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Implications of the Dodd-Frank Act on Too Big to Fail

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Remember these headlines?

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THE WALL STREET JOURNAL.

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LEHMAN BROTHERS: 94.4% drop

Merrill Lynch: 68.2% drop

AIG: 79.2% drop

Crisis on Wall Street as Lehman Totters, Merrill Is Sold, AIG Seeks to Raise Cash

Fed Will Expand Its Lending Arsenal in a Bid to Calm Markets; Movers Cap a Momentous Weekend for American Finance

The American financial system was shaken to its core on Sunday as Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the U.S. bankruptcy code, and Merrill Lynch & Co. agreed to be sold to Bank of America Corp.

By Carrie Mathis, Andrew Ross Sorkin, and Adam Lashinsky

of America Corp.

The U.S. government, which bailed out Freddie Mac and Fannie Mae a week ago and ordered the sale of Bear Stearns Cos. to J.P. Morgan Chase & Co. in March, moved much closer with Lehman. It refused to give what a financial lifeline to the beleaguered firm.

Without such support, Barclays PLC and Bank of America, the two most interested top

noted and investment banks announced Sunday night that they would pool \$70 billion of their own money to create a temporary facility. The 10 institutions, which include Citicorp group Inc., Credit Suisse Group, Deutsche Bank AG, would set the deal to help them ride out the crisis. The banks also said they are financially committed to trying to bring the market back.

A letter of understanding signed by Wall Street as top executives of several collapsed companies that a Lehman liquidator. Liquidation was focused on Merrill Lynch, which became the largest focus of retail brokers, and American International Group Inc., the insurance giant. But firms have said they would get additional information that they needed capital.

"Monday will be a day of reckoning for the financial markets," said Carlos Mollat, chief managing director of RFP Capital, a business investment firm in New York. On Sunday, he said, "it will be like the death wish of someone put to execution."

All observers expect the weekend trying to bring cash, either from some sale of a capital institution that still operates, or from AIG, which is expected to be sold to AIG's parent, American International Group Inc. Wall Street said Lehman would be "revived" through a \$70-billion, single-tranche credit facility.

Others moved to downplay the situation that ended with Lehman. When hopes of a deal to sell the firm failed, a deal broker on Wall Street turned into a total flop. Investors and traders hurried to shut off their market their position to avoid outstanding contracts with Lehman and to gauge their overall exposure.

Merrill, whose brokerage has been at the "center of the storm," quickly shifted its operations with Bank of America, which has retail bank branches nationwide that could be used and has long worked with Merrill. Wall Street analysts said the Federal Reserve's move has been intended to stabilize the sale, arguing that it was "crucial to save the job."

Paulson says in page A28

Ultimatum By Paulson Sparked Frantic End

One of the most turbulent weekends in Wall Street's history began Friday, when Federal officials decided to deliver a no-holds-barred ultimatum to the captain of Citicorp. That would be the government's failure of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc.

Officials wanted to prevent the market for the possibility that Lehman could simply fail. The best way to do that in an emergency would be to get a majority of the firm's equity injected in a deal.

Thursday, Secretary Henry Paulson, Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke and his top New York officials, Timothy Geithner, announced that 30 Wall Street executives for a 6 p.m. Friday meeting at the Fed's office in Lower Manhattan.

What's News - Business & Finance World-Wide

Bank of America to Buy Merrill

Sept. 19, 2008

Weather
 Today: Mostly sunny
 High 72, Low 57
 Saturday: Mostly sunny
 High 71, Low 56
 Sunday: B, B

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GOP Sees Rebound in Battle for Congress

Party Hopes Momentum Will Help Limit Losses

By **THOMAS MANN**
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Like many of her Republican colleagues concerned about their reelection prospects, Sen. Elizabeth Dole of North Carolina skipped the party's national convention to focus on campaigning back home. But even in her absence, the gubernatorial race there has bid for a return to office for August House Rep.

Volunteers began showing up at GOP campaign offices as quadrennial presidential elections loomed. Many of them were Republicans who were determined to prevent Democrat Barack Obama from winning the White House. Their enthusiasm could be Dole's saving grace in Nov. 4.

