Training course on Real Estate Mezzanine Debt and Preferred Equity

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Real Estate Institute	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Programme Curriculum

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Course Objectives

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. Analyze the fundamental principles and strategic importance of **Mezzanine Debt and Preferred Equity** in real estate finance.
2. Clearly differentiate between **mezzanine debt and preferred equity** in terms of legal structure, security, and investor rights.
3. Comprehend the entire **real estate capital stack** and the precise placement of mezzanine debt and preferred equity within it.
4. Master methodologies for **structuring mezzanine debt transactions**, including typical terms, interest structures (PIK), and equity participation.
5. Develop expertise in **structuring preferred equity investments**, including preferred return mechanisms, participation rights, and redemption features.

6. Formulate comprehensive understanding of the **risk-return profiles** for investors providing mezzanine debt and preferred equity.
7. Implement sophisticated **financial modeling techniques** to project cash flows and calculate returns for mezzanine and preferred equity tranches.
8. Understand the critical role and contents of **intercreditor agreements and recognition agreements** that govern priority between capital stack layers.
9. Analyze the **tax and accounting implications** of mezzanine debt and preferred equity from both borrower and investor perspectives.
10. Explore the typical **use cases and scenarios** where mezzanine debt and preferred equity are optimally deployed in real estate projects.
11. Develop proactive **due diligence strategies** for evaluating opportunities involving these hybrid instruments and assessing providers.
12. Formulate effective **negotiation strategies** for term sheets and definitive documents for mezzanine and preferred equity deals.
13. Position themselves as strategic professionals capable of effectively deploying and managing **mezzanine debt and preferred equity solutions** in real estate.

Target Audience

This course is designed for professionals involved in real estate finance:

1. **Real Estate Developers:** Seeking to understand and utilize these financing tools.
2. **Real Estate Investors & Fund Managers:** Interested in providing or investing in mezzanine/preferred equity.
3. **Financial Analysts & Underwriters:** Modeling and evaluating complex real estate deals.
4. **Real Estate Attorneys:** Drafting and negotiating hybrid financing documents.
5. **Private Equity Professionals:** Expanding knowledge of real estate capital structures.
6. **Lenders & Originators:** Understanding their position relative to subordinated capital.
7. **High-Net-Worth Individuals & Family Offices:** Exploring higher-yielding real estate investment avenues.
8. **Real Estate Consultants:** Advising clients on optimal capital structures.

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Course Modules

Module 1: The Real Estate Capital Stack: A Foundation

- Overview of the Real Estate Capital Stack: Senior Debt, Mezzanine Debt, Preferred Equity, Common Equity.
- Hierarchy of Claims: Repayment Priority in Income Distribution and Liquidation Scenarios.
- Risk and Return Profile Across Each Layer of the Capital Stack.
- The Strategic Role of Each Capital Layer in a Project's Financing Structure.
- Case Studies: Analyzing the Capital Structure of Representative Real Estate Deals.

Module 2: Introduction to Mezzanine Debt

- Defining Mezzanine Debt: Bridging the Gap Between Senior Debt and Equity.
- Key Characteristics: Subordinated Nature, Higher Yields, Unsecured (typically), Equity Features.
- Typical Structure: Loan Secured by a Pledge of Equity Interests (LLC or Partnership Interests) in the Property-Owning Entity.
- Strategic Advantages for Borrowers: Increased Leverage, Reduced Equity Contribution, Flexible Terms.

- Strategic Advantages/Disadvantages for Lenders: Higher Returns vs. Subordination Risk.

Module 3: Mezzanine Debt Terminology and Structures

- Detailed Review of Mezzanine Loan Terms: Loan-to-Value (LTV), Loan-to-Cost (LTC), Debt Yield.
- Interest Rate Structures: Current Pay, Accrual of Interest, Payment-in-Kind (PIK) Interest.
- Equity Participation: Warrants, Conversion Rights, Participation in Future Upside (Equity Kicker).
- Default Events and Remedies: Events of Default Specific to Mezzanine Loans.
- Call Protection and Prepayment Premiums for Mezzanine Lenders.

Module 4: Advanced Mezzanine Debt Deal Structuring

- Drafting and Negotiating Mezzanine Loan Term Sheets and Definitive Agreements.
- Intercreditor Dynamics: Subordination of Mezzanine to Senior Debt.
- Due Diligence Considerations for Mezzanine Lenders (Project, Sponsor, Market, Legal).
- Structuring Debt Covenants (Financial and Non-Financial) for Mezzanine Loans.
- Understanding Unitranche and Stretched-Senior Structures that Incorporate Mezzanine Elements.

