



# Overcoming challenges in multi-asset investment strategies

Unlock alpha with affordable, scalable  
investment technology





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# Introduction

Achieving higher returns and revenue growth is a significant challenge for investment managers navigating a complex, competitive landscape. Traditional stocks and bonds are often insufficient to drive necessary outcomes, prompting firms to expand into alternative asset classes like hedge funds, private markets, complex derivatives and digital assets.

Alternative investments can enhance portfolio diversification and offer the potential for greater returns. However, they also introduce complexities across front-, middle- and back-office operations that many legacy investment systems are not equipped to handle.

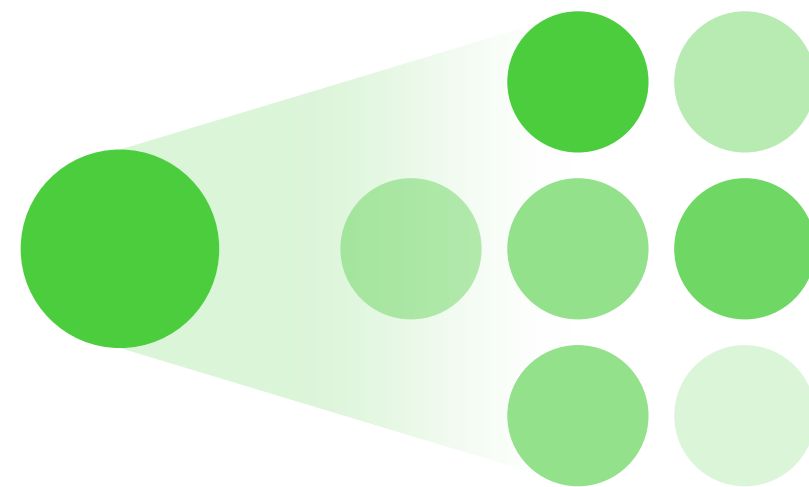
Is your investment technology supporting your pursuit of alpha or is it holding you back? Here are four questions to ask.



