

Foreign Exchange Contact Group
Frankfurt, Thursday 4 December 2008

SUMMARY OF THE DISCUSSION

1. Review of market developments

The Group reviewed and discussed the latest trends in financial markets, particularly in FX markets, following the presentation made by Michael Metcalfe, head of macro strategy at State Street.

2. The Sovereign Wealth Funds: implications for financial markets

Manuel Oliveri, currency strategist at UBS, made a presentation on Sovereign Wealth Funds. The presentation focused on the composition and importance of SWFs, the factors behind their growth, the composition of their assets, their impact on financial markets and outlook.

3. Presentation by Quaesta Capital AG

Harald Hild, portfolio manager at Quaesta Capital AG, made a presentation on Foreign Exchange Funds. He elaborated on the different strategies and trading styles of FX funds in particular against the background of volatile markets.

4. Other business

- a.) Orazio Mastroeni, secretary of the Operations Managers' Group, made a debriefing of the last OMG meeting, which took place on 10 November.
- b.) The tentative 2009 work programme was discussed and finalised.
- c.) The next meeting will take place on 10 March 2009 from 13:00 to 16:00 at the ECB premises.

List of participants

Foreign Exchange Contact Group Meeting

On 04/12/2008, in CII, 36th floor, from 13:00 to 16:00

Bank of Tokyo Mitsubishi UFJ	Mr Shunichiro Totsuka
BBVA	Mr Laurence George Watkins
BHF Bank AG	Mr Jörg Isselmann
BNP Paribas BFI	Mr Patrick Mauberque
CECA	Mr Jose Manuel Villaverde
Citigroup	Mr Holger Achnitz
Credit Suisse	Mr Martin Wiedmann
Deutsche Bank AG	Mr Stefan Bender
Dexia BIL	Mr Louis Macalli
HVB/Unicredit Group	Mr Ben Welsh
ICAP	Mr Steve Toland
Morgan Stanley	Mr Jeremy Smart
Nordea	Mr Mick Ankjaer
Nova Scotia Capital	Mr Barry Wainstein
Royal Bank of Scotland	Mr Roger Hawes
Royal Bank of Canada	Mr Mark Gibson
State Street	Chris Freeman
UBS AG	Mr Reto Stadelmann
European Central Bank	Mr Francesco Papadia, Chairman
European Central Bank	Mr Werner Studener
European Central Bank	Mr Ivan Fréchar, Secretary

Guest Speakers

State Street	Mr Michael Metcalf
UBS	Mr Manuel Oliveri
Quaesta Capital	Mr Harald Hild

National Central Banks

Deutsche Bundesbank	Ms Christine Glockmann	
Banco de España	Mr Mario Bajo	
Banque de France	Ms Vincent Legroux	TC
Banque Nationale de Belgique	Mr Francois Biquet	TC
Bank of Greece	Mr Theodoros Tsoufis	
Banca d'Italia	Mr Antonio Marras	
Banco de Portugal	Mt Jorge Alves	TC
Banque centrale de Luxembourg	Mr Francois Zenner	TC
Central Bank of Malta	Mr Saviour Briffa	TC
Central Bank of Malta	Mr Silvio Vella	
De Nederlandsche Bank	Mr Kees van Paddenburg	TC
Oesterreichische Nationalbank	Mr Walter Benesch	TC
Banka Slovenije	Mr Matev Zbasnik	TC
Suomen Pankki	Mr Harri Lahdenperä	TC