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A Market Analyst's View: The challenges facing traditional exchanges and the opportunities

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2013 Media Speak

- Bloomberg: Dark Pool Growth Hurts Investors, NYSE, Nasdaq tell Senate
- WSJ: NYSE Hails Curbs on Dark Pools Overseas
- Wharton: High-speed Trading: Is It Time to Apply the Brakes?
- Australian: Watchdog Dives Into Dark Pool



Agenda

- In the Beginning
- Today's Exchanges
- Transformation
- Trends in Structural Trend
- USA Volume Challenge
- Why the Challenges
- Trend About to End?
- Opportunities
- Summary



In The Beginning

- 1531 Belgium was the alleged home of the first "stock" exchange
- London Stock Exchange created 1773
- Philadelphia Stock Exchange 1790
- New York Stock Exchange 1792
- NASDAQ 1971



Today: an Altered USA Market Structure

- 13 exchanges
- 1+ Electronic Communications Network (ECN)
- Aproximately16 Reporting Dark Pools
- Approx. 200 B/Ds who internalize flow
- Over 280 stock exchanges globally



The result: "Ongoing" Transformation

- Dominance of public exchanges eroded
- Competition escalated
- Mergers, acquisitions diversification
- Liquidity fragmented over many venues
- Complexity rose to new levels
- While real volume contracts



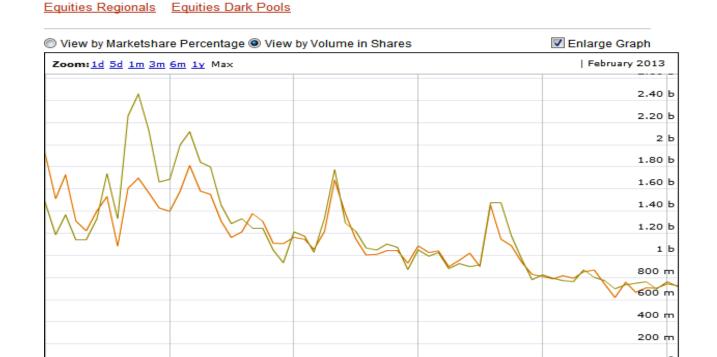
Nasdaq

Regionals

BATS

Trend of Market Structure Change

Equities MarketWide Statistics: as of 11 March 2013



2011

NYSE Arca

Internalized

LavaFlow

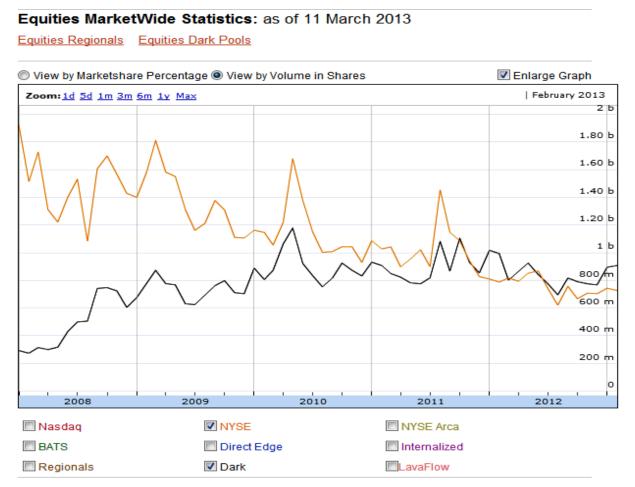
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Dark

Direct Edge

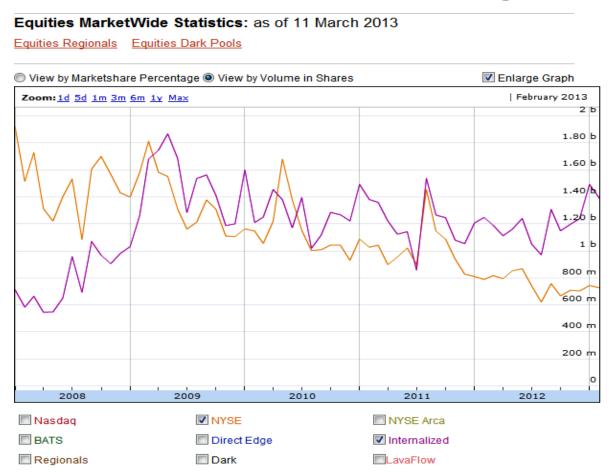


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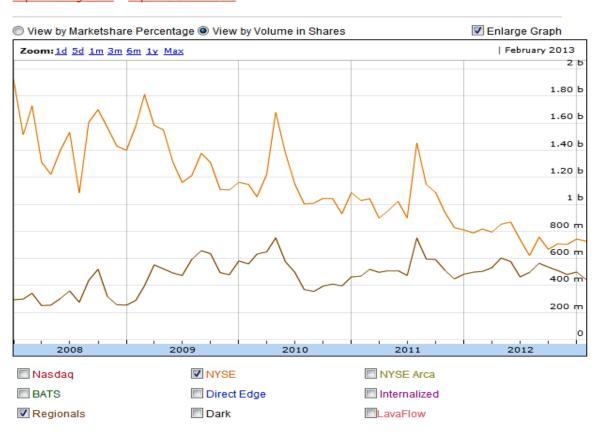




Trend of Market Structure Change, cont'd

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Equities Regionals Equities Dark Pools





USA Equity Volume — MILLIONS OF SHARES, 3/2013

Total Exchange 4,192 64%

Total Printed/TRF 2,386 36%

Consolidated Volume 6,578 100% (only US listed & OTC)

Total ECN 96 4%

Total Dark 908 38%

Non- Reported & Internalized 1,382 58%

Total Printed/Trade Rep. Fac. 2,386 100%



Why the move away from exchanges?

