

HOW CAN RBS USE MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS IN MANAGING THE INTEGRATION OF ABN AMRO AND BUILDING ITS RETAIL CUSTOMER BASE FURTHER?

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Abstract

All through the 1990s and well into the principal half of the new 100 years, there was extraordinary action in Consolidations and Acquisitions (M&As) in the business banking industry of Western Europe. The recurrence of M&As reduced when the 2007-2009 monetary emergency hit the business sectors. One of the remainders of these exercises that occurred before the full blast of the 2007-2009 monetary emergency was the cross-line takeover that a consortium comprised of Imperial Bank of Scotland (RBS-Britain), Fortis (Belgium-Netherlands), and Santander (Spain) did of quite possibly of the biggest bank on the planet, ABN AMRO (Netherlands). A couple of months after the fact, the discounts of critical measures of subprime contract protections had impacted the monetary record of RBS and Fortis, with extreme vital results. The monetary emergency constrained RBS and Fortis to pull out from Latin America yet additionally addressed a once in a lifetime chance for Santander to additionally reinforce its now strong situation in the locale. This article offers an itemized conversation of these occasions and closes with a reflection on the need to additionally explore the monetary outcomes of the support of unfamiliar banks in arising nations.

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Introduction

I'm more than happy to think of you regarding the money and offer offers which RBS and its accomplices Fortis and Santander (altogether the "Banks") have today made for ABN AMRO. The Offers are being made by the Banks through their obtaining vehicle, RFS Possessions. Expecting the Offers are effective, it is planned that RBS will procure ABN AMRO's Worldwide Discount Organizations and Global Retail Organizations, as portrayed in segment 2 "Foundation to and Purposes behind the Offers", (on the whole, along with RBS's consortium extent of the Common Resources, the "ABN AMRO Organizations") for a thought of e16 billion, net of the offer of LaSalle. At our Yearly Comprehensive gathering in April, I made sense of that an open door that fits so intimately with RBS's essential needs doesn't emerge frequently, and that it was thusly occupant on us to investigate this open door without limit. I guaranteed you that we wouldn't continue without cautious assessment to guarantee that it was to your greatest advantage to do as such. As set out more meticulously in this archive, this

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exchange will empower us to speed up fundamentally the conveyance of our current targets to broaden our worldwide arrive at in corporate and institutional banking and extend our presence and exercises in the Asia-Pacific locale. At our Yearly Comprehensive gathering, I likewise referenced our goal to foster areas of strength for an in the US in mid-corporate and business banking. RBS would have liked to have the option to secure LaSalle in the US to speed up this system however the decision of the Dutch High Court has forestalled this. We will, in any case, have gotten incentive for LaSalle and stay sure that we can accomplish our objectives around here by natural development.

Background to and Reasons for the Offers

ABN AMRO, the Banks accept, contains great organizations and client establishments generally spread across a scope of alluring business sectors. Be that as it may, ABN AMRO has recognized the chance for it to convey more prominent advantages for its clients and workers and produce development and extra incentive for its investors by consolidating with an accomplice and selling portions of the ABN AMRO Gathering. The Banks accept that they throw a tantrum with ABN AMRO across its exercises. That's what the Banks expect, following their securing of ABN AMRO, they will actually want to make more grounded organizations with upgraded market presence and development possibilities, prompting significant worth creation and advantages for investors, clients and representatives. The Banks have the monetary and the board assets to put resources into and develop ABN AMRO's organizations and have demonstrated records of developing their own organizations. Execution of the Banks' separate measures to acknowledge projected cooperative energies is supposed to upgrade benefit and permit the Banks to put further in client confronting regions, as they have done in their own organizations.

Global Wholesale Businesses

International Retail Businesses

The mix of RBS Worldwide Banking and Markets ("GBM") and ABN AMRO's Worldwide Discount Organizations will make a main corporate and institutional business with both scale and worldwide reach, and with fundamentally upgraded development possibilities. For the reasons for this report, ABN AMRO's Worldwide Discount Organizations comprise of Specialty Unit Worldwide Clients and the discount clients in Specialty Unit Europe (barring Anton Veneta), Specialty Unit Asia and the proceeding with organizations of Specialty Unit North America, and discount clients in the Netherlands and Latin America, barring Brazil.

3. Plans for ABN AMRO

Overview

Upon effective fruition of the Offers, the ABN AMRO organizations are to be obtained by RFS Property, an organization shaped by the Banks and to be constrained by RBS. Following consummation of the Offers, an efficient redesign is supposed to bring about the accompanying possession:

RBS: Proceeding with organizations of Specialty Unit North America following the offer of LaSalle, Business Unit Worldwide Clients and discount clients in the Netherlands (counting previous Dutch discount clients) furthermore, Latin America (barring Brazil), Specialty Unit Asia (barring Saudi Hollande) and Specialty Unit Europe (barring Anton Veneta).

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Fortis: Specialty Unit Netherlands (barring previous Dutch discount clients, Interbank and DMC

Buyer Money), Specialty Unit Private Clients all around the world and Specialty Unit Resource The executives internationally.