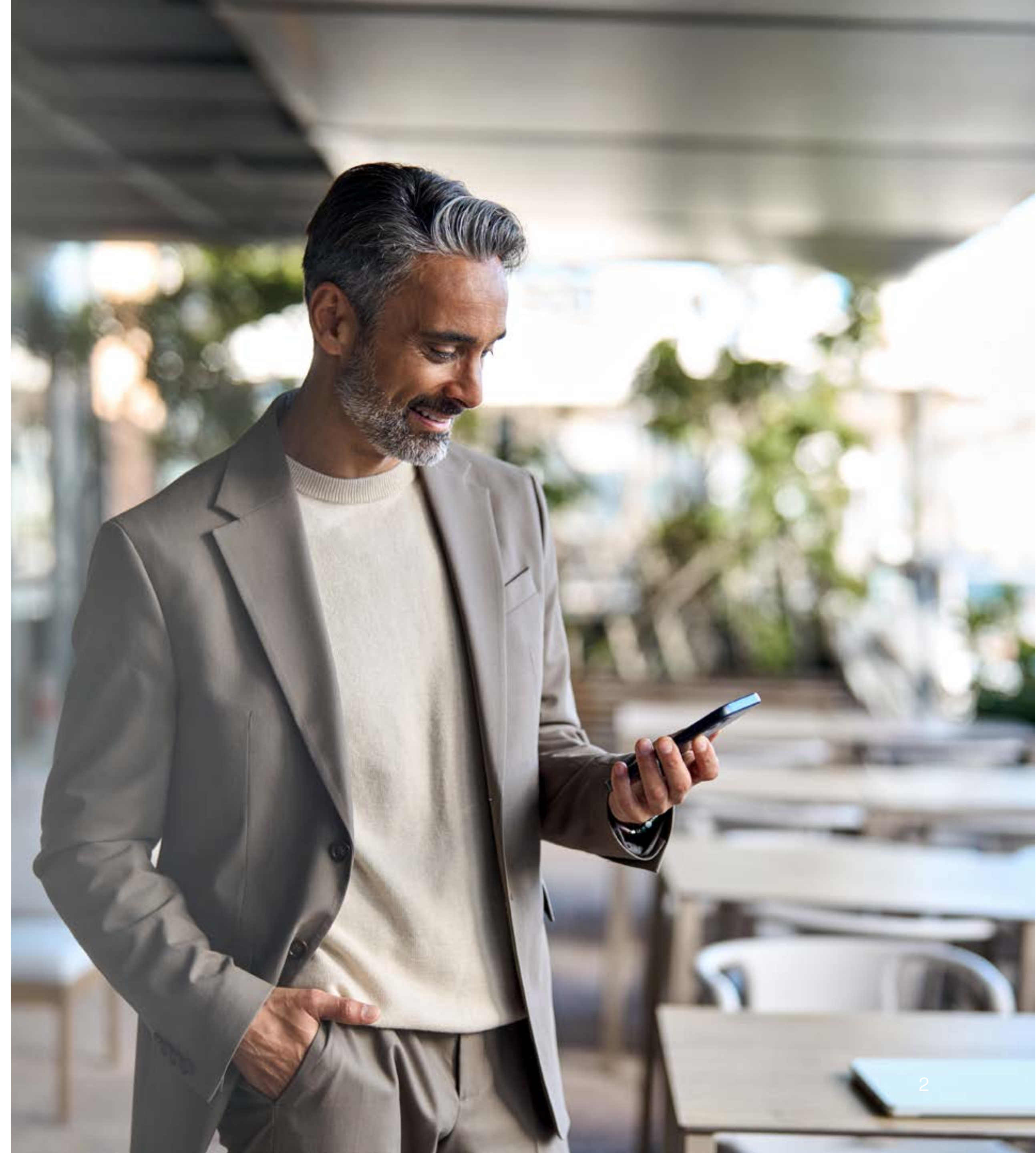


## 1. Can your investment solution evolve with your strategy?

As Deloitte\* observed: **“Having a diverse product mix is now often front and center for revenue growth.”** While modern investment strategies emphasize diversification to optimize risk-adjusted returns, traditional systems can struggle to handle assorted, complex asset classes. Cloud-based platforms with cross-asset capabilities help firms pivot quickly into new markets and integrate varied asset classes into existing workflows without compromising efficiency.



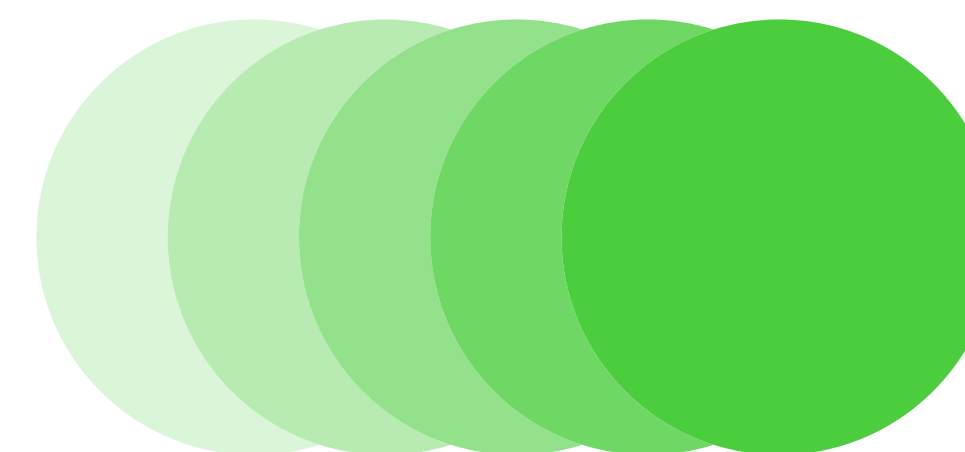
\*[www.deloitte.com](http://www.deloitte.com)





