



# Trends in Supply Chain Finance

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## Discussions Topics

- **Clarify Confusion** around Supply Chain Finance Nomenclature
- **Overview** of Early Pay Techniques
- **Critical Issues**
  - P2P Complexity: Direct vs Indirect Supplier Expenses
  - SupplierPay - Do Corporates want to be a Bank to their Suppliers?
  - Where are the Banks?
  - New Models disaggregating Banks and Factors for business credit
- **Key Questions** to Address

The vast majority of trade credit sits on companies balance sheets in the form of payables and receivables.



- Trade finance is a large, global and interconnected industry, encompassing nearly \$8tn in notional credit\*.
- Most of trade credit (~\$7.5tn) is not intermediated directly and remains on corporate balance sheets (in the form of trade receivables).
- Banks are the main third party source of financing for corporate trade, but intermediate roughly \$500bn of trade credit (12%).

*\*Note: \$2tn in USA, an estimated 3 trillion Euros of accounts receivables outstanding in the EU, estimated \$8tn globally*

## Nomenclature and Definitions Matter

- The term **Supply Chain Finance** is not universally accepted nor well defined.
- **Self-Funded Early Pay**
  - Supplier gets paid earlier than the due date on the invoice and money comes from the balance sheet of the buyer (egs. static discounting, dynamic discounting)
- **Funded by Third Party (Factor, Bank, Non Bank, Pcard)**
  - What the market calls Supply Chain Finance – ie Taulia's TED program or PrimeRevenue's multi-bank model, or Orbian's capital markets model — is when the supplier is paid early but the money comes from someone other than the buyer.
- In addition, important to point out there are **five main triggers** that we see for supply chain finance that can involve taking information to trigger liquidity.

## Early Pay Techniques

	Technique	Description
<b>Buyer Focused</b>	<b>Supply Chain Finance</b>	Supply chain finance is an uncommitted credit facility typically with near investment grade corporations that rely on approved invoices to fund receivables.
	<b>Dynamic Discounting</b>	Discounts are offered on all invoices approved, opening up the entire procurement spend, based on a sliding scale.
	<b>Reverse Auctions</b>	Buyer sets APR rates and submits approved invoices for suppliers to bid.
	<b>Pcards</b>	Small suppliers and low dollar invoices typically funded by a bank (eg. U.S. Bank, Citibank)
<b>Seller Focused</b>	<b>Seller Auctions</b>	An alternative to factoring where companies sell single invoices that are not credit enhanced on an exchange.
	<b>Factoring</b>	Factoring consists of several distinct services: receivables monitoring and collection, credit assessment, payment guarantees and financing. It is seller-focused as opposed to SCF and dynamic discounting that are buyer focused.

## How Supply Chain Finance differs from Dynamic Discounting

- Supply Chain Finance is a credit and cash management product, and focuses only on investment grade or near investment grade companies
- SCF programs typically have a ROI and that is tied to DPO extension.
- Funders typically “buy” receivables which makes it difficult to profitably implement bank funded SCF programs for SME buyers. (KYC, UCC filing costs, etc.)
- SCF program rates are based on Libor or Euribor plus a spread

