



## Research Note

### Interest Rate Derivatives Trading Activity Reported in EU, UK and US Markets: October 2021

ISDA has expanded its SwapsInfo analysis to include interest rate derivatives (IRD) trading activity reported in Europe.

The analysis is based on transactions publicly reported by 30 European approved publication arrangements (APAs) and trading venues (TVs) for October 2021. The report analyzes European transactions based on the location of reporting venues (EU versus UK), currency, product taxonomy and execution venue.

The analysis also compares European IRD reported trading activity to what is reported in the US. US trading activity analysis is based on information from the Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation's (DTCC) swap data repository (SDR), which only includes trades that are required to be disclosed under US regulations.

## EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### Total European IRD Trading Activity<sup>1</sup>

- Total European IRD trading activity reported by APAs and TVs in the EU and UK was \$15.1 trillion in October 2021, slightly down from \$16.1 trillion in September 2021.
- Euro-denominated IRD traded notional decreased to \$5.4 trillion in October 2021 from \$6.6 trillion the month before and accounted for 35.4% of total European IRD traded notional. Sterling-denominated transactions decreased slightly to \$5.9 trillion over the same period, accounting for 39.0% of total European IRD traded notional. Contracts denominated in US dollars increased to \$2.3 trillion in October 2021 from \$2.0 trillion in September 2021, equating to 15.4% of total European traded notional. Other currencies accounted for 10.1% of total traded notional<sup>2</sup>.
- Overnight index swaps (OIS) rose to \$7.5 trillion in October 2021 (49.6% of total European IRD traded notional) from \$6.5 trillion in September 2021. Fixed-for-floating interest rate swaps (IRS) decreased to \$5.7 trillion from \$6.4 trillion over the same period and accounted for 37.8% of total European IRD traded notional. Forward rate agreements (FRAs) totaled \$1.2 trillion, representing 7.8% of total European IRD traded notional.
- 46.5% of total European IRD traded notional occurred on TVs, 35.6% was executed by systemic internalizers<sup>3</sup> (SIs) and 17.9% took place off venue<sup>4</sup>.

### UK IRD Trading Activity

- Total IRD traded notional reported by APAs and TVs in the UK fell to \$11.6 trillion in October 2021 from \$12.5 trillion the month before, equating to 76.5% of total European IRD traded notional.
- Euro-denominated IRD traded notional fell to \$2.6 trillion in October 2021 from \$3.6 trillion in September 2021, while US dollar-denominated IRD increased to \$2.0 trillion from \$1.8 trillion over the same period. Sterling-denominated IRD traded notional decreased slightly to \$5.8 trillion in October 2021. Sterling-denominated trades comprised 50.2% of total UK IRD traded notional, while euro- and US dollar-denominated transactions accounted for 22.2% and 17.5%, respectively. Other currencies accounted for 10.1% of total UK IRD traded notional.
- OIS traded notional increased to \$6.6 trillion in October 2021 from \$5.8 trillion in September 2021. Fixed-for-floating IRS declined to \$3.6 trillion from \$4.3 trillion, while FRAs fell to \$0.8 trillion from \$1.6 trillion over the same period. OIS accounted for 57.1% of total UK IRD traded notional, fixed-for-floating IRS represented 30.8% and FRAs comprised 6.6%.
- 41.2% of total UK IRD traded notional took place on TVs, 37.9% was executed by SIs and 20.9% occurred off venue.

<sup>1</sup> European interest rate derivatives (IRD) trading activity is measured by IRD traded notional and trade count reported by approved publication arrangements (APAs) and trading venues (TVs) in EU and UK. The list of APAs and TVs is included in Appendix 1

<sup>2</sup> Other currencies include South African rand, Japanese yen, Swedish krona, Norwegian krone, Polish złoty, Czech koruna and 'other'. Cross-currency swaps are also included in other currencies

<sup>3</sup> This includes financial instruments admitted to trading or traded on a trading venue, where a transaction on that financial instrument is executed by a systematic internalizer (SI). SIs are investment firms that deal on their own account by executing client orders outside a regulated market (RM) or TV

<sup>4</sup> This includes financial instruments admitted to trading or traded on a trading venue, where a transaction on that financial instrument is not executed on a TV, SI or organized trading platform outside the EU or where an investment firm does not know it is trading with another investment firm acting as an SI

## EU IRD Trading Activity

- Total IRD traded notional reported by APAs and TVs in the EU was \$3.6 trillion in October 2021 compared to \$3.7 trillion in September 2021, accounting for 23.5% of total European IRD traded notional.
- Euro-denominated IRD traded notional fell to \$2.8 trillion in October 2021 from \$3.1 trillion in September 2021. Euro-denominated IRD accounted for 78.3% of total EU IRD traded notional, US dollar-denominated IRD comprised 8.8% and sterling-denominated IRD totaled 2.6%. Other currencies accounted for 10.4% of total EU IRD traded notional
- Fixed-for-floating IRS traded notional increased to \$2.2 trillion in October 2021 from \$2.1 trillion in September 2021. Fixed-for-floating IRS represented 60.6% of total EU IRD traded notional, while FRAs and OIS totaled 11.7% and 25.2%, respectively.
- 63.6% of total EU IRD traded notional was executed on TVs, 28.1% was executed by SIs and 8.3% was took place off venue.

