

Retail bank opportunity: WOCU® accounts



## **WOCU Denominated Deposit Accounts – the Retail Opportunity**

#### Need:

- Simple way of insulating depositors & savers from home currency devaluation
  - This is critically amplified in potential Euro drop-out countries

Solution: WOCU denominated deposit accounts, sheltering savers in a logical, naturally evolving basket of world currencies – huge potential market size

**WOCU** - global composite currency derivative

- Independent, standardised, proven low volatility
- Customer confidence WOCU cannot be gamed; fungible & transparent
- Responds naturally to the rise & fall in prominence of fiat currencies
- Deposit accounts denominated in WOCU reduce the likelihood of value erosion by local currency devaluation: a natural "shock absorber" for savings

## **WOCU Ready for Use:**

- Currency basket principle well established outwith Retail
- Historical Data available
- NYSE Liffe ready to make WOCU derivatives, contracts specified



#### What is the WOCU®?

Bespoke "Currency Baskets" are already in common use by financial institutions and sophisticated corporates operating across borders, to reduce risk:

- The WOCU® is a trademarked, independent, standardised currency basket unit;
- Consisting of the fiat currencies of the 20 largest global economies, as measured by GDP, covering the vast majority of global production;
- Naturally adjusts over time to the prominence of each constituent country currency based on relative GDP;
- Reliable reference quotation readily and universally available in real time;

## **Advantages of the WOCU:**

- **Risk reduction:** low volatility, relative stability
- Credibility: openly valued, cannot be gamed, bank independent
- Fungible: standardised value (unlike bespoke baskets) = universality





# The WOCU (code XCU) Calculation

Input: Live FX Rates are
input into calculation:
\$/£, \$/€, \$/Y......





WOCU Calculation in realtime from algorithm in resilient datacentres

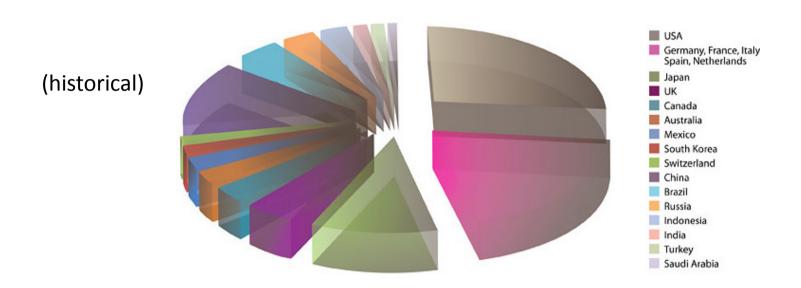


**Output:** Live WOCU FX Rates XCU/\$, XCU/£, XCU/Y....

Indicative Spot FX Rates:				
	Currency	1 Wocu		
5808	USD	1.6397		
(3)	EUR	1.2722		
*0	CNY	10.0512		
•	JPY	164.42		
	BRL	3.7006		
2012	GBP	1.0919		
	RUB	54.5019		
9	CAD	1.7269		
1	INR	99.1965		
*	AUD	1.7934		
	MXN	21.1941		
<b>(0)</b>	KRW	1872.66		
	IDR	16129.03		
C+	TRL	3.1910		
+	CHF	1.5723		
뜨	SAR	6.1469		
	PLN	5.4421		



