



Minutes of the Foreign Exchange Committee Meeting

Meeting, February 11, 2015

Host: Credit Agricole CIB

FXC Attendees:

ADNAN AKANT	Fischer Francis Trees & Watts
CHRISTOPHER BAE	Bank of America Merrill Lynch
ANTHONY BISEGNA	State Street
ROBERT BOGUCKI	Barclays
ROBERT CATALANELLO	Credit Agricole CIB
PETER CONNOLLY	Wells Fargo
MOTI JUNGREIS	TD Bank
TAHREEM KAMPTON	Microsoft
RUSSELL LASCALA	Deutsche Bank
GIL MANDELZIS	EBS
MICHAEL O'BRIEN	Eaton Vance
REBECCA PATTERSON	Bessemer
SENAD PRUSAC	Morgan Stanley
DAVID PUTH	CLS
PAUL RICHARDS	UBS
TROY ROHRBAUGH	JP Morgan Chase
CHRISTOPHER TAENDLER	Goldman Sachs
KOICHI TAKENAKA	Mizuho
CHRIS VOGEL	Blackrock
PHIL WEISBERG	Thomson Reuters

Federal Reserve Bank of New York Attendees:

CHRISTINA GETZ
LORIE LOGAN
ANNA NORDSTORM
JAMIE PFEIFER
SIMON POTTER
NATHANIEL WUERFFEL
LISA KRAIDIN, Counsel
MICHAEL NELSON, Counsel

Guest:

MARIA DOUVAS-ORME Morgan Stanley



1. Global FX Committee Collaboration

The FXC Chair, Troy Rohrbaugh, noted progress on the effort to expand the [Global Preamble](#) with further guidance, high level principles and recommendations from the [Financial Stability Board](#) on foreign exchange benchmarks. Private sector members discussed comments and suggested edits to the draft Global Preamble that were submitted by FXC and Financial Markets Lawyers Group (FMLG) members. The comments and suggested edits included language clarifying the definition of market participants to include both the sell-side and buy-side. Additional suggested changes noted the continued effort to align codes of conduct across regions and clarify best practices around risk management and the discussion of rumors. Specifically, the Global Preamble states that “FX market participants should have policies in place that require their personnel to refrain from passing on information that they know or suspect to be misleading.” The Committee also discussed options for language that would best support adherence to the best practices discussed in the Global Preamble. Maria Douvas-Orme, who is the FMLG liaison to the FXC for the Global Preamble and best practices efforts, attended this portion of the meeting.

2. FXC Best Practices Efforts

The FXC Chair discussed the various FXC best practices efforts such as the effort to update and consolidate the FXC best practices documents. Private sector members discussed the status of the working groups and conference calls that are focused on the effort. Such members also discussed organizing the working groups to limit the duplication of work while leveraging expertise at each of their firms.

3. Liquidity in the foreign exchange market

Private sector members discussed liquidity conditions in the FX market with a focus on conditions following the Swiss National Bank’s (SNB) FX policy announcement in January 2015. Such members noted the sharp price action following the announcement, increased volatility in the market and discontinuous prices for Swiss franc currency pairs. Such members also discussed various ways to view the SNB event from a risk management perspective.

4. Market discussion

The Committee discussed financial market developments and the potential impact on the foreign exchange market. Private sector members discussed the ongoing strength of the U.S. dollar versus other currencies and the potential impact of U.S. dollar appreciation on U.S. businesses. Some private sector members also noted renewed focus on the FX policies of countries with pegged exchange rates following the SNB policy action. Such members also discussed monetary policies in various countries such as China and Japan and the potential impact on the FX market.

5. Other business

The Chair noted that the next FXC meeting is scheduled for April 15 at 4:00 PM and will be hosted by Blackrock.