

## Can Falling Interest Rates Increase a Company's Financing Costs?

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Companies will often enter into interest rate swap agreements in order to hedge their exposure to interest rate risk stemming from floating-rate debt. These hedging arrangements are designed to fix the financing costs for such companies, but a negative interest rate environment introduces new wrinkles to hedging arrangements that may lead to unintended increases in financing costs.

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