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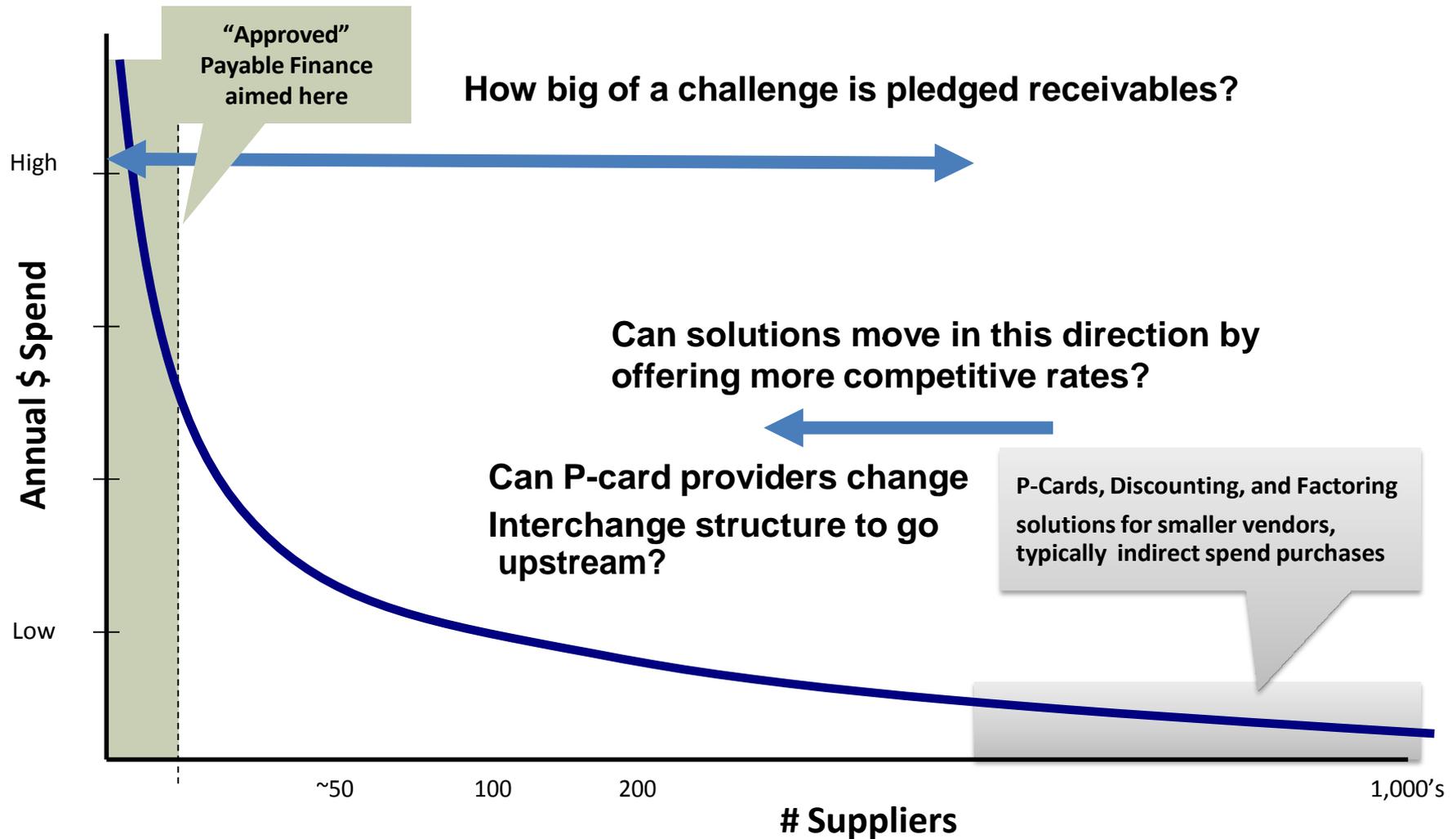
Supply Chain Finance

