

# Integrate Strategy, Process, and Technology to Build a Resilient, Flexible Hedging Program

**Panel Discussion** 





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### Agenda

Today's panel

Building blocks of a successful risk management program

**Policy and strategy** 

**Process and technology** 

- Foreign exchange
- Interest rate
- Commodities



### **Chatham Financial**

#### Amol Dhargalkar, Managing Partner, Global Head of Corporates





#### **Company overview**

Chatham Financial specializes in the debt and derivatives markets with solutions that combine expert advisory with proprietary technology.

#### Bio

Amol is a Managing Director leading the Global Corporate Sector, serving companies focusing on interest rate, foreign currency, and commodity risk management. He earned his B.S. in Chemical Engineering and Economics from Pennsylvania State University and his MBA from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, where he was a Palmer Scholar.

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### **Coca-Cola Bottling Company United**

#### Craig Neely, Vice President and Treasurer





#### **Company overview**

CCBCU is the second largest privately held Coca- Cola bottler in North America and is engaged in the production, marketing, sales, and distribution of a diverse portfolio of leading brands.

#### Bio

Craig Neely is Vice President and Treasurer of Coca-Cola Bottling Company UNITED and has been employed by the company since 2004. Craig is a Certified Public Account and previously worked in public accounting for Arthur Andersen and KPMG. He is a graduate of the University of Alabama.

#### Hedging program overview

CCBCU opportunistically hedge their floating rate debt and maintain a balanced fixed/floating mix. They also use a combination of swaps and collars to hedge their commodity risks on aluminum, diesel, and gasoline.



### **Brunswick Corporation**

BRUNSWICK

Brian Fey, Vice President and Treasurer



#### **Company overview**

Brunswick Corporation is an American corporation engaged in designing, manufacturing, and marketing recreational marine products.

#### Bio

Brian leads a strong treasury team focused on process improvement and adding value throughout the enterprise. Brian is a graduate from the University of Wisconsin – Oshkosh and earned his MBA from the University of Wisconsin – Milwaukee.

#### Hedging program overview

Brunswick utilizes interest rate swaps to convert a portion of fixed rate debt to floating rates and uses forward-starting interest rate swaps to lock in rates for anticipated future debt issuances. Brunswick uses FX forwards and options to manage FX exposure related to anticipated transactions, and assets and liabilities that are subject to FX rate changes.



### **John Bean Technologies**

Sherri Speaks, Senior Manager Treasury





#### **Company overview**

John Bean Technologies Corporation (JBT) is a leading global technology solutions provider to high-value segments of the food processing and air transportation industries.

#### Bio

Sherri Speaks is the Senior Treasury Manager at JBT Corporation in Chicago, IL, where she manages the FX hedging program and oversees the company's global cash management structure and debt portfolio. Sherri graduated from the University of Illinois, Urbana Champaign and earned her MBA from Keller Graduate School of Management. She also sits on the Certified Treasury Professional test development committee.

#### Hedging program overview

JBT leverages interest rate swaps to fix a portion of its floating rate debt, reducing exposure to volatility in interest rates. JBT is exposed to foreign currency translation and transaction risk, and economically hedges its recognized FX assets and liabilities to reduce risks of fluctuations in FX rates.



## Building blocks of success in any financial risk management program







### **Policy and strategy**



### **Policy fundamentals**

Policy is an anchor for your risk management program



A risk management policy should provide guidance for strategic and operational decisions. As internal or external factors change and new strategies are required, the policy should be revisited as well.

#### **Building blocks of an effective policy**

#### **Foundation**

- Objectives
- Definitions

#### **Hedging strategy**

- How to hedge
- What to hedge

#### **Operational controls**

- Monitoring and reporting
- Roles and responsibilities
- Cost and counterparty mgmt.
- Accounting considerations

Polices will vary in their level of detail but should thoughtfully consider inclusion of key elements that define direction and application of hedging practices.

### **Risk Policy Structure**

Policies vary widely by company

Guardrails Strategies & tactics Procedures

"We will prudently manage financial risk and will not engage in speculative trading activity."

- High level document providing minimum guardrails and maximum flexibility
- Primary audience is the Board or audit committee
- Purpose is to provide essential controls and directional guidance
- Infrequent review

"We will employ a monthly rolling FX risk management program to mitigate FX G/L risk stemming from remeasurement of monetary assets and liabilities."