## European and US IRD Trading Activity

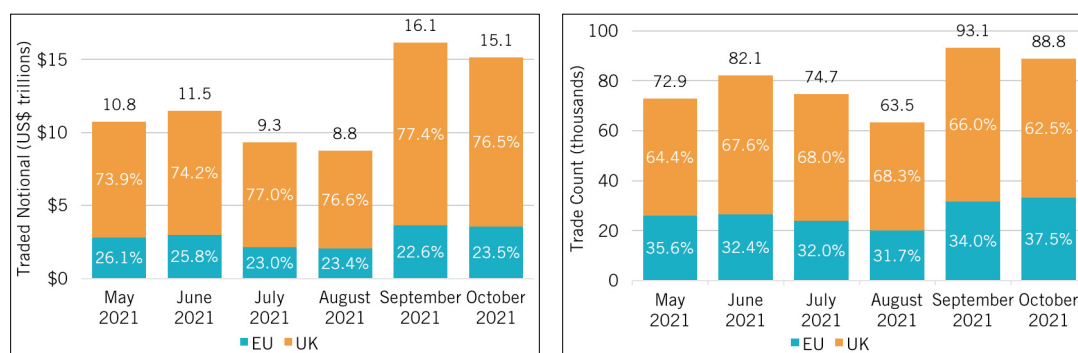
- IRD traded notional reported in the US increased to \$22.9 trillion in October 2021 versus \$20.2 trillion in September 2021<sup>5</sup>. Combined EU, UK and US traded notional increased to \$38.0 trillion from \$36.4 trillion over the same period. US-reported traded notional accounted for 60.2% of the combined total, while the EU and UK comprised 9.4% and 30.5%, respectively.
- Of the combined \$38.0 trillion in EU, UK and US IRD traded notional, 35.1% was denominated in US dollars, 24.6% was in euros and 28.7% was in sterling. Other currencies accounted for 11.5% of total European and US IRD traded notional. Australian dollar, Canadian dollar and Swedish krona represented the largest share of other currencies.
- Total US dollar-denominated IRD traded notional increased to \$13.3 trillion in October 2021 from \$11.3 trillion in September 2021. 82.5% of total US dollar-denominated IRD traded notional was reported in the US. Total euro-denominated IRD traded notional fell to \$9.4 trillion in October 2021 from \$11.7 trillion in September 2021, while total sterling-denominated IRD traded notional increased to \$10.9 trillion over the same period. Reporting of euro-denominated transactions was split between the three jurisdictions, with 29.8% in the EU, 27.5% in the UK and 42.8% in the US. 53.3% of sterling-denominated IRD traded notional was reported in the UK, with the remainder reported in the US.
- Single currency fixed-for-floating IRS accounted for 37.8% of total EU, UK and US IRD traded notional in October 2021. OIS and FRAs accounted for 45.1% and 8.6%, respectively.

<sup>5</sup> Based on data from the Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (DTCC) swap data repository (SDR). This data covers only transactions required to be disclosed under US regulations. Most recent data on US trading activity is available on the ISDA SwapsInfo website <http://swapsinfo.org>

## EUROPEAN IRD TRADING ACTIVITY

In October 2021, total European IRD trading activity reported by APAs and TVs in the EU and UK was \$15.1 trillion compared to \$16.1 trillion in September 2021. Total trade count was 88.8 thousand in October 2021 versus 93.1 thousand the month before. Transactions reported in the UK accounted for 76.5% of total European IRD traded notional and 62.5% of total trade count (see Chart 1)<sup>6</sup>.

**Chart 1: European IRD Traded Notional and Trade Count**



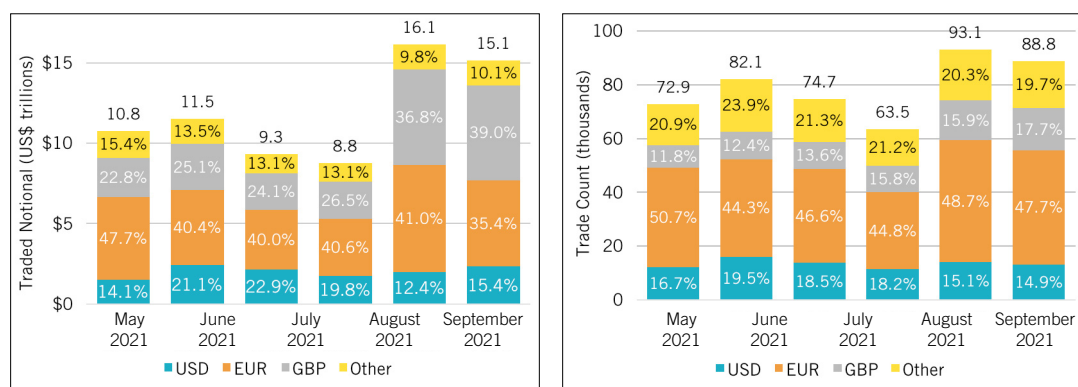
Source: European APAs and TVs

Euro-denominated IRD traded notional decreased to \$5.4 trillion from \$6.6 trillion in September 2021, with euro-denominated transactions accounting for 35.4% of total European IRD traded notional and 47.7% of trade count.

Sterling-denominated IRD traded notional declined slightly to \$5.9 trillion in October 2021, while US dollar-denominated IRD increased to \$2.3 trillion from \$2.0 trillion in September 2021. Sterling-denominated transactions comprised 39.0% of total European IRD traded notional and 17.7% of trade count, while contracts denominated in US dollars represented 15.4% of European IRD traded notional and 14.9% of trade count (see Chart 2).

Other currencies accounted for 10.1% of total European IRD traded notional and 19.7% of trade count. Swedish krona and Australian dollar represented the largest share of other currencies<sup>7</sup>.

