



Q&A

# Real-life adaptation to market shocks

Unlock agile technology and get ahead of the seven critical market changes reshaping the financial landscape

The investment management industry faces a perfect storm of market volatility, macro-economic shifts and complex regulatory demands. In this Q&A, learn how to navigate these conditions and generate alpha with agile investment and trading strategies backed by robust technology.



## How can you protect capital when persistent volatility drives up cross-asset correlations?

During periods of market stress, asset classes that usually operate independently often move in tandem. Traditional asset allocation models struggle to protect capital when these correlations spike. To adapt, you need to move beyond siloed systems. Implement a unified front-to-back solution that provides a single, up-to-the-minute view of risk across equities, fixed income, FX and commodities. When your trading infrastructure monitors these sudden shifts in real time, you can optimize your algorithmic strategies and respond to market shocks before they impact your returns.



## What operational adjustments help you capitalize on the rapid expansion of private credit?

As risk-averse banks lend less, corporate borrowers increasingly turn to private credit. Direct lending offers attractive yields, but requires robust data integration and the ability to manage complex reporting demands alongside traditional public assets. To succeed in this space, you should modernize your technology stack. Adopt platforms capable of handling the varied datasets, bespoke valuation models and unique reporting cycles associated with private credit allocations.



## How do you manage the operational complexities of an accelerating shift toward multi-asset strategies?

Investors increasingly look beyond traditional public equities to mitigate risk and boost alpha. However, expanding into private assets, alternatives and a broader mix of exposures introduces significant operational friction. You can handle this by implementing flexible, cross-asset trading platforms that can handle both private and public assets. A scalable architecture allows you to add new asset classes to your portfolio within days rather than months. This seamless cross-asset operability prevents you from adding manual reconciliation layers as your portfolio grows.



## How should your technology evolve to handle the blurring lines between public and private markets?

The investment universe is converging, with funds increasingly offering semi-liquid hybrid structures that blend closed-ended private markets with open-ended assets. These hybrid funds create complex liquidity management and valuation requirements. To manage these constraints accurately, deploy technology with strong surveillance capabilities, embedded compliance controls and automated liquidity monitoring. This ensures you maintain precise oversight of capital commitments while meeting global regulatory standards.



## What is the most effective way to address escalating operational and valuation risks in alternatives?

Deploying capital in the alternatives industry complicates liquidity management and regulatory alignment. Tagging the value of illiquid assets directly to public indexes is increasingly difficult. Combat these risks by investing in platforms that enable seamless data aggregation, stress testing and scenario analysis across your entire portfolio. Real-time visibility into both public and private assets allows you to assess exposures accurately and maintain strict compliance oversight.



## How can you leverage the democratization of institutional-grade technology to stay competitive?

Sophisticated tools for multi-asset investment management are now accessible to organizations of all sizes. Legacy on-premise systems that take months to upgrade put you at a severe competitive disadvantage. You can level the playing field by transitioning to a modular, cloud-based software as a service model. SaaS-powered solutions designed specifically for multi-asset order, portfolio and risk management give you the agility to adapt to new markets quickly and scale your operations efficiently.



## Why is the integration of real-time data and AI critical for modern trading operations?

Trading data generates at unprecedented rates. Swivelling between multiple systems or scrolling through spreadsheets costs valuable time in high-frequency environments. By pairing real-time low-latency data with artificial intelligence, you revolutionize decision-making and accelerate your post-trade speed. AI-enhanced decision support helps traders analyze volatile markets, adjust portfolios and allocate capital in split seconds. Harness platforms with intuitive digital dashboards to automate workflows and turn rapid insights into actionable growth.

In volatile times, a flexible platform helps your firm quickly enter new markets and support new strategies. FIS® delivers trading, portfolio management and risk management for the buy side all in one consolidated solution to maximize your investment strategies.

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