The Advanced Corporate Treasury: Simplifying Connectivity and Centralizing Payments

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The Evolving Needs of the Business



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What is Driving This Need



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Driving This Need

Connectivity

- Multiple internal and external communication channels
- Multiple technology systems and platforms
- Multiple communication standards and formats

Centralization

- Need for greater visibility and control
- Need for more robust, timely, accurate information and reporting
- Need for greater coordination within the business and externally

External Drivers

- Lack of IT resources and support
- Manual, inefficient, undocumented processes, policies and procedures (workflow)
- Lack of sufficient skills and knowledge within the treasury function

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Evolution of Corporate Payment Architecture



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"Treasury is becoming a value creation center, not a cost center or a profit center."







CHALLENGE

- Unique external connection and format for each bank and payment type
- Dependence on bank-specific channels
- High cost of changing banks
- Internal IT resources required to build/manage connections to ERP systems

SOLUTION

- · Consolidates all internal and external connections onto one platform
- Able to handle all transformation to/from any format including SWIFT, SEPA, ISO 20022
- Bank, technology, and channel-agnostic

BENEFITS

- · Validates, repairs, transforms payments into a single format
- · No need to change existing file formats
- Centralized transaction reporting reduces bank fees





Solution: Centralization

Increased functionality and value

BASIC CENTRALIZATION

CHALLENGE

- Increased payment cost
- Internal IT resources required to manage connections to ERP
- · Workflow varies around globe

SOLUTIONS

- Payment & collection hub
- · Single view
- Standardized global formats
- Workflow can be different for each region/ business unit

BENEFITS

- · Reduced external and internal cost of payments
- Reduced dependency on external resources
- · Consolidated centralized view of workflows

ADVANCED CONTROLLED CENTRALIZATION

CHALLENGE

- · Lack of visibility and control
- · Increased cross-border payments and FX fees
- Business units (BUs) need daily transaction information and ability to query data

SOLUTIONS

- Use of an In-House Bank (IHB) structure
- Payment factory
- Pay-on-behalf-of
- · Single view of all transactions with IHB

BENEFITS

- Greater visibility and control, allowing for business performance and risk avoidance
- · Reduced FX and bank fees
- Greater control while giving your BUs the autonomy they need to perform

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Conclusion: Success Stories

"We gained two days of working capital visibility when we went to a POBO structure."

"We were able to virtually eliminate our dependence on IT and greatly reduce the cost of making payments."

"When we bring on a new partner or bank, we can now have them up and running with full reporting capabilities within a matter of weeks, rather than months."

"We are now able to confidently support our global entities while maintaining visibility and a documented control process."

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