The foreign exchange and over-the-counter interest rate derivatives markets in the United Kingdom

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In April this year, the Bank of England conducted its usual three-yearly survey of turnover in the United Kingdom's foreign exchange and over-the-counter (OTC) interest rate derivatives markets. This forms part of the latest worldwide survey co-ordinated by the Bank for International Settlements (BIS). The results show that the value of foreign exchange activity in the United Kingdom rose by one quarter between April 2007 and April 2010, increasing the UK share of the global market to 37%. Turnover in OTC interest rate derivatives also rose considerably over the same period. This report sets out the results of the UK survey, and then considers the potential underlying drivers in these markets over the past three years.

Introduction

In April this year, central banks and monetary authorities in 53 countries, including the United Kingdom, conducted national surveys of turnover in the foreign exchange (FX) markets⁽²⁾ and in OTC interest rate derivatives markets. These surveys have taken place every three years since 1986⁽³⁾ and measure turnover in the whole of April. They are co-ordinated on a global basis by the BIS, with the aim of obtaining comprehensive and internationally consistent information on the size and structure of the corresponding global markets.

This article begins by outlining the results of the latest UK contribution to the BIS global survey.⁽⁴⁾ The article will concentrate largely on developments in foreign exchange markets, highlighting the significant increase in UK turnover since the previous survey. But the survey results on OTC interest rate derivatives are also summarised, in a box on page 358. The second part of the article considers the main factors behind recent trends in FX turnover in the context of structural changes in the UK foreign exchange markets in recent years.

The timings of the latest surveys (in April 2007 and April 2010) mean that the article can only report snapshots of activity in foreign exchange markets before and after the height of the recent financial crisis. But, as discussed in a recent paper by the London Foreign Exchange Joint Standing Committee (FXJSC),⁽⁵⁾ FX markets seem to have been affected only modestly by the financial turbulence between mid-2007 and 2009. As a result, market contacts report that, by 2010, structural influences re-emerged as the dominant forces on activity in foreign exchange markets.

The results of the UK survey

The UK survey was conducted by the Bank of England and covers the business of 47 institutions (both UK-owned and foreign-owned) located in the United Kingdom. The box on pages 356–57 discusses the types of trades captured in the survey. Average daily turnover in the UK foreign exchange market during April 2010 was \$1,854 billion, 25% higher than

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⁽²⁾ Unless otherwise stated, turnover figures published here are adjusted to remove double counting of trades between UK principals that will have been reported by both parties (so-called 'local double counting').

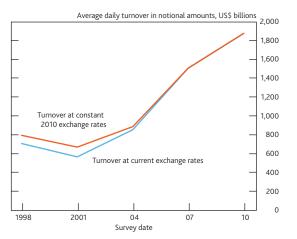
⁽³⁾ In the 1986 survey four countries, including the United Kingdom, reported data to the BIS. The first published global data were for the 1989 survey, which also included results of the 1986 survey. OTC derivatives were included for the first time in 1995.
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 (5) The paper is available at

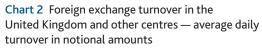
www.bankofengland.co.uk/markets/forex/fxjsc/fxpaper090923.pdf. Similar studies were also undertaken by relevant committees in North America (see www.newyorkfed.org/fxc/news/2009/overview_nov_2009.pdf) and Canada (see www.cfec.ca/files/developments.pdf).

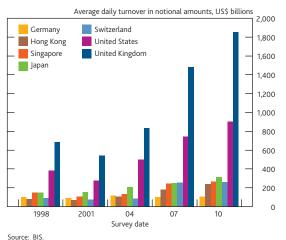
in 2007 at both current and constant exchange rates (Chart 1).⁽¹⁾ This was slightly less than the strong growth seen in 2007 and extends the upward trend of foreign exchange turnover since the late 1980s.

Chart 1 Foreign exchange turnover at constant and current exchange rates — average daily turnover in notional amounts



The latest pickup in FX turnover in the UK market was part of a global development, with other major centres showing similar rises in percentage terms (**Chart 2**). But the United Kingdom recorded the strongest growth in notional values, and consolidated its position as the largest centre of foreign exchange activity, accounting for 37% of the global market in 2010.





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The United Kingdom's share of the global FX market has exceeded 30% in each of the past five surveys. The next largest centre was the United States, with 18% of the global market, followed by Japan, with a market share of 6%. The majority of turnover in the UK foreign exchange market was cross-border business — some 71% of total turnover in April 2010 — reflecting the United Kingdom's role as an international financial centre. The US dollar continued to be the dominant currency in the UK foreign exchange market, with 85% of all trades having one side denominated in dollars (Table A).

Table A Foreign exchange turnover — currency breakdown

Per cent ^(a)				
	2001	2004	2007	2010
US dollar	90.9	88.4	87.6	84.7
Euro	41.5	42.7	41.6	44.3
Pound sterling	23.7	26.7	21.5	17.8
Japanese yen	18.7	16.3	14.6	17.2
Swiss franc	5.5	5.7	6.2	5.9
Canadian dollar	3.7	3.1	3.0	4.4
Australian dollar	3.5	4.0	4.3	5.9
Other currencies	12.6	13.1	21.3	19.8

(a) Because two currencies are involved in each transaction, the sum of the percentage shares of individual currencies totals 200% instead of 100%. Components may not sum to the total due to rounding.

Broadly speaking, these results for UK FX turnover were echoed in outturns for OTC interest rate derivatives — see the box on page 358. The rest of this article will, however, concentrate on the results for the FX market. The remainder of this section highlights some of the key trends that emerge from the survey before the subsequent section examines the underlying factors that have contributed to those developments.

Increase in spot transactions

FX turnover in the United Kingdom in spot and outright forwards grew markedly since 2007, while turnover in foreign exchange swaps fell slightly (Chart 3). Foreign exchange spot showed the largest increase, up 108% to \$697 billion per day, slightly higher than the rise in outright forwards which increased 84% to \$228 billion per day. Spot transactions accounted for 38% of all foreign exchange turnover. The large increases in spot and outright forward transactions coincided with a 14% fall in FX swaps, to \$775 billion from \$899 billion per day in 2007. Turnover in foreign exchange options grew 27% to \$135 billion per day, while currency swaps showed slight growth with turnover of \$18 billion per day.