"We have to make our own fate and take on this fight together," Dole said at a GOP dinner in North Carolina earlier this month, acknowledging, "We're in a very tough cycle."

After months of hyping did, drama, controversies and a seeming split, Republicans believe they are finally on the rebound in the battle for Congress. Both sides concede that the GOP needs almost two-thirds of the House or Senate in November, but party leaders think the Palin factor and an increasingly competitive fight for the White House have generated enthusiasm and momentum that could break GOP losses to only a dozen House seats and perhaps fewer than a dozen Senate seats.

Assessment of the job provided to the party here by the Republican convention.

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Citing Grave Financial Threats, Officials Ready Massive Rescue



Lawmakers Work With Fed, Treasury To Try to Restore The Flow of Money

By **STEPHEN ANASTASIAN**
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The Bush administration is urgently preparing a massive intervention to revive the U.S. financial system, including a plan to sweep away the unpaid loans that are choking banks and blocking the flow of money to borrowers.

Congressional leaders gave bipartisan support to the administration's efforts after a meeting last night with Treasury Secretary Henry M. Paulson Jr. and Federal Reserve Chairman Ben S. Bernanke.

Paulson and Bernanke presented a "snapshot" picture of the state of the financial system, according to a participant in the meeting who spoke on condition of anonymity. Lawmakers were told that the consequences would be grave if they failed to pass legislation by the end of next week. Sen. Harry Reid (D-Nev.) and Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) committed to meeting that deadline.

The plan involves using hundreds of billions of dollars in government lending to buy bad loans, leaving banks with more money and fewer problems, according to two sources familiar with what was said at the meeting.

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WALL STREET
Despite Late Surge, Markets Still Show Signs of Instability

December 9, 2009

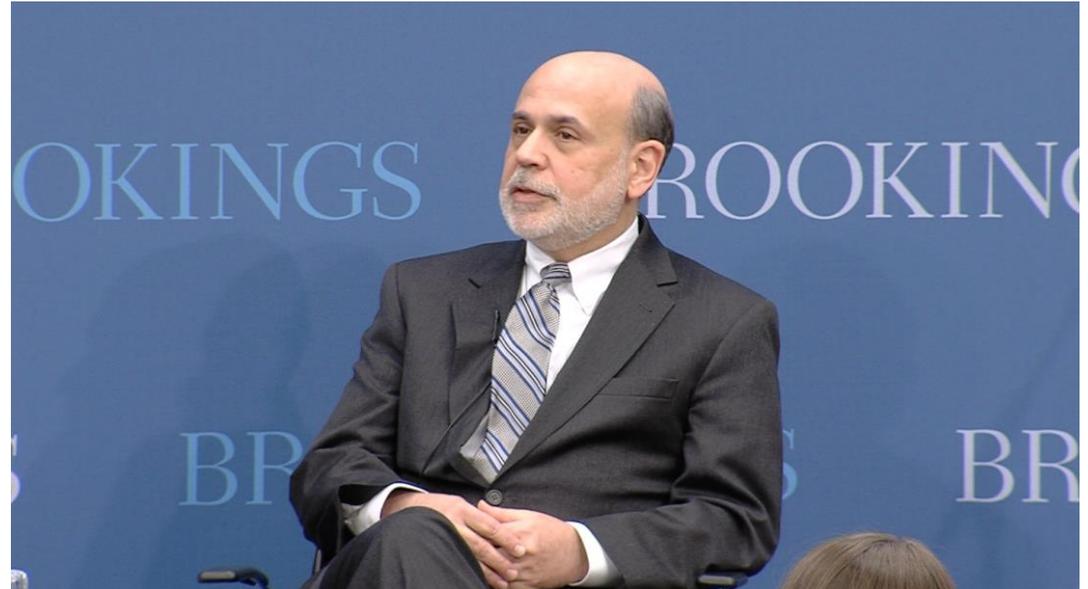
“Fear in the financial markets, which had been building, evolved into a full-blown panic in September 2008. During a remarkable 19-day stretch, the federal government took over the two largest players in the mortgage market, allowed a large investment bank to go bankrupt, bailed out one of the world’s largest insurance companies, and steered a major financial institution through the largest bank failure in U.S. history.”

