FOREIGN CURRENCY LOANS IN HOUSING FINANCE – THE EXAMPLE OF AUSTRIA

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Foreign currency loans & housing finance ?

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THE SPECIAL CASE OF AUSTRIA

-and the customer is right!
-how it all began!
-securities no, thanks!
-the advice of the bank
-the future

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THE RISK OF FOREIGN CURRENCY PER SE

-outlook
-hit rate
-the mysterious beer bottle
-suitable markets
-self-management / external management
-about "promotion"

CREDITWORTHINESS SCREENING

- exchange rate fluctuation add-on
-monitoring securities
- "forced currency conversion"
-(financing) bullet repayment
-collateral risk



THE FUNCTION OF INTERMEDIARIES

-friend or enemy?
-the advisor's liability
-advisor quality
-banks: in favour of or against intermediaries
-quis custodit custodes



FOREIGN CURRENCY MANAGEMENT BY THIRD PARTIES

-advantages for the customer
-banks versus non-banks
-conditions
-liability
-implementation discipline
-stop-loss-process



IN THE CASE OF LOSS

-liquidation
-the advisor's liability
-lawsuit?
-chances of success



CONCLUSIO

Can you afford borrowing in foreign currency??