

BAI-Webinar, Understanding various aspects of Trade Finance as an investable Asset Class"

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Francesco Filia heads all portfolio management and research related activities at Fasanara. Prior to cofounding Fasanara, Francesco was Managing Director and EMEA Head of the MidCaps & Principal Investors group at Bank of America Merrill Lynch, a top producing investment practice comprised of 15 professionals. In his role, Francesco directed Bank of America Merrill Lynch operations across Europe, Middle East and Africa with responsibilities on multistrategy, multi-assets portfolio solutions. Prior to joining Merrill Lynch in 2000, Francesco was a research analyst at JP Morgan Securities where he published several research white papers covering areas such as derivatives modelling and fixed income / volatility strategies. Francesco is a graduate of Bocconi University in Milan and a scholar of Erasmus Universiteit Rotterdam.

Jörg Hörster is CEO of Walbing and founder of the Walbing Receivables Exchange platform, which allows investors to invest directly in domestic and international trade receivables and cover them via digital syndicated trade credit insurance.

In parallel to his work at Walbing, Hörster is the owner of FinTech Studio, a venture incubator for FinTechs. As former Head of Risk Management Services Europe at Deutsche Bank, Hörster has extensive expertise in investment and risk management and was instrumental in the development of leading fixed income indices. In 2008 and 2009, Hörster was also a lecturer in financial mathematics at the Institute for Mathematical Stochastics at the Technical University of Dresden.

Managing values of trade receivables on a Receivables Exchange using AI and IoT

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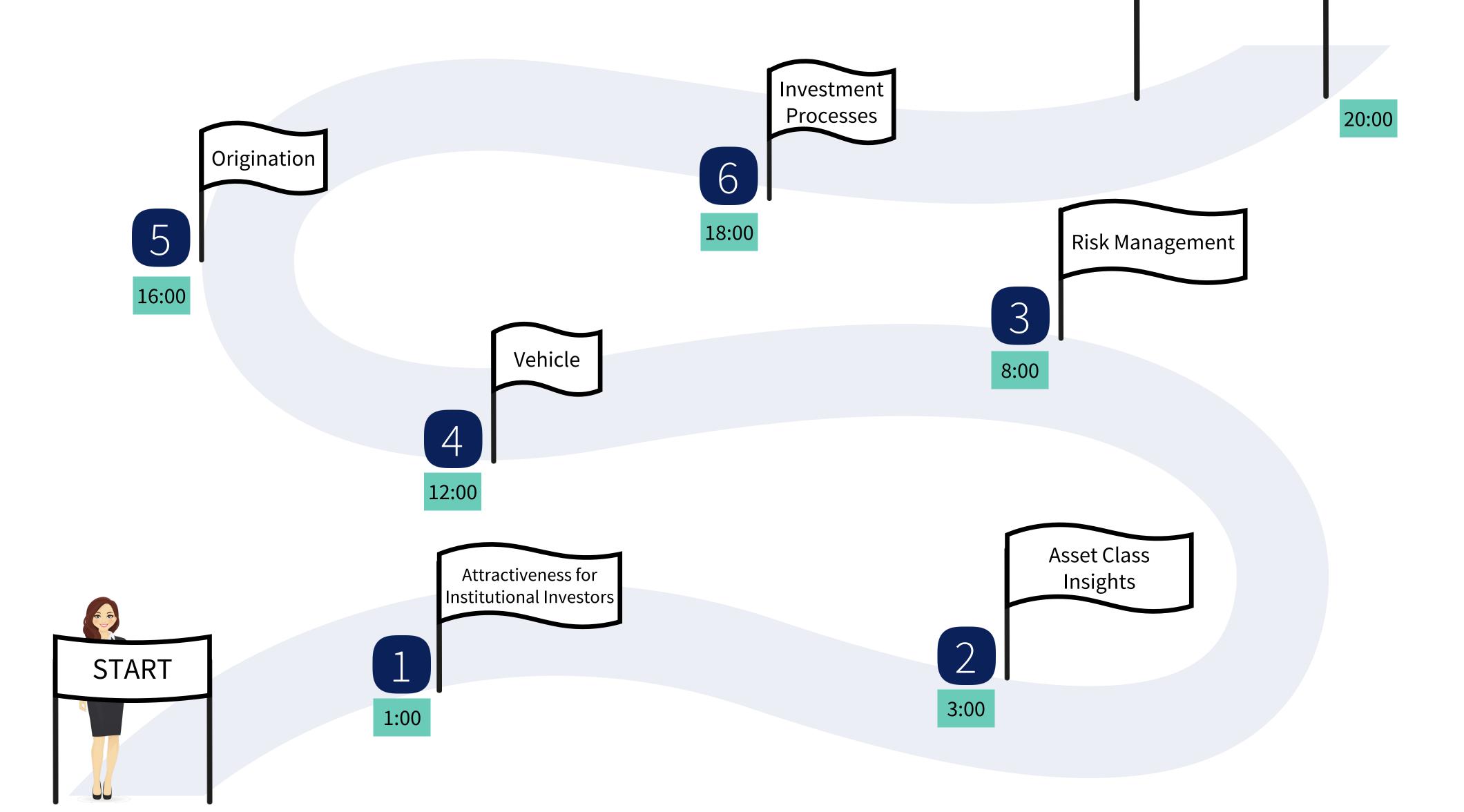
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- Please find out if we also should start a Trade Receivables Fund.
- (2) And if so, how should we do that?



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Trade Receivables Funds are becoming increasingly relevant

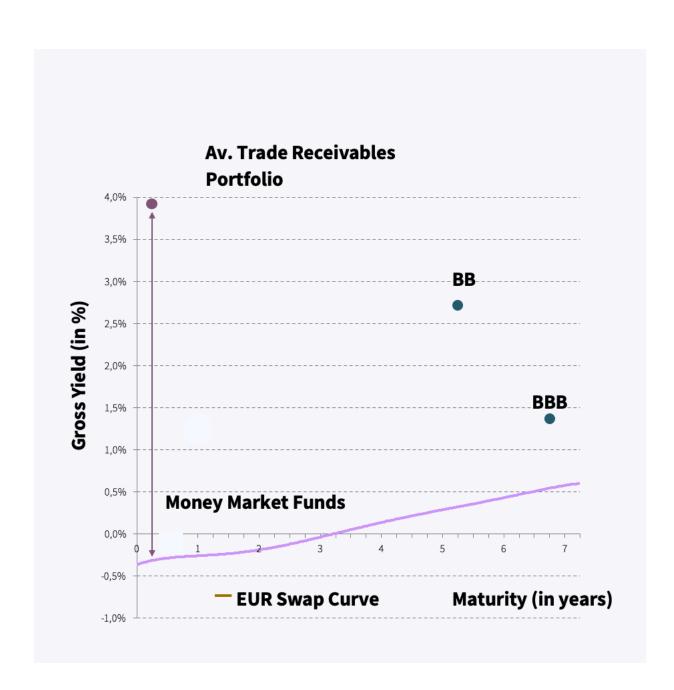


The Opportunity:

- Banks do not have the capacity to absorb the growing trade finance demand
- FinTech and Embedded Finance open up new investment opportunities