Increased diversity of market participants

Turnover with 'other financial institutions', a category that includes hedge funds, pension funds and central banks, continued to increase and now represents the largest single counterparty (**Chart 4**). Turnover within the category rose by 39% compared with April 2007, to \$866 billion per day, accounting for 47% of all turnover. Interbank trading grew 22% to \$809 billion per day but deals with 'non-financial institutions' fell by 10%, to \$178 billion per day.

⁽¹⁾ Constant exchange rate measures are constructed by converting each leg of a foreign currency transaction, other than the US dollar leg, into original currency amounts at the prevailing average April bilateral exchange rates and then reconverting into US dollar amounts at average April 2010 exchange rates.

BIS triennial survey definitional issues

Participants

Forty-seven institutions, mainly commercial and investment banks, participated in the UK survey. This compares with 62 participants in 2007. Others active in the UK market were not directly involved in the survey, but their transactions with participating principals will have been recorded by those institutions.

The questionnaire

Survey participants completed a questionnaire prepared by the Bank of England, based on a standard format agreed with other central banks and the Bank for International Settlements (BIS). Participants were asked to provide details of their gross turnover for the 20 business days in April 2010. Gross turnover (measured in notional values) is defined as the absolute total value of all deals contracted; there was no netting of purchases against sales. Data were requested in terms of US dollar equivalents, rounded to the nearest million. The basis of reporting was the location of the sales desk of the trade, as per the 2007 survey. The questionnaire asked for data broken down by currency, instrument and type of counterparty.

The survey distinguished the following types of transaction:

Foreign exchange

- Spot transaction: single outright transaction involving the exchange of two currencies at a rate agreed on the date of the contract for value or delivery (cash settlement) usually within two business days. The spot legs of FX swaps and FX swaps that were for settlement within two days (ie 'tomorrow/next day' swap transactions) were excluded from this category.
- Outright forward: transaction involving the exchange of two currencies at a rate agreed on the date of the contract for value or delivery (cash settlement) at some time in the future (more than two business days later). Also included in this category were forward foreign exchange agreement transactions, non-deliverable forwards, and other forward contracts for difference.
- Foreign exchange swap: simultaneous transaction that involves the exchange of two currencies, first the near leg and then, subsequently, a reverse transaction at a forward date, the far leg. Short-term swaps carried out as overnight and 'tomorrow/next day' transactions are included in this category.
- *Currency swap*: contract which commits two counterparties to exchange streams of interest payments in different

currencies for an agreed period of time, and to exchange principal amounts in different currencies at a pre-agreed exchange rate at maturity.

 Currency option: option contract that gives the right to buy or sell a currency against another currency at a specified exchange rate during a specified period. This category also includes currency swaptions, currency warrants and exotic foreign exchange options such as average rate options and barrier options.

Single-currency OTC interest rate derivatives

- Forward rate agreement (FRA): interest rate forward contract in which the rate to be paid or received on a specific obligation for a set period of time, beginning at some time in the future, is determined at contract initiation.
- Interest rate swap: agreement to exchange periodic payments related to interest rates on a single currency. Can be fixed for floating, or floating for floating based on different indices. This category includes those swaps whose notional principal is amortised according to a fixed schedule independent of interest rates.
- Interest rate option: option contract that gives the right to pay or receive a specific interest rate on a predetermined principal for a set period of time. Included in this category are interest rate caps, floors, collars, corridors, swaptions and warrants.

Reporting institutions were asked to distinguish between transactions with:

- Reporting dealers: financial institutions that are participating in the globally co-ordinated survey. These institutions actively participate in local and global foreign exchange and derivatives markets.
- Other financial institutions: financial institutions that are not classified as reporting dealers. Thus, it will mainly cover smaller commercial banks, investment banks and securities houses, and in addition mutual funds, pension funds, hedge funds, currency funds, money market funds, building societies, leasing companies, insurance companies, other financial subsidiaries of corporate businesses and central banks.
- Non-financial customers: covers any counterparty other than those described above, ie mainly non-financial end-users, such as businesses and governments.

In each case reporters were asked to separate local and cross-border transactions (determined according to the

location, rather than the nationality of the counterparty) to permit adjustment for double counting.

Market conditions

Participants were asked whether they regarded the level of turnover in April 2010 as normal. The responses, summarised in Table 1, suggest that the survey results can be regarded as representative.

The aggregate responses (adjusted for double counting) for the main sections of the questionnaire are shown in Tables C, D and E (at the end of this article). The BIS published a report on FX activity at end-November and further analysis of the global survey results in its December Quarterly Review.(1) A survey of global outstanding positions in the derivatives markets (measured at the end of June 2010) was also undertaken, and global results for this survey were published in November.⁽²⁾

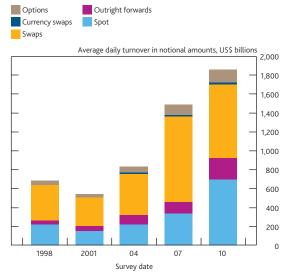


Chart 3 Foreign exchange turnover by instrument type

average daily turnover in notional amounts^(a)

(a) For a discussion of the different instrument types, see the box on pages 356-57.

The market has become more concentrated since April 2007. The combined market share of the ten institutions with the highest level of turnover increased from 70% to 77%, and the share of the top 20 from 90% to 93%. Table B shows how concentration varied by instrument.

Developments in trade execution

Electronic trading has become an increasingly popular way to execute trades, rising by 71% since April 2007. Trades conducted on electronic broking systems and electronic trading systems each account for around 20% of all foreign exchange turnover (Chart 5). Customer direct trades are the most widely used trading method in the United Kingdom with

Table 1 Survey participants' estimates of foreign exchange turnover levels

In April 2010

Steady

Increasing

	Number of banks	Percentage of turnover ^(a)
Below normal	5	3
Normal	34	83
Above normal	8	15
In preceding six months		
	Number of banks	Percentage of turnover ^(a)
Decreasing	6	3

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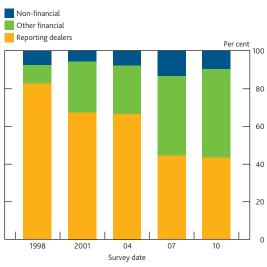
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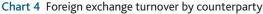
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(a) Percentages may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

(1) The BIS report on FX activity can be found on the BIS website at www.bis.org/publ/rpfxf10t.htm

(2) Results of the BIS Amounts Outstanding global survey can be found on the BIS website at www.bis.org/publ/otc_hy1011.htm.







