

# Initial Margin Workshop - AcadiaSoft in partnership with Margin Reform

## Why do you need a workshop?

The workshop is the first step in providing any Phase 5 or 6 firm with an overview of the quantitative and qualitative aspects of the seven key steps that are required to achieve regulatory compliance for Initial Margin.

1. Discovery Workshop
2. Scenario Analysis
3. Business Analysis
4. IT Implementation
5. Testing
6. Validation and Regulatory approval
7. Commercialisation

The workshop will focus on all tasks to be addressed including those that have presented the most significant challenges to the industry during previous phases.

## Post Workshop Report

Following the workshop a report will be provided. The report will have 2 aspects:

1. A capital report to show how much Initial Margin you can expect to post based on your existing portfolio using 2 calculations
  - i) The ISDA SIMM.
  - ii) The Scheduled grid.
2. A compliance assessment report highlighting your progress and the key risks and issues your organisation faces, with high level mitigation proposals and project plan recommendations.

## What are the Workshop requirements?

To ensure that the workshop is a success we typically need the following requirements prepared. This is something we can help you with.

- Attendance from business heads. (C-Suite), Front, Middle and Back Office, Treasury, Portfolio Manager, Risk, Legal, Compliance, Technology and Infrastructure
- Details on jurisdictions in scope, regulations and regulations to satisfy
- Aggregate Average Notional Amount (AANA)
- Product and trade volumes, Client volumes and potential CSA's in scope
- Custodial and Swift messaging capability (Triparty vs Third Party segregation)
- Technology schematic (In-house/Outsource)
- Operational capacity and geography
- Optimisation techniques and collateral transformation capability
- IM model preferences (SIMM vs Grid)
- Target operating model plans

## Following up on next steps

Following the issuance of the report, the client and Margin Reform will have the opportunity to explore together whether a longer-term engagement to cover any of the report recommendations is necessary.

If you require further information or would like a free UMR progress assessment on your compliance status please contact us: