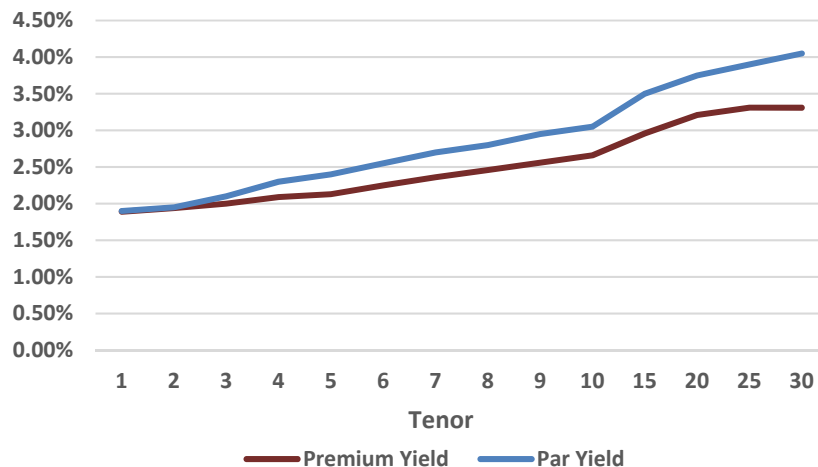
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## Financing DPAs with Bonds and Premium

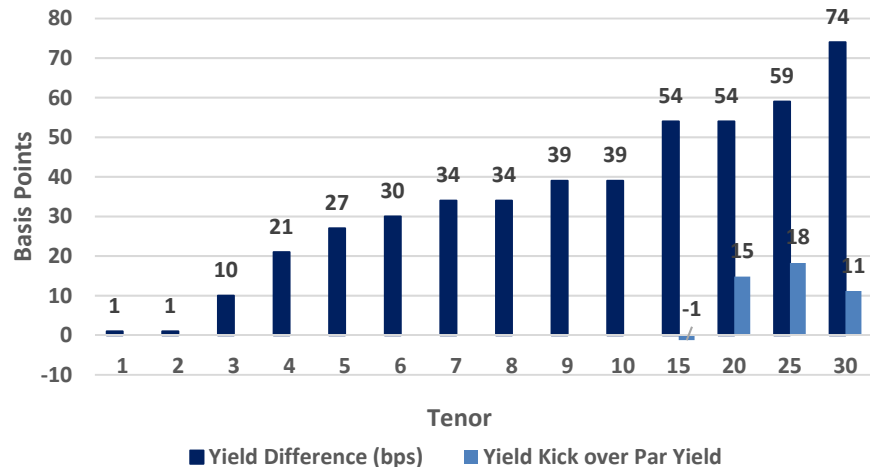
- HFAs can increase premium proceeds beyond Premium PAC Bonds
- Can be used for DPAs, issuance costs or fund additional loans
- Premium Bonds can lower bond yields and cost of funds
- Investors seek a prepayment lockout through the call date
- Risk includes negative arbitrage at high prepayment speeds
- Yields kick when premium bonds are not called by the call date

### Recent Single Family Housing Scale for Aaa Credit <sup>1</sup>

Premium vs. Par Scale



Par Over Premium Yield



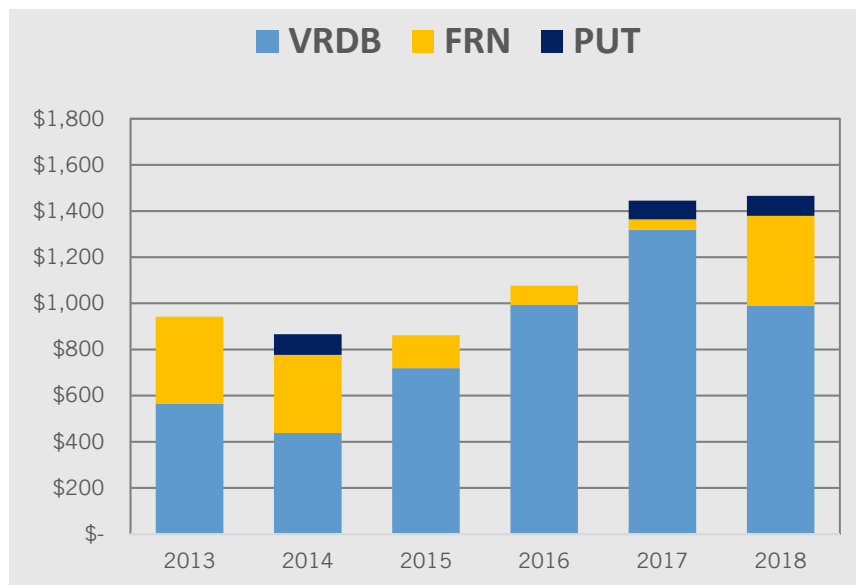
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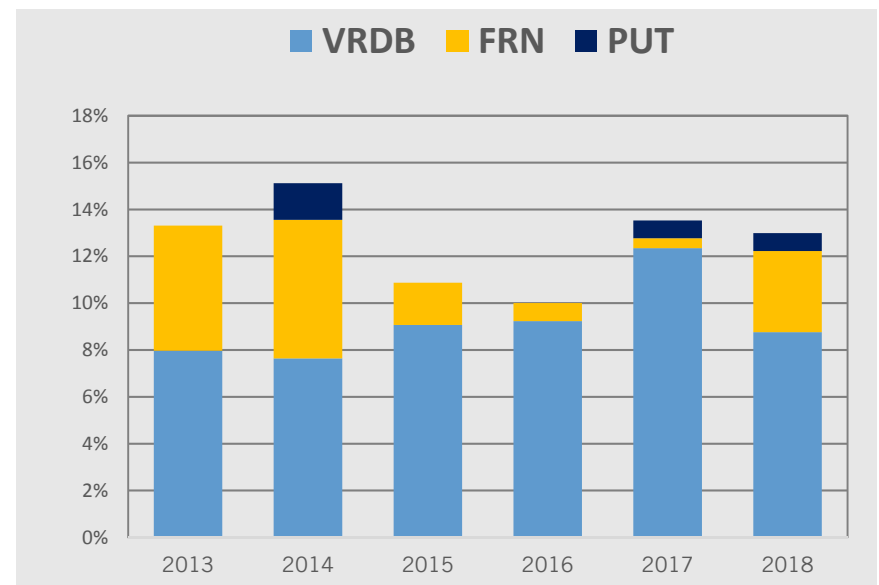
## Short Term Products (e.g. VRDBs, FRNs, Puts)

