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The financial world is rapidly changing and institutions are challenged to keep up—let alone innovate. Nowhere is this more apparent than with payments, as many institutions are trapped in an internal ‘tug of war’ where they must constantly choose between running and growing their businesses.

By partnering with FIS, payments providers can put their technical operations on rails, expand their capabilities to connect with consumer preferences, and leverage our vast expertise and analytics capabilities to identify new opportunities to grow both their market and mind share.

FIS is focused on helping payments providers succeed in 3 key areas:

- **RUN** Operational Excellence
  Always-on Open payments platform

- **CONNECT** Customer Intimacy
  Access to wider payments ecosystem

- **GROW** Contextual Engagement
  Analytics driven, customer centric

Learn more about how FIS can help your business to **RUN, CONNECT** and **GROW**

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**Why Pharma, Inc. chose to implement a payments factory:**

- **Labor savings** in areas such as treasury, accounts payable, accounts receivable, payroll, cash reconciliation and IT.
- **Risk and payments fraud reduction** due to centralized administration of stronger, more systematic controls, ensuring secure, streamlined and error-free payments.
- **Reduced fees** due to greater payments visibility, allowing Thomas and team to identify where lower-cost forms of payments can be used.
- **Retirement of disparate legacy systems** used by different business divisions throughout the world.
Meeting the Myriad of Payment Types Required - 8:00 AM

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ACH, Cross-Border, and Real-Time Payments

- **ACH payments** delivered in 1-3 business days to banks and financial institutions, including brokers, throughout the world.
- **Cross-border payments** delivered to partners and parties in other countries in accordance to applicable regulatory requirements.
- **Real-time payments** made immediately to those banks equipped to receive immediate funding.
Thomas continues his morning of calls and meetings, all the while staying in contact with his regional team leads and direct reports about the status of the Pharma, Inc.’s immediate liquidity position. Because not all payments are immediate and take days to post with the various banks throughout the world, the treasury operations team needs to monitor the payments across thousands of accounts at Pharma, Inc. This is essential for Thomas and his analysts to monitor and manage the company’s cash position at all times.

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Keeping an Eye on Corporate Liquidity & Debt - 11:30 AM

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**Why is real-time liquidity monitoring so important?**

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Thomas has wrapped up his day in the office and is on his way to the airport for a long flight to New York to meet with leadership in the North American region. In the towncar, Thomas’ treasury operations team manager, Leo, calls to tell him about an important incoming wire that was made by the business unit’s customer. The transaction was immediately picked up by Trax as soon as the bank sent the credit notification, and the treasury operations team was alerted that the money was made available. Thanks to the Trax interface to Pharma’s general ledger (GL) system, the transaction was immediately posted in the business unit’s GL.

Additionally, Leo informed Thomas that two outgoing wires to pay invoices to a partner in Hong Kong were flagged as suspicious transactions because the bank account details of the beneficiary were different than the ones historically used for paying the Hong Kong partner. The payments were therefore intercepted and put in a waiting queue for further investigation.
Resting Assured - 8:00 PM

Thomas is in route to the U.S. and finally enjoying what little time he has not on his phone or laptop as the plane makes it way over the upper Atlantic Ocean. He’s enjoying a glass of wine and re-watching the latest Jason Statham car-racing movie. While Thomas is in the air and offline, Pharma, Inc.’s Trax system continues to run, ensuring that when Thomas lands and is back online, he’ll have access to a fully updated account with access to the company’s many bank statements for review and to confirm accuracy. It’s been a long day for both Thomas and his team but, thanks to the Trax payment factory, they’ve both been able to spend much more of their daily worktime devoted to more important tasks, not manual interventions on various vendor and partner payments.
Why Thomas and Pharma, Inc., are ahead of the curve ...

Approximately, fewer than 1 in 5 corporations have implemented a payment factory solution.
Pharma Inc. Treasurer, Thomas, pays counterparties across the globe. The corporate payment factory routes payments and connects to the relevant banks. The corporate payment factory then goes through cash positioning and liquidity monitoring. The corporate payment factory goes through reconciliation, cash pooling, reviewing and posting accounts. Thomas’ account is updated in the corporate payment factory.
FIS Trax Payments Factory

With the spotlight on liquidity, multinational corporations are under pressure to more effectively manage their cash. For corporations with complex payments requirements, FIS™ Trax payment factory solution provides best-in-class payments and account statements processing capabilities. It allows corporate treasury teams to better monitor and manage the company’s cash position, maintain an accurate general ledger, ensure regulatory compliance, and spot potential fraud—both internally and with vendors and partners.

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