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Multi Currency Options

Over the past years, deregulation has increased sensitivity to foreign exchange rates due to free capital flows across countries and floating Fx rates. Typically, investors attracted by potential high growth rates in foreign markets, or industrialists with major expense and revenue in different currencies, need to hedge the Fx risk they bear. To answer this need, OTC Markets have seen the development, along with standard instruments (Fx, Fx options, Currency swaps etc.), of a family of currency-linked asset-based instruments.

Three main types are available:

- Options bought or sold in a currency other than the asset denomination currency
- Composite options (or crosses)
- Quanto options.

In this document, we fully develop the case of multi-currency vanilla options. The same concepts apply to multi-currency exotic options (average rate, basket, etc.)

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1 - Options with converted premium

1.1 - Definition and evaluation

These are options traded in a currency different from their underlying asset currency. They can be replicated with an option on the standard asset, and an Fx spot transaction converting the option's market value into the foreign currency at current market Fx spot at revaluation date. The option premium and its market value are paid/expressed in this conversion currency.

Notations and general conventions:

S : the underlying asset spot price at maturity

K : the option strike denominated in the underlying asset currency

F^x : the foreign exchange spot rate at revaluation date between the underlying asset currency and the conversion currency (i.e. premium payment currency)

$V_{foreign}$: the volatility of the underlying asset

MV_{local} : the market value of the converted instrument

$MV_{foreign}$: the market value of the underlying asset

The payoff at maturity of a regular European call option on this asset is : $Payoff = \text{Max}(S - K, 0)$

The payoff at maturity of a "converted option" is : $Payoff = \text{Max}(S - K, 0) \times Fx$

The option premium is the conversion of the original premium (i.e. option revaluation in asset currency) into the conversion currency using the Fx spot rate

$$MV_{local} = MV_{foreign} \times Fx$$

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$$MV_{local} = MV_{foreign} \times Fx$$

Considering that $MV_{foreign}$ and Fx are independent, we compute derivatives as follows:

$$option\ delta = \frac{\partial MV_{foreign}}{\partial S}$$

$$option\ gamma = \frac{\partial Option\ delta}{\partial S}$$

$$vega_{local} = \frac{\partial MV_{local}}{\partial V_{foreign}} = \frac{\partial MV_{foreign} \times Fx}{\partial V_{foreign}} = Vega_{foreign} \times Fx$$

Therefore, sensitivities to the underlying asset parameters are equal to sensitivities of the corresponding unconverted option, but they can be expressed in the conversion currency via current Fx spot on revaluation date.

$$FxDelta_{local} = \frac{\partial MV_{local}}{\partial Fx} = \frac{\partial MV_{foreign} \times Fx}{\partial Fx} = MV_{foreign}$$

Thus the buyer bears an Fx risk equal to the market value in the underlying asset currency.

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1.2 - Converted premium instrument configuration and market data

For listed or OTC options, no specific configuration at option contract level is needed. However, for Warrants, select (S-K)X in the **Fx rule** flag in Warrant definition screen (under **Configuration / Securities / Warrants**). Exotic pricing should be used.

Parameters involved are security price, security volatility, Fx spot, and the rate curves of both currencies.

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1.3 - Converted premium Pricing

In this section, the various outputs displayed in the Pricing screen are described. An example is given in the following section.

1.3.1 - Converted premium outputs

Output	Expressed in	Calculation	Correspondence with parameter change
Premium i.e. local Market Value	Local currency	Foreign option premium x current Fx spot	/
Equity Delta	Foreign currency (risk is on the underlying asset)	Foreign Equity Delta	Foreign Premium variation due to a 1 point Asset spot move (average variation for Up and Down move) = $1/Fx \times$ Premium variation due to a 1 point asset spot change
Equity Gamma	Foreign currency (risk is on the underlying asset)	Foreign Equity Gamma	Foreign Delta variation due to a 1 point Asset spot move (average variation for Up and Down move) = $1/Fx \times$ Delta variation due to a 1 point asset spot change
Fx Delta	Foreign currency	Foreign premium	On foreign option (mono- currency), there is no Fx Delta (except against the Accounting currency, which is not relevant to Pricing).
Equity Vega	Local currency	Foreign Vega x current Fx Spot	Corresponds to the variation of converted premium due to a 100 BP change in the equity volatility
Rho	Local currency	Foreign Rho x current Fx Spot	Corresponds to the variation of the converted premium due to a 10 BP change in the foreign equity currency zero rate

