

# agent bank clearance options

## Easing Global Settlement Constraints

**International firms seeking investments in the United States now have new options. JPMorgan has integrated its U.S. and international clearance capabilities, setting a higher standard for efficient processing. A multimillion-dollar strategic investment initiative in its agent bank clearing product has expanded core clearance and custody systems to improve settlement of securities processed through the Depository Trust & Clearing Corporation (DTCC).**

Globally, JPMorgan clients that invest in U.S. securities now benefit from:

- ▶ Segregated participant accounts, eliminating traditional limitations of omnibus account structures
- ▶ Recycling, minimizing delivery fails and their associated financing
- ▶ Rehypothecation, permitting straight-through processing of all repurchases and loans
- ▶ Securities Payment Orders (SPOs), processed automatically to better support the U.S. stock loan business
- ▶ SWIFT messaging, expanded to improve access to comprehensive information about settlement status and corporate action / income information on rehypothecated positions

When combined with timely and accurate reporting delivered via SWIFT and/or JPMorgan ACCESS<sup>SM</sup> (our secure Web-based system for transaction initiation and information management), market participants can concentrate on maximizing the value of their investments — rather than sacrificing valuable time and resources on monitoring transaction flows and settlement.

“JPMorgan has long been a participant in U.S. domestic off-exchange clearance, and this investment and upgrade enables us to offer what we believe is a new standard for integrated global clearance,” says Ed Corral, Clearance & Settlement business executive. “As markets continue to globalize, the convergence between U.S. and international clearance becomes increasingly important.”

The market leader in U.S. government clearance and settlement, JPMorgan handled 52% of total clearing bank volumes in 2006. In addition to its premier agent bank clearing product, JPMorgan’s innovative GlobeClear product facilitates clearance for 20 exchanges and more than 60 OTC markets (including the Federal Reserve and DTCC) through a single access point. ○○○

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