



**Minutes of the Operations Managers Working Group**

Meeting, March 4, 2015

Host: Federal Reserve Bank of New York

**OMWG Attendees:**

Katherine Andrews

Jodie Burns

Paul Christakos

Stephen Dobson

Rob Duff

Robert Eby

John Ferraiuolo

Anthony Ghibesi

Jorge Hidalgo

Mark Kaufman

Daniel Lennon

Richard Maling

Allison Measso

Luke Pollock

Tony Rocchio

Ken Rozycki

Daniel Smith

Eisso Vandermeulen

James Wallin

Bank of America Merrill Lynch

Thomson Reuters

UBS

Deutsche Bank

HSBC

Wells Fargo

Barclays

Standard Chartered

Barclays

JP Morgan

CLS

State Street

Credit Suisse

Citi

Bank of New York Mellon

Brown Brothers Harriman

Morgan Stanley

ICAP

Alliance Bernstein

**Federal Reserve Bank of New York Attendees:**

Christina Getz

Jason Miu

Joy Zhu

Lisa Kraidin, Counsel

**Guest:**

Jeff Lillien

Deutsche Bank



## 1. Antitrust guidelines review

Counsel circulated and discussed the Foreign Exchange Committee's (FXC) antitrust guidelines as part of the standard procedure for the first Operations Managers Working Group (OMWG) meeting of the year. Counsel highlighted particular behaviors that are inappropriate and unlawful for the Group – such as efforts to limit access to the market.

## 2. Best practices effort

A member from each working group in the FXC best practices effort gave an update on the progress of each group. The effort involves updating and consolidating the current various best practices documents, some of which were drafted years ago, into a single comprehensive document of best practices.

Ken Rozycki updated the OMWG on the working group reviewing the Execution-to-Settlement Recommendations for Non-dealer Participants. He noted areas where the document needed updates to include developments related to regulations around Know Your Customer and Anti-Money Laundering activities. The working group continues to develop draft language with input from the members of the Financial Markets Lawyers Group (FMLG).

## 3. Topics of focus in 2015

The OMWG discussed topics of focus for 2015 with the primary focus on the best practices effort. Private sector members also suggested additional topics to focus on including the impact of the implementation of Dodd-Frank and EMIR regulations on operations, developments in compression of FX transactions, and areas to potentially incorporate automated solutions to manual processes to reduce operational risk.

## 4. FXC and FMLG updates

Christopher Vogel and Peter Connolly, FXC liaisons to the OMWG dialed-in for this portion of the meeting to provide an update on the February FXC meeting. They noted that the FXC discussed the best practices effort, liquidity in the FX market in the context of the policy action by the Swiss National Bank in January 2015 and other developments in the FX market. Counsel provided an update to the group on the issues discussed at the January and February FMLG meetings. Jeff Lillien, FMLG member, attended this portion of the meeting and gave an update on recent developments relating to disruption events for deliverable currencies.

## 5. Market discussion

Dan Lennon gave an update on ongoing work at CLS, including adding the Mexican peso to the CLS same day settlement service by 2016, adding the Hungarian forint as a CLS eligible currency by 2015, and beginning work to launch a compression service in partnership with Tri-Optima in 2015.

## 6. Other business

foreign exchange committee

**FXC**

The next OMWG meeting will be held on Thursday, April 30 at 3:00 PM and hosted by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.