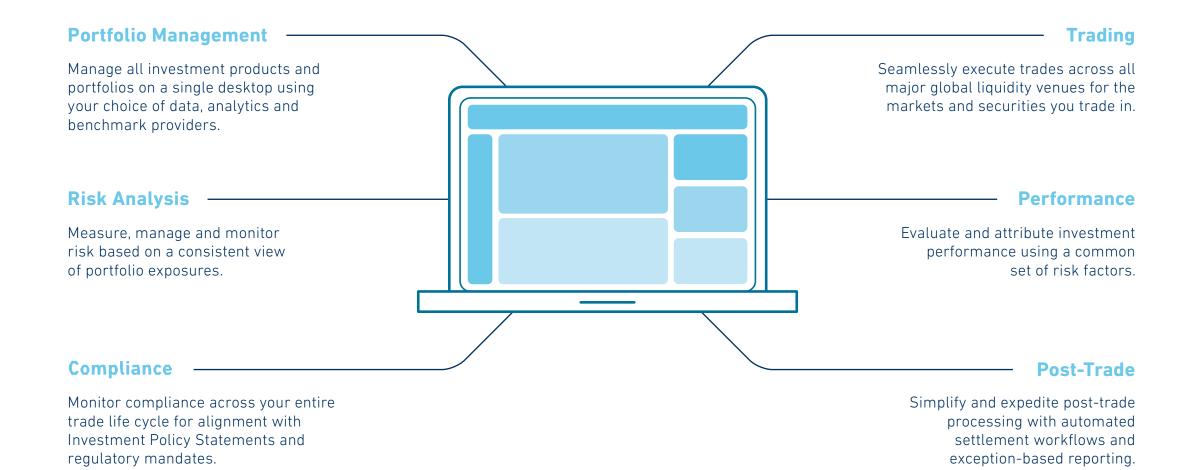
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# Managing Your Trade Lifecycle

# State Street Alpha<sup>™</sup> Starts with a Single Desktop

Manage your entire trade lifecyle from one place



# **Delivering Benefits**

One platform across your front, middle and back office



## **Speed**

Leverage Alpha's single source of truth to help you make investment decisions more confidently and quickly.



## **Efficiency**

Radically simplify your operating environment by managing all products and portfolios on Alpha.



## Choice

Choose the risk models, applications and liquidity venues that best support your investment process.

## The Life of a Trade

Shifting investor preferences, growing regulations and rapid industry consolidation are creating more complexity than ever for asset managers.

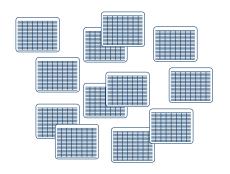
Here's how Alpha helps investment professionals streamline and simplify their investment process, from risk analysis and portfolio management through to trading and settlement.

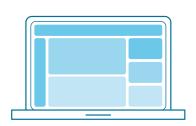
Traditional Workflow



### **Portfolio Management**

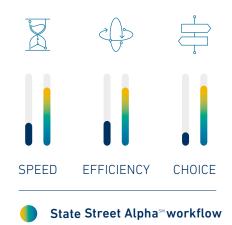
Institutional portfolios continue to grow in size and complexity as firms launch differentiated investment products to meet shifting investor preferences.





## Portfolios managed using spreadsheets and multiple point solutions

- No consolidated view of positions and exposures
- Minimal auditability
- Manually intensive workflows



Traditional workflow

#### Portfolios managed on the Alpha desktop

- Single, consistent view of positions and exposure
- Fully auditable workflows with built-in compliance
- Highly automated workflows free up portfolio managers for value added activities

# Portfolio Construction and Decision Support

Constructing high-performing portfolios and generating consistent returns requires access to emerging risk analytics and differentiated research that uncovers new market opportunities.



# Limited ability to harness and operationalize the latest investment research and risk analytics

- Downsized analyst teams leave firms dependent on mass-market commentary that provide few actionable insights
- Limited in-house quantitative research expertise results in sub-optimal implementation of investment strategies
- Inability to acquire and leverage alternative data sets limit firms ability to generate alpha

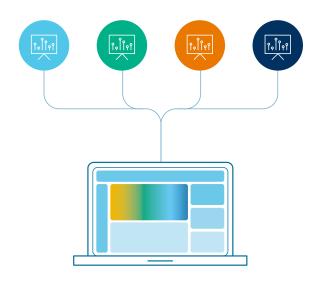


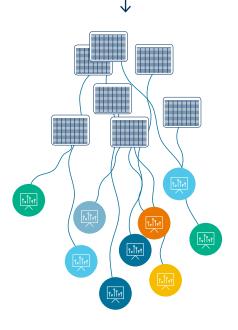
# Partner with State Street's dedicated research team to leverage the latest research on portfolio construction and risk management

- Bridge the gap between financial theory and practice to construct more robust portfolios, measure and monitor risk, and confidently invest in new asset classes
- Incorporate dynamic, rules-based investment strategies that offer turnkey implementation of State Street indicators and research
- Harness rapidly growing volumes of alternative data to produce differentiated returns

## **Risk Analysis**

Delivering consistent risk-adjusted outcomes for clients and analyzing potential investment opportunities require increasingly sophisticated risk analysis.