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Theta Local currency Spot Foreign Theta x current Fx Spot

foreign equity currency zero rate

Corresponds to the converted premium change for a 1 day horizon change

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1.3.2 - Converted premium example

A warrant on the Nikkei sold in EUR to a German investor:

- Nikkei 225 Spot = 14872
- EUR/JPY Spot = 91.31654

In the Exotic Pricing screen (menu **Pricing / Equities / Exotic equity option**), set the **Multi currency** flag to **Basic** and the **Premium currency** flag to **EUR** (for warrants, select the warrant under **File/Load warrant**).

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Spot Mid	14872.0000
Fwd Mid	14903.2200
Vol Mid	24.8633
Delta Mid	54.6287
Gamma Mid	2.7801
Vega Mid	0.3700
Rho Mid	0.0261
Theta Mid	-0.0403
FxDelta Mid	895.0324
FxSpot Mid	91.3165

Premium	Volatility	Delta	Gamma	Vega	Rho	Theta
9.8014	24.86	54.83	2.780	0.370	0.026	-0.040

Figure 1: - Exotic pricing screen for Multi-currency options

Premium (MV_{local}) = 9.801427 EUR

Fx Delta ($MV_{foreign}$) = 9.801427 x 91.31654

Fx Delta ($MV_{foreign}$) = 895.0324 JPY

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1.4 - Converted premium simulation

In the Deal ticket itself, no specific information other than the premium currency indicates the nature of this option.

1.4.1 - Simulation outputs

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1.4 - Converted premium simulation

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1.4.1 - Simulation outputs

The table below describes the main outputs displayed in the Simulation screen:

Output	Expressed in	Calculation	Specifics
P&L	Foreign currency	Market Value field is discounted (on the local currency curve from premium payment date to horizon): Discount factor (DF) x Theoretical Premium x Quantity	For example, Daily Capital Gain only reflects Equity movements, not Fx
Equity Delta	Foreign currency	Foreign Delta (on Pricing screen) x Quantity x DF	Open position "Filter" and Main screen deltas are identical, Open position "Instrument" delta is deduced from them by a discounting from Spot date to Horizon date on the asset currency
Equity Gamma	Foreign currency	Foreign Gamma (on Pricing screen) x Quantity	Open Position "Instrument" Gamma and Main Screen Gamma are identical (horizon date). Open position "Filter" Gamma is capitalised on Spot date on the asset currency curve.
Equity Vega	Foreign currency	Foreign Vega (on Pricing screen) x Quantity	Corresponds to a 100 BP change in asset volatility
Rho	Foreign currency	Foreign Rho (on Pricing screen) x Quantity	Corresponds to a 10 BP change in asset currency zero rate
Theta	Foreign currency	Foreign Theta (on Pricing screen) x Quantity	/
Fx Delta	Foreign currency	Non discounted Market Value (whereas delta is discounted as of horizon). Trade 's actual paid/received premium is not taken into account.	To view Fx delta properly, build a family with P&L = premium currency

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1.4.2 - Example of simulation

In the *Simulation / Portfolio simulation / Securities* screen (with P&L expressed per currency), the **Market_Value** (discounted) is expressed in foreign currency (here, JPY). The discount is done on the local currency (here, EUR) revaluation curve.

Portfolio	JP VIARR	Market date	Reference set	System date	18 Oct 2000	Horizon	18 Oct 2000		
Equity positions and risk									
Results Settings View									
Instrument	Position	Price	Delta	Gamma	Vega	Theta	Rho	Market_Value	P&L Cur
MM225 IDX	0	14872.0000	6480	278.04	337878	-36773	23863	8944598	1382.JPY

Figure 2: - Securities simulation screen

Family definition

Family	EUR
Description	
P&L currency	EUR
Correlation	Off
Crosses	Excluded

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Figure 3: - Family definition

To view the risk on the foreign currency (i.e. JPY) with respect to the local currency (i.e. EUR), family configurations of currency pairs should be built. To do this, click on the Fx tab (see figure 2), select menu option Edit/Insert family, and build the family as shown in figure 3 .