Per cent

	Spot	Forwards	FX swaps	Currency swaps	Options
Top five institutions	68	62	49	72	67
Top ten institutions	87	84	72	88	91
Top twenty institutions	97	97	90	99	100

average daily turnover of \$473 billion, up from \$408 billion recorded in 2007.⁽¹⁾ Interdealer direct turnover decreased over the past three years, from \$427 billion to \$405 billion. Trades

⁽¹⁾ Customer direct trades executed between the reporting dealer and either a customer or a non-reporting dealer that are not intermediated by a third party: for example, a transaction between a reporting dealer and a non-reporting dealer that is executed via direct telephone communication or direct electronic dealing systems such as Reuters Conversational Dealing.

OTC interest rate derivatives turnover in the United Kingdom

Average daily turnover for OTC interest rate derivatives in the United Kingdom was \$1,235 billion in April 2010, a 29% increase since 2007. Within this, turnover in forward rate agreements recorded the largest increase between 2007 and 2010, up 147% (Chart A). Turnover in interest rate options also increased, up 23% from \$93 billion to \$114 billion. The smallest increase came in activity in interest rate swaps, which rose just 4%. Nevertheless, they still accounted for 60% of the turnover in the OTC interest rate derivatives market, down from 74% in 2007.

The United Kingdom remained the main centre for OTC interest rate derivatives trading, increasing its share of the global market to 46% in April 2010, compared with 44% in 2007. The next largest centre was the United States (24%), followed by France (7%). Cross-border trades with UK reporting dealers comprised around two thirds of OTC interest rate derivatives turnover, reflecting London's role as an international financial centre.

The euro remained the dominant currency in the OTC interest rate derivatives market, accounting for 54% of total turnover, up from 51% in 2007. Compared with the foreign exchange market, the currency concentration was higher in the OTC interest rate derivatives market. Currencies other than the top four — US dollar, euro, sterling and yen — account for just 5% of the interest rate derivatives market, compared with 18% for foreign exchange.

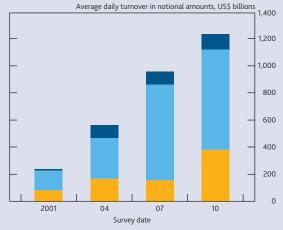
executed through voice brokers stood at \$320 billion in April 2010.⁽¹⁾



Chart A OTC interest rate derivatives turnover by instrument type — average daily turnover in notional amounts

Interest rate swaps Interest rate forward rate agreements

interest rate forward rate agreements



Most of the increase in activity has been with other reporting dealers, consistent with the market remaining centred around interbank trading flows. Indeed, interbank business has grown 39% since April 2007 and accounted for 54% of all turnover in OTC interest rate derivatives. Customer business has grown 19% since the previous survey, driven by growth in turnover with non-financial customers. Factors contributing to the increases in customer business could also include the growing prime brokerage business.

Underlying factors behind the continued strength of FX turnover

Currency markets, along with most other financial markets, were clearly affected by the recent financial crisis. But activity in foreign exchange markets seems to have held up relatively well, and overall market functioning remained relatively resilient. Indeed, while there were some brief episodes of heightened volatility — especially in late 2008 — market contacts suggest that the financial crisis did not have a lasting impact on currency trading. Structural changes in foreign exchange markets continued to be the dominant drivers of FX turnover.

More specifically, contacts identified three key interconnected themes that supported the growth in FX turnover over the past three years: further developments in the infrastructure for trading foreign exchange; the continuing influence of new

 In contrast to the news release published on 1 September 2010, execution method data are presented here on an unadjusted basis to allow comparisons with 2007. entrants to the market; and the attractiveness of foreign exchange to investors as a distinct asset class. This section discusses each of these factors in turn.

Developments in market infrastructure

As in 2007, the introduction of new trading technologies has allowed 'traditional' foreign exchange market participants to adopt more sophisticated and efficient trading strategies, as well as enabling a growing number of new market participants to access the market directly.⁽¹⁾ Many of the large banks continued to invest heavily in building and innovating their systems, particularly their proprietary trading platforms that distribute prices to their customer base, allowing them to trade electronically. Investment in systems has resulted in reduced latency,⁽²⁾ increased capacity and greater sophistication — for example through offering customers advanced or algorithmic execution tools. Some banks have also invested significantly in automated risk management.

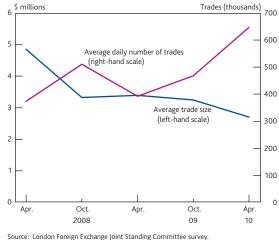
Market commentators note in particular the growing ability of banks' proprietary platforms to manage risk exposure automatically, in many cases with little manual intervention. Through the use of algorithms, systems can be programmed to make decisions in order to manage market risk — similar to the traditional role of a trader. As a result, banks are able to manage increasing amounts of risk from multiple customers simultaneously, and, in many cases, automatically.

According to contacts, such technological innovation has been key to banks maintaining, and capturing, market share. But despite the increase in concentration, competitive conditions in the FX market reportedly remained tight. Bid-offer spreads stayed narrow, and transaction costs for end-investors have been reduced further.

More generally, contacts suggest that developments in banks' electronic trading systems have contributed to an increasingly competitive market place. This has encouraged investors, especially asset managers, to trade on a more frequent basis and in smaller notional amounts to hedge and manage currency risk more efficiently. Data published by CLS Bank show that the average number of trades in April 2010 was 351,415 per day, from 128,696 in April 2007. Furthermore, over the three years, the data show a significant increase in turnover for deals with a value of less than \$1 million. Separately, the April 2010 FXJSC survey indicated that the average trade size had almost halved over the previous two years, to an average of \$2.7 million (Chart 6).⁽³⁾ The consistency between the BIS and FXJSC surveys is discussed further in the box on page 360.