## Risk analysis conducted in spreadsheets and legacy systems

- Overnight batch processes deliver stale views of risk exposures
- Limited or no choice of risk models delivers inaccurate/inconsistent risk metrics
- Disparate external risk systems require manually intensive workflows that result in lost productivity



Traditional workflow

#### Risk analysis on the Alpha desktop

- Near real-time risk modeling facilitates faster evaluation of investment opportunities
- Broad choice of third-party and internal risk models deliver analysis aligned with client portfolios
- Risk analytics seamlessly integrated with portfolio management on a single desktop eliminates "swivel chair" effect

## **Trading**

Best execution regulations and fragmented liquidity across hundreds of global trading venues have driven up trading costs and compliance risks.



#### Multiple, asset-class based order management systems

**OMS** 

 Connectivity to a small number of trading venues inhibits access to liquidity

Multiple Order Management Systems

> **Multiple Order Execution** Management Systems

- Limited trade automation reduces trader productivity
- Manual trade reporting increases risk of errors and regulatory fines

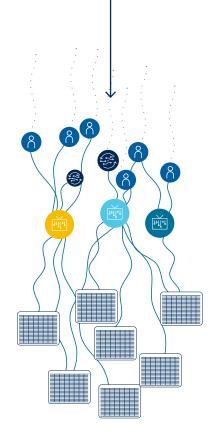


State Street Alpha<sup>™</sup>workflow

Traditional workflow

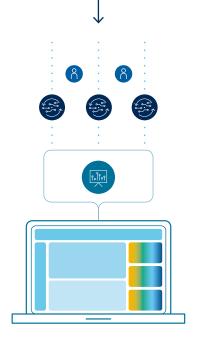
#### Trade order management on the Alpha desktop

- Consolidated multi-asset order and execution facility streamlines access to global liquidity venues
- Built-in trade automation enables traders to focus on the most complex trades
- Connectivity to your choice of analytics providers and trade reporting utilities to support regulatory requirements



#### **Post Trade & Settlement**

Increased trade volumes, reduced middle office headcount, and greater asset class diversity increase the potential for trade breaks requiring manual processing that delays trade settlement.



## Legacy asset-class based settlement systems and spreadsheets

- Limited opportunities for automating settlement and matching workflows
- Extensive manual reconciliation and spreadsheet use
- Siloed niche systems fail to provide timely and accurate view of post-trade status



Traditional workflow

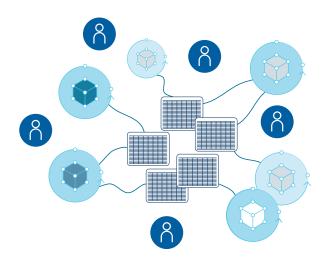
#### Post-trade on the Alpha desktop

- Expedite settlement by automatically routing orders and allocations to trading counterparties in real time
- Reduce failed trades and settlement issues with consistent, end-to-end views of post-trade workflows
- Manage "by exception" with views and alerts that save time and speed up corrective intervention

#### **Collateral Management**

Regulations are forcing firms to post collateral when trading derivatives, placing a drag on fund returns. Middle office staff must process increasing margin call volumes and manage the complexities of non-cash collateral.





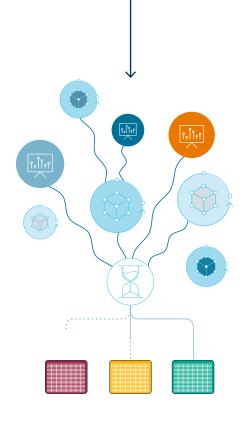
#### Spreadsheet-based collateral management

- Manually intensive margin-call workflows
- Limited or no visibility into most cost-effective collateral to pledge
- Inability to segregate pledged collateral from available assets



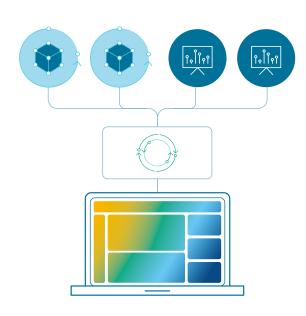
#### Collateral Management on the Alpha desktop

- Minimize collateral costs based on real-time pre-trade margin estimates
- Select optimal clearing venue and broker based on fees and margin requirements
- Gain real-time visibility into pledged and available assets



#### **Custody and Back Office**

Complex multi-asset/multi-currency portfolios require timely, cost efficient FX exposure management. Custodial data is a potential source of returns, providing the front office with real-time views of investable cash, unpledged collateral and securities available for lending.



#### External custody providers

- Reliance on external custodians to manage FX risk, which may be less responsive and more expensive
- Limited insight into available inventory reduces profitability of securities lending opportunities
- Lagged cash and redemptions data leads to underinvestment and suboptimal liquidation decisions



#### Custody on the Alpha desktop

- More responsive FX management and hedging reduces risk of unwanted currency exposures
- Real-time inventory can increase profitability of securities lending operations
- Integrated transfer agency services let portfolio managers put new cash to work faster and manage redemptions to minimize portfolio impact

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