- More interest in short term products in higher rate environments
- Daily VRDBs have outperformed weeklies by an average of 7 bps since 2017
- Swaps and interest rate caps are common hedges that minimize interest rate risks
- Put Bonds access short term rates without interest rate risk

Single Family Variable Rate Issuance  
(\$)



Single Family Variable Rate Issuance  
(% of Total Single Family Issuance)



# Comparison of short-term product alternatives

Comparison of Short-Term Alternatives			
	VRDBs	FRNs/Index Bonds	Fixed Rate MTBs / Put Bonds
<b>Overview</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The “standard” short-term product</li> <li>Daily/weekly remarketing with liquidity support from a highly-rated bank</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bonds price at a fixed spread to an index (i.e., SIFMA, LIBOR, CPI)</li> <li>No bank liquidity required</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Fixed coupon/yield with relatively short put date and long final maturity</li> <li>No bank liquidity required</li> </ul>
<b>Trading Spread</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Established on each reset date at lowest interest rate that sells all of the bonds at par</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Established at issuance</li> <li>Fixed spread to index</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Established at issuance</li> <li>Fixed spread to MMD</li> </ul>
<b>Liquidity Fees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Approximately 30 bps for A to AA rated credits</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>n/a</li> </ul>
<b>Remarketing Fees</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5-10 bps</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>n/a</li> </ul>
<b>Reset</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daily or weekly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Typically weekly</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>n/a</li> </ul>
<b>Tender Provision</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Daily or 5 business days</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Secondary market sale</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Subject to successful remarketing on mandatory tender date</li> </ul>
<b>Liquidity Provider</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bank</li> <li>Potential for self-liquidity from issuer</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N/A</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Market</li> </ul>
<b>Failed Remarketing</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bonds become “bank bonds”</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Maturity/Hard Put</u>: Event of Default</li> <li><u>Soft Put</u>: No default; typically, bonds pay interest at a Step-Up Rate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><u>Maturity/Hard Put</u>: Event of Default</li> <li><u>Soft Put</u>: No default; typically, bonds pay interest at a Step-Up Rate</li> </ul>
<b>Step-Up Rate/ Fail Rate</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>n/a</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can vary by issuer, but typically 8-12%</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Can vary by issuer, but typically 8-12%</li> </ul>
<b>Challenges</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dependent on bank liquidity</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upon failed remarketing, investors will hold bond until final maturity</li> <li>Issuers will pay the Step-Up Rate</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upon failed remarketing, investors will hold bond until final maturity</li> <li>Issuers will pay the Step-Up Rate</li> </ul>

## Case Study: Alaska Housing Finance Corporation

Single Family Housing

July 2018



### Alaska Housing Finance Corporation

General Mortgage Revenue Bonds II

2018 Series A and 2018 Series B

\$167,780,000

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#### Pricing Highlights

- Generated \$34.10 million of retail orders, equating to approximately 30% of total bonds offered for retail
- Generated \$166.57 million of institutional orders across 15+ accounts, with \$151.27 million orders directly generated by Jefferies

#### Transaction Highlights:

##### Finance Plan

- Issue new money bonds to meet goal of funding ~\$100 million of new mortgages while maximizing Pre-Ullman recycling capacity
  - New money structure included PAC bond due in 2048 to eliminate the need for a 30-year term bond that would have been sold at a higher yield
- Refunding bonds structured to preserve Pre-Ullman benefits for maximum term (including preservation of higher spread for AHFC), allowing for maximum recycling of repayments and prepayments

##### Execution

- Time between pricing and closing of 40 days to minimize negative arbitrage
  - No additional interest cost for longer close
- Aggressively marketed the transaction and demonstrated pricing leadership and structural versatility:
  - the 2031 maturity was restructured and sold as a 5% premium bond at a 2.97% yield to call, resulting in 43 bps in savings to call versus a traditional par bond and a yield to maturity just through the par bond level
  - Jefferies brought two new investors to the Corporation