PRINCIPLE SOLUTION ARCHITECT - FINANCE

Job Title	Principle Solution Architect – Finance
Business Unit / Group Function	Central Services
BU Team / Sub-Function	GTS
Location	Arete
Leader	Architecture Leader
People Leadership	Yes
Job Level	3B

Role Purpose

To provide system, technical and process expertise on ERP design, configuration, and operating instructions to deliver application solutions that are optimised and aligned across all core functions as part of WGS group at a global level.

Accountabilities

- Partner with Finance, GTS Product Team Finance Manager and GTS Enterprise Architecture Leader to define IT Finance capability roadmap and System portfolio.
- Partner closely with GTS Enterprise Architecture Leader to ensure alignment with our Enterprise Architecture principles, standards, and governance processes.
- Contribute to and be part of creating our Architecture Community, becoming accountable for capabilities for both IT and the business helping to meet our strategic goals.
- Strong stakeholder engagement to build and maintain trusted relationships with key business, IT and 3rd party contacts.
- Produce High Level Designs to realise business and IT requirements, raising and mitigating architectural and / or projects risks that may surface.
- Ensure that the solution architecture balances functional, service quality and operational
 management requirements but remains bound by relevant commercial, business function and
 technical constraints.
- Work with the Security function to ensure any solution meet the needs of our security standards and principles.
- Act as the key point of contact and escalation between Global Finance teams and IT teams.
- Collaborate with IFS10 and IT workstreams leads to ensure Finance impacts of wider business change are understood.
- Pragmatically manage the needs of the business to deliver IFS10 and then manage longer-term IT strategy and direction for Finance

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Core Competencies:

Relating and Networking

- Establishes good relationships with customers and staff
- Builds wide and effective networks of contacts inside and outside the organisation
- Relates well to people at all levels
- Manages conflict

Analysing

- Analyses numerical data, verbal data and all other sources of information
- Breaks information into component parts, patterns and relationships
- Probes for further information or greater understanding of a problem
- Makes rational judgements from the available information and analysis
- Produces workable solutions to a range of problems
 Demonstrates an understanding of how one issue
 may be a part of a much larger system

Persuading and Influencing

- Makes a strong personal impression on others
- Gains clear agreement and commitment from others by persuading, convincing and negotiating
- Promotes ideas on behalf of self or others
- Makes effective use of political processes to influence and persuade others

Applying Expertise and Technology

- Applies specialist and detailed technical expertise
- Develops job knowledge and expertise through continual professional development
- Shares expertise and knowledge with others
- Uses technology to achieve work objectives
- Demonstrates appropriate physical co-ordination and endurance, manual skill, spatial awareness and dexterity
- Demonstrates an understanding of different organisational departments and functions

Delivering Results & Meeting Customer Expectations

- Focuses on customer needs and satisfaction
- Sets high standards for quality and quantity
- Monitors and maintains quality and productivity
- Works in a systematic, methodical and orderly way
- Consistently achieves project goals.

Coping with Pressures and Setbacks

- Works productively in a pressurised environment
- Keeps emotions under control during difficult situations Handles criticism well and learns from it
- Balances the demands of a work life and a personal life. Maintains a positive outlook at work.
- Handles criticism well and learns from it.

Skills and Qualifications:

- Broad understanding of IFS10 Finance functionality, integrations, and solutions, preferably with hands on IFS10 implementation experience.
- Solution Architecture experience delivering both IFS and non- IFS IT Finance solutions and working with architecture governance processes.
- Experience of working and delivering in a complex and fast-moving environment.
- Outcome and delivery focused.
- Excellent consulting, communication and business facing skills with the ability to influence at all levels of the business.
- Experience managing and leading teams
- Accounting accreditation/experience preferable.
- Experience working for a Global FMCG.
- Accreditation in Solution Architecture / Business Analysis techniques
- Comprehensive knowledge of core business processes within a distilling, manufacturing, or distribution environment would be desirable
- Understanding of project management methodologies i.e. PRINCE2