The foreign exchange and over-the-counter derivatives markets in the United Kingdom

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In April this year, the Bank of England conducted the three-yearly survey of turnover⁽¹⁾ in the UK foreign exchange and over-the-counter (OTC) currency and interest rate derivatives markets, as part of the latest worldwide survey co-ordinated by the Bank for International Settlements (BIS). The results show that the volume of foreign exchange activity in the United Kingdom has increased by nearly 50% since April 2001. Turnover in OTC derivatives has more than doubled in the same period. This article presents the main results of the UK survey and highlights the effects of developments in foreign exchange and OTC derivatives markets on volumes of activity.⁽²⁾ It also provides detailed breakdowns of UK survey data and a comparison with global survey results.

Introduction

In April this year, central banks and monetary institutions in 52 countries, including the United Kingdom, conducted national surveys of turnover in the traditional foreign exchange markets — spot, outright forwards and foreign exchange swaps — and in over-the-counter (OTC) currency and interest rate derivatives. These surveys have taken place every three years since 1986.⁽³⁾ They are co-ordinated on a global basis by the Bank for International Settlements (BIS) with the aim of obtaining comprehensive and internationally consistent information on the size and structure of the corresponding global markets.

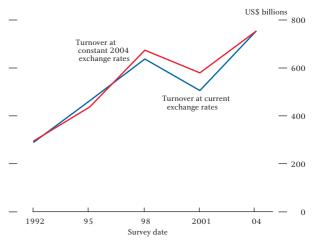
This article concentrates on the UK part of the survey, conducted by the Bank of England and covering the business of 93 institutions (both UK-owned and foreign-owned) within the United Kingdom. A comparison with the global survey is included in the box on page 479.

UK survey results for foreign exchange

Average daily turnover during April 2004 was \$753 billion, 49% higher than in 2001. This growth more than reverses the fall in turnover recorded in the previous survey, and resumes the upward trend of earlier ones. The United Kingdom remains the largest centre of foreign exchange activity, with 31% of reported global market turnover.

It is likely that measured growth of foreign exchange turnover has been inflated by the depreciation of the dollar since the 2001 survey. Data collected for the survey are denominated in dollars, and the dollar depreciated by more than 25% against the euro between April 2001 and April 2004; so the same amount of turnover in other currencies will have a higher dollar value in 2004 than in 2001. Chart 1 shows the effect of fluctuations in exchange rates on the average daily turnover reported in UK surveys since 1992. Growth of foreign exchange turnover was 30% measured at constant 2004 exchange rates compared with 49% at current exchange rates.

Chart 1
Average daily foreign exchange turnover at constant and current exchange rates



⁽¹⁾ Turnover figures published here are adjusted to remove double counting of trades between UK principals that will have been reported by both parties (local double counting).

⁽²⁾ Unless stated otherwise, comparisons in this article are with the previous survey in April 2001.

⁽³⁾ OTC derivatives were included for the first time in 1995. The survey only covers currency and interest rate derivatives.

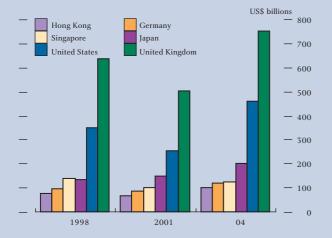
Global survey results

Foreign exchange

Average daily turnover in global foreign exchange markets was \$1,880 billion in April 2004, up by 57% at current exchange rates. The United Kingdom remains the single largest centre of foreign exchange activity with 31.3% of the global share (Chart A), broadly unchanged since 2001.(1)

The change in survey method discussed in the main text on pages 474–75 has reduced the United Kingdom's share of the global foreign exchange market. Other data suggest that turnover volumes reported in the United Kingdom would have been up to 15% higher under the original definition of location. Chart A shows that other centres where pricing is passed across to overseas sales desks may have been affected similarly. For example, 'Based on trading desk reporting, the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) estimates that the average daily forex turnover in Singapore reached US\$153 billion in April 2004, a 51% increase over 2001 [compared with a 24% increase under the new measure]'.(2)

Chart A Average daily foreign exchange turnover -**United Kingdom and other centres**



Trading in sterling increased as a share of the global market. 17% of the volume of turnover involved sterling (up from 13% in 2001), mirroring the rise recorded in the UK survey. This was at the expense of the other major currencies, though the dollar is still on one side of 89% of foreign exchange trades and remains by far the most traded currency (Table 1).

OTC derivatives

In the OTC derivatives markets, average daily turnover was \$1,220 billion in April 2004, up from \$575 billion in the previous survey. The United Kingdom's share of global activity has increased from 36% to 42.6%, strengthening its position as the largest centre. The next largest centre is

Table 1 Global foreign exchange turnover in sterling and other currencies

Per cent(a)

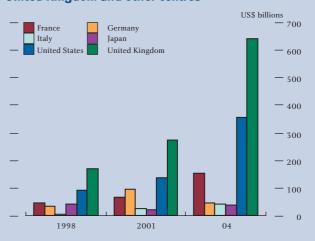
	1998	2001	2004
US dollar	87	90	89
EMS/Euro(b)	52	38	37
Japanese yen	20	23	20
Pound sterling	11	13	17
Swiss franc	7	6	6
Australian dollar	3	4	6
Canadian dollar	4	5	4
Other currencies	16	21	21
Total	200	200	200

- (a) Because two currencies are involved in each transaction, the sum of the percentage
- shares of individual currencies totals 200% instead of 100%.
 The percentage for 1998 is the combined share of turnover for the German mark, the French franc, the ECU and all other European Monetary System currencies. Trades between these currencies are included in this figure.

the United States, which recorded a 23.5% global market share.

