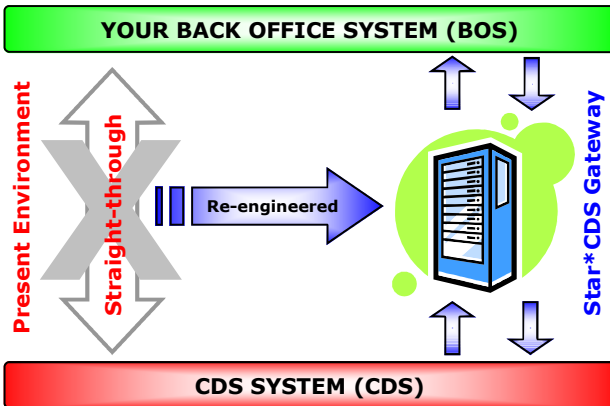


STAR*CDS – BURSA DEPOSITORY PROCESSING



To enhance depository operations, save cost and improve efficiency, all depository participants should take a look at **Star*CDS** – the first, if not the only straight-through solution to Bursa Malaysia Depository’s Central Depository System (CDS). Star*CDS enables an **automated, host-to-host** link to CDS and allows an organization to carry out depository transactions without the common manual intensive processes. Current CDS operating environment constrains depository participants connectivity to BMD via prescribed terminals, which are operated manually. These terminals do not provide any direct link host systems.



Due to this disintegration, numerous operational activities are **duplicated** and require **extensive human intervention**, causing unnecessary delays, errors, risks, degradation in service and increased operation costs. These terminals do not provide any link with your back-office systems (BOS).

Star*CDS provides integration to depository participants BOS, resulting in **enhanced straight-through processing capabilities**. Star*CDS was designed to eliminate, reduce and/or minimize all the above, in total compliance with BMD’s regulations. The enclosed diagram presents a comparison of your CDS operating environment, with and without Star*CDS.

GENERAL BENEFITS

INTEGRATION	Existing CDS terminals do not lend themselves to integration with your host systems. Star*CDS bridges this gap by providing an automated link between these disparate systems. By bridging them, you are able to attain the immediate benefits of straight through processing. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Automated and efficient settlement, custodian and other related operations. ◆ Improved customer service.
CONFORMANCE	Star*CDS meets the call of the Capital Market Master Plan’s (CMMP) for a more efficient capital market. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ “End-to-end straight-through processing in the Malaysian capital market should be achieved with appropriate linkages with international systems to be facilitated.” ◆ “...to reduce processing inefficiencies and minimize their associated risks, thus lowering overall transaction costs. ◆ “...there will be efforts made towards establishing STP across virtually every aspect of capital market activity.”
SPEED OF EXECUTION	CDS operations has many cut-off times, e.g., for transfers and ISS settlements. Meeting cut-off times is a daily challenge and can be a nightmare. Star*CDS is “straight-through”, enabling transactions to be started and completed faster, accurately and with minimum human intervention . For example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ A large volume of FDSS transfers can be completed within minutes as compared to an entire day. ◆ In the areas of account management, Star*CDS eliminates keying in investors data twice for the opening of trading and CDS accounts. ◆ With the removal of layers of redundant processing and a focused processing point, CDS operations achieve a faster turnaround time.

