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### Setting the Scene Electronic Trading and the FIX Protocol





# Topics

- Overview of FIX and connectivity
- Direct Market Access
- Algorithmic Trading
- Dark Pools and Smart Order Routing





## FIX - Financial Information eXchange

- FIX = The Financial Information eXchange Protocol
- FIX is a standard way of communicating trading information electronically between brokers, institutions and markets
- FIX is not a piece of software, network or a service it is just a specification of a protocol







# FIX - Financial Information eXchange

An example FIX message:

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- The FIX Protocol supports multiple message types...
  - Single orders
  - Indications of interest
  - Programs / List Trading
  - Allocations/Confirmations
- And multiple product types
  - Equities, Exchange Traded Derivatives, FOREX, Fixed Income





# Using FIX - How do I get started?

The vast majority of vendor trading platforms support FIX

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# 10,000+ firms use FIX globally

• FIX is the market standard for electronic communication between Buy and Sell side



 Developed, owned and managed by leading brokers, vendors and institutional investors to promote increased trade connectivity





## FIX – Electronic trading example

Connecting electronically via FIX gives access to a wide range of services.







# Clarifying the Terminology

### • Worked (or Care) or Basket order flows

- Sending orders electronically to sellsides' sales-traders or program traders for manual acceptance
- Traditional trading process similar to telephoned orders

### • Direct Market Access (DMA)

- Buy-side trading desk routes/trades orders directly to an execution venue without intervention by a sell-side trader
- The sell-side provides memberships, technology, trade support and credit
- Comprehensive automated checks and controls are in place to protect both the client and the broker

### • Algorithmic Trading

- Placing an order of a defined quantity into a strategy that automatically generates the timing and size of market orders
- Typically constrained to trade to a benchmark, price or time
- In-house or vendor provided models or broker provided models

### • Smart Order Routing

- Algorithmic model for managing multiple liquidity venues
- All trading can make use of SOR to achieve Best Execution





### Growth in DMA and Algorithmic trading

Changes to European Landscape







# The drivers towards DMA and Algorithmic Trading

### Control

Client wants more control over how the order is executed

#### Speed

Sometimes want to lift an offer "right now"

### Anonymity and Confidentiality Wants to trade in secret for a variety of reasons

#### Cost

Low-touch execution leads to a lower execution charge

# Unbundling Payment model allowing clients to decouple execution from advisory

### Fragmentation and Liquidity

Multiple venues for trading the same stock. Computer algorithms make it easier





## Several types of algorithms have evolved

#### Benchmark or Scheduled-driven algorithms

- Structured with fixed start and end, adheres to schedule
  - VWAP, TWAP, Implementation Shortfall, etc

### Market-driven algorithms

- Reactive, monitors real-time activity in the market, reacts to events
  - Volume Inline, Price Inline, etc

### Liquidity Seeking algorithms

- Intelligently accesses multiple pools of liquidity exchanges, alternative lit and dark pools
  - Dagger, Sniper, TAP, etc.

### Selecting the right algorithm is key

- Selecting when to use algorithms and which algorithms to use





### Asia Pacific Algorithm Usage

Seeing a steady move away from VWAP to more price sensitive and liquidity seeking algorithms



VWAP TWAP IS Price Inline Volume Inline Actions AtOpen Hidden Others





## Dark Pools - Why all the buzz?

- Dark pools are theoretically the *ultimate quest* for institutional buy-sides
  - Trading without impact
  - Moving large orders quickly and with limited risk

### Challenging the status-quo

- New market venues in addition to the traditional exchanges

### Creating competition

- New venues with business models from the traditional exchanges
- Everyone striving to get involved





# Defining a dark pool

- "Non-displayed liquidity"
  - Displayed liquidity now being called "light pools"
  - Some categorization will include alternative venues
- An old concept, new name
  - This has been the role of brokers for years
- Categorizing dark Pools by ownership
  - Independent (Liquidnet, BlocSec, Instinet, ITG Posit, etc)
  - Broker/Dealer internal dark pools (Citi Match, CS Crossfinder, UBS PIN)
  - Consortium owned (Turquoise in Europe, BIDS in the US)
  - Exchange-owned
- Different implications from different regulatory requirements in each market
  - Some regulation mandate central reporting to primary exchanges



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## **Dark Pools**

#### **Global Levels of Fragmentation**







## Smart Order Routing

• The key to effective trading in a fragmented market is not only having connections but how you treat each individual market to maximise trading opportunities whilst minimising signalling risk







# In Conclusion – FIX and Technology is key

- For "plain" order routing, FIX enhances the business process and is a complement to the phone
- But for products and services such as....
  - Direct Market Access
  - Algorithmic Trading
  - Efficient Crossing and Internalisation
  - Smart Order routing
- FIX is a prerequisite as these services cannot be accessed or carried out manually!