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MT technical refresh - User Acceptance Test (UAT): 23 October - 11 November 2017

For the attention of:	**DCPs, ICPs**
Priority:	**HIGH**
Re:	**MT technical refresh - User Acceptance Test (UAT): 23 October - 11 November 2017**

Dear Client,

During the second half of 2017 Monte Titoli will perform some infrastructure upgrade activities that are necessary to maintain service levels and support contracts with external technology providers.

The following activities will be performed:

- an upgrade of the version of the database management software

- infrastructure rationalisation through migration to a new operating system on machines used for applications and databases.

These technical interventions will affect the following Monte Titoli services:

- X-TRM (including underlying communication middleware)

- Easy Access

- MT-X Portal (including CLIMP/XTO/XCOM WEB services).

It should be noted that the interventions are purely technological/infrastructural: no functional interventions or software modifications are scheduled.

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User Acceptance Tests (UATs) are scheduled for the period between 23 October and 17 November 2017, in the "Pre-production" test environment with a view to release into production, subject to the successful outcome of the tests, during the weekend of 2 December 2017. Final confirmation of the release date will be provided prior to the start of the UAT.

Clients interested in participating in the tests should indicate this to the following email address: Post Trade Technology Services – Service Operations <ptts-somt@lseg.com>; the clients participating to the tests are then invited to send within 24 November 2017, always to the same email address, the confirmation of execution of the tests with the indication of the result achieved. Monte Titoli will consider the absence of feedback as tacit consent to the introduction of new functionalities.

The following functions are subject to migration to the new operating system. During the UAT phase It is recommended to test:

- Communication with the RNI network for the XTRM service, both instructions and information, following the retirement of the RNI network connection component of the X-TRM service due to its incompatibility with the upgrade to a new version of the database management software, and the simultaneous implementation of a new RNI "gateway".

- Settlement reporting (XTRM) through the MT-A2A channel

In general terms, it is recommended that each client's most used/important functions be tested.
With regard to Custody services, the only component affected by the activities covered by this market notice is communication via Swift, therefore no specific functional or regressive test on Custody processes is required other than verification, by those using that channel, that messages are being correctly sent and received.

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Monte Titoli will be responsible for all performance, architectural and connectivity tests, together with functional tests where necessary, by the start date of the UAT, in order to anticipate and address any necessary solutions; if it becomes necessary to implement any solutions after the start of the UAT, Monte Titoli will inform clients of their content by and not later than 23 October 2017.

Please use the following contact address for support requests during the test phase:

Post Trade Technology Services - **Service Operations**

Email: ptts-somt@lseg.com