Santander: Specialty Unit Latin America (barring discount clients outside Brazil), Anton Veneta, Interbank and DMC Shopper Finances shared Resources: Administrative centre and focal capabilities, confidential value portfolio, stakes in Capitella and Saudi Holl Andi, and Prime Bank.

ABN AMRO's Global Wholesale Businesses

The organizations which RBS will obtain are those that comprised ABN AMRO's Discount Clients Specialty Unit ("WCS") in 2005 (counting the proceeding with organizations of Specialty Unit North America following the offer of LaSalle, and including the Netherlands, yet barring Brazil (other than Worldwide clients)) and the item abilities serving discount clients inside its Worldwide Business sectors and Exchange Banking Item Specialty Units. In 2006, WCS clients were moved to the territorial Specialty Units, with the exception of the biggest clients which were kept up with in ABN AMRO's Worldwide Clients Specialty Unit. In 2007, Worldwide clients have additionally been apportioned to the provincial Specialty Units. RBS assesses that ABN AMRO's Worldwide Discount Organizations created pay of e5,677 million and benefit before expense of e630 millions of every 2006, on an IFRS premise. RBS accepts that there are major areas of strength for a fit among GBM and ABN AMRO's Worldwide Discount Organizations. GBM has significant strength across an expansive scope of supporting and chance administration items and in 2006 had what it accepts to be an industry driving cost: income proportion of 40%, reflecting profound client connections and solid pay per client measurements. Notwithstanding, while GBM has been growing its global arrive at lately, it actually has restricted presence outside major monetary focuses. The procurement of ABN AMRO's worldwide branch organization ought to empower GBM to speed up this extension comparative with its ongoing methodology, under which the foundation of a worldwide branch organization and client base would take a critical period and would require huge venture.

International Retail Businesses

ABN AMRO has a broad organization of branches in Asia and the Centre East, primarily to help its worldwide money the board, instalments and exchange finance organizations for business clients. Large numbers of these branches are likewise dynamic in retail banking, albeit for the most part just on a restricted scale. ABN AMRO has retail exercises in nine business sectors in Asia and the Centre East (1): • East Asia: China, Hong Kong, Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Taiwan • South Asia: India, Pakistan • Centre East: Joined Bedouin Emirates The main presence is in India, where ABN AMRO has 27 branches, and Joined Middle Easterner Emirates, with 17 areas. The branches in India are in significant conurbations the nation over and remember six branches for New Delhi and three in Mumbai. In Joined Middle Easterner Emirates the organization is centred around key areas in Abu Dhabi and Dubai. ABN AMRO likewise has a presence in Central area China, with 11 branches, and Taiwan, with five branches. In Pakistan, ABN AMRO has 12 branches (barring Prime Bank, which will be remembered for the Common Resources).

4. Information on RFS Holdings

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RFS Possessions was consolidated in the Netherlands on 4 May 2007 as a privately owned business with restricted obligation, exclusively to make the Offers and to impact the Exchange for RBS, Fortis and Santander. Assuming that the Offers have been pronounced unqualified, RFS Possessions will be supported by RBS, Fortis and Santander in the accompanying extents:

- RBS: 38.3%
- Fortis: 33.8%
- Santander: 27.9%

5 Information on ABN AMRO

ABN AMRO is a conspicuous worldwide financial gathering offering an extensive variety of banking items and monetary administrations on a worldwide premise through an organization of 4,532 workplaces and branches in 56 nations and regions as at 31 December 2006. ABN AMRO is one of the biggest financial gatherings on the planet, with absolute combined resources of e987 billion at 31 December 2006. Notwithstanding its driving situation in the Netherlands, ABN AMRO likewise has provincial specialty units in Europe (remembering Anton Veneta for Italy), North America, Latin America and Asia. ABN AMRO likewise has assorted worldwide warning; capital business sectors and venture banking exercises and its worldwide resource the executive's business makes due roughly e193 billion in expert orders and shared reserves working in 26 nations around the world

