

Property derivatives documents due

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ISDA is set to release its first set of property derivatives definitions and standardised confirmation documentation, covering total return swaps and forward contracts based on property indices.

"Grand predictions of explosive growth in the property derivatives market have been repeated for several years now; but a short-

age of liquidity driven by a lack of standardised documentation and insufficient diversification of underlying indices, has prevented property derivatives from entering the mainstream," said Edmund Parker, a partner at Mayer Brown Rowe & Maw in London.

ISDA's definitions should go a long way towards resolving this, he added.