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The ISDA SwapsInfo Quarterly Review provides analysis of interest rate derivatives (IRD) and index credit default swaps (CDS) trading activity. The report provides a breakdown of publicly available data to analyze the impact of regulatory change on swap execution facility (SEF) and bilateral trading volumes, as well as cleared and non-cleared activity.

Interest rate derivatives and index CDS traded notional and trade count data is taken from the ISDA SwapsInfo website (swapsinfo.org), using information from the Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation and Bloomberg swap data repositories (SDRs).

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KEY HIGHLIGHTS FOR SECOND QUARTER OF 2017

Interest Rate Derivatives

During the second quarter of 2017, IRD traded notional amount rose by 14.2% to \$50.8 trillion from \$44.5 trillion in the second quarter of 2016. Trade count grew by 7.5% over the same period, to 295,891 from 275,351.

In the first half of 2017, IRD traded notional amount and trade count increased by 21.5% and 8.6%, respectively, compared with the first half of 2016.

In the 12 months ended June 30, 2017, IRD traded notional amount and trade count rose by 20.9% and 9.8%, respectively, compared to the 12 months ended June 30, 2016.

In the second quarter of 2017:

- Average daily notional for IRD totaled \$781.6 billion, while average trade size was \$162.9 million. Average daily trade count was 4,552.
- Cleared IRD transactions represented 88.5% of traded notional and 80.3% of trade count.
- SEF-traded IRD represented 53.9% of notional and 58.9% of trade count.
- Single currency fixed-for-floating interest rate swaps (IRS) accounted for 64.3% of total IRD trade count, but represented only 28.3% of IRD traded notional. Forward rate agreements (FRAs) and overnight indexed swaps (OIS) represented 33.5% and 26.8% of traded notional and 14.9% and 5.2% of total trade count, respectively.
- IRD contracts in US dollars remained the most actively traded instruments, and contributed 66.7% of traded notional and 53.2% of trade count. Euro-denominated transactions accounted for a far smaller percentage of notional (16.1%) and trade count (15.1%).

Index Credit Default Swaps

Index CDS traded notional amount fell by 2.4% from \$1.7 trillion in the second quarter of 2016 to \$1.6 trillion in the second quarter of 2017. Trade count also contracted, with the number of trades falling by 14.5% from 55,869 to 47,777 over the same period.

In the first half of 2017, index CDS traded notional and trade count declined by 16.6% and 22.8%, respectively, compared with the first half of 2016.

In the 12 months ended June 30, 2017, index CDS traded notional and trade count fell by 15.6% and 18.6%, respectively, compared to the 12 months ended June 30, 2016.

In the second quarter of 2017:

- Average daily notional for index CDS totaled \$25.3 billion, average trade size was \$34.2 million and average daily trade count was 735.
- Cleared index CDS transactions represented 79% of traded notional amount and 81% of trade count.
- SEF-traded index CDS represented 73.7% of notional amount and 75.7% of trade count.
- iTraxx Europe accounted for 33.3% of total index CDS traded notional and 31.1% of total trade count. CDX HY and CDX IG represented 13.7% and 29.6% of traded notional and 26.2% and 19.8% of total trades, respectively.
- Index CDS contracts denominated in US dollars continued to decline in the second quarter of 2017, but remained the most actively traded instruments. US dollar-denominated index CDS represented 58.9% of index CDS traded notional and 64.7% of trade count. Euro-denominated transactions accounted for 40.9% and 34.9% of traded notional and trade count, respectively.

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INTEREST RATE DERIVATIVES

During the second quarter of 2017, IRD traded notional amount rose by 14.2%, from \$44.5 trillion to \$50.8 trillion, versus the second quarter of 2016. Trade count grew by 7.5% over the same period, from 275,351 to 295,891.

IRD Traded Notional and Trade Count



Source: DTCC and Bloomberg SDRs

In the first half of 2017, IRD traded notional increased by 21.5% to \$102.1 trillion from \$84 trillion in the first half of 2016. Trade count increased by 8.6% over the same period from 554,842 to 602,560.

In the 12 months ended June 30, 2017, IRD traded notional rose to \$184.4 trillion, a 20.9% increase from the \$152.4 trillion for the 12 months ended June 30, 2016. IRD trade count grew by 9.8% over the same period, from 1,048,961 to 1,151,695 transactions.

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IRD Statistics: Average Daily Notional, Trade Count and Trade Size Quarterly Statistics

In the second quarter of 2017, average daily notional for IRD totaled \$781.6 billion, while average trade size was \$162.9 million. Average daily trade count was 4,552.