## The WOCU Weighting

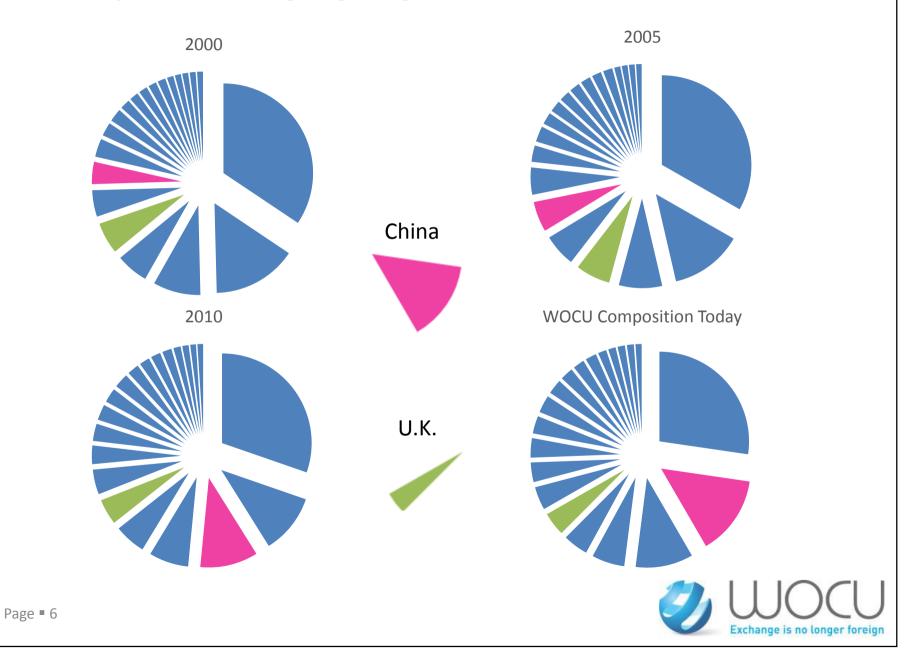


The WOCU constituent currencies are transparently weighted by IMF published GDP figures, as updated every 6 months:

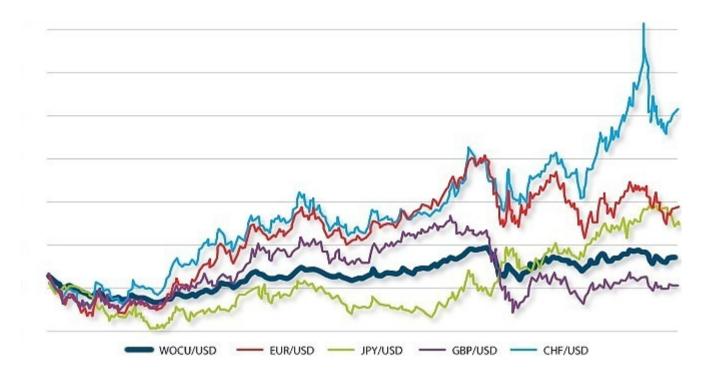
- A country's currency prominence rises or falls according to relative GDP;
- Currencies can be promoted or demoted into or out of the WOCU 20;
- Advantage: the WOCU naturally adjusts to the economic prominence of currencies to maintain its strength "The Best Of All Worlds"



# **Example of WOCU weighting changes since 2000: Rise of China / Demise of UK**



# The WOCU Advantage: Relative Low Volatility



Because it is a (composite) currency basket reference the WOCU is a natural currency stabiliser.



#### **WOCU Indicative Forward & Interest Rates**

- WOCU indicative Forward FX rates (01M, 02M, 03M, 06M, 09M, 01Y, 02Y, 03Y)
   are available
- The WOCU Overnight Interest Rate is derived from a weighted blend of its constituent currency interest rates
- The WOCU Interest Rate for all other periods is logically derived from the WOCU Overnight Interest Rate and the Forward Forex Rate.



## **Application of the WOCU to Retail Accounts**

Imagine if a domestic saver had the option to <u>easily</u> save in a "World Currency" rather than just their home currency....

- Will GBP rise or fall further? UK WOCU savers spread their risk c.f. saving in GBP only
- For domestic Euro savers in the Mediterranean countries, the WOCU advantage is critical, given the growing uncertainty of Euro membership status;
  - Status quo: continued membership?
  - Final bailout with severe conditions attached (Cyprus type "Account Theft")?
  - Dropout and competitive devaluation?

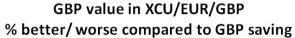
These EURO savers have choices; remain in Euros **risking devaluation** on exit, **gamble** on another single currency or seek relative **safety** in the WOCU:

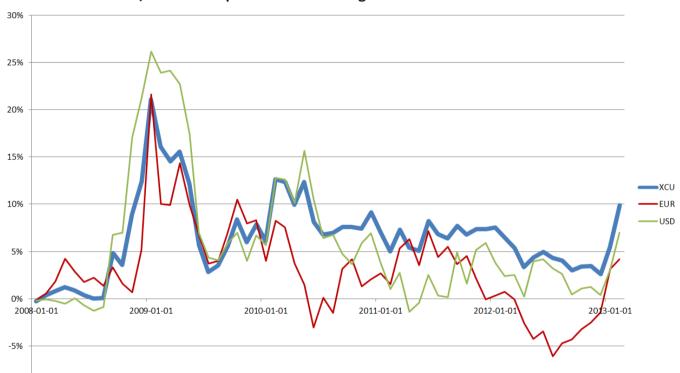
	Euro Deposit	Other Single Currency	WOCU Deposit
Status quo	No FX risk	FX gamble	Minimised FX Risk
Bailout	Possible Account Theft	Possible Account Theft	Possible Account Theft*
Dropout	Massive Devaluation	No Devaluation	<b>Minimised Devaluation</b>

**Savers in WOCU take on the least risk for the maximum benefit,** \*albeit if a government elects to haircut all onshore accounts there is no protection, regardless of account denomination.



