

5 trends shaping the future of asset servicing

Unlock clarity, speed and control with a modern technology platform

Asset servicing is undergoing rapid change. Market volatility, shorter settlement cycles and mounting regulatory demands are causing firms to rethink legacy processes. Manual workflows and fragmented data are becoming increasingly burdensome, especially when corporate actions and other post-trade services directly impact client outcomes.

To stay competitive and make their capital work harder, many firms are prioritizing automation, standardization and data quality. Here, we'll explore five shifts reshaping the landscape and how a unified, intelligent platform can help you respond with clarity, speed and control.

1. Accelerated settlement is raising the stakes

The move to T+1 is transforming post-trade timelines, putting asset servicing teams under pressure to act faster and more accurately. This shift not only compresses internal workflows but also amplifies the impact of errors or delays. Firms that lack integrated systems or real-time data may struggle to meet tighter windows for reconciliation, elections and entitlements. Many forward-looking organizations are retooling now, investing in automation and straight-through processing (STP), in an effort to reduce risk and keep pace with changes in the industry.



Benefits: Reduce risk, increase speed

2. Poor data quality is a growing liability

Inaccurate or incomplete data can compromise the asset servicing process. Often, it increases exceptions and introduces reconciliation challenges. It can even result in shareholder complaints or financial losses. According to Experian, 85% of organizations report being negatively affected by bad data.* As regulators and clients demand more transparency, firms are under pressure to clean up their data. A centralized platform with built-in validations and industry-standard formats (like ISO 20022) can support efforts to provide accuracy and consistency at scale.



Benefits: Improve accuracy, boost transparency

3. Automation is no longer optional

Manual processes often cause slowdowns and can create unnecessary risk. Many asset servicing teams are being asked to do more with less, from processing corporate actions to managing tax reclaims and class actions. Automation can help minimize repetitive tasks, reduce error rates and redirect human effort to higher-value work. Embracing automation is helping firms save time as they're laying the groundwork for scalable operations. Automated solutions are designed to keep pace with evolving compliance requirements in an increasingly complex market.



Benefits: Boost efficiency, reduce errors

4. Disconnected systems are hurting performance

When post-trade processes are spread across multiple systems and teams, it becomes harder to maintain control. Fragmented infrastructure can limit visibility, complicate reconciliation and lead to delays. This disjointed setup tends to increase operational risk and make it difficult to quickly respond to market changes. A number of leading firms are consolidating asset servicing functions, from corporate actions to proxy voting, into a single platform that is intended to foster real-time collaboration, continuous improvement and end-to-end transparency.



Benefits: Increase visibility, simplify operations

5. Regulation is driving operational discipline

From ESG mandates to cross-border tax rules, regulatory scrutiny is growing, and noncompliance can be costly. Asset servicing is now a focal point for auditors, clients and regulators alike. Firms are under pressure to demonstrate clear audit trails, standardized processes and accurate reporting across all events. A certified, SWIFT-compliant solution designed to embed compliance into daily workflows can help reduce exposure, strengthen governance and build confidence among stakeholders.



Benefits: Ensure compliance, reduce risk

Market change is accelerating – and the cost of delay is rising. FIS® Asset Servicing Management Suite is designed to help you put your money to work by modernizing your approach with a single platform intended to improve data quality, streamline operations and reduce risk across the asset servicing lifecycle.

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