## 2. Does your technology improve operational efficiency?

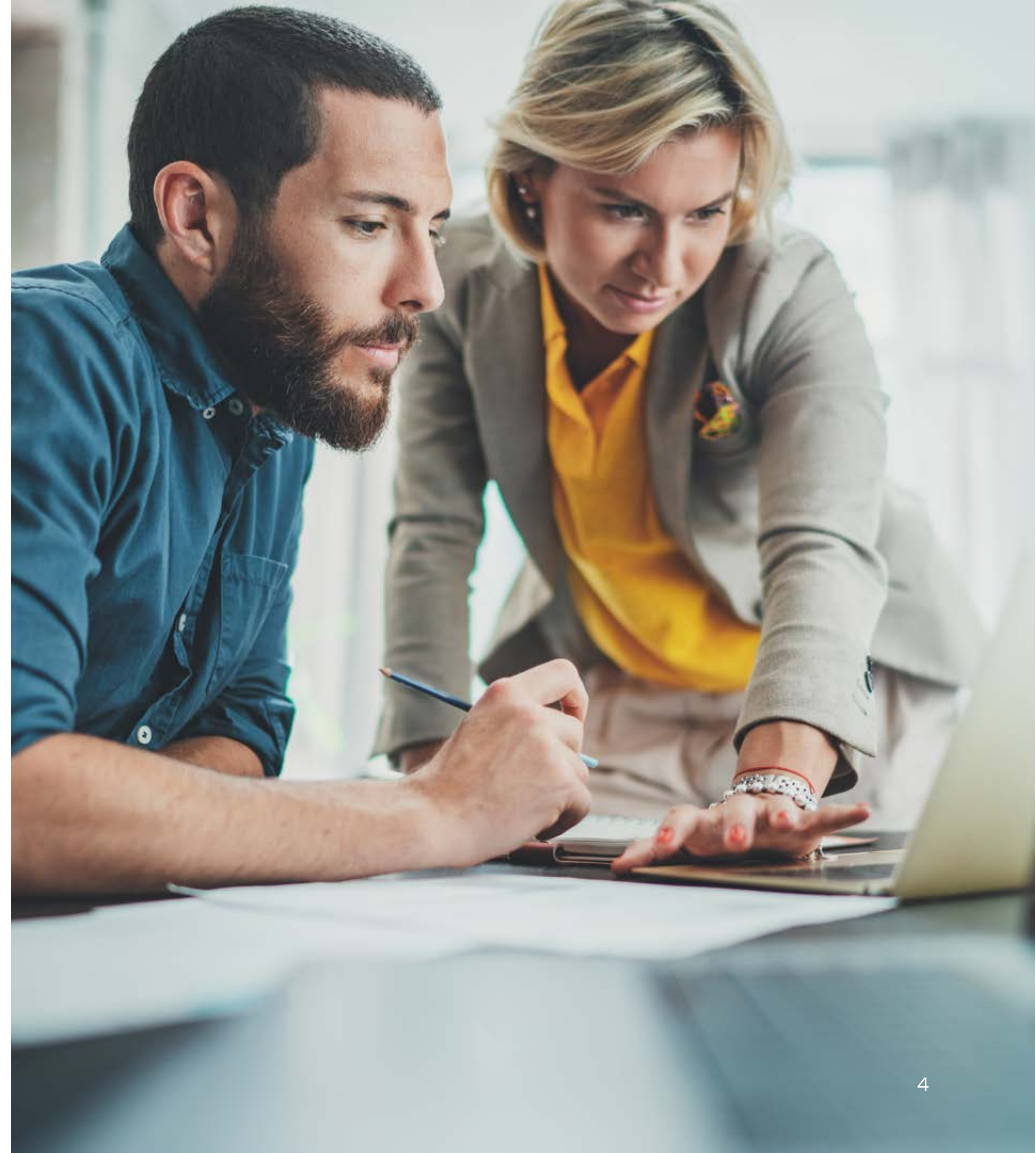
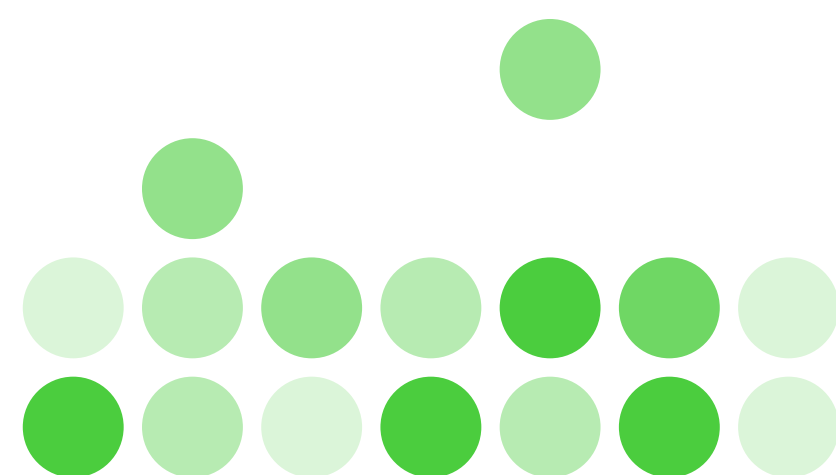
Rising costs and shrinking margins are driving investment managers to eliminate inefficiencies. By consolidating fragmented systems into a single advanced solution, firms can minimize the costs caused by outdated manual workflows, cut vendor license fees and maintenance expenses, gain operational alpha and free up valuable resources.





### 3. Can your technology handle complex risk and compliance demands?

A consolidated, coherent view of cross-asset risk positions, combined with sophisticated risk and compliance capabilities is critical for firms navigating today's complex regulatory landscapes and fast-paced markets. Advanced platforms incorporating real-time risk data, risk management tools and pre- and post-trade compliance monitoring help firms align with both external regulations and internal risk tolerances.





## 4. Can you access real-time data insights?

Data-driven decisions power superior portfolio performance. Technology solutions offering real-time data on multi-asset class activity improve decision-making and help teams take advantage of opportunities.





## Cloud-based and SaaS solutions

More investment management firms are looking to SaaS and cloud technology to reduce costs, improve scalability and simplify operations – 74% of capital markets firms surveyed by FIS The Harmony Gap research report\*, plan to invest in cloud computing over the next two years. By switching to a cloud-based deployment, smaller and mid-sized asset managers can access institutional-grade technology at a fraction of the total cost of ownership.