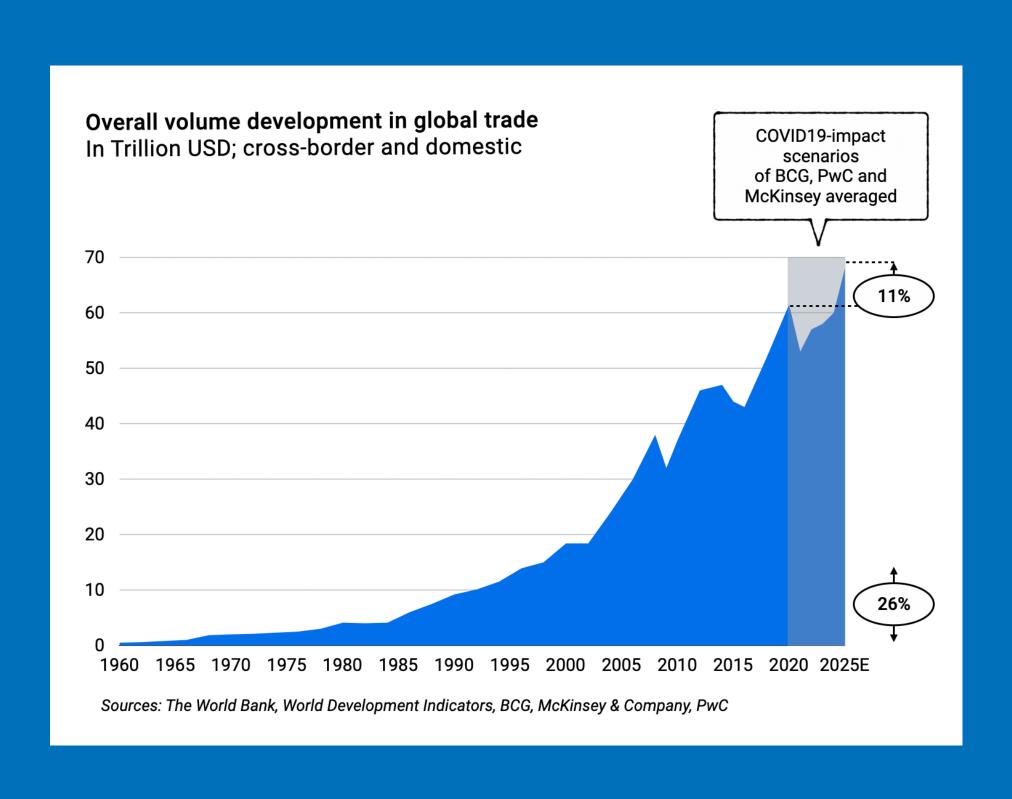
Trade receivables investments offer:

- Return comparable to High Yield bonds with a much lower duration (on av. 60-180 days)
- Low volatility
- Low correlation
- Low default risk
- Low reliance on capital markets due to 'self-liquidating' invoices
- Portfolio diversification with high Sharpe Ratio
- Real asset / real economy investments
- ESG compliance-able
- Regulatorily treated like government bonds if credit insured



Trade Finance is a rapidly evolving opportunity for institutional investors





Global Trade:

Historical growth over last 60 years to USD 60 trillion today

Trade Finance Gap:

Asian Development Bank estimates global demand for Trade Finance exceeds supply by trillions USD

Banks are unable to support the growth in non-investment grade business

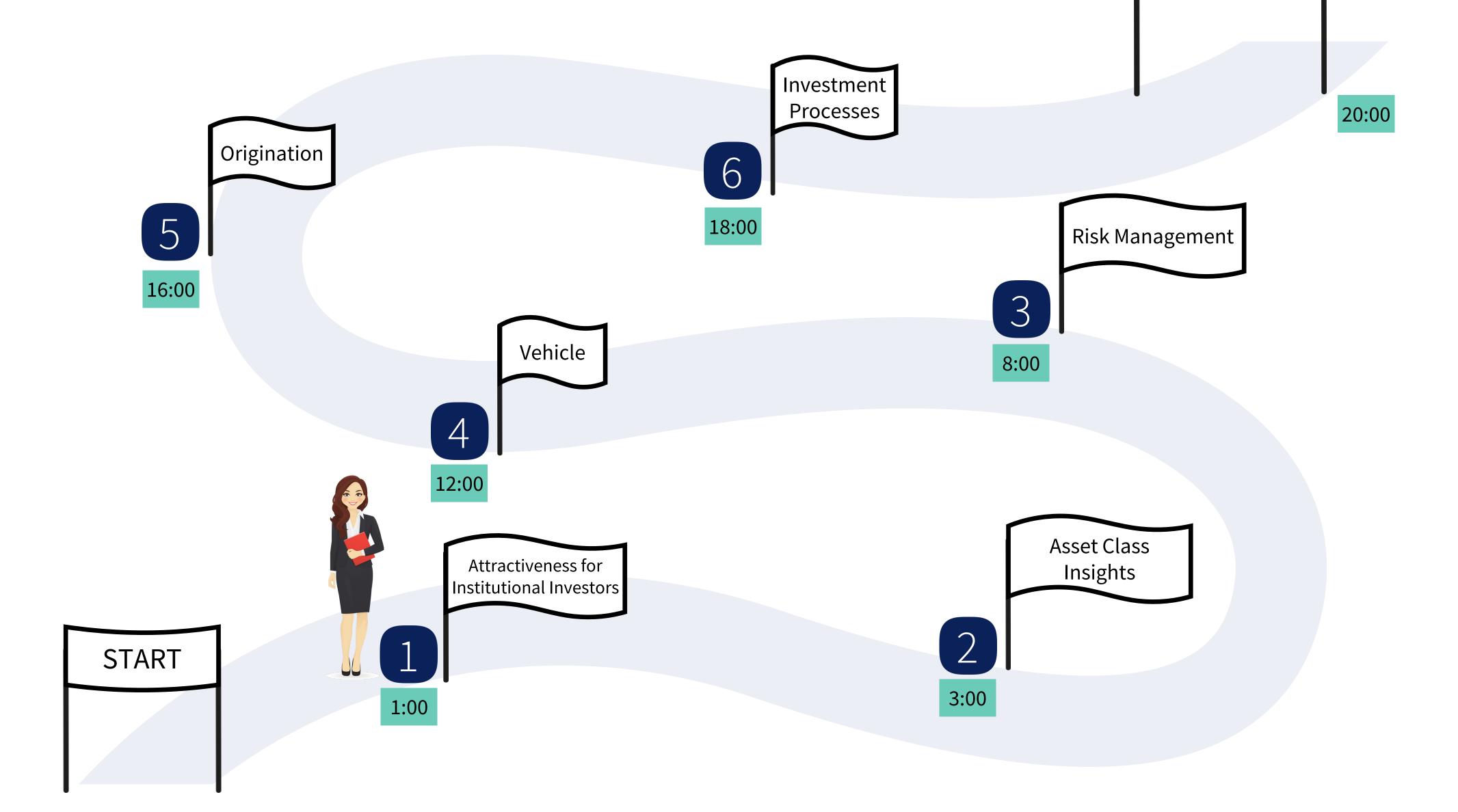
- Counterparty, sector and country risk limits
- Return on regulatory capital

FinTechs decrease operating costs for new/smaller financing facilities

- Automation of customer on-boarding
- real-time credit risk management
- cash payments
- payment reminders
- ERP synchronisation