Portfolio JP VWAJP Market data Reference set System date 18 Oct 2020 Horizon 18 Oct 2020

Securities Rates Fx

View

	Spot	Delta	P&L
EUR			
EUR-JPY	91.3165	EUR-JPY	6,950,324 JPY
Total	91.3165	EUR-JPY	EUR 1,302 JPY

Figure 4: - Fx view on portfolio

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Figure 4: - Fx view on portfolio

In the Fx tab (figure 4), this family view shows the foreign currency risk (here, JPY) with regard to the local currency (EUR).

In our example, for the German investor, the implied Fx risk is high: he may realise capital gains in JPY, which could be wiped out by a fall of JPY against EUR. This Fx risk represented by the EUR/JPY delta changes continuously and is equal to the JPY market value of the warrant.

Indeed, for the German investor, who paid a premium P (EUR), the P&L in EUR is:

$$PL = MV_{JPY} \times S_{EUR.JPY} - P_{EUR}$$

The EUR/JPY delta is therefore MV JPY, the market value in JPY.

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2 - Composite Options

2.1 - Definition of composite option

Composite options are options with a strike price guaranteed in a currency different from their underlying asset currency. They protect against adverse moves of both underlying asset price at maturity and Fx rate.

Notations:

S : the underlying asset spot price in foreign currency

K : the option strike denominated in local currency

F^x : the foreign exchange spot rate at revaluation date between the local and foreign currencies

$r_{foreign}$: the foreign currency interest rate

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$r_{foreign}$: the foreign currency interest rate

r_{local} : the local currency interest rate

f : the forward price

t : the time to maturity, expressed in fraction of a year

The payoff at maturity of a composite call option: $Payoff = \max(S \times Fx - K, 0)$

For example, the underlying of a composite option on a US company stock (quoted in USD) having a strike expressed in EUR can be compared to the combination of the US-traded share and an Fx spot trade which converts the stock price into EUR at current EUR/USD Fx rate (Fx).

The composite option behaves like a standard option on the EUR-valued US company share, with a strike in EUR. However, the input variables are the spot price of the composite asset (in EUR), the volatility of that price, and the EUR rate curve.

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2.2 - Evaluation of composite option

S and F_x are considered as two independent instruments following a lognormal process. Their product $S \times F_x$ thus follows a lognormal process.

The forward price of $S \times F_x$ is the expected value of the spot price at maturity: $F(S \times F_x) = F(S) \times F(F_x)$

with $F(S)$ and $F(F_x)$ the asset forward price and the Fx forward rate respectively.

Thus: $F(S \times F_x) = S^{R_{USD} \times t} \times F_x^{(R_{EUR} - R_{USD}) \times t} = S \times F_x^{R_{EUR} \times t}$ (assuming no dividends fall during option life)

The volatility of $S \times F_x$ is given by: $\ln(S \times F_x) = \ln(S) + \ln(F_x)$

The variance of $\ln(S \times F_x)$ is thus: $\text{var}(\ln(S \times F_x)) = \text{var}(\ln S) + \text{var}(\ln F_x) + 2 \text{Cov}(\ln S, \ln F_x)$

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The volatility of $(S \times Fx)$ is given by:

$$\text{var}(\ln S \times Fx) = \text{var}(\ln S) + \text{var}(\ln Fx) + 2 \text{Cov}(\ln S, \ln Fx)$$

The variance of $\ln(S \times Fx)$ is thus:

$$\text{Vol}^2(S \times Fx) = \text{Vol}^2(S) + \text{Vol}^2(Fx) + 2 \times \rho \times \text{Vol}(S) \times \text{Vol}(Fx)$$

With the volatilities and the correlation coefficient:

These parameters are the input parameters for standard models used to price a composite option.

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2.3 - Composite option Configuration and Market data

For listed or OTC options, there is no specific configuration at option contract level. At trade ticket level, the fx archiving group and fixing time should be defined to have the fx cutoff considered in the calculation of settlement flux when exercising the option.

