Alliance Lite2

Your connection to the financial world

Alliance Lite2 enables direct access to financial institutions across the globe, providing the essential services to communicate with them via the SWIFT Community Cloud. Alliance Lite2 is for those corporates, banks and investment managers who want all the benefits of a cloud-based solution and prefer a direct SWIFT connection to their banks and counterparties – whether that’s for processing 10,000 messages a day or a few transactions per month.

Alliance Lite2 can also enable you to gain an identity in the financial world, with your own unique code, from the globally recognised BIC.

Using SWIFT for financial communications enables you to reach thousands of financial institutions worldwide. Allowing standardised messaging for payments, account statements, trade, foreign exchange, securities, investment funds and more. You can also combine multiple streams into a single channel, increasing efficiency and reducing costs.

Built, hosted and operated by SWIFT, a core provider and global leader in financial processing technologies for over 40 years. Alliance Lite2 has been designed to suit the varying cloud connectivity needs of SWIFT customers. It can be used for manual and automated message exchange with additional options such as back-office integration to make the SWIFT Community Cloud your truly end-to-end solution.

“By implementing Alliance Lite2 we were able to improve our communications with our key partners – simply and cost-effectively. The solution also helped us significantly improve our customer service process.”

Jean Fuchs, Founder and Managing Director of Fuchs & Associates Group
Manual & Automated Message Exchange

Alliance Lite2 enables manual or automated message exchange with your financial counterparties and offers the following features:

— It supports all SWIFT messages types (MT and MX) as well as proprietary files and file upload.
— Browse services offered by SWIFT, financial institutions and market infrastructures on SWIFTNet are also available using Alliance Lite2.
— The setup is managed by SWIFT experts, ensuring you have the solution that meets your specific needs and allows you to get a customised solution.

Back Office Integration

For those customers with additional integration requirements, we also offer SWIFT Integration Layer (SIL), our solution that supports Alliance Lite2 integration with hundreds of applications, including: treasury management systems (TMS), front- and back-office applications, payments systems, banking systems, ERP systems and more. SIL also enables you to use current in-house message formats, converting them into versions that can be processed over SWIFT.

Implementing Alliance Lite2

To get started, all you need is a standard PC or laptop with Internet Explorer browser and a secure Alliance Lite2 USB token provided by SWIFT.

The whole implementation process is fully customised and managed by SWIFT’s Consulting Services team ensuring smooth on-boarding from start to finish. And, to familiarise you with the service, a personalised tutorial explaining how to use Alliance Lite2, on a day-to-day basis, is also provided.

Service and support

The service doesn’t stop once you are on-board. Alliance Lite2 comes with global 24/7/365 support, the SWIFT Standard Plus Support package. An additional support service, SWIFT Peace of Mind, is also available, providing remote assistance with day-to-day activities, such as message creation and new user access.

Optimising your connectivity

SWIFT recommends connecting to Alliance Lite2 via Alliance Connect, which provides a managed virtual private network (VPN).

Pricing

After the initial set up, the cost of Alliance Lite2 is charged as a monthly subscription, meaning the amount you pay is based on how much you actually use the service. Pricing information is available from your SWIFT sales representative. The messages and files sent are charged at standard SWIFT prices. Separate subscription fees will apply for using applications or services from SWIFT or third parties.

Product features

— Manual entry using browser / GUI screens
— Exchange of FIN and InterAct messages and FileAct files
— Compatibility with all SWIFT standards, including ISO 20022
— Subscription to FIN, InterAct and FileAct
— Access to browse services offered over SWIFT
— Access to SWIFT User Handbook and standards documentation
— Full BIC directory built into Alliance Lite2 screens
— Available 24/7/365 (except for Allowable Downtime Window)
— Standard Plus Support (24/7/365)
— SWIFT Peace of Mind support optional package, providing additional assistance with day-to-day activities
— Deployed in one SWIFT Operating Centre (OPC) in a dual setup for optimal resilience
— Back-office integration options with SWIFT Integration Layer
— A number of SWIFT connectivity options:
  — Alliance Connect Bronze (dual VPN connectivity over the internet)
  — Alliance Connect Silver (dual connectivity via the internet & lease line)

For more information please contact your SWIFT account manager or email directly to cloud@swift.com