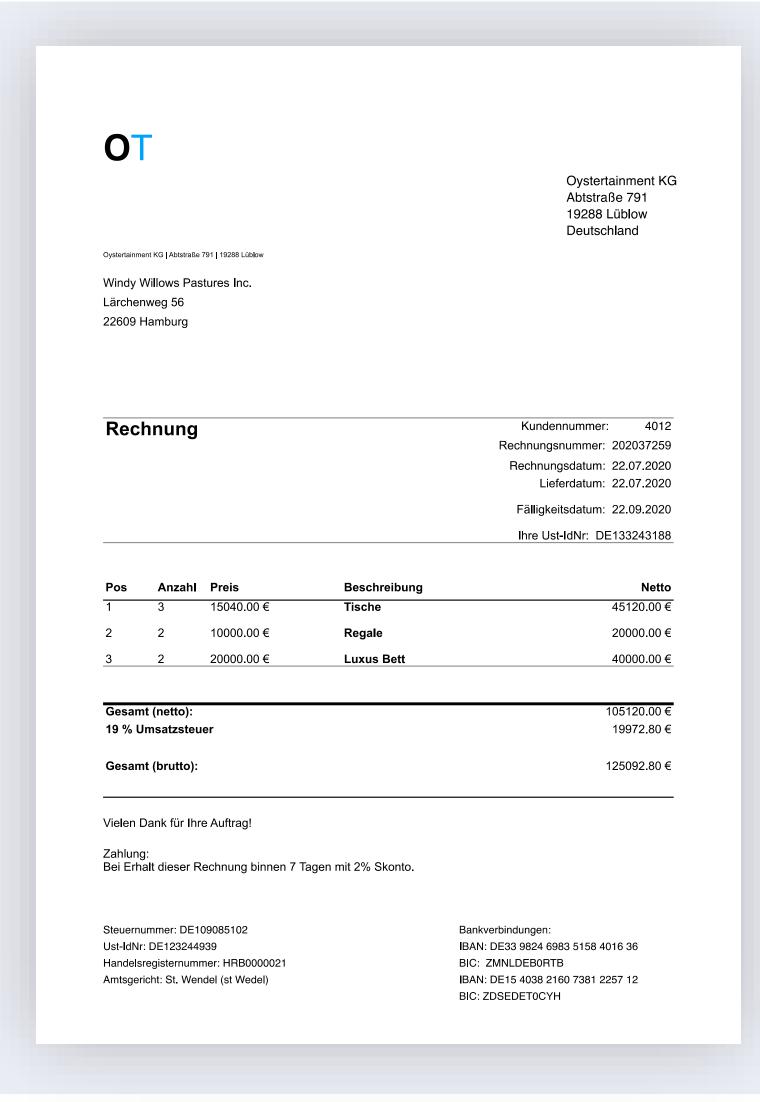


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Actually, what is a trade receivable?





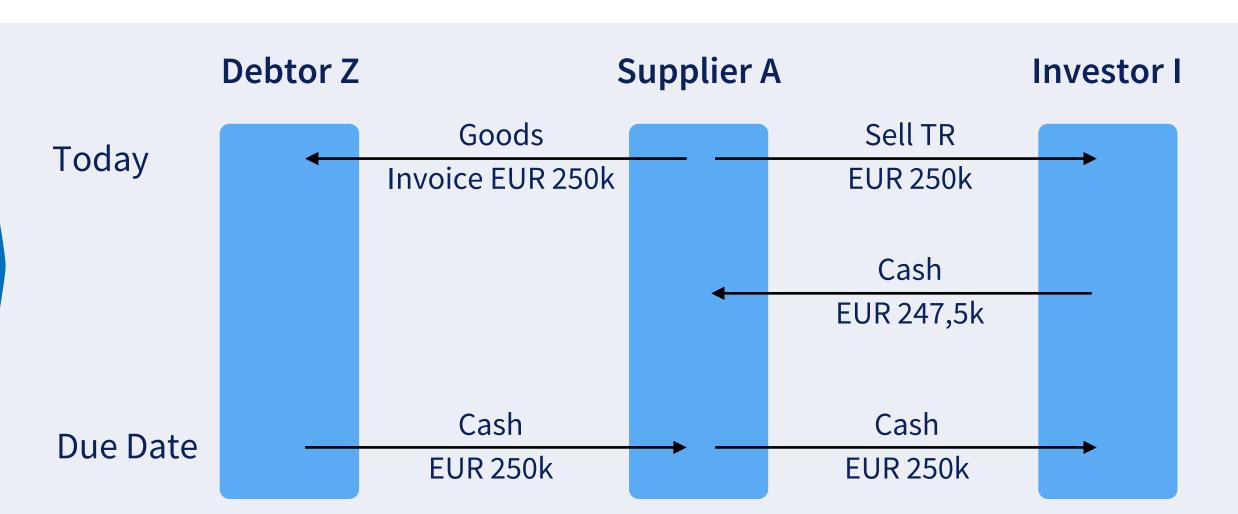
Claim arising from a B2B Invoice

Running some numbers



Example:

Company A sells trade receivables against company B in the amount of EUR 250.000, payable 30 days, to Investor I for 1% discount every month.



Investment Math:

Annually:

Invested Capital: EUR 247.500

Yield p.a.: 12%

Why is this also an advantage for supplier A?

Capital costs p.a. of a cash discount of 2% per invoice



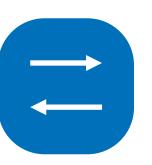
36.5% vs. 12%

Why do corporates sell trade receivables?





Liquidity



Risk transfer



B/S Contraction /
Equity Ratio Increase

Unlock capital you already have

Eliminate del credere risk

Use liquidity to pay own liabilities

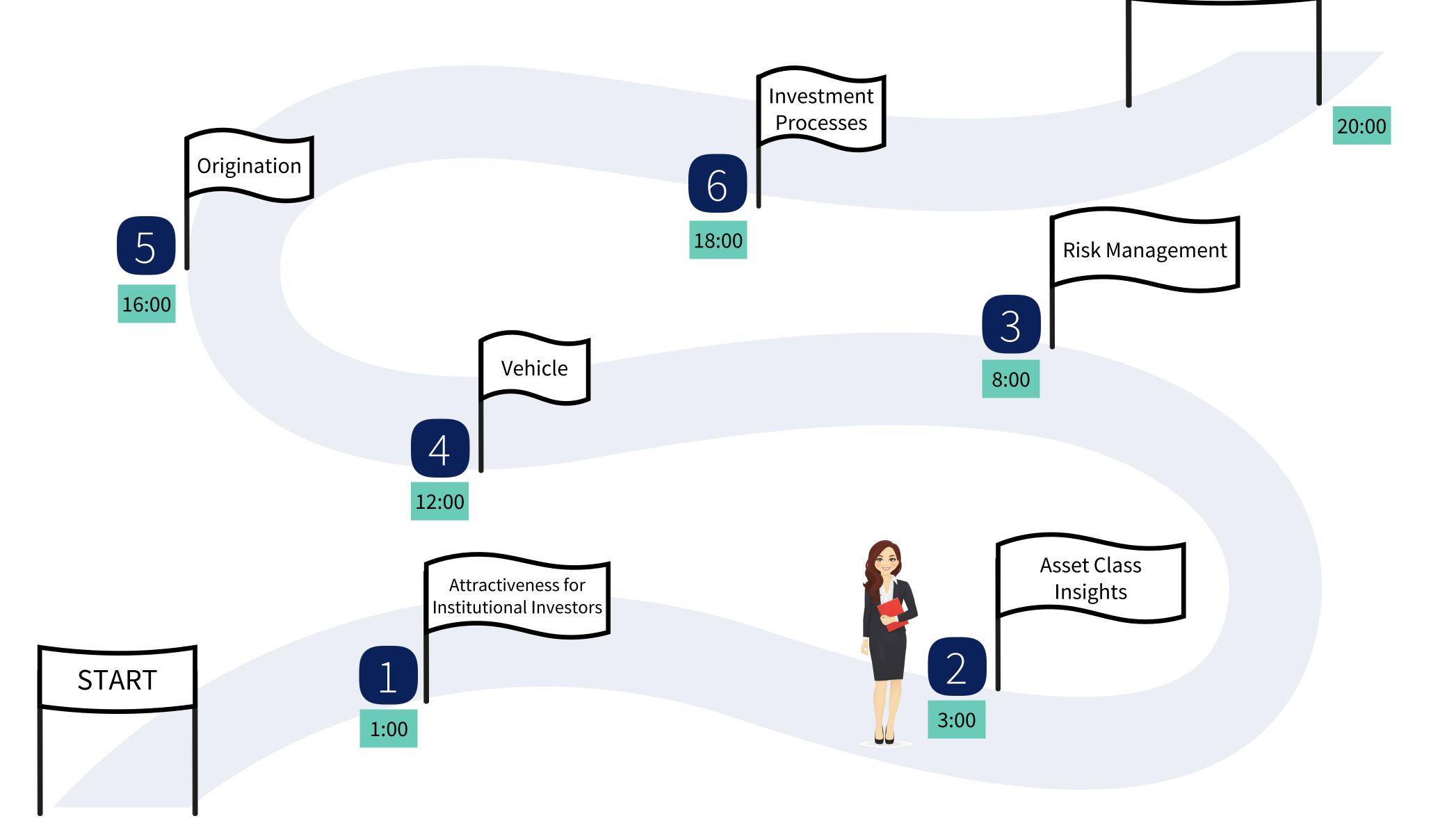
What happens when I buy a trade receivable?



