

# Minutes of the Operations Managers Working Group (OMWG)

# Meeting, December 4, 2018

Host: Federal Reserve Bank of New York (FRBNY)

#### **OMWG Attendees:**

James Wallin Danny Smith Tony Rocchio Kenneth Rozycki Alfred Pollock Christy Grant Aaron Ayusa Daniel Lennon Juna Nashi Michael Przebieglec Matthew Smith Anthony Ghibesi

Alliance Bernstein Barclays BNY Mellon Brown Brothers Harriman Citigroup Credit Suisse Credit Suisse CLS Goldman Sachs & Co. HSBC JP Morgan Chase Standard Chartered

## Federal Reserve Bank of New York (Ex Officio)

Thomas Noone, Counsel Geza Sardi Kathy Ramirez

## **ISDA** Novation

In anticipation of a possible up-tick in International Swaps and Derivatives Association ("ISDA") novations related to Brexit, members of the OMWG expressed concerns about the novation protocol. The group observed that there was limited interest in the protocol from buyside firms. The group also discussed the lack of automated solutions, the risk of significant market events occurring before settlement, and the need for stricter timelines of contractual events. Mr. Thomas Noone invited select members of the OMWG to speak to these concerns at the next Financial Markets Lawyers Group ("FMLG") meeting.

# **Options for Increasing Straight Through Processing ("STP") for Maintenance of Account and Standing Settlement Instructions**

Members discussed the options for increasing straight through processing and maintenance of Standard Settlement Instructions ("SSIs"). The group discussed opportunities for the wider



adoption of vendor solutions, standardized SSI formats for exotic currencies, creation and circulation of a publication for proper SSI formatting, ongoing education for the community and yearly reconfirmation or statement of adherence to the global code. A member of the OMWG has offered to reach out to the custodian community if there is any ongoing effort to solve the SSI concern.

#### **Administrative Matters**

The schedule for 2019 OMWG meeting is being finalized and will be circulated at a later date.