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## ABN Amro prepares unified global trading infrastructure

ABN Amro Bank has completed the front-to-back office integration of its Chicago-based foreign exchange trading business, say bank officials, and is now working on integrating its derivatives operations.

Moreover, ABN Amro officials say the systems architecture underlying its Chicago trading operations will be extended to the bank's four other main trading centres worldwide, as part of a proposed global integration project.

Sam Halim, chief information officer and executive vice president of ABN Amro's treasury and capital markets division, says three vendors will supply the proposed uniform global trading architecture.

These are: Hewlett-Packard for workstation and server hardware,

Teknekron Software Systems for digital market data distribution and Infinity Financial Technology for risk management applications.

Halim, a board member who heads up ABN Amro's technology and operations, says the combination of the three vendors' products is already present in Chicago. The platform is likely to be rolled out to the bank's Amsterdam, London, New York and Singapore offices by March 1997, he adds.

In Chicago, Halim says ABN Amro has finished integrating its foreign exchange trading operations and is "more than 75 per cent done in the swaps area."

"The currency area is up-and-running, all the way from front

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## NAB integrates its trading and credit systems

NATIONAL Australia Bank (NAB) has completed the first phase of a project to integrate the bulk of its front, middle and back office treasury systems at its London office.

The bank has installed an interface developed by Oxford-based

Rand Information Systems to automatically route transactions entered into its trade capture system to Reuters' Global Limit Control System (GLCS), which is used by NAB's middle office staff.

Harvey Rose, senior manager of operations at NAB, declines to comment on the bank's new credit risk interface.

But sources say the bank has now rolled out the Rand interface to foreign exchange and money

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