

Financial Messaging & Workflow

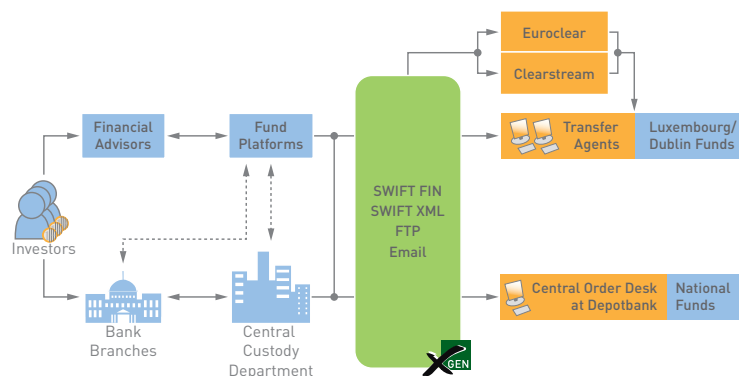
Fact Sheet

Funds Open Architect

Coping with a difficult landscape for shares in investment funds

Client and regulatory pressure is growing for “Open Architecture” – the ability of investors to select third party funds for their needs.

However, implementation of Open Architecture remains expensive and incomplete. By SWIFT’s analysis, in Luxembourg at year-end 2008 over 25% of transactions were via Proprietary FTP, and over 30% by fax or other manual means.



Although there is no complete solution for Open Architecture STP available in the market today, with Swissrisk Financial Systems’ Funds Open Architect, it is possible to close a series of tactical gaps quickly and inexpensively.

Different Messages, Different Processes, Different Communications Channels

Fund processing can impact financial advisors, bank branches, custodians or Depotbanks, Distribution Hubs or Platforms, transaction banks, transfer agencies and ICSDs. As a result, the value chain is complex. In addition, there is a too-rich diversity of standard fund message types:

- SWIFT FIN (formatted and unformatted)
- SWIFT XML (ISO 20022)
- national message types (e.g., Investro in Germany, EMX in the U.K)

Even more challenging – and often less recognized – is the fact that every message type involves different business processes and different communications protocols. Managing such a diversity of counterparties, messages, business processes and communications flows is the core competency of Funds Open Architect.

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Planning for SWIFT Milestones

In autumn 2008, the SWIFT Board set milestones for the phasing out of ISO 15022 (MT) messaging for funds, with the decommissioning of the MT Fund Templates by year-end 2012. In the interim, by year end 2010, the “Top 20” players are to use ISO 20022 (XML) for messaging with each other. The time to start planning conversion to ISO 20022 is now.

A Market Tested Solution

Funds Open Architect, powered by X-Gen, specializes in the message types and business processes most often used throughout the funds distribution value chain. It is supported by Swissrisk Financial Systems professionals with industry experience earned at such prestigious clients as:

- Allfunds Bank
- Banque de Luxembourg
- Brown Brothers Harriman
- Credit Suisse Asset Management
- Schroders

These clients have chosen to implement SWIFT’s XML messaging because of its scalability, flexibility and potential for cost savings and increased market share.

Rapid Time to Market, Reasonable Costs, Flexibility to Adapt

Funds Open Architect is built to extend the functionality of your current production systems, not replace them. All incremental messages, business processes and flows can be handled within **Funds Open Architect**, protecting your production systems and avoiding costly reprogramming. Because the funds distribution value chain is fast changing, flexibility for future change is a key extra feature.

How does Funds Open Architect work?

Funds Open Architect is a specific application of X-Gen, tailored for the special needs of the funds distribution market. As a graphically-based application, with X-Gen business and systems analysts can:

- Map messages, including use of logical operators within message structures plus Swissrisk Financial Systems’ library of industry standard messages (SWIFT, FIX)
- Create data flows end-to-end
- Manage and create automated routines for process mismatches
- Create the data flows, control structures, and GUI “screens” for automated, paperless human intervention – when intervention cannot be avoided

Funds Open Architect allows you to introduce important international standards – to protect your investments because the standards are integral to the solution.

MAKE YOUR MIGRATION TO SWIFTNet Funds (ISO 20022) WITH SWISSRISK EXPERTISE AND FUNDS OPEN ARCHITECT!

With Funds Open Architect, you can implement SWIFT Net Funds rapidly, with reasonable costs, while managing the ongoing migration of your counterparties from fax and FTP to SWIFT.

Swissrisk Financial Systems is a SWIFT Solution Partner since 1999.

All of Swissrisk Financial Systems’ Asset Management solutions are certified SWIFTNet Ready.