POST TRADE CONTROL FOR DERIVATIVES
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Introduction

Message Automation is a leading specialist provider of post-trade derivatives solutions. We help clients manage the challenges of the ‘new landscape’ derivatives world including House and Client Clearing, Affirmation and Confirmation, Management of data from CCPs and brokers, Trade Reporting, SEF connectivity and Collateral messaging. Our solutions can be implemented individually or brought together in an integrated strategic approach to derivative control. We support all asset classes and have ready-made connectivity to all major players in the derivatives market. Working with our clients on the buy and sell side, we use our expertise to anticipate and respond quickly to market changes. Our implementation ethos ‘weeks not months’ is one which sets us apart. Message Automation is bridging the gap between the business challenge and technology providing harmonisation in processes and data, enabling clients to achieve greater efficiency and control, reduce costs and risk, and grow their derivatives business.

A control framework for derivatives

In an ideal world financial institutions involved in derivatives would have a robust ‘Post Trade Control’ environment that would orchestrate, monitor, and audit all events and information on all trades throughout their lifecycle from a single dashboard over a single harmonised data layer. Information would be routed to and from internal systems and staff, external parties and clients in the right format at the right time, and issues would be clearly highlighted for attention. For almost all participants in this market this would include:

- Harmonising multiple internal and vendor systems across asset classes, holding market, trade and trade related static data.
- Streamlining and managing communication with a long list of external parties including ‘to and from’ flows with counterparties, brokers, administrators, execution and affirmation platforms, CCPs and exchanges, regulators, and trade repositories/ARMs.
- Supporting the information needs of a wide range of clients and internal parties including traders, operations, treasury and finance, compliance, reconciliations staff and collateral managers.

Message Automation’s suite of solutions make this ‘ideal’ possible today. Our software is deployed at our client’s sites to maximise control possibilities.
Message Automation's proven business solutions cover many of the key aspects of post trade flows: affirmation, clearing, trade and transaction reporting, plus inbound collateral and margin information. We already solve these challenges for our customers, across asset classes and across multiple affirmation platforms, clearing houses and trade repositories. This range of capabilities enables us to orchestrate and then monitor events in real-time across the lifecycle. The current status and full details of any breaks are then available in a single view. In addition to full human workflow and exception management functionality, including repair and remediation, our Post Trade Control dashboards provide valuable KPIs and consolidated management information. Performance information or break data from other applications such as legacy reconciliation applications, confirmation matching systems etc. can be consolidated and brought into the same secure fully audited environment.

What makes Message Automation’s Post Trade Control solution possible is our well established derivatives lifecycle data model. The model provides a harmonised representation across multiple workflows, from affirmation connectivity to trade reporting to inbound clearing data. Because this model genuinely describes the full trade economics, across asset classes, and complex post trade events are inherently understood, the same views and processes can be easily deployed to cover the full range of post trade functions.

As the solution has visibility of the full trade economics it is straightforward to interrogate the data for multiple purposes. One example could be applying our existing packages of business rules to the trade population for more robust compliance: industry regulations on mandatory clearing, made available to trade on SEFs, or EMIR L2 validation can simply be plugged in. Our customers can add their own business rules to provide warnings in real-time – such as to control products vs desks, or identify incomplete customer reference data or documentation.

A Harmonised Approach...
Message Automation Clients

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