Most other major centres also recorded an increase in OTC derivatives activity (Chart B). Germany was a notable exception with a 53% fall in turnover volume, resulting in its global share falling to 3% compared with 12.7% in 2001, an effect attributed to the change in reporting method discussed in the main text.(3)

Chart B Average daily OTC derivatives turnover -**United Kingdom and other centres**



The euro remained the most traded currency in OTC interest rate derivatives with 45% of global market turnover, followed by the dollar with 34%. Sterling was the third most actively traded currency, accounting for 8.8% of interest rate derivatives turnover (up from 7.6%).

For OTC currency derivatives, the dollar remained the biggest currency, on one side of 79% of turnover. Sterling was on one side of 11.4% of turnover in April 2004, up from 9% in the previous survey.

⁽¹⁾ The aggregate global results are adjusted to remove double counting of cross-border trades — the reporting of the same deal by two institutions to different central banks. So the published global aggregate is different from the sum of all national aggregates (\$2,408 billion), with the latter used to calculate national shares.

⁽²⁾ See the Singaporean Press Release, published at www.mas.gov.sg/masmcm/html/index.cfm?pid=0BAB23F6-6295-5312-4248845891A26CCD. (3) See the German Press Release, published at www.bundesbank.de/download/presse/pressenotizen/2004/20040928bbk1_en.pdf.

Most reporting institutions considered activity in April 2004 to be normal (Table A). This suggests that the recorded increase in foreign exchange turnover since 2001 after adjustment for exchange rate effects reflects a longer-term trend rather than a short-term effect associated with, for example, the depreciation of the dollar in early 2004.

Table A
Survey participants' estimates of foreign exchange turnover levels

In April 2004	Number of banks	Percentage of turnover
Below normal	7	6
Normal	84	94
Above normal	2	0
In preceding six months	Number of banks	Percentage of turnover
Decreasing	2	0
Steady	72	59
Increasing	19	41

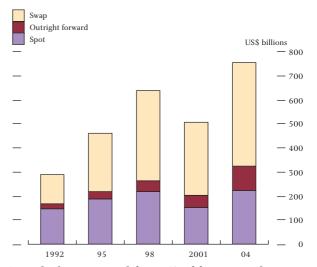
Market turnover had been expected to increase from the 2001 survey, for several reasons. First, market contacts reported an increase in active foreign exchange trading by asset managers, over and above that needed to manage the currency positions arising through bond and equity trading; lower yields in bond and equity markets have made the potential returns more attractive from trading foreign exchange as an asset class in its own right. Second, hedge funds and commodity trading advisers have grown rapidly over the past three years, both in number and funds under management: many funds have entered the foreign exchange market or increased their allocation of funds towards it. Third, the development and acceptance of electronic trading has helped to improve access to liquidity and reduce trading costs, promoting market activity. Finally, the 2001 results could be seen as abnormal, arising from the global economic downturn at that time and the loss of trading between the former currencies in the euro area after the introduction of the euro.

Transaction type

Turnover increased across all transaction types, as illustrated by Chart 2. Foreign exchange swaps remained the most common, accounting for 57% of total foreign exchange turnover. Outright forward business increased from \$53 billion to \$103 billion per day in April 2004 and accounted for 14% of total foreign exchange turnover (up from 11% in the previous survey).

Spot accounted for 29% of total foreign exchange turnover — similar to its share in 2001 — suggesting that the fall in the proportion of foreign exchange turnover conducted via spot transactions has slowed.

Chart 2
Average daily foreign exchange turnover by transaction type



Spot deals accounted for 51% of foreign exchange turnover in 1992, 40% in 1995, 34% in 1998 and 30% in 2001.

Currency composition

The dollar remains the biggest currency, with 90% of all trades having one side denominated in dollars (Table B). Trading in sterling has continued to take on increased market share. The proportion of foreign exchange turnover involving sterling increased from 24% to 28% and the sterling/dollar currency pair now accounts for nearly a quarter of total volumes. But yen trading has declined in the United Kingdom: only 15% of foreign exchange trading volumes were in yen, compared with 17% in April 2001.

Table B
Foreign exchange turnover — currency breakdown

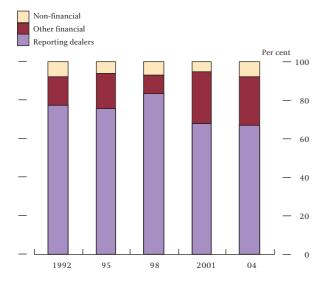
Total	200	200
Other currencies	13	12
Australian dollar	3	4
Canadian dollar	4	3
Swiss franc	6	6
Japanese yen	17	15
Pound sterling	24	28
Euro	41	42
US dollar	92	90
	2001	2004
rer center		

(a) Because two currencies are involved in each transaction, the sum of the percentage shares of individual currencies totals 200% instead of 100%.

Counterparty

Chart 3 shows the breakdown of foreign exchange turnover by counterparty. Around two thirds of foreign exchange turnover was between reporting dealers, a similar proportion to that in the previous survey. Turnover attributable to non-financial corporations more than doubled in absolute amount, and accounted for 8%

Chart 3
Foreign exchange turnover by counterparty



of turnover compared with 5% in 2001. But the share of turnover attributable to 'other financial institutions' has decreased (to 25%, from 28%). This is perhaps surprising, given that institutions such as hedge funds and commodity trading advisers are widely perceived to be more active in foreign exchange markets than before.

