## The Heavy Lifting of FATCA

Investor On-Boarding

**Existing Investor Due Diligence** 

Data + Docs

#### **Challenges:**

- Manual processes
- Paper documents
- Weak audit trail

Standard: "actual knowledge" of US Person Status



# Categorize Existing Investors - Individual Considerations (FFIs)

- Electronic data search requirements and challenges
  - Required to conduct search on 'available' data
  - Understanding where data resides and what is subject to the search requirement
  - Effective filtering and use of account balance information
- Account Balance Challenge
  - Challenges in using account balance information to determine in scope accounts (e.g. 50K and 1 Million dollar thresholds)
  - Election to use the 50K threshhold
  - Identification of high net worth accounts
- High Net Worth Accounts
  - RM Inquiry
  - Electronic and Documentation review
- Overall tracking and monitoring of activities



# Categorize Existing Investors - Entities Considerations (FFIs and USWAs)

- Account Balance Challenge
  - FFI challenges in using account balance information to determine in scope accounts (<250K)</li>
  - Using the 1 MM dollar threshold to determine beneficial owners for preexisting Passive NFFEs
- Prima Facie FFI Identification (6/30/14)
  - Identification of Prima Facie FFI Accounts using SIC/NAIC
  - Using QI/NQI indicators
  - Other indicators? Taking a conservative approach.
- Non Prima Facie FFI Identification (12/31/15)
  - Pros and Cons (does it make sense to bucket all pre-existing entity accounts as Prima Facie?)



## **Onboarding Considerations**

#### Forms W-8 (new, improved and a LOT more complex!!!)

- Updated Forms are 6 pages long and far more complex than current Forms
- Anticipate significant confusion from accounts in addressing their FATCA status and correctly filling out the Form
- Walking the line between not giving tax advice to account holders and providing assistance

#### Forms W-9

 Eyeball Test is going away. This will require the collection of Forms W-9 on previously exempt recipients.

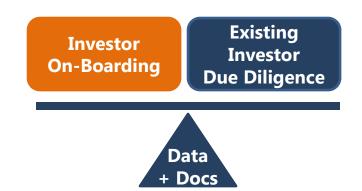
#### Presumption Rules

 Failure to collect appropriate documentation will necessitate the presumption of Non-Participating FFI or recalcitrant account and require withholding



### **Investor On-Boarding**

# FATCA-Compliant Investor On-Boarding: Best Practice



- Electronic Forms
- Automatic validation of W-form data against subscription document, other onboarding, and supporting documentation
- Audit log and tracking of document review process



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## **Existing Accounts**

## **Investor Due Diligence: Best Practice**

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Refresh Forms

- Data + Docs
- Automatic validation of Form data against subscription document, other on-boarding, and supporting documentation
- Audit log and tracking of document review process
- Closed-loop electronic remediation

