PENSION FUND PERSPECTIVE

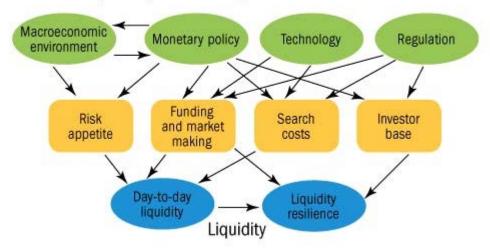
-- Impact of regulation on derivatives markets and risk absorption --



Introduction

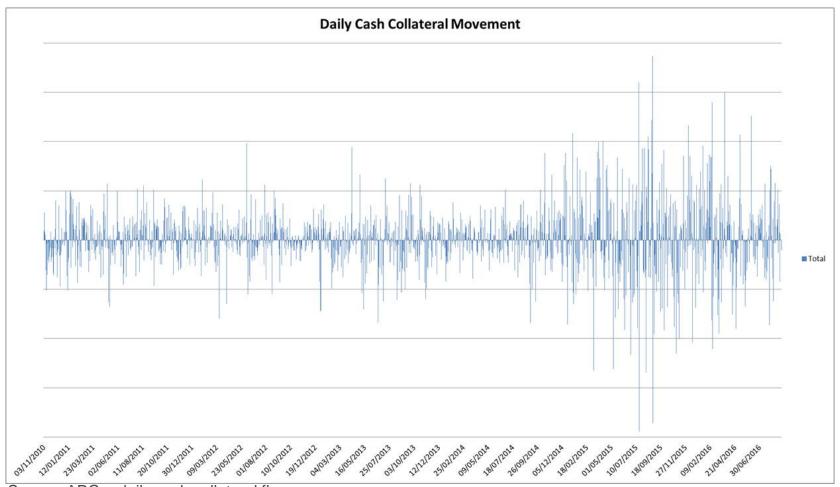
- Declining liquidity in instruments where banks make markets
- Causes large swings in markets
- Crowded positioning of market participants contributes to this problem
- Pension funds and asset managers should realize that changing their asset exposures costs either more time or money

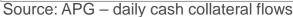
Market liquidity: It's complicated





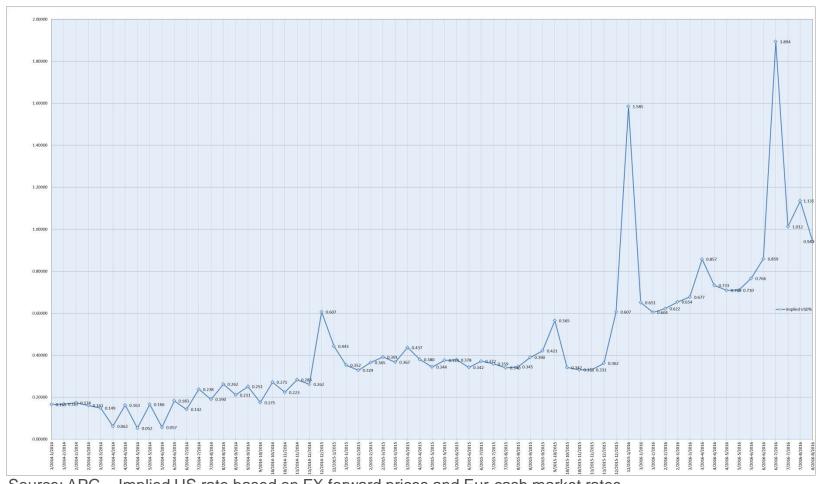
Lower liquidity causes larger collateral swings







Regulation impacts markets, but at important reporting dates the impact is very pronounced







Conclusion based on our observations: Regulation and Market Trends are causing significant changes in markets and market structure

EMIR

Clearing obligation, transaction reporting requirements.

CRD IV

Banking Capital Requirements

MIFID 2

Mandatory trading on regulated venues, best execution requirements, transparency requirements.

Shift to cleared products

Reduced Liquidity

Segmented Markets

Electronification

Transparency

- Market liquidity is declining and will continue to decline – bifurcation of financial markets
- Trading costs will go up
- Funding costs for companies in real economy will rise
- Market liquidity will evaporate quickly in stress scenarios
- New firms are active in FI market making (Citadel Securities)



Discussion items

- 1. Do BMCG members recognize the "report date stress" in markets and is this a cause for worry?
- 2. Does regulation create risks by:
 - pushing the market towards cash-only collateral for both cleared and noncleared derivatives?
 - at the same time increasing illiquidity in FX forwards, cash- and repo markets?