	Average Daily Notional (US\$ billions)	Average Daily Trade Count	Average Trade Size (US\$ millions)
Q2 2017	781.6	4,552	162.9
Q2 2016	684.2	4,236	152.5
Q2 2017 vs. Q2 2016	14.2%	7.5%	6.8%
1H 2017	785.2	4,635	161.2
1H 2016	646.3	4,268	143.6
1H 2017 vs. 1H 2016	21.5%	8.6%	12.3%
LTM 2017	707	4,414.0	152.6
LTM 2016	582	4,006	137.2
LTM 2017 vs. LTM 2016	21.3%	10.2%	11.2%

IRD Statistics: Central Clearing

During the second quarter of 2017, cleared IRD transactions represented 88.5% of traded notional and 80.3% of trade count. Traded notional amount of IRD cleared transactions was \$45 trillion and total trade count was 237,549.



Both the percentage of cleared traded notional and the percentage of cleared trades have been gradually increasing over the past three years.

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Percentage of IRD Cleared Notional and Trade Count

Source: DTCC and Bloomberg SDRs

IRD cleared notional reached \$45 trillion in the second quarter of 2017, a 20.5% increase from \$37.3 trillion in the second quarter of 2016. Cleared trade count grew by 16.4% over the same period, from 204,073 to 237,549. IRD cleared notional increased by 28.4% in the first half of 2017, to \$89.9 trillion from \$70 trillion in the first half of 2016. Trade count increased by 17.3% over the same period. Cleared notional also ticked up in the 12 months ended June 30, 2017 compared to the 12 months ended June 30, 2016, growing by 27.6% from \$125.1 trillion to 159.5 trillion. Trade count grew by 17.3% from 761,648 to 893,753 over the same period.

Non-cleared notional amount fell by 18.4% in the second quarter of 2017 versus the second quarter of 2016, from \$7.2 trillion to \$5.8 trillion. Trade count decreased by 18.1% over the same period, from 71,278 to 58,342. In the first half of 2017, non-cleared notional and trade count declined by 12.9% and 10.2% compared with the first half of 2016, to \$12.2 trillion and 120,932, respectively. Non-cleared notional amount for the 12 months ended June 30, 2017 declined to \$24.8 trillion, a 9.5% decrease compared with \$27.4 trillion for the 12 months ended June 30, 2016. Trade count declined by 10.2% from 287,313 to 257,942 over the same period.



Central Clearing: IRD Traded Notional and Trade Count

Source: DTCC and Bloomberg SDRs

IRD Statistics: Trading Venue

During the second quarter of 2017, off-SEF traded notional grew at faster pace compared with SEF-traded notional. The growth in off-SEF traded notional was due to an increase in average trade size, while the number of off-SEF transactions declined. SEF-traded swaps represented 53.9% of notional volume and 58.9% of trade count. Total IRD notional amount executed on SEFs was \$27.4 trillion, while \$23.4 trillion was executed off-SEF. 174,417 transactions were executed on SEFs and 121,474 trades were off-SEF.



In the second quarter of 2017, notional executed on SEFs grew by 10.4% compared with the same period a year ago, from \$24.8 trillion to \$27.4 trillion. The number of trades executed on SEFs increased by 20.4% from 144,919 to 174,417 over the same period. In the first half of 2017, notional and number of trades executed on SEFs totaled \$56.5 trillion and 354,339, respectively, a 20.2% and 21.4% increase from the first half of 2016. For the 12 months ended June 30, 2017, notional executed on SEFs jumped up by 15.9% to \$100.5 trillion from \$86.7 trillion in the 12 months ended June 30, 2016. Trade count increased by 17.4% from 554,179 to 650,563 over the same period.

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Notional amount transacted off-SEF increased by 19.1% from \$19.7 trillion in the second quarter of 2016 to \$23.4 trillion in the second quarter of 2017. However, the number of transactions decreased by 6.9% over the same period, from 130,432 to 121,474. In the first half of 2017, notional transacted off-SEF increased by 23.1% to \$45.6 trillion from \$37.1 trillion in the first half of 2016. For the 12 months ended June 30, 2017, notional amount and transaction count executed off-SEF grew by 27.6% and 1.3%, respectively, compared with the prior year. Notional amount increased from \$65.7 trillion to \$83.8 trillion and number of transactions increased from 494,782 to 501,132.

SEF and Off-SEF IRD Traded Notional and Trade Count



Source: DTCC and Bloomberg SDRs

IRD Statistics: Product Taxonomy

Single currency fixed-for-floating IRS accounted for 64.3% of IRD trades, but represented only 28.3% of IRD traded notional. FRAs and OIS represented 33.5% and 26.8% of traded notional and 14.9% and 5.2% of trade count, respectively, in the second quarter of 2017.



