

Knowledge Area Review (KAR)

Virtualization in Financial Services – Product Brochure

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KAR015: Virtualization in Financial Services



KAR 015 is a companion resource to our monthly global periodical The Insights Review (TIR), deeper full dives on a specific topic – our Certified Case Study (CCS) and DKS - unique highly distilled synthesis of the newest thinking in an industry, sub sector or function The KAR015 (Knowledge Area Review) on Virtualization in Financial Services is a document containing information rich slides which comprehensively describe the major trends around Virtualization and is certified by ICG to be based on publically and externally sourced information only, together with the authors industry insights. It comprises 75 pages of power point slides that contain:

- A peerless synthesis of available information (public sources, applied science journals, research databases, public company records)
- Uniquely blends knowledge and insights from across the consulting industry, large and specialist, avoiding bias and NIH (not invented here) issues on your projects
- Several relevant case study descriptions, including background information and key insights
- Several frameworks describing the trends in Virtualization in Financial Services

Main themes highlighted in this paper are:

- Incumbent FI's are finding it increasingly difficult to deliver a universal set of needs
- Technology standardisation and commoditisation is increasing ability of suppliers to deliver focused scale offerings at lower cost
- Customers are becoming more demanding they don't care how the outcome is assembled only that they get the outcome



Virtualization in Financial Services - Content

Section	Component	Description
1	Critical Frameworks	 What do we mean by Virtualization? Drivers of virtualization The decision to virtualise
2	Key Case Studies	Selection of Best Practices cases around the globe
3	Key Articles	 Key published articles



Sample 1: What is driving virtualization?

GLOBAL DELIVERY

Incumbent FI's are finding it increasingly difficult to deliver a universal set of needs

- Regulation increasing in breadth & specificity
- Historical systems landscapes are challenged by faster pace of technology change
- Complex organisations
- Increasing capital requirements
- Increasing product and services breadth

TECHNOLOGY STANDARDISATION

Technology standardisation and commoditisation is increasing ability of suppliers to deliver focused scale offerings at lower cost

- Increasing standardisation: technology, communication, device
- Building blocks for deconstruction of FS value chains largely in place, banks and attackers enabling free exchange of information & value
- Scale-free competition of smaller businesses with large incumbents;
- Emergence of major platform houses and interoperability standards

CUSTOMER BEHAVIOR

Customers are becoming more demanding – they don't care how the outcome is assembled only that they get the outcome

- Customer expectations rise, decreasing loyalty and increasing shopping behaviour (trading up/down)
- Customers better informed
- Value of incumbent brands
 diminishes
- Consumers and businesses gradually shift FS buying behaviour from consolidation towards open markets
- Customers looking for wrappers and packaging of solution components



Sample 2: Business models in Financial Services are evolving from vertical to layered, to platformised to virtual



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Sample 3:

Within business banking products high potential for virtualization across merchant acquiring, payments and trading products



Depth & Breadth of Standardisation

Transaction Intensity

Sample 4: Screen to identify best improvement lever and estimate value potential for internal improvement

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High Quality Processes

Quality (Input/output error rate)

If process quality is low improve through redesign

2 models for redesign

- IF productivity variance is high, and source of quality issue is internal → identify & leverage best practice
- IF productivity variance is low

 → Conduct e2e lean redesign
 across boundaries to simplify and
 improve input quality including

Plus change in ownership to consolidate under common governance

Improve performance transparency through targets and metrics

Simplify, Standardize, Consolidate

Process complexity (Task or skill ambiguity)

Assess inherent complexity of process and tasks for STP and automation potential

- Clear, defined expected outcome
- Judgment or unique business/reg. knowledge required
- Documentation, training manuals exist?
- Inputs and interfaces between counterparties automated?
- Metrics to measure success?

If complexity is low \rightarrow

 Assess opportunity for STP automation (e2e), if not feasible move to next lever



Pool labour to address supply/ demand capacity mismatch

- If labor productivity var. is low → create center of competency, use workflow and BPR engine to automate simple tasks
- If labor productivity var. is high → pool labor, multi-skill to address supply demand mismatch; segment process flow and apply skills based routing to optimize highest skilled labor

Workflow and BPR Pool & work based routing

Source: ICG analysis

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STP Automation

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Complex Tasks

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