

# Technology to Treasure

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### Launch of ALMIS Version 9

ALMIS International is pleased to announce the release of ALMIS Version 9 today. Existing ALMIS users can download the latest Version from their client area of the ALMIS website.

There are many enhancements in this new version such as more detailed basis risk report including a basis risk ratio calculation. Customers who upgrade to version 9 will also be able to perform more sophisticated follow on assumptions using the financial planning wizard and perform even more liquidity stress assumptions, allowing users to improve modelling and their understanding of potential risks.

ALMIS International has also launched two completely new modules which are Capital Adequacy and FSA Reporting. The FSA Reporting module has a number of additional FSA reports and all regulatory reports will be validated within ALMIS in accordance to the rules specified by the FSA. Once validated, reports can be automatically submitted to FSA's Gabriel System – no more manual inputting!

The Capital Adequacy Module will calculate overall capital requirements and include counterparty risk reports vs limits; and perform lending LTV calculations and stress tests, for example, calculating capital requirements from a potential drop in security values.

Existing clients can easily purchase these two new additional modules without any major installation or data integration. To learn more about purchasing either of these modules, please contact ALMIS support on 0131 452 8898 or email <u>sales@almis.co.uk</u>. Otherwise, further details can be found at <u>http://www.almis.co.uk/content/downloads/whatsnewv9.pdf</u>

## Planning Master Class a Success

The recent Planning Master Class was a great success with 100% of clients agreeing that they would recommend the training to others and attend future training sessions.

This Master Class has given clients the tools to become much more forward looking by being able to use the Financial Planning Wizard to create detailed forward plans and perform powerful balance sheet and income simulations.

However, plans are only as good as the assumptions behind them. One of the most useful aspects of this Master Class was for users to discuss the structure of assumptions in detail and to learn from each other, thus allowing them to develop their own assumptions. The master class also focused on the type of stresses and flexing of assumptions which are appropriate for retail banks.

## **Cumberland goes live**

Cumberland Building Society has deployed ALMIS to carry out regulatory reporting, liquidity stress testing, analyse margin and sensitivities and help with market risk.

Steve Graham, Treasurer at Cumberland Building Society commented "ALMIS International's good reputation with product users and the FSA was a key factor in choosing ALMIS as our risk and reporting system. ALMIS will greatly improve efficiency as it gives us an integrated set of data with accurate information in a more timely manner"

## ALM 'good practices' Seminar

ALMIS International is holding a seminar in central London on ALM 'good practices' focusing on the needs of small and medium sized banks and building societies on the 18<sup>th</sup> May.

Our expert speakers are:

#### Joe Di Rollo

Director, ALMIS International Ltd William Webster Director, Barbican Consulting Limited Jonathan Pyzer Treasury expert, FSA Retail Firms

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