Technological developments have also impacted the ways in which banks manage liquidity. Banks' own systems are able to access a greater number of liquidity sources, thus further

Chart 6 Average trade size and daily volume



enhancing the price discovery process. In particular, market commentators note the continued growth in liquidity sourced from within institutions using 'internal' flow. That is, instead of transacting via traditional interbank markets, a bank may try to enter into an offsetting position with another customer. This process of offsetting trades has reportedly been facilitated by developments in banks' electronic trading systems, and has given banks the ability to manage risk more efficiently, largely through reduced transaction costs.

New market participants

Investment in technology continued to lower barriers to entry, encouraging new participants to the foreign exchange market. As highlighted above, turnover involving 'other financial institutions' surpassed that between reporting dealers for the first time in the survey's history (**Chart 4**). Market commentators note two key reasons for the growth within this category: an increase in non-bank participants acting as market makers;⁽⁴⁾ and an increase in central bank turnover. Non-wholesale investors too have reportedly increased their interest in currency markets, although their presence in the UK market remains modest.

Non-bank market makers

The 2007 *Quarterly Bulletin* article on the BIS triennial survey results noted how some non-bank market participants — often referred to as high-frequency traders — used models to profit from exploiting 'latency arbitrage'⁽⁵⁾ opportunities. But growing efficiencies in FX markets over the past three years have reduced opportunities for exploiting such pricing inconsistencies. Instead, in a bid to maintain profitability,

⁽¹⁾ For a discussion of the 2007 results, see Christodoulou and O'Connor (2007)

⁽²⁾ Latency is the time it takes to deliver an executable price to a client plus the time it takes for the trade record to return to the price maker.(3) Results of the FXJSC turnover survey can be found at

www.bankofengland.co.uk/markets/forex/fxjsc. The FXJSC survey began recording data on the number of trades transacted in April 2008.

⁽⁴⁾ A market maker is a company, or an individual, that quotes both a buy and a sell price in a financial instrument or commodity.

⁽⁵⁾ Taking advantage of small delays in price dissemination, usually between different price sources.

BIS triennial survey and the Foreign Exchange Joint Standing Committee survey

Since October 2004, the London Foreign Exchange Joint Standing Committee (FXJSC) has been publishing foreign exchange turnover data for the United Kingdom. The FXJSC is a UK market liaison group established by the banks and brokers of the London foreign exchange (FX) market and chaired by the Bank of England. Data are published on a six-monthly basis, for April and October. Further details of the FXJSC can be found on the Bank's website at www.bankofengland.co.uk/markets/forex/fxjsc.

The FXJSC survey collects similar information to the foreign exchange section of the BIS triennial survey. But there are two important differences, in institutional coverage and definition. First, more institutions participate in the BIS survey (47 compared with 31 in the respective April 2010 surveys). Second, the reporting basis for the FXJSC survey is based on the location of the price-setting dealer or trading desk (where transactions are executed), whereas the BIS triennial survey is based on the location of the sales desk (where transactions are arranged).

Despite these differences, the two surveys are broadly comparable. Institutions that are common to both surveys report very similar results (**Table 1**). And these institutions account for the vast bulk of turnover in the BIS survey

these non-bank participants have reportedly become market makers in their own right, in particular for FX spot markets, by providing their prices to buy or sell a currency (much like a bank does) to the wider market via FX Electronic Communication Networks (ECNs).⁽¹⁾ They typically obtain the necessary liquidity to sustain this activity through the use of prime brokerage services offered by banks themselves.

Consistent with this development, FX turnover conducted through multi-bank trading systems — which include FX ECNs — rose by 85% in the latest BIS survey. Moreover, while the BIS survey does not collect data on prime brokerage, data from the April 2010 FXJSC survey showed that transactions financed by prime brokerage rose by over 30% since April 2008,⁽²⁾ accounting for 14% of all FX turnover recorded in the survey.

In general, the increase in the number of market makers outside of banks continues to broaden the number of venues supplying market liquidity, which some contacts noted should helpfully reduce the reliance on the banks as pricing providers. However, the entry of new non-bank market-making participants could potentially create a liquidity 'mirage': the ability and desire for such participants (Table 2). The FXJSC survey does therefore provide a good, and more frequent, measure of activity within the UK foreign exchange market.

Table 1 Comparison of BIS triennial and FXJSC data for FXJSC reporting institutions^(a)

Daily average in \$ billions, unadjusted

	BIS triennial	FXJSC	Difference
Spot	771	741	30
Outright forwards	228	205	23
FX swaps	849	885	-36
Currency swaps	19	19	1
FX options	151	131	20
Total	2,018	1,980	38

(a) Components may not sum to the total due to rounding

Table 2 FXJSC reporters' contributions to the BIS triennial data(a)

Daily average in \$ billions, unadjusted

	Total BIS triennial	<i>Of which</i> , FXJSC reporting institutions	Per cent
Spot	779	771	99
Outright forwards	241	228	94
FX swaps	873	849	97
Currency swaps	20	19	95
FX options	151	151	100
Total	2,065	2,018	98

(a) Both the totals and percentages are calculated from unrounded data.

to continue pricing could evaporate quickly in periods of heightened volatility.

Central banks

Central banks have become increasingly active in currency markets over the past three years, both in terms of reserves growth and diversification. They have also, in some cases alongside sovereign wealth funds, become more sophisticated, using a wider range of strategies in order to execute their trading. According to the IMF's Currency Composition of Official Foreign Exchange Reserves (COFER) survey, global foreign exchange reserves rose 41% from 2007 Q2 to 2010 Q2, to stand at \$8,422 billion. Given the scale of overall reserves, even relatively modest changes in reserve allocations can create large FX transactions that can noticeably impact foreign exchange turnover.

