

# Clearstream Spotlight

## Driving innovation in Brazil



The importance of the BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) economies to the current and future growth of global financial markets cannot be underestimated. At Clearstream, we are fortunate to have long been working with financial institutions in the BRICS markets and continue to expand our services in order to offer our customers more opportunities.

A key focus for Clearstream is Brazil. We opened access to this market in January this year and introduced fully segregated accounts in our customers' name for the first time. Since the launch, we have expanded our offering by opening up the link to third-party assets and are also now gaining a great deal of interest in our investment funds services.

Many investors find aspects of the highly regulated Brazilian market problematic but these have been absorbed by Clearstream giving

our customers easier, less complex and more secure access to this fast-growing area. And all of this is possible through Creation, Clearstream's leading connectivity and reporting suite.

We are able to bring you services in Brazil with the help of our local partner, Itaú Unibanco, which provides sub-custodian support. Our customers benefit greatly from this relationship as Itaú Unibanco has extensive knowledge of South American financial markets.

Clearstream offers its customers access to some 54 markets around the world: 52 domestic markets, the international securities market and the carbon emission rights market. Our objective is to enable our customers to have 24/24 hour processing across a full service range and all major asset classes throughout the world in real-time.

## Collateral management to GO

Clearstream was the first ICSD to include Brazil in its cross-border settlement network and was also the first location for the roll-out of our pioneering collateral management solution, Liquidity Hub GO (Global Outsourcing).

This service went live with Brazilian CSD Cetip in July and is a quick and cost-effective solution for infrastructures seeking to offer their clients collateral management services. Cetip effectively connects directly to Clearstream's sophisticated collateral management engine while all the assets remain in Brazil as required under Brazilian law.

Clearstream is the only collateral management services provider in a position to handle collateral without placing it on its books. Liquidity Hub GO is customisable to ensure compliance with local regulations and enables the infrastructure to take advantage of the technological capabilities – and future upgrades – of Clearstream's systems.

Liquidity Hub GO is now under development with the Australian Securities Exchange while talks are ongoing with other infrastructures.

### More information

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