### Key SaaS benefits

- **Cost-effectiveness:** Only pay for what you use while minimizing upfront investments and ongoing maintenance expenses.
- **Flexibility and control:** Modular tools can accommodate new markets, asset classes, investment strategies and client expectations.
- **Advanced security:** Robust security tools help protect data and prevent system downtime.
- **Stay current:** Automatic updates ensure the latest functionality without disrupting workflows.

\*Source: The Harmony Gap





## Cross-Asset Trading and Risk Suite

FIS® Cross-Asset Trading and Risk Suite (formerly Front Arena) is an all-in-one investment technology solution designed for asset managers, hedge funds, family offices, insurers and pension funds of all sizes.

Whether you manage traditional investments, venture into alternatives or balance both, Cross-Asset Trading and Risk Suite offers the tools to simplify operations, reduce costs, manage risk and deliver alpha to make investments work harder.

### Features

- **Multi-asset class integration:** Manage complex portfolios employing multiple asset types with ease.
- **Real-time insights:** Gain instant access to real-time data for better decision-making.
- **Scalable technology:** Expand into new markets and handle rising trading volumes effortlessly.
- **Built-in risk management tools:** Monitor compliance and manage risks efficiently with advanced analytics.

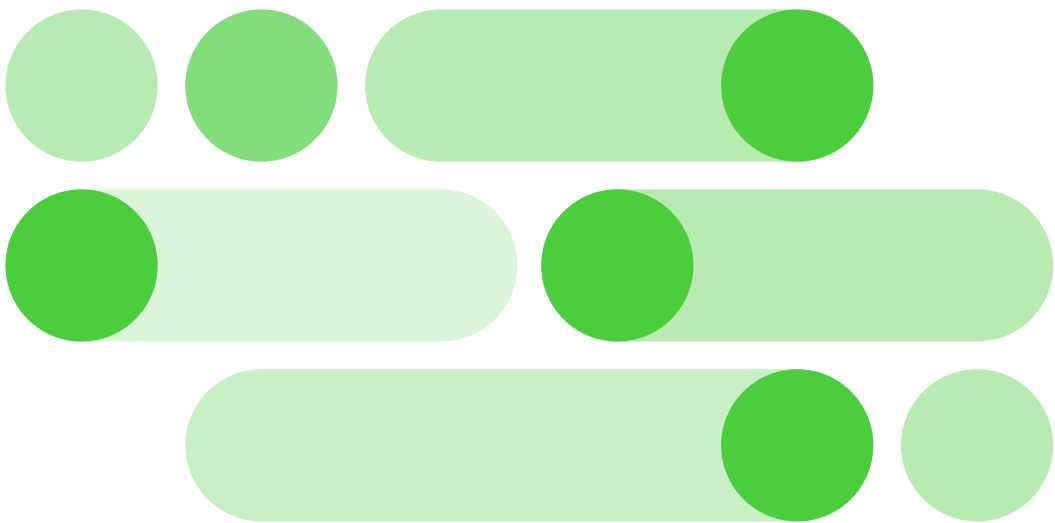


# Digitalize your business to drive growth

Investment managers who fail to adapt to digital advances risk falling behind. By investing in innovative, scalable technology, you can ready-proof operations and position your firm for growth in an evolving industry.

Contact FIS today to learn how our Cross-Asset Trading and Risk Suite can transform your operations, streamline costs and unlock new opportunities.

Your next step towards enhanced returns and profitability starts here.





Money at rest Money in motion Money at work™

Cross-Asset Trading and Risk Suite helps investments work harder with real-time insights and greater efficiency, flexibility and control.

Our technology powers the global economy across the money lifecycle.



Unlock seamless integration and human-centric digital experiences while ensuring efficiency, stability, and compliance as your business grows.



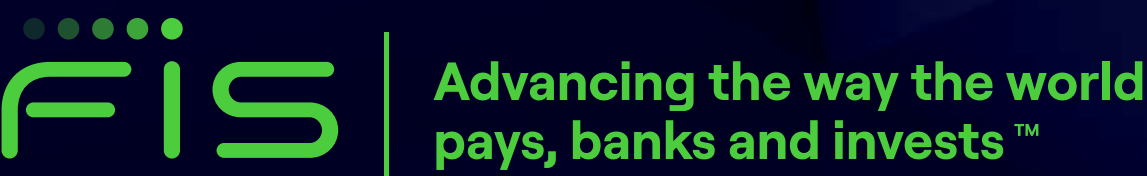
Unlock liquidity and flow of funds by synchronizing transactions, payment systems, and financial networks without compromising speed or security.



Unlock a cohesive financial ecosystem and insights for strategic decisions to expand operations while optimizing performance.

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