**Chart 2: European IRD Traded Notional and Trade Count by Currency**



Source: European APAs and TVs

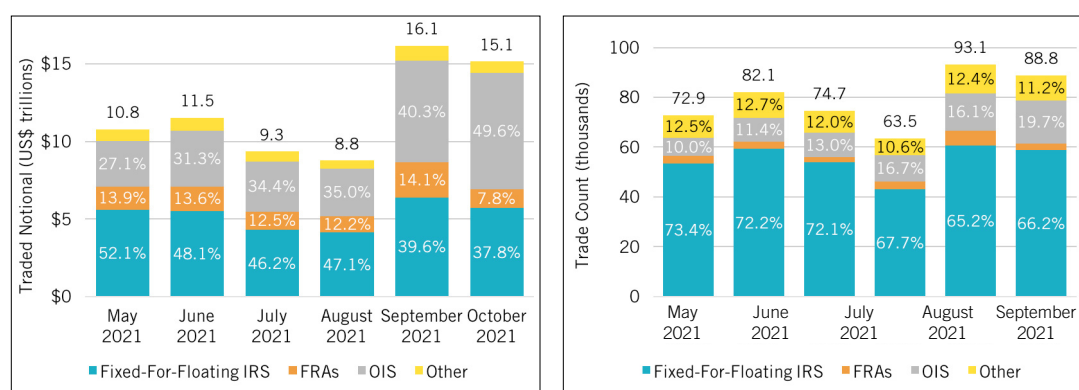
<sup>6</sup> ISDA's dataset of European data starts in May 2021. See Interest Rate Derivatives Trading Activity Reported in EU, UK and US Markets: May 2021 <https://www.isda.org/a/h6TgE/Interest-Rate-Derivatives-Trading-Activity-Reported-in-EU-UK-and-US-Markets-May-2021.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> Other currencies include South African rand, Japanese yen, Swedish krona, Norwegian krone, Polish złoty, Czech koruna and 'other'. Cross-currency swaps are also included in other currencies

OIS traded notional increased to \$7.5 trillion in October 2021 from \$6.5 trillion the month before, with OIS transactions representing 49.6% of total European IRD traded notional and 19.7% of trade count.

Fixed-for-floating IRS fell to \$5.7 trillion in October from \$6.4 trillion the previous month. FRAs decreased to \$1.2 trillion from \$2.3 trillion over the same period. Fixed-for-floating IRS accounted for 37.8% of total European IRD traded notional and 66.2% of total trade count, while FRAs represented 7.8% and 2.9% of total European traded notional and trade count, respectively (see Chart 3).

**Chart 3: European IRD Traded Notional and Trade Count by Product**



Source: European APAs and TVs

46.5% of total European IRD traded notional took place on TVs, 35.6% was executed by SIs<sup>8</sup> and 17.9% occurred off venue<sup>9</sup> in October 2021 (see Table 1).

**Table 1: European IRD Traded Notional and Trade Count by Execution Venue (October 2021)**

	TVs	SIs	Off-venue
<b>UK Traded Notional</b>	41.2%	37.9%	20.9%
<b>EU Traded Notional</b>	63.6%	28.1%	8.3%
<b>Total European Traded Notional</b>	46.5%	35.6%	17.9%
<b>UK Trade Count</b>	59.8%	28.8%	11.4%
<b>EU Trade Count</b>	72.7%	21.6%	5.7%
<b>Total European Trade Count</b>	64.6%	26.1%	9.3%

Source: European APAs and TVs

<sup>8</sup> This includes financial instruments admitted to trading or traded on a trading venue, where a transaction on that financial instrument is executed by an SI. SIs are investment firms that deal on their own account by executing client orders outside a RM or TV

<sup>9</sup> This includes financial instruments admitted to trading or traded on a trading venue, where a transaction on that financial instrument is not executed on a TV, SI or organized trading platform outside the EU or where an investment firm does not know it is trading with another investment firm acting as an SI

## UK IRD TRADING ACTIVITY

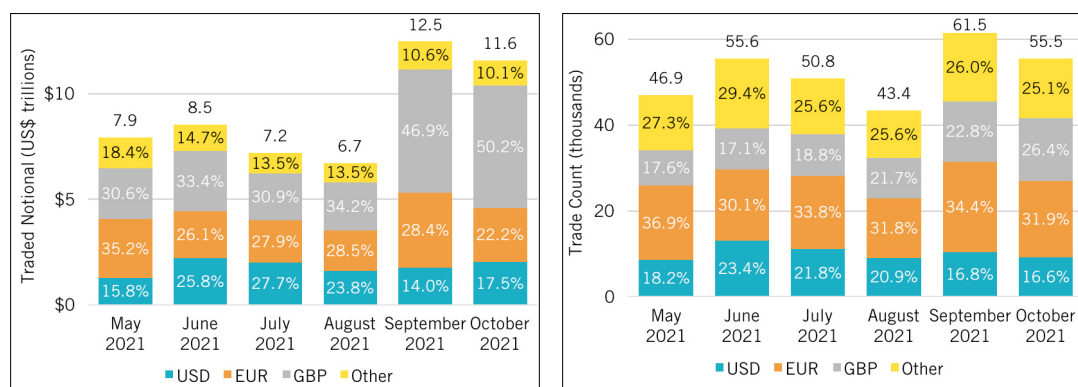
Total IRD traded notional reported by APAs and TVs in the UK decreased to \$11.6 trillion in October 2021 from \$12.5 trillion in September. Trade count fell to 55.5 thousand from 61.5 thousand over the same period. UK-reported trading activity accounted for 76.5% of total European IRD traded notional and 62.5% of trade count (see Chart 1).

Sterling-denominated IRD traded notional decreased to \$5.8 trillion in October 2021 from \$5.9 trillion the month before, while euro-denominated IRD traded notional fell to \$2.6 trillion from \$3.6 trillion over the same period.

Sterling-denominated transactions represented 50.2% of total UK IRD traded notional and 26.4% of trade count, euro-denominated IRD accounted for 22.2% of UK IRD traded notional and 31.9% of trade count and US dollar-denominated IRD comprised 17.5% of UK traded notional and 16.6% of trade count (see Chart 4).

Other currencies accounted for 10.1% of total UK IRD traded notional and 25.1% of trade count. Swedish krona and Australian dollar represented the largest share of other currencies.