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OIS traded notional significantly jumped by 45.7% from \$9.3 trillion in the second quarter of 2016 to \$13.6 trillion in the second quarter of 2017, and increased by 47.5% from \$29.7 trillion to \$43.8 trillion year-over-year. OIS trade count increased by 22.9% quarter-over-quarter and by 34.7% year-over-year. In the first half of 2017, OIS traded notional and trade count grew by 55.1% and 30.4%, respectively, compared with the first half of 2016.

Fixed-for-floating IRS traded notional increased by 17.6% from \$12.2 trillion in the second quarter of 2016 to \$14.4 trillion in the second quarter of 2017. IRS trade count increased by 8.2% quarter-overquarter. In the first half of 2017, fixed-for-floating IRS traded notional and trade count grew by 15.7% and 6.5%, respectively, compared with the first half of 2016, and totaled \$29.2 trillion and 387,399. Traded notional for 12 months ended June 30, 2017 increased by 12.1% to \$54.1 trillion from \$48.3 trillion the year before, and trade count grew by 8.4% year-over-year.

FRA traded notional declined by 5% from \$17.9 trillion in the second quarter of 2016 to \$17 trillion in the second quarter of 2017. Trade count was relatively flat quarter-over-quarter. In the first half of 2017, FRA traded notional increased by 7.9% to \$34.4 trillion compared with \$31.9 trillion in the first half of 2016. Traded notional for the 12 months ended June 30, 2017 increased by 13.7% to \$63.3 trillion from \$55.6 trillion the year before. FRA trade count was relatively flat quarter-over-quarter and increased by 6.2% year-over-year.



IRD Traded Notional By Product (US\$ trillions)

Source: DTCC and Bloomberg SDRs

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IRD Trade Count By Product (thousands)



IRD Statistics: Currency

IRD contracts in US dollars remained the most actively traded instruments, and traded notional grew to \$33.8 trillion in the second quarter of 2017. US dollar-denominated IRD contributed 66.7% of traded notional and 53.2% of trade count. Euro-denominated transactions accounted for a far smaller percentage of traded notional (16.1%) and trade count (15.1%).



Euro-denominated IRD traded notional increased by 56.4% in the second quarter of 2017 compared with the second quarter of 2016, while US dollar-denominated traded notional increased by 13.1% over the same period. Euro-denominated traded notional totaled \$8.2 trillion in the second quarter of 2017 compared with \$5.2 trillion in the second quarter of 2016. US dollar-denominated traded notional was \$33.8 trillion in the second quarter of 2017 compared with \$29.9 trillion in second quarter of 2016. Traded notional for sterling- and yen-denominated trades declined by 30.1% and 8.3% quarter-over-quarter, respectively. Trade count increased by 20.9% for euro trades, 3.6% and 4.4% for US dollar and sterling trades, respectively, and declined by 16% for yen-denominated trades quarter-over-quarter.

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In the first half of 2017, US dollar- and euro-denominated IRD traded notional totaled \$69.2 and \$16.2 trillion, respectively, up 28.2% and 37.4% from the first half of 2016. Traded notional for sterling- and yen-denominated trades declined by 29.2% and 18.3%, respectively, over the same period. Trade count increased by 7.7% for US dollar, 20.9% for euro and 3.7% for sterling, and declined by 27.9% for yen.

During the 12 months ended June 30, 2017, US dollar-denominated IRD traded notional increased by 29.9% to \$125.2 trillion from \$96.4 trillion in the 12 months ended June 30, 2016. Euro-denominated traded notional increased by 14.8% from \$22.9 trillion to \$26.3 trillion over the same period, while sterling-denominated notional declined by 18.1% from \$13.2 trillion to \$10.8 trillion. Trade count increased by 12% for US dollar-denominated transactions, from 556,884 to 621,594 year-over-year. Trade count for euro- and sterling-denominated transactions increased by 8.5% and 8.3%, respectively, and trade count for yen trades declined by 14% year-over-year.



IRD Traded Notional by Currency (US\$ trillions)

Source: DTCC and Bloomberg SDRs



IRD Trade Count by Currency (thousands)

Source: DTCC and Bloomberg SDRs

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INDEX CREDIT DEFAULT SWAPS

During the second quarter of 2017, index CDS traded notional amount and trade count continued to decline. The traded notional amount decreased by 2.4% from \$1.7 trillion in the second quarter of 2016 to \$1.6 trillion in the second quarter of 2017. The number of trades declined by 14.5% from 55,869 to 47,777 over the same period.