Non-wholesale investors

In a global context, non-wholesale foreign exchange trading has grown markedly. This growth was most pronounced in Japan, where so-called retail aggregators reportedly generated

An FX Electronic Communication Network facilitates trading of foreign exchange products between the end-user and market-making institution.

⁽²⁾ The FXJSC survey began recording details on prime brokerage turnover in April 2008.

over half of FX customer trading volumes in 2009 (compared with 27% in 2008) (Greenwich Associates (2010)).⁽¹⁾ As with many developments, the proliferation of electronic trading in FX markets is thought to be a key driver of this growth. In the United Kingdom, non-wholesale FX is thought to be a much less dominant feature of FX markets. Data from the FXJSC survey in April 2010 showed that less than 2% of overall turnover is attributable to deals with retail aggregators.

FX as a separate asset class

Over the past three years, institutional investors have continued to invest more in foreign exchange products as a separate part of their portfolios. In particular, contacts report that investors who traditionally focused on equity and credit markets increasingly sought to diversify their portfolios using foreign exchange linked products, referencing both developed and emerging currencies. A number of banks advertise foreign exchange as an asset class and provide various trading strategies to investors. The banks cite the liquidity advantages of FX, combined with low correlation to bond or equity markets, and high potential returns.

The way in which foreign exchange investments are used has also evolved. According to contacts, some market participants that were unable to access certain markets during the financial crisis (either through impairment or closure) would instead express their trading views using the foreign exchange market through so-called 'proxy' trades. As other asset markets started to function more normally again, contacts noted that the need to use FX in this way diminished somewhat. Nonetheless, increased awareness of how deep, liquid and resilient foreign exchange markets were during the turbulence is thought to have provided a boost to FX turnover over the past three years.

Conclusion

Average UK foreign exchange turnover continued to increase, rising 25% over the past three years to \$1,854 billion per day. The United Kingdom remained the largest centre of foreign exchange activity.

Against the backdrop of generally rising turnover, the foreign exchange market has continued to grow, develop and innovate. The proliferation of electronic trading continues to lower barriers to entry and encourage new participants to the market. The UK FX market provided a liquid and resilient alternative during the financial crisis, which may have ultimately attracted some new investors to the asset class.

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⁽¹⁾ A retail aggregator is either a financial institution or an intermediary that serves as a portal through which retail investors can trade foreign exchange on a margin basis. Margin trading allows an investor to take a position (long/short) on a currency by depositing a portion of the purchase price.

Table C Average daily foreign exchange turnover $^{(a)}$

US\$ millions (rounded to the nearest million)