Congressional Oversight Report on the Troubled Asset Relief Program

January 16, 2014

“... it was kind of like you're in a car wreck or something. You're mostly involved in trying to avoid going off the bridge. And then, later on, you say: 'oh my God.'”

- Ben Bernanke

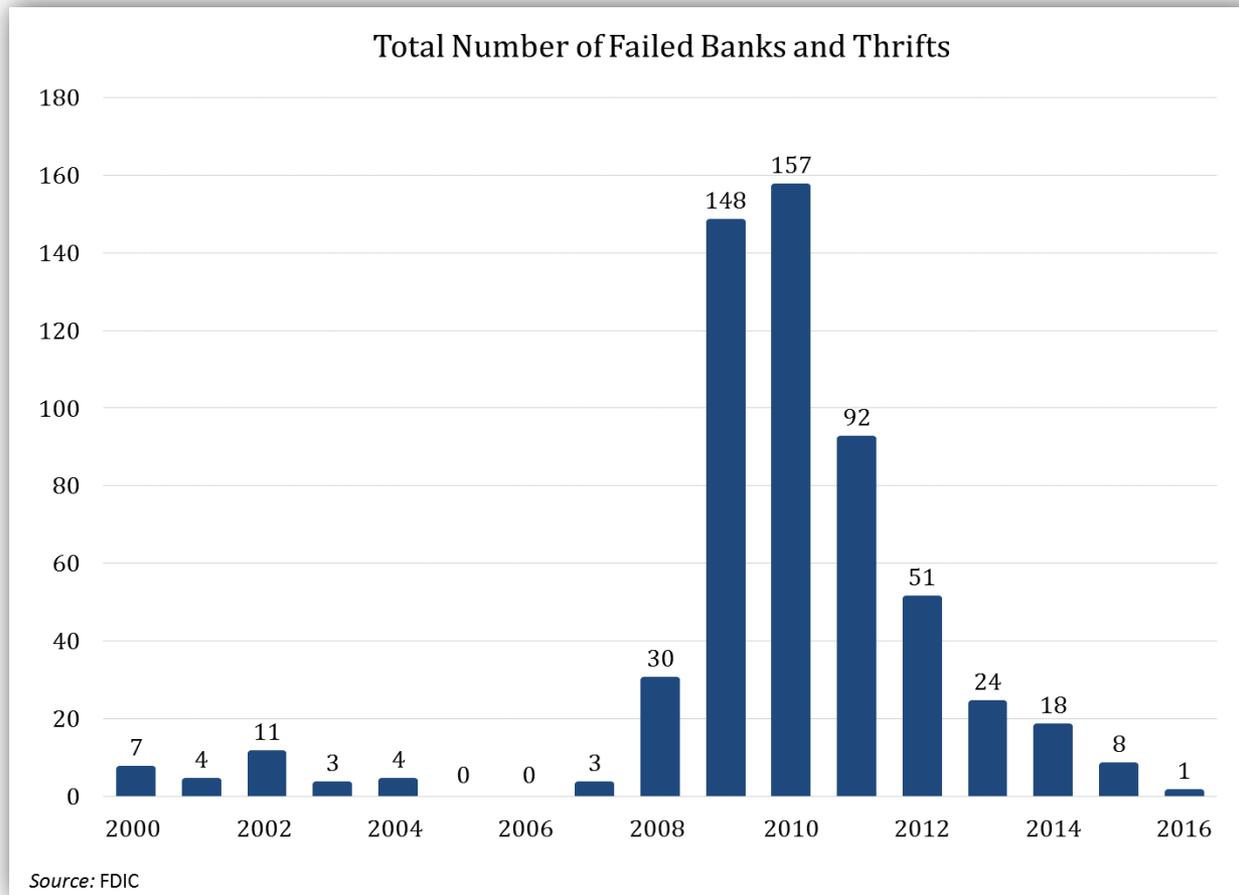


The impact to the structure of the financial system was significant.

