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# course highlights

- Hear from our faculty of leading Canadian tax specialists to get senior-level, up-to-date tax information on financial products and derivatives
- Get a detailed overview of what is in the capital markets
- Update your knowledge of recent case law affecting the tax treatment of structured products and derivatives
- Analyze the tax consequences of cross-border financing techniques and financial products
- Review the guidelines in applying reputational risk standards to tax structuring
- Hear the latest practices in identifying and bifurcating complex, hidden financial instruments
- Avoid tax traps in planning for the use of financial products
- · Look at the tax implications of using default derivatives



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# COURSE PROGRAM

# TAXATION OF STRUCTURED PRODUCTS & DERIVATIVES: IMPACT OF CASE LAW & RECENT TAX RULES

The rapid pace of development of financial products and derivatives has challenged regulatory, accounting, legal and tax frameworks. This session will help attendees understand recent tax structures and identify key tax issues and challenges that arise in the design of structured products. The session will also provide a review of recent case law as well as legislative and tax administrative positions affecting the tax treatment of structured products and derivatives.

- Taxation of derivatives and synthetic financial products
- TThe basic tax character of the transaction
- The use of derivatives for hedging and the implications on the reporting of derivative use
- Key tax issues and challenges arising in structured products
- Case law update

# TAXATION OF CROSS-BORDER FINANCING AND INVESTMENT

As North American markets continue to be volatile, the need for senior level, up-to-date tax information is critical. Tax agencies are becomingly increasingly aggressive in this climate as they target new tax planning devices and challenge existing strategies. This session will highlight the Canadian taxation implications of a number of U.S.-Canadian financing and investment structures.

- Tax implications of cross-border financing and investment structures
- How the Canadian and U.S. tax regimes interact
- Hybrid entities and the Canada-U.S. tax treaty
- Hybrid instruments
- Repatriation issues and strategies
- Hedging and foreign currency translation issues
- Effect of recent administrative guidance and proposed legislation on cross-border structures

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# COURSE PROGRAM

# BASIC INSTRUMENTS USED IN DEVELOPING FINANCIAL PRODUCTS

In recent years, financial products and derivatives have become a mainstay of financial markets. This session will provide a detailed understanding of what these products are and provide an overview of what is

happening in the capital markets.

- · Recent market developments
- Risk management policy
- Main derivatives traded by corporations: the economics of these instruments?
- Hedging strategies
- Accounting for derivatives: hedge accounting

# TAX STRUCTURED INSTRUMENTS AND REPUTATIONAL RISK

Recently, the issue of using structured products and derivatives to achieve tax results has become increasingly questionable. The challenge of navigating this issue is key to tax practitioners working in this area. This discussion will address the following topics:

- Parameters of reputational risk
- Documentation requirements
- Guidelines in applying reputational risk standards to tax structuring
- Risks of opportunistic tax arbitration
- The purpose of a structured investment

# **EMBEDDED DERIVATIVES**

An embedded derivative can arise from deliberate financial engineering and intentional shifting of certain risks between parties. However, many embedded derivatives arise inadvertently through market practices. This presentation looks at the latest practices in identifying and bifurcating complex, hidden financial instruments.

- Standard business agreements or terms that could be an embedded derivative
- How to conduct an enterprise-wide inventory of embedded derivatives
- Issues in the fair valuation of embedded derivatives
- · Looking at specific examples of embedded derivatives

# TAX TRAPS AND HOW TO AVOID THEM

This session will focus on how to avoid tax traps in planning for the use of financial products, providing a discussion of the taxable preferred share rules and dividend-related rules such as the term-preferred share rules, dividend rental arrangement rules and dividend stop-loss rules.

- Taxable preferred share rules
- Dividend-related rules
- Term-preferred share rules
- Dividend rental arrangement rules
- Dividend stop-loss rules

# FORWARDS, FUTURES AND CURRENCY SWAPS TAX CONSIDERATIONS

This presentation will explore the tax implications, advantages and disadvantages of using forwards, futures and currency swaps. You will learn about various rulings and court decisions that affect the taxation of these products.

- Income tax treatment of gains or losses in respect of futures, forwards and foreign exchange transactions
- Income versus capital treatment
- Use of the funds hedged by a currency swap
- · Examples of tax planning for options and futures contracts
- Strategic use of margins and speculation

# **TAXATION OF OPTIONS**

An option is not included in the security definition in subsection 39(6) and, consequently, it is not covered by a taxpayer election under subsection 39(4) to treat any gain arising on disposition of a Canadian security as a capital gain. This session will discuss determining whether option transactions are on account of income or capital.

- Factors that would be considered in the income or capital determination
- Determining whether all possible areas of intervention were taken into account in developing a financial strategy using options and futures contracts

# TAXATION OF SECURITIES LENDING ARRANGEMENTS AND REPURCHASE TRANSACTIONS

This session is intended to provide a review of the treatment of securities lending arrangements and repurchase transactions under the Income Tax Act (Canada).

- Classification as a "securities lending arrangement"
- Treatment of the transfer and the return
- Treatment of compensation payments
- Considerations for nonresidents

# LATEST DEVELOPMENTS IN THE DERIVATIVES MARKET & REGULATION

Financial products and derivatives have been in the past couple of years at the centre of the turmoil in the markets. This session will provide a detailed understanding of the latest developments and regulations in the derivatives market and provide an overview of how these developments impact tax planning.

- · Clearing of standardized OTC derivatives
- Margin for OTC derivatives
- Provincial regulation of derivatives trading and markets
- Characterization risks in derivatives structures

# WORKSHOP

# **TAXATION OF DEBT INSTRUMENTS**

This session will explore the taxation of debt instruments from the perspectives of both the issuer and the holder. Specific areas to be discussed include:

- Current issues regarding withholding tax
- · Current issues regarding interest deductibility
- Linked debt instruments
- Current issues regarding paragraph 20(1)(f) deductions

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### Taxation of Cross-Border Financing and Investment

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Margaret Grottenthaler Stikeman Elliott LLP

# **Accounting Treatment of Embedded Derivatives**

Barbara Yager KPMG LLP

# Income Tax analysis of Default Derivatives

John J. Tobin Torys LLP

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# Minimizing Asset-liability Risk & Including **Derivatives and Structured Products in an LDI** Strategy

Serge Lapierre Standard Life Investments Inc.

# **Taxation of Options**

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# Accounting for Embedded Derivatives

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# Capital Gains vs. Income and Taxation of Options

Robert Kepes Morris & Morris LLP

# **Accounting for Income Taxes - Financial** Instruments

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# **Basic Instruments Used in Developing Financial Products and their Taxation**

Peter H. Blessing Shearman & Sterling LLP

# **Taxation of Forward Contracts and Swap Transactions**

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