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Swissca Rolls Out PAM With Link To Bloomberg Trading on Front End

Swissca Portfolio Management AG is installing a number of software offerings from Princeton Financial Systems to support middle- and back-office operations at its Zurich, Switzerland headquarters. The investment manager is linking Princeton's systems to the Bloomberg Trading System on the front end via an interface developed by the Princeton, N.J.-based vendor. Scheduled for full production toward the end of this month, Swissca's IT system will manage and account for unit trusts, pension funds and other internationally oriented portfolios

totaling some CHF 24 billion (\$6 billion).

Swissca finalized its selection in late July and quickly initiated conversion. The investment manager selected Princeton's Pam for Securities, Pam for Mutual Funds, the Pam Custodian Trade Notification, and Pam Attribution as well as the Bloomberg interface.

"We will bring it live in the middle of November," says Swissca managing director Rene Charriere. "In a couple of days or so we'll be parallel running and should be decommissioning the old system by the end of the year.

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Pacific Rim Eyes FIX Messaging as Global Committee Seeks Expansion

Exponential growth among IT managers using the FIX (Financial Information Exchange) messaging protocol is spurring not only expansion of the U.S.-based regional steering committee, but piquing interest in markets along the

Pacific rim. Meanwhile, the FIX global committee continues to move toward formalizing its organizational structure — looking to remedy some of the inherent flaws associated with the current framework.

Maintaining its balanced

buy side-to-sell side ratio, the FIX committee has added two institutional investors and two brokerage firms. The decision to add Merrill Lynch, Donaldson Lufkin Jenrette, Warburg Pincus Asset Management and Nicholas

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Yeager, Wood & Marshall Upgrades Impact II

New York-based Yeager, Wood & Marshall Inc. recently went live with the Windows-based version of Global Investment Systems' Impact II portfolio management and accounting system. The investment advisor needs the Windows functionality not only for Y2k compliance, but also to integrate its investment management system with a new affirmation/confir-

mation system developed and marketed by the Depository Trust Company.

Yeager is deploying Impact II in support of some \$600 million in assets under management. The firm runs GIS' 32-bit system on a Microsoft NT small-business server. Yeager uses the in-house, turnkey system for client account-

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