

The power of partnerships

SS&C Eze's recently launched Eze Marketplace integrates PortfolioScience's RiskAPI app to provide users with a wide variety of on-demand portfolio risk calculation features

Powered by a secure, real-time data sharing architecture, the cloud-based Eze Marketplace, launched in Q4 2021, enables SS&C and its trusted partners, including PortfolioScience, to offer ready-to-enable applications. The apps are available in the marketplace and embedded directly within users' Eze Eclipse platform.

Eze Marketplace facilitates a seamless, end-to-end investment experience across Eze Eclipse and third-party solutions, helping clients overcome the challenges of using disjointed systems and data sets. In addition, it allows asset managers to mix-and-match specialised apps within their enterprise platform to design a unified and customized investment experience.

SS&C has integrated PortfolioScience's cloud-based quantitative

risk engine RiskAPI into its Eze Eclipse platform as part of the partnership. The app provides users with a spectrum of on-demand portfolio risk calculation features, such as value-at-risk, stress testing, and exposure analysis, among other services. In addition, it provides clients with tailored, fully interactive reports.

RiskAPI allows clients to analyse positions and specific groupings of positions in real-time and to run risk models against those positions, producing a result within seconds. For example, as new trades are added and positions and market valuations change, clients can run scenario analysis based on real-time data throughout the trading day.

The RiskAPI app provides analysis and reporting for asset managers of all sizes, including start-ups and emerging managers.

Heading to the cloud

Asset managers have become increasingly comfortable with cloud-based solutions as a secure alternative to storing software on local computer systems.

Cloud technology has been in existence for over a decade, but only recently has there been a rise in asset managers shifting to cloud-based operations. The shift accelerated during the COVID-19 pandemic, which amplified the need for solutions enabling remote access.

Alongside the integration, open infrastructure and security benefits, Eze Marketplace provides single sign-on functionality. Once asset manager clients have logged on to the platform and verified the information, Eze provides authorisation to allow them to access partner provider apps and services.

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Clients can start taking advantage of apps nearly instantly to solve business challenges faster. No implementation period is required; Eze Marketplace is a complete turnkey solution.

Cost-effective solution

Service providers have three options when they require additional functionality: build a new system in-house; acquire a business that suits their needs; or use an external service provider or partner.

The first option can be costly in designing and installing a new system. There are also human capital costs involved in the installation, such as verifying data and ensuring

everything is transferred and loaded correctly. It can also be time-consuming to integrate innovative technology with legacy systems.

Turning to an external provider is likely a far more cost-effective option. But, while several vendors host cloud-based order management systems, a limited number provide asset managers with everything they need in one place quickly and cost-effectively.

SS&C's Eze Marketplace is building a menu of ready-to-enable solutions, including those from across SS&C, for users of the Eze Eclipse platform. SS&C will extend that menu to Eze OMS users in the coming year. As a result, asset managers

can access best-of-breed solutions within a single wrapper, simplifying application management.

With PortfolioScience RiskAPI, the marketplace now includes a powerful, end-to-end quantitative risk application available seamlessly to SS&C Eze's asset manager clients.

Eze is inviting any asset manager looking to elevate its investment process to join the marketplace and have more options and control in building out its investment ecosystem.

We also welcome vendors to join the marketplace. A considerable amount of power is created when vendors lean on each other's expertise to provide the greatest value to end-users.