LIBOR - the London Interbank Offered Rate

LIBOR is the interest rate at which the London banks are willing to offer funds in the inter-bank market. It is the average of rates which five major London banks are willing to lend £10 million for a period of three or six months, and is the benchmark rate for setting interest rates for adjustable-rate loans and financial instruments.

*ie. the London banks are LENDING to each other, which affects the rate at which the banks will lend to other parties eg. local authorities, ie. Gedling are BORROWING money*

LIBID - the Interbank BID (LIBID) rate

LIBID is the interest rate at which London banks are willing to borrow from one another in the inter-bank market. It is the average of rates which five major London banks willing to bid for a £10 million deposit for a period of three or six months.

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