Dynamic Discounting

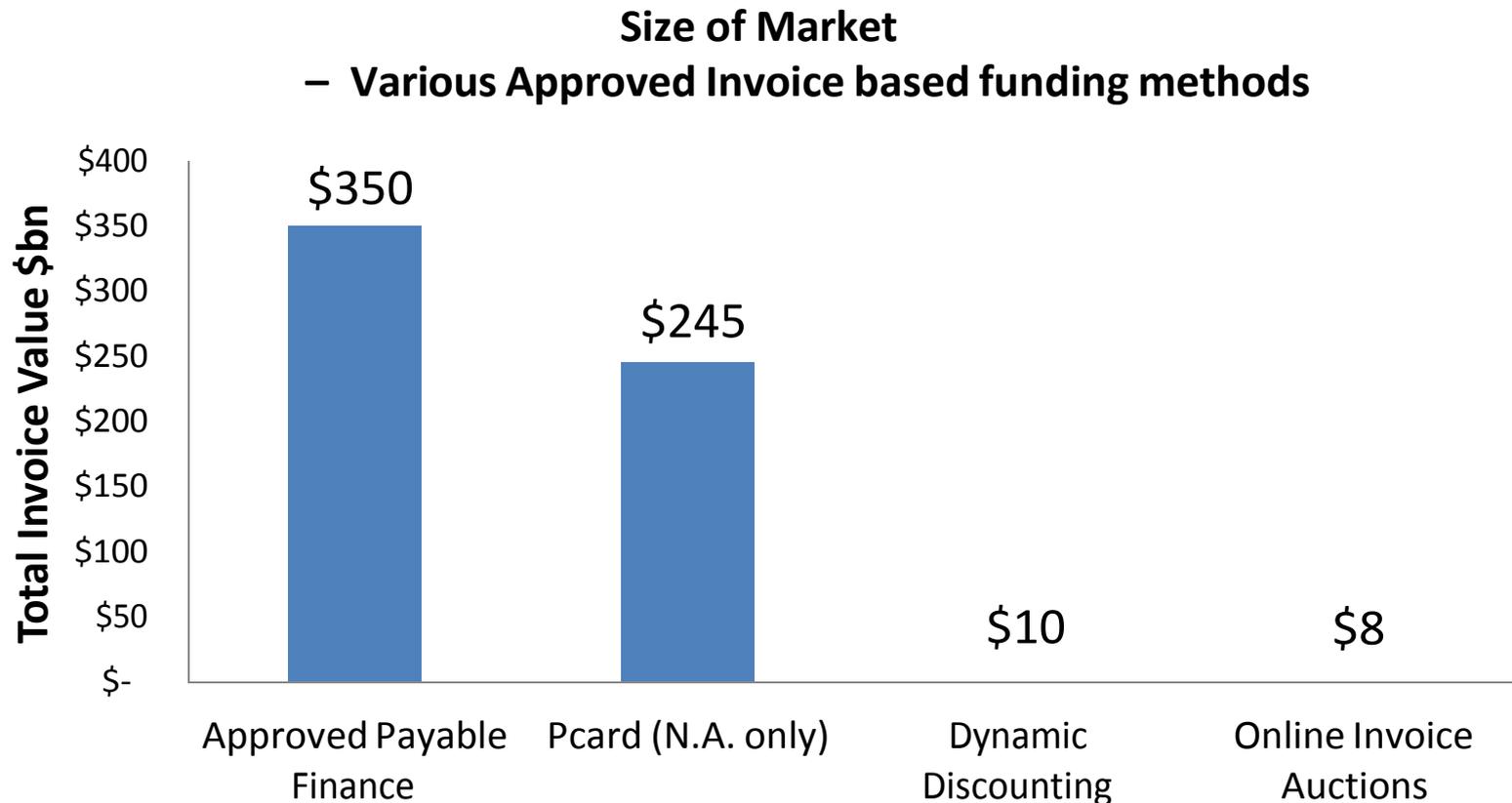


- Dynamic Discounting requires no bank line. Programs can be done by any corporate, investment grade, non rated, non investment grade, etc.
- Corporates tend to self-fund using their own surplus cash (although options are being developed to use third party non bank funds).
- Funding is based on based off Treasury hurdle rates and have APRs approaching 20%+
- Typically focused on the long tail of suppliers (smaller, more indirect spend)

