

Client Letter AXA IM

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Dear Client,

US, Canada, and Mexico Adopt T+1 Settlement Cycle for Eligible Securities

On February 15, 2023, the SEC finalized its proposed rule to shorten the standard US securities settlement cycle from "T+2" (trade date plus two business days) to "T+1" (trade date plus one business day) to increase market efficiency and reduce systemic risk for investors during the settlement of eligible securities. These changes will be effective May 28th, 2024.

In addition to the US, several other markets have either announced or are in the process of transitioning to a T+1 settlement cycle. Canada and Mexico, which have aligned themselves with the U.S. market, have scheduled their move to a T+1 settlement cycle on May 27th, 2024 (with Mexico's final approval still pending).

The full scope of securities in scope for the US can be found <u>here</u> and for Canada can be found <u>here</u>.

AXA IM is taking all necessary steps to upgrade its services and adapt to the new operating model, to meet the requirements of the new regulatory framework. The aim is to be ready by May 28th, 2024, and to respond to any market changes that may arise, while prioritizing the best interests of our clients.

AXA IM is currently assessing the extent of changes that may be necessary to accommodate the transition to T+1 settlement. If any modifications are needed, we will provide further information in due course. If you have any questions in the interim, please contact your relevant client relationship contact.

Best Regards

AXA Investment Managers