For composite option on basket, the volatility type of the basket should be set to *Global*. The volatility types "by asset" and "by asset & smile" are not compatible with the FX rule "Composite" in MX.

For Warrants, select (SX-K) in the **Fx rule** flag in the Warrant definition screen (in **Configuration / Securities / Warrants**). Once the FX rule is set to (SX-K), two fields will be displayed in the bloc Cut-off to define **FX Cut-off**.

Warrant definition

10 janv. 2013

Security warrant WRNT_FWDSTART - 1

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Cut-off EQ DE STOXX FIXING

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Call or put Call

Cash or delivery Delivery

Start mode Forward start

Maturity 10 janv. 2014

Future expiry

Strike 0.00

Flex

Nominal Mode

Total return No

Parity 1.0000 / 0.0000

Figure 5: Composite warrant definition

Parameters involved are the security price, security volatility, Fx spot, Fx volatility, correlation, and the rate curves of both currencies (to compute the asset forward price and the Fx forward rate).

Correlation is input as a specific market data. Within **Market data / Correlations**, add in a correlation group a line with the relevant asset and the currency pair (Contract). This correlation is interpreted by the system according to the setting of the **Correlation sign/fx quotation** flag in **Configuration / Settings / Securities evaluation settings**:

- If set to Independent of fx quotation, the input correlation parameter is always read as the correlation between the asset spot price and the Fx spot rate used to value the composite option (expressed in local currency per unit of foreign currency), regardless of the Fx spot market quotation.
- If set to Depending on fx quotation: the input correlation parameter is read as the correlation between the asset spot price and the Fx spot rate as quoted on the market.

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The asset volatility used is read from the volatility surface, whereas the Fx volatility is read from the Fx volatility term structure but not from the surface.

The asset volatility and the Fx volatility both have an impact on the composite premium. The composite volatility is calculated from the asset and Fx volatilities.

With σ , σ_{Fx} , σ_C : the asset, Fx, and composite volatility respectively:

$$\sigma_C^2 = \sigma^2 + \sigma_{Fx}^2 + 2 \times \rho \times \sigma \times \sigma_{Fx}$$

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2.4 - Composite option Pricing

2.4.1 - Composite option outputs

An example of the pricing of composite options is given in the following section.

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2.4.1 - Composite option outputs

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Outputs	Calculation and Explanation
Fwd	Composite Forward price calculation on the basis of Equity Forward price: given between Equity Spot Payment date and Expiry Payment Date. Forward Fx rate $F(Fx)$ is computed between Fx Spot value date and Expiry Payment date.
Premium	Computed with the usual models, with the composite parameters (spot, forward, volatility). Expressed in composite currency.
Composite Delta	<p>Composite Delta can be defined as the number of composite assets to be traded to hedge the position. Composite assets are not traded as such but can be replicated with an asset trade and an Fx trade. As a result, the composite delta can be split into two different deltas: the asset and the Fx delta:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Asset delta: This is the local premium variation for a 1 point change in the asset spot price x the local / foreign Fx Spot rate. It shows the amount of underlying asset (in %) to buy/sell to hedge. To fully hedge the composite delta, this amount of underlying asset must be converted into the amount of currency to buy/sell to offset the Fx risk on the conversion operation. The Fx delta is then simply equal to the equivalent cash amount of the asset delta (corresponds to the delta expressed in invested amount in Simulation).Fx delta: $Fx\ Delta = Asset\ delta \times Asset\ spot\ price$. Note that Fx Delta and asset Delta have the same sign (for a call): the bigger the asset delta, the deeper in the money the option on the standard asset is, and consequently the bigger the Fx conversion risk.
Fx Vega	Corresponds to the premium change (in local currency) for a 1 point change of the Fx volatility.
Vega	Corresponds to the premium change (in local currency) for a 1 point change of the Equity volatility.
Zeta	<p>Zeta represents the sensibility of the premium to a 1-point change in correlation. The Zeta sign depends on the correlation interpretation mode (correlation sign dependent or not on Fx quotation).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">If the input correlation is the real correlation used in composite pricing (i.e. either correlation is interpreted independently of the Fx spot quotation, or if the composite Fx spot is quoted as on the market), a higher input correlation means a higher volatility, so a higher price. In this case, Zeta is positive.On the contrary, if the real correlation used to price the composite is not the input correlation (i.e. it is interpreted according to the Fx spot quotation, and composite Fx spot is not quoted as on the Fx market), a higher input correlation means a smaller real correlation, so a smaller premium. Zeta is negative.

