Investors have experienced unprecedented levels of volatility in 2020 as a consequence of Covid-19, with significant dislocation in credit markets and declines in short-term rates to new lows across the globe.

We believe investing in trade receivables offers an attractive ‘safe harbour’ in these uncertain times thanks to the short duration of the assets (60-90 days), the structure of the trade finance product and the symbiotic relationship between buyer and seller. One of the core attractions of the supply chain finance asset class is its stability of returns and minimal level of volatility across the economic cycle with low levels of defaults over time.

Supply chain finance products are growing quickly as an asset class, as banks are increasingly constrained by regulatory capital requirements and the cost of bank credit increases.
We expect the crisis to further accelerate this growth in appetite for supply chain finance products, thanks to (i) increased demand from corporates for non-bank lenders and (ii) return premium becoming increasingly attractive due to the fall in short-term interest rates.

In this presentation, we will provide an overview of the asset class, value drivers & risk parameters, and a summary of the barriers to entry. Finally, we will look at how institutional investors can gain access to this asset class.

1 It is a defensive and protective asset class but there is no guarantee that your investment is completely safe

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Annette Olschinka-Rettig, Managing Director, BAI e.V.

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Mark Darell-Brown, Managing Director, Business Development, Trade Finance, Pemberton

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