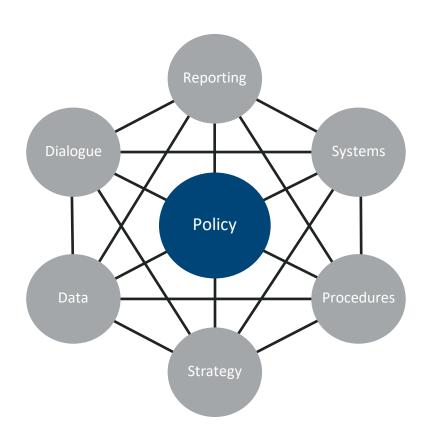
- Strategic document articulating the program objectives as well as tactics being employed
- Primary audience is senior leadership across business functions
- Purpose is to align intent and actions
- Periodic review

"The Treasury Manager will export SEK, EUR, and GBP cash balances on the 3rd business day of each month."

- Detailed document providing prescriptive actions and procedures
- Primary audience is the staff executing on the program
- Purpose is to document operational processes to provide continuity and consistency
- Frequent review

### **Policy review**

**Event driven triggers for policy review** 



#### 1

#### **Changes in business**

- · Acquisition or organic global growth
- · Change in risk profile
  - Organizational structure, pricing power, composition of exposures, natural offsets
- Public vs. private
- Change in capital structure
- Internal priorities (efficiency, technology, flexibility)

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#### **Change of key personnel**

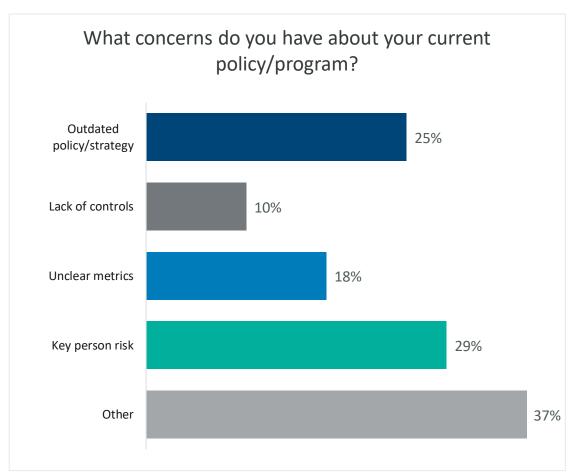
- Board/audit committee members
- Senior leadership
- Treasury staffing profile

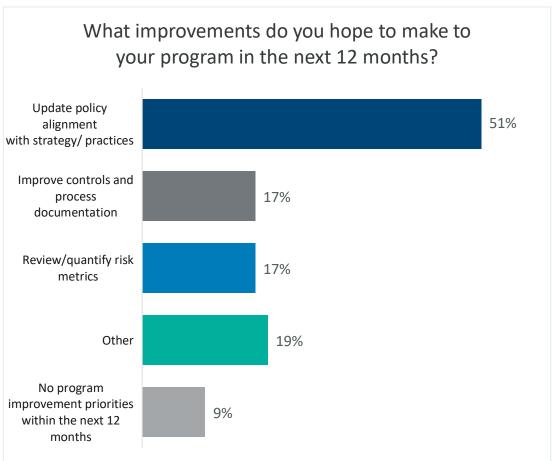
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#### **Changes in market environment**

- Absolute levels of rates
- Market volatility
- Changes to accounting standards, regulations, tax law, etc.

### **Chatham Risk Summit polling data**





# Policy & strategy Panelist Q&A

- What types of policies do you have in place governing your program?
- How are the board and senior management involved in setting strategies for hedging financial risks?
- How are new strategies or risks evaluated, and can you provide an example of how you handled a new strategy recently?



### **Process and technology**

Foreign exchange risk



### **Hedging operations**

Jobs to be done

### **Front-office** (1) Capture exposures Calculate hedge coverage and validate exposures (3) Make hedging decisions Create/capture/edit trade requests (5) Execute trades

#### Mid/back office

- Trade capture
- Trade lifecycle (deal tickets, matching, settlement)

#### **Hedge accounting**

- 8 Valuation reports
- 9 Accounting reports (positions, MTM, journal entries, settlement)

#### **Stakeholder management**

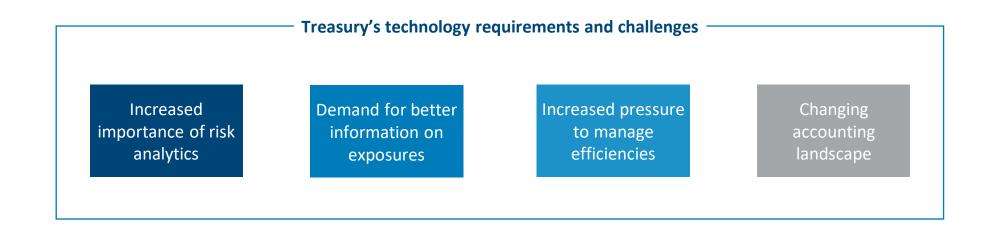
Management reporting

#### How can activities vary by program?

- Exposure and trade volume an interest rate hedging program may only involve one term loan and one swap, whereas FX programs often involve thousands of exposures and require hedge execution every month.
- Manual vs. automated companies with complex programs can gain significant efficiency through technology platforms.