## Early Pay Finance Options Tend to Get Positioned Based on Relative Size of Suppliers



## Relative Size – Select Early Pay Models



Source: GBI Analysis, RPMG 2012 Pcard study

## Purchase-to-Pay Complexity

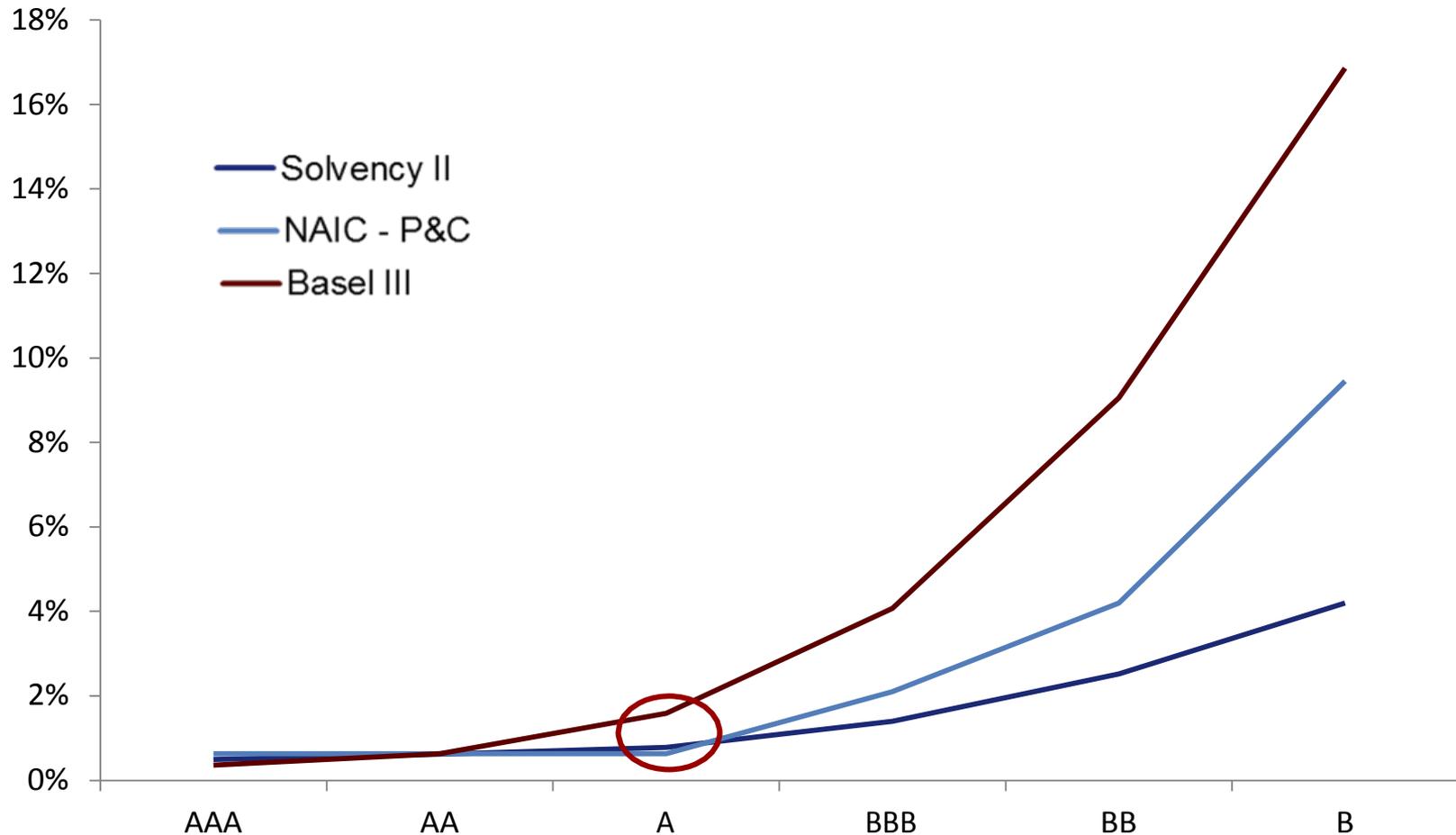
Percentage/share of spend in different categories

- Direct
- MRO/Catalog
- Specialized - Print, Telecom, Marketing, Logistics, IT, etc.)
- Services  
(simple + complex)
- Contingent Labor
- T&E
- Other indirect/catalog

## Do we want our Large Corporations to be Banks to their Suppliers?

- **Material effect on balance sheet**
- **What is the role of third parties to finance these early pay programs?**
- **Three drivers for Non Bank funding**
  - **Technology enabling (B2B, invoicing, data warehouses, analytics, etc.)**
  - **Zero interest rate environment  
= impact on Corporate Treasurers  
+ Investors**
  - **Vast regulation = unintended consequences + arbitrage opportunities**

