

The Customer

Almost any long-established enterprise can find itself challenged by a complex IT estate that's evolved over time. Applications of different ages run on a variety of platforms, integration becomes a stumbling-block, and information doesn't flow smoothly from one application to another. The resulting delays and inefficiencies can lead to user frustration, lost productivity and a less-than-ideal experience for customers.

One leading Global Investment Bank is set on changing the game. To enhance and accelerate client service and maintain its market-leading position, it's rethinking the way its applications are hosted and connected to enable more efficient ways of working. To that end, the bank is engaged in a multi-year transformation program. Key aspects of their program are the migration of applications to a hybrid cloud, and the implementation of an advanced networking solution across its footprint.

The Requirements:

The bank's previous regional network was stitched together using circuits from multiple suppliers. To support its transformation, it sought a more coherent networking solution from a single provider.

The bank needs a solution that combines the security and robustness of an MPLS-based private network suitable for transporting the bank's most sensitive and critical data, with the flexibility, responsiveness and portal-based self-management advantages of SD-WAN Next, including near-real-time traffic steering and firewall policy management.

The Solution and The Bottom Line:

With SD-WAN Next, the bank is in the driving seat. It can now:

- Rapidly deploy new applications and services, thanks to network function automation
- Configure routing at each site based on priority, latency, jitter and traffic volumes
- Centrally manage network components, such as the virtual routers, firewalls and load balancers, which have replaced physical appliances
- Gain end-to-end visibility of network health and performance through rich portal-integrated analytics

Additionally, the move to a single provider delivers tangible cost savings and reduces contract management overhead costs.