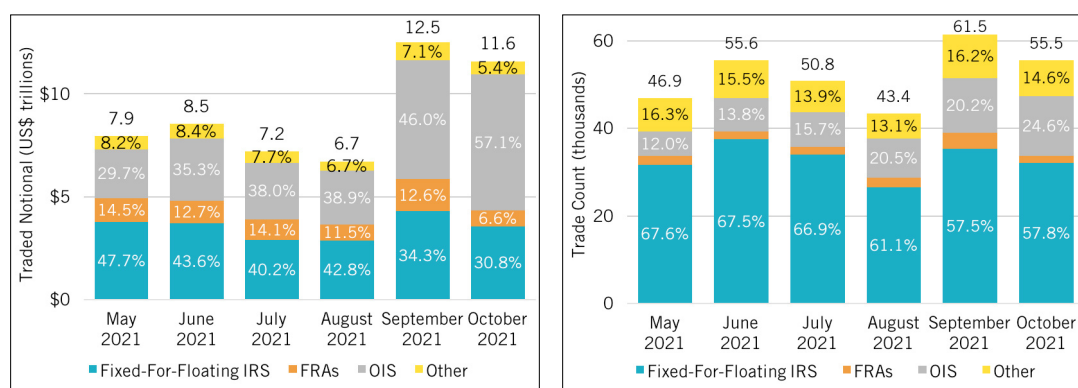
**Chart 4: UK IRD Traded Notional and Trade Count by Currency**



Source: European APAs and TVs

OIS traded notional increased to \$6.6 trillion in October 2021 from \$5.8 trillion the previous month. Fixed-for-floating IRS decreased to \$3.6 trillion from \$4.3 trillion, while FRAs dropped to \$0.8 trillion from \$1.6 trillion over the same period.

OIS accounted for 57.1% of total UK IRD traded notional and 24.6% of trade count. Single currency fixed-for-floating IRS comprised 57.8% of total UK IRD trade count and 30.8% of UK IRD traded notional. FRAs represented 6.6% and 3.0% of total UK traded notional and trade count, respectively (see Chart 5).

**Chart 5: UK IRD Traded Notional and Trade Count by Product**

Source: European APAs and TVs

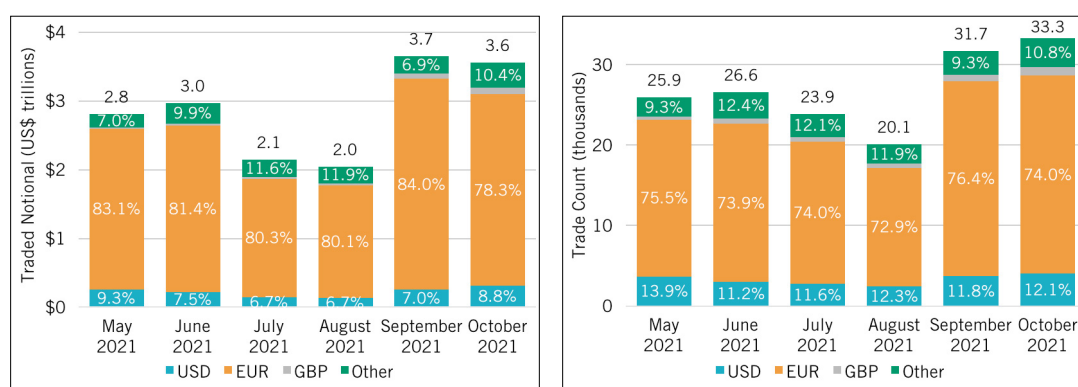
41.2% of total UK IRD traded notional and 59.8% of trade count occurred on TVs, 37.9% of UK traded notional and 28.8% of trade count was executed by SIs, and 20.9% of traded notional and 11.4% of trade count took place off venue (see Table 1).

## EU IRD TRADING ACTIVITY

Total IRD traded notional reported by APAs and TVs in the EU decreased to \$3.6 trillion in October 2021 from \$3.7 trillion in September 2021. Trade count increased to 33.3 thousand from 31.7 thousand over the same period. EU-reported IRD trading activity comprised 23.5% of total European IRD traded notional and 37.5% of total European trade count (see Chart 1).

Euro-denominated IRD traded notional declined to \$2.8 trillion in October 2021 from \$3.1 trillion the month before, with euro transactions comprising 78.3% of total EU IRD traded notional and 74.0% of trade count. US dollar-denominated IRD accounted for 8.8% of total EU IRD traded notional and 12.1% of trade count, while sterling-denominated transactions represented 2.6% and 3.1% of total EU IRD traded notional and trade count, respectively (see Chart 6).

Other currencies accounted for 10.4% of total EU IRD traded notional and 10.8% of trade count. Swedish krona represented the largest share of other currencies.

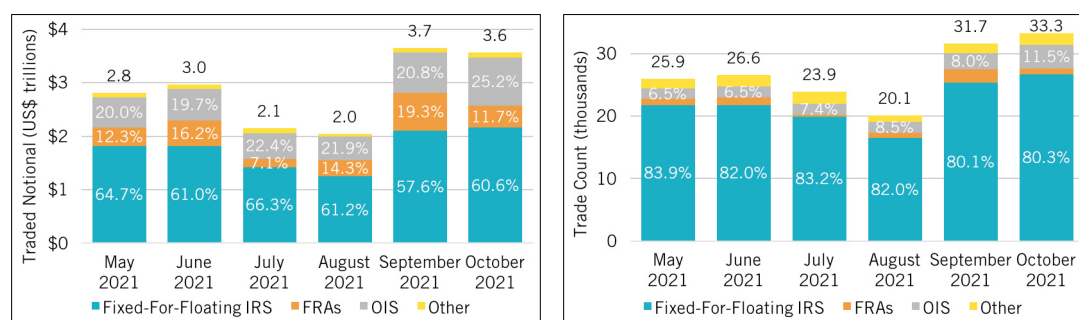
**Chart 6: EU IRD Traded Notional and Trade Count by Currency**

Source: European APAs and TVs



The composition of swaps reported in the EU differed from those reported in the UK, with a larger share of fixed-for-floating IRS and a smaller share of OIS. Fixed-for-floating IRS traded notional increased to \$2.2 trillion in October 2021 from \$2.1 trillion in September 2021 and comprised 60.6% of total EU IRD traded notional and 80.3% of total EU IRD trade count. FRAs and OIS accounted for 11.7% and 25.2% of total EU IRD traded notional and 2.7% and 11.5% of total trade count, respectively (see Chart 7).

