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CMS Spread Coupons

Still missing: a coupon class which models cms spread coupons

$$\tau(\text{CMS10y} - \text{CMS2y}) \quad (1)$$

possibly capped and / or floored.

Approach 1: Formula index

Introduce an artificial index derived from InterestRateIndex

```
SwapSpreadIndex(const std::string& familyName,  
                const boost::shared_ptr<SwapIndex>& swapIndex1,  
                const boost::shared_ptr<SwapIndex>& swapIndex2,  
                const Real gearing1 = 1.0,  
                const Real gearing2 = -1.0);
```

and build everything else on top of it as with the other coupons based on ibor or cms indexes.

Approach 1: Repairing the class hierarchy

Since the formula index does not have own fixings, we would have to adjust the index base class by adding

```
//! check if index allows for native fixings
virtual void checkNativeFixingsAllowed() {}
```

and forbid native fixings in formula based indices

```
//! check if index allows for native fixings
virtual void checkNativeFixingsAllowed() {}
void checkNativeFixingsAllowed() {
    QL_FAIL("native fixings not allowed in swap spread index, refer to "
           "underlying indices instead");
}
```

Approach 2: Construct coupons with two swap indexes

If two swap indexes are used to construct a cms spread coupon we would need a more flexible way to construct floating legs, since

```
template <typename InterestRateIndexType,
          typename FloatingCouponType,
          typename CappedFlooredCouponType>
Leg FloatingLeg(const Schedule& schedule,
               const std::vector<Real>& nominals,
               const boost::shared_ptr<InterestRateIndexType>& index,
               const DayCounter& paymentDayCounter,
               BusinessDayConvention paymentAdj,
               const std::vector<Natural>& fixingDays,
               const std::vector<Real>& gearings,
               const std::vector<Spread>& spreads,
               const std::vector<Rate>& caps,
               const std::vector<Rate>& floors,
               bool isInArrears, bool isZero) {
```

only allows for one index.

Approach 2: Coupon Factories

We could introduce a factory instead of the template parameters

```
Leg FloatingLeg(const FloatingCouponFactory& factory,  
               const Schedule& schedule,  
               ...
```

which can generate plain, capped / floored and digital coupons for the ibor, cms, cms spread flavours.

CMS Spread Coupons - Summary

- Introducing a formula based index would not exactly fit the semantics of the Index class. We would have to distinguish between native indexes (with own fixings) and derived ones.
- Using two indexes in the spread coupon class forces to introduce a more flexible way to construct floating legs, e.g. via factories.

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Thank you

Questions?