CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An electronic trading credit distribution and reallocation apparatus, comprising:

a memory;

a credit allocation processor in communication with the memory located within a distribution server, the credit allocation processor being configured to automatically adjust credit allocations associated with each of a plurality of disparate electronic trading systems, each of said disparate electronic trading systems being located in one of a plurality of different geographic regions, wherein the credit allocation processor executes instructions to:

receive over network from each respective disparate electronic trading system, electronic trading data associated with the respective disparate electronic trading system in a single data stream using a common communications protocol, wherein the single data stream includes data obtained by combining a discrete data stream from each of said disparate electronic trading systems, wherein each discrete data stream is transmitted over network using a different respective communications protocol to a line handler processor of a collections point of presence, and further wherein the collections point of presence combines the discrete data streams into the single data stream;

compare the received electronic trading data with predetermined allocation instructions defining credit allocation among the plurality of disparate electronic trading systems;

automatically adjust credit allocations to each of the plurality of disparate electronic trading systems based on the comparison of the received electronic trading data with the predetermined allocation instructions; and

electronically transmit in real-time over network, the adjusted credit allocations to each of the plurality of disparate electronic trading systems by way of the collections point of presence.

2. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the electronic trading data includes credit utilization data for each of said disparate electronic trading systems that is determined by distribution server.

3. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the credit allocations are automatically adjusted at runtime by the credit allocation processor based on the comparison of the received electronic trading data from the single data stream with the predetermined allocation instructions and a global credit allocation shared among the plurality of disparate electronic trading systems, wherein the global credit allocation is fully distributed among the plurality of disparate electronic trading systems by the credit allocation processor.

4. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the predetermined allocation instructions include instructions to automatically adjust the credit allocations to each respective disparate electronic trading system based on occurrence of time triggered events.

5. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the predetermined allocation instructions include instructions to automatically adjust the credit allocations to each respective disparate electronic trading system based on at least one of: sunrise and sunset times in a geographic region associated with the respective disparate electronic trading system, trading hours in a geographic region associated with the respective disparate electronic trading system, and peak periods of business associated with the respective disparate electronic trading system.

6. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the credit allocation processor executes instructions to store in the memory, available credit thresholds for each respective disparate electronic trading system relative to a global credit allocation shared among the plurality of disparate electronic trading systems.

7. The apparatus of Claim 6, wherein the credit allocation processor executes instructions to:

receive from each respective disparate electronic trading system, credit utilization and available credit for each respective disparate electronic trading

system, the credit utilization and available credit for each respective disparate electronic trading system determined dynamically at real-time;

wherein the predetermined allocation instructions include instructions to automatically adjust the credit allocation to the plurality of disparate electronic trading systems responsive to a determination that the available credit to one of the disparate electronic trading systems met a low available credit threshold.

8. The apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the predetermined allocation instructions include instructions to automatically adjust the credit allocations to each respective disparate electronic trading system in a weighted manner based on historical electronic trading data received from the disparate electronic trading systems.

9. An electronic trading credit distribution and reallocation apparatus, comprising:

a memory;

a credit allocation processor in communication with the memory, and configured to automatically adjust credit allocations associated with each of a plurality of disparate electronic trading systems located in disparate geographic regions, wherein the credit allocation processor executes instructions to:

allocate to the plurality of disparate electronic trading systems, portions of a global credit allocation shared among the plurality of disparate electronic trading systems based on predetermined allocation instructions, wherein the global credit allocation is fully distributed among the plurality of disparate electronic trading systems by the credit allocation processor;

provide a graphical user interface to each respective disparate electronic trading system including the credit allocated to the respective electronic trading system;

receive over network from each respective disparate electronic trading system, electronic trading data associated with the respective disparate electronic trading system;

automatically adjust in real-time, the credit allocations to each of the plurality of disparate electronic trading systems based on a comparison of the received electronic trading data and the predetermined allocation instructions; and

update in real-time, the graphical user interface to include the adjusted credit allocations.

10. The apparatus of Claim 9, wherein the credit allocation processor executes instructions to:

display on a graphical user interface accessible by users of a first disparate electronic trading system among the plurality of disparate electronic trading systems, credit allocations for the first disparate electronic trading system relative to the global credit allocation; and

dynamically modify the display accessible by the users of the first disparate electronic trading system to include the adjusted credit allocations for the first disparate electronic trading system.

