

Custody Solution for Commercial International Bank (CIB)

Realizing the digital advantage through real-time information and improved Straight-Through Processing

Commercial International Bank (CIB) is the leading private sector bank in Egypt, offering a broad range of financial products and services to its customers, which include enterprises of all sizes, institutions, households and high-net-worth (HNW) individuals.

In addition to traditional asset and liability products, CIB offers wealth management, securitization, direct investment, global transaction services and treasury services, all delivered through client-centric teams. Through its wholly owned subsidiary CI Capital, the Bank also offers asset management, investment banking, and brokerage and research services. The bank endeavors to provide clients with superior solutions to satisfy all their financial needs.

Being a leading custodian bank since 2000, CIB wanted to implement a robust and globally proven Custody solution that adheres to global standards, both on technological and operational fronts, to remain competitive and to help them cater to the needs of global investor community.

Challenges

- Quick deployment of the solution in no more than six months to ensure customer retention and expansion.
- Flexibility of integration with the existing Core Banking application.
- Maximum throughput rate while minimizing infrastructure and communication cost.
- Supports for an Arabic language interface and layout
- Improved service to domestic as well as international clients
- Flexibility of the solution to cater to the dynamic fast-paced business and market needs

Solution Provided

STS was honored to provide CIB with the Custody solution through our partner Intellect Design Arena Ltd, a specialist in applying true Digital Technologies across Banking & Insurance. Deployment was completed within a time frame of six months, automating the complete process of Custodial Services at the bank.

The solution offers Safekeeping services for domestic and international securities at the Central Securities Depository (MCDR) and International Central Securities Depositories respectively. It provides support for Fixed Income Instruments (T-Bills and T-Bonds) as well as Securities settlements and Corporate Actions Processing. It also avails provision of sub-custody services to BNY Mellon (Depository Bank) for Global Depository Receipts (GDR).

Business Benefits

With the implemented solution flexible interfacing capability that enables easy integration with the existing Core Banking system, the bank now has access to real-time information and improved straight-through processing in all areas of custody operations through a single automated platform from deal capture to clearing, settlement, and corporate actions.

The automation of Central Depository (MCDR) interface will provide enhanced operational productivity, mitigation of risks associated with manual operations, end-to-end trade tracking and settlement across all instrument types. Automation of MCDR is significant to the bank as 75% of the custodial operations and business transactions are settled through this interface.

The solution will also enable CIB to service clients' diverse investment strategies coupled with multi-lingual capability of clients' reporting requirements.

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