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ForexClear - CFEC

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## Agenda

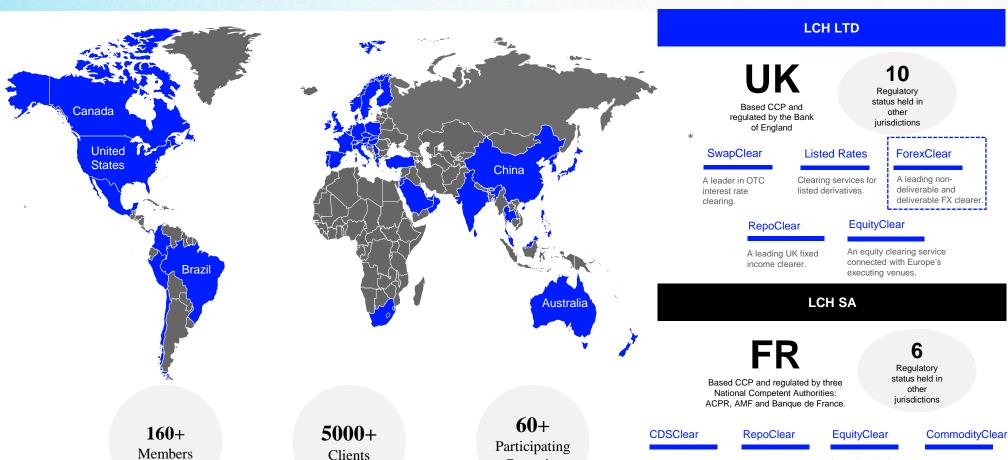
1. Introduction to Clearing

**2.** FX Clearing Volumes

**3.** Future Developments



### LCH – A Leading Global Clearing House



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Countries

Clearing service for

commodity derivatives

An equity clearing

service connected

executing venues.

with Europe's

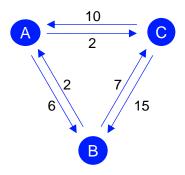
A leading Europe

fixed income

clearer.

### How Central Counterparty Clearing Works

A, B and C are financial institutions (e.g. dealers) that wish to buy and sell derivatives contracts (e.g. FX NDFs) from each other

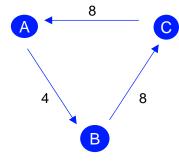


Over-the-counter market

#### Stage 1

Financial institutions trade bilaterally in the OTC market, which means that they initiate trades directly with each other, and each pair manages payments and risk on its respective contracts.

The numbers in the figure illustrate hypothetical exposure / payments due between dealers. For example, the gross exposure / payment for dealers A and B is 8, while the total between all dealers is 42.

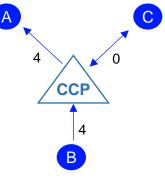


Over-the-counter market with bilateral netting

#### Stage 2

If counterparties have exposure / payment netting agreements; this amount can be further reduced between pairs of counterparties.

As a result, the exposure / payment C has is now 16, while the total exposure / payment between all dealers is 20.



Centrally cleared market Stage 3

By introducing a CCP; dealers A, B and C move their 2 trades to face the CCP instead of each other. Each bilateral contract between dealers is replaced by two mirror-image contracts running though the CCP. The CCP inserts itself between the parties, serving as the counterparty to each.

The CCP is – within the circle of its members – the seller to every buyer and the buyer to every seller.

The CCP steps into the middle of an OTC derivatives trade and creates two new transactions (legal process) known as novation. In doing so, central clearing achieves maximum netting in our example, thus reducing the total risk due between all dealers to 8, creating efficiencies for margin and capital.



### Clearing Reduces Capital Under SA-CCR

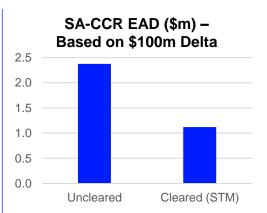
### Clearing reduces capital in multiple ways:

- 1. Lower counterparty risk weight reduces requirements by ~90% (RWA Only) as CCP is 2% risk weight vs bi-lateral >= 20%
- 2. Settled to Market (STM) Reduces capital exposures and therefore capital requirements by ~50% (Both LR and RWA)
- **3. Multilateral Netting** Collapsing positions across counterparties to single CCP reduces exposures/increases benefits of netting (Both LR and RWA)

