TCS BaNCS for Securities Trading
The rapidly changing technology landscape and customer expectations are shaping the future dynamics of the brokerage industry today. Cloud-based solutions and data analytical tools are helping drive improved customer experience even as cybersecurity becomes a focus and digitization gains stronghold. Customer experience is becoming central to the future operating model of trading. Firms are looking at unifying the user experience across multiple devices and form factors, while they cater to the discerning retail investor of today, who wants actionable data gleaned from social media behavior and pattern detection analytics. On the institutional side, the rapid adoption of algorithmic trading and co-location facilities is driving the race towards low latency platforms.

TCS BaNCS for Securities Trading is a multi-market, multi-asset trading solution which seamlessly integrates with TCS BaNCS for Universal Banking as a complete front-to-back office offering. Deployed as a standalone solution or integrated with third-party or in-house back-office systems, its modularity allows for the implementation of independent components such as channels, risk management, FIX, and more. The digital solution has been developed with responsive web design principles ensuring portability across different devices and form factors. The institutional module supports multiple execution types such as worked orders, Direct Market Access (DMA), Direct Strategy Access (DSA) and algorithmic trading. Further, the usage of in-memory architecture and high performance computing principles enable low levels of latency.

Overview

Today, with both retail and institutional customers making sophisticated choices and demanding better services, brokerages are finding it difficult to attract and retain clients. Retail investors expect superior usability experience. Brokerage firms are consistently innovating the user experience by offering seamless connectivity across traditional and digital channels (branch, mobile/tablets). Added to this, personalization, rich content, and actionable analytics are going a long way in improving user experience, enabling intelligent decision making.

To generate new opportunities, institutional customers need to build and customize their trading strategies without depending on a broker. A low latency trading platform can help brokerages compete effectively in the market.

- Retail and institutional trading
- Multi-asset, multi-lingual, multi-market, multi-currency
- Real-time risk management
- Integrated front-mid-back office as well as standalone front-office or back-office solution or trading channels
- Solution for retail and institutional trading for brokers, banks and financial institutions
- Hosted/White label solution for exchanges/brokers
- Digital trading channels
Benefits

TCS BaNCS for Securities Trading can accelerate business growth for a sell-side firm by offering the following benefits:

- **Digital trading channels**
  - State-of-the-art HTML 5.0 based web, mobile and tablet trading applications enabling personalized user experience across multiple devices and platforms

- **Increased trading efficiency and control**
  - Support for all types of trade executions, viz, care orders, - Direct Market Access, algorithmic trading and Direct Strategy Access increasing dealer productivity and efficiency
  - Custom trading strategy for greater control over trade execution

- **Superior risk management**
  - Pre-trade validation for buying power limits and market-specific regulations, prior to sending of orders
  - Highly effective order-level risk management and overall exposure monitoring via an extensive rule base

- **Anytime, anywhere trading**
  - Convenient access channels - such as the internet, mobile/tablet, ATM, and IVR to improve market accessibility for investors. Support for mobility platforms such as iOS and Android

- **Global and local trading and multi-market connectivity**
  - Flexibility to trade in local languages across global markets
  - Connectivity to buy-side and sell-side order routing networks/global order management systems to speed up access to multiple markets

- **Informed decision-making capability**
  - Advanced trading and decision support features over multiple channels enabling investors to trade profitably while increasing trading volumes for the sell-side

**Straight-Through-Processing (STP)**

- Standard interfaces for real-time connectivity with TCS BaNCS for Custody and other back-office processing systems, enabling real-time risk management, position monitoring, trade push and allocation, thus facilitating STP

**Advanced technology architecture**

- Future-proof architecture design enabling horizontal and vertical scalability, and providing high throughput to manage growing business volumes
- Low latency trading capability enabling split-second responses to fleeting trading opportunities
With extensive experience and knowledge of capital markets and of having deployed state-of-the-art solutions for more than 370 solutions globally, TCS has built a comprehensive best-in-class trading solution that caters to the needs of retail and institutional brokerage firms, such as:

- Support for multiple asset types, including equity, equity-based futures and options, ETFs, currency derivatives as well as the collection of IPO and mutual funds
- Ease of creation and introduction of new investment products
- Multi-lingual trading
- Centralized and real-time order-level risk management across asset classes
- Connectivity to global liquidity pools either directly, via native/FIX protocol, or through partner brokers over FIX
- Multi-market, buy-side/sell-side connectivity using industry standard FIX Protocol over Global Order Routing Networks (Bloomberg EOR, ROR, among others)

**Retail Brokerage**

The solution offers a complete universe for trading with analytics and social media integration

**Web-based Trading System:**

The web terminal is an advanced HTML 5.0 based trading front-end allowing retail investors both transactional and analytical capabilities. A dashboard built on a widget-based layout delivers rich content.

