



IT without boundaries
Strategic Systems Solutions





Strategically positioned

to address the financial services industry's most critical IT system challenges. Worldwide.

We are Strategic Systems Solutions, a global IT consultancy to the world's financial services sector. As your technology partner, we deliver all phases of the software development life cycle from conception to production support. Our culture ensures that proven experts implement high-quality solutions with integrity, flexibility, and cost-efficiency – while meeting each client's unique requirements and objectives.

We do not see boundaries in IT, just challenges.

Experienced, flexible, dynamic.

These are the cornerstones of our corporate philosophy. Our depth of financial services experience combined with our breadth of expertise in IT is what we are best known for. Many of the biggest names in global investment banking place their trust in our ability to deliver high-quality, cost-efficient, and scalable technology solutions on a global basis. We deliver results time and again – consistently, seamlessly.

In a world of high-volume, multi-currency, and multi-product technology platforms, we know there is very little margin for error. At Strategic Systems Solutions, we understand the importance of straight through processing, front to back office reconciliations, and controlling and regulatory compliance. Our objective is to find the most efficient and dependable way to solve your IT challenges, while using the most appropriate technologies.



Our success is built upon establishing long-term relationships with our clients.

We get there by being different.

Share your business aspirations with us and we will give you intelligent, innovative solutions.

All too often there is not enough time to spell out in detail the nature of your system problem or desired outcome. We have the know-how and the people with the right blend of financial services expertise, technology skills, and mental toughness to cut through complex business problems and deliver high-quality solutions. Our clients find these skills especially valuable in today's fast-paced, high-pressured business environment.

Global location strategy: local knowledge, global solutions.

At Strategic Systems Solutions, cost containment is a high priority. Consequently, we have strategically located our global offices in lower cost metropolitan areas where the skill levels are high – yet still close to the major financial hubs of the UK, US, and China. Secure, dedicated links across our global locations and to our clients' offices are built and managed by our Technical Services Group (TSG).

Our remote method of conducting business provides clients with the most cost-efficient co-sourcing or outsourcing service arrangement possible, without compromising quality and delivery. We believe it is superior to traditional consulting arrangements where consultants work at the client's site for lengthy periods of time.



From one-to-one on-site partnering to remote, global consulting

there are no boundaries.

A world of experience.

At Strategic Systems Solutions, we provide our clients with high-quality, cost-effective solutions to their global technology challenges by blending individual excellence in particular technologies with expert knowledge of complex, multi-platform environments. Our personnel have the experience to manage and complete full system life cycle projects and to support critical production applications 24/7. We offer a wide range of services to our clients for both distributed and mainframe technologies.

Application Development & Integration

- Business process re-engineering
- Project management
- Business analysis
- Database management
- Test execution and management
- Performance improvements
- Integration with legacy systems and 3rd-party products
- Networking/telecoms

Systems Outsourcing

- Smartsourcing planning
- Transition management
- Application enhancements and support
- 24/7 production management, support, and performance monitoring



**Our experience in Smartsourcing is invaluable to our clients.
Let us help you define your own resource location strategy.**

3 tiers, one solution.

3-tier consulting model

Tier 1: On-site

Project/Program Managers, Business Analysts, and Technical Architects work side by side with you to ensure that business requirements and project status are closely managed. These roles can be filled through full-time on-site consultants or through visits from near-shore resources. Each engagement is analyzed to determine the amount of on-site presence that is required and staffing decisions are made accordingly.

Tier 2: Near-shore

Teams are based in one of our regional offices within a few hours of the client location. This type of service increases the amount of same time zone coverage that we can provide to a client in a cost-effective manner.

In these locations, teams typically support full life cycle implementations, individual components of full life cycle projects (e.g., development, testing), and application or production support functions. Clients find this same time zone/close proximity coverage beneficial, enabling easy face-to-face communication, as required.

Tier 3: Off-shore

For North American or European projects, a team located in our Hangzhou, China office led by UK- or US-based project managers is the most cost-efficient option. A team leader in the Hangzhou office interfaces with their UK/US counterpart to provide wide management coverage.

Projects that are most conducive to the off-shore option depend upon various implementation factors. Aspects to keep in mind include project/application risk, task portability, amount of required working overlap between the near- and off-shore locations, and the need for user interaction with the effort. Given these parameters, Application Enhancements and Development, Production Support, Code Deployment, and Testing, among other tasks, can all be effectively supported while utilizing off-shore resources.



Global partnerships that make IT work.

Relationships - the foundation of our firm.

We have developed strong, multi-year partnerships with the majority of our clients, based on non-prescriptive relationships with services tailored to match individual requirements. By focusing on customer satisfaction and the delivery of high-quality solutions, our growth has come primarily from repeat business and increased demand from our existing customer base.

Historically, client relationships begin as co-sourcing arrangements and then expand into larger outsourcing engagements. This type of growth enables our consultants to build relationships, business and systems knowledge, and provide a low-risk transition to outsourcing.

You will find examples of these engagements by visiting www.sssworldwide.com.

Integrity, reliability, trust.

We are dedicated to providing you with unmatched IT consultancy, from start to finish. That means delivering the best staffing solution in the most cost-efficient manner, and exceeding your expectations along the way. You can rely on us to provide first-rate application development solutions and support services that will deliver results 24/7 – year in, year out.

You can be assured of receiving the highest quality product for your investment. In Strategic Systems Solutions – a leader in investment banking IT consulting – you will find an experienced global partner you can trust.

Worldwide Locations

If you are interested in an executive review of your company's information technology requirements, please contact the Strategic Systems Solutions headquarters in your region and ask to speak with a Business Development Director. As an alternative, send an email to businessdevelopment@sssworldwide.com.

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