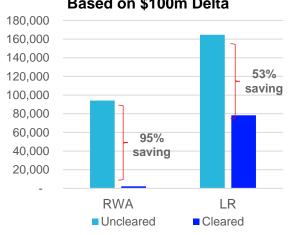
			Bilateral	Cleared
Bank A	Bank B	Bank C	<b>Risk weight 20% = 45</b>	Risk Weight 2% = 1.5
100	-75	50	225	75

#### Example: Capital based on \$100m notional FX Forward

Leverage Ratio	Cleared	Uncleared	RWA	Cleared	Uncleared
Capital - \$	78,400	164,640	Capital - \$	2,240	94,080
RoE	12%	12%	RoE	12%	12%
Cost of LR - \$	9,400	19,760	Cost of RWA - \$	269	11,290



### Estimated Capital Req. (\$) – Based on \$100m Delta





### FX Market by FX Product – The Opportunity!

		Market ADV <sup>1</sup>	Product % of FX Market <sup>1</sup>	Clearing Mandated	Captured by UMR <sup>2</sup> for Initial Margin	Included in AANA <sup>3</sup>		LCH ForexClear Q4 2024 ADV <sup>4</sup>	LCH ForexClear Market Share		Primary Clearing Driver		LCH ForexClear 2025 YTD ADV <sup>7</sup>
									Total Market <sup>4</sup>	Reporting Dealers <sup>5</sup>	Banks	Non-banks	
Now	NDFs	\$260bn	3%	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	\$128bn	25%	40%	UMR & Capital	UMR (if applicable)	\$147bn
	FX Options	\$300bn	4%	N	Υ	Υ	Υ	\$20bn	3%	9%	UMR & Capital	+ Credit and Collateral Simplification	\$27bn
Launched	FX Swaps & Outright Forwards	\$4,700bn	64%	N	N	Υ	Υ	\$3bn	0%	0%	SA-CCR <sup>6</sup>	+ Operational Efficiency	\$4bn
Future	Spot	\$2,100bn	29%	N	N	N	N	\$80m	0%	0%	Credit, operational efficiency	Cost Reduction	\$70m
	Total FX Market	\$7,360bn	100%					\$150bn	1%	2%			\$179bn

<sup>1 2022</sup> BIS Triennial Survey - Average Daily Volume in Survey and Share of total market by product excluding XCCY

<sup>7</sup> ForexClear Average Daily Volume cleared in May 2025 (double-sided) and ForexClear estimated share of reporting dealer volumes in FX market per 2022 BIS Triennial Survey



<sup>2</sup> Uncleared Margin Rules

<sup>3</sup> Average Aggregated Notional Amount (used for determining UMR thresholds)

<sup>4</sup> ForexClear Average Daily Volume cleared in Q4 2024 (double-sided) and ForexClear estimated share of total FX market per 2022 BIS Triennial Survey

<sup>5</sup> ForexClear Average Daily Volume cleared in Q4 2024 (double-sided) and ForexClear estimated share of reporting dealer volumes in FX market per 2022 BIS Triennial Survey 6 Standardised Approach for Counterparty Credit Risk

### LCH ForexClear Summary



Launched in 2012 to offer global currency markets a dedicated service for clearing



ForexClear offers industry leading clearing and risk management for multiple currency

- 8 deliverable (Spot, Fwd, Options) pairs AUD, CHF, EUR, GBP, JPY vs. USD and CHF, GBP and JPY vs. EUR
- 25 non-deliverable forward (NDF) pairs
- 9 non-deliverable option (NDO) pairs



Compliant with all applicable law and regulation in each jurisdiction in which we



Strong market partnership with 138 global participants; 43 Members entities (including 23 Member Groups) and 95 clients



Operates 24-hour-a-day clearing, 5 days a week with full STP workflow management



Rigorous risk management underpinned by best-in-class models

#### Recognised as a QCCP and Regulated in Multiple Jurisdictions Globally<sup>1</sup>

#### **AMERICAS**

#### **Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC)** Autorité des Marchés Financiers (AMF Québec)

**Ontario Securities Commission (OSC)** 

**HK Securities and Futures Commission** 

**Japanese Financial Services Agency** 

**APAC** 

#### **EMEA**

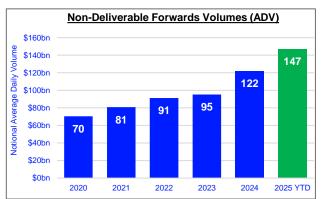
Bank of England (UK)

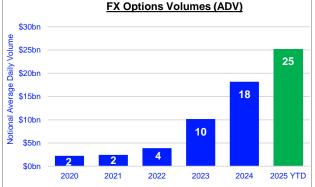
ESMA (EU)

Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA)

<sup>1</sup>Oversight by other market regulators and central banks in jurisdictions in which business is carried out.









