

FIX Trading Community Update

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Celebrating 30 years of electronic trading

- The beginning of exchange electronification
- The rise of the internet
- Hardware and software costs
- Competitive pressures in the industry



Celebrating 30 years of the FIX Protocol

- First public version released July 1994
- The catalyst for growth in electronic trading
- Continued growth and innovation
 - Average 5 new messages a year
 - New 'version' every 7 weeks

Celebrating 30 years of the FIX process

- Doing something harder now...
 - Investing time
 - Accepting challenge
 - Standardisation is slower than going it alone
- ...to make something easier later
 - Improving the industry
 - Building your skills and network
 - Making an impression

What we do and how we do it

We...

- Develop and maintain **open standards**
- Provide **advice and counsel** to the industry, including the regulatory community
- Improve **processes** to drive efficiency and quality

...by...

- Providing a **neutral environment** in which industry participants can surface issues and discuss solutions
- Designing and documenting solutions in the form of **standards and guidelines**
- **Communicating** these solutions to the industry

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The FIX Protocol

- 8 extension packs this year so far...
- FIX Protocol specification refactoring & AI tooling pilot

Other FIX standards

- MMT (trade flag categorization)
- Orchestra
- All the rest...

Support for and interoperability with other standards

- SBE (Simple Binary Encoding) as an ISO standard
- FIX/FinP2P Pilot
- FIX/ISO 20022 interoperability

We provide advice and counsel to the industry

Principles

- Non-advocacy, focus on the 'how', rather than the 'what'
- Promote free and open standards (ours and others')
- Advise on implementation best practices
- Working with and educating other industry associations

Regulation and market structure topics

- European consolidated tape and MiFIR review
- US Financial Data Transparency Act
- EU & UK T+1

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Interoperability, compatibility, simplicity...

- FIX for carbon, renewables certificates, energy markets
- FIX for digital assets with blockchain interoperability

AI – challenges and opportunities

- Data quality and consistency
- Best practices for safe operation

FIX FIRST – Financial Industry Resilience, Security, Testing

- Operational resilience (DORA and her many friends) and cybersecurity
- Testing – automation, best practices, certification

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Breadth

- All parts of the industry represented, globally, cross-asset
- The 'voice for the vendors'
- Ability to represent a cross-industry view to regulators

Neutrality

- Committees and working groups a 'commercial-free' zone
- Leave the day job at the office

Growing the community

- Women in FIX, NextGen

We design and document solutions in the form of standards and guidelines

Trading & data

- Execution transparency
- Algorithmic trading
- 'Trade support' data – analytics, real time updates
- FX reject codes and standards for non-deliverable forwards

Trade processing

- Primary issuance
- Allocation enhancements for central matching
- Securities lending

Regulatory

- Trade reporting and data consolidation
- Outage communication standards
- Algorithm testing/certification messaging

We communicate these solutions to the industry

Events – by the industry, for the industry

- Member-led agenda creation and speaker selection
- Mandate to educate on FIX activities and deliverables

Media

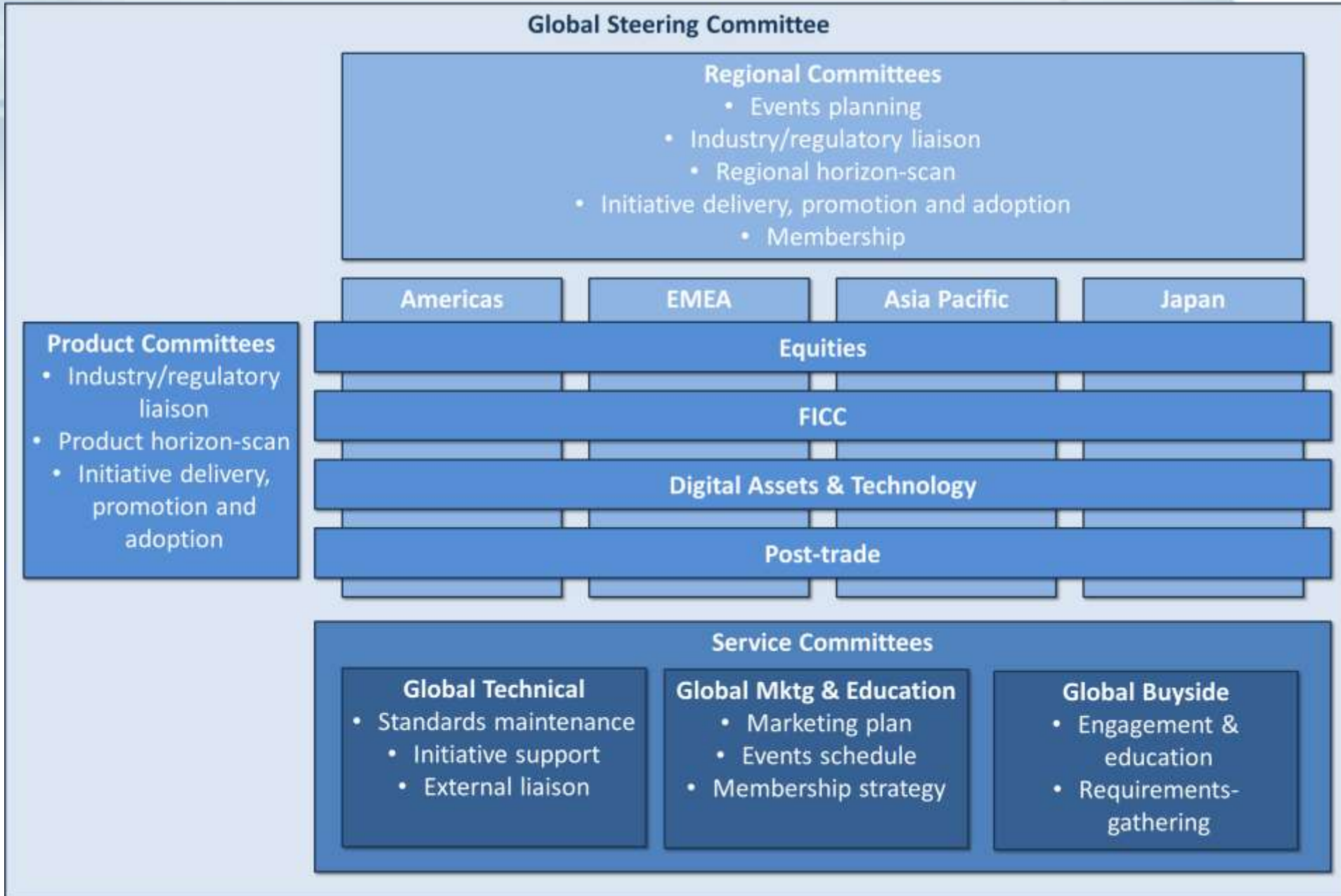
- Traditional media, social media, newsletter (coming soon)

Direct

- Leveraging industry associations
- Member engagement

There is more to do...

How it works



Why it matters

FIX standards underpin global electronic trading

- Membership **fees** fund IP certainty and keep FIX standards **free to use**
- Member **knowledge** keeps FIX standards **up to date**

If we don't do this, nobody else will

- Data and messaging are unsexy and dull
- Finding the 'hidden gems' in organizations

The impact is huge

- Automation is not going away
- Messaging and data standards drive efficiency and reliability
- The investment is tiny, the savings are enormous
- Change is rapid, people are scarce, knowledge is precious
- **There is no alternative**