- Regulation/Deregulation
 - National Market System (NMS) 75; REG NMS 07
 - Alternative Trading Systems (ATS) 05
- Technology
 - HFT, electronic mkts, intelligent algorithms
- Globalization
 - 24 hour global trading & exchange mergers



Why the move away from exchanges?

As a result of R-T-G:

- Internalization of retail order flow
- Technology is managing order flow
- Low volume forcing traders into the Dark
- Managing costs means lowering fees pd
- Sophistication of Dark Pools & Internalization engines



Current Challenge/Impact of the TREND

- Decreased spreads and possible savings
- Market more complex & opaque
- Potentially increased risk
- At times, impaired price discovery
- Muted capital formation
- True volume delayed or unknown



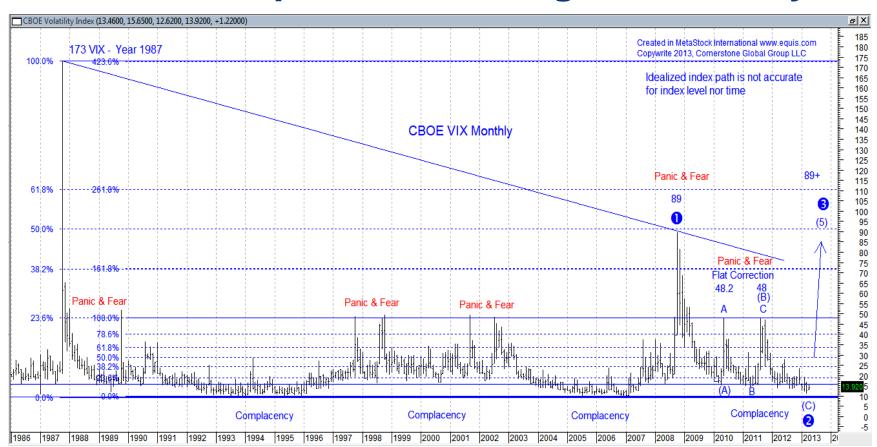
Current Trend Near End?

If so, opportunistic increase in mkt. share:

- Recreated exchanges more viable
- Re-Regulation to favor exchanges
- Trading venues to become more alike
- Higher volatility, an exchange driver



Consider the potential for higher volatility



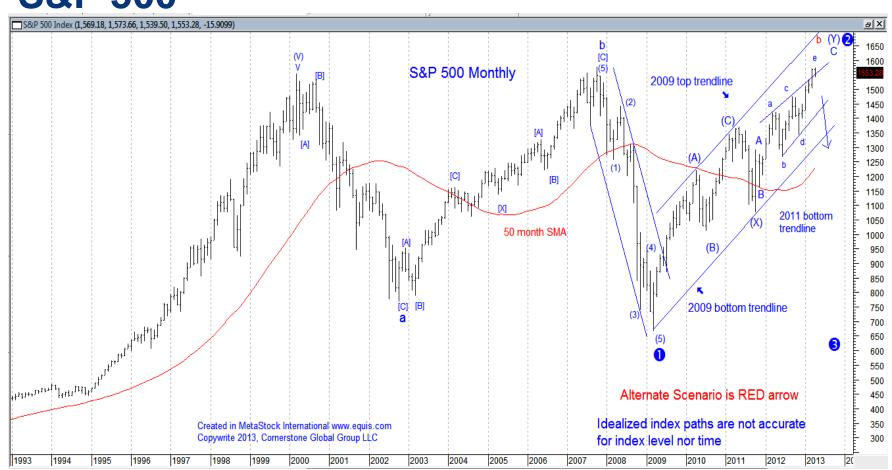


Current Trend Near End?, continued:

- Secular bear mkt. finale, exchange driver
- Increased volume an exchange driver
- Secular bull market, margin improvement
- Rise in capital formation



S&P 500



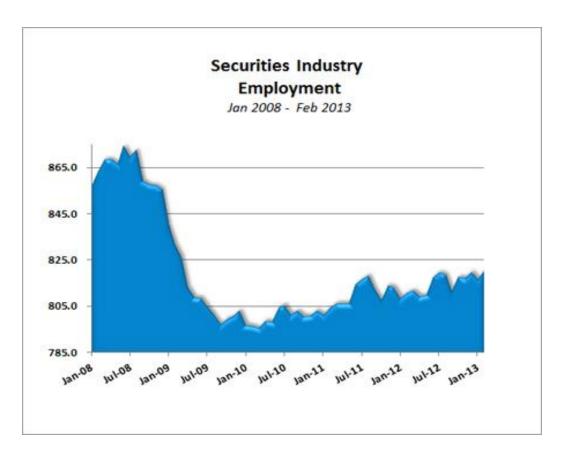


DJIA 1897 to April 2013





USA Securities Industry Employment





Intermarket Conclusion Continues

Probability continues to favor:

- Commodities indices lower
- US Dollar Index higher
- A USA equities top, trend to a major bottom
- US Bond yields bottom, then long upward trend
- Global economies to bottom after equities
- If so, great boom ahead in equities & Exchanges



Take Away Summary

 "The trend is your friend until it ends and they all end. However, the end is but the beginning of a new trend! Opportunity Abounds!"

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