Module 5: Introduction to Preferred Equity

- Defining Preferred Equity: A True Equity Investment with Debt-Like Features.
- Key Characteristics: Preferential Distribution Rights, Redemption Features, Limited Control Rights.
- Forms of Preferred Equity: Participating vs. Non-Participating; Cumulative vs. Non-Cumulative.
- Strategic Advantages for Sponsors: Flexible Capital, No Lien on Asset, Can Be Treated as Equity for Certain Ratios.
- Strategic Advantages/Disadvantages for Investors: Preferred Returns, Higher Priority than Common Equity vs. No Collateral.

Module 6: Preferred Equity Terminology and Structures

- Detailed Review of Preferred Equity Terms: Preferred Return (Hurdle Rate), Participation, Redemption Premiums.
- Distributions: Cash Flow Sweep, Accrual, Cumulative Features.
- Control and Governance Rights: Veto Rights over Major Decisions, Observer Rights.
- Redemption Rights and Obligations (Mandatory Redemption Dates, Sponsor Call Rights).
- Negotiating the "Equity Kicker" or Participation in the Upside.

Module 7: Risk-Return Profiles & Financial Modeling

- Comprehensive Risk Assessment for Mezzanine Debt (Credit Risk, Market Risk, Liquidity Risk, Legal Risk).
- Comprehensive Risk Assessment for Preferred Equity (Subordination, Valuation Risk, Sponsor Risk).
- Financial Modeling Techniques for Hybrid Capital: Building Waterfall Models in Excel.
- Calculating Internal Rate of Return (IRR) and Equity Multiple for Each Tranche of Capital.
- Stress Testing Hybrid Capital Structures under Various Market Conditions and Performance Scenarios.

Module 8: Intercreditor and Recognition Agreements

- The Paramount Importance of Intercreditor Agreements (for Mezzanine Debt) and Recognition Agreements (for Preferred Equity).
- Governing the Relationship and Priority Between Senior Lender and Subordinated Capital Providers.
- Key Provisions: Notice of Default, Cure Rights, Purchase Options (Right to Buy Senior Loan), Standstill Periods.

- Negotiating Intercreditor and Recognition Agreement Terms to Protect Each Party's Position in a Default Scenario.
- Case Studies: Analyzing Real-world Intercreditor and Recognition Agreement Examples.

Module 9: Tax and Accounting Implications

- In-depth Analysis of Tax Treatment for Mezzanine Debt: Interest Deductibility, Potential Reclassification as Equity for Tax Purposes.
- In-depth Analysis of Tax Treatment for Preferred Equity: Distribution as Return of Capital vs. Income, Pass-Through Entity Considerations.
- Implications for Borrower's Financial Statements: Balance Sheet Classification, Impact on Debt Ratios.
- Impact on Investor's Taxable Income and Reporting Requirements.
- Structuring for Optimal Tax Efficiency.

Module 10: Use Cases, Provider Landscape & Due Diligence

- Typical Scenarios for Mezzanine Debt Deployment: Construction Financing Gaps, Bridge Loans, Acquisitions, Recapitalizations.
- Typical Scenarios for Preferred Equity Deployment: Value-Add Development, Partnership Buyouts, Sponsor Equity Substitution.
- Key Providers of Mezzanine Debt: Debt Funds, Life Insurance Companies, Private Equity Funds, Family Offices.
- Key Providers of Preferred Equity: Private Equity Funds, High-Net-Worth Individuals, Specialized Preferred Equity Funds.
- Thorough Due Diligence for Evaluating Hybrid Capital Opportunities (Both for Providers and Borrowers).

Module 11: Negotiation Strategies for Hybrid Capital

- Key Negotiation Points in Term Sheets for Mezzanine and Preferred Equity Deals.
- Strategies for Valuing and Pricing Hybrid Capital: Balancing Yield, Risk, and Equity Upside.
- Negotiating Control Rights, Reporting Requirements, and Default Covenants.
- Tactics for Both Borrower/Sponsor and Lender/Investor in Hybrid Capital Negotiations.
- Understanding Market Standard Terms vs. Highly Customized Structures.

Module 12: Default Remedies, Workouts, and Exit Strategies

- Rights and Remedies of Mezzanine Lenders upon Borrower Default: Pledge Foreclosure (UCC Sale), Taking Control of the Entity.
- Rights and Remedies of Preferred Equity Holders upon Sponsor Default: Control Rights, Redemption Enforcement, Forced Sale Rights.
- Loss Mitigation and Workout Strategies for Distressed Mezzanine and Preferred Equity Positions.
- Exit Strategies for Hybrid Capital: Refinancing, Sale of Property, Buyout by Sponsor.
- Best Practices for Documentation, Legal Review, and Closing These Complex Transactions.

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- **Expert Presentations:** Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.
- **Group Projects:** Collaborative development of community surveillance plans.

- **Action Planning:** Development of personalized action plans for implementing community-based surveillance.
- **Digital Tools and Resources:** Utilization of online platforms for collaboration and learning.
- **Peer-to-Peer Learning:** Sharing experiences and insights on community engagement.
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