Lifecycle of a Cleared OTC Derivative Trade

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Trade Life Cycle: Two Trade Flow Types

Currently, two trade flows have emerged for cleared OTC transactions.



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Market structure: New challenges due to proposed regulations



- Unlike Futures, OTC regulations require open access--multiple execution venues (SEFs and exchanges) to multiple clearing houses to multiple clearing members
- Possible fragmentation of liquidity
- Due to operational latency, difficulty providing certainty of clearing/execution
- Limits can be enforced at different nodes (eg CCP, SEF, or CM), and the industry is working on optimal market structure design (ISDA/FIA)



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