**Chart 7: EU IRD Traded Notional and Trade Count by Product**



Source: European APAs and TVs

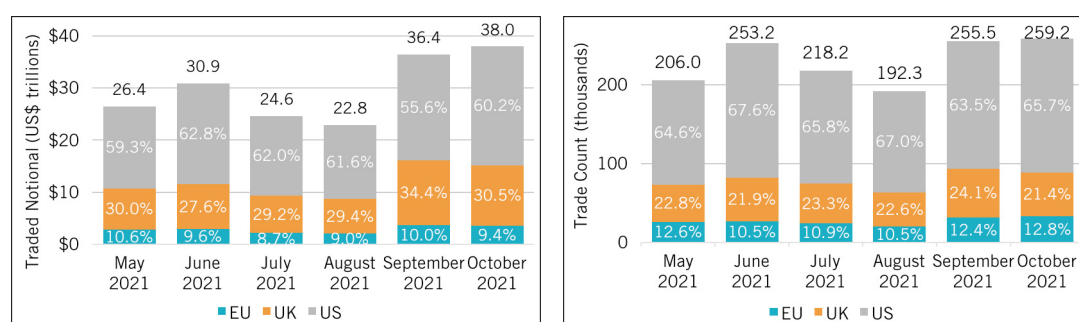
The share of IRD traded notional executed on TVs in the EU was significantly higher compared to the UK. 63.6% of total EU IRD traded notional and 72.7% of total EU IRD trade count took place on TVs, 28.1% of total traded notional and 21.6% of trade count was executed by SIs and 8.3% of traded notional and 5.7% of trade count occurred off venue (see Table 1).

## EUROPEAN AND US IRD TRADING ACTIVITY

Total IRD traded notional and trade count reported in the US increased to \$22.9 trillion and 170.4 thousand in October 2021 compared to \$20.2 trillion and 162.3 thousand, respectively, in September 2021<sup>10</sup>. Combined EU, UK and US traded notional and trade count increased to \$38.0 trillion and 259.2 thousand in October 2021 from \$36.4 trillion and 255.5 thousand the previous month.

US-reported traded notional accounted for 60.2% of the combined EU, UK and US total, while the EU and UK comprised 9.4% and 30.5%, respectively. US-reported transactions represented 65.7% of total trade count, while the EU and UK accounted for 12.8% and 21.4%, respectively (see Chart 8).

**Chart 8: US, UK and EU Traded Notional and Trade Count**



Source: DTCC SDR, European APAs and TVs

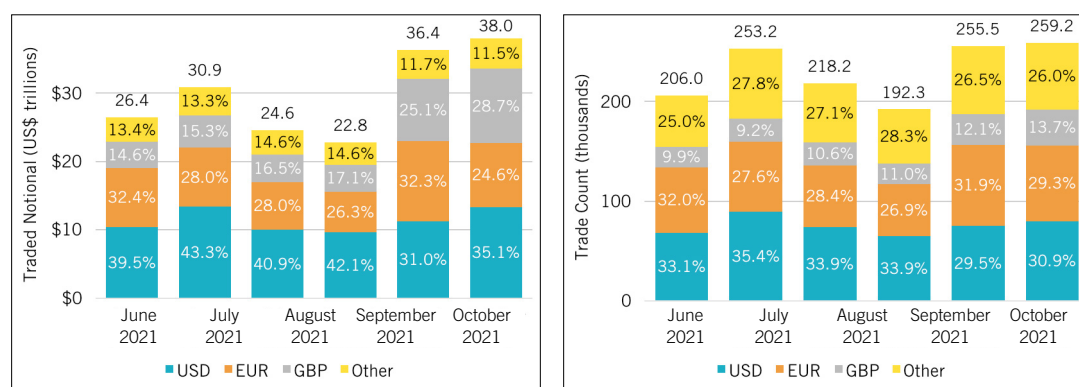
<sup>10</sup> Based on data from the DTCC SDR. This data covers only transactions required to be disclosed under US regulations. Most recent data on US trading activity is available on the ISDA SwapsInfo website <http://swapsinfo.org>



Of the combined \$38.0 trillion in EU, UK and US IRD traded notional, 35.1% was denominated in US dollars, 24.6% was in euros and 28.7% was in sterling. Of the 259.2 thousand in combined trade count, 30.9% was denominated in US dollars, 29.3% was in euros and 13.7% was in sterling (see Chart 9).

Other currencies accounted for 11.5% of combined traded notional and 26.0% of trade count. Australian dollar, Canadian dollar and Swedish krona represented the largest share of other currencies.