	Assignment Type	Meaning	Verity risk
Supplier's claim against debtor	Undisclosed	Debtor will not be informed	
Assignment	Disclosed	Debtor will be informed	
Investor's claim against debtor	Disclosed and confirmed	Debtor confirmed invoice by means of Irrevocable Payment Undertaking (IPU)	



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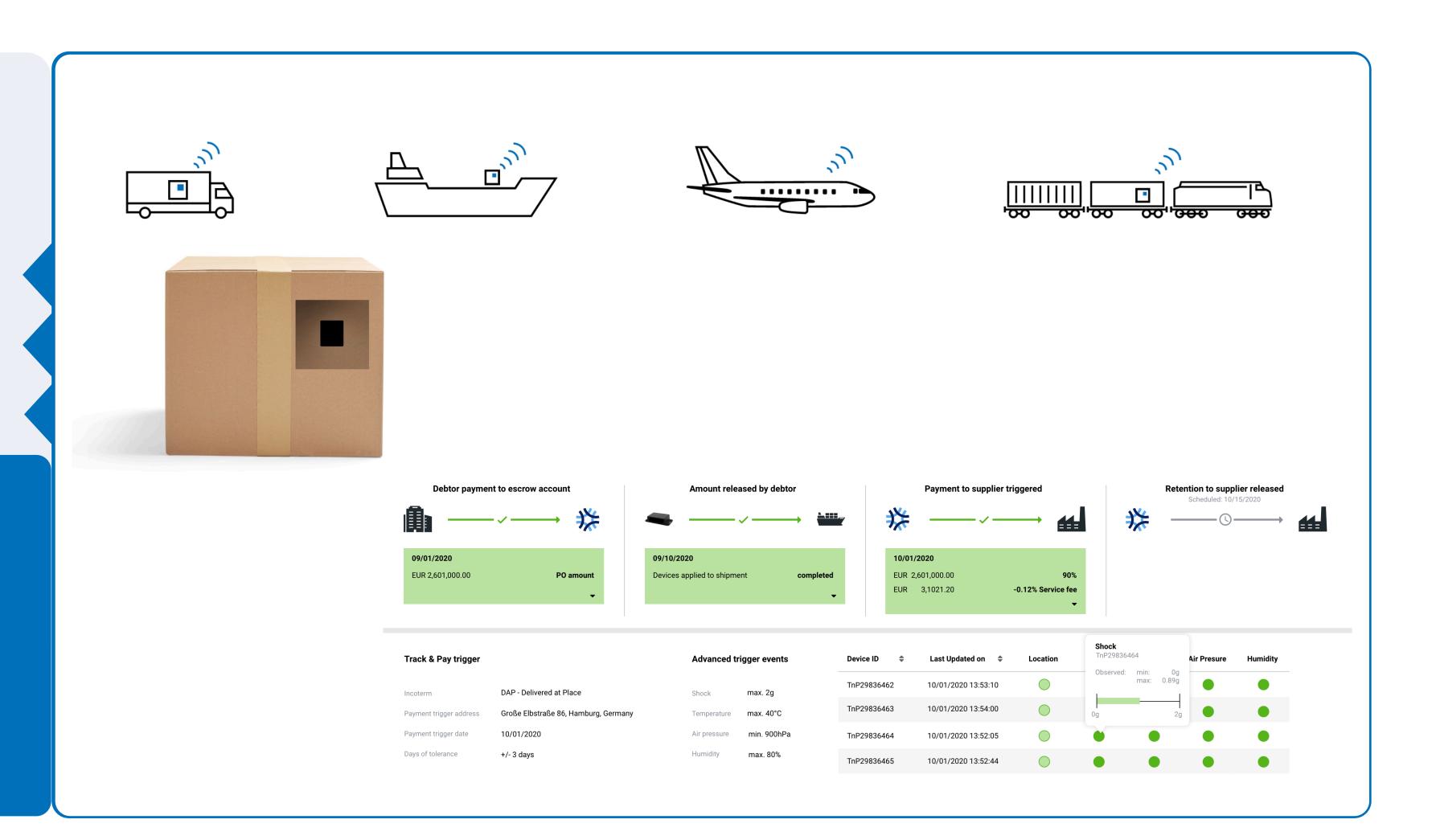
What risk premiums affect prices



Verity risk

- IPU
- AI-Fraud Prevention
- IoT-Tracking

Make use of technology



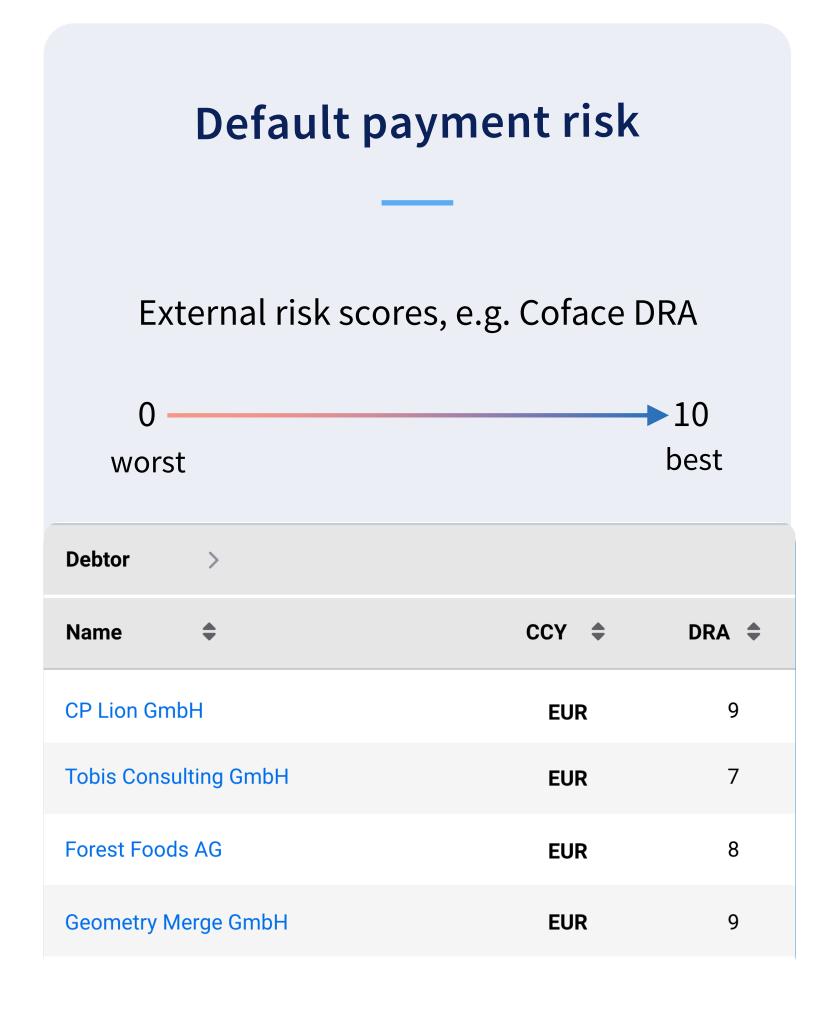
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Payment behaviour in a supplier-debtor relationship

