

FAO: GETTING TO KNOW FLYP

The Australian Securitisation Forum (ASF)'s Future Leaders and Young Professionals (FLYP) subcommittee comprises a diverse group of members in the securitisation industry with different skill sets, personalities and opinions. They are seeking to offer a fresh view to a longstanding industry.

What does the FLYP subcommittee aim to provide its members?

◆ JOSH KNUCKEY Chair, FLYP and Associate Director, Legal Counsel, MACQUARIE BANK The FLYP subcommittee provides newer and younger members of the securitisation industry the opportunity to become more involved with the industry body, to foster networking and leadership skills, champion emerging technology and innovation, and raise the profile of the securitisation industry.

What was the main objective in creating FLYP?

◆ KNUCKEY FLYP was created to provide a bridge between zero industry involvement and the senior industry

involvement that was the status quo. Previously, there was no pathway for junior participants to get directly involved in the ASF. FLYP achieves this.

What does FLYP have to offer to market participants like you?

- ◆ JORDAN BACHELOR Associate Director, Structured Capital Markets ANZ FLYP offers an opportunity to broaden the industry appeal of securitisation beyond its traditional network. It can also help to reinvigorate the image of securitisation among graduates who so often only obtain exposure to securitisation via case studies relating to the financial crisis.
- ◆ MADDY EBRILL Associate, Securitisation MUFG SECURITIES FLYP provides a chance for younger professionals to be involved in industry initiatives in a less daunting setting. It is a great way to promote the industry as an appealing career path for graduates and those at the beginning of their careers.
- ◆ SONIA GOUMENIS ASF National Committee Representative, FLYP and Partner CLAYTON UTZ FLYP has lots to offer. Things like networking, development opportunities, an injection of fresh ideas, new ways of engaging with members, new spokespeople for our industry and outreach to universities. The list goes on.
- ◆ KATRINA HUANG Senior Associate ALLENS For me the main things are innovative ideas, youthful energy and a refreshing perspective.
- ◆ LYNSEY THORRINGTON Senior Securitisation Manager PERPETUAL As FLYP is a new initiative, it can be whatever the members want it to be. Initially we have focused on networking, increasing awareness of the industry and reaching out to universities. However, the possibilities are endless.
- ◆ JADE CHONG Director, Financial Services PwC A fun, exciting, innovative and safe platform for industry newcomers to learn from the experts and demonstrate their capabilities. FLYP is a collaborative group for emerging leaders to share their thoughts, disrupt conventional ways and think outside the box.

It seems that FLYP has lots to offer. What makes you excited about the group?

◆ **DEBBIE LONG** *Director, Securitisation and Treasury RESIMAC* The securitisation industry brings together a diverse range



of business specialisations, making for an interesting and dynamic job. A lot of people know very little about securitisation prior to joining the industry so FLYP provides the opportunity for early and greater exposure to experienced people and the industry itself.

◆ VIJAY SINGH Senior Securitisation Analyst, Treasury BANK OF QUEENSLAND Being based in Brisbane, FLYP enables me to better connect with the main hubs in Australia, to engage with my peers and to be involved in upcoming events and learning opportunities.

FLYP provides its members with access to streams they may not normally cover in their day-to-day operations and affords keen-minded individuals the opportunity to consider where they would like to go in the future.

- ◆ JENNY CHAMBERLAIN Senior Manager MACQUARIE LEASING FLYP offers the opportunity to work with senior members of the ASF. These people wouldn't otherwise necessarily be available to people at my level and it offers me a great opportunity to learn everything I can from them. It also gives the chance to build stronger relationships across the whole ASF network.
- ◆ MONICA STEPHENS-SALIBA Manager, Group Funding COMMONWEALTH BANK OF AUSTRALIA Working with industry peers at similar stages in our careers and building the industry leaders of tomorrow.
- ◆ RAYMOND LAM Associate Director MACQUARIE BANK I am excited to meet other market participants at a similar stage in their careers, from a very diverse range of backgrounds and institutions. There is always something new happening in the industry and market participants are very innovative with product types and structures. FLYP provides the opportunity to be involved in this.
- ◆ **DONG JIN** Associate Director NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK Being able to attract talented young financial-services professionals to our industry by educating university students about what securitisation is and the numerous career opportunities it provides.
- ◆ YANNICK VAN DER ZEE Relationship Manager BLOOMBERG What gets me excited about FLYP is being part of a community, learning about innovation in securitisation from different market players, and teaming up with enthusiastic and likeminded people. Especially for myself, being relatively new to the Australian market, this is a fantastic way to get involved.

What about FLYP's visibility? For instance, have you hosted any events so far?

◆ KNUCKEY Ashurst hosted FLYP's inaugural networking event which had more than 80 attendees. We have also been engaging in outreach to universities. FLYP has presented to University of Technology Sydney and several Melbourne universities to demystify securitisation and promote it as a career path. We have also undertaken an ASF evening series event on digital conveyancing for financial institutions.

Our focus is really on providing support to other subcommittees and exposing junior members to senior leadership skills.

If you weren't in banking where would you be?

- ◆ **HUANG** Teaching at high school or making ends meet as a struggling novelist.
- ◆ **GOUMENIS** Blogging and baking. FLYP is yet to benefit from my baking talent.
- ◆ VAN DER ZEE I would go back to my roots which are architecture and engineering.
- ◆ JIN David Attenborough's job would be awesome.

On what would you spend your last A\$50?

- ◆ JORDAN Race nine at Randwick, although the rational part of me says nonperishable food and water.
- ◆ STEPHENS-SALIBA A bottle of Piper Heidsieck and a Kinder Egg for my five-year old.
- ◆ LYNSEY A good bottle of red.
- ◆ **CHONG** Durian the kind of stinking fruit.
- ◆ KNUCKEY A ski-lift ticket or a fraction of one anyway!

What is on the horizon for FLYP for 2018?

◆ KNUCKEY Providing support to other committee members and exposing junior members to senior leadership skills. We plan to host networking events in Melbourne and Brisbane in 2017, with more events planned in 2018. Our aim is also to expand the university outreach programme across Australia as well as increasing our support to the various subcommittees within the ASF.

If you would like to sign up for FLYP communications, please contact Lynsey Jackson via ljackson@securitisation.com.au