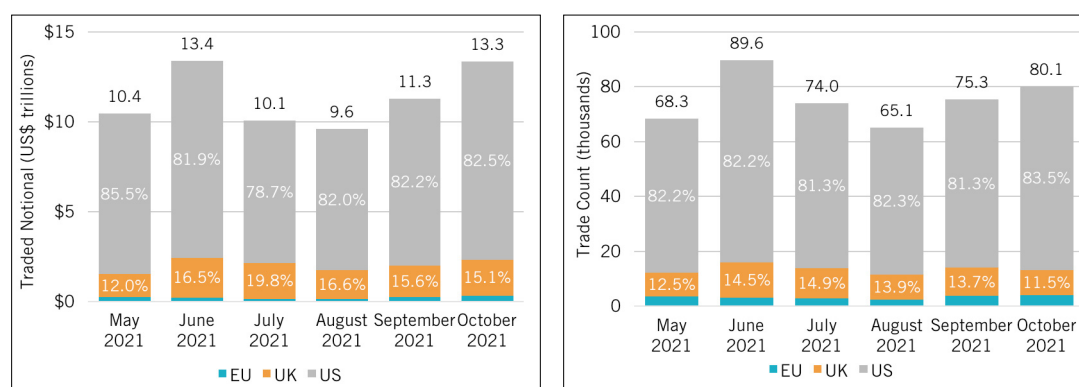
**Chart 9: Combined US, UK and EU IRD Traded Notional and Trade Count by Currency**



Source: DTCC SDR, European APAs and TVs

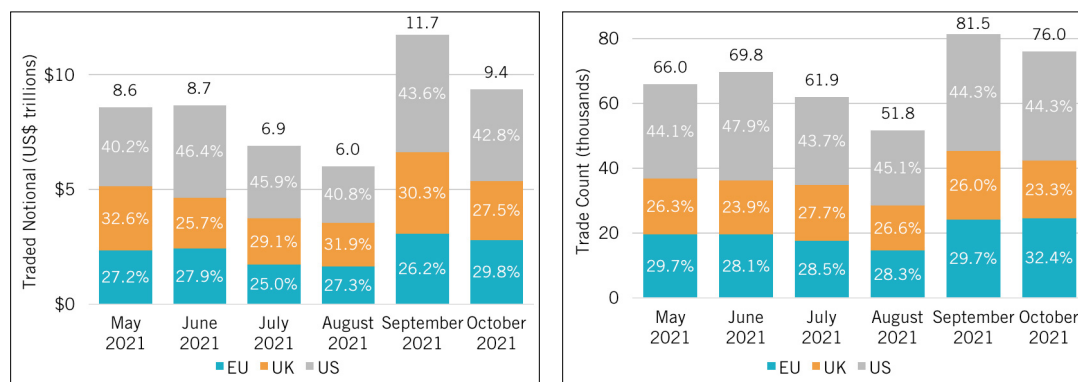
Total US dollar-denominated IRD traded notional was \$13.3 trillion in October 2021 compared to \$11.3 trillion in September 2021. 82.5% of total US dollar-denominated IRD traded notional and 83.5% of trade count was reported in the US, while 15.1% of US dollar-denominated traded notional and 11.5% of trade count was reported in the UK (see Chart 10).

**Chart 10: Combined US Dollar-denominated IRD Traded Notional and Trade Count by Jurisdiction**



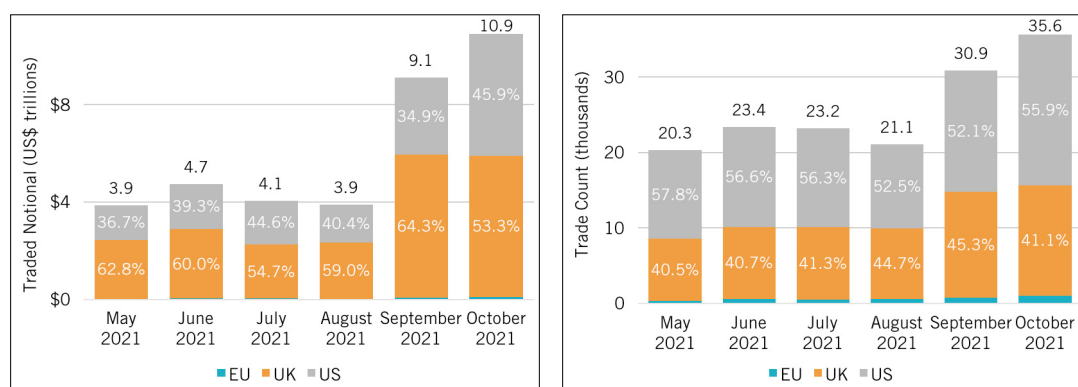
Source: DTCC SDR, European APAs and TVs

Total euro-denominated IRD traded notional decreased to \$9.4 trillion in October 2021 from \$11.7 trillion the previous month. Reporting of euro-denominated IRD transactions was split between the three jurisdictions: 29.8% of euro-denominated traded notional and 32.4% of trade count was reported in the EU; 27.5% of total euro traded notional and 23.3% of trade count was reported in the UK; and 42.8% of traded notional and 44.3% of trade count was reported in the US (see Chart 11).

**Chart 11: Combined Euro-denominated IRD Traded Notional and Trade Count by Jurisdiction**

Source: DTCC SDR, European APAs and TVs

Total sterling-denominated IRD traded notional rose to \$10.9 trillion in October 2021 from \$9.1 trillion in September 2021, while trade count grew to 35.6 thousand from 30.9 thousand over the same period. 53.3% of sterling-denominated IRD traded notional and 41.1% of trade count was reported in the UK, and 45.9% of traded notional and 55.9% of trade count was reported in the US (see Chart 12).

