

SAP® ACCOUNTING FOR BANKING PACKAGE

A SOFTWARE PACKAGE FOR THE BANKING BUSINESS

The SAP® Accounting for Banking package is for banks wanting accounting software that integrates with a central general ledger and supports standard accounting reporting and compliance with International Financial Reporting Standards. It helps banks transition to an enterprise service-oriented architecture.



Banks today are acting globally in different markets with different products for different customers. This requires that their core banking systems be tailored to the local markets. At the same time, the risk has become global, too, and requires a common set of accounting rules in order for banks to be able to assess risk properly and react in due time to emerging problems. In other words, banks think globally, but act locally.

Being stable, flexible, and auditable are key if a bank is to face today's business challenges successfully. A bank requires a stable general ledger that is auditable. It needs the kind of flexibility provided by a data warehouse-type environment. It must also provide its managers and employees with the right information, applications, and services to increase overall productivity. Yet, meeting these demands puts additional pressure on a bank's operations.

At the same time, banks must control costs and business risks, decrease their total cost of ownership (TCO), and leverage existing IT systems. They must also select the right IT solution from a trusted vendor that can be deployed fast.

SAP® Accounting for Banking – The Right Solution to Start With

The SAP® Accounting for Banking package is an affordable option for any bank or financial services company. Of significant advantage is the fact that you know ahead of time exactly what your commitment will be, financially and in terms of time and resources.

In addition to supporting best practices for banks and financial services organizations, the software package delivers preconfigured business processes along with consulting expertise. With the right scoping, the package can be implemented in six months' time. This approach not only reduces the cost involved, it minimizes your risk as well. What you gain is a world-class architecture that covers your accounting requirements, including support for the complex International Financial Reporting Standards statements for financial instruments.

Out-of-the-Box Package

One reason SAP Accounting for Banking is so affordable is that it can be implemented quickly within a fixed-scope project using its built-in content, tools, and methodologies. Specifically, the software package consists of two major components, with options available to enhance your solution:

- **SAP software** – Preconfigured functionality, based on the SAP ERP application and the SAP Bank Analyzer set of applications, that supports a set of industry-specific business scenarios and which allows you to enhance those business scenarios when and as your business needs evolve
- **Consulting services** – A predefined set of services that will help you, for example, plan and prepare for the project and determine project scope and provide transfer of knowledge
- **Added-value services (optional)** – Hosting, training, and additional consulting services that you can request as required

The implementation of the SAP Accounting for Banking package is fast because it is based on a clearly defined scope and time frame.

While providing a custom fit for your industry and your organization, the software package ensures your business has room for expansion and growth. It is based on the comprehensive business experience SAP has acquired over more than 30 years of working with institutions of all sizes in the banking and financial services industry.

Solutions Tailored to Customer Needs

SAP Accounting for Banking is a high-value software package that immediately addresses key business issues critical to organizations active in the banking industry. It is an essential building block of your enterprise software business strategy – providing a solid foundation on which you can expand your business. You gain insight into

every aspect of your enterprise and can be sure that your accounting and financial reporting activities remain transparent and comply with applicable international regulations.

In addition, SAP Accounting for Banking supports best business practices for banks in all areas of financial management.

Financial and Management Accounting

With the support SAP Accounting for Banking provides, you can be sure of achieving and maintaining transparency of your financial accounting activities. The software package delivers intuitive mechanisms to collect, document, assess, remediate, and attest to the internal control processes and safeguards that your company has instituted. In addition, it supports all your financial activities, including:

- Balance sheet accounting
- Profit and loss statement
- General ledger management
- Profit center accounting
- Cost center accounting

You may also decide to introduce support for the following activities – which are optional:

- Accounts payable
- Fixed assets accounting
- Accrual accounting
- Internal order accounting



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Financial Instruments Subledger

The Accounting for Financial Instruments application has functionality to expedite your subledger operations and includes support for the following activities:

- Upload financial instruments and business transactions directly from your core banking system
- Perform calculations that incorporate fair value
- Prepare the accounting posting
- Provide direct access to the general ledger

Business Intelligence

A state-of-the-art data warehouse is at your fingertips to enhance your business intelligence by providing support for the following:

- Extract data from operational software solutions
- Reconcile
- Facilitate Web reporting with drill-down and drill-through functionality

Benefits of SAP Accounting for Banking

Fast Implementation

The implementation of SAP Accounting for Banking is fast because it is based on a clearly defined scope and time frame. In addition, it delivers predefined end-to-end business scenarios.