Index CDS Traded Notional and Trade Count



Source: DTCC and Bloomberg SDRs

In the first half of 2017, index CDS traded notional declined by 16.6% to \$3.4 trillion from \$4.1 trillion in the first half of 2016. Trade count decreased by 22.8% over the same period to 102,758.

In the 12 months ended June 30, 2017, index CDS traded notional fell to \$6.5 trillion, a 15.6% decline from \$7.7 trillion in the 12 months ended June 30, 2016. Index CDS trade count declined by 18.6% over the same period, from 248,367 to 202,189 transactions.

Index CDS Statistics: Average Daily Notional, Trade Count and Trade Size Quarterly Statistics

In the second quarter of 2017, average daily notional for index CDS totaled \$25.3 billion, average trade size was \$34.2 million and average daily trade count was 735.

	Average Daily Notional (US\$ billions)	Average Daily Trade Count	Average Trade Size (US\$ millions)
Q2 2017	25.3	735	34.2
Q2 2016	25.9	863	29.4
Q2 2017 vs. Q2 2016	-2.4%	-14.8%	16.3%
1H 2017	26.4	791	32.6
1H 2016	31.6	1,028	29.9
1H 2017 vs. 1H 2016	-16.6%	-23.1%	8.9%
LTM 2017	25	778.0	31.7
LTM 2016	30	956	30.3
LTM 2017 vs. LTM 2016	-15.3%	-18.6%	4.8%

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Index CDS Statistics: Central Clearing

During the second quarter of 2017, cleared CDS index transactions represented 79% of traded notional amount and 81% of trade count. Traded notional amount of cleared CDS index transactions was \$1.3 trillion and total trade count was 38,699.



Over the past three years, the percentage of cleared index CDS notional and percentage of cleared trades has fluctuated between 74% and 83%.





Source: DTCC and Bloomberg SDRs

Cleared index CDS notional declined to \$1.3 trillion in the second quarter of 2017, a 5.4% decrease from \$1.4 trillion in the second quarter of 2016. Cleared trade count decreased by 15.3% over the same period, from 45,704 to 38,699. Cleared notional fell by 19.3% in the first half of 2017, to \$2.7 trillion from \$3.3 trillion in the first half of 2016. Trade count decreased by 24.9% over the same period. Cleared notional also decreased in the 12 months ended June 30, 2017 compared to the 12 months ended June 30, 2016, shrinking by 16.9% from \$6.2 trillion to \$5.2 trillion. Trade count declined by 19.5% from 198,804 to 160,123 over the same period.

Non-cleared index CDS notional increased by 10.8% in the second quarter of 2017 versus the second quarter of 2016, from \$312.5 billion to \$346.3 billion. However, trade count decreased by 10.7% over the same period, from 10,165 to 9,078. Non-cleared notional and trade count in the first half of 2017 were \$726.2 billion and 21,970 compared with \$762.2 and 25,518, respectively, in the first half of 2016. Non-cleared notional amount for the 12 months ended June 30, 2017 declined to \$1.4 trillion, a 10.4% decrease compared with \$1.5 trillion the prior year. Trade count declined by 15.1% from 49,563 to 42,066 over the same period.

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Index CDS Traded Notional and Trade Count

Source: DTCC and Bloomberg SDRs

Index CDS Statistics: Trading Venue

During the second quarter of 2017, off-SEF CDS index traded notional increased, while SEF-traded notional declined compared with the second quarter of 2016. The increase in off-SEF traded notional was due to an increase in average trade size, while the number of off-SEF transactions declined. SEF-traded index CDS represented 73.7% of traded notional and 75.7% of trade count. Total notional amount executed on SEFs was \$1.2 trillion, while \$0.4 trillion was executed off-SEF. 36,187 transactions were executed on SEFs and 11,590 transactions were off-SEF.



In the second quarter of 2017, index CDS notional executed on SEFs declined by 6% compared with the second quarter of 2016, from \$1.3 trillion to \$1.2 trillion. The number of trades executed on SEFs declined by 18.2% from 44,232 to 36,187 over the same period. In the first half of 2017, SEF-traded index CDS notional totaled \$2.5 trillion, a 20.1% decline from \$3.2 trillion in the first half of 2016. For the 12 months ended June 30, 2017, notional executed on SEFs shrank by 18.1% to \$4.8 trillion from \$5.9 trillion in the 12 months ended June 30, 2016. Trade count decreased by 22% from 194,491 to 151,724 over the same period.

