



Improving operational agility in volatile markets

Unlock a practical guide for investment managers



Markets are volatile – it's time to get agile

Against a backdrop of macroeconomic change, market volatility provides rich opportunities for investment managers to generate alpha.

Geopolitical tensions and trade wars continue to shock markets on a regular basis, causing frequent spikes in trading and price fluctuations. Inflationary pressure is keeping interest rates at a relative high and driving borrowers toward private credit. And more investors are exploring alternative asset classes in search of alpha.

Portfolio diversification is more important than ever to reducing risk exposure in volatile markets. Alpha, however, is created through active expertise – the ability to identify opportunities early and execute decisively. Moving at speed can help maximize advantage and potentially improve returns.

Increasing allocations to alternatives by investment managers has become the accepted strategy, but it's the ability to pivot quickly that keeps you competitive.

You need the agility to adopt a broader range of asset classes with exceptional speed – and scale to new operational requirements, higher trade volumes and complex reporting demands.

You've got the multi-asset strategies, but do you have the technology?
Read on and learn how to prepare your operations by driving innovation.

“Multi-asset investing is entering a new phase as institutional portfolios expand beyond traditional public markets into private assets, alternatives and a broader mix of exposures. This shift reflects a structural broadening of opportunity alongside the influence of higher rates, changing liquidity conditions and continued growth in non-traditional asset classes.”

Source: Risk.net, Institutional Priorities in Multi-asset Investing, December 2025

Assess your readiness to diversify

The benefits of adopting a broader range of asset classes are significant. In a global survey by Risk.net, 40% of asset managers and owners cite diversification, and 39% cite alpha generation as key drivers of multi-asset strategies. Both risk mitigation and active, decisive investment can position you for stronger returns, regardless of market volatility. But there are operational challenges ahead.

You want to move into complex new strategies and increase your exposure to private markets. But before you diversify, you should confirm your technology covers the entire trading lifecycle across all the asset classes you plan to offer.

FIS® Cross-Asset Trading and Risk Suite allows you to smoothly manage a broad spectrum of asset classes, from traditional equities to digital assets – all in one powerful, high-performance, user-friendly solution.

With enterprise-grade security, Cross-Asset Trading and Risk Suite supports order management, portfolio management, operational management and risk management for all traded products – liquid and illiquid, over-the-counter and exchange traded, standardized and securitized products – all in real time. It also supports digital asset and crypto capabilities by leveraging robust decentralized finance (DeFi) technology for digital asset investing.

1 Risk.net, Institutional Priorities in Multi-asset Investing, December 2025

Private assets under management are projected to grow at more than twice the rate of public assets and reach a global value of **\$60-\$65 trillion by 2032.**

Sources: Risk.net, Institutional Priorities in Multi-asset Investing, December 2025 and Bain & Company, Private Market Assets to Grow at More than Twice the Rate of Public Assets, August 2024

Move on from fragmented legacy tech

Risk.net's survey of asset managers and owners shows modernized tech is critical for diversified strategies

“Asked to rank the capabilities they plan to invest in over the next year, survey respondents placed technology modernization firmly at the top. This priority aligns with the increased use of private and alternative assets, which often generate more varied datasets and reporting cycles.”

Source: Risk.net, Institutional Priorities in Multi-asset Investing, December 2025

In volatile markets, where delayed reactions are costly, you can't afford to cling to legacy systems that take months to upgrade – or consist of multiple, single-point solutions that don't integrate well.

You need to be able to respond to market changes and seize new opportunities fast. You need a single, modern cross-asset trading and risk solution that allows you to switch to any new asset class when you need to, without delay.

By consolidating order, portfolio and risk management systems onto Cross-Asset Trading and Risk Suite, you can modernize and streamline your trading and investment operations. Our modular technology also enables you to extend the solution to accommodate new asset classes and strategies.

With transparent order management workflow, the solution ties together order generation, limits management, order placement and trade capture and allocation. Automation on a single platform helps reduce transaction costs and provides a clear view of execution options for superior order execution.

Gain a complete view of risk and compliance

Although active portfolio management is essential to generating alpha, it can create challenges for investment managers in terms of risk visibility.

Multi-asset portfolios introduce a combination of valuation, liquidity and trading compliance risks that need careful management. With a blend of public and private asset classes, semi-liquid hybrid funds are especially complex to handle, and you must make sure you're consistently meeting regulatory requirements.

Cross-Asset Trading and Risk Suite delivers a single, real-time view of risk and positions for all asset classes, both public and private. Now you can carry out multi-dimensional stress testing and scenario analysis across your entire portfolio, and embed real-time controls for pre- and post-trade compliance and reporting.

For real-time development, modeling and execution of strategies, a unique user interface empowers you with finely-tuned tools for workflow controls, pricing, P&L, NAV, DV01s and Greeks, as well as real-time position alerts and what-if analysis. You can create new analytics and reports as required and rapidly customize the solution with your own workflows and methodologies.

“Deploying capital in the alternatives industry is fraught with difficulties, particularly concerning liquidity management. The complexity of managing investments that may not be readily liquidated requires robust operational frameworks and innovative solutions.”