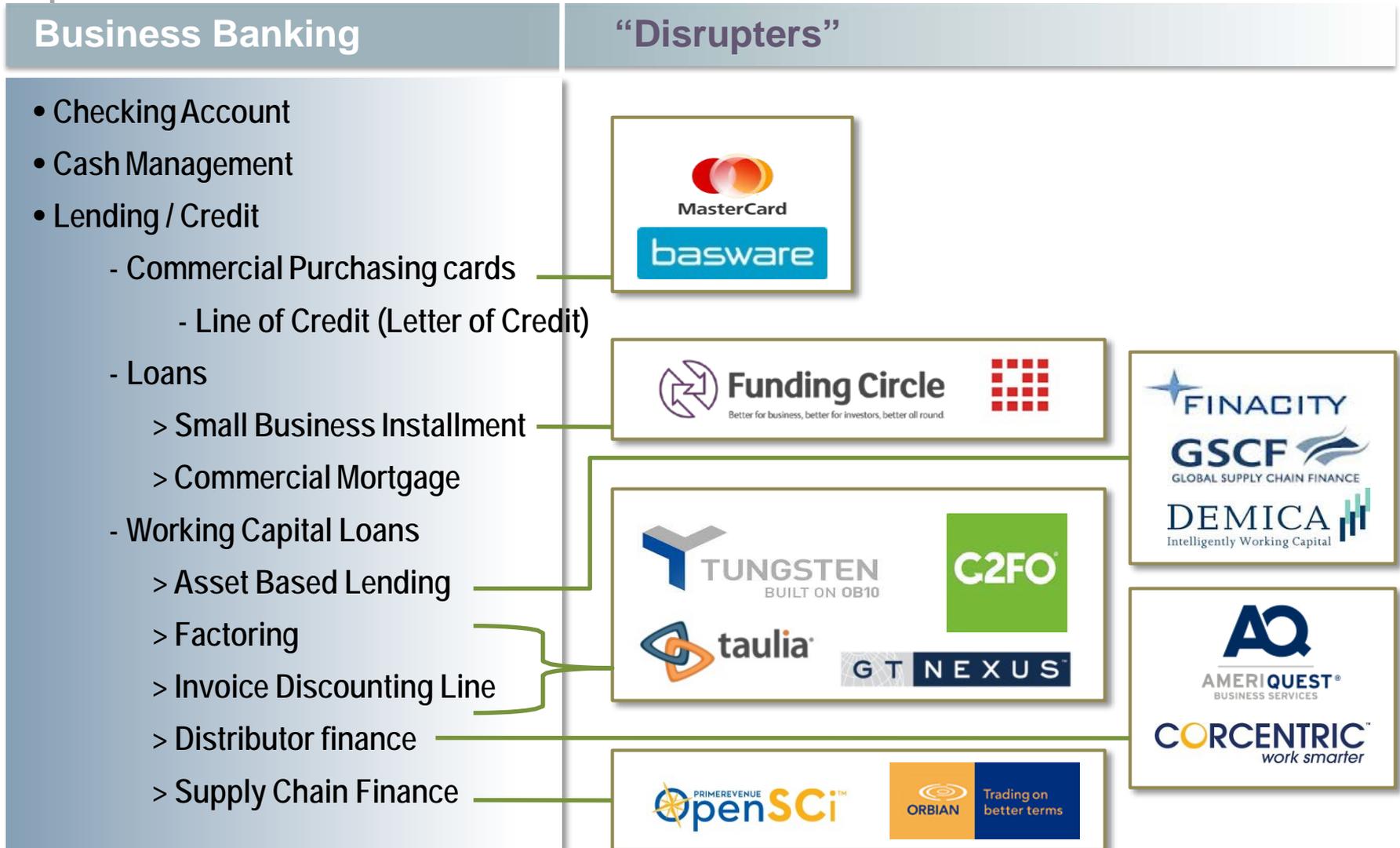
Bank regulatory costs become less efficient than third party at less than investment grade, creating intermediation businesses.



Sample: Corporate Bonds

Source: Conning; Institution of International Finance

## Diagram of Business Bank and Disintermediation



## Factoring versus P2P Supplier Network Model

### Factoring Model

- Relationship and Operation intensive
- Seller-focused
- Labor intensive
- Factoring consists of several distinct services: receivables monitoring and collection, credit assessment, payment guarantees and financing.
- Focused on small to mid market
- Risk is highly concentrated in one sector – RETAIL (footwear, apparel, furniture, etc.) Essentially you have major Big Buy retail that are the obligors to these factoring companies.

### P2P Model

- Approved invoice (Buyer focused)
- Typically large global names as Obligor
- Supplier onboarding facilitated by Buyer
- Provides great efficiency play for Buyer (business rules, workflow, dispute resolution, etc.) and supplier (customer service, etc.)
- APRs 20%+
- Cash acceleration 20+ days

## Key Questions to Address

- **Spend Analytics** – how long is your tail and have you put existing programs in place for early pay?
- Do you have the **technology to manage Early Pay**? E-invoicing, eProcurement, ERP, etc. Most companies have ERP systems, but the goal is to get all invoices submitted electronically from suppliers in a no-touch/low-touch manner so that cash can be truly optimized.
- **Onboarding suppliers** is always a challenge, regardless of technique – can you commit resources?
- **Governance issues** – Finance vs. procurement misalignment and conflicting KPIs- increase DPO versus Healthy Supply chain- How will you navigate?
- Do you have the ability to **enforce** and **monitor the success** of programs?

## Any Questions?

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