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quotation, and composite Fx spot is not quoted as on the Fx market), a higher input correlation means a smaller real correlation, so a smaller premium. Zeta is negative.

In case of a positive correlation between asset and Fx prices, the composite volatility is bigger than the sum of the asset and the Fx volatilities. This explains why the composite option premium can be largely positive even for quite OTM options.

FxRho

The option premium is discounted on the local currency rate curve, and the composite forward depends only on this curve. Therefore, the composite premium is only sensitive to the local currency rate curve, not to the foreign currency rate curve. Hence $Rho_{foreign} = 0$ And Rho_{local} expresses the premium sensitivity to change in the premium currency rate curve.

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2.4.2 - Composite option example

For an option, select **Composite** in the **Multi currency** flag, and select the **Premium currency**.

Underlying

Contract US EQ O E

Class IBM

US NEWYK

Product type Equity

Structure type Option

Financial definition

Expiry 1y 25 Oct 2001

Call or Put Call

Strike 102.0000

Option strike price expressed in local currency

Cap No

Style European

Settlement Cash

View Conversion Risk

Spot Bid 94.8750

Underlying spot price expressed in foreign currency

Exotic details

Model details

Total return No

Payoff Vanilla

Strip No

Multi currency Composite

Premium currency EUR

Forward start No

Strike fixing date

Ratio

Compound No

Compound expiry

Option overview Std

Overview details

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View Conversion Risk

Spot Bid	94.8750
Fwd Bid	109.7316
Vol Bid	55.0000
PxDelta Bid	62.5540
PXSpot Bid	0.9100
PXVol Bid	12.0000
PXVega Bid	0.0814
Zeta Bid	4.4790
PXCor Bid	0.3000
PXQuanto	EUR-USD

Underlying spot price expressed in foreign currency

Premium	Volatility	Delta	Gamma	Vega	Rho	Theta
26.1397	33.6851	55.00	65.93	71.22	0.651	0.526
				0.373	0.379	0.000
					0.600	-0.038
						-0.040

Figure 6: - Composite option configuration in Exotic pricing

Figure 6 shows the example described above of the underlying of a composite option on a US company stock (quoted in USD) with a strike expressed in EUR.

2.4.2.1 - Composite forward price calculation

Spot	T+3 OD
Coupon/Dividend	25 Oct 2000
Payment	30 Oct 2000
Expiry	T+3 OD
Coupon/Dividend	25 Oct 2001
Payment	30 Oct 2001

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Equity Forward price: given between Equity Spot Payment date (30 Oct 2000) and Expiry Payment Date (30 Oct 2001). (To view dates, right click and select Open on OptDates <Details> in the parameters list)(figure 7).

- Equity Forward Price $F(S) = 101.3389$ EUR (Full precision: 101.3388653932).
- Forward Fx rate $F(Fx)$ is computed between Fx Spot value date (27 Oct 2000 in this example) and Expiry Payment date (30 Oct 2001).
- Fx Spot in EUR-USD=0.91
- Compounding factor in USD between 27 Oct 2000 and 30 Oct 2001: 1.068708733
- Compounding factor in EUR between 27 Oct 2000 and 30 Oct 2001: 1.053067619
- Fx Forward price quoted in EUR-USD is given by: $0.91 \times 1.068708733 / 1.053067619 = 0.923516144$
- Composite forward as of Expiry Payment date is then given by: $F(\text{Composite}) = 101.3389 / 0.923516144 = 109.7315581$

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2.4.2.2 - Composite Volatility Calculation

This volatility corresponds to the theoretical volatility used to price the US company share denominated in EUR.