# **WOCU denominated\*, GBP return:** Regular Monthly Saving from 2008 to 2013



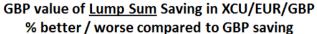


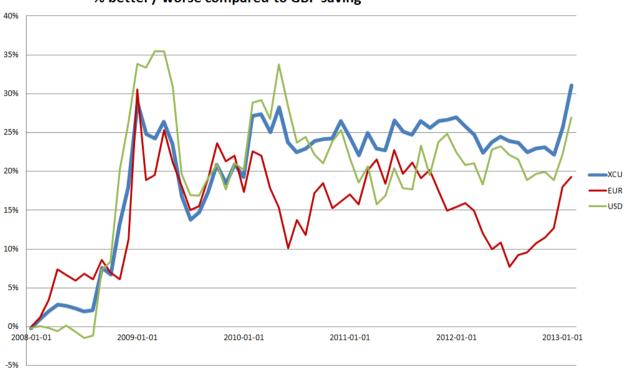
Virtually always better off saving in WOCU, 10% better off at end of term, WOCU least volatile option & most above the equivalence line (x axis)....

<sup>\*</sup>GBP monthly amount converted to WOCU when saved, WOCU indicative interest rate applied.



# **WOCU denominated\*, GBP return: Lump Sum Saving** in 2008 to 2013



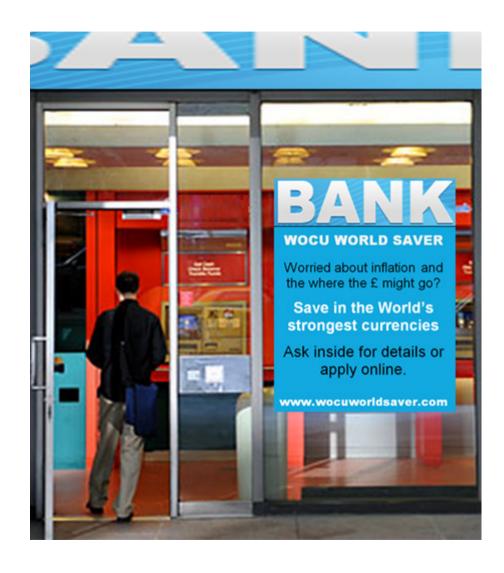


• Virtually always better off saving in WOCU, 30 plus % better off at end of term, WOCU least volatile option & most above the equivalence line (x axis)....

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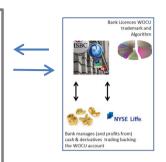
#### **WOCU WORLD SAVER: A Brand New Retail Product**



- Genuine retail innovation in a well supplied, intensely competed, commodity market
- A new USP for customer recruitment
- Global currency principles applied to "old fashioned saving"
- Guard against plunging £
- Huge market opportunity; existing and new customers
- Premium product



# Customers deal in WOCU Comfort of transparent, independent **WOCU** valuation 1872.66



#### **WOCU** Account



Customers deposit & exchange disparate currencies into WOCU account

## How would a bank offer a WOCU account?

Bank Licences WOCU trademark and Algorithm













Bank manages (and profits from) cash & derivatives trading backing the WOCU account



### **WOCU®** Readiness

- Trademark registered, developed technology with proven stability over 3 years
- Cross rates against any tradable currency available
- Blended WOCU interest rate calculation
- Full live data application with charting
- High integrity reference data with GuardTime Keyless Signature
- Wealth of historical data



- NYSE Liffe accepted, futures contracts specified & ready to meet demand
- iPhone app and other analytical tools available
- White Papers analysing utility available
- WOCU® owned by WOCU Limited, a private company based in London
- WOCU utility intellectually backed by high level opinion formers:

**Lord Flight, former Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury & Author "All You Need To Know About Exchange Rates" said;** "The introduction of the WOCU was a great day in the history of currency. The WOCU provides those engaged in international trade with a properly representative currency unit of account. In a period of potentially rising exchange rate turbulence the WOCU will be in growing demand as a more up to date currency unit of account than the SDR."



# **Pricing plan**

# **WOCU Retail Account Licencing**

- Trademark /algorithm / reference data / historical data as required;
- Per WOCU account fee / annual licence fee / blend options

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