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Tata Consultancy Services’ (TCS’) Integrated Blockchain Offering enables banks to exploit the potential of blockchain to offer faster and cost-effective financial services to their customers. The offering fosters a structured, use-case led approach, complemented by proof-of-concepts and adoption considerations on leading blockchain platforms.

Overview
Financial players today need to choose between specific platform and business model-based approaches to understand, explore and eventually adopt blockchain technology. A platform specific approach requires multiple validation cycles, which increases the time required to deploy it. On the other hand, a business-model-first approach risks longer conceptualization cycles, due to lack of timely feedback.

TCS’ Integrated Blockchain Offering helps banks:
- Choose a pragmatic approach to test blockchain potential with experimentation on leading blockchain platforms
- Define the criteria for choosing candidate use cases
- Formulate an optimal approach with rapid prototype-led exploration to decide on blockchain adoption roadmaps
- Define architectural principles to explore and realize selected use cases
- Test coexistence and compatibility considerations among key platforms
- Design principles meeting the regulatory requirements
- Compile optimum blockchain architecture technology and framework checklists

Our Solution
TCS’ Integrated Blockchain offering is tailored to facilitate an exploration and implementation journey through this technology. We provide the following services:
- **Advisory Services:** Formulate a clear blockchain strategy and manage its roadmap, conduct executive briefings, training seminars and workshops, and compile and review business use cases
- **Pilot Projects:** Use case development and validation, technology selection and review, blockchain proof of concepts (PoC) on leading platforms, and point of view (PoV) or pilot project execution
- **Projects:** Select a blockchain platform, test it and integrate it with the rest of the enterprise applications

The TCS Advantage
TCS’ Integrated Blockchain Solution focuses only on the core blockchain technology and its applications in banking. Our dedicated TCS blockchain lab is loaded with demonstrable use cases and PoCs across the banking and capital markets domains. We have hands-on experience backed by global alliance partnerships with IBM and Microsoft that help us increase our strong blockchain industry position.

Our dedicated blockchain Center of Excellence (CoE), helps us develop PoCs on leading platforms, the architecture framework, and technology checklists. We have gained valuable delivery and project management experience focused on large transformational programs. TCS is also in alliance with the early access program at R3 Corda, a leading blockchain platform.

How We Help Our Customers
**Case Study 1:** TCS has partnered with ABN AMRO bank to explore the potential of blockchain in the clearing and settlement segment. This test explores how tokenized cash balances and equities are allotted and transferred between issuers, clearing banks, and investors. We leveraged our PoC platform within a sandbox environment integrated to their back-office platform. This engagement tries to establish whether a distributed ledger integrated with legacy systems can create a ‘single source of truth’ to allow instant cash settlements.

Benefits
TCS’ Integrated Blockchain offering enables financial firms and banks to explore the potential of blockchain by:
- Developing and validating use case details for the bank
- Leveraging accelerators including blockchain architecture framework and checklists
- Conducting PoCs and pilots on leading blockchain platforms
- Implementing enterprise integration projects
- Leveraging hands-on experience and partnerships with leading market platforms
- Following clearly defined principles to adopt blockchain
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