

Enabling U.S. T+1 Readiness With DTCC Institutional Trade Processing

RECOMMENDED BEST PRACTICES FOR CUSTODIANS

The countdown has started: in less than a year the industry will move to a T+1 settlement for transactions in U.S. cash equities, corporate debt, and unit investment trusts. To get to T+1, firms have rightly turned their attention on further automating institutional post-trade processes and DTCC's Institutional Trade Processing (ITP) is here to help.

We've prepared the below checklist with links to available resources to help you prepare for T+1 while maximizing your investment in our suite of services.

ACCOUNT CREATION:

- Engage your buy-side clients and offer to maintain SSIs on their behalf in ALERT*.
 - Review the [Global Custodian Direct \(GCD\) Adoption Playbook](#) or our [ALERT for Prime Brokers factsheet](#) to learn more.
- Store client SSIs in ALERT following [U.S. Best Practices](#).
- Learn more about [ALERT GCD Future Effective Date](#) functionality to minimize the GCD onboarding operational impact.
- Work with clients to minimize the use of custodian omnibus TradeSuite ID Numbers as the Institution ID in ALERT. Whether an institution is affirming its own trades or non-self-affirming, DTCC ITP TradeSuite ID Numbers may be preferable to an institution to relying on the custodian omnibus TradeSuite ID Numbers.
- Advocate for manual clients to automate their SSIs by implementing one of the many [available options to leverage ALERT](#).

TRADE MATCHING & ENRICHMENT:

- Educate buy-side clients on the benefits of the [CTM® Match to Instruct \(M2i\) workflow](#) and the [benefits of automatic trade affirmation](#).
- Require your buy-side clients to affirm electronically and provide education on the [importance of high Same Day Affirmation \(SDA\) rates](#).
- Encourage your buy-side clients to [obtain their own TradeSuite ID subscription](#). Different TradeSuite ID set-ups provide different levels of functionality; for example, non-self-affirming institutions without a TradeSuite ID subscription will not receive record keeping services from DTC ITP; confirmations will be sent to the custodian if the custodian is affirming on the non-self-affirming institution's behalf.
 - Any requests to implement CTM's M2i workflow or TradeSuite Direct should be submitted no later than February 28th to secure the necessary resources needed to enable assess prior to T+1.
- For any clients who still choose to have you act as the affirming party, request your Same Day Affirmation (SDA) report for those Institution IDs by sending your TradeSuite ID Number(s) to the [CCC](#). This enables you to baseline your current affirmation rates and track improvements as your clients prepare to meet T+1 requirements of 100% by 9 PM on trade date.

Still unsure of where to start or have additional questions? We are here to help! We are here to help! Please email UST1@dtcc.com for additional information on how to prepare for T+1.

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