### Requirements on treasury technology continue to evolve

Treasury's core objective is to preserve liquidity and identify potential risks that threaten the financial position of assets. Such activities require flexible technology infrastructure that can support data integration, connectivity to trading platforms, and automation of manual processes.



Treasury teams can gain efficiencies and streamline their daily operations with the help of automation.

### **Industry trends**

#### The growth of business intelligence tools

BI tools are starting to gain wider use within treasury teams for their dynamic visuals and increased automation.



FX program analytics

### **Processes & technology**

### Panelist Q&A – FX risk

- Who is involved in executing your FX program?
- Can you share at a high level the steps that you take in understanding and validating your exposures?
- What systems do you use in your FX hedging process and how do they fit together?
- How has technology enabled your hedging process?
- How do you incorporate new hedging strategies and approaches into your process?
- Who within your organization is responsible for hedge accounting in your FX program and how do they do it?
- What types of reporting do you provide for others around your company with respect to your hedging program?





### **Process and technology**

Interest rate risk



### Market update: interest rates

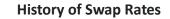


Dec-20

Mar-21

Jun-21

Sep-21







Sep-20

Jun-20

2.5%

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1.5%

1.0%

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Sep-19

Dec-19

Mar-20



#### Historical 1m USD LIBOR forward curve

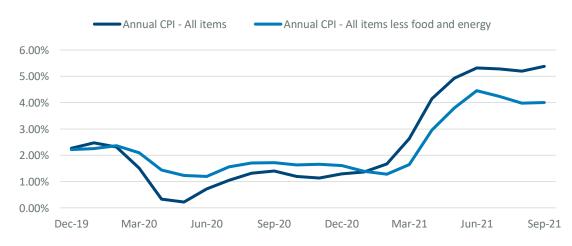


### **Recent inflation highlights**

#### Is inflation transitory?

- Year-over-year inflation continues to be elevated while month-over-month inflation decreased significantly in July and August
- In August, total CPI increased 0.3%, with a core CPI increase of 0.1%
- For the first time since February month-over-month core inflation came in below 0.2%
- The Fed still views inflation largely as transitory
- Supply bottlenecks, materials shortages, and hiring difficulties continue to be a challenge

#### Inflation for urban consumer – Annual increase

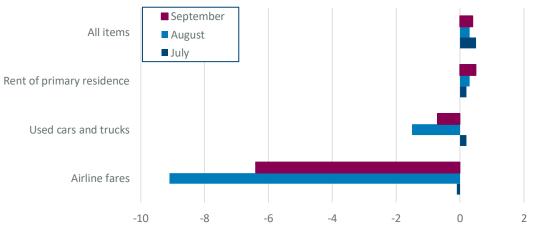


#### Inflation for urban consumer - Monthly increase



Source: FRED

#### **MOM** inflation last 3 months



Source: FRED

Market data as of 11/3/2021

### Interest rate hedging in the current market

Short term rates have increased slightly amid large swings in long-term rates this year

Corporates have a variety of risk management concerns based on their exposure profiles:

#### Long term rates increase

- Consider pre-issuance hedging or long-term floating rate hedging
- Many companies have viewed the lower long-term rate environment as a favorable time to lock in exposure

#### **Short term rates increase**

- Consider swapping floating rate debt to fixed or executing an extend and blend of current outof-the-money swaps
- The extend and blend can be an effective way to reduce interest expense in the short term

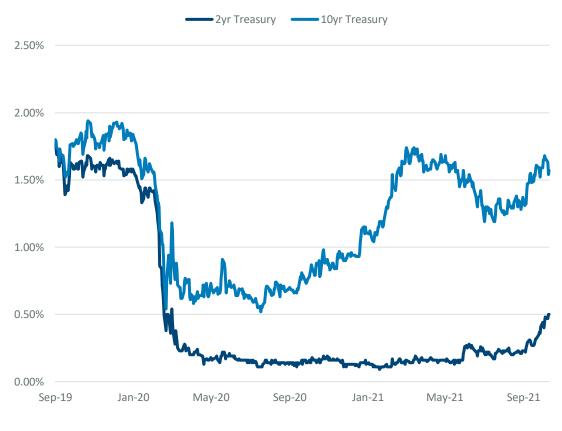
#### Long term rates steady or decrease

- Consider swapping to floating rate debt
- This strategy takes advantage of the benefit in the yield curve steepening