11. The apparatus of Claim 9, wherein the credit allocation processor executes instructions to:

in response to a request to adjust the credit allocation for a first disparate electronic trading system, automatically adjust in real-time, the credit allocations of a remainder of the disparate electronic trading systems as a function of the adjusted credit allocation for the first disparate electronic trading system.

12. The apparatus of Claim 9, wherein the credit allocation processor executes instructions to:

electronically transmit in real-time over network, the adjusted credit allocations to one of the disparate electronic trading systems;

receive from the disparate electronic trading system, a response to the adjusted credit allocation; and

update the graphical user interface for the disparate electronic trading system in response to the received response.

13. The apparatus of Claim 9, wherein the credit allocation processor executes instructions to:

electronically transmit in real-time over network to a first disparate electronic trading system and a second disparate electronic trading system, a first

request to adjust the credit allocations to the first and second disparate electronic trading systems;

receive from the first and second disparate electronic trading systems, a response to the adjusted credit allocation; and

electronically transmit in real-time over network to the first and second disparate electronic trading systems, a second request to adjust the credit allocations to the first and second disparate electronic trading systems.

14. The apparatus of Claim 13, wherein the response from at least one of the first and second disparate electronic trading systems indicates that conditions at the disparate electronic trading system would be breached by the first request to adjust the credit allocations.

15. An electronic trading credit evaluation and distribution apparatus, comprising:

a memory;

a credit allocation processor in communication with the memory, and configured to automatically adjust credit allocations associated with a particular disparate electronic trading system, wherein the credit allocation processor executes instructions to:

receive over network from a service provider communicatively coupled to a plurality of disparate electronic trading systems including the particular disparate electronic trading system, credit allocations for the particular electronic trading system in a single data stream, wherein the single data stream includes data obtained by combining a discrete data stream from each of said disparate electronic trading systems, wherein each discrete data stream was transmitted over network using a different respective communications protocol to the service provider, and further wherein the service provider server combines the discrete data streams into the single data stream;

dynamically determine at real-time, credit utilization for the particular disparate electronic trading system;

transmit over network to the service provider, electronic trading data associated with the particular disparate electronic trading system, including the determined credit utilization;

receive over network from the service provider, a request to adjust the credit allocations for the particular disparate electronic trading system responsive to a comparison of disparate electronic trading data received from the plurality of disparate electronic trading systems and predetermined allocation instructions defining credit allocation among the plurality of disparate electronic trading systems; and

provide a response to the service provider, indicating an outcome of the request to adjust the credit allocations for the particular disparate electronic trading system based on a comparison of the request and current electronic trading data associated with the particular disparate electronic trading system.

16. The apparatus of Claim 15, wherein the credit allocation processor executes instructions to electronically transmit in real-time over network, an outcome indicating that the request to adjust the credit allocations for the particular disparate electronic trading system breaches credit conditions at the particular disparate electronic trading system, and that the request to adjust the credit allocations for the particular disparate electronic trading system failed.

17. The apparatus of Claim 16, wherein the credit allocation processor further executes instructions to receive from a service provider instructions to adjust the credit allocations for the particular disparate electronic trading system according to the request despite the indication of a breach at the particular disparate electronic trading system.

18. The apparatus of Claim 15, wherein the credit allocation processor executes instructions to:

electronically transmit in real-time over network, an outcome indicating that the request to adjust the credit allocations for the particular disparate electronic trading system does not breach credit conditions at the particular disparate electronic trading system; and

receive from the service provider, instructions to adjust the credit allocations for the particular disparate electronic trading system according to the request and responsive to the indication that the request does not breach credit conditions at the particular disparate electronic trading system.

19. The apparatus of Claim 14, wherein, responsive to the indication of breach, the credit allocation processor further executes instructions to send instructions to the electronic trading system demanding that compels the reduction of the credit allocation.

20. The apparatus of Claim 16, wherein, responsive to detecting a breach condition, the credit allocation processor further executes instructions to send instructions to the electronic trading system demanding that compels the reduction of the credit allocation.