The fall in other financial institutions' share of turnover may reflect the increasing use of prime brokerage rather than be a true indication of changing market activity. Prime brokerage is a service offered by major financial institutions to customers such as hedge funds. The prime broker sets up an arrangement enabling the customer to trade directly with predetermined third-party institutions, but with the prime broker clearing the trades on the customer's behalf. Prime brokerage has increased in popularity, especially for hedged and other managed funds. It allows customers to deal with a variety of counterparties, using the balance sheet and credit assessment facilities of the prime broker, which itself benefits from fee income and economies of scale.

But the third-party institutions will record these trades as being with the prime broker, not the customer, and the survey will therefore capture prime-brokered trades as interdealer business.⁽¹⁾ This will increase the share of transactions recorded between reporting dealers (shaded lilac in Chart 3) at the expense of transactions with other financial institutions (shaded burgundy).

Hence, the increasing participation of hedge funds and other non-bank financial institutions is likely to be understated by the survey results.

Electronic trading(2)

In 2004, the survey collected detailed information on the volume of turnover across electronic platforms for the first time. Table C contains a summary of these data for the United Kingdom, and includes similar data for the United States (the second largest centre for foreign exchange) for comparison. The box on page 474 provides a brief explanation of these platforms. Trading by UK principals through dealer systems accounted for 66% of spot activity, and a significant volume of business took place on customer platforms. A greater proportion of turnover is via electronic platforms in the United Kingdom than elsewhere.

Table C^(a)
Proportion of total foreign exchange turnover across electronic platforms

Per cent

	United K	ingdom	United States(b)		
	Dealer systems	Customer platforms	Dealer systems	Customer platforms	
Total foreign exchange	48	7	24	4	
Spot	66	10	34	5	
Forward and swap	40	6	16	4	

- (a) All data in the table are based on gross turnover volumes, with no adjustment for local double counting. Some large dealers were unable to report this information. The data should therefore be treated with caution, as the proportions are likely to be underestimated.
- (b) See the US Press Release, published at www.newyorkfed.org/markets/triennial/fx_survey.pdf.

Electronic broking was identified as a factor in the lower volume of turnover recorded for the 2001 survey, as it was thought to have led to a decline in the number of traditional deals and dealers in the spot market. It was estimated for the 2001 survey that two thirds of interdealer spot business was conducted through automated order-matching systems; the 2004 survey recorded a similar proportion.

Subsequently, further developments in technology are thought to have facilitated growth in foreign exchange activity. Electronic platforms act as effective liquidity 'pools'. They reduce trading costs and allow participating institutions to increase the frequency of speculative activity. In addition, e-commerce offers greater transparency and access to liquidity for customers.

⁽¹⁾ Prime brokers and third-party liquidity providers will be reporting dealers in most cases, as they are usually active participants in the interdealer market.

⁽²⁾ Further definitions and explanations of the terms surrounding electronic trading can be found in Bank of England (2003), 'Foreign Exchange Joint Standing Committee e-commerce subgroup report', Bank of England Quarterly Bulletin, Summer, pages 235–39.

Types of electronic trading platform

Dealer systems

An *electronic broking system* such as EBS or Reuters has a similar function to a traditional voice broker, but without the need for human intervention. Users of the system — generally large banks and securities houses — enter their foreign-currency requirements anonymously into the system, which matches buyer and seller automatically. Electronic broking systems are primarily used for spot dealing, but are also increasingly popular for forward transactions.

Other dealer systems such as Reuters Dealing provide one-to-one trading applications for participants in the interbank market.

Customer systems

Many institutions have designed *single-bank proprietary systems*, which allow their customers to trade directly with them via a custom-built Internet platform.

Multi-bank e-trading portals are set up by individual institutions or by consortia. A number of different banks quote exchange rates and provide liquidity to the system for end-users.

Market concentration

Concentration in the UK foreign exchange market increased slightly since April 2001, though not as much as in previous surveys (Table D). The combined market share of the ten institutions with the highest level of turnover increased from 57% to 61%, and the top 20's share from 79% to 80%. Merger activity did not affect market concentration unduly: several of the top 20 institutions from 2001 (of which 16 were still in the top 20 in 2004) were involved in mergers, but not among themselves.

Table D
Market share of the largest principals in the UK survey

Per cent

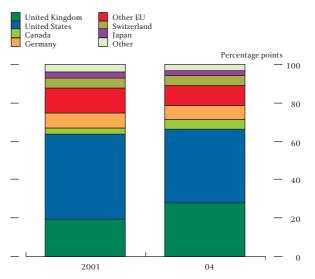
	1995	1998	2001	2004
Ten largest	44	50	57	61
Twenty largest	68	69	79	80

The number of firms individually accounting for more than 1% of total turnover has increased from 21 in 2001 to 25 in 2004. This slight diversification may be because fewer reporting dealers completed the survey than before (discussed further in the box on pages 478–79). It may also reflect the influence of 'white labelling', a process whereby a smaller bank uses an e-platform to allow its customers to trade at prices quoted by a larger bank. In this way, smaller or 'white-label' banks — some of which were survey reporters — are able to provide foreign exchange services to end-users, but pass the associated risk to larger, more liquid third-party banks.

