

Applying Technology to Transform Treasury and Eliminate a \$4B Payments Bottleneck

KYRIBA SUCCESS STORY

Out of Compliance and Running Out of Time

Cerner's Treasury built an in-house, custom solution to manage the company's large data volumes, and they implemented SWIFT Alliance Lite2 to support all bank communications, including prior and current-day bank statements, payroll, and vendor/expense payments.

Late in 2021, Cerner Treasury uncovered that their IT infrastructure was out of compliance with SWIFT's Customer Security Control framework. Financial systems were at risk, with the large M&A deal with Oracle, Cerner Treasury needed a reliable and efficient solution to move global payments.

Key Challenges

1. Immediate and urgent need to comply with SWIFT standards and reduce reputational risk and threats of financial impact and loss; costs of maintaining SWIFT AL2 would drain IT resources 410 hours per year on maintenance, token management and the lengthy certificate renewal process
2. \$4B Payments bottleneck with a lack of a scalable, payments hub for the extensive network of partner banks
3. Limited capabilities for enhanced bank reporting and accelerated visibility to cash
4. Heavily manual and redundant tasks with more costly operations, creating potential challenges to M&A activities, Day 1 readiness, and the Oracle acquisition closing

"As a health IT company, we go through extreme efforts to be in compliance and protected. Upgrading and maintaining our own SWFIT BIC would be a continuous drain on IT resources, and our executives quickly approved the Kyriba solution."

— Leonard Nick
Assistant Treasurer

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Pinnacle Award Finalist

ORACLE Cerner

Client: Oracle Cerner
Industry: Information Technology
Headquarters: Kansas City, MO
Number of Employees: 29K+

For 40+ years, Cerner, a leading Electronic Health Record platform, worked at the intersection of healthcare and information technology to connect people and systems around the world, using the latest technology to create solutions that let communities and people engage in their own health.

In June of 2022, Oracle Corporate acquired Cerner for \$28B to further couple technology and healthcare innovation.

Solution

Migrate to Kyriba Service Bureau & Transform Treasury's Role

The Cerner SWIFT BIC was migrated to the Kyriba Service Bureau, and the Cerner Treasury team focused on creating a unified Treasury and Finance Liquidity reporting environment with:

1. Faster bank connectivity through Open APIs.
2. A Payments Hub to consolidate and create a consistent and automated file and payment instruction pathway.
3. ERP integration for reporting to and from related systems.
4. SWIFT BIC/Kyriba automation facilitates bank communication via the Service Bureau while having the full BIC functionality option to expand to additional bank transactions, vendor and client real-time secure communication.

In this new, fully connected environment, full SWIFT AllianceLite2 use and continuous automation is still available and not sacrificed while data flows from ERP, Payroll, HR and Treasury solutions. All integration points established with Cerner's ERP are still in place, facilitating the current payment automation and new investment capabilities.

Driving Factors to Choosing Kyriba



Innovation

A solution that would allow BOT and scripting automation, Open APIs, and AI to enable future opportunities for data-driven process acceleration.



Productivity Improvements

Culture shift in thinking focused on the positive impacts of technology enabling and funding more strategic enterprise-wide initiatives. Reducing or eliminating administrative tasks associated with maintaining a SWIFT BIC through AL2 was critical, including token management, Certificate renewals, and IT server support.



Scalability

Support business through continued organic/acquisition growth, critical to lean Treasury team (4 FTE's) and \$28B acquisition.



Standardization/Automation

Standardization/Automation: Minimize impact to IT staff, maintaining standardization and automation capabilities with internal and external systems (Peoplesoft, Workday, ADP).



Seamless

Seamless solution with no impact to banking partners, with the aim of accelerating payments functionality.

Productivity Gains of 930 Hours and ROI Payback in less than 9 Months

Positive business outcomes expected from this project:

- Protected and continued \$4B/350k in annual payments value/volume with capacity to grow
- Protect free cash flows and low operational costs, key to Oracle acquisition
- 5 year ROI and IRR is 31.9% and 70.3% respectively, payback in less than 9 months
- **930 IT hours saved annually (410 hours of AL2 maintenance, 520 hours of bank connectivity maintenance)**