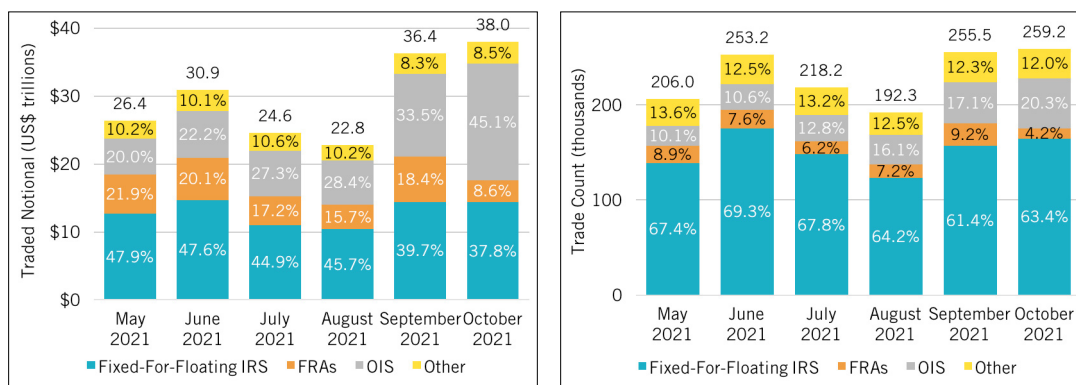
**Chart 12: Combined Sterling-denominated IRD Traded Notional and Trade Count by Jurisdiction**

Source: DTCC SDR, European APAs and TVs

Total OIS traded notional increased to \$17.1 trillion in October 2021 from \$12.2 trillion in September 2021, with OIS transactions representing 45.1% of combined EU, UK and US IRD traded notional and 20.3% of combined trade count.

Single currency fixed-for-floating IRS traded notional and trade count totaled \$14.4 trillion and 164.4 thousand, respectively. Fixed-for-floating IRS accounted for 63.4% of combined EU, UK and US IRD trade count, but represented only 37.8% of combined IRD traded notional.

FRAs accounted for 8.6% of combined EU, UK and US traded notional and 20.3% of trade count (see Chart 13).

**Chart 13:** Combined US, UK and EU IRD Traded Notional and Trade Count by Product

Source: DTCC SDR, European APAs and TVs

## APPENDIX 1: LIST OF MAJOR VENUES REPORTING OTC IRD TRANSACTIONS INCLUDED IN THE ISDA EUROPEAN IRD MARKETS DATASET

Venue Name	Venue Type	MIC	Region
Aurel BGC Paris	OTF	AURO	EU
BGC Brokers LP	OTF	BGCO	UK
Bloomberg BV APA	APA	BAPE	EU
Bloomberg BV MTF	MTF	BTFE	EU
Bloomberg UK APA	APA	BAPA	UK
Bloomberg UK MTF	MTF	BMTF	UK
GFI Brokers Limited	OTF	GFBO	UK
GFI Paris	OTF	GFPO	EU
ICAP EU OTF	OTF	ICOT	EU
ICAP Global Derivatives MTF	MTF	IGDL	UK
ICAP Securities OTF	OTF	IOTF	UK
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TRADEcho NL	APA	ECEU	EU
TRADEcho UK	APA	ECHO	UK
Tradeweb BV APA	APA	TWEA	EU
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Tradeweb UK APA	APA	TREA	UK
Tradeweb UK MTF	MTF	TREU	UK
Tradition	OTF	TCDS	UK
Trad-X EU	MTF	TRXE	EU
Trad-X UK	MTF	TRDX	UK
Trax APA	APA	TRAX	UK
Trax NL APA	APA	TRNL	EU
TSAF OTC	OTF	TSAF	EU
Tullett Prebon EU OTF	OTF	TPEU	EU
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## APPENDIX 2: METHODOLOGY

### European Data

ISDA's analysis of European-reported IRD trading data is based on transactions publicly reported by eight European APAs and 22 TVs<sup>11</sup>.

Under European post-trade reporting requirements, “[i]nvestment firms which, either on own account or on behalf of clients, conclude transactions in bonds, structured finance products, emission allowances and derivatives traded on a trading venue shall make public the volume and price of those transactions and the time at which they were concluded”<sup>12</sup>.

Trade information must be publicly disseminated either through an APA or by a TV through which a transaction was executed<sup>13</sup>. As of June 2021, there were 15 active APAs, 142 active multilateral trading facilities (MTFs) and 27 active organized trading facilities (OTFs) registered on the European Securities and Markets Authority's (ESMA) website<sup>14</sup>. In the UK, there were five registered APAs, 223 MTFs and 80 OTFs registered by the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)<sup>15</sup>.

While ISDA's data set doesn't include all APAs and TVs that are registered with ESMA and the FCA, the trades reported by the 30 APAs and TVs included in this analysis are believed to cover most over-the-counter (OTC) IRD activity in Europe.

UK IRD trading activity is measured by IRD traded notional and trade count reported by APAs and TVs located in the UK, while EU IRD trading activity is measured by IRD traded notional and trade count reported by APAs and TVs located in the EU. Of the 30 APAs and TVs covered by this analysis, 17 are located in the UK and 13 are located in the EU.

To collect the data, ISDA set up daily feeds from the eight APAs and 22 TVs<sup>16</sup>. ISDA also set up a data feed from the Association of National Numbering Agencies' Derivatives Service Bureau to download new International Securities Identification Numbers (ISINs) for IRD transactions<sup>17</sup>. By matching IRD ISINs with all daily reported transactions that include various asset classes (equity, fixed income derivatives, etc), ISDA eliminated all non-IRD transactions and kept only the IRD data.

Using ISIN data, ISDA identified IRD instrument type (swap, option, forward, etc), IRD product taxonomy (fixed-for-floating IRS, FRAs, OIS, etc), underlying reference rate and tenor. Using trade details published by APAs and TVs, ISDA identified publication ID, trade data, publication data, venue of execution, notional amount, notional currency, cleared status and supplementary flags.

The ISDA data set includes only new trades. All cancelled transactions are removed and amended trades are updated using the original ID field. Transactions reported with a four-week aggregation flag and volume omission flag are also removed from the data set.

