Large Multinational Bank - African Payments Redesign

Multi-country payments environment assessment

Client Situation

- The requirement was to assist in analysing 10 bank payment environments across 9 African countries over 5 months
- The objective of the project was to:
 - Provide the bank with a comprehensive understanding of their current African payments environment (for EFTs, SWIFT and RTGS payment instruments) as requirement input into the automation of the payment processing environment.
 - · Ensure that country regulatory requirements and business-critical customisations were completely understood and incorporated in base designs
- Assistance was required in providing a team focused on engaging each country and ensuring the planning, coordination and execution of the analysis in a standard manner

Approach

- · Define a structured approach to consistently engage each target country within the required time-frame
- Pre-assessment checklists provided to country prior to engagement in order to uncover fundamental variances from standard defined scope
- In-country work-session agendas and detailed work-breakdown published to ensure relevant in-country representation
- Standardised process modelling methodology applied for each country, ensuring as-is processes and critical information requirements were documented
- Key information transposed into specifically defined matrices in order to effectively present critical business requirements, such as:
- Regulatory and core-country operational rules
- Payment flow accounting entries and narrative requirements
- Sourcing of supporting information and reporting requirements
- Presentation of in-country findings, issues and risks

Sample Deliverables Country Assessments Processes Submitted to Makola Design (per Country & Value Chain) The state of th

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Key Benefits

- Comprehensive understanding of the varying payment landscapes of 10 Banking organisations, spanning 9 different African countries
- In-country analysis of the current state provides a clear indication of country configuration requirements and customisations, which can then be proactively managed through a governed design process
- Incorporation of country-specific business rules into early design phases limits the amount of critical defects occurring during payment processor implementation
- Identification of differing payment flows and accounting, across multiple countries and core banking systems, helping facilitates the standardised Future State designs
- Early identification of "unknown" in-country applications & systems
- Known and guaranteed outcomes, timelines and costing All analysis and feedback provided with an average turnaround time of 5 weeks per country, using a Fixed Fee Fixed delivery approach