### Capital Optimisation & Forwards Clearing Update

- Since introduction of SA-CCR, there has been significant growth in participation in capital optimisation runs, serviced by third-party optimisation vendors.
- Objective of the periodic runs is to manage down counterparty risk, with vendors proposing market-risk neutral packages of FX Forward trades to re-balance risk between counterparts.
- Proposals are agreed as a multi-lateral network and executed in unison.
- Since 2024, ForexClear has been a 'node' in one of the vendor runs – allowing banks to rebalance risk and sweep counterparty exposures to ForexClear.
- Having a large cleared portfolio (benefitting from the margin and capital savings already), allows more risk to be swept to offset the bi-lateral exposures
- 6 banks currently live on the service, with 6+ banks awaiting CLS infrastructure project to complete before participating in the cleared node.





### ForexClear's Global Participants

### **Current Participants (not exhaustive)**

#### **AMERICAS\***

- Bank of America
- Citibank
- Goldman Sachs
- JP Morgan
- Morgan Stanley
- Wells Fargo

- Artisan Partners
- · Citadel Advisors LLC
- Morgan Stanley IM
- · Eaton Vance
- State Street Bank & Trust
- Vanguard

#### **APAC\***

- HSBC
- Nomura
- · Standard Chartered
- UOB
- CTBC
- DBS Bank
- HDFC Bank

- ICICI Bank
- OCBC
- Keb Hana Bank
- ANZ Bank
- Macquarie
- Aware Super

#### **EMEA\***

- Banco Santander
- Barclays
- BBVA
- BNP Paribas
- Commerzbank
- · Credit Agricole
- Deutsche Bank
- ING

- Natixis
- NatWest Markets
- Société Générale
- UBS
- Bluebay Asset Management
- Schroders

### **Prospective Participants (primary focus)**

#### **AMERICAS**

- Canadian Banks BMO, CIBC, RBC, Scotiabank, Toronto Dominion
- · Latin American Banks Banco do Brasil, Banco Bradesco
- USA Banks BoNY, Monex, Northern Trust
- USA Non-Banks Blackrock, Fidelity, PIMCO, Millenium

#### **APAC**

- Australian Banks CBA, NAB, Westpac
- · Chinese Banks Bank of China (HK), ICBC
- Indian Banks SBI, Yes bank, Kotak
- Japanese Banks Mizuho, MUFG, SMBC, SMTB
- · Korean Banks KDB, Kookmin, IBK, Woori.

#### **EMEA**

- African Banks First Rand, Standard Bank
- Continental European Banks ABN Amro, Bayer LB, Intesa San Paolo, Rabo, Unicredit, ZKB
- Scandinavian Banks Danske, DNB, Handelsbanken, Nordea, SEB, Swedbank
- Middle Eastern Banks Bank Hapolim