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	US dollar													Sterling a	-
	Euro	¥	SwFr	Can\$	Aus\$	Skr	BrL	CnY	HK\$	InR	KrW	ZaR	Other	US\$	Euro
Spot															
Reporting dealers Local	103,864 28,221	30,127 8,025	9,909 2,783	11,783 2,273	16,556 4,222	1,367 403	268 30	583 113	3,041 660	306 77	803 130	2,218 571	18,417 5,474	34,422 12,280	13,068 3,975
Cross-border	75,643	22,102	7,126	9,509	12,334	964	239	470	2,381	229	673	1,648	12,943	22,142	9,094
Other financial institutions	109,408	37,803	16,965	14,274	19,964	1,591	550	599	2,052	624	1,844	2,003	17,377	41,262	15,716
Local Cross border	35,887	11,773	6,913	4,189	6,072	253	31 519	215 383	373 1,679	144 481	576	588 1,415	5,919	14,312	6,287
Cross-border Non-financial institutions	73,521 22,455	26,031 6,926	10,053 2,686	10,085 2,058	13,892 2,866	1,339 133	30	200 22	1,679 221	13	1,268 16	1,415 98	11,458 1,949	26,950 6,156	9,430 2,851
Local	4,493	1,240	576	574	892	44	16	0	55	1	0	27	624	1,994	992
Cross-border	17,962	5,686	2,110	1,484	1,974	89	15	22	167	12	16	71	1,325	4,162	1,859
Subtotal	235,727	74,856	29,561	28,115	39,386	3,091	848	1,205	5,314	943	2,662	4,319	37,743	81,840	31,635
Outright forward															
Reporting dealers	21,424	3,671	2,771	2,176	2,885	1,482	684	1,287	420	1,320	1,821	343	7,149	6,533	2,393
Local Cross-border	3,211 18,213	894 2,777	227 2,544	363 1,813	738 2,147	143 1,338	204 480	229 1,058	153 266	426 893	391 1,430	124 219	1,896 5,253	1,497 5,037	465 1,928
Other financial institutions	23,629	30,621	2,816	6,974	5,098	773	1,477	1,536	548	1,413	1,292	735	11,790	13,126	6,761
Local	, 7,192	2,045	586	1,345	1,546	229	524	728	99	632	523	293	4,627	6,111	3,959
Cross-border	16,437	28,577	2,230	5,629	3,552	544	953	807	448	781	769	442	7,163	7,015	2,803
Non-financial institutions Local	4,635 1,219	25,986 662	467 284	519 107	400 143	85 23	214 116	283 84	57 11	203 78	169 56	68 17	1,463 381	2,100 1,215	1,391 727
Cross-border	3,416	25,323	183	412	257	62	99	199	46	125	112	51	1,082	885	665
Subtotal	49,688	60,278	6,053	9,668	8,384	2,340	2,376	3,106	1,024	2,935	3,282	1,146	20,401	21,760	10,546
Foreign exchange swaps															
Reporting dealers	139,851	41,186	17,269	18,952	25,934	10,345	21	88	3,482	145	107	3,636	52,811	62,197	11,943
Local	33,633	8,346	2,720	3,370	6,596	1,599	11	20	1,351	10	20	878	13,006	22,467	1,963
Cross-border	106,217	32,841 33.930	14,549	15,582	19,339	8,746	10	68 15	2,130	135	87	2,758	39,804	39,730	9,980
Other financial institutions Local	103,923 31,948	8,958	11,257 1,901	11,950 1,813	17,986 4,144	6,172 1,155	3 0	15 1	2,659 324	67 6	48 10	2,119 331	35,466 8,118	51,112 25,404	11,794 3,731
Cross-border	71,975	24,972	9,356	10,136	13,842	5,018	2	14	2,335	62	38	1,788	27,347	25,708	8,063
Non-financial institutions	21,240	5,052	3,609	3,150	3,166	1,829	9	1	459	18	34	142	12,016	7,311	3,444
Local Cross-border	3,393 17,847	1,491 3,560	241 3,369	714 2,436	730 2,436	167 1,662	1 9	1 0	142 317	14 3	22 12	17 125	1,702 10,314	3,650 3,662	1,566 1,878
Subtotal	265,014	80,168	32,135	34,052	47,086	18,346	32	104	6,600	230	189	5,897	100,293	120,621	27,180
Maturity of forwards and swa			52,155	5 1,052		.0,5 .0	52		0,000	200	.05	5,657	,255	0,0_1	21,100
Seven days or less	22 ps, per cern 72	77	76	77	77	78	32	10	78	21	23	78	77	72	77
Over seven days	28	23	24	23	23	21	65	80	19	77	76	22	22	28	23
Over one year		1	1	0	0	1	3	10	3	2	1	0	1	1	1
Currency swaps															
Reporting dealers	2,157	416	129	743	738	160	11	4	2	0	1	134	1,112	773	97
Local	543	219	17	28	112	77	0	0	2	0	0	8	703	489	80
Cross-border	1,614	196	112	714	626	83	11	4	0	0	1	127	409	285	17
Other financial institutions Local	4,883 2,399	2,042 558	409 97	137 0	777 338	105 98	11 9	7 1	13 0	5 4	28 0	34 4	845 322	364 143	51 43
Cross-border	2,484	1,483	313	137	439	7	2	7	13	1	28	30	522	220	9
Non-financial institutions	379	91	3	20	177	0	0	0	1	0	0	6	115	35	23
Local Cross-border	19 360	0 91	0 3	0 20	21 156	0	0	0 0	0 1	0 0	0 0	0 6	27 88	13 22	23 0
Subtotal	7.419	2,548	541	899	1.692	265	22	11	16	5	29	174	2.072	1.172	172
	7,419	2,540	541	099	1,092	205	22		10	5	29	1/4	2,072	1,172	172
OTC options sold Reporting dealers	6,269	3,316	743	481	1,140	31	510	354	116	160	406	88	1,812	1,347	1,043
Local	1,995	1,617	318	110	369	7	233	184	37	49	207	38	724	542	421
Cross-border	4,274	1,699	425	371	771	24	277	170	79	111	199	50	1,088	805	622
Other financial institutions	11,060	13,021	949	584	1,351	24	462	525	65	298	400	86	2,210	1,965	1,303
Local Cross-border	6,077 4,983	11,867 1,154	533 417	316 269	874 477	1 23	260 202	405 120	15 50	203 96	274 125	17 68	965 1,244	1,015 950	793 510
Non-financial institutions	1,377	559	334	43	188	2	58	122	118	64	44	8	261	210	246
Local	405	239	89	15	103	1	26	11	111	35	38	5	62	109	96
Cross-border	973	320	245	28	85	1	32	111	7	29	7	4	199	101	150
Subtotal	18,706	16,896	2,026	1,109	2,680	57	1,029	1,001	298	522	850	182	4,283	3,522	2,592
OTC options bought															
Reporting dealers Local	7,576 2,151	2,613 719	494 133	530 121	1,421 349	31 9	564 234	487 163	155 62	209 89	345 173	84 39	2,061 750	1,393 490	1,229 463
Cross-border	5,426	1,894	361	410	1,072	23	330	324	93	121	173	45	1,311	904	765
Other financial institutions	9,790	12,385	593	482	1,090	17	551	690	37	250	458	64	2,160	1,828	1,357
Local Cross-border	4,357	11,167	262	264	604 486	1 16	292	556 134	5 32	125 124	386	14 51	872	761	671 686
Cross-border Non-financial institutions	5,433 1,310	1,218 603	331 60	219 82	486 230	16 4	259 58	134 170	32 20	124 46	72 63	51 8	1,288 344	1,067 373	686 372
Local	368	281	15	33	82	4	18	16	4	24	48	3	97	147	91
Cross-border	942	323	45	49	148	4	41	155	16	23	15	5	246	226	281
Subtotal	18,676	15,601	1,148	1,095	2,741	53	1,173	1,347	211	505	866	156	4,565	3,595	2,957
Total options	37,382	32,497	3,174	2,204	5,420	109	2,202	2,348	508	1,028	1,716	338	8,848	7,117	5,549
Total foreign currency	_					-	_				_				
turnover	595,230	250,348	71,464	74,938	101,968	24,150	5,481	6,772	13,462	5,141	7,877	11,874	169,357	232,509	75,081

(a) Adjusted for local double counting. (b) Gross maturities data cannot be adjusted accurately for local double counting. Figures in this table are unadjusted, given as a percentage of gross outright forward and foreign exchange swap turnover.