Late payments statistics
(provided by platforms with bank account acccess)

>	Auction	
Ø LPD \$	Maximum bid 🗘 🔼	Time left
3.4	× Maximum bid	5d:19h
8.2	× Maximum bid	3d:04h
2.2	× Maximum bid	4h:45m
1.0	× Maximum bid	1d:02h

The new era of trade credit insurance



Formerly Pre-Requisites Trade Credit Insurance



Framework contract with each credit insurer



Takes a lot of paperwork and time



Supplier must fulfill catalogue of obligations



Limited credit risk lines

Now world-wide only with Walbing



Syndicated Credit Insurance: NO LIMITS



One Single Policy



Walbing fulfills catalogue of obligations on behalf of suppliers

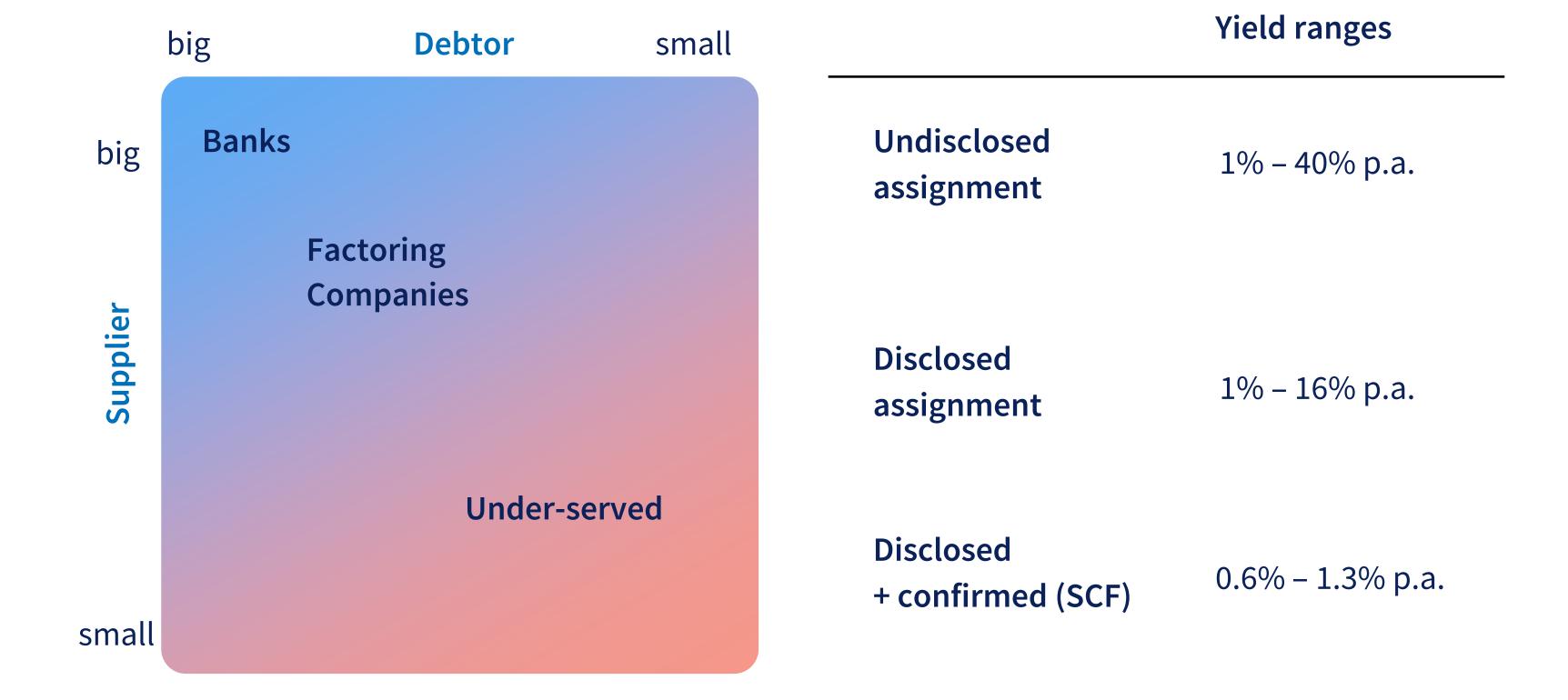


Real-time pricing and one-click insurance

Where are the opportunities?

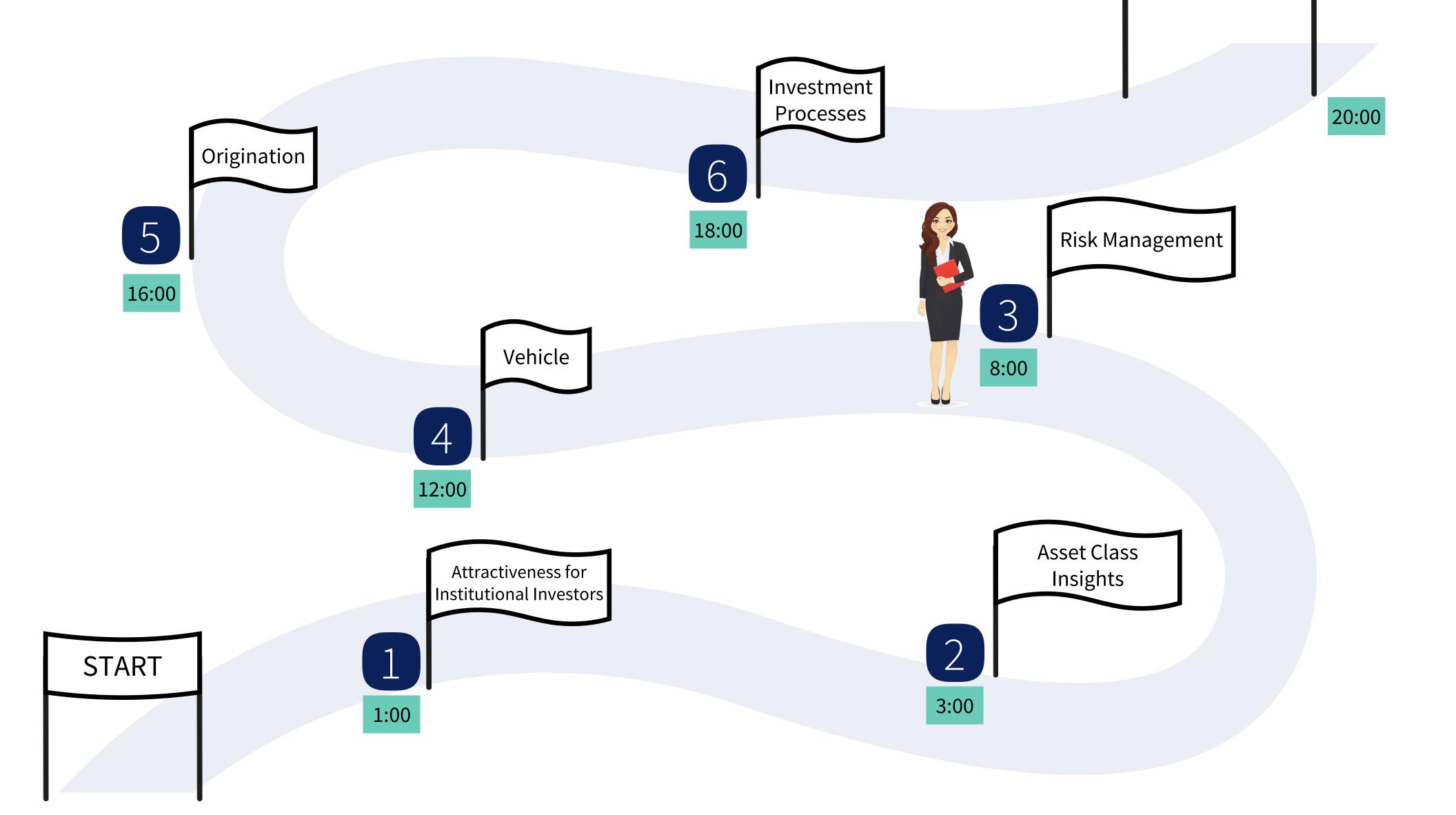


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What vehicle is most suitable?