Institution	Action	Quarter in which distress occurred	Total assets (\$billions)
Citibank	Assisted	Q4 2008	1,938
Bank of America	Assisted	Q4 2008	1,818
AIG	Assisted	Q3 2008	1,022
Fannie Mae	Failed/Gov't Conservatorship	Q3 2008	897
Merrill Lynch	Emergency Merger	Q3 2008	876
Freddie Mac	Failed/Gov't Conservatorship	Q3 2008	804
Wachovia	Emergency Merger	Q3 2008	764
Lehman Brothers	Bankruptcy	Q3 2008	639
Bear Stearns	Emergency Merger	Q1 2008	399
Washington Mutual	Bankruptcy	Q3 2008	307
GMAC (Ally Financial)	Emergency Merger/Assisted	Q4 2008	180
National City	Emergency Merger	Q4 2008	144

Total Assets of Failed/Distressed Institutions: \$9.79 Trillion
Average Assets of Failed/Distressed Institutions: \$89.82 Billion

More than 500 community banks failed between 2008 and 2016.



The financial crisis showed the connectivity of institutions in our financial system, including those financial firms in the “shadow” system.

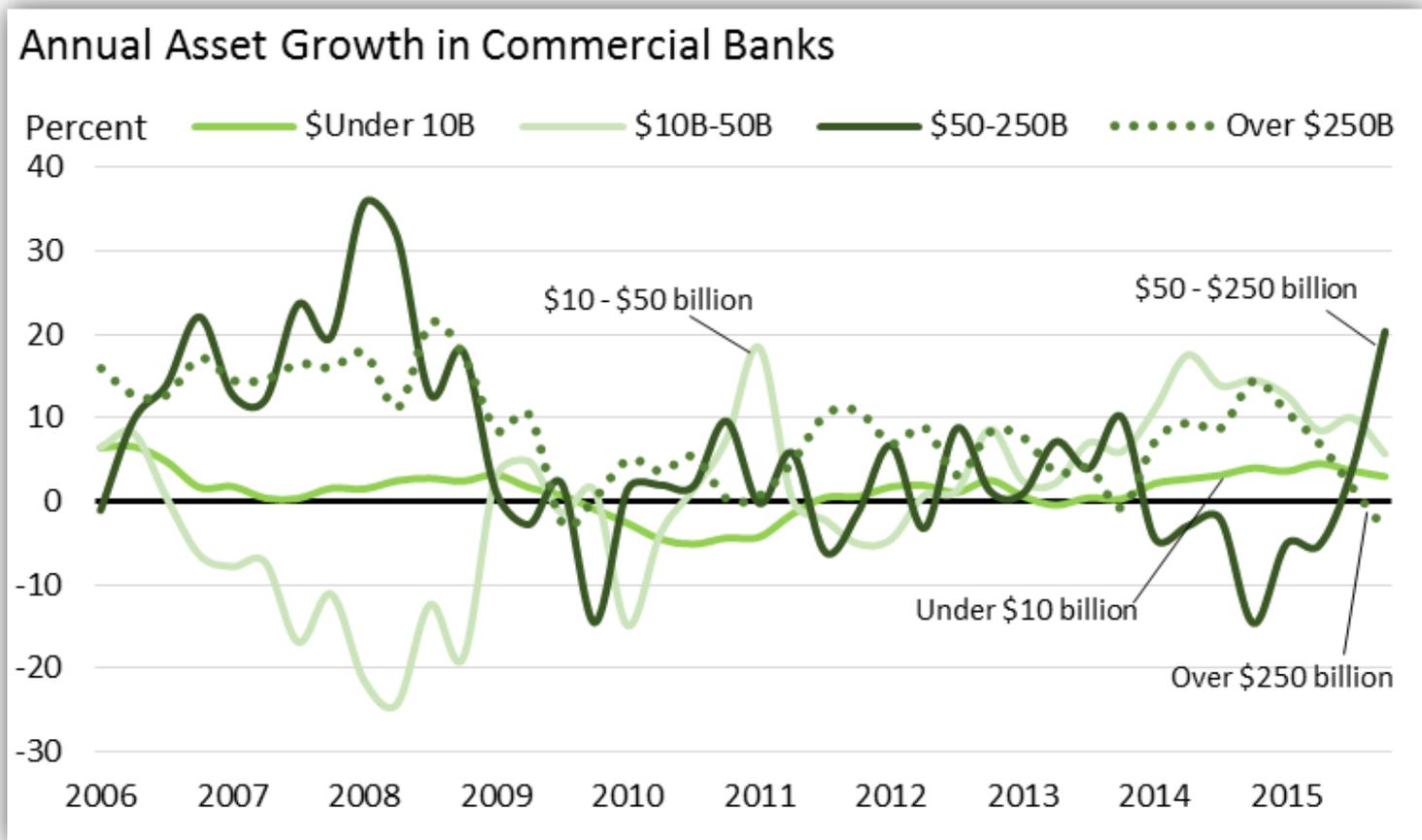
Definition of “shadow banking”:

