

Case Study – Uncleared Margin

Context

- A global, systemically-important bank needed to implement Uncleared Margin regulatory requirements across a diverse client population including Corporations, Public Sector, Tier 2 Banks, Private Equity Funds, and other Alternative Investment Providers.

Issue

- Early in the client's analysis of the project, they realized they would need additional, experienced staff to resource the project as it would run concurrently with other client-facing regulatory change initiatives. Based on the client's positive prior experience with Vox staff, Vox were engaged to assist.

Approach

The Vox team was responsible for a wide range of activities, including:

- Rule interpretation: Identifying which requirements impacted the business and translated these into 'plain English' requirements
- Impact Analysis: Establishing methods to identify the impact across complex and moving data set (exempt vs in-scope clients and transactions, business areas impacted, revenue at risk)
- Implementation Approach: Designing the implementation approach and obtaining senior stakeholder approval
- Client Engagement: Managing end-to-end client engagement (producing client materials, internal stakeholder awareness, client outreach execution, inbound client query management, legal docs).
- BAU: Establishing pre-trade (front office), and post-trade (middle office) controls. Embedding regulatory requirements into existing client on-boarding processes.

Results

- Successfully implemented regulatory requirements with no adverse impact to clients, senior management, or front office staff.
- Vox approach was deemed a 'best practice' and adopted for other regulatory programmes across the Bank.