Source: EY, Navigating Challenges in the Valuation of Semi-liquid Funds, September 2025

“Access to institutional-grade, cross-asset trading platforms is reshaping the competitive landscape for smaller hedge fund managers. **Tools once reserved for billion-dollar firms are now available through scalable SaaS models**, enabling small and mid-sized managers to compete on near-equal technological footing.”

Source: Hedgeweek, The Great Multi-asset Reset, October 2025

Make agility more affordable

As multi-asset investing becomes non-negotiable, you need sophisticated tools to move quickly into a broad range of asset types. The good news is that technology is now democratizing and making advanced platforms viable for organizations of all sizes.

Whether you're a small hedge fund or a boutique asset manager, a new generation of cost-effective, cloud-based solutions can give you a competitive edge in volatile markets.

Along with public cloud, private cloud and on-premise deployments, Cross-Asset Trading and Risk Suite is now available as an entry-level SaaS solution. This means you can add asset classes to your portfolio quickly, usually within days, and more easily maneuver the market and stay agile in a cost-effective manner.

You can also trust our technology to be fast, efficient and adaptable no matter where you are in the world. Backed by one of the world's leading financial technology providers and our established best practices, it provides remote-working capabilities without the threat of disruption, and connects out-of-the-box to a broad range of exchanges, prime brokers and fund administrators.


Put data at your fingertips

Whether for informed portfolio adjustments, capital allocation, winning trading strategies or proactive risk management, investment managers can't make the right decisions without the right data.

But the right data isn't always easy to come by. Traders are tired of swiveling between multiple systems or scrolling through spreadsheets, just to get up-to-date insights they need to make decisions.

With trading data now produced at unprecedented rates, Cross-Asset Trading and Risk Suite helps automate processes throughout the trading and investment lifecycle, providing a complete and accurate picture of risk and performance at speed.

Real-time tools provide immediate pricing, simulation and hedging, so you can react dynamically to market conditions. User-friendly pricing tools allow you to manipulate yield curves, spread curves and volatility surfaces. And you can instantly drill down on positions from aggregated levels to individual trades.



“Data in general is the backbone of many, if not all, trading decisions, and the overall value creation for portfolio management.”

Source: FIS, How Modern Architecture is Reshaping Investment Management, November 7, 2025

“Real-time data has become key across the portfolio management space. Competition is moving fast, and the winners are those that can access the most comprehensive and meaningful data in real time and pair that with the latest emerging technologies.”

Source: FIS, How Modern Architecture is Reshaping Investment Management, November 7, 2025

Accelerate insight further with AI

In rapidly moving investment markets, a split-second hesitation can cost millions. But thanks to continued advancements in technology, investment managers can now make lightning-speed, super-informed decisions with even faster access to data.

Paired with AI, automation revolutionizes workflows, accelerates decision-making and delivers actionable insights with easy-to-use digital dashboards and intuitive interfaces providing improved intelligence, real-time data and greater clarity.

With all your data on one unified, highly automated platform, plus AI-enhanced decision support, Cross-Asset Trading and Risk Suite empowers you to focus on turning insights into action – and action into alpha.

Advanced analytics allow you to capture new trading strategies, including private and digital assets, and to slice and dice positions, strategies and portfolio funds. You can also complete a wide range of advanced, portfolio-level what-if scenarios on return rates. Plus, AI-powered features can answer questions about the solution and help you navigate it more easily.

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Unlock the opportunities of volatility with FIS

Trust Cross-Asset Trading and Risk Suite to orchestrate the entire front-to-back trading and investment lifecycle, so you can work your investment strategies harder in volatile market conditions.

With flexible deployment options, installed, public or private cloud, the SaaS solution enables fast access to our multi-asset platform for order, portfolio and risk management to meet the requirements and budget of smaller asset managers, hedge funds and asset owners. With cutting-edge AI tools, it provides powerful functionality to pursue multi-asset strategies in one cost-effective package.

Cross-Asset Trading and Risk Suite is also highly scalable – and a preferred choice for large and medium-sized firms that need to run their technology on-premise or in their own cloud.

Whatever investment strategies you choose, with Cross-Asset Trading and Risk Suite, you'll have the agility to pivot fast. Get in touch to find out more.

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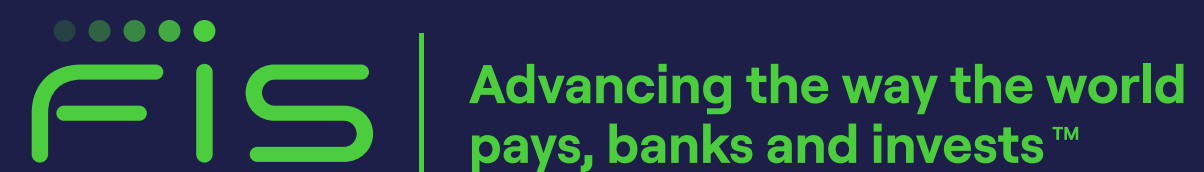
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