This is a theoretical intermediate parameter, it cannot be displayed on screen.

$$Vol_{composite} = \sqrt{Vol_{equity}^2 + Vol_{FX}^2 + 2 \times \rho \times Vol_{equity} \times Vol_{FX}}$$

$$Vol_{composite} = \sqrt{55^2 + 12^2 + 2 \times 0.3 \times 55 \times 12} = 59.7076$$

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2.4.2.3 - Zeta

In the example shown in Figure 7 , real correlation (FxCorBid) is positive: 0.3 is the correlation between the US company asset and USD-EUR prices. The Fx spot rate used in the composite pricing is quoted in USD-EUR (in EUR for units of USD), so inversely from the market spot (quoted in EUR-USD). But correlation is independent of the

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2.5 - Forward start composite option

Forward start composite option are options that start at some time in the future, with a strike determined at forward start date and expressed in a currency different from the underlying currency.

Before the forward start date, the strike is estimated by adjusting the equity forward by the FX forward

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$F_{fwd start}$: Equity forward price at forward start date

$FX_{fwd start}$: FX forward at forward start date

$K\%$: option strike in percentage

$K = F_{fwd start} * FX_{fwd start} * K\%$

At the forward start date, the strike price is set. The fixing procedure needs to be performed to determine the actual strike of the forward start option.

S_{fixing} : equity fixing value

FX_{cutoff} : FX cutoff at forward start date

$K\%$: option strike in percentage

$K = S_{fixing} * FX_{cutoff} * K\%$

If the FX cutoff is not available at forward start date, the FX spot is used to determine the strike. Once the strike is set, the option is valued in the same way as a vanilla composite option.

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3.1 - Definition of quanto option

Quanto options are options whose payoff is paid in a currency other than the underlying asset currency, at a pre-arranged Fx rate. The purpose is to eliminate the Fx risk. The Fx rate on the final payoff is guaranteed, whereas the underlying asset price is not.

The call quanto option payoff is : $Payoff = M\alpha(S \times 1 - K, 0)$, where S is the underlying asset price (in foreign currency) and 1 the fixed Fx rate. K and $S \times 1$ are expressed in local currency.

Notations used:

F^A : Forward asset price

F^Q : Forward quanto price

T : number of days between evaluation date and expiry date (fraction of year)

The widespread convention, for simplicity's sake, is to fix the Fx rate to 1 . The quanto asset price is then equal to underlying traded asset price but quoted in another currency.

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3.2 - Evaluation of quanto option

The quanto asset is converted at a pre-arranged fixed rate, which is equivalent to an asset quoted in another currency. This asset is a fictitious asset, not traded on the market. The quanto forward (adjusted forward) is estimated through the management cost of the quanto asset. The quanto option on the foreign denominated asset is equal to a standard option on the quanto asset quoted in local currency.

The adjusted forward evaluation is calculated as follows:

Assume we sell a quanto forward on one GBP stock (BritCo) quoted in EUR. To hedge the position, we need to buy one BritCo quoted in EUR.

$$\frac{1}{FX_{EUR/GBP}}$$

Such an asset does not exist on the market, but we can buy $\frac{1}{FX_{EUR/GBP}}$ BritCo units. If BritCo goes up by 1 GBP, the quanto BritCo PL change is 1 EUR. Our 1/Eu

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If Delta is the number of BritCo to hedge the quanto forward: $\Delta = 1/Fx$:

- If Fx goes up, delta goes down. Therefore, we need to sell BritCo. If BritCo price has gone up, we make a profit. If BritCo price has gone down, we make a loss.
- If Fx goes down, delta goes up. Therefore, we need to buy BritCo. If BritCo price has gone up, we make a loss. If BritCo price has gone down, we make a profit.

Therefore, if BritCo price and Fx rate move in the same direction, we make a profit when re-hedging; if they move in opposite directions, we make a loss when re-hedging. The bigger the BritCo or the Fx variation, the greater the gain or loss when re-hedging.

Conclusion: the quanto forward price being equal to the hedge price, the quanto forward price depends on:

- the correlation between the Fx rate and the asset price (the quanto forward value decreasing with the increasing correlation)
- the volatility of the Fx rate and of the asset, their effect being combined with the correlation.