Factoring Company

Revolving Receivables refinanced by loans



Securitization company

Revolving Receivables refinanced through Asset-Backed Commercial Papers (ABCP)

Replenishment risk

Best performer



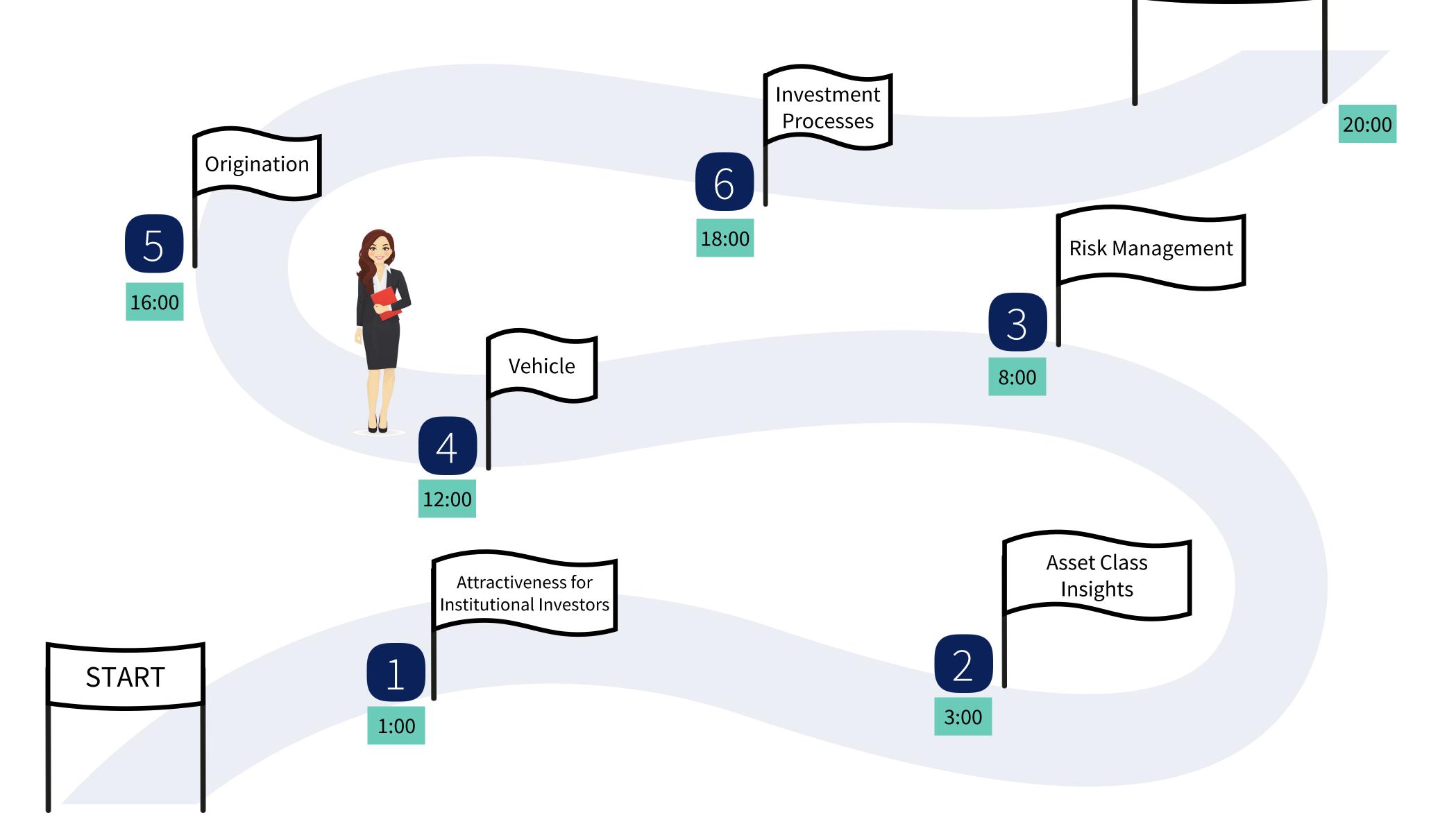
Alternative Investment Fund

Revolving or single invoice purchases by fund capital

Pure performance risk

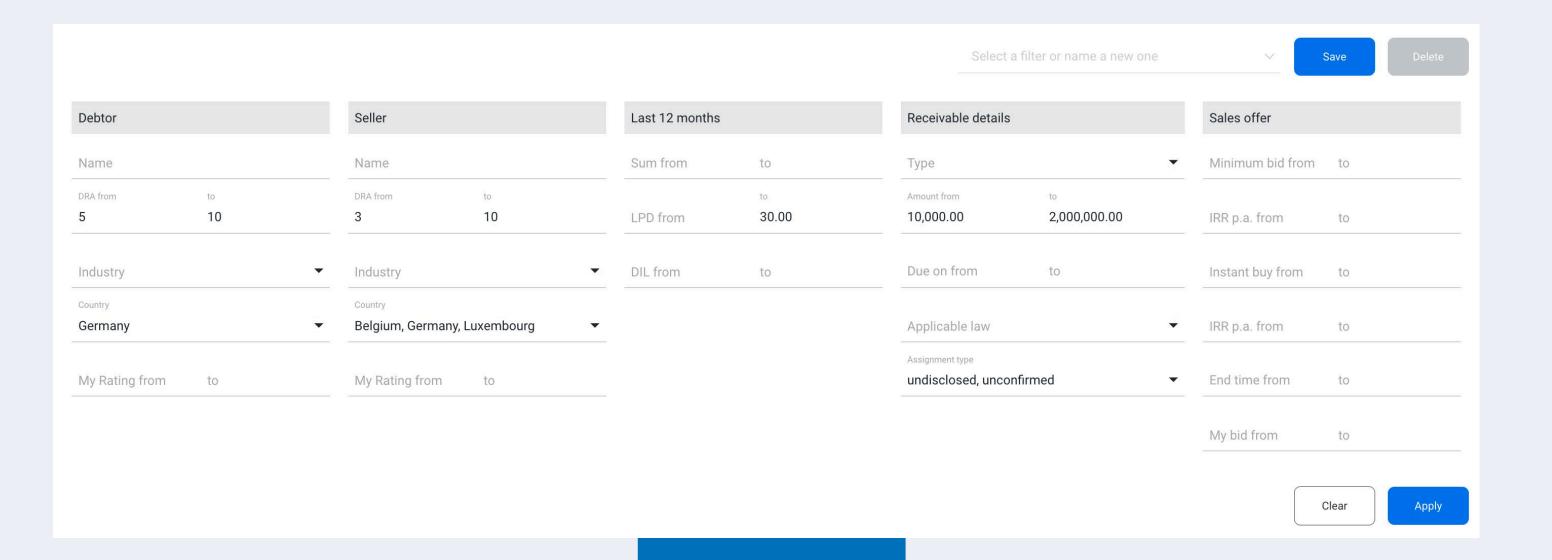


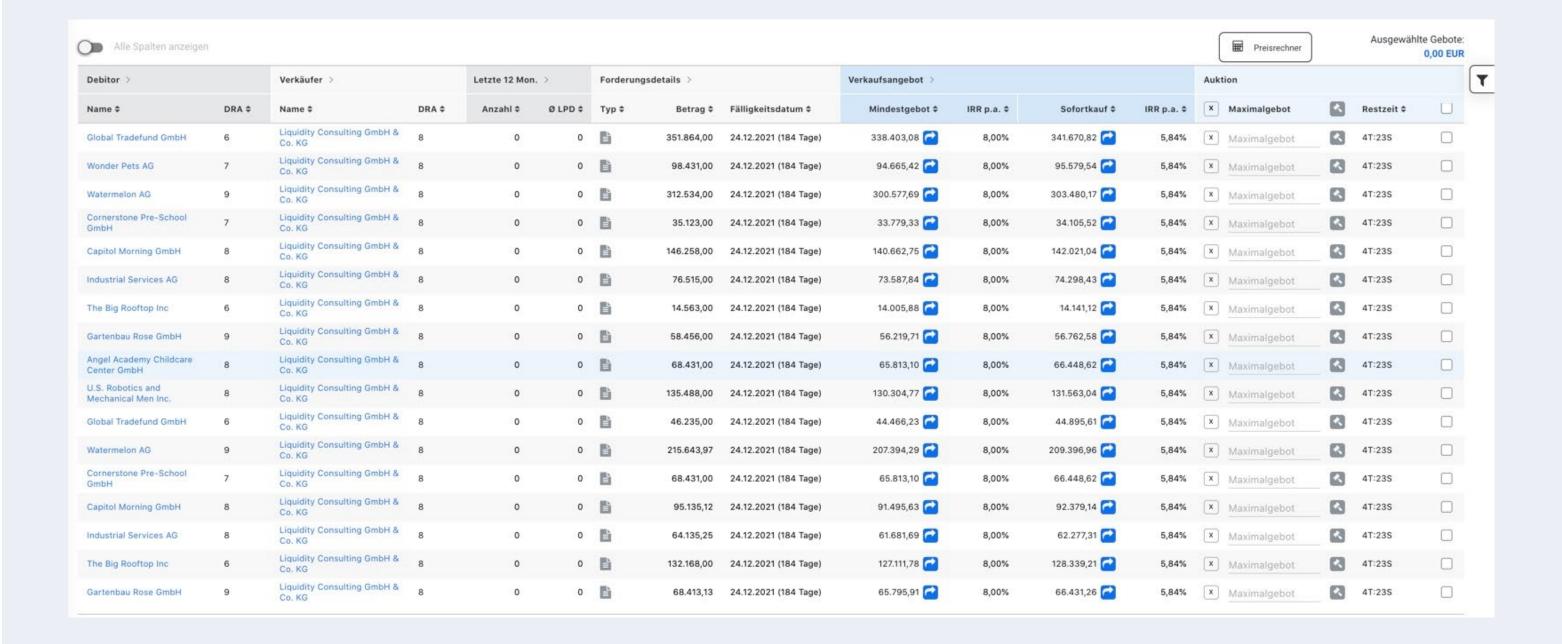
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How can we originate receivables assets?

"Wouldn't it be cool, if I could just filter and buy the selection I want?"

