

YOUR GUIDE TO CORPORATE BONDS

A World of Opportunity

WHAT ARE CORPORATE BONDS?

Corporate bonds are loans to companies from investors. In return, investors receive regular interest payments. When the loan matures, investors receive the original loan amount and the final interest payment.

THE LIFECYCLE

Unlike shares, which have an unlimited lifetime, corporate bonds have a defined lifecycle.

1 COMPANY ISSUES A BOND

Bonds are issued with a set maturity date, interest amount and payment schedule. Investors can buy the bond at Face Value on the Issue Date, or after at a market price.

2 DURING THE LIFE OF THE BOND

Investors receive regular and pre-defined interest payments. These payments are called coupons.

3 BOND MATURES

The company pays the final coupon and repays the Face Value to the investor.

UNDERSTANDING CORPORATE BONDS

THE ESSENTIALS

COUPONS

Regular interest payments made by the company until maturity. A \$10,000 bond with a 5% coupon would pay investors \$500 a year.

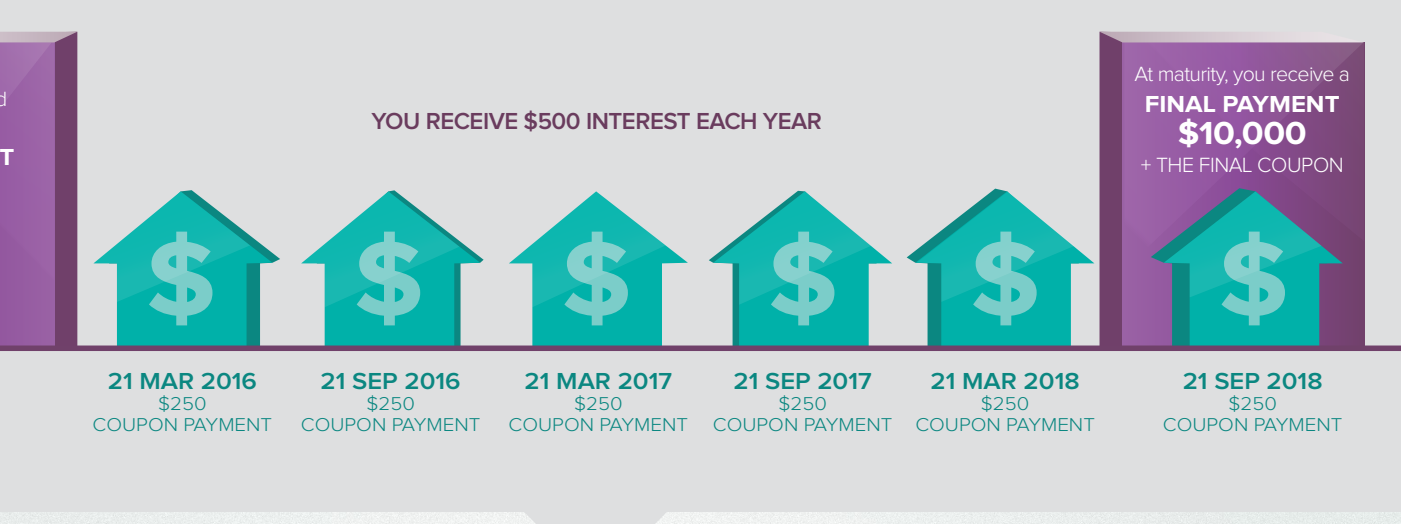
FIXED vs FLOATING

Coupon rates can be fixed or floating. Fixed rate coupon bonds provide investors with the same income each year, similar to Term Deposits. The income from Floating rate coupon bonds varies with interest rate fluctuations, similar to "at-call cash" accounts.

FACE VALUE vs BOND PRICE

Bonds are issued with a Face Value (e.g. \$100). Investors receive this amount at maturity. The Face Value remains constant through the life of the bond. The Bond Price is the price it trades at or after issue.

EXAMPLE CASH FLOWS OF A BOND



WHO ISSUES THEM?

Some of Australia's biggest companies issue corporate bonds. They are available over a diverse range of industries.

