

TAS PLUG & GO

The Capital Markets scenario is evolving quickly and market players need to shorten their reaction time and reduce the costs for updating their technological infrastructures.

Outsourcing of specific processes to specialised partners can be a strategic response to this need and can help Capital Market operators on focusing on their primary business issues.

SOLUTION

The **TAS Plug & Go** service (in collaboration with Bit Systems ASP, the IT company of Borsa Italiana – London Stock Exchange Group) provides Housing, TAS Software Application Management, Hardware and Network infrastructures needed to access markets (including MTFs), Broker Firms, the main International Order Routing circuits (Reuters, Bloomberg, GL Net, Visual Trader Network, etc.), Clearing and Settlement systems and Information Vendors.

Plug & Go Service related press releases have been published on:

- **bobsguide** (<http://www.bobsguide.com/>)
- **Finextra** (<http://www.finextra.com>)

BENEFITS

Thanks to the outsourcing of the platforms technological management, Plug & Go allows customers to:

- focus on the financial core business
- reduce the time-to-market
- minimize hardware and networking equipment investments
- increase the technological platforms performances minimizing the management costs

TAS realized the technological infrastructure for the provision of the service through two farms (one in Milan and one in London). The two farms are both active, customers may decide to access both farms at the same time (e.g. balancing connections between the two or accessing some brokers and markets from the London farm and other ones from the Milan farm) or choose one farm and activate the other one in Disaster Recovery situations.

Thanks to the turnkey solution, banks and financial intermediaries will trade on the new platform without any intervention on the existing infrastructure and with a simple and inexpensive connection.

FEATURES

- Plug & Go provides access to:
 - Main Italian and International markets
 - Multilateral Trading Facilities (MTF)
 - Main Information Vendors
 - Main International Order Routing circuits (Reuters, Bloomberg, GL Net, Visual Trader Network, etc.)
 - Clearing and Settlement systems
- **Plug & Go Service includes the application management and the outsourcing of hardware and network infrastructures according to customer specifications**
 - With Plug & Go all TAS solutions are available in outsourcing, integrated with other applications on customer request, to ensure:
 - STP order routing and management
 - MiFID compliant Best Execution services
 - Clearing and Settlement management
 - Real-time Datafeed Management
 - Trading Front-Office
- **The service can be accessed through a simple and inexpensive network connection provided by TAS in collaboration with BT Radianz (TAS is Provider for BT Radianz) or by a customer provided connection**

MARKETS AND FINANCE

Outsourcing & Facility Management

ARCHITECTURE

The physical connection between the customer and the Milan and London farms is made through:

- leased line(s) provided by TAS (provided by **BT Radianz**)
- leased line(s) provided by the customer
- VPN

The logical connection between the customer's systems and the

central ones is made:

- if the customers already uses TAS solutions, by applying an embedded connection module
- otherwise, by customers protocols and standards (e.g. FIX)

