

From: ViewTrade

To: All Clients

Re: The Transition to T+1

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As most of you are aware, we are less than 4 months away from a major transformative event across North American markets: the transition to T+1 settlement. As we previously shared, the complexities of this change cannot be overstated, as the impact to organizations will reach every aspect of the business/trade cycle and all organizational departments. From the client-facing front-end and client experience expectations to back-office processing and funds movement, having all cylinders firing in sync will become imperative.

Our team has been preparing for this event and is working through the intricacies involved in a complete solution. It is important that our clients are also making the necessary changes within their technology and in their operational and treasury (funding) procedures. The following are a few areas of primary concern we are actively addressing to ensure a seamless and smooth transition to T+1:

- **Trade Processing**, including front-end trading systems, the reference data that drives the systems, cashiering and post-trade matching and affirmations are all systemic changes that require programming and development work. As a company that builds and deploys its own technology, we are not handcuffed by third-party vendors' lack of preparedness. The seamless integration of the numerous components in our offering ensures interoperability and cohesiveness between critical systems.
- **Asset Servicing**, which includes the modification of the firm's internal accounting systems and the processing of corporate actions and books and records. Since ViewTrade owns all of the technology used to carry and service accounts held with us, we are able to make the necessary changes without any dependency on third-party technology.
- **Documentation revisions** may not seem like a critical consideration, but to remain in compliance with the various rules and regulations governing our business, ensuring these various documents are updated is critical. This includes client-facing service

agreements, confirmations, e-delivery and internal operating agreements and control documents. All ViewTrade clients will be provided with updated agreements as necessary and required.

- **Funding and Liquidity** will remain the most material adjustment both for our clients and for ViewTrade. Settlement of trades on T+1 means payment for trades on T+1, cutting the current time window in half. We will continue to provide prompt post-trade information files on T+0 Eastern time, but for some, this may mean leaving a bit more cash in your accounts with us to take into account any timing delays that you may have in sending funds by the settlement due date. For clients that trade across multiple markets with multiple currencies, our ability to process and convert currencies on the same day means funds required on T+1 in a particular currency are readily available (as opposed to awaiting an FX spot conversion that still falls under a T+2 settlement).

Although May 28, 2024 is right around the corner, there is still time to work through the gauntlet of changes required to be properly prepared for this industry-wide transition. T+1 implementation does not have to be an apocalyptic event for your firm if you are aligned with the right partner, and we are ready to help.

If you'd like to discuss how ViewTrade can help your firm prepare, please don't hesitate to [reach out](#). In the meantime, [this link from DTCC's website](#) provides a wealth of additional information on the topic.