13x Banks currently actively engaged on CLS Project

\*Members (2023 - 2025 joiners) and Selection of publicly named clients



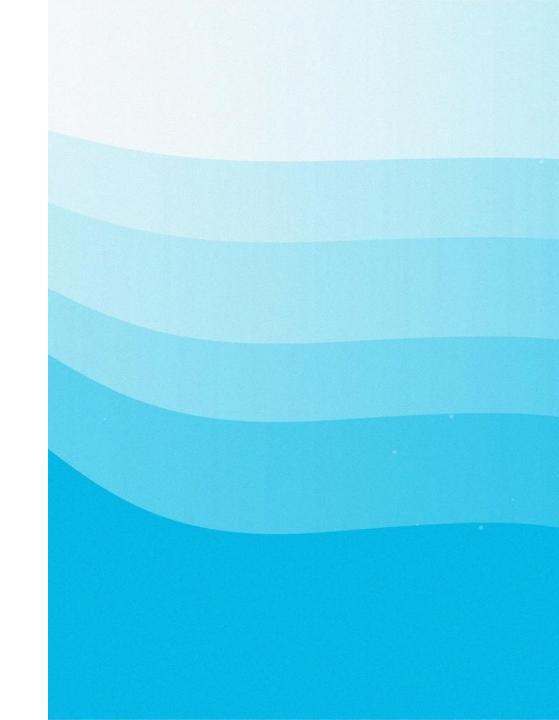
### ForexClear Deliverable Roadmap



**Tenor Extensions** 

6. SwapAgent/ForexClear Inter Connectivity

# **Appendix**





### FX Market by FX Product and Currency Pair – FX Options

	Ourse Dela			- 0, 45,42	ForexClear Market Share		
	Currency Pair	Market ADV <sup>1</sup>	% of FXO Market <sup>1</sup>	ForexClear ADV <sup>2</sup>	Total Market <sup>3</sup>	Reporting Dealers <sup>4</sup>	
	EUR/USD	\$61.1bn	20.1%	\$16.5bn	13.5%	31.2%	
	USD/JPY	\$52.6bn	17.3%	\$4.8bn	4.6%	12.2%	
	USD/CNH ✓	\$49.8bn	16.4%	-	•	-	
	AUD/USD	\$14.5bn	4.8%	\$2.2bn	7.6%	18.8%	
	GBP/USD	\$14.2bn	4.7%	\$2.8bn	9.9%	24.1%	
	USD/CAD ✓	\$13.5bn	4.4%		•		
	USD/BRL	\$6.8bn	2.2%	\$0.02bn	0.1%	0.4%	
<u> </u>	EUR/GBP	\$6.7bn	2.2%	\$0.5bn	3.9%	9.5%	
(incl. NDO)	USD/CHF	\$6.3bn	2.1%	\$2.0bn	15.5%	32.3%	
	USD/KRW	\$5.9bn	1.9%	\$0.1bn	0.4%	1.5%	
<u>ji</u>	USD/MXN ✓	\$5.9bn	1.9%		•		
st (	USD/INR	\$4.5bn	1.5%	\$0.2bn	1.7%	5.0%	
Options	USD/ZAR ✓	\$4.1bn	1.4%				
Ö	USD/SGD ✓ \$3.8bn	\$3.8bn	1.3%		•		
X	NZD/USD ✓	\$3.5bn	1.2%				
	USD/TWD	\$3.4bn	1.1%	\$0bn	0%	0%	
	EUR/JPY	\$3.2bn	1.1%	\$0.3bn	4.0%	11.3%	
	EUR/SEK ✓	\$2.8bn	0.9%	•	•		
	EUR/NOK ✓	\$2.2bn	0.7%				
	USD/HKD ✓	\$2.0bn	0.7%				
	AUD/JPY	\$2.0bn	0.7%	•	•		
	EUR/CHF	\$2.0bn	0.7%	\$0.4bn	9.5%	20.3%	
	EUR/CNH	\$1.9bn	0.6%		•		
	OTHER CURRENCY PAIRS	\$31.2bn	10.3%		-	-	
		\$304bn	100.0%	\$29bn	4.9%	12.2%	



<sup>1 &</sup>lt;u>2022 BIS Triennial Survey</u> - Average Daily Volume (single-sided) in Survey and Share of total market by currency 2 ForexClear Average Daily Volume cleared 01.04.25 – 30.04.25 (double-sided)

<sup>2</sup> ForexClear Average Daily volume cleared 01.04.25 - 30.04.25 (double-stated)
3 ForexClear estimated share of total FX market per 2022 BIS Triennial Survey in the given currency pair
4 ForexClear estimated share of reporting dealer volumes in FX market per 2022 BIS Triennial Survey in the given currency pair