Together, this means you gain from:

- A standardized and reliable approach to evaluation and implementation that eliminates typical project risks
- Rapid implementation at reduced cost
- Quick ROI at low TCO

Optimized Business Processes

SAP Accounting for Banking delivers optimized business processes that have proven their worth in the productive environments of hundreds of customers active in the banking industry. When you introduce these business processes into your business, you can be sure of introducing the underlying strengths they are based on:

- Comprehensive business expertise in the form of support for best practices derived from countless successful customer installations
- Satisfaction of performance and efficiency requirements specific to financial services institutions
- Extensive documentation, accelerating the knowledge transfer and reducing training needs

A Safe Investment

In choosing SAP Accounting for Banking, you introduce into your working environment the stability and reliability you seek. The reason is that the software package is integrated into a solid foundation that boasts:

- SAP industry-specific know-how and built-in support for best practices gathered from the most advanced accounting techniques
- State-of-the-art architecture that leverages existing IT systems and offers scalability and flexibility for future growth
- A world-class technical infrastructure based on the SAP NetWeaver® technology platform

Powered by SAP NetWeaver

SAP Accounting for Banking is powered by the SAP NetWeaver technology platform. SAP NetWeaver unifies technology components into a single platform, allowing organizations to reduce IT complexity and obtain more business value from their IT investments. It provides the best way to integrate all systems running SAP or non-SAP software.

In choosing the SAP Accounting for Banking package, you introduce into your working environment the stability and reliability you seek.

SAP NetWeaver also helps organizations align IT with their business. With SAP NetWeaver, organizations can compose and enhance business applications rapidly using enterprise services. As the foundation for enterprise service-oriented architecture (enterprise SOA), SAP NetWeaver allows organizations to evolve their current IT landscapes into a strategic environment that drives business change.

Find Out More

Visit us online at www.sap.com/banking or contact your SAP representative for more details and a live demonstration of the package.

Summary

The SAP® Accounting for Banking package is a high-value software package that immediately addresses key business issues critical to organizations active in the banking industry. It is an essential building block of your enterprise software business strategy – providing a solid foundation on which you can expand your business. You gain insight into every aspect of your enterprise, and you can be sure your accounting and financial reporting activities are transparent and comply with applicable international regulations.

Challenges

- Achieving and maintaining transparent and auditable business processes
- Quicker adoption of new requirements, whether coming from internal (for example, the controlling department) or external (for example, regulatory authorities or shareholders) sources
- Reduction of operational IT costs and total cost of ownership

Supported Business Processes and Software Functions

- **Rapid, low-risk implementation** – Benefit from a standardized and reliable approach to implementation that minimizes typical project risks
- **Fixed-scope implementation** – Introduce predefined business processes supported by best practices specific to the banking industry
- **Financial and management accounting** – Be sure of achieving and maintaining transparency of your accounting and financial reporting activities
- **Financial instruments subledger** – Expedite your subledger for financial instruments operations

Business Benefits

- **Fast implementation** – Lower typical project risk and know beforehand the costs, resources, and time involved
- **Optimized business processes** – Let your business profit from the comprehensive business expertise of SAP in the form of support for best practices derived from countless successful customer installations and reduce your reconciliation efforts and time for delivery of closing reporting with improved data quality
- **Solid, proven technology foundation** – Establish your business processes on a world-class architecture to offer flexible banking services that will support the smooth evolution of your IT environment

For More Information

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