# Confirmation and settlement practices

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# Erste Group at a glance

#### Providing banking services for the real economy

- Core activities of Erste Group besides the traditional strength in serving private individuals and SMEs – include advisory services and support for corporate clients in financing, investment and access to international capital markets, public sector funding and interbank market operations.
- Erste Group plays advancing role in region's capital markets and is strongly focused on digital innovation.





### **Strategy** Real customer needs are the reason for our business

#### **Strategic Objectives**

Customer banking in Central and Eastern Europe				
Eastern part of EU		Focus on CEE, limited exposure to other Europe		
Retail banking	Corporate banking	Capital markets	Public sector	Interbank business
Focus on local currency mortgage and consumer loans funded by local deposits FX loans only in EUR for clients with EUR income (or equivalent) and where funded by local FX deposits (HR & RS) Savings products, asset management and pension products Expansion of digital banking offering	Large, local corporate and SME banking Advisory services, with focus on providing access to capital markets and corporate finance Real estate business that goes beyond financing	Focus on customer business, incl. customer- based trading activities In addition to core markets, presences in Poland, Germany, New York and Hong Kong with institutional client focus and selected product mix Building debt and equity capital markets in CEE	Financing sovereigns and municipalities with focus on infrastructure development in core markets Any sovereign holdings are only held for market- making, liquidity or balance sheet management reasons	Focus on banks that operate in the core markets Any bank exposure is only held for liquidity or balance sheet management reasons or to support client business



# **Organisational Chart**

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# Confirmation handling in EG Treasury Services BANKING SERVICES

#### **Creation of confirmations**

- Erste Group (EG) treasury system Calypso out of the box
- Template designer for structured trades

#### **Main Master Agreements**

- ISDA MA
- Österreichischer + Deutscher Rahmenvertrag

#### **Confirmation matching**

- Confirmations via Swift -> TLM Aurora (provided by external vendor)
- CLS -> via web app of CLS broker and TLM Aurora
- Misys CMS > via web app of Misys CMS vendor and TLM Aurora
- Long form confirmations -> manually



# Confirmation handling in EG Treasury Services BANKING SERVICES

#### FX

- Automatic payment release after successfull confirmation matching
- In case of netting additional pre-value amount alignments via email

#### MM

- Automatic payment release after successfull confirmation matching
- In case of rollover additonal pre-value amount alignments via email

#### OTC

• On request delivery of fixing / payment advice

#### **Payments**

- Creation -> EG treasury system Calypso out of the box
- After value reconciliation -> TLM Aurora



# Confirmation handling in different asset classes BANKING SERVICES

#### FX

- Swift MT300 + MT600
- CLS
- Misys CMS
- Long form confirmations

#### MM

- Swift MT320
- Misys CMS
- Long form confirmations

#### OTC

- Central cleared business
- Trade affirmation via Markitwire
- Swift MT305, MT306, MT340, MT360, MT361
- Misys CMS
- Long form confirmations
- -> high number of daily payment reconciliation and settlement instruction requests



# **Breakdown different confirmation methods**

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#### FX + MM

- Bilateral via Swift -> 50%
- CLS -> 25%
- Long form confirmations NonSwift counterparties -> 20%
- Bilateral via Misys CMS -> 5%

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- Central Cleared -> 40%
- Swift MT305, MT306 -> 25%
- Trade affirmation via Markitwire -> 15%
- Long form confirmations >15% (volatile!)
- Misys CMS, Swift MT360 + MT361 + MT340 ->5%



# Pain points in confirmation handling

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#### Mismatches from settlement instructions (SI's)

- Different presentation of details in Swift (acc.no, intermediary)
- Missing SI change announcements

#### Mismatches from different field filling in Swift

• Rollover / New, Call Buy/Put Sell etc...

#### Limited possibilities for matching rules in recon system

#### Widespread need of long form confirmations

- CCY NDF + Barrier Options (special MCA, various approaches)
- EQD structures
- MM Plain Vanilla due to counterparty structure





# Pain points in confirmation handling

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#### **UTI** handling

Delivery of correct UTI

#### Late confirmation receipts

- Backlog for outstanding confirmations
- Backlog for not acknowledged payments

#### Cumbersome reminder process for outstanding confirmations

#### CLS In – Out leg / T0

Late T0 and near lag / far leg handling





# **NonSTP Swift FX confirmation matching**

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FX



# NonSTP Swift Commodity confirmation matching BANKING SERVICES

#### NonSTP rate stated in %



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#### **Questions to the audience**

#### **Confirmation matching – smooth or cumbersome process?**

#### How do you reconcile settlement instructions?

- Within the single trade confirmation matching process?
- Within a different process (pre-value payment reconciliation, checking of Swift Broadcasts etc...)?

#### Does someone use Alert database?

- Experiences?
- Advantages?



# **Settlement**

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# Thank you!



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