# Technology@NSDL

An Emerging Market Perspective

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## **Individual Segregation at CSD**



- Mandatory Individual Segregated Accounts at CSD
  - Beneficial Owner name on the Account
  - Legal title to Accountholder
  - Full protection from participant default
  - Portability in case of participant failure
- Individual Position Computation at CSD in real time
  - Varied account types with differing needs
- System accessible throughout India
  - NSDL accounts held in 87% of PINCODEs in India



- Unique Client Identification using Tax ID
- Client can use any Broker
- Any ISIN can be held in the account
- No trading in physical shares

## **High Transaction Volume**



- Individual client instructions processed at CSD
  - Transfer orders entered in CSD achieve finality in real time
  - Participants send individual client instructions to CSD
- 85% of instructions are electronic end-to-end
  - CSD provides electronic instruction capability to clients. Can be routed through participant or sent directly to CSD.
  - In 15%, clients give physical signed instructions to participants
- Instantaneous text alerts sent to clients on mobile phone
- NSDL offers electronic trade confirmation service to institutional investors



### **Mutual Fund Consolidation**



- India's vision for depository account to hold all financial investments
  - Announced by the Finance Minister in July 2014
- Beginning made by consolidating mutual funds folios registered with Registrars
  - Aggregation based on unique client identifier viz., Tax ID
- Mutual fund holdings and transactions included in CSD statement



### **Direct Statement Despatch to Clients**



- Statements are sent to individual clients by CSD
  - Includes mutual funds registered with Registrars
  - Option to client to receive by email or physical
- Direct Account Access from CSD
  - Depository Account accessible on internet for real time holding and transaction information
  - Mobile apps on iOS and Android
  - NSDL issues login credentials to clients



### **Scalable infrastructure**



High capacity infrastructure to process peak load

- Can process 1.3 million transactions per hour
- Can be scaled to 2.6 million transactions per hour in short time
- Vertical and horizontal scalability
- Considerable investment in application architecture optimisation
- Performance-oriented database design
- IBM Mainframe infrastructure
  - Z10 systems for core CSD application
  - DB2 database
  - Data warehouse for archival
- Virtualisation and load balancing techniques
  - On demand provisioning of capacity
- Real time monitoring of resource utilisation
- Light infrastructure at Participant
  - No computation of client positions needed

## **Cost-efficient infrastructure**



- Low average ticket size makes cost per transaction a critical parameter
- Mid-air change of engine on a Jumbo Jet
  - Rewrote the entire depository application, completed in 2010
  - Portability across platforms and databases
  - No vendor lock-in
  - 5-year TCO based bidding resulted in significant reduction in infrastructure cost
  - Code optimisation resulted in 8 fold increase in throughput
    - Old system: 1595 MIPS 300,000 transactions / hour
    - New system: 890 MIPS 1.3 million transactions / hour
- Lower operating costs
  - Judicious mix of insourcing and outsourcing
- NSDL fees to participants
  - US\$ 0.07 flat fee for debit transaction, credits are free
  - US\$ 0.13 annual flat fee per ISIN position to issuer
- Participant infrastructure investment minimal
  - Local database replication for better response times

## **Anywhere access**



- Depository application available anywhere using a web front-end
  - Branches of participants can access web front-end
  - Computer-to-computer link through file exchange. Hands-free operations possible.
  - In theory, participant can directly service clients using CSD infrastructure
  - Participants need back-office product for special needs
- Depository account available to clients on desktop and mobile
  - Real time view of holdings and transactions
  - Issue electronic instructions
  - Electronic Voting
- 15000 service centres of participants across 1500 cities/towns
- Anywhere access also introduces security challenges
  - Appropriate security measures

## **Reliability of Infrastructure**



### No market disruption

- No instance of missing settlement on scheduled date
- Few instances of delays.
- Strong DR capabilities
  - ISO 22301 certification for Business Continuity and Planning for Depository Applications
  - Regular drills of shifting to DR site including intra-day

### Security infrastructure

- Certified for implementation of controls complying with ISO 27001 Information Security Management Standards
- Registered as nationally critical infrastructure institution with National Critical Information Infrastructure Protection Centre (NCIIPC)
- Participates in cyber security drills conducted by Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT-in)

## Thank you

### Large volume market



#### **Equity Trades in 2013**

	Exchange	No Trades in Million
1	NSE India	1449
2	Shenzhen	1289
3	NYSE Euronext	1188
4	Shanghai	1153
5	NASDAQ OMX	1152

Source: World Federation of Exchanges

### Trades in Index Options in 2013

	Exchange	No Contracts in Million
1	NSE India	930
2	Korea Exchange	580
3	CBOE	373
4	Eurex	317
5	BSE India	250

Source: World Federation of Exchanges

#### **Trades in Stock Futures in 2013**

	Exchange	No Contracts in Million
1	Moscow	303
2	Eurex	179
3	NSE India	166
4	NYSE Liffe (Europe)	130
5	Korea Exchange	96

Source: World Federation of Exchanges

### Trades in Index Futures in 2013

	Exchange	No Contracts in Million
1	CME	573
2	Eurex	327
3	Moscow	268
4	Osaka	265
5	China Fin Futures Ex	193
6	NSE India	102

Source: World Federation of Exchanges