<sup>11</sup> The list of APAs and TVs is included in Appendix 1

<sup>12</sup> MIFIR Article 21 [www.esma.europa.eu/databases-library/interactive-single-rulebook/clone-mifir/article-21](http://www.esma.europa.eu/databases-library/interactive-single-rulebook/clone-mifir/article-21)

<sup>13</sup> See Appendix 2 in the Interest Rate Derivatives Trading Activity Reported in EU, UK and US Markets: May 2021 for more detailed information on post-trade reporting requirements in Europe and US <https://www.isda.org/a/MdMgE/Interest-Rate-Derivatives-Trading-Activity-Reported-in-EU-UK-and-US-Markets.pdf>

<sup>14</sup> ESMA List of Registers [https://registers.esma.europa.eu/publication/searchRegister?core=esma\\_registers\\_upreg](https://registers.esma.europa.eu/publication/searchRegister?core=esma_registers_upreg)

<sup>15</sup> FCA The Financial Services Register [https://register.fca.org.uk/s/resources#Other\\_registers](https://register.fca.org.uk/s/resources#Other_registers)

<sup>16</sup> Most APAs and TVs display data only for a short period of time and no historical data is available

<sup>17</sup> Most APAs and TVs don't disclose asset class data and publish all transactions ISINs

Reported notional is converted to US dollars based on daily foreign exchange (FX) rates. All reported transactions are aggregated on a daily basis. Monthly traded notional referenced in this report represents the sum of converted traded notional of all transactions executed during the month. Monthly trade count represents the number of all transactions executed during the month.

Due to post-trade transparency deferrals, the majority of European transactions are published with a four- to five-week delay.

## US Data

Analysis of US IRD is based on data from the DTCC SDR that only covers transactions required to be disclosed under US regulations<sup>18</sup>.

In the US, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) swap reporting rules were finalized in December 2011 and required all traded swaps to be reported by the end of 2013. These rules require key swap transaction and pricing data to be reported to US-registered SDRs as soon as technologically practicable after execution<sup>19</sup>.

There are three major SDRs in the US: DTCC SDR (reports all asset classes); CME (reports all asset classes except for equity); and ICE Trade Vault (reports credit, FX and commodities)<sup>20</sup>. Almost all OTC IRD are reported by the DTCC SDR.

The DTCC SDR reports execution time stamp, effective date, expiration date, asset class, product taxonomy, notional amount, notional currency, underlying reference rate, execution venue, cleared status and other trade details<sup>21</sup>.

ISDA analysis includes only new transactions. All cancelled transactions are removed and amended trades are updated using the dissemination ID field. Reported notional is converted to US dollars based on daily FX rates. All reported transactions are aggregated on a daily basis.

Delays in reporting (generally 15 or 30 minutes, with a maximum of 24 business hours) are allowed for block trades (transactions with a notional above the minimum block size for the relevant asset class) and large notional trades.

## Data Limitations

While ISDA believes this data covers the majority of OTC IRD transactions in Europe, it doesn't capture 100% of the market. First, it doesn't cover all APAs and TVs that are registered with ESMA and the FCA. Second, it captures only transactions that are subject to post-trade transparency reporting requirements. OTC derivatives that are not traded on TVs are considered 'traded on a trading venue' (TOTV) – and are therefore subject to the reporting and transparency requirements – if they share the same reference data details as derivatives traded on TVs<sup>22</sup>. Therefore, OTC derivatives not traded on TVs that are not TOTV are not captured.

<sup>18</sup> See Appendix 2 for more detailed information on Post-trade Reporting Requirements in Europe and the US

<sup>19</sup> CFTC 17 CFR Part 43 Real-Time Public Reporting of Swap Transaction Data [www.cftc.gov/sites/default/files/idc/groups/public/@lrfederalregister/documents/file/2011-33173a.pdf](http://www.cftc.gov/sites/default/files/idc/groups/public/@lrfederalregister/documents/file/2011-33173a.pdf)

<sup>20</sup> Bloomberg SDR was closed in August 2018 and all transactions were moved to DTCC SDR

<sup>21</sup> DTCC SDR services <https://pddata.dtcc.com/gtr/cftc/dashboard.do>

<sup>22</sup> ESMA Clarifies Traded On a Trading Venue Under MIFID II [www.esma.europa.eu/press-news/esma-news/esma-clarifies-traded-trading-venue-under-mifid-ii](http://www.esma.europa.eu/press-news/esma-news/esma-clarifies-traded-trading-venue-under-mifid-ii)

When European counterparties face US entities on a swap execution facility (SEF), ESMA does not require EU firms to systematically republish information in the EU about transactions executed on TVs outside the EU that are subject to transparency provisions similar to those applicable to EU TVs. Under US rules, SEFs are required to send relevant trade details to an SDR for real-time public dissemination<sup>23</sup>. Therefore, these trades will be captured in US trading activity only, resulting in a potential understatement of European traded notional.

Trades executed on MTFs and OTFs between EU and US counterparties may be disseminated to the public twice. Since EU and US reporting rules have not been determined equivalent, trades executed on MTFs and OTFs are viewed as off-facility transactions for US real-time reporting purposes and are subject to the CFTC reporting rules. At the same time, MTFs and OTFs have an obligation to send trade details for public dissemination. Therefore, these trades may be double counted in European and US combined trading activity analysis.

The majority of block trades and large notional off-facility swaps (LNOFs) are reported to the DTCC SDR with a capped notional. Block trades and LNOFs are transactions above a designated notional threshold (block size). These transactions are reported with a delay at the capped amounts (cap size). As ISDA cleans up DTCC SDR data, all transactions that are reported with a '+' indicating a block trade are counted at the minimum notional. For example, a transaction reported with \$1,000,000+ notional would be counted as \$1,000,000 traded notional. As the result, total DTCC IRD traded notional is likely to be understated.





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