Market share by nationality

UK-owned principals' share of the foreign exchange market in the United Kingdom increased from 19% to 28% of aggregate turnover, due to strong growth in foreign exchange activity by several UK-owned survey participants. US-owned institutions' market share was 39%, compared with 44% in the previous survey, and turnover attributed to other European-owned institutions was lower than previously. Chart 4 illustrates these results.

Chart 4
Foreign exchange turnover in the United Kingdom by nationality of bank ownership



The changes in UK market share by nationality of ownership may be in part the result of a difference in reporting method for the 2004 survey. Survey participants were asked to identify the location of a

trade by location of the sales desk rather than of the price-setting dealer, as in previous surveys. Foreign-owned institutions that price deals out of their London offices will nevertheless maintain sales desks elsewhere, possibly having a negative effect on their share of UK business under the new definition of location.

UK survey results for OTC derivatives

Average daily turnover for OTC currency and interest rate derivatives in the United Kingdom has more than doubled since the 2001 survey. Turnover during April 2004 averaged \$643 billion per day, compared with \$275 billion recorded in 2001. Within this total, turnover in interest rate instruments increased from \$238 billion to \$563 billion per day, and in currency instruments from \$37 billion to \$80 billion. As a result, the United Kingdom's share of the global OTC derivatives market increased from 36% to nearly 43%.

Depreciation of the US dollar has possibly inflated measured growth of currency and interest rate derivatives, as it did with foreign exchange turnover. Estimated growth was over a third lower at constant 2004 exchange rates than at current exchange rates, in line with constant exchange rate growth in the previous survey.

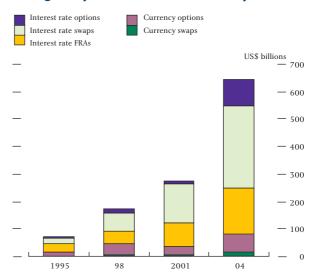
The growth in turnover since 2001 is consistent with other data sources, notably the semi-annual survey of the global OTC derivatives markets published by the BIS.⁽¹⁾ Reasons cited for the increase in market activity include: increased use for risk management; increased position taking; increased use by other financial institutions; and greater use of more complex products such as options.

Central counterparty clearing services,⁽²⁾ for example LCH SwapClear, may also have contributed to growth in turnover. Such services are likely to increase the volumes of business recorded, as they offer reductions in credit risk, operational risk and transaction costs. SwapClear currently deals with interest rate swaps of up to ten years maturity, but its scope is widening to include longer maturities, cross-currency swaps and options.

Instruments

As Chart 5 shows, interest rate swaps remained the most highly traded product, accounting for nearly half of the volume of OTC derivatives turnover in April 2004. But growth was strongest in options products. Interest rate options turnover increased from \$13 billion to \$94 billion and they accounted for 15% of OTC derivatives activity, up from 5% in 2001. Turnover in OTC currency derivatives increased from \$37 billion to \$80 billion. Currency derivatives — consisting of currency swaps and currency options — accounted for only a 12% share of OTC derivatives turnover.

Chart 5
Average daily OTC derivatives turnover by instrument



Currency composition

The euro was the most traded currency in the OTC interest rate derivatives market, accounting for 58% of total turnover (up from 48%). The euro accounted for a greater proportion of interest rate derivatives turnover than the combined currencies it replaced did in 1998 (Table E). The proportion of turnover denominated in sterling fell from 17% to 14%.

As with traditional foreign exchange, the dollar remained the most traded currency in the OTC currency derivatives market. 78% of turnover involved the dollar, down from 81% in 2001. The proportion of turnover involving the euro increased slightly to 49%, as did the proportion involving sterling (16%), but the proportion involving the yen fell to 29% (from 37% in 2001), reflecting a decrease in dollar/yen trading.

⁽¹⁾ The BIS data, which show notional amounts and gross market values outstanding, are available at www.bis.org/publ/otc_hy0405.htm.

⁽²⁾ Where a single entity becomes the counterparty to registered and cleared transactions in OTC instruments, thus replacing bilateral netting arrangements with multilateral netting.

Table E
OTC interest rate derivatives turnover by currency

Per cent

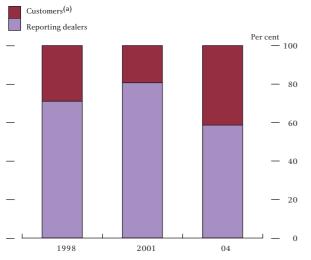
	1998	2001	<u>2004</u>
US dollar	16	26	21
EMS/Euro(a)	57	48	58
Japanese yen	4	3	2
Pound sterling	13	17	14
Other currencies	10	6	5
Total	100	100	100

(a) The percentage for 1998 is the combined share of turnover for the German mark, the French franc, the ECU and all other European Monetary System currencies. Trades between these currencies are included in this figure.

Counterparty

In OTC interest rate derivatives, the proportion of the market accounted for by trades involving non-reporting dealers increased substantially, from 19% to 42% (Chart 6). This was driven by strong growth in business conducted with 'other financial institutions'. In the OTC currency derivatives market the increase was less pronounced, but customer business accounted for a significant proportion of turnover — 38% compared with 32% in 2001.

Chart 6 OTC interest rate derivatives by counterparty



(a) Includes other financial institutions and non-financial institutions.

The increase in business with other financial institutions may reflect the activities of mutual funds, hedge funds and insurance companies in the OTC derivatives markets. The number of hedge funds in particular has grown rapidly in the past three years. Many of these have entered the OTC derivatives markets or diverted a larger allocation of funds to that area. Hedge funds are reported to have been trading volatility via the options markets, which may have contributed to the increased proportion of OTC derivatives activity accounted for by options discussed earlier.