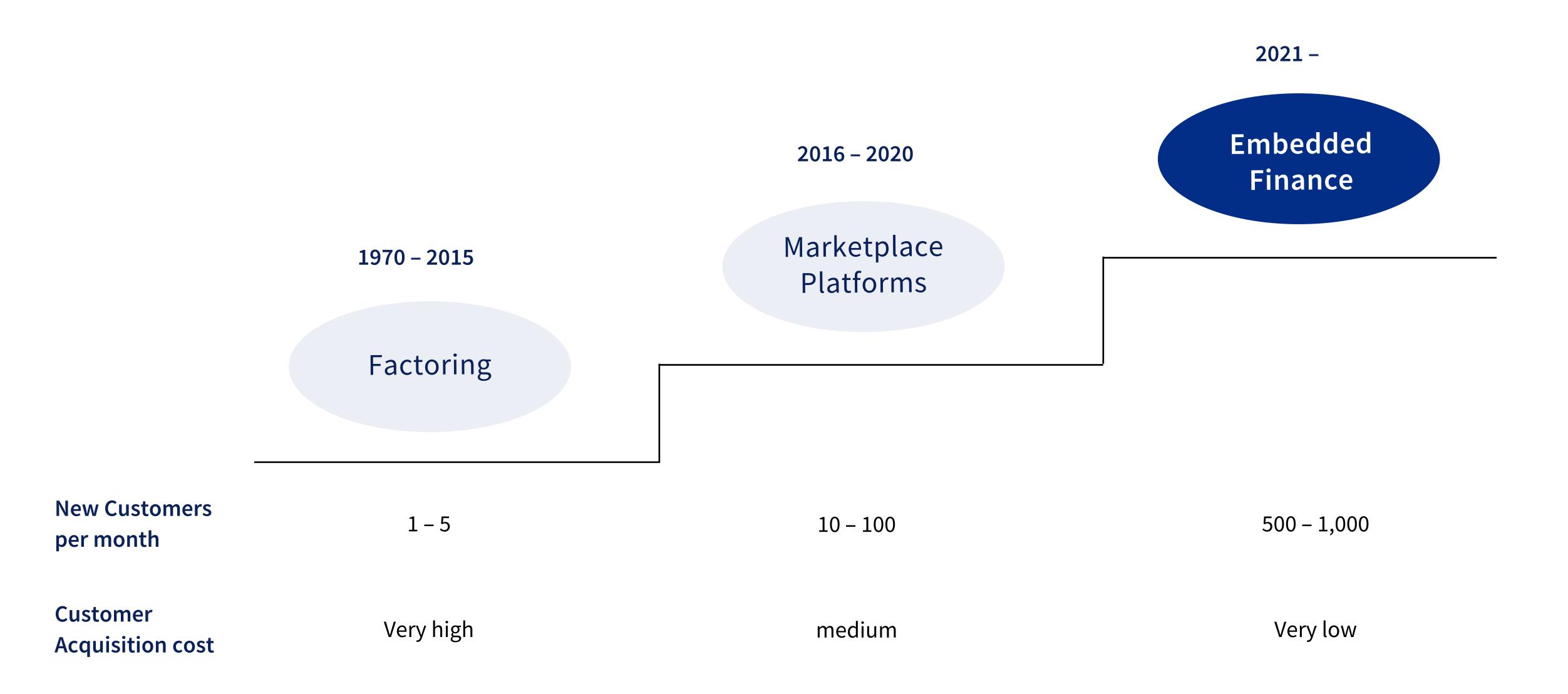




FinTechs are able to make origination as effective and efficient as possible

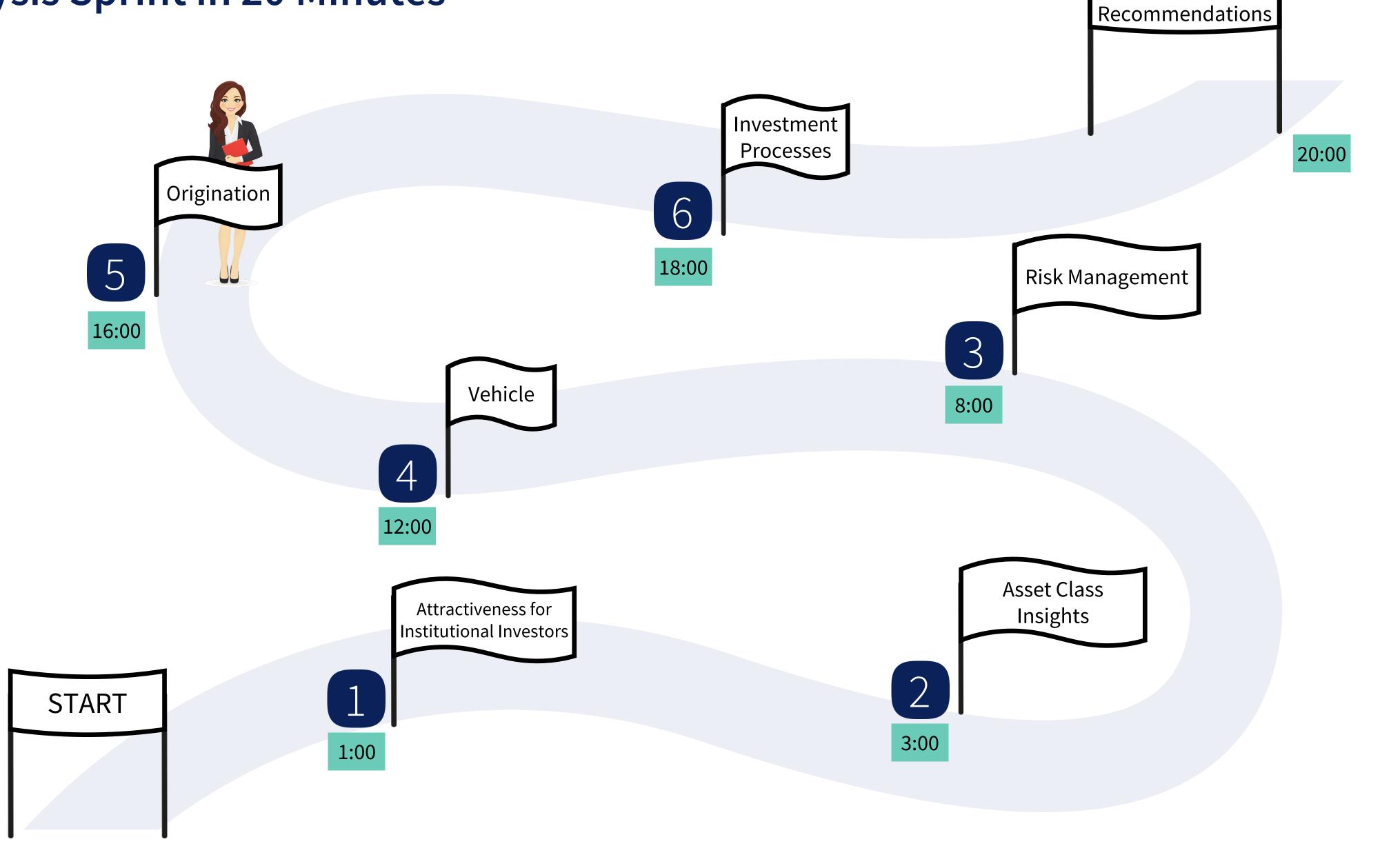


New intermediaries between corporates and capital providers





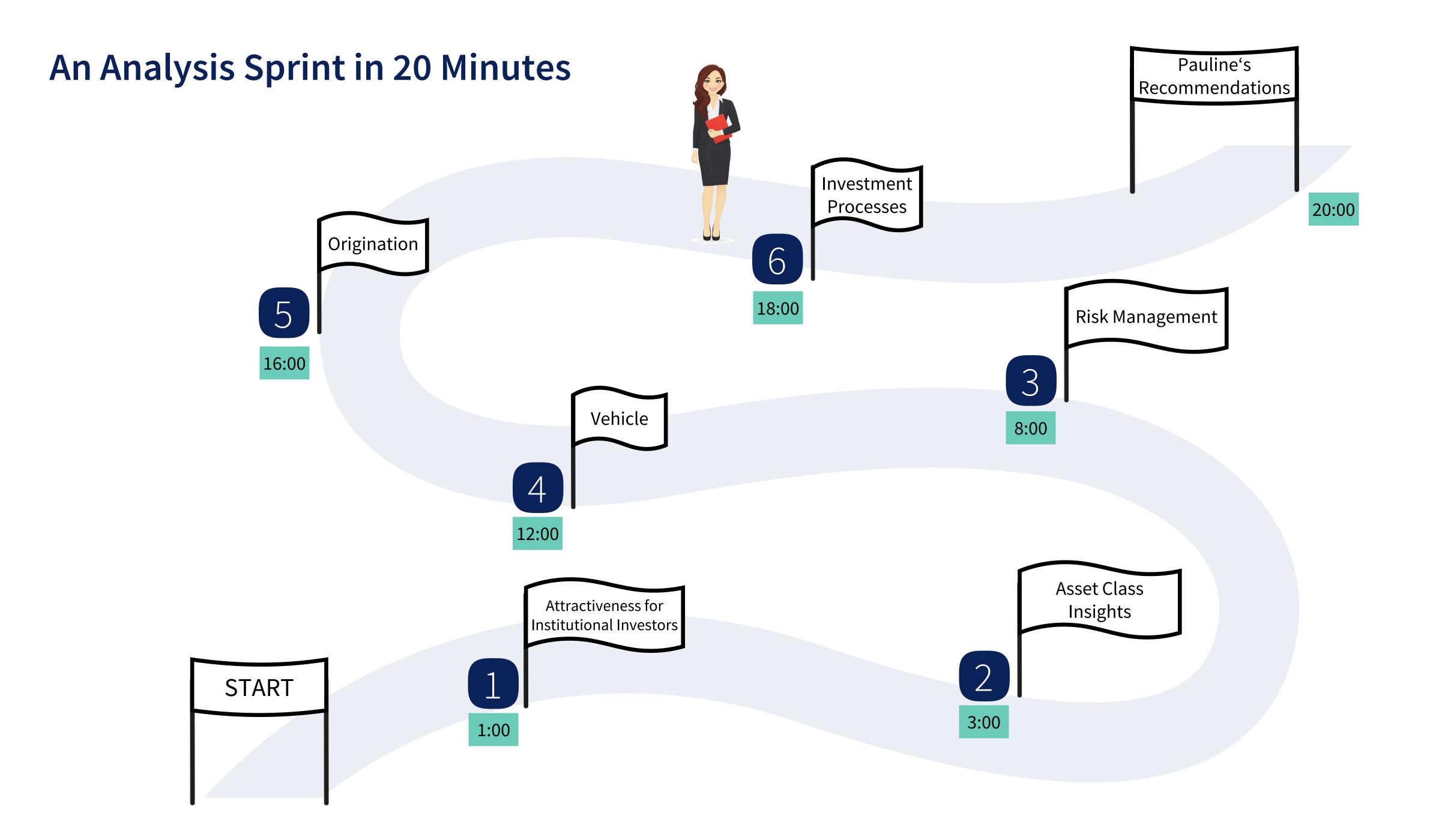
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The Investment process can be a fixed income process adapted to trade receivables



	Platform Selection	Sourcing & Analysis	Underwriting & Investments	Transaction Management & Operations	Liquidity Management & Currency Hedgin	Portfolio Monitorin & Risk Management
Asset Manager	 Asset selection Origination Power Legal framework Tax handling Invoicing Cash management Accounting Synchronization User and limit management 	Inputs • Portfolio • Limits - Country - Debtor - Supplier • Credit Analysis • ESG criteria	Management	 Import of accounting files Payment control 	Analysis & Management	Analysis & Management
Platform		 Asset Filter Limit Management real-time Credit Information Real-time Payment Behaviour ESG filter 	Standard legal documents for receivables purchases	 VAT handing Invoicing Payments Payment monitoring Payment reminders Accounting data Assignment custody 	 Liquidity plans Mapping of expected cash flows Exposire Maps 	 Position reporting Performance reporting Cost reporting Risk reporting





Pauline's Recommendations





Establish RAIF-SICAV in Luxembourg

Raise money for Trade Receivables Fund

Choose "best" embedded finance platform 😌

Build Asset Management-processes around this platform