### FX Market by FX Product and Currency Pair – FX Forwards

	Common Dair	Market ADV <sup>1</sup>	% of FWD Market <sup>1</sup>	- 0 .51/2	ForexClear Market Share		
	Currency Pair			ForexClear ADV <sup>2</sup>	Total Market <sup>3</sup>	Reporting Dealers <sup>4</sup>	
	EUR/USD	\$192.0bn	21.4%	\$2.14bn	0.6%	1.9%	
	USD/JPY	\$122.1bn	13.6%	\$0.60bn	0.2%	0.8%	
	GBP/USD	\$86.7bn	9.7%	\$0.41bn	0.2%	0.8%	
	AUD/USD	\$47.7bn	5.3%	\$0.27bn	0.3%	0.8%	
	USD/CNH ✓	\$45.7bn	5.1%	-	-	-	
w	USD/CAD ✓	\$43.5bn	4.9%			-	
Forwards	USD/CHF	\$31.9bn	3.6%	\$0.29bn	0.5%	1.2%	
× ×	USD/HKD ✔	\$18.3bn	2.0%			-	
o-	USD/SGD ✓	\$16.7bn	1.9%			-	
FX	USD/MXN ✓	\$13.3bn	1.5%	-	-	-	
ш Ф	EUR/GBP	\$13.0bn	1.5%	\$0.24bn	0.9%	1.9%	
ğ	NZD/USD ✔	\$12.3bn	1.4%	-	-	-	
Deliverable	EUR/JPY	\$11.3bn	1.3%	\$0.05bn	0.2%	0.4%	
<u>.</u>	USD/INR	\$11.0bn	1.2%	-	-	-	
De	USD/KRW	\$10.5bn	1.2%	-	-	-	
	USD/SEK ✓	\$9.5bn	1.1%	-	-	-	
	USD/ZAR ✓	\$9.4bn	1.1%	-	-	-	
	USD/NOK ✓	\$8.3bn	0.9%	-	-	-	
	AUD/JPY	\$7.1bn	0.8%	-	-	-	
	EUR/SEK ✓	\$5.3bn	0.6%	-	-	-	
	EUR/CHF	\$4.4bn	0.5%	\$0.10bn	1.1%	1.8%	
	OTHER CURRENCY PAIRS	\$177.3bn	19.8%	-	-	-	
	Total Market	\$897.3bn	100%	\$4.1bn	0.2%	0.5%	



<sup>3</sup> ForexClear estimated share of total FX market per 2022 BIS Triennial Survey in the given currency pair

<sup>4</sup> ForexClear estimated share of reporting dealer volumes in FX market per 2022 BIS Triennial Survey in the given currency pair

### Non-Deliverable Service Scope

Non-EMTA

Non-Deliverable Forwards							
Non-deliverable	EMTA	BRL, CLP, CNY, COP, HKD, IDR, INR, KRW, MYR, PEN, PHP, & TWD – all vs. USD					
Currencies	Non-EMTA	AUD, CAD, CHF, DKK, EUR, GBP, JPY, MXN, NOK, NZD, SEK, SGD & ZAR – all vs. USD					
Tenor Range	Fixing tomorrow to 2 yrs	CAD, CHF, CLP, CNY, COP, DKK, HKD, IDR, INR, KRW, MXN, MYR, NOK, NZD, PEN, PHP, SEK, SGD, TWD & ZAR					
	Fixing tomorrow to 5 yrs	AUD, BRL, CHF, EUR, GBP & JPY					
Fixing Mathadalagy	EMTA	EMTA standard fixing sources and timing					
Fixing Methodology Non-EMTA		WM/ Reuters Fixing Rates					
Non-Deliverable Option	ıs						
NDO Currencies	EMTA	BRL, INR, KRW, TWD – all vs. USD					
NDO Currencies	Non-EMTA	AUD, CHF, EUR, GBP, JPY – all vs. USD					
Tenor Range	Expiry tomorrow to 2 years	Expiry tomorrow to 2 years					
Premium Currency	USD Only						
Cut / Fixing Methodolog	EMTA	EMTA standard fixing sources and timing					
out / i king methodolog	y						

WM/ Reuters Fixing Rates (4pm)



### Deliverable Service Scope (Members only)

FX Options (Plain Vanilla)					
Currency pairs		AUD/USD, USD/CHF, EUR/USD, GBP/USD, USD/JPY (Variation margin in USD) EUR/CHF, EUR/GBP, EUR/JPY (Variation margin in EUR)			
Tenor Range		O/N to 2Y			
Product spec.	European/American Premium Delivery type Cut	European Spot/Forward Spot delivery Tokyo (3pm), New York (10am)			
FX Spot / Forward	ls				
Currency pairs		AUD/USD, USD/CHF, EUR/USD, GBP/USD, USD/JPY (Variation margin in USD) EUR/CHF, EUR/GBP, EUR/JPY (Variation margin in EUR)			
Tenor Range		Spot to 2Y			



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