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With global operations at this scale, volatility in currency and interest rate markets required Accenture to manage the challenges of foreign-exchange risk and the related trade execution with extreme agility. However, the company faced challenges with its treasury risk management IT setup due to various applications not connecting seamlessly, limited real-time visibility into balance sheet exposures at times, and automation that was somewhat lacking. Market data transparency and reporting capabilities left room for improvement, while operational inefficiencies and occasional errors stemmed from manual processes. The company aimed to enhance its currency exposure management, transitioning from monthly routines to a **more-automated and efficient approach**, making it easier to navigate market fluctuations.



# Driving Automation in Managing Foreign-Exchange Trading and Market Data Governance with Brisken OnePilot and SAP Solutions



## Before: Challenges and Opportunities

- Risk management approach involving a mix of various third-party systems and manual processes
- Opportunity for development of “straight-through” processing capabilities for trade execution
- Room for improved integration in market data management, including data irregularities checks, ongoing process monitoring, and robust audit trails to ensure compliance standards are met

## Why SAP

- SAP Risk Management application for SAP S/4HANA to automate and streamline foreign-exchange risk management processes, from exposure management to accounting
- Brisken OnePilot, enabling a cloud-based framework for the automation and integration of systems and processes, which was developed as a co-innovation with and certified by SAP
- Brisken Market Data Hub and TraderPlus solutions, powered by OnePilot, to provide the desired data governance, process automation, and control features

## After: Value-Driven Results

- Delivered a single source of truth for market data, enabling the treasury team to spend less time on data validation and providing consistent market data across systems and processes
- Introduced automation and straight-through processing for foreign-exchange trade execution
- Created compliant market data governance and trade automation processes with an audit trail; data quality checks; segregation-of-duty and maker-checker features; and process monitoring with alerts
- Reduced the risks and costs associated with manual processes while improving operational efficiency
- Future-proofed the trade automation and market data governance processes, readying the company for constant change and meeting the need for agility to adjust to changed market and business realities

“Real-time data and improved operational efficiencies, combined with analytics, allows our Risk Management team to quickly respond to ever-changing market conditions, manage a growing portfolio, and achieve our objective of **minimizing the P&L impact due to foreign exchange**. All of this was accomplished without increasing headcount, which is quite a success.”

Joan Mizerk, Assistant Treasurer, Risk Management, Accenture

80%

Reduction in manual errors

90%

Increase in processing speed and data accuracy



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US\$16.6 billion

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SAP Risk Management for SAP S/4HANA, Brisken OnePilot, Brisken Market Data Hub, and Brisken TraderPlus





## Pursuing Next-Generation Foreign-Exchange Risk Management

Accenture wanted to centralize and automate its nonintegrated treasury applications and manual processes for foreign-exchange (FX) risk management. Using the SAP Risk Management application for SAP S/4HANA, the company implemented balance-sheet exposure analysis, transaction management, trade recording, accounting, payments, and valuation capabilities.

With Brisken OnePilot and the Brisken Market Data Hub and TraderPlus solutions, Accenture was able to introduce leading market data automation and governance and FX trade automation and integration. The solutions complement the implemented SAP solution and provide essential features for the comprehensive governance of market data and the straight-through processing of FX trades.

This automation and software integration enable real-time visibility of market data, currency exposures, and trades on a consolidated basis. As a result, Accenture has gained greater accuracy, speed, flexibility, agility, and straight-through processing in managing complex hedge programs. This has reduced FX slippage and transaction costs. The company also gained significant savings by retiring legacy applications, due to reductions in licensing, compliance, data, and operational costs.

“Transitioning our processes into SAP Risk Management for SAP S/4HANA allows our Risk Management team to have a single source of truth for FX and **increase hedging accuracy due to real-time visibility** of exposures. The business can focus more on value-added work and strategic initiatives.”

Jody Meyer-Diaz, Global Risk Management Lead, Accenture

**US\$6 M**

Reduction in FX slippage

**\$500,000**

Annual FX cost reduction





## Solutions and Services

To **digitalize management of foreign-exchange hedging**, the Risk Management team at Accenture chose the following SAP and partner solutions:

- SAP Risk Management application for SAP S/4HANA
- SAP Business Technology Platform
- SAP Analytics Cloud solution
- RISE with SAP S/4HANA Cloud Private Edition
- SAP trading platform integration
- SAP Fiori user experience
- SAP Services and Support
- Brisken OnePilot
- Brisken TraderPlus
- Brisken Market Data Hub
- Brisken Treasury Consulting and Onboarding Services

