

Options is a global leader in financial technology managed services and IT infrastructure products. We enable our clients to deliver a dual mandate: operating world-class financial technology infrastructure today, while supporting business scalability and new technology for tomorrow.

Founded in 1993, the company began life as a hedge fund technology services provider. More than a decade ago, the company made a strategic decision to become the first provider to offer cloud services to the financial sector. Over 200 firms globally now leverage the Options platform, including the leading global investment banks, hedge funds, funds of funds, proprietary trading firms, private equity houses and exchanges.

Options' global client presence currently spans over 20 countries worldwide with seven offices covering these regions. We have a global team and global infrastructure, allowing our customers with global operations to work with one single vendor. The feature-rich global platform, built to exacting investment bank standards, is further bolstered by industry-leading transparency around our pricing, a 24x7, high touch support model and unrivalled account management and customer engagement.

What makes Options unique is a focus on combining a highly personalised service with our deep knowledge of front, middle and back-office technology, global security and compliance. We specialise in understanding the fine details and requirements that make the financial sector unique.



Options' clients leverage three main products:

- [Managed Platform](#)
- [Managed Colocation](#)
- [Managed Applications](#)

Options also recently launched [Options Advisory](#), a financial technology consultancy service.

Managed Platform

This is a managed technology solution that provides customers with a single outsourced technology service encompassing all aspects of financial sector technology. The service is delivered globally with a particular focus on key technology centers in Asia, Europe and the U.S. Leveraging over 20 years of experience, the platform blends security, compliance and engineering best practice with the latest advances in cloud and mobile technology, all delivered with a personal touch.

Key Facts:

- * All platform services are monitored 24/7 by our in-house support team.
- * Options' managed platform includes:
 - * Desktop support.
 - * Onsite support.
 - * Delivery management.
 - * Vendor management and purchasing.
 - * Fully resilient and secure platform with best-in-class information security for clients.

Managed Colocation

This is a managed colocation and proximity services platform that gives customers access to all the key liquidity centers globally across all asset classes (equities, derivatives, fixed income and FX). The platform provides a managed environment for the delivery of direct market data, order entry, servers and colocation space, either as a single managed service or individual component services.

Leveraging the fastest WAN links between key centres, best of breed technologies including Arista and Solarflare, and operational processes hardened over 20 years in the business, it allows electronic trading firms to run with more agility and cost certainty than traditional approaches.

Key Facts:

- * Connected to over 100 exchange, dark pool and ECN venues globally.
- * Delivered over resilient, fastest path routes.
- * Utilising Arista ultra-low latency switching technology to provide sub-microsecond delivery in data centre.
- * With investment bank grade security certification and processes (SSAE 16 / SOC2).
- * Supported by 24/7 expert operational teams.

Managed Applications

This is an application management solution that combines a global platform, for hosting dozens of customer proprietary applications, with a standardised full service model for the delivery of many leading financial front, middle and back- office systems from Options' private cloud.

Managed Applications transforms application implementation projects for financial firms as the underlying global network and data center infrastructure is already in place. Additionally, the platform is bullet proof and implemented to investment bank standards which will in turn slash costs, lead times and base implementation risk. The platform, engineering and delivery expertise greatly simplify software deployment further de-risking projects, all within an industry leading post production operational framework.

Key Facts:

- * Complete Managed service.
- * Enterprise-grade infrastructure providing a resilient, secure and compliant platform.
- * Partnered with the leading global front to back office application vendors.
- * Transparent pricing and cost certainty.
- * Delivery and operational risk mitigation.

Options Advisory

Options Advisory provides technology consultancy to the global financial services industry. Supporting over 50 asset managers and hedge funds, Options Advisory provides clients with direct access to a professional consultancy team who are uniquely qualified in delivering to firms ranging in size from \$50 million to \$100 billion. These customers benefit from a full application management team to help select, deploy, tune and support the right portfolio solution.

Key Facts:

- * Options Advisory are industry-leading experts in the following:
 - * Advent Geneva®
 - * Advent APX®
 - * Advent Axys®
 - * Tradar Insight®
- * Services include:
 - * Business consulting.
 - * Project management.
 - * Platform selection analysis.
 - * Implementations and upgrades.
 - * Custom reporting.
 - * Virtual cloud services and enhanced support.