

T+1 Information Series

Acceleration of Settlement to T+1

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What is the timeline for the change?



What is accelerated settlement and what will it do?

Following equity market volatilities in early 2021, the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) proposed changes including a transition to a shorter trade settlement cycle. Shortening the settlement window from the current two days to one day would have several benefits for market participants but will also require the investment of time and money to prepare and test systems prior to implementation.



- Volatility in March 2020 and January 2021 highlighted the impact of variation margin on cleared trades
- Custody clients maintain counterparty risk until the trade is settled; this is currently two trading days



- DTCC have modeled that volatility margin cost can be reduced by 41% as a result of moving to T+1
- Liquidity improvement by aligning Equities, Government Bonds, and Mutual Fund settlement cycles

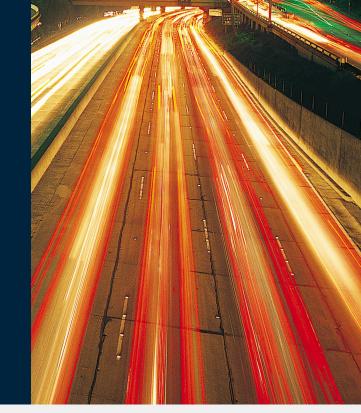


- Build on prior move to T+2 improving STP rates and real-time communication between participants
- Formalize standard timing and best practices e.g., Allocations and Affirmations to reduce exceptions



 Does not provide efficiencies of today's netting and Clearing Counterparty (CCP) processes which reduce settlement value by 98%

Significant technology spend required across the industry and current cost benefit is not met



What are key impacts for our clients?



ALLOCATION, AFFIRMATION & CONFIRMATION

- Clients will need to ensure automated affirmation models are in place, either through the custodian, self affirmation or a third-party provider
- Consumption of real-time trade data is important as any exception management and corrections have a limited window to process

TECHNOLOGY READINESS

- Electronic communication will be critical for all clients, any reliance on fax processing will need to be eliminated
- Analyze and enhance systems to ensure any manual processes are eliminated, both for trades and corporate action processing as all processing windows will be constrained

TIME ZONE COMPRESSION

- Liquidity constrains from operating across two different settlement cycles for the major equity markets will need to be managed
- Standard T+2 spot FX will need to be evaluated to satisfy market and location timelines for foreign investors

Which markets will be impacted?

CANADIAN MARKET

The Canadian depository has already announced that the market will move to T+1 in-line with the United States, the Canadian Capital Markets Association (<u>CCMA</u>) is managing the transition in close alignment with SIFMA. Working groups have been established for key functional groups.

MEXICAN MARKET

The Mexican depository (Indeval) returned to T+2 in-line with the United States in 2017. Mexico has confirmed that they will align with the United States and Canadian markets and will go-live on May 27, 2024.



UNITED STATES MARKET

As the leading market in the transition to settlement cycle adoption to T+1, various industry working groups established by <u>SIFMA</u>, <u>DTCC</u>, the <u>ICI</u> and the <u>AGC</u> alongside other market participants are coordinating to recommend solutions and address barriers. In prior months, communication with working groups and the SEC through formal letters have addressed proposed adoption rules and themes revolving around transition date, timeline, policies and procedures, planning and testing requirements. Currently, the focus is on impact assessment and specific industry segment analysis.

UK & EUROPEAN MARKET

The UK <u>Accelerated</u> <u>Settlement Taskforce</u> launched on December 9, 2022, to explore the potential for faster settlement of financial trades in the UK. EU markets have not yet indicated their intentions.

INDIA MARKET

T+1 settlement went live in January 2023.

India is currently the second largest market after China to reduce settlement from T+2.

Other jurisdictions have not indicated potential timelines, however it should be a watch item given global regulatory trends to reduce investor risk.

How is BNY Mellon preparing for the transition?

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 BNY Mellon contributed to several Industry comment letters to the SEC, including those by SIFMA, the ICI, and the AGC Our Subject Matter Experts have participated in working groups, conferences and panels to represent the industry viewpoint 	 Though BNY Mellon's platforms support substantial T+1 and T+0 settlement today, an impact assessment of the DTCC changes has been completed and readiness efforts are in flight Real-time data exchange and transmission will be critical, so planned platform enhancements have T+1 support integrated into the design 	 We have an enterprise-wide steering committee for the T+1 transition to ensure cross-firm impacts and dependencies are identified, and best practices are shared between the business areas within the firm

Resources

- U.S. Securities Exchange Commission (SEC) announcement February 15, 2023
- UST+1 Settlement Industry site
- Depository Trust and Clearing Corporation (DTCC)
- Investment Company Institute (ICI)
- Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA)
- UK Accelerated Settlement Taskforce
- Association of Global Custodians (AGC)
- Canadian Capital Markets Association (CCMA)
- European Securities and Markets Authority

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