

Invantage Settlement is a highly scalable Back Office system that automates the entire transaction, settlement and custody process. It has an enviable track record of providing true STP solutions as part of the Invantage suite and to the Wealth Management and Retail Broking sectors.



Settlement is regularly used by small, medium and large clients, with the largest clients processing in excess of 1000 bargains a day. The number and range of clients using and having used the system means it is well-suited to multiple business types. The system is particularly suited to firms conducting execution only, advisory, discretionary, private client or institutional business.

Settlement is designed to be highly flexible and can be configured to meet client-specific needs. Multiple instrument types are supported and multiple commission and charge scales are available to support the most complex schemes.

Settlement is designed to be implemented as easily as possible. Investmaster consultants can recommend a best of breed approach to configuration whilst also ensuring the system provides the flexibility and individuality required to meet your requirements.

Security

Invantage Settlement provides a secure, authenticated NT login that mimics your organisation's network. The login process, including password reminders and resetting can be controlled by your organisation's Infrastructure Department.

GUI configuration

Settlement is a menu driven application. Users are able to change menus, database tables, and screen and report layouts. These configured menus can provide maximum efficiency as they can be applied to individuals, groups and across entire organisations.

The tailoring of screens allows the system to mimic your existing business processes. Screens can mirror forms and existing data entry mechanisms to minimise training and errors.

The GUI is also able to control access to the data. This is highly granular and can either restrict access completely, provide read only access, or give full edit and entry access to screens, fields, or data elements.

Data Management and Access

Settlement has been designed for integration with your existing infrastructure and as a central repository for data that is critical to all aspects of your business. As well as having a flexible and secure storage layer, the data can be easily accessed via a comprehensive API and proactively published out to third party applications providing a near real-time interface to the core record within the system. Settlement is able to import and export data to and from a range of sources

Settlement stores relevant information for the Wealth Management and Retail Broking environments, including stock, client, holdings and transactions at Client and Account level. All information can be accessed manually or programmatically.

Each client can have multiple tax accounts, multiple currency ledgers and multiple products (e.g. SIPP, ISA and discretionary accounts), multiple transactions and multiple holdings within their portfolio. All KYC information is stored in Settlement and information can be stored at a family/grouping level. Stock fields can support multiple price feeds and the data can be populated via third party applications/data.

Settlement can store custody information, including the following types of holdings:

- **Designated**
- **Pooled**
- **CREST personal membership**
- **Certificated**

The flexibility and configurability of data storage, and the multi-faceted approach to data access is a key differentiator of Invantage Settlement.

Data Publishing

Users are able to access Settlement information in an efficient, standardised and consistent manner using Data Publishing (DP). The DP layer is used throughout the Invantage suite to ensure interfacing between the applications.

The publishing layer is intelligent, understanding the underlying business processes, and only pushing data out at appropriate times and when the processes are complete. This improves efficiency within the data management process, minimises traffic between applications and improves data consistency.

Data publishing can be configured to either push data as and when it is available, or store information and publish it in batch mode at appropriate intervals.

Contract Input

As part of the Invantage suite, most contracts are automatically created through its STP nature; however, even with this functionality, some contracts will need to be manually input or created via third party applications. Settlement's open architecture and flexible input mechanisms allow you to seamlessly incorporate it into your existing infrastructure.

Settlement supports many contract types, including multi-clients, multi-markets and multi-deals. All deals can be directly processed (STP'd) through the contracting functionality or held for verification and any necessary amendments made before it is released to third party settlement systems.

With the Invantage Connect CREST interface, Settlement is configured to allow you to monitor status change updates and settle trades via Euroclear. This will, in turn, automatically update corresponding client-side contracts to reflect the changing market settlement position.

The Invantage suite can trade and settle in any currency. Settlement functionality supports FX and cross-currency trades.

Payments & Banking

Settlement supports structural remittance feeds through a number of different sources, including BACS, cheques and electronic, multi-banking from a number of sources, including HBOS, RBS and Barclays.