Electronic trading

The survey data about the use of electronic trading are summarised in Table F. Use of e-commerce is not as well established for OTC derivatives as for traditional foreign exchange. This may be due to the greater complexity of the instruments involved. But market commentary suggests it was increasing in importance, particularly in the United Kingdom. April 2004 survey results show that 39% of turnover was conducted via electronic systems. Nearly a third of this was across customer platforms, further evidence of a widening range of participants in OTC derivatives markets.

Table F
Proportion of OTC derivatives turnover across electronic platforms(a)

Per cent

	United K	ingdom	United States(b)		
	Dealer systems	Customer platforms	Dealer systems	Customer platforms	
OTC derivatives	27	12	8	1	
Currency instruments	28	21	22	3	
Interest rate instruments	26	11	7	1	

- (a) All data in the table are based on gross turnover volumes, with no adjustment for local double counting. Some large dealers had difficulty in reporting this information accurately, particularly the location and identity of the counterparty. It should therefore be treated with caution, as the proportions are likely to be underestimated.
- (b) See the US Press Release, published at www.newyorkfed.org/markets/triennial/fx_survey.pdf.

Market concentration

Market concentration in the United Kingdom has continued to increase (Table G). The ten largest institutions accounted for 80% of total reported turnover in April 2004, compared with 74% in 2001; the top 20 accounted for 94% (up from 89%). A smaller number of participants undertook currency derivatives business than interest rate derivatives business, but the number of firms individually accounting for more than 1% of turnover was higher for the former (17) than the latter (14).

Table G OTC derivatives market share of the largest principals in the UK survey

Per cent

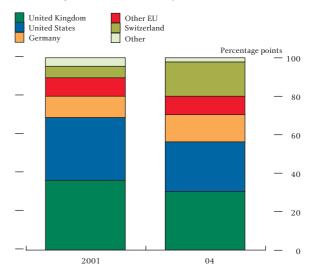
	<u>1995</u>	1998	2001	2004
Ten largest	52	67	74	80
Twenty largest	74	82	89	94

17 of the 20 largest institutions with the highest level of total OTC derivatives turnover from 2001 remained in the top 20. But the identity of the largest participants in 2004 varied between currency and interest rate derivatives; institutions most active in interest rate derivatives markets were not necessarily active in currency derivatives.

Market share by nationality

UK-owned institutions' share of the UK market fell to 30% from 37% in 2001, as shown in Chart 7. Here, the change in the survey's reporting method (to the location of the sales desk rather than that of the price-setting dealer) had the opposite effect to that seen in foreign exchange. Several large European-owned banks have moved their OTC derivatives sales desks to London within the past three years, increasing their volume of turnover relative to that recorded in the 2001 UK survey, and their share of the UK market.⁽¹⁾

Chart 7
OTC derivatives turnover in the United Kingdom by nationality of bank ownership



⁽¹⁾ Effects of the change in method are also evident in the global results for OTC derivatives, summarised in the box on page 471.

Survey details and definitions

Participants

93 institutions (mainly commercial and investment banks) completed the 2004 UK survey. This was fewer than in other survey years (for example, 257 completed the 2001 survey), but this should not have affected coverage given the concentration of the markets in the United Kingdom. Only firms that are active in the interdealer market and/or in business with large customers were asked to participate by the Bank of England. Other institutions, active in the relevant markets, did not take part directly but participating principals will have reported transactions with them.

The questionnaire

Survey participants completed a questionnaire prepared by the Bank of England, based on a standard format agreed with other central banks and produced by the Bank for International Settlements (BIS). Participants provided details of their gross turnover for the 20 business days in April 2004, broken down by instrument, currency and counterparty type. Gross turnover (measured in nominal values) was defined as the absolute total value of all deals contracted; there was no netting of purchases against sales. The questionnaire requested data in terms of US dollar equivalents, rounded to the nearest million. The location of a trade was identified by the location of the sales desk, rather than that of the price-setting dealer as in previous surveys.

The survey distinguished the following types of transaction:

Foreign exchange

- Spot transaction: Single outright transaction involving the exchange of two currencies at a rate agreed on the date of the contract for value or delivery (cash settlement) within two business days. The spot legs of swaps and swaps that were for settlement within two days (ie 'tomorrow/next day' swap transactions) were excluded from this category.
- Outright forward: Transaction involving the exchange of two currencies at a rate agreed on the date of the
 contract for value or delivery (cash settlement) at some time in the future (more than two business days
 later). Also included in this category were forward foreign exchange agreement transactions (FXA),
 non-deliverable forwards, and other forward contracts for differences.
- Foreign exchange swap: Transaction that involves the actual exchange of two currencies (principal amount only) on a specific date at a rate agreed at the time of the conclusion of the contract (the short leg), and a reverse exchange of the same two currencies at a date further in the future at a rate (generally different from the rate applied to the short leg) agreed at the time of the conclusion of the contract (the long leg). Short-term swaps carried out as 'tomorrow/next day' transactions are included in this category.

OTC currency derivatives

- Currency swap: Transaction involving the actual exchange of two currencies on a specific date at a rate
 agreed at the time of the conclusion of the contract, and an agreement to exchange streams of interest
 payments in the currencies for an agreed period, followed by a reverse exchange at a pre-agreed exchange
 rate at maturity.
- *Currency option*: Option contract that gives the right to buy or sell a currency with another currency at a specified exchange rate during a specified period. This category also includes currency swaptions, currency warrants and exotic foreign exchange options such as average rate options and barrier options.

