

# Glossary

**American Task Force Argentina (ATFA)** A U.S.-based organization set up to lobby against Argentina

**Argentina Bondholders Committee (ABC)** A U.S.-based creditors rights organization

**Argentine Bond Restructuring Agency PLC (ABRA)** A company set up in Ireland by Adam Lerrick and partners to facilitate retail bondholder participation in Argentina's transaction

**authority** A judicial decision or other legal material used to support a legal argument or ruling

**Banco de la Nación Argentina (BNA)** A commercial bank owned by the Republic of Argentina

**Bank for International Settlements (BIS)** A bank for central banks located in Basel, Switzerland

**Bank of New York (BONY)** A U.S.-headquartered commercial bank (now BNY Mellon)

**bond** A debt instrument traded in the market, most often with a fixed coupon and maturity date and, in this story, typically documented under the law of the state of New York

**Capital Ventures International (CVI)** An investment vehicle affiliated with Susquehanna Advisors Group, Inc.

**clearing system** An electronic custodial system that tracks the ownership of bonds and other securities held in custody by banks, brokerages, and other financial institutions

**collective action clause (CAC)** A feature of a sovereign bond that allows a supermajority of its owners to force 100% of its owners into a debt restructuring offer

**debt sustainability analysis (DSA)** A comprehensive methodology developed by the IMF to evaluate the ability of a country to repay its debt under a wide range of scenarios; an analytical tool used to determine the haircut required from creditors in a sovereign debt restructuring

**discovery** Compulsory disclosure, at a party's request, of information that relates to ongoing litigation

**Emerging Markets Creditors Association (EMCA)** An association of emerging markets debt investors later merged with EMTA

**Emerging Markets Traders Association (EMTA)** A New York-based association of investment banks, brokerage firms, and investment funds

**EM Ltd.** An investment vehicle associated with Kenneth Dart

**Energía Argentina S.A. (ENARSA)** An Argentine state-owned energy company

**enforcement (of debt claims)** Procedures to collect on court judgments, including orders to restrain, attach, or garnish a debtor's assets

**equity jurisprudence** An area of law that relies on principles of fairness rather than statute; originating in English chancery law, a common current-day application is the imposition of an injunction, whose terms are fashioned by the court to remedy an injustice that cannot otherwise be remedied under the law

**exchange offer** A form of debt restructuring in which a debt issuer invites owners of bonds to offer their old defaulted bonds to the borrower in exchange for new performing bonds

**fiscal policy** The use of government spending and taxation to influence the economy

**floating-rate accrual notes (FRANs)** Debt instruments issued by the Republic of Argentina whose contractual interest rate varied in relation to the yield of other outstanding Argentine bonds

**Foreign Sovereign Immunities Act (FSIA)** The U.S. federal law that governs lawsuits against foreign countries with respect to commercial disputes

**Global Committee of Argentina Bondholders (GCAB)** A group comprising U.S.-based ABC, Italy-based TFA, and Germany-based ABRA, plus nominal members from Switzerland and Japan

**gross domestic product (GDP)** A number that represents the total value of all final goods and services produced within a country during a specified period of time, such as one year

**Group of Seven (G7)** An informal group of the world's leading economies: the United States, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the United Kingdom

**Group of Ten (G10)** The G7 + Belgium, the Netherlands, Sweden, and Switzerland

**Group of Twenty (G20)** G10 + Argentina, Australia, Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, and the European Union

**haircut** The reduction in value or principal amount of debt subject to a debt restructuring

**Institute of International Finance (IIF)** Washington-based lobbying group for banks and financial institutions

**International Capital Markets Association (ICMA)** A London-based association of bond underwriters and investors

**International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID)** A Washington-based institution that facilitates the arbitration of international investment disputes

**International Monetary Fund (IMF)** An international institution based in Washington, D.C., that lends to countries suffering financial crises

**International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)** An independent judicial body established by the Third United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea to adjudicate disputes arising out of the interpretation and application of the convention

**monetary policy** Governmental policies that deal with a country's interest rate, money supply, exchange rate, and foreign reserves

**NML Capital, Ltd.** An investment vehicle affiliated with Elliott Associates

**primary surplus** A government's net cash flow before debt service: revenues less nondebt expenses; when specified over a time horizon, a primary surplus provides a boundary on cash flow available for debt service

**Rights Upon Future Offers (RUFO)** A price-match guarantee offered to participants in Argentina's 2005 transaction that was effective through December 31, 2014

**sovereign debt restructuring mechanism (SDRM)** A proposed quasi-legal organ to be set up under the auspices of the IMF to facilitate the restructuring of sovereign debt

**structural reforms** A broad term covering governmental policies affecting economic growth, fiscal sustainability, and financial sector stability

**Task Force Argentina (TFA)** An Italian creditors' rights organization

**Teachers Insurance and Annuity Association and College Retirement Equities Fund (TIAA-CREF)** A leading U.S. asset manager and insurance company originally founded to manage retirement savings for teachers