“Credit intermediation involving entities and activities (fully or partially) outside the regulatory banking system.”

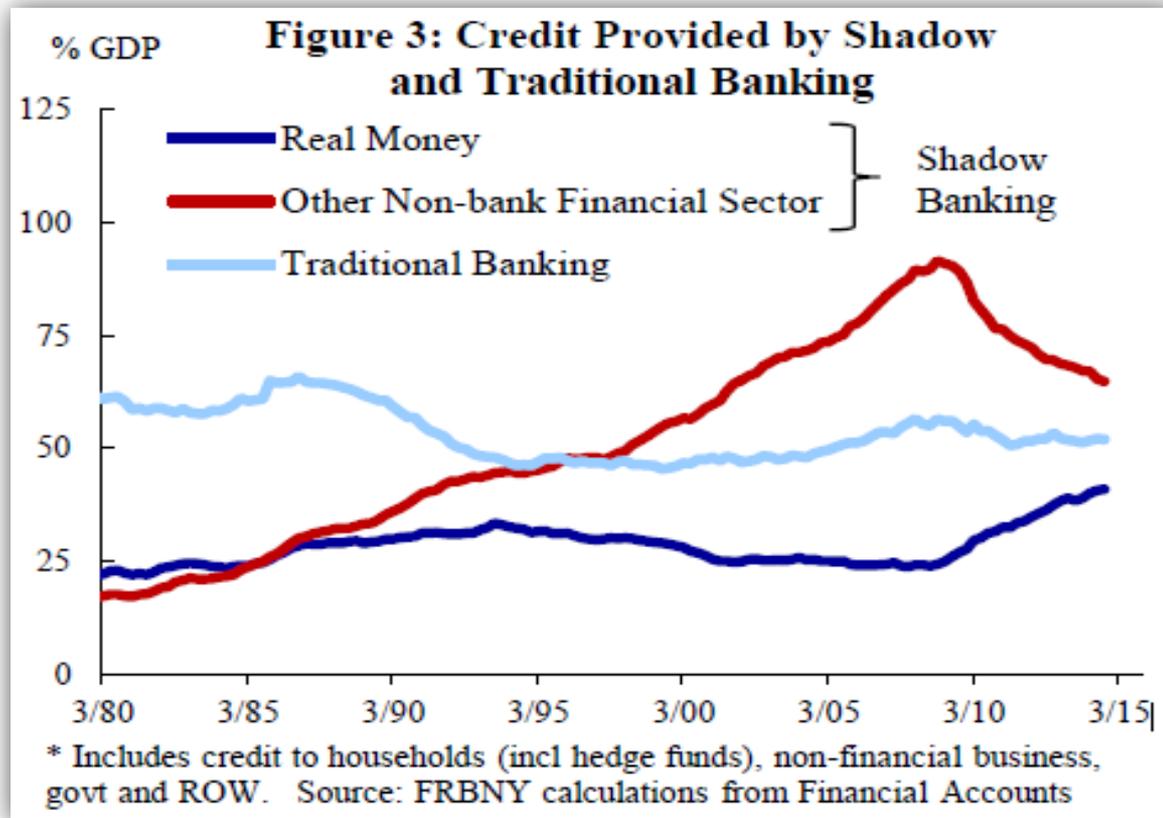
In particular:

“Non-bank financing involved in bank-like activities, transforming maturity/liquidity and creating leverage, which can become a source of systemic risk.”

