

Future Capabilities of FIX (Smart Order Routing & Market Structure Trends)

What is happening in Asia?



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Fragmentation vs Market Concentration

Demand from clients for faster, cheaper markets with lower spreads is resulting in 2 contradictory developments:

Concentration of Asian Stock Exchange Technology

- In Japan Osaka Stock Exchange & Jasdaq merging trading technology
- ASEAN Link Exchange Thailand, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines and Singapore

Off Exchange Liquidity Pools Fragmentation

- Asia has 5 main Alternative Liquidity Pool concentrated in Japan
- Several brokers have implemented regional internal crossing networks (BIX, Cross Finder, Sigma X, MS Pool...)
- Regulatory issues have slowed the progression but it is generally a matter of "when" rather than "if" Alternative Liquidity Pool become main stream across the region



Alternative Liquidity Pools in Asia Pacific Region

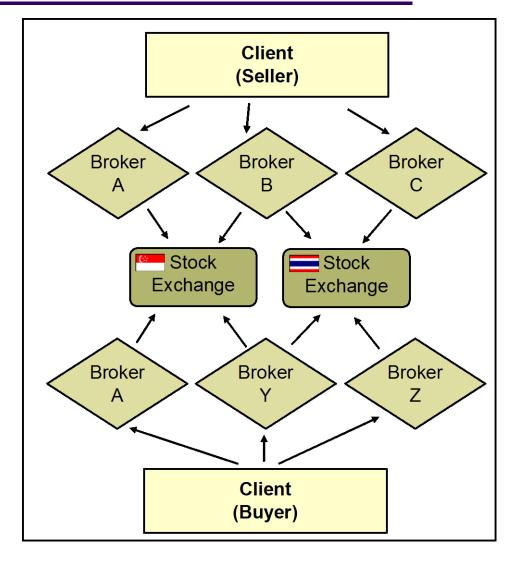
Open Liquidity Networks	Owned by	Dark/Lit Pool	Type of Orders Crossed	Markets
CBX	Instinet	Lit	Intra Day Blocks	JP & HK
Japan Cross	Instinet	Dark	Pre Market VWAP	JP
BlockSec	CLSA	Dark	Pre Market VWAP & Intra Day Blocks	JP, HK & SP with AU very Close
kabu.com	Mitsubishi UFJ	Dark	Pre Market VWAP	JP
Supernatural	Liquidnet	Dark	Block Crossing (Buy Side to Buy Side)	JP, AU, KS, HK & SP

- Historically the dark pools offering VWAP Crossing have seen most volumes but intraday clock crossing is gaining popularity
- The first lit Pool has recently be launched in Hong Kong
- Chi-X & AXE in Australia should be next pending regulatory approval





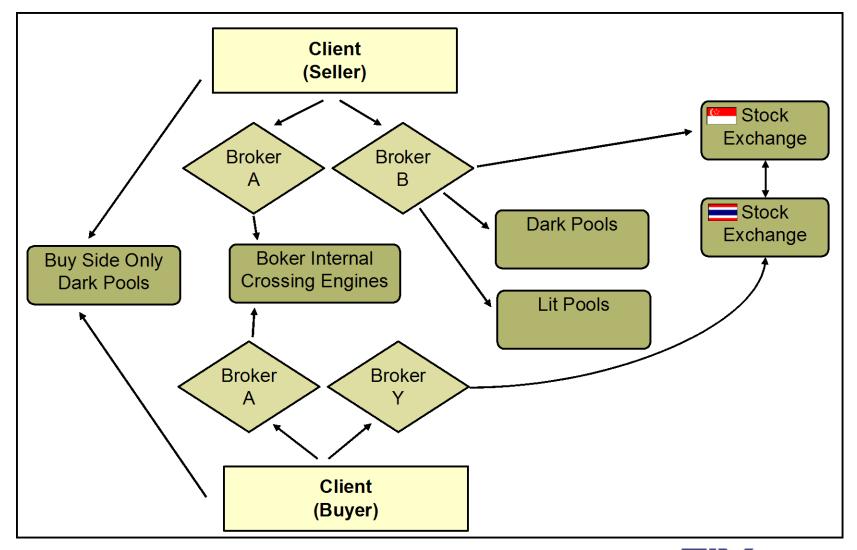
Old Model of Client Order Flow







New Model of Client Order Flow







Conclusion:

- Exchange competition / liquidity fragmentation will increasing, the buy-side should understand the market micro structure and know how their brokers connect to it.
- Buy Sides are more accountable for the quality of execution that they receive back from broker than ever before.
- Brokers need to connect to Alternative Pools of Liquidity to meet client increased demands for best execution.
- FIX is the only way to manage the increased number of connections in a cost efficient way