**Features:**

- Multi-market information
- Real-time market feeds
- Graphical portfolio view (Exchange wise, currency wise, asset wise)
- Advance charting
- News, research & analytics

**Mobile/Tablet Trading:**

A hybrid mobile application supports multiple devices and technology platforms.
Chatbot: Messaging-based bot, which has the ability to communicate with messenger services (Facebook, WhatsApp, WeChat). Chat-based trading for investors, simplifying the trading experience wherein they can perform basic functions such as check quotes, portfolio information, transaction history and buy/sell, all on a conventional bot.

Advanced Portfolio Module: A comprehensive multi-portfolio application providing full information of holdings across asset classes, markets and currencies displaying asset-wise allocation, and applicability of corporate actions and real-time valuation.

Robo Trader: Automated execution of trades based on strategies applied on stock price movement in real-time.

- Multiple access channels, including dealing and advisory desk, web-based trading, high-speed trading terminals with streaming market data, mobile phones/tablets, chatbots, IVR and ATMs.
- Standard interfaces to help manage lien marking for funds and securities in real-time.
- Support for direct connectivity to exchanges as well as partner/broker model (disclosed/omnibus).
- Support for advanced trading (conditional orders, slicing, basket orders) and charting from multiple investor channels.
- Personalized front end-customizable screen layout and functionality.
- Hybrid mobile architecture – A single application supporting different mobile platforms and devices.
- Analytics and Social Media Monitoring - Pre-built integration with technical analysis and social media monitoring tools enabling informed decision-making by investors.
For the broking subsidiary of a leading Financial Services Group, Tata Consultancy Services implemented an integrated multi-exchange, multi-asset, multi-lingual securities trading platform, replacing their existing, disparate trading systems. The new trading platform helped them streamline their trading operations and provide a convenient, easy-to-use and feature-rich single point of trading access for their investors. In a year’s time, the firm was able to enhance market share and move into the Top 5 league.

Institutional Brokerage

TCS BaNCS provides a low latency platform with algorithmic trading strategies for best execution, offering:

- Electronic access to the order blotter as well as Direct Strategy Access for portfolio managers/fund managers over an optimized, embedded FIX engine
- Scheduling orders based on combinations of price, time, and quantity, with intelligent rule-based routing to liquidity pools
- Program trading along with management of lists, baskets, and trading
- Direct market access to liquidity pools and order routing networks (ROR, Marco Polo, and partner/broker) over FIX
- Algorithmic trading support for industry standard protocols (for e.g. VWAP, TWAP, ICEBERG, Volume Participation, Peg & Pounce, Hidden, Arbitrage-Cash-to- Futures, Future-to-Future) as well as access to algorithms developed by brokers or with third-party systems
- Direct Strategy Access for brokers to offer TCS BaNCS trading algorithms to the buy-side, allowing them to use the algos directly

Technology Advantage

- Unix, Linux support resulting in low TCO
- Data Access Layer – Supports all prominent databases for persistence
- Responsive web design framework – Optimal viewing experience across devices
- Low latency architecture - In memory database architecture, high performance parallel computing
Integrated Risk Management capabilities allow brokers to monitor the risks associated with trading in the equity and the derivatives segment. They can set risk limits and monitor margin utilization and exposure of the various entities in the system. A flexible rules engine allows the system to mimic unique requirements of different trading members.

In a nutshell, the securities trading solution from TCS BaNCS helps sell-side firms to compete successfully in the broking business by improving client acquisition and retention, while increasing trading efficiency and controlling operational risk.

- Integration with algorithmic workbench for customized Algorithms
- Automated, rule-based trade allocation and electronic connectivity to the middle – and back-offices
- FIX Enricher – Support for different FIX dialects for seamless integration with different counterparties
- Suitable for co-location and high frequency trading requirements
About TCS Financial Solutions

TCS Financial Solutions is a strategic business unit of Tata Consultancy Services. Dedicated to providing business solutions to financial institutions globally, TCS Financial Solutions has compiled a comprehensive product portfolio under the brand name of TCS BaNCS. The TCS BaNCS universal financial solution is designed to help financial services institutions enhance end customer experience, enabling them to embrace open and innovative technologies that embody true digital customer engagement. Deployed at more than 450 installations worldwide, it is the largest collection of components, enterprise and consumer apps for the financial industry made available through the cloud, helping firms become more agile and intelligent by leveraging the power of new and extended ecosystems.

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