Finally, the quanto forward price is equal to the asset forward price, adjusted by a management cost which is the profit or loss made when re-hedging. If the correlation is positive (resp. negative), the quanto forward price is lower (resp. higher) than the standard forward asset price.

$$F_Q = F_A \times e^{(-\rho \times \sigma_A \times \sigma_{FX} \times T)}$$

, where:

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$F_Q = F_A \times e^{(-\rho \times \sigma_A \times \sigma_{FX} \times T)}$, where:

- ρ is the correlation between the asset price and the Fx rate, quoted in asset-quanto (i.e. in units of quanto local currency per unit of asset foreign currency).
- Security volatility σ_A is interpolated inside the smile surface using an adjusted strike and the maturity. The adjusted strike is computed as the ratio of the deal strike and the Fixed FX rate.

$$\text{Adjusted Strike} = \frac{\text{deal Strike}}{\text{Fixed FX Rate}}$$

The quanto option is an option on this instrument. Standard models (Forward B&S for Vanilla) can then be applied. All expected flows being in the local currency, discounting is done with this currency rate curve. The quanto volatility is the underlying asset volatility, because asset price and quanto asset (asset price x FX_Q) vary similarly.

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3.3 - Quanto option instrument configuration and market data

For listed or OTC options, there is no specific configuration required at option contract level. For Warrants, select (S.I-K) in the **Fx rule** flag. Parameters involved are the security price, security volatility, Fx spot, Fx volatility, correlation, and both currencies' rates curves (to compute the asset forward price and the Fx forward rate, and for discounting). Dividends also affect the asset forward calculation. All flows and premium being in the local currency, they are discounted on the local currency curve.

Correlation is input as a specific market data. Within Market data/Equities/Correlations, add in a correlation group a line with the relevant asset and the currency pair (Contract). This correlation will be interpreted by the system according to the setting of the **Correlation sign/Fx quotation** flag in **Configuration/Settings/Securities evaluation settings**:

- If set to Independent of fx quotation, the input correlation parameter is always read as the correlation between the asset spot price and the Fx spot rate used to value the option (expressed in local currency per unit of foreign currency), regardless of the Fx spot market quotation.
- If set to Depending on fx quotation: the input correlation parameter is read as the correlation between the asset spot price and the Fx spot rate as quoted on the market.

The equity volatility used to compute the quanto forward can be either the ATM volatility or the smile volatility. The choice depends on the settings **Quanto drift volatility**

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3.4 - Quanto option Pricing

3.4.1 - Quanto option outputs

An example of the pricing of quanto options is given in the following section.

Outputs	Calculation and Explanation
FxCor	As with Composite options, input correlation is interpreted by the system according to the Correlation sign / fx quotation flag in Configuration / Settings / Securities evaluation settings: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● If set to Independent of fx quotation, the input correlation parameter is always read as the correlation between the asset spot price and the Fx spot rate used to value the quanto option (expressed in local currency per unit of foreign currency), regardless of the Fx spot market quotation.● If set to Depending on fx quotation: the input correlation parameter is read as the correlation between the asset spot price and the Fx spot rate as quoted on the market.
Fwd	Adjusted forward: $F_Q = F_A \times e^{(-\rho \sigma_A \sigma_{FX} \times T)}$
Volatility	The asset volatility. It is also the quanto volatility.
FxVol	Corresponds to local / foreign volatility. As for composite options, only ATM Fx volatility structure is read, not the volatility surface, if any.
Spot	Asset spot price, expressed in foreign currency.

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Fwd Adjusted forward: $F_Q = F_A \times e^{(-\rho \sigma_A \sigma_{FX} \times T)}$

Volatility The asset volatility. It is also the quanto volatility.

FxVol Corresponds to local / foreign volatility.
As for composite options, only ATM Fx volatility structure is read, not the volatility surface, if any.

Spot Asset spot price, expressed in foreign currency.

FxSpot Local / foreign Fx spot price, quoted as defined in the Currency pair configuration (reminder in the FxQuotation field).

Strike Expressed in local currency.

Premium Expressed in local currency. Computed with the usual models, with the quanto parameters (spot, forward, volatility).