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GENERAL BENEFITS	
OPERATION COST	<p>Due to lack of integration between CDS terminals and BOS, many CDS activities are manually handled especially in the areas of opening accounts and ISS settlements, resulting in bottlenecks and errors. Depository participants typically employ more people "throwing money to the problem" to cope with increasing volumes, raising operational costs without the benefit of speed and accuracy.</p> <p>With Star*CDS, operations and the use of valuable resources is streamlined, translating this to savings for the organization. The capability to generate existing CDS reports (or customized reports) in A4 or preserved as softcopy outputs provides further cost savings.</p>
INCREASED SECURITY	<p>A secure channel is enforced between the communicating systems where existing security arrangements in the CDS application may be augmented through better security parameters, e.g., firewalls, better access controls.</p> <p>This allows the CDS terminals to be secured down, or replaced by enhanced Star*CDS client PC software to perform similar or enhanced functions. This enhances the optimal use of an organization's available resources.</p>
IMPROVED SERVICE	<p>A more efficient operating environment and the optimal employment of valuable resources allow depository participants to focus on high value added services such as customer services. Real-time CDS information from Star*CDS provides opportunities for depository participants to custom serve their customers and dealers better.</p>
ACCESSIBILITY	<p>Access (subject to authorizations) to the full suites of functionalities from your BOS and CDS through a common workstation or desktop. These small steps go a LONG way in improving overall while enhancing security.</p>
SCALABILITY	<p>Comfortably supports the industry highest transactions volumes (volume insensitive). With Star*CDS, depository participants can manage any surge in the volume without any additional capital outlay.</p>
COMPREHENSIVE	<p>Supports the full suites of CDS functionality. This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ User management, e.g., logon and logoff capabilities via valid user ID and passwords. ◆ Account management functionalities, e.g., opening, closing, updating (individual and bulk), reactivation, formalization, inquiries and CDS fees management. ◆ Security Transfers inclusive of inward inquiries to monitor incoming transfers from counter-parties. ◆ ISS Settlements, e.g., ISS acceptance, confirmation and affirmations. ◆ CDS balances inquiries, e.g., per-stock or all stock inquiries. ◆ Download management, e.g., the importing all CDS FIX files are supported. ◆ Report printing, i.e., reports can be viewed on screen or printed as hard or softcopies. ◆ Auditing. All Star*CDS transactions are logged into secure database tables.

SPECIFIC BENEFITS		
	PRESENT OPERATING ENVIRONMENT	STAR*CDS ENVIRONMENT
ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT	Re-entering investor’s data, e.g., name, NRIC, address, twice for the opening of trading and CDS accounts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ A common function that facilitates investor’s data to be entered once and the accounts are concurrently opened and automatically tagged in a straight-through manner. ◆ Same concept applies when updating an investor’s information. ◆ With a straight-through processing, Star*CDS enables your BOS to gather the most up-to-data from CDS for improved risk management.
BALANCE INQUIRY	Request for balance by dealers for investors balances. This usually triggers a chain of manual activities which includes validating the request and processing the inquiries at the CDS system.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Star*CDS extends balance inquiry functions right to the desktop of dealers (subject to proper authorizations). Star*CDS automatically validates a dealers authorization levels and identity and retrieves balances on a real-time basis. ◆ Customers are better served. ◆ Eliminates the need for manual intervention by CDS operators. ◆ Balances retrieved will update the database for broker’s reconciliation purposes. ◆ Star*CDS also facilitates bulk balance inquiries to be performed for brokers internal reconciliation purposes.
SECURITY TRANSFER	<p>FDSS Security Transfers requires extensive manual interventions.</p> <p>CDS operators typically keys-in all transfer transactions via the CDS terminals.</p> <p>This is a slow, tedious, time-consuming and prone to errors. The problem is intensified when transfer volumes are high.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Star*CDS retrieves an investors information for a transfer transaction from the BOS and executes transfers one-by-one or in bulk, instantaneously. ◆ Clients movement of shares can be captured and updated to broker’s BOS for better reconciliation and risk management capabilities. ◆ Transfer forms and resulting CDS reports can be generated in A4 format. ◆ Reconciliation of current day’s deliveries against receipts. Breaks, when detected, are logged for manual intervention.

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	PRESENT OPERATING ENVIRONMENT	STAR*CDS ENVIRONMENT
INSTITUTIONAL SETTLEMENT	<p>Institutional settlements is a process that requires extensive manual interventions.</p> <p>From the point of initiating ISS settlement until the completion of the transactions, ISS settlements is a slow, tedious, time-consuming and prone to errors.</p> <p>CDS operators are kept busy by “eye-balling” the status of ISS transactions throughout the day (serious misuse of human resources).</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Star*CDS facilitates the bulk initiation of institutional settlements based on a brokers trade information supplied to Star*CDS. ◆ Pre-matching of ISS instructions by the system. ◆ The acceptance of transactions initiated can be automatically confirmed by Star*CDS (user-specified feature). ◆ Star*CDS automatically monitor the status of an ISS transactions (accept, final accept). User’s responsibility is now reduced to only managing exceptions. ◆ Same Day vs Next Day Analysis. Same day analysis is performed using BMD’s generated report and ordinary inquiry screens. Next business day reconciliations are performed using the FIX files provided by BMD.
RECONCILIATION	<p>The challenge of reconciliations.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Balances retrieved will update d your “shadow” database for broker’s reconciliation purposes. ◆ Reconciliation becomes very efficient.

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