						Euro aga	inst:					Yen again	st:		Residual	Total,
¥	SwFr	Can\$	Aus\$	Skr	Other	¥	SwFr	Can\$	Aus\$	Skr	Other	Aus\$	NZ\$	Other		all currencies
2,847	491	297	445	34	382	13,137	8,014	855	765	2,877	8,962	1,983	185	2,213	2,598	292,817
852	67	52	160	8	188	4,397	1,882	220	149	415	2,321	801	100	880	710	82,440
1,994	424 741	245 414	285 462	27 108	194 629	8,740	6,132	635 730	616 813	2,462	6,641	1,182	84 262	1,332	1,887	210,377 344,070
4,215 721	231	145	151	34	336	23,778 10,101	8,765 3,412	94	214	2,335 472	7,896 2,263	2,372 591	46	5,656 2,492	2,861 659	115,491
3,494	511	269	311	75	293	13,677	5,353	636	599	1,862	5,633	1,781	216	3,165	2,203	228,579
541 35	66 11	41 16	74 24	18 5	88 53	4,580 660	2,166 509	130 26	121 19	340 60	919 154	404 23	40 2	1,455 17	165 59	59,627 13,198
505	55	25	50	13	35	3,919	1,657	104	102	280	765	381	38	1,439	106	46,429
7,602	1,298	752	981	161	1,099	41,495	18,946	1,715	1,698	5,552	17,777	4,758	487	9,324	5,624	696,514
593	52	207	96	9	136	993	1,083	155	369	314	1,451	178	14	516	945	63,470
35 558	28 24	29 178	47 48	2 8	72 64	364 630	226 857	45 110	59 310	92 222	459 992	57 121	10 4	196 320	288 657	12,970 50,500
1,126	325	265	402	143	515	2,878	1,878	1,172	526	876	3,256	374	54	889	1,073	124,339
518 608	193 131	140 125	265	77	338	1,285	704	888	150 376	326 549	1,036	124	4 50	244 645	315	37,048
100	50	90	137 79	66 25	177 146	1,592 214	1,174 273	284 60	576 117	549 160	2,219 717	250 46	30 3	81	758 111	87,291 40,314
38	33	49	25	21	110	66	101	7	7	91	90	13	0	11	26	5,811
62 1,819	17 427	41 562	54 577	4	37 798	148 4,085	172 3,235	53 1,387	110 1,011	69 1,350	627 5,423	34 598	2 71	70 1,486	86 2,129	34,503 228,122
1,015	721	502	511	177	750	4,005	5,255	1,507	1,011	1,550	5,425	550	,,	1,400	2,125	LLO,ILL
700	108	28	137	7	69	1,838	3,500	243	497	777	2,553	210	70	437	202	399,340
256 444	33 75	4 23	22 114	6 1	0 69	458 1,379	267 3,233	27 216	53 444	62 715	357 2,195	129 81	58 12	340 97	22 180	98,086 301,253
1,165	236	96	716	154	342	3,850	2,517	551	855	1,063	3,869	1,315	716	2,181	565	308,691
401 764	91 145	65 31	287 429	69 85	214 128	523 3,327	399 2,118	48 503	89 767	64 999	590 3,279	79 1,236	119 597	277 1,904	73 492	91,230 217,461
353	106	150	161	65	280	677	721	134	449	511	1,546	145	27	230	315	67,350
164 189	40 66	57 93	46 115	35 30	194 86	103 574	93 628	6 128	106 343	20 491	240 1,306	1 144	0 27	7 223	31 284	14,993 52,357
2,218	450	274	1,014	226	691	6,364	6,738	928	1,802	2,351	7,968	1,670	813	2,848	1,082	775,381
76	77	77	78	32	10	54	54	62	39	34	43	75	91	87	58	71
24	23	23	21	65	80	45	46	37	60	65	55	25	9	13	41	28
1	0	0	1	3	10	1	1	1	1	2	2	1	0	1	1	1
0	0	0	0	0	36	34	30	0	15	1	119	1	0	0	2	6,716
0	0	0	0	0	4	6	10	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	1	2,318
0 5	0 2	0 0	0 1	0 0	31 14	28 138	20 194	0 0	15 41	1 17	101 283	1 61	0 0	0 3	1 30	4,397 10,500
5	2	0	0	0	0	7	81	0	0	0	17	0	0	3	2	4,134
0 27	0	0	1 0	0 0	14	131	113	0 0	41	17 0	266	61	0 0	0 0	28	6,366
27	0 0	0 0	0	0	15 8	2 0	33 0	0	2 0	0	31 5	0 0	0	0	0 0	961 146
0	0	0	0	0	7	2	33	0	2	0	26	0	0	0	0	816
32	2	0	1	0	65	174	258	0	58	18	433	63	0	3	33	18,177
111	74	27	34	13	83	514	988	57	108	273	1,244	154	11	167	470	22,144
30 81	34 40	5 22	17 17	6 7	46 37	178 336	346 642	18 39	48 61	86 188	419 824	51 103	6 5	66 101	194 276	8,401 13,743
155	88	50	66	11	166	1,283	1,603	111	94	346	2,535	194	22	288	456	41,771
81 75	17 71	31 19	39 26	5 6	58 108	407 877	857 746	36 75	60 34	178 168	1,111 1,424	109 85	10 12	141 147	230 227	26,984 14,786
8	14	13	22	1	29	241	494	13	21	39	595	30	0	37	69	5,258
2 6	0 14	7 6	21 2	0 1	1 28	136 105	263 231	9 3	15 5	19 20	209 386	6 24	0 0	3 34	15 55	2,049 3,209
274	176	90	122	24	277	2,038	3,085	181	223	658	4,374	378	33	492	996	69,172
108	73	30	57	30	103	531	1,534	49	119	303	1,541	147	15	150	505	24,486
39	27	17	19	10	45	149	370	19	28	96	478	42	3	62	178	7,525
70	46	13 24	38	19 26	58	382	1,163	29	90	207	1,063	105	12	88	327	16,961
165 89	89 26	34 27	41 20	26 8	142 50	786 341	1,091 532	133 60	120 72	319 108	1,310 455	197 100	13 6	311 118	474 204	37,004 22,554
76	63	6	22	18	92	445	560	73	48	211	855	96	8	193	270	14,450
10 0	29 1	4 2	5	1 0	22 1	135 32	337 90	9 7	10 0	66 25	207 23	25 6	4 0	48 7	83 6	4,737 1,428
9	28	2	0	1	21	103	247	2	10	41	184	19	4	41	77	3,309
283	191	68	104	57	268	1,451	2,962	190	248	688	3,058	368	33	509	1,062	66,227
557	367	157	226	81	545	3,490	6,047	371	471	1,347	7,432	746	66	1,001	2,057	135,399
12,228	2,544	1,745	2,799	645	3,197	55,608	35,223	4,400	5,040	10,617	39,034	7,835	1,437	14,662	10,925	1,853,594

Table D Average daily OTC interest rate derivatives turnover $^{\!(a)}$

US\$ millions (rounded to the nearest million)

