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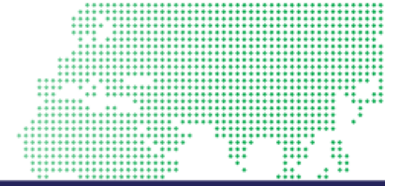View it in your browser.

Cboe FX Markets

Dear Cboe FX Participants and Members of the Trading Community,

As a new decade dawns, we wanted to take a moment to thank you for your support which has helped us achieve many milestones over the years and wrap up 2019 on a high note. We wanted to share some of these achievements, as well as outline the key initiatives we'll be focused on this year to help support your FX trading needs into the next decade.

A Growing Piece of the Spot FX Pie

2019 marked Cboe FX's best year on record with market share of 15.2%.* In a challenging environment for FX trading volumes in 2019, we're pleased that more market participants are turning to Cboe FX to execute their FX trading strategies. Cboe FX achieved average daily volume (ADV) of $32.3 billion in 2019 and we ended the year strong with our best volume day of the year on December 13th with $56.5 billion traded.

We believe a key driver to our growth has been the continuous enhancement of our customized liquidity solutions, as well as our transparency on firm and non-firm liquidity available on Cboe FX. Last year we began publishing more granular volume and liquidity statistics on our website, including 30-day rolling firm volumes and hourly/daily non-firm fill rates. Firm trading accounted for 39.2% of total volume executed on the Cboe FX ECN at its peak and 35.5% on average in 2019, while non-firm fill rates were consistently above 85% throughout the year.

Full Amount Volumes Triple in 2019

Last year we continued to see record volumes for our Full Amount offering, which provides clients with a solution for larger order risk transference with low market impact. Full Amount ADV topped $6.3 billion in 2019, capped by December's record $7.5 billion ADV. The annual figure represents a 197% increase year-over-year.

Cboe FX Full Amount ADV
(In Billions USD, single-counted)
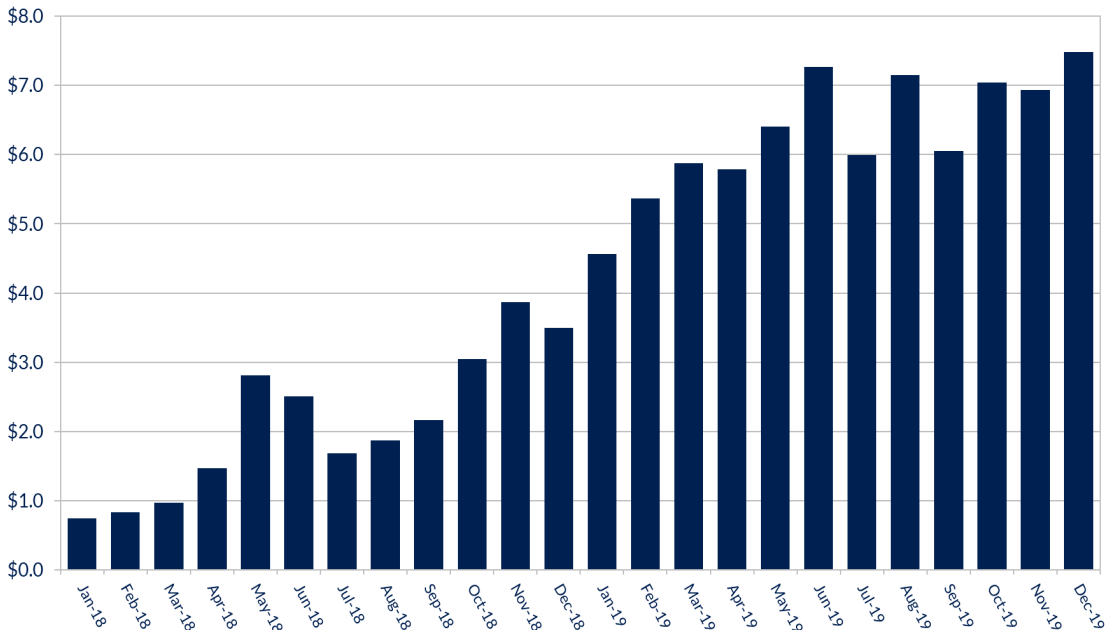
Cboe FX's Full Amount technology consolidates streaming price feeds from the market's premier liquidity providers into a single best price at each desired size level, resulting in an efficient tool to access and manage liquidity. Liquidity consumers transact against the best quote from a single LP that satisfies the full amount of the order to ensure minimal information leakage and reduced slippage. We are focused on continuing to expand the base of customers utilizing this service in 2020.

Expanding NDF Trading Opportunities
We expanded our NDF trading business in 2019 by continuing to onboard new trading participants and prime brokers to Cboe SEF, which saw a single-day high in excess of $135 million traded late last year. We now have streaming liquidity in eight NDF pairs and the depth of book liquidity in Korea, India and Taiwan is typically greater than $35 million.

We are increasingly optimistic about NDFs in 2020 given the continued electronification of this market. We will look to enhance our global NDF offering with the launch of a new market targeted towards non-U.S. clients later this year. Stay tuned for more information.

2020 Vision
The year ahead is set to be one of continued uncertainty with Brexit and the U.S. elections poised to dominate the news cycle, coupled with a backdrop of concerns about global economic growth. We will continue to do all that we can to help make our clients' lives easier in 2020 and provide solutions to help them address challenges in the market to achieve their FX trading objectives. Some of these solutions will include growing the amount of firm liquidity we can offer our client base, continuing to focus on improving our overall fill rates, and growing our product set with the goal of extending the success we have had in spot FX to other instruments.

We are grateful for your business and support, which has helped us to achieve these milestones. We are looking forward to working with you in 2020.

Sincerely,

Cboe FX Team

* Market Share represents Cboe FX volume divided by the total volume of publicly reporting spot FX venues: Cboe FX, EBS, Refinitiv and EuronextFX.