Growth trends of the traditional banking system



A comparison of credit provided by the banking and shadow banking sectors



The size of shadow banks and/or their interconnectivity with the traditional banking system can create systemic risk.

Systemic events:

2008 Lehman Brothers

2008 American International Group (AIG)

Non-systemic:

1998 Long-term Capital Management (LTCM)

... but regulation has come a long way since the recent financial crisis

The Congressional response to the financial crisis was the Dodd-Frank Act.



The Dodd-Frank Act's focus is to end “too big to fail.”

- Resulted in the creation of the Financial Stability Oversight Council and an Office of Financial Research
- Creates a mechanism for determining that nonbank financial firms are systemically important
- Provides clear authority for the Federal Reserve to serve as consolidated supervisor for bank and financial holding companies and nonbank financial firms designated as systematically important (SIFIs)
- Implements enhanced prudential standards and new capital requirements for bank and financial holding companies with more than \$50 billion in assets
- Resulted in the formation of the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

What is required for the FSOC to declare a nonbank financial firm as systemically important?

- Size
- Substitutability
- Interconnectedness
- Leverage
- Liquidity
- Asset and liability maturity mismatch
- Existing regulation of potential nonbank SIFIs

The case to designate non-bank SIFIs

Insurers:

- **AIG:** \$496.9 billion in assets (12/31/2015), \$180 billion bailout in 2008
- **Prudential financial:** \$757.4 billion in assets (12/31/2015), 35% of operating income from international operations
- **MetLife:** \$877.9 billion in assets (12/31/2015), \$30.6 billion in highly runnable liabilities that constitute “bank-like” type of activity

Non-bank-non-insurers: Re-consider designation?

- **General Electric Corporation:** Since its designation, the company has announced a strategic plan to reduce its footprint.
 - Total GE assets reduced by 52%, from \$549 billion to \$265 billion.
 - Financing receivables down 74%; loans to consumers down 95%, cash-like investments up 35%; commercial paper liabilities reduced by 88% and securitization funding down by 90% to just \$3 billion

Other non-bank SIFIs – Financial Market Utilities

- July 2010 DFA Title VIII mandated enhanced supervision of financial market utilities (FMUs)
- July 2012 FSOC designated 8 FMUs as systemically important.
- FMUs are multilateral systems that provide infrastructure for transferring, clearing, and settling payments, securities, and other financial transactions among and between financial institutions.
- FMUs could create, or increase, the risk of significant liquidity or credit problems spreading among financial institutions or markets.