Financing the Offers

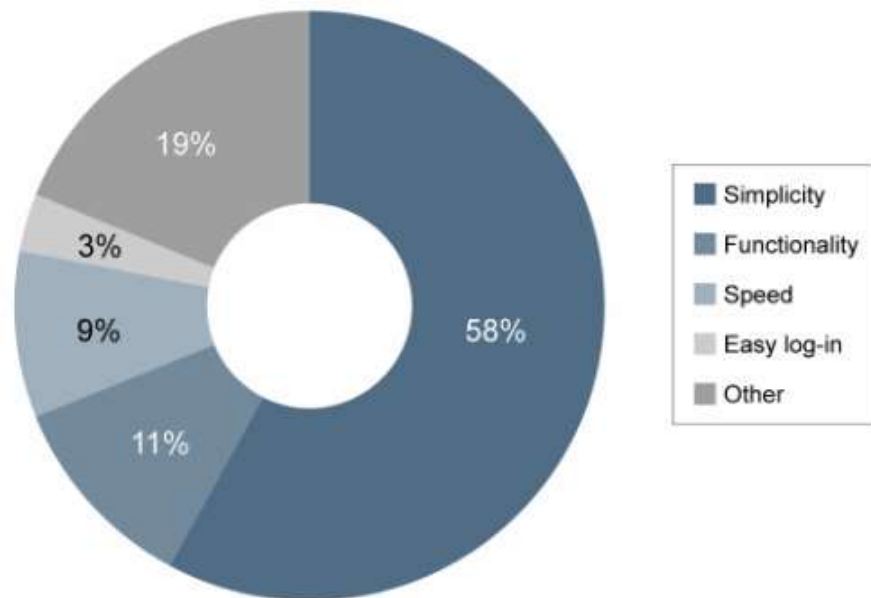
Accepting all exceptional ABN AMRO Customary Offers (counting ABN AMRO Standard Offers addressed by ABN AMRO ADSs) are offered into the Offers, RBS would be obliged to issue 556,143,700(2) New RBS Common Offers to the holders of ABN AMRO Normal Offers and, furthermore, RFS Property would be obliged to pay a total money thought of e66 billion. Further subtleties based on the conditions of the Offers are set out to some degree VIII of the Plan.

Retail Operations Around Customer Loyalty

By many measures, however, RBS has previously coordinated a noteworthy circle back by zeroing in strongly on clients' needs — a lot of which has happened discreetly behind the title rebuilding moves. Preparing its assets on making clients' lives more straightforward stands as opposed to a culture that valued unrestrained deals development and rambling M&A, which brought about a questionable evaluation of chance paving the way to the monetary emergency. Among the numerous signs of recharging are market-driving Net Promoter® scores at NatWest from clients taking out another home loan; perhaps of the most very much respected portable stage on the lookout, which just about 3/4 of clients currently use (see Figure 1); and a consistently developing portion of the UK market for individual banking.

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Attributes driving customer advocacy of the NatWest mobile app



Source: Royal Bank of Scotland

Figure 1 Advanced reception relies on straightforwardness and a natural UI

Rising up out of the rubble of the monetary emergency

This gradual resurgence has occurred in relative lack of definition contrasted and the ostentatious story of burden that worked out on a worldwide stage (see Figure 2). That story included the 2007 takeover-excessively far of ABN AMRO (together with Fortis and Santander), which missing the mark on essential reasoning. It outgrew a culture of dread and savage expense cutting under Chief Fred Goodwin.

RBS share price, not including reinvested dividends

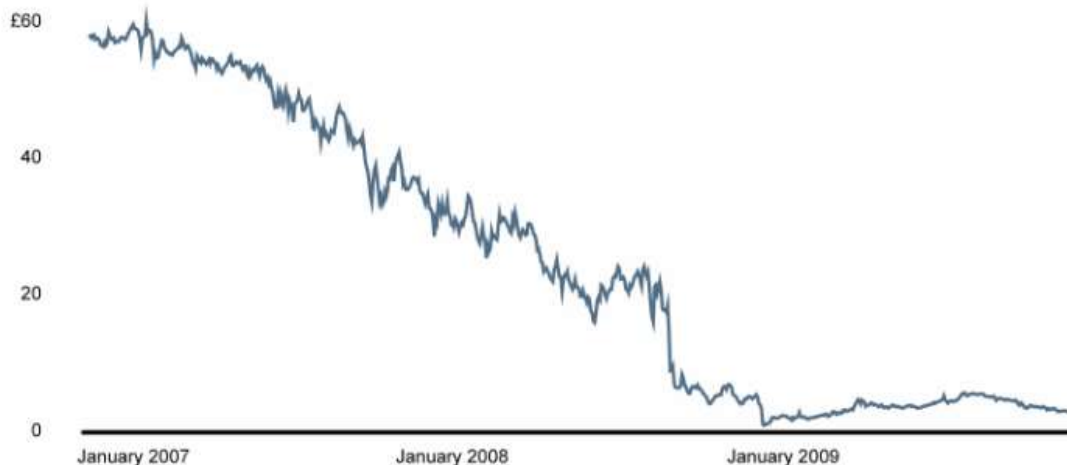


Figure 2 Imperial Bank of Scotland shares plunged following its takeover of ABN AMRO and the monetary emergency

6. Conclusion

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Computerization is presently essential for key cycles across ABN AMRO, assisting the keep money with speeding up work processes, for example, the giving of Mastercard's and contracts, and to guarantee that paper and email interchanges expected for perished account-holders are quickly diverted to their recipients. Benjamin Balaua makes reference to:

"We have accomplished inconceivable outcomes with computerization throughout the course of recent years, reducing the time and expense of the relative multitude of cycles we've robotized by up to 90%. While these investment funds are gladly received, they are at this point not the critical driver for our robotization endeavours. As we incorporate new innovations and step toward our hyper automation target, we are concentrating on building a future-confirmation design for the bank, controlled by the ideal mix of best-of-breed advances and normalized business processes."

Simultaneously as it gets ready for a hyper automated future, ABN AMRO is likewise outfitting its current innovation stages to shape more smoothed out and custom-made client encounters in the present.

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