Single-currency OTC interest rate derivatives

- Forward rate agreement (FRA): Interest rate forward contract in which the rate to be paid or received on a specific principal for a set period of time, beginning at some time in the future, is determined at contract initiation.
- Interest rate swap: Agreement to exchange periodic payments related to interest rates on a single currency.
 Can be fixed for floating, or floating for floating based on different indices. This category includes those swaps whose notional principal is amortised according to a fixed schedule independent of interest rates.
- Interest rate option: Option contract that gives the right to pay or receive a specific interest rate on a predetermined principal for a set period. Included in this category are interest rate caps, floors, collars, corridors, swaptions and warrants.

Reporting institutions were asked to distinguish between transactions with *reporting dealers*, *other financial institutions* (all categories of financial institution other than reporting dealers) and *non-financial institutions*. In each case they were asked to separate local and cross-border transactions (determined according to the location, rather than the nationality of the counterparty) to permit adjustment for double counting.

The aggregate responses (adjusted for double counting) for the main sections of the UK questionnaire are reproduced in Tables H, I and J (at the end of this article). The BIS intends to publish an analysis of the global survey results in early 2005. National central banks also conducted surveys of global outstanding positions in the derivatives markets (measured at the end of June 2004) and the BIS has released aggregate results on its website at www.bis.org/publ/rpfx04.htm.

Table H Average daily net/gross foreign exchange turnover(a)

US\$ millions (rounded to the nearest million)

US dollar against:							Sterling against:						
	Euro	¥	Swfr	Can\$	Aus\$	Other	US\$	Euro	¥	Swfr	Can\$	Aus\$	Other
Spot													
Reporting dealers Local Cross-border	57,387 12,430 44,957	18,753 4,051 14,703	5,950 1,431 4,520	3,835 808 3,027	5,201 1,326 3,874	10,916 2,896 8,019	19,632 5,969 13,663	7,774 2,472 5,303	478 69 409	194 49 145	103 50 54	93 17 76	101 31 70
Other financial institutions Local Cross-border	21,973 4,877 17,096	6,820 1,321 5,499	2,147 463 1,685	1,632 261 1,370	1,752 369 1,383	6,140 440 5,700	9,334 3,451 5,883	3,052 1,512 1,540	245 103 142	144 74 70	76 19 57	73 32 40	169 137 33
Non-financial institutions Local Cross-border	8,192 4,516 3,676	1,926 275 1,651	402 63 339	393 185 209	394 70 324	429 101 328	2,177 923 1,254	954 349 605	49 21 28	56 17 40	13 9 4	17 10 7	81 49 32
Subtotal	87,552	27,500	8,500	5,860	7,347	17,485	31,143	11,780	773	395	192	182	351
Outright forward													
Reporting dealers Local Cross-border	21,818 3,049 18,768	10,107 1,523 8,584	1,438 220 1,218	1,469 232 1,237	1,523 297 1,226	8,863 1,876 6,986	8,634 2,213 6,421	1,911 426 1,485	139 22 117	117 24 93	8 0 7	42 3 39	57 13 44
Other financial institutions Local Cross-border	7,314 2,390 4,923	3,327 1,036 2,291	774 153 621	764 190 574	609 217 392	2,752 597 2,155	6,346 4,592 1,755	1,813 1,065 748	250 145 105	145 74 71	23 19 4	37 22 15	90 60 29
Non-financial institutions Local Cross-border	6,700 4,771 1,929	1,860 647 1,213	369 89 280	448 246 202	246 65 181	630 207 423	1,874 1,111 763	1,148 625 523	141 94 46	71 28 44	18 9 9	36 15 21	103 63 40
Subtotal	35,831	15,294	2,581	2,681	2,378	12,245	16,853	4,872	530	333	49	114	249
Foreign exchange	swaps												
Reporting dealers Local Cross-border	86,755 25,324 61,431	32,415 10,146 22,270	14,647 3,306 11,341	9,839 2,590 7,249	12,710 4,558 8,152	41,202 8,973 32,229	93,109 40,208 52,900	4,282 1,211 3,071	614 498 117	159 57 102	50 39 11	134 23 111	183 51 131
Other financial institutions Local Cross-border	33,156 12,574 20,583	9,303 3,081 6,222	3,439 755 2,684	3,046 1,353 1,694	4,020 1,124 2,896	11,037 3,255 7,782	29,076 15,753 13,324	2,896 1,634 1,262	1,051 132 920	91 33 57	74 38 37	73 62 11	92 65 28
Non-financial institutions Local Cross-border	6,631 2,233 4,398	3,005 978 2,028	1,004 95 909	601 199 402	613 182 431	1,096 345 751	4,105 1,987 2,118	2,551 1,142 1,409	2,679 2,651 28	97 52 46	44 36 9	54 43 11	239 125 113
Subtotal	126,543	44,724	19,090	13,486	17,342	53,334	126,290	9,728	4,344	347	169	261	514
Total foreign exchange turnover	249,925	87,518	30,171	22,028	27,067	83,064	174,286	26,381	5,646	1,075	409	55 <i>7</i>	1,113
Maturity of forwards: Seven days or less Over seven days Over one year	; per cent ^(b) 74 26 1	68 31 1	80 20 0	78 21 0	78 21 1	79 20 2	73 26 1	49 49 2	10 89 0	49 50 0	48 51 1	33 67 0	45 54 1

⁽a) Adjusted for local double counting.(b) Gross maturities data cannot be adjusted accurately for local double counting. Figures in this table are unadjusted, given as a percentage of gross outright forward and foreign exchange swap turnover, and may not sum to 100% due to rounding.