#### Short term rates steady or decrease

- For companies paying off debt, consider hedging the swap termination value
- Market currently expects rate hikes to being in mid-2023

#### 10-year vs. 2-year Treasury



Source: FRED

### LIBOR transition: what's next

2021

- December 31: Banks expected to stop originating new USD LIBOR loans and derivatives, per the guidance of regulators
- December 31: 1-week and 2-month USD LIBOR will cease to be published

2023

• June 30: 1, 3, 6, 12-month USD LIBOR will cease to be published

#### Key areas for companies to understand and track

#### **Legacy debt and derivatives**

- Will I have legacy debt and derivatives that go beyond the June 2023 cessation date?
- Do I need to amend my LIBOR loans soon, or at all?
- What are the pros and cons of broad adherence to the ISDA IBOR Fallback Protocol vs. negotiation?
- Do I need to de-designate and re-designate existing hedges?

#### New debt and derivatives

- Are companies starting to borrow on SOFR?
- Are companies starting to use SOFR derivatives?
- What index will my bank offer, and should I match my derivative to that?
- How do the various rate alternatives differ structurally, economically, and practically?

For more information on the LIBOR Transition, please join Amanda Breslin of Chatham Financial for **LIBOR Transition: What's so Sensitive About SOFR**Nov. 9, 1:45PM- 3:00PM in Room 147.

### **Processes & technology**

### Panelist Q&A – IR risk

- How do you evaluate your interest rate risk on your debt capital structure?
- When you determine it's time to take action, how do you go about determining the appropriate strategy and market approach?
- Can you share any interest rate hedging activities that you've taken over the past year or two?
- With LIBOR slated to go away at the end of this year, have you made any adjustments to your debt or hedging activities as a result?
- How do you think about the ancillary business and wallet spend that comes with interest rate hedging with respect to your relationship banks?





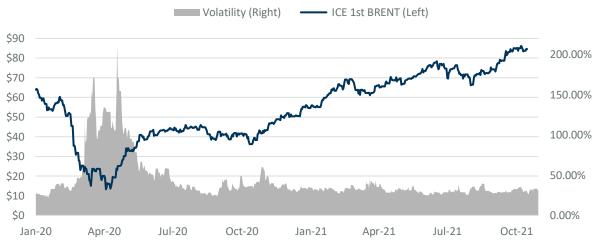
### **Process and technology**

**Commodity risk** 



#### Hedging considerations for FX and commodities in a volatile market

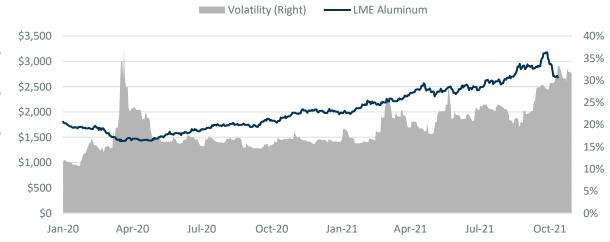
#### ICE 1st Brent price & volatility - \$/bbl



#### Objectives for hedging CMD risk

- Cap material cost to ensure competitive pricing relative to peers
- 2 Establish a revenue floor in order to meet forward guidance
- Reduce noise on P&L due to CMD volatility

#### LME Aluminum price & volatility - \$/MT



#### **Considerations for volatile markets**



Systems enabling rapid, comprehensive, and aggregated exposure capture



Tools that integrate exposure and market data with risk-centric overlays



Established, socialized, and understood data-driven decision frameworks



Accessible and flexible effectiveness reporting packages for the program

### **Practical considerations**



Hedge accounting



Decision making in silos



Theory to practice



Dangers of oversimplifying



### **Process & technology**

### Panelist Q&A – commodity risk

Who else is involved in the process to understand your commodity exposures?



How do you decide on the best way to execute the transactions?

Do you apply hedge accounting to the trades, and how difficult has that been?

What challenges have you faced with hedging commodity risk over the years?



# **Conclusion**Panelist Q&A

- For those starting a hedging program from scratch, what advice would you give?
- For those looking to advance their policies, processes, or technology for an existing program, what advice would you provide?



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