



B & M provides planning and support expertise for a managed services provider to a global bank

B & M worked with a world-leader in the provision of managed services and consultancy to provide the expertise necessary to plan and support a major upgrade of its CICS platform worldwide.

The project was commissioned by the global services arm of an international banking group.

Project Objectives

- To ensure that software on the global CICS platform is current
- To ensure that suppliers continue to deliver appropriate levels of support
- To ensure an integrated approach to software maintenance across all regions
- To improve functionality of the CICS systems worldwide.

Project Tasks

- To plan and implement an upgrade from an unsupported version of the CICSplex System Manager to the current version
- To plan and implement an upgrade of the CICS platform for the bank's insurance division
- To upgrade over 600 testing and training CICS regions on two Sysplex environments
- To upgrade over 380 CICS regions on a production Sysplex platform
- To upgrade all components of the CICSplex System Manager, including mission-critical API calling programs across four different Sysplex operating environments
- To ensure that appropriate infrastructure was in place to support the upgrade across all regions.

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Duration

The project took seven months to complete.

Results

- A successful upgrade on budget and on schedule
- Upgrade achieved without impact on the business and with no incidents
- Managed services supplier was able to fulfil its contract with appropriate expertise
- Bank has a global strategy and process for CICS support and maintenance across all geographies and lines of business.

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