Growing together: Integration of securities business of a major German bank into an international universal bank



Company

International universal bank

Initial situation

Further to the international universal banks decision to acquire a major German bank in 2009, the major German banks business was to be integrated within the initiative "Growing Together".

Task

- Programme Management "Joint Platform": Integration of retail, wholesale and custodian banks business within the module GS-MO (March 2009 – June 2011)
- Management incl. Test responsibility
- Management of the cross-section projects "Program Test Management", "Go-Live-Management", "Cut-Over-Processes" and "Data Migration

Realisation - approach

Concept Phase

- Team ramp-up with seasoned experts from the bank, GA and other consultancies
- Prioritisation of business requirements and concepts
- Scope Management in the segment "custodian bank" – modification of migration scenario
- Finalisation of re-migration contract with transaction bank, agreement on remigration strategy and conceptual design

Realisation Phase of Target Platform

- Specification of target processes
- Set-up of test management
- Design of test objects, cases and scenarios
- Tests of target platform across an eight months time span

Migration & Go-Live

- Migration tests across seven cycles
- Set-up of control center organisation
- Specification and implementation of cutover processes
- Design of migration runbook (approx. 500 entries)
- Management of international trading activities as well as risk and liquidity management over Easter 2011
- Performance of two general dress rehearsals
- Post-Migration-Organisation set-up and management

Result

Concept Phase

- All concepts were "in time and quality"
- Experienced team remained stable across project duration
- Re-migration contract with transaction bank covered all bank requirements (no CR's)

Realisation Phase of Target Platform

- Test organisation was successful: all test individuals staffed by the bank, test mgmt. mostly external
- All tests completed successfully in time; no gaps which might have caused production deficiencies

Migration & Go-Live

- Highly successful migration quotas in all test cycles
- Participation at dress rehearsals and smooth course of events during runbook execution
- Successful data migration of 1.4m securities accounts, 3.4m positions as well as further relevant data
- Very low number of manual corrections (effort < 30 PT), insignificant number of migration bugs of priority 3
- All cut-over-processes executed according to plan
- International trading activities as well as risk and liquidity management reported no negative impact from migration procedures