The cost of being labeled as a SIFI

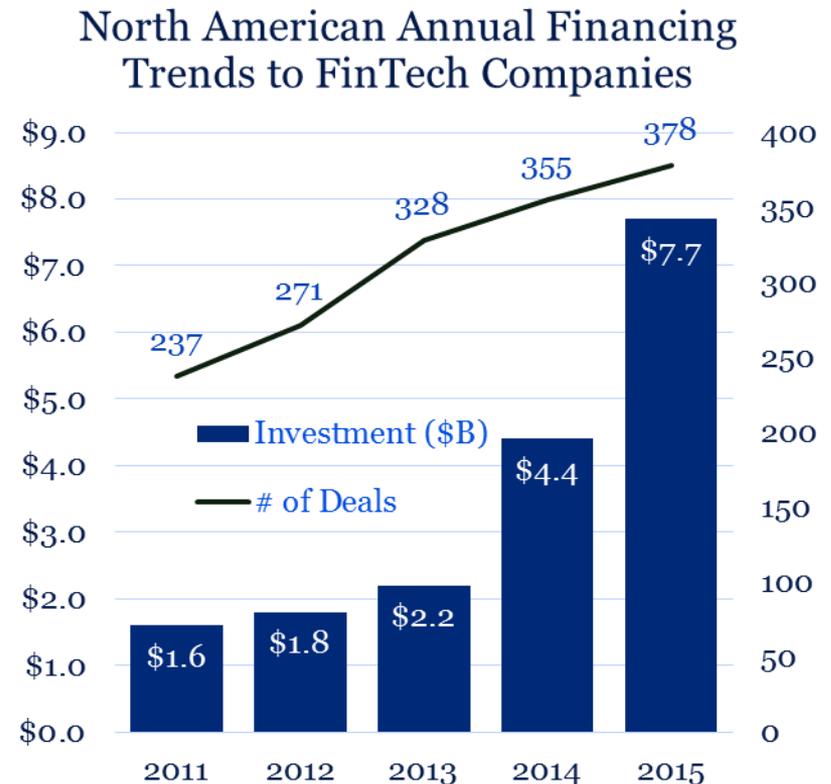
- Twice annual capital stress testing under adverse economic scenarios
- Higher capital requirements (Basel III) for all banking firms plus four more anticipated requirements for the eight largest U.S. firms
 - Regulatory leverage ratio above the Basel III minimum
 - Requirements for equity and long-term debt to facilitate an orderly resolution
 - Capital surcharges for globally systemically important institutions
 - Measures to address wholesale funding risks
- Prohibitions on proprietary trading and investing in, sponsoring of, or having certain relationships with a hedge fund or private equity fund (Volcker Rule)
- Affiliates of SIFIs must have their security-based swaps contracts cleared on a central exchange
- Liquidity reforms

The cost of being labeled as a SIFI

- Annual submission of report detailing an appropriate resolution plan for the institution (living will)
- Federal Deposit Insurance Orderly Liquidation authority (back-up resolution authority)
- Limit on acquisitions by any financial firm that controls more than 10 percent of the total liabilities of financial firms in the U.S.
- Requirement that banking regulators consider “risk to the stability of the U.S. banking or financial system” in evaluating any proposed merger or acquisition.

Is the emergence of Financial Technology (FinTech) a threat to financial stability?

- In recent years, we have seen a rapid increase in the number of FinTech firms:
 - Firms seeking to profit from innovations in financial technology.
- New entrants are creating challenges and opportunities in lending and payments areas.



Source: *The Pulse of FinTech, 2015 in Review, Global Analysis of FinTech Venture Funding*, KPMG International and CB Insights, March 9th, 2016.

Who are the FinTech players?

