

# Global Application Modernization: A Strategic Approach to Enterprise Data Management

## Executive Summary

A large restaurant brand with thousands of restaurants across the globe embarked on an ambitious digital transformation initiative to standardize applications and modernize financial, people, and infrastructure systems. Facing complex challenges of data management, compliance, and cost optimization, the company turned to Solix Technologies to create a comprehensive global application retirement strategy.

## Organizational Context

With billions in annual revenue, the organization needed a robust solution to manage its diverse and complex software portfolio. In 2023, leadership committed to a critical goal: ensuring all global restaurants operate on a consistent set of applications while retiring individual legacy systems efficiently.

## The Challenge: Global Application Modernization

The company's Global Application Modernization Initiative presented several key challenges:

- ✓ Maintain access to historical data for reporting and one-off use cases
- ✓ Achieve significant cost savings through data reduction
- ✓ Ensure compliance with stringent record retention policies
- ✓ Implement a simple, scalable solution
- ✓ Minimize archiving infrastructure costs

With applications spread across multiple countries and platforms, the organization needed a flexible, cost-effective approach to data archiving and application retirement.

## Solution: SOLIXCloud Enterprise Archiving Platform

Solix Technologies emerged as the ideal partner, offering a comprehensive solution tailored to the company's global needs:

## Key Implementation Features

- ✓ SOLIXCloud MTC Application Retirement platform
- ✓ Initial retirement of several Human Capital Management (HCM) applications
- ✓ Locations covered: APAC, EMEA, and the United States
- ✓ Phased approach spanning several years for global financial application retirement
- ✓ Object-based retention capabilities were implemented

## Phased Implementation Strategy

### Phase 1: Human Capital Management Application Retirement

