

HOSTED DACS

PROTECTION FOR THE LIFELINE OF YOUR TRADING ENVIRONMENT

Hosted DACS provides safety and security to clients that have the Thomson Reuters Data Access Control System. Moreover, this solution protects client environments from catastrophic failures by ensuring that users and applications are able to obtain market data.

The DACS Station and database component of the permission system control access to market data in an TREP environment. In the event of a catastrophic failure to this component, the permission configuration cannot be changed. No new users can be added, no modifications can be made. If users or applications need to access other TREP infrastructures within the enterprise and the DACS system is unreachable then access to market data is denied. Clients would be forced to disable the DACS service and therefore incur large fees and/or fines from exchanges for such actions.

West Highland's offering enables clients to completely outsource the management of the DACS entitlement process. The Hosted DACS offering is comprised of the following:

- · Global access to redundant DACS infrastructure
- Daily Database Backup
- Uninterrupted Service
- DACS Administration
- Technology Audit / Advisory Services

FEATURES

Access from Anywhere

This "in the cloud" service is accessed remotely from any client location by whomever the client designates to have access.

Data Protection

Both permission and usage information are backed up daily and stored for reporting or emergency restoration.

Uninterrupted Service

Entire hardware solution is provided in a fault tolerant design with 100% guaranteed uptime.

DACS Administration

Entire suite of administration activities is performed by West Highland team or by client team. Permission access/denials, reporting, map collection, distribution, etc.

Technology Audit / Advisory Services

Support on exchange audits defending validity of data, permission process and procedures that adhere to strictest exchange requirements.

Integration into Industry Entitlement Solutions

Seamless integration into external vendor reporting tools, liaison between firm and 3rd party vendors for all permission related issues.

DAD Report Preparation

Complete support for Thomson Reuters DAD Reporting process. Creation of reports, presentation of cost reducing modifications to data consumption / usage and exchange reporting.

Data Notification Service

Complete support for Thomson Reuters Data Notification Reporting process. Management of process end-to-end, user / application owner / business admin team notices. Intelligent management, searchable functionality, upcoming events & prioritization.

KEY BENEFITS OF HOSTED DACS

- Turn Key Solution Hardware, design, backup, redundancy
- Mitigates risk of system failure and subsequent increases in fees or penalties imposed by exchanges
- Experienced market data professional to serve as part of client team
- Ties into entire West Highland Organization knowledge base
- · Mitigates risk of attrition or rightsizing
- · 24 hour support across entire enterprise

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