Delta The local premium variation for a 1-point change in the asset spot price x local/foreign Fx Spot rate. Thus Asset delta is expressed in amounts of foreign denominated assets. Note that even though Fx spot rate has no impact on the premium, it has on the delta.

Gamma This is the foreign Delta variation for a 1-point change in the asset spot price.

FxDelta Equal to 0. Quanto options, by definition, zero out the Fx risk.

FxVega Corresponds to the premium change (in local currency) for a 100-bp change of the Fx volatility.

Vega Corresponds to the premium change (in local currency) for a 100-bp change of the Equity volatility.

Zeta Zeta represents the sensitivity of the premium to a 1-point change in correlation.

Rho / FxRho Sensitivity of the local premium to a 10 bp change of the asset currency / premium currency zero coupon curve. Rho for foreign and FxRho for local currency. The asset currency rate curve affects the premium via the asset forward calculation, and the premium currency via the premium discounting. Rho resulting from the asset currency is usually more important.

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3.4.2 - Quanto option example

For an option, select *Quanto* in the *Multi currency* flag, and select the *Premium currency*.

By default, the Fixed Fx rate is equal to 1.

Contract: OREDOE
Class: DAY
Product type: Equity
Structure type: Option

Financial definition
Expiry: 25 Oct 2001
Call or Put: Call
Strike: 2.7000
Cap: No
Style: European
Settlement: Cash

View: Commission Rate

Exotic details: Market details
Total return: No
Payoff: Vanilla
Stop: No
Multi currency: Quanto
Premium currency: EUR
Fixed Fx: 1.0000
Forward start: No
Ratio: No
Compound: No
Compound expiry: No
Option overview: No
Overview details: No

	Premium	Volatility	Delta	Gamma	Vega	Rho	Theta
Spot Bid	2.7750						
Put Bid	2.7300						
Put Ask	28.0000						
PuDelta Bid	0.0000						
PuDelta Ask	0.0000						
PuVega Bid	10.0000						
PuVega Ask	40.0000						
Delta Bid	0.0000						
PuDelta Bid	0.0000						
PuDelta Ask	0.0000						

Figure 8: - Quanto option configuration of exotic option screen

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Figure 8: - Quanto option configuration of exotic option screen

Spot T+5 OD

Coupon/Dividend 25 Oct 2000

Payment 01 Nov 2000

Expiry T+5 OD

Coupon/Dividend 25 Oct 2001

Payment 01 Nov 2001

Spot 27 Oct 2000

Expiry 01 Nov 2001

BAY GBLSE

Figure 9: - Option date details

To view date details of the option, right click and select Open <Details> in OptDates line (figure 9).

In the example in figures 8 and 9 , the adjusted forward (Fwd) price is calculated as follows:

Reminder of general formula : $F_Q = F_A \times e^{(-\rho \times \sigma_A \times \sigma_{FX} \times T)}$

F_A = Asset forward = 2.7643366906 GBP

$\rho = 0.3$ = correlation between the asset price and the Fx price actually used to price the option (correlation Independent of fx quotation in this example).

$\rho_A = 0.38$

$\rho_{FX} = 0.10$

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$\rho_{Fx} = 0.10$

T = number of days between evaluation date (25 Oct 2000) and expiry date (25 Oct 2001), as a fraction of year = $365/365 = 1$

Hence $F_Q = 2.7643366906^{(0.3 \times 0.38 \times 0.10 \times 1)}$

$F_Q = 2.7330$ (Full precision: 2.733002198)

- Spot is the Asset spot price, expressed in foreign currency (GBP)
- Fx Spot Price is EUR/GBP Fx spot price.
- Strike is expressed in EUR (local currency).
- Premium is expressed in EUR (local currency).

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4 - Exotic Quanto options

- Asian: forward quanto for each fixing, Volatility term structure.
- Forward start.
- Quanto basket: same with several underlying currencies.
- B = Somme $(N_i \times S_i)$ so we take the option on basket model, with quanto inputs: quanto forward of each component, volatility of each component and correlation.
In the basket configuration, set the multi currency rule. The Pricing screen shows each component.

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