US\$ millions (rounded to the ne	earest million)											
	£	US\$	€	¥	SwFr	Can\$	Aus\$	Dkr	HK\$	Skr	Other	Total
FRAs												
Reporting dealers	39,548	52,535	125,219	630	1,758	754	1,349	220	0	4,342	6,402	232,756
Local Cross-border	15,066 24,481	13,299 39,236	36,035 89,184	87 543	736 1,021	230 524	77 1,272	36 184	0 0	546 3,797	1,889 4,513	68,001 164,755
Other financial institutions	18,896	42,994	52,440	189	4,883	101	325	215	0	2,193	2,308	124,545
Local Cross-border	11,171 7,725	15,630 27,364	26,178 26,262	186 3	2,565 2,318	49 52	33 293	19 196	0 0	309 1,884	288 2,020	56,430 68,115
Non-financial institutions	337	3,245	19,782	27	289	0	55	107	0	303	596	24,742
Local	101 236	202	2,235	0 27	0	0	0 55	0 107	0	0	12	2,550
Cross-border	250	3,043	17,547	21	289	0	22	107	0	303	584	22,191
Subtotal	58,781	98,774	197,441	845	6,930	856	1,729	542	0	6,838	9,306	382,042
Swaps												
Reporting dealers Local	92,627 34,759	33,191 7,521	160,009 39,790	73,723 2,897	1,306 287	3,482 720	2,797 520	117 18	125 31	1,149 223	8,865 1,950	377,393 88,716
Cross-border	57,868	25,670	120,219	70,826	1,019	2,762	2,277	99	95	926	6,916	288,677
Other financial institutions	34,671	27,933	190,414	5,173	3,186	958	1,059	39	187	691	4,076	268,387
Local Cross-border	23,468 11,203	15,152 12,781	103,920 86,494	3,261 1,912	1,342 1,844	424 534	470 589	0 39	111 75	242 450	1,480 2,596	149,871 118,516
Non-financial institutions	26,717	5,727	54,579	2,671	156	267	556	1	29	213	1,936	92,851
Local Cross-border	8,361 18,356	361 5,366	21,949 32,631	769 1,903	85 71	40 227	145 411	0 1	0 29	94 118	159 1,777	31,961 60,890
Subtotal	154,015	66,851	405,002	81,567	4,649	4,708	4,412	156	341	2,053	14,877	738,631
OTC options sold												
Reporting dealers Local	7,631 1,287	5,227 1,438	20,809 3,154	973 34	36 10	0 0	187 0	0 0	33 0	154 18	1,309 108	36,359 6,050
Cross-border	6,344	3,789	17,655	940	26	0	187	0	33	136	1,201	30,309
Other financial institutions	4,662	5,123	15,272	454	101	16	49	0	2	76	464	26,220
Local Cross-border	2,542 2,121	2,886 2,237	3,530 11,743	41 413	28 73	0 16	47 2	0 0	0 2	0 76	29 436	9,102 17,118
Non-financial institutions	1,282	829	2,563	122	0	0	92	0	87	92	310	5,377
Local Cross-border	199 1,084	5 824	50 2,513	5 117	0 0	0	0 92	0 0	0 87	0 92	13 298	271 5,106
Subtotal	13,576	11,179	38,645	1,549	137	16	328	0	122	321	2,083	67,956
OTC options bought	2424	2 500	12 022	0.40			10	-	26	24	400	21.112
Reporting dealers Local	3,134 838	3,599 590	12,823 2,503	948 49	89 7	0 0	49 0	1 0	36 0	34 7	400 35	21,113 4,029
Cross-border	2,297	3,009	10,320	899	82	0	49	1	36	27	364	17,084
Other financial institutions Local	3,821 2,829	4,389 2,923	11,390 3,546	684 86	8 5	0 0	47 47	0 0	1 0	0 0	302 202	20,640 9,638
Cross-border	992	1,466	7,843	598	3	0	0	0	1	0	100	11,002
Non-financial institutions Local	921 180	715 14	2,210 56	155 9	0 0	0 0	57 0	0 0	0 0	114 0	50 0	4,221 258
Cross-border	741	701	2,155	146	0	0	57	0	0	114	50	3,962
Subtotal	7,876	8,703	26,423	1,787	97	0	152	1	37	148	751	45,974
Total options	21,451	19,881	65,068	3,336	234	16	480	1	159	469	2,834	113,930
Total OTC interest rate derivatives	234,247	185,506	667,511	85,749	11,812	5,579	6,621	700	500	9,360	27,017	1,234,603

(a) Adjusted for local double counting.

Table E Average daily foreign exchange turnover by execution method ${}^{(a)(b)}$

US\$ millions (rounded to the nearest million)

033 millions (rounded to the near	resemination						
				Electronic trad	ing systems		
	Interdealer direct	Customer direct	Electronic broking system	Multi-bank dealing systems	Single-bank proprietary platforms	Voice broker	Total
Execution method							
Spot — total of which: with reporting dealers – local – cross-border	93,396 89,033 25,291 63,742	141,193 0 0 0	236,014 103,152 32,973 70,179	93,192 39,379 7,654 31,726	87,435 32,903 5,156 27,748	45,285 28,350 11,367 16,984	696,514 292,817 82,440 210,377
Outright forwards — total of which: with reporting dealers – local – cross-border	25,095 19,491 5,971 13,520	79,804 0 0 0	14,992 10,864 2,491 8,373	34,487 4,949 962 3,987	63,043 22,060 1,644 20,416	10,702 6,105 1,902 4,204	228,122 63,470 12,970 50,500
FX swaps — total of which: with reporting dealers – local – cross-border	168,706 162,380 44,813 117,567	176,648 0 0 0	134,381 82,293 15,573 66,720	50,274 13,738 4,645 9,093	45,303 12,336 4,428 7,908	200,070 128,592 28,627 99,966	775,381 399,340 98,086 301,253
FX options — total of which: with reporting dealers – local – cross-border	29,892 29,612 11,892 17,720	75,513 0 0 0	7,731 3,943 1,151 2,791	1,157 739 329 410	1,474 406 15 391	19,631 11,930 2,538 9,392	135,399 46,630 15,926 30,704
Total	317,090	473,158	393,118	179,110	197,254	275,687	1,835,417

(a) Adjusted for local double counting.(b) Does not include currency swaps.