



THE CASE FOR BINARY OPTIONS

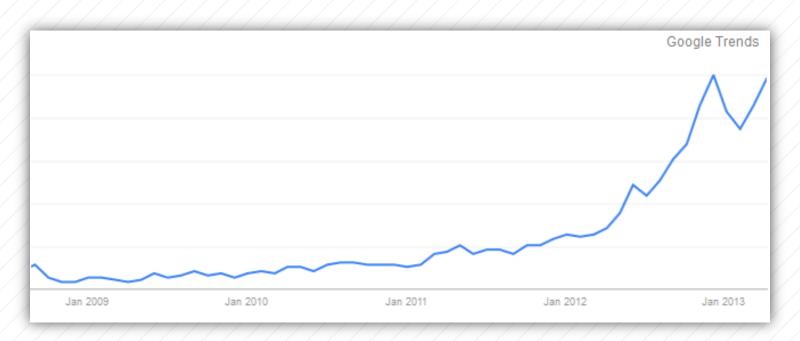
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The Market

- Binary Options are a simple and easy alternative to traditional trading platforms.
- A rapidly growing industry with huge market potential and increasing business interest:





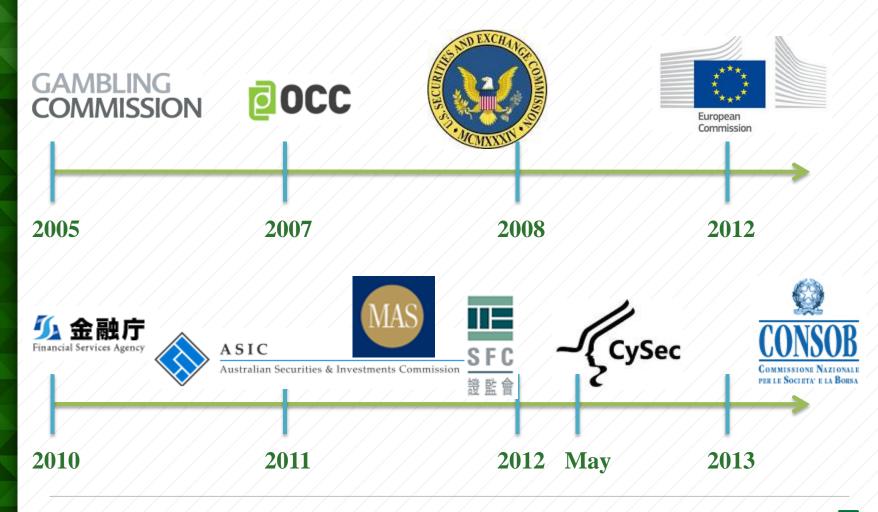
The Market – Definition (EC)



- Point (4) of Section C of Annex 1 to Directive 2004/39/EC lists and covers all derivatives relating to securities, currencies, interest rates or yields (point (4) of Section C Annex I) as well as derivatives relating to commodities that are settled in cash or that can be physically settled provided they have the characteristics of other derivative financial instruments (points (5) (6) and (7) of Section C Annex I and Article 38 of the Implementing Regulation No 1287/2006).
- ... A <u>binary option</u> is <u>a derivative contract settled in cash</u> = <u>financial instrument</u>...
- Companies offering investment services and activities in binary options should be authorised as investment firms under MIFID.



The Market – Regulatory Timeline



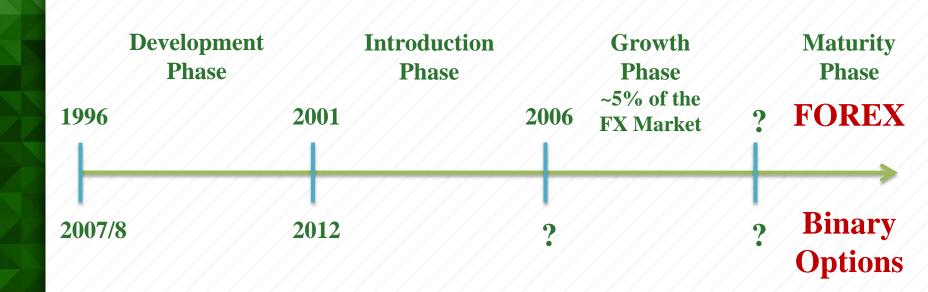


The Market – BOs Exchanges





The Market Potential





The Market Potential

- **▼** Potential of the Industry:
 - Retail FX was developed during midst 1990's.
 - BO's were developed during midst 2000's.
 - Online greater accessibility to end users.
 - End users are far more educated.
 - Multiple of platforms and available instruments.
 - Broader scope of potential end users.



The Future

- ▼ Technologically Continuous development of the core technology, ERC, Fair Value, compliance and risk management tools.
- Investors Additional trading tool, additional transparency.
- Regulation Continuous collaboration with leading and new regulators globally.
- Education Providing and sharing more information related to this growing industry.



Some Challenges

■ User Cost will increase

Competition on traffic →User Cost increase → User Value must increase

▼ Payout will increase

Higher Payout Competition → Payout increase → Risk management

▼ Regulations

Regulators' requests \rightarrow Complied with the regulatory framework



Binary Options market size 2013

\$68,500,000 (\$32,000 Japan) Monthly deposit

480,500,000 (\$230,000 Japan) Monthly volume

Expected growth in the Binary Options market in 2014:

80%





Binary Options market size 2013

Geographical allocation of customers and turnover (excluding Japan):

UK, France, Germany & Italy	40%
Rest of Europe	10%
Asia & Middle East	50%



Binary Options market size 2013

Estimated number of active brokers (making over 50K/month):	120
Making more than 50K	55
Making more than 150K	40
Making more than 500K 28 (8 J	apan)
Making more than 2.5M 9 (4 J	apan)

Forex / gaming background ratio: 15%-20% forex / 85%-90% gaming



Statistics (2012)

Average CPA	\$180 - \$400 *Expected to increase alongside increased competition
Sign-up to Depositor	1:3-1:8 (depending on where traffic comes from)
Average First-time Deposit	\$400
Average User Lifetime Deposit	\$1,450
Average Number of Trades Per User Lifetime	160
Lifetime User Value	\$1,100 – \$1,300
Average User Lifetime	5 months
5 Month Average Cash Flow Split	40%, 20%, 20%, 10%, 10%
Countries with Highest User Value	France, Germany, Japan, Singapore, AUE * According to the current activities, some of the countries are still not explored in-depth.



THANK YOU!

BINARY OPTIONS MARKET PRESENTATION