Euro a	ngainst:					
¥	Swfr	Can\$	Aus\$	Other	Residual	Total, all currencies
5,614 1,368 4,245	5,498 1,366 4,132	126 53 73	200 46 154	3,709 842 2,867	1,156 265 891	146,772 35,539 111,182
2,734 507 2,228	1,446 421 1,025	63 12 51	71 17 53	982 276 707	340 31 309	59,192 14,322 44,870
402 82 321	590 71 519	34 2 32	36 14 22	363 46 317	83 5 77	16,592 6,809 9,783
8,750	7,534	224	306	5,054	1,578	222,506
1,842 321 1,521	854 168 686	38 8 31	74 21 53	608 146 462	313 36 277	59,852 10,597 49,255
1,328 314 1,015	702 180 522	90 48 43	89 42 47	773 315 457	297 81 216	27,521 11,539 15,982
782 434 348	314 46 268	45 9 36	73 32 42	345 81 264	111 19 92	15,312 8,589 6,723
3,952	1,870	174	236	1,726	720	102,685
2,404 1,111 1,294	314 25 289	153 55 98	452 169 283	536 87 449	846 300 546	300,802 98,730 202,072
3,921 1,113 2,807	381 69 312	52 22 30	96 33 63	533 145 388	150 21 129	102,487 41,260 61,227
324 90 234	396 91 304	63 20 43	211 165 46	581 167 413	234 116 118	24,529 10,717 13,812
5,649	1,091	268	758	1,650	1,230	427,818
9,350	10,495	665	1,301	8,429	3,529	753,009
42 56 2	43 56 1	30 65 5	36 63 1	34 65 1	57 42 1	72 27 1

Table I
Average daily net/gross OTC currency derivatives turnover(a)

US\$ millions (rounded to the nearest million)

	US doll	ar against:					Sterling against:						
	Euro	¥	Swfr	Can\$	Aus\$	Other	US\$	Euro	¥	Swfr	Can\$	Aus\$	Other
Currency swaps													
Reporting dealers Local Cross-border	4,213 2,999 1,214	1, 590 107 1,484	1,036 778 258	23 0 23	530 121 409	389 216 173	2,528 1,483 1,045	591 355 236	72 0 72	1 0 1	4 4 0	0 0 0	0 0 0
Other financial institutions Local Cross-border	779 112 667	219 64 155	36 15 21	8 0 8	12 0 12	87 0 87	379 86 293	595 189 406	153 75 77	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	26 2 24
Non-financial institutions Local Cross-border	1,000 10 990	244 3 241	4 0 4	23 0 23	4 0 4	53 0 53	155 46 109	213 83 130	5 5 0	0 0 0	6 0 6	1 1 0	12 12 0
Subtotal	5,992	2,053	1,076	54	546	529	3,062	1,399	229	1	10	1	38
OTC options sold													
Reporting dealers Local Cross-border	5,412 1,343 4,069	4,494 1,220 3,274	421 83 338	655 196 459	1,128 255 873	785 267 518	1,802 648 1,153	555 182 373	27 6 21	59 13 46	5 1 4	14 3 12	2 1 1
Other financial institutions Local Cross-border	3,001 1,077 1,924	2,318 492 1,826	303 138 165	343 106 236	536 158 378	569 154 415	827 316 511	299 123 177	12 6 6	30 20 10	1 0 1	16 5 11	11 9 3
Non-financial institutions Local Cross-border	910 96 814	322 40 283	87 4 83	70 0 70	105 1 103	131 23 108	193 77 116	160 44 62	3 0 3	8 0 8	2 0 2	0 0 0	23 16 6
Subtotal	9,324	7,134	811	1,068	1,769	1,485	2,821	960	42	97	8	30	36
OTC options bought													
Reporting dealers Local Cross-border	5,494 1,392 4,102	4,503 1,190 3,313	453 96 358	605 189 417	1,222 246 976	990 261 729	1,782 660 1,122	542 185 357	31 2 29	84 12 72	14 2 12	32 5 27	14 1 13
Other financial institutions Local Cross-border	3,026 747 2,278	2,274 517 1,756	233 76 157	446 96 349	551 143 408	544 122 422	1,080 407 673	278 124 154	8 4 3	39 29 9	0 0 0	13 0 13	14 12 1
Non-financial institutions Local Cross-border	953 63 889	529 40 489	93 3 89	61 1 60	97 18 79	1 22 9 112	275 61 215	147 52 94	3 2 1	22 1 21	2 0 2	0 0 0	23 20 3
Subtotal	9,473	7,306	779	1,112	1,870	1,655	3,137	968	42	144	16	45	51
Total OTC options	18,796	14,440	1,590	2,180	3,639	3,139	5,958	1,928	84	241	24	<i>7</i> 5	86
Total	24,788	16,492	2,666	2,233	4,185	3,668	9,020	3,327	313	242	34	<i>7</i> 6	124

⁽a) Adjusted for local double counting.