Unbundling of a Bank

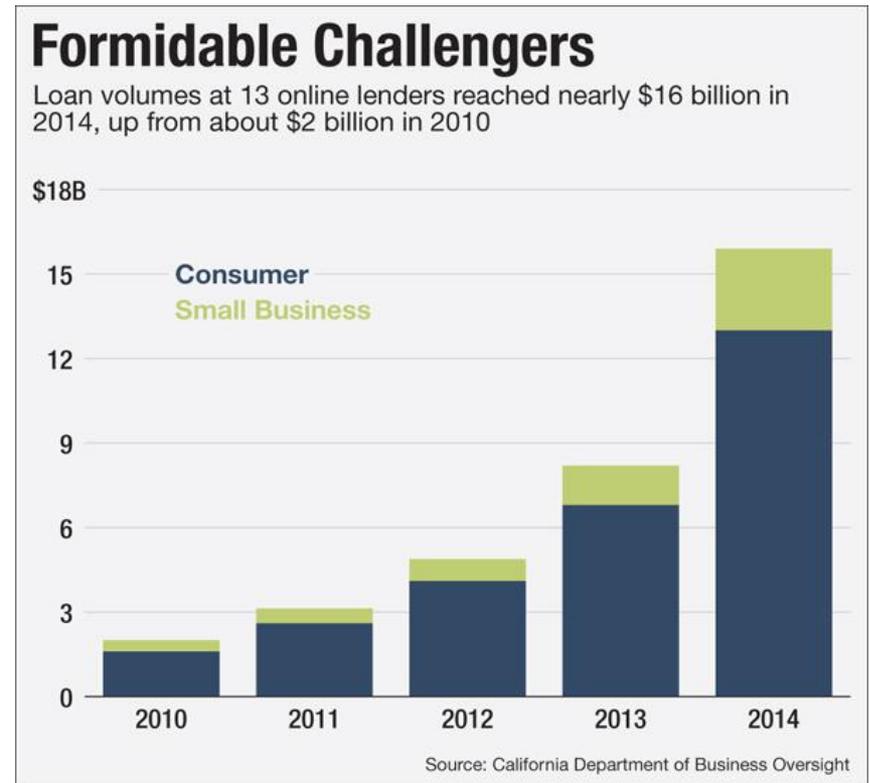


What are the FinTech segments?

- Lending
- Payments
- Savings, Investment, and Financial Planning
- Blockchain
- Data and Technology

What do we mean by “marketplace lenders”?

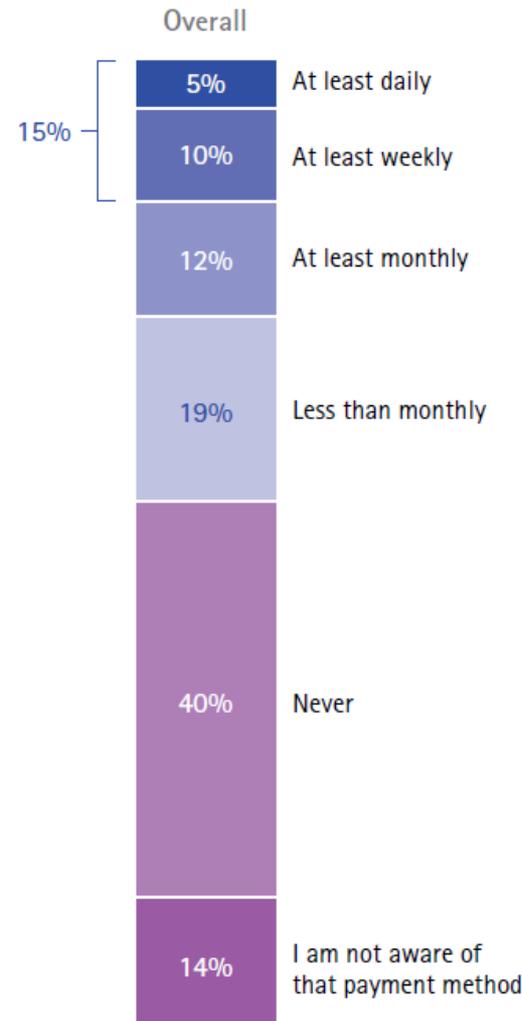
- Largely unregulated marketplace lenders are connecting institutional and individual lenders, with small businesses and individuals that need to borrow money.



Source: “Marketplace Lending Grew by 700% in Four Years”,
American Banker, April 8th, 2016

Payments

- FinTech start-ups now offer payment solutions that make payments easier and faster for retail clients and small businesses.
 - Volume of transactions made using these new platforms is increasing rapidly: for example, Venmo payment volume in 2015Q4 grew 174% YoY and reached \$2.4B.
- Established FinTech firms, such as Apple, Google, Samsung and others have introduced proprietary digital wallets.



Q: How often do you make a payment to another person using a peer-to-peer mobile application?

Source: Accenture “2015 Digital-Payments Survey, North America” (4,000 respondents)

Foe or friend?

- FinTech “disruptors” are embracing “co-opetition” and are seeking ways to grow using the existing financial ecosystem:
 - Lending Club’s credit supplier is Web Bank, a Utah bank.
 - PayPal’s merchant acquirer is Wells Fargo.
 - Apple did not rebuild telco-infrastructure from scratch but leveraged what already existed.
- FinTech firms need an insured depository institutions for clearing and settlement.

Questions?