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Dear Sir,

Union Bank Trade Solution

TRADE SOLUTION PROPOSAL

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INTRODUCTION

This proposal outlines the design, implementation and deployment of an integrated Trade Services Solution for Union Bank, aimed at automating end-to-end trade workflows, improving straight-through processing (STP), enhancing customer transparency, and ensuring regulatory compliance across key trade products.

Objectives

The goals of the solution are to:

1. Automate core trade operations to reduce manual intervention and exception rates
2. Provide real-time visibility to Relationship Managers (RMs) and customers via a single-view portal
3. Embed regulatory checks (CBN, OFAC, sanctions screening) into workflows
4. Enable seamless integration with NSW/FCUBS, SWIFT, OCR engines and downstream settlement systems
5. Generate actionable reports and notifications at every transaction stage

Products

The Solution will have the following:

Type	Product	Product Code	Product Name
PRODUCT	1	BFC	BILLS FOR COLLECTION
PRODUCT	2	FORMA	FORM A PROCESSING
PRODUCT	3	LOAN	TRADE LOAN PROCESSING
PRODUCT	4	PAAR	PAAR
PRODUCT	5	FORMNXP	FORM NXP
PRODUCT	6	FORMM	FORMM PROCESSING
PRODUCT	7	FXSALES	FOREIGN EXCHANGE
PRODUCT	8	IMPORTLC	IMPORT LETTER OF CREDIT
PRODUCT	9	SHIPPINGDOC	SHIPPING DOCUMENTS



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PRODUCT	I0	INWCP	INWARD CUSTOMER PAYMENT
PRODUCT	I1	DOMOUTAC	DOMICILIARY OUTWARD ACCOUNT

Product Description

Bills for Collection

- Customer/RM lodges collection instructions via portal
- System generates SWIFT MT-4xx messages and routes to the Bills inbox queue
- Automatic reconciliation of proceeds upon receipt; exceptions flagged to queue with failure reason

Form A Processing

- Post-validation on NSW, Form A details (expiry, registration date) flow into portal
- Auto-debit of fees; failure cases enter exception queue
- State changes (validated, queried) trigger email/SMS notifications to RM & customer

Trade Loan Processing

- Capture and straight-through processing of secured/unsecured trade financing requests
- Integration with credit decision engine; multi-level approval workflows
- Automated drawdown and repayment schedules, with alerts for upcoming maturities

PAAR

- PAAR validation on NSW updates portal with consignment number
- Fees debited automatically; state transitions notify stakeholders
- Amendment/cancellation requests handled via liaison-officer queue with auto-notifications



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Form NXP

- Similar flow as Form M: portal update upon NSW registration, fee automation, notifications
- Exception management for regulatory holds or data mismatches

Form M Processing

- End-to-end Form M lifecycle (validation, registration, amendment, cancellation)
- Auto-notifications, OCR for uploaded amendment requests, and CBN liaison integration

Foreign Exchange

- Spot, Forward, Swap, NDF and Third-Currency trades via integrated FX blotter
- STP to Calypso or chosen Treasury system; real-time rate feeds from Reuters/Bloomberg
- Limit checks and VAR/PV01 risk controls embedded

Import Letter of Credit

- L/C issuance, amendment, negotiation and settlement workflows
- Auto-generation of MT-7xx messages, documentary compliance checks, integration with shipping docs module

Shipping Documents

- Upload scanned/documents (advanced or negotiated sets) with OCR extraction of key fields
- Courier tracking updates on portal; real-time delivery status (DHL-style experience)

Inward Customer Payment

- STP for inward FCY payments: same-currency postings to matching GLs; third-currency to treasury recircle account



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- Name-matching thresholds per value bands; exception/return workflows

Domiciliary Outward Account

- Centralized initiation channels (branch, FOP, omniflow) with delegated-mailbox capture via OCR
- Multi-stage approval, SWIFT MT-2xx generation, exception handling for sanctions screening

Resources

The following resources will be deployed for the project:

- 1) Application architects
- 2) Software Developers
- 3) Cloud Solutions Architects
- 4) SMEs and
- 5) Business Consultants
- 6) Quality Assurance Engineers
- 7) Business Analysts
- 8) Project Manager

High Level Plan

The high-level plan

- 1) Two months for the foundation architecture and flagship product(s)
- 2) Additional product on a weekly basis
- 3) Four months for the MVP

Deliverables

- 1) Business Requirements Documentation
- 2) Project Plan
- 3) Functional Requirements Documentation
- 4) Interface Documentation Specification
- 5) Integration Specification
- 6) End User Manual
- 7) Technical Manual
- 8) Deployment Architecture



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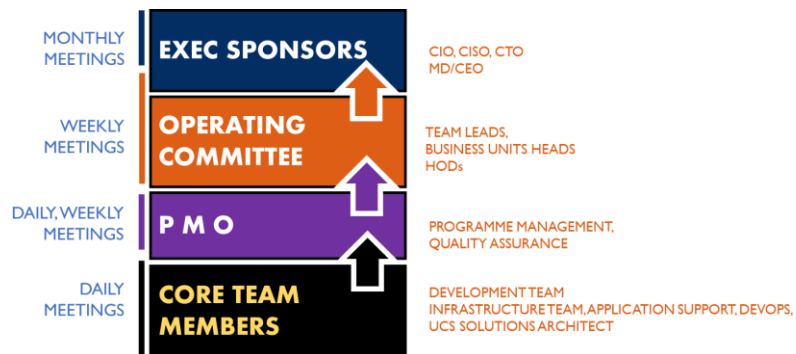
Project Management Methodology

Development

Development will be prioritized as indicated in the product roadmap. Each phase will have as many as 5 sprints. The application will be put to use from sprint 1 (Flagship products). Sprint will have one product that works end to end.

Governance

Project Team: The project team will comprise the resources from Qucoon and assigned resources from Union Bank. The team will meet twice a week.



Yours faithfully,

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