Euro	against:					
¥	Swfr	Can\$	Aus\$	Other	Residual	Total, all currencies
64	30	6	31	71	168	11,347
5 59	1 29	0	0 31	14 57	2 166	6,085 5,262
100		_	50		70	0.554
108 5 103	6 0 6	5 1 4	59 0 59	33 3 31	30 0 30	2,534 552 1,982
103	Ü	1	32	51	30	1,502
15 0	21 0	15 0	6 0	27 0	79 1	1,879 160
15	21	15	6	27	78	1,719
186	5 <i>7</i>	26	95	131	276	15,760
1,690	632	19	86	483	322	18,592
510 1,180	178 454	7 12	21 65	162 322	90 231	5,185 13,407
825	447	17	80	279	399	10.712
195 630	163 285	0 17	32 47	110 169	133 266	10,312 3,236 7,076
050	203	1/	4/	107	200	7,070
373 4	151 1	7 0	7 1	64 5	46 16	2,608 329
369	151	7	6	59	30	2,279
2,888	1,230	43	173	827	767	31,512
1,897	828	32	74	626	385	19,606
573 1,324	207 621	14 18	27 47	192 434	88 297	5,341 14,265
936	349	20	95	279	419	10,602
264 672	67 282	3 18	27 67	97 182	176 243	2,912 7,690
0, 2	202	10	0/	102	213	7,000
351 8	57 5	4 0	11 3	80 1	82 6	2,910 293
344	52	4	9	80	75	2,618
3,184	1,233	56	179	985	885	33,118
6,072	2,464	99	352	1,811	1,652	64,630
6,258	2,520	126	447	1,943	1,928	80,390
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Table J
Average daily net/gross OTC interest rate derivatives turnover(a)

US\$ millions (rounded to the nearest million)

	£	US\$	Euro	¥	Swfr	Can\$	Aus\$	Dkr	HK\$	Skr	Other	Total
FRAs												
Reporting dealers Local Cross-border	17,012 6,864 10,147	19,907 5,777 14,130	40,300 8,861 31,438	147 31 116	1,131 371 759	156 73 83	521 9 512	524 51 473	8 3 5	3,904 723 3,181	5,667 657 5,011	89,276 23,421 65,856
Other financial institutions Local Cross-border	6,525 4,089 2,436	6,799 3,637 3,162	63,667 55,986 7.681	17 12 5	1 55 78 77	28 0 28	145 4 141	59 22 37	1 1 0	502 163 339	303 44 259	78,220 64,036 14,164
Non-financial institutions Local Cross-border	810 118 691	1,157 875 282	216 3 213	0 0 0	2 0 2	0 0 0	11 0 11	0 0 0	0 0 0	6 0 6	27 2 25	2,227 998 1,229
Subtotal	24,346	27,862	104,182	164	1,288	184	677	582	9	4,411	5,997	169,703
Swaps												
Reporting dealers Local Cross-border	29,707 11,110 18,597	42,133 9,387 32,747	107,602 22,569 85,033	7,906 1,358 6,547	2,535 657 1,878	1,195 106 1,089	1,828 207 1,621	228 37 192	1,017 108 909	1,590 308 1,282	2,103 255 1,849	197,845 46,102 151,743
Other financial institutions Local Cross-border	15,629 6,634 8,996	11,954 1,885 10,068	52,54 7 20,483 32,064	2,898 515 2,383	960 180 780	213 20 193	765 19 747	99 13 86	139 45 93	803 222 581	572 52 521	86,579 30,067 56,512
Non-financial institutions Local Cross-border	2,550 1,218 1,332	3,655 1,626 2,028	8,106 4,352 3,754	109 67 42	127 35 91	0 0 0	34 0 34	7 0 7	3 0 3	80 2 78	53 2 51	14,723 7,302 7,420
Subtotal	47,886	57,742	168,255	10,913	3,621	1,408	2,628	334	1,159	2,472	2,728	299,146
OTC options sold												
Reporting dealers Local Cross-border	1,178 287 891	7,324 1,268 6,056	9,892 2,485 7,407	976 153 823	185 85 100	0 0 0	323 3 320	0 0 0	21 4 18	6 6 1	56 6 51	19,962 4,296 15,667
Other financial institutions Local Cross-border	409 172 237	6,981 995 5,986	15,510 3,068 12,442	337 27 310	324 8 316	0 0 0	50 11 39	0 0 0	135 1 134	34 19 16	34 23 11	23,814 4,323 19,491
Non-financial institutions Local Cross-border	310 295 15	1,983 282 1,701	624 15 609	60 56 5	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	3 0 3	5 0 5	2,985 647 2,338
Subtotal	1,897	16,288	26,026	1,373	509	0	372	0	156	43	95	46,761
OTC options bough	t											
Reporting dealers Local Cross-border	1,104 328 777	9,826 1,467 8,359	10,195 2,464 7,732	445 95 350	140 23 117	0 0 0	334 12 322	2 0 2	188 8 179	31 11 20	85 4 81	22,349 4,412 17,937
Other financial institutions Local Cross-border	2,845 107 2,739	2,291 612 1,679	14,899 2,266 12,633	250 6 244	159 1 158	2 0 2	12 3 9	1 0 1	2 0 2	18 10 8	46 45 1	20,524 3,050 17,474
Non-financial institutions Local Cross-border	154 79 75	2,388 410 1,978	1,615 10 1,605	16 0 16	21 2 20	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 0 0	32 19 13	4,226 519 3,707
Subtotal	4,104	14,505	26,709	711	320	2	346	2	190	49	162	47,099
Total OTC options	6,001	30,793	52,735	2,084	829	2	718	2	346	92	257	93,860
Total OTC interest rate derivatives	78,233	116,397	325,172	13,161	5,738	1,594	4,023	919	1,514	6,976	8,982	562,710

⁽a) Adjusted for local double counting.