Settlement can cater for pooled and/or designated accounting, giving firms maximum flexibility in the management of their client's portfolio.

Investmaster's multi-banking functionality gives firms vast flexibility on their choice of banking institution and reduces the risks linked to the banking guarantee. Individual nominee accounts within the system can be associated with physical institutions, allowing for funds to be split across multiple banks. This functionality can also ease the move from one institution to another without the need for a big bang approach to the migration.

Using the multi-banking functionality in conjunction with the banks' interfacing layers allows firms to both protect client money under the FCSC guarantees, whilst also pooling funds under a nominee account where it can be worked to the firm's advantage.

Reporting and Compliance

Client reporting

The standard Settlement reporting functionality can provide client packs containing the KYC profile, valuation packs, cash statements, tax vouchers, CGT reports and contract note printing.

If used in conjunction with Invantage Reporter, the reporting can be of a considerably higher standard. As well as branding and format, improved graphics and charting and consolidated reporting can provide a huge step forward in the image of your firm, the services you are able to provide and the experience of the end client.

Regulatory reporting

Settlement supports all FSA regulation reporting modules including Counterparty Risk, Exposure Reporting, LER (Large Exposure Report), ISA Regulatory Reporting and Client Money reporting. The system also handles all regulatory requirements for ISAs and automatically generates the necessary reports to the Inland Revenue.



The system can be easily linked to your chosen SIPP administrator for production of SIPP reporting if required.

Invantage Settlement is fully compliant with HMRC and the FSA as well as the APCIMS rules.

Tax Wrappers

Tax efficient products such as ISAs can be maintained as separate portfolios for clients. Stock and cash balances are related to the product type so that real-time validation can be made to ensure eligibility of stocks as well as subscription tracking.

Reporting on all of these balances allows a client-centric view to be taken when fund managers look at their client's holdings and underlying transactions.

SIPPs are also supported and can be maintained as separate portfolios

Fees & Charges

Management Fees

Settlement can levy a very flexible management fee solution based on individual business requirements. Fees can be calculated on individual portfolios (e.g. a separate management fee structure applied to an ISA and a SIPP) and at client level (e.g. different clients can have their own management fee structure).

The methodology for calculating fees is very flexible. Fees can be:

- Tiered based – minimum and maximum values can be applied
- A fixed value
- Offset against commission – minimum values can be applied
- Safe custody – a fixed rate per stock holding in custody

The application of a fee also has a flexible structure giving users control over how and when a fee is applied. Users can:

- Set the number of times a fee is to be run against a client account
- Manage fees using the Diary Date functionality.
- Debit fees from another client account.
- Apply fees to clients grouped by an association.
Fees for groups can be
 - Shared equally across all members

- Prorated across the members
- Applied to a designated member

Charges

Settlement offers a flexible contract processing/charging structure. Charges can be applied manually (e.g. at point of entry) and/or at a standing data level. This ensures charges are automatically applied when a contract is entered. Settlement allows commission to be defined at a tiered level, for a fixed value or using a minimum and maximum structure.

Contract charges can be based on a fixed rate that can be applied at stock, account and counterparty level or a tiered scale that can be applied at stock and counterparty level.

Corporate Actions/Dividends

Settlement supports corporate action processing information including dividends, mergers and takeovers. Dividend processing is a key area for Back Office users. Settlement will support you in this area to produce funds so equalisation is correctly reported.

The Corporate Action processing engine can be integrated with your chosen data provider and CREST for corporate action and dividend information. This will provide updated standardised information that can be automatically added to the system for improved accuracy and compliance.

Claims and entitlements are also handled within the system.

Reconciliation

Settlement provides reconciliation between your Back Office system and Euroclear. The system can reconcile an order against any third party application and will reconcile your Back Office cash and stock positions with Euroclear.

Management Information System (MIS)

The flexibility of data access within Settlement means that management information and reporting can be tailored and configured to your specific requirements as part of the implementation process.

Additionally, it is possible to configure dashboards via the Reporter application which provides overviews of the settlement and administration processes.



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