Notional amount transacted off-SEF increased by 9.4% from \$396.2 billion in the second quarter of 2016 to \$433.5 billion in the second quarter of 2017. However, the number of transactions decreased by 0.4% over the same period, from 11,637 to 11,590. In the first half of 2017, off-SEF notional declined by 4.3% to \$888 billion, and trade count decreased by 6.3% to 26,094 compared to the first half of 2016. For the 12 months ended June 30, 2017, notional amount and transaction count executed off-SEF declined by 7.6% and 6.3%, respectively, compared with the prior year. Notional amount decreased from \$1.9 trillion to \$1.7 trillion, and the number of transactions declined from 53,876 to 50,465.

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SEF and Off-SEF Index CDS Traded Notional and Trade Count

Source: DTCC and Bloomberg SDRs

Index CDS: Product Taxonomy

In the second quarter of 2017, iTraxx Europe accounted for 33.3% of index CDS traded notional and 31.1% of total trades. CDX HY and CDX IG represented 13.7% and 29.6% of traded notional and 26.2% and 19.8% of total trades, respectively.



iTraxx Europe traded notional increased by 2.9% in the second quarter of 2017 compared with the second quarter of 2016, to \$532.7 billion from \$548.3 billion. In the first half of 2017, iTraxx traded notional declined by 18.8% to \$1.1 trillion from \$1.4 trillion in the first half of 2016. In the 12 months ended June 30, 2017, iTraxx Europe traded notional declined by 16.7% to \$2 trillion compared with \$2.4 trillion in the 12 months ended June 30, 2016. iTraxx Europe trade count declined by 13.4% quarter-over-quarter and 28.4% year-over-year.

CDX HY and CDS IG traded notional declined by 9.3% and 11%, respectively, quarter-over-quarter. CDX HY decreased from \$248.1 billion in the second quarter of 2016 to \$225 billion in the second quarter of 2017. CDX IG declined from \$548.2 billion to \$487.6 billion over the same period. Trade count decreased quarter-over-quarter by 16.4% for CDX HY and by 20.4% for CDX HG. In the first half of 2017, CDX HY traded notional decreased by 14.2% to \$505.1 billion from \$588.9 billion in the first half of 2016. CDX IG traded notional declined by 23.5% to \$1 trillion over the same period. In the 12 months ended June 30, 2017, CDX HY traded notional decreased by 17.6% to \$1 trillion from \$1.2 trillion in the 12 months ended June 30, 2016. CDX IG traded notional declined by 19.2% over the same period, to \$2 trillion from \$2.5 trillion. Trade count for CDX HY and CDX IG declined by 18.9% and 16.4% year-over-year to 54,086 and 40,845, respectively.

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Index CDS Traded Notional (US\$ trillions)



Source: DTCC and Bloomberg SDRs



Index CDS Trade Count (thousands)

Source: DTCC and Bloomberg SDRs

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Index CDS Statistics: Currency

Index CDS contracts denominated in the US dollars continued to decline in the second quarter of 2017, but remained the most actively traded instruments. US dollar-denominated index CDS represented 58.9% of traded notional and 64.7% of trade count. Euro-denominated transactions accounted for 40.9% and 34.9% of traded notional and trade count, respectively.



US dollar-denominated index CDS traded notional declined by 7.2% in the second quarter of 2017 compared with the second quarter of 2016, while euro-denominated traded notional increased by 6% over the same period. US dollar-denominated index CDS traded notional totaled \$970 billion in the second quarter of 2017 compared with \$1.1 trillion in the second quarter of 2016. Euro-denominated traded notional was \$672.6 billion in the second quarter of 2017 compared with \$634.5 billion in the second quarter of 2016. Trade count declined by 15.1% for US dollar trades and by 12.3% for euro trades to 30,924 and 16,672, respectively.

In the first half of 2017, US dollar-denominated index CDS traded notional totaled \$2.1 trillion, a 17.6% decline compared with \$2.5 trillion in the first half of 2016. Euro-denominated index CDS traded notional declined by 14.2% over the same period, from \$1.6 trillion to \$1.4 trillion. Trade count declined by 18.3% for US dollar trades and by 29.4% for euro trades, to 67,923 and 34,489, respectively.

During the 12 months ended June 30, 2017, US dollar-denominated index CDS traded notional declined by 16.4% to \$4.1 trillion from \$4.9 trillion in the 12 months ended June 30, 2016. Euro-denominated index CDS traded notional also decreased by 14% from \$2.8 trillion to \$2.5 trillion over the same period. Trade count declined by 13.1% and 27.6% for US dollar- and euro-denominated transactions, respectively, year-overyear. For other currencies, notional and trade count declined by 49.3% and 55.2%, respectively, year-over-year.



Index CDS Traded Notional and Trade Count by Currency

Source: DTCC and Bloomberg SDRs

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