 Qantas (QAN)	 Bank of Queensland (BOQ)	 BHP (BHP)	 Stockland (SGP)	 Telstra (TLS)	 Woolworths (WOW)
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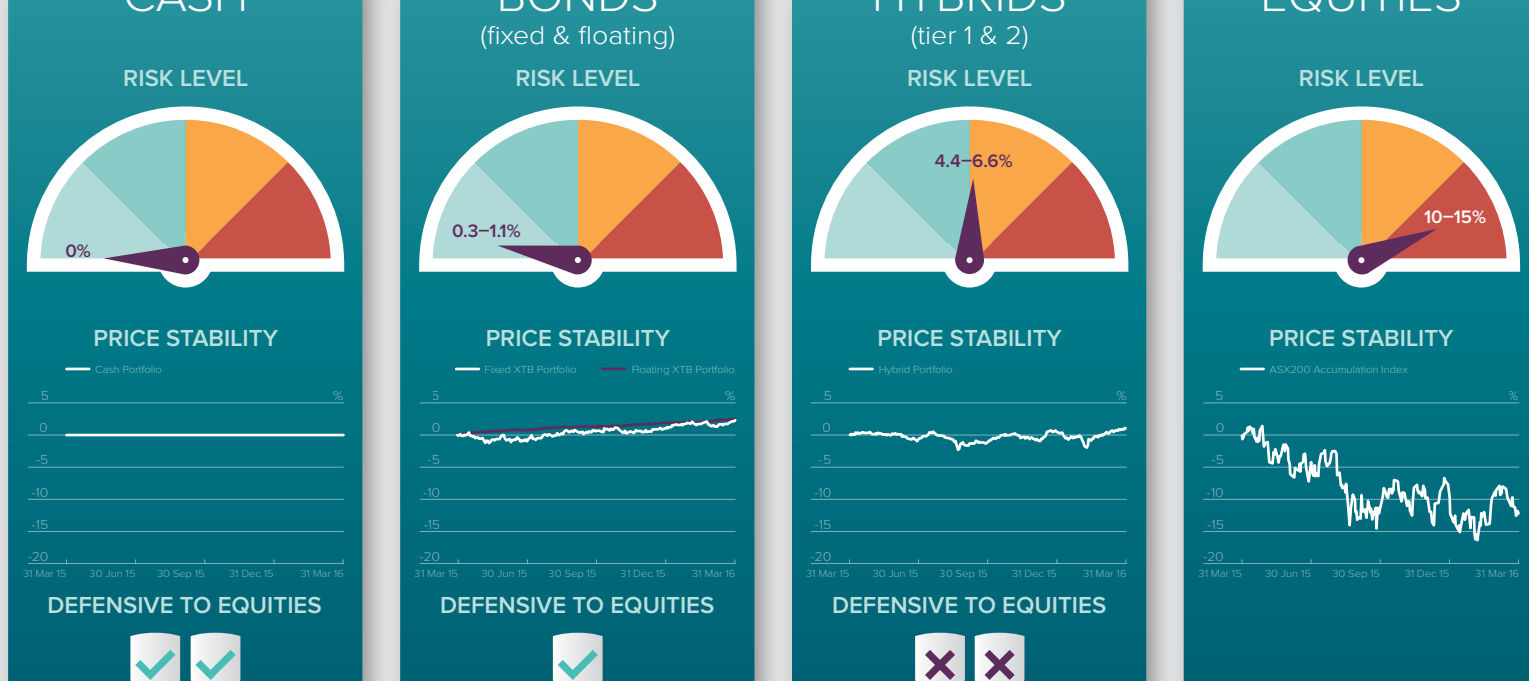
WHY ARE THEY SO IMPORTANT?

Investors need diversification and exposure to assets other than shares. Corporate bonds play a defensive role in a portfolio and provide much needed capital stability. Investors have been keeping their money in the bank since the GFC. They need an alternative without taking on significantly greater risk.



CORPORATE BONDS COMPARED

Corporate bonds are less volatile than equities and hybrids.



Price performance charts for the year ended Mar 2016. Source: Australian Corporate Bond Company

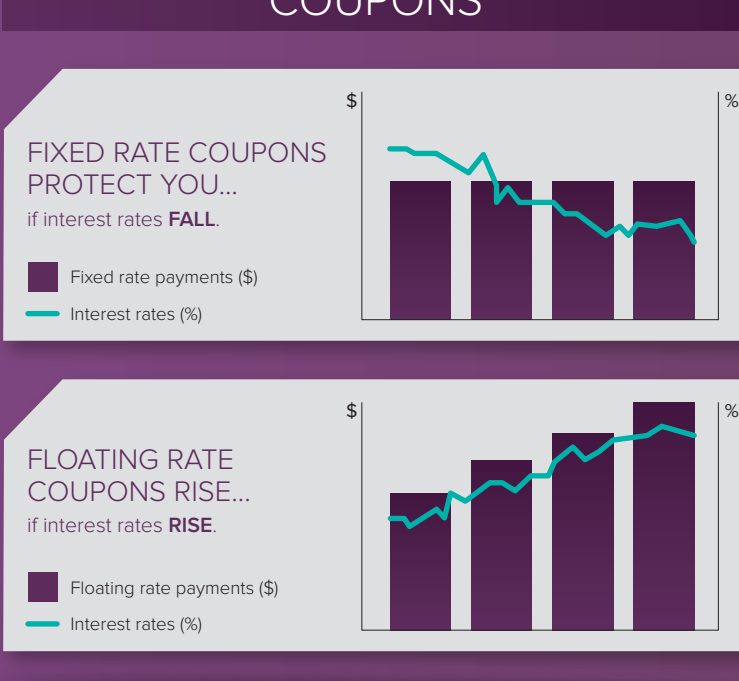
HOW INTEREST RATES AFFECT CORPORATE BONDS

Interest rates affect corporate bond prices and coupons differently depending on whether the bond is fixed or floating.

PRICES



COUPONS



HOW TO INVEST

Until now corporate bonds have generally only been available to wholesale investors with a minimum investment amount of \$500,000.

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