Welcome to the Q2 2017 edition of the FIX quarterly newsletter.

With Q1 ticked off the calendar, the countdown continues in earnest to Jan 2018 and the go-live for MiFID II compliance. Though we are sure that no-one needs reminding of that, given that the regulatory environment affects the vast majority of FIX membership. Indeed, the FIX MiFID working groups are meeting regularly to work on the finer points of the documents that they are producing and try to ensure that all of the debateable items are reviewed and highlighted. The aim is to present these to the regulators as soon as possible and to gather their feedback. Additionally, members continue to work with other trade bodies to ensure their work is not duplicating or contradicting what they are working on.

The highlight of Q1 was another highly successful EMEA Trading Conference in London. A record number of delegates, standing-room only in some sessions and a collaborative buzz in the air showed the event goes from strength to strength. A review of the day and images can be found further down in the newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support during the year and if you have any questions, please contact us - fix@fixtrading.org

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The FIX Trading Community Program Office
A big thank you to all our Premier Global members for your continued support. If any of our regular members are interested in learning more about the benefits of upgrading, please contact the Program Office - fix@fixtrading.org.

FIX Trading Community would like to welcome the following new members during Q1 2017:

- Banco BTG Pactual
- Bank of Ireland
- Blitz Trading
- Data Art
- Federated Investors
- Higher Frequency Trading
- ICE Data Services
- InstrumentIX
- MDSL
- Newton Investment Management Ltd
- QuantHouse
- Rapid Addition
- Spectracom
- Technistock Philippines
- Thomson Reuters - upgraded to Premier Global
- Velocimetrics

For the full list of members, please click here.
FIX Press Releases in Q1 2017

FIX Trading Community announces enhancements to the FIX Protocol to meet the requirements of MiFID II and MiFIR.

FIX in the Media in Q1 2017

Viewpoint: Impact of regulation - Time for Action - Best Execution Article

Fund managers unite on trading cost standards - FN article

FIX EMEA London 2017: a day of industry collaboration - The Trade article

How the FIX Trading Community EMEA Trading Conference will help shape the future of trading - Bobsguide article

Fixed income voice trading "not dead yet", say experts - The Trade article

The FIX Trading EMEA Trading Conference EMEA Review: Five key takeaways - Bobsguide article

Multi-Tasking For Successful Implementation - Global Trading article

There has never been a piece of regulation as broad and as far reaching as MiFID II - Bobsguide article

"There’s a large set of MiFID II requirements coming to the community, so it’s important to understand the FIX standards" Bobsguide article

FIX Events in Q2

Americas Trading Briefing 2017

15th Asia Pacific Trading Summit

London Regional Meeting
Member News in Q1 2017

Itiviti introduces fully managed FIX infrastructure service

TradingScreen Launches Turn-key SI / OTF, its fully-integrated, MiFID II-compliant Trading and Matching Engine

Baymarkets launches Clarity platform for RegTech solution delivery

Corvil Announces Solution to Improve Fixed Income Trading Effectiveness

Cloud, but not as we know it

BCause LLC Selects Connamara Systems as Technology Platform for new Bitcoin Exchange

FIX Flyer & Australian Securities Exchange release new paradigm for FIX Onboarding

Jordan & Jordan - CAT and President Trump Executive Order 13771

Esprow releases ETP C-Box update for automated MiFID II compliance certification

How an OEMS Bridges the Gap Between Traditional and Electronic Fixed Income Market Structure

Welcome to FIX - new member introduction

DataArt

What are your company’s main business lines?
DataArt is a global technology consultancy that designs, develops and supports unique software solutions, helping clients across select industries move their businesses forward. We work for clients across all areas of financial services and capital markets including exchanges, banks, hedge funds, market data vendors, ratings agencies, market utilities, insurance, fintech, and inter-dealer brokers.

What are you currently focused on?
Our focus is on bespoke system development across the whole lifecycle from reviewing business and IT strategies, advising on problems and opportunities, building or helping to buy new systems, to re-
engineering existing systems. We have a number of initiatives to share and enhance our current expertise including trading, blockchain, digitalisation and data management - that all work with our UI/UX studio to produce best in class intuitive and user-centered solutions.

Why did you join the FIX Trading Community

DataArt sees membership of the FIX Trading Community as a valuable opportunity to become active contributors to the working groups and committees. We also look forward to collaborating with and learning from industry experts and helping shape the future of trading. The FIX Trading Community conferences and Global Trading magazine provide a unique platform for professional interaction and engagement with thought leaders and the wider trading community.

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Review of Q1 Event

2nd March 2017 saw the 9th annual FIX EMEA Trading Conference. Purely by audience numbers this was the most successful EMEA Conference there has been with 918 people attending on the day. The events are designed to be informative and educational and having the right people participate with the right agenda is key. Dr Kay Swinburne, MEP, was the opening keynote speaker and her deep knowledge of MiFID II and regulation made sure that the audience was engaged from the start. MiFID II played a huge role across the whole day, across the business, technical and educational streams. Challenges exist and some further clarity is needed, however this event brings together buy-side, sell-side, vendors, exchanges and, most importantly, the regulators. FIX works closely with the regulators and will continue to do so.

For the first year, a mobile app was available for attendees to download and then use for voting during the panel sessions. Some interesting results came from these and available for members to view here as are the presentations from the day.

The day culminated in a fascinating insight into the world of All Black’s rugby with Sean Fitzpatrick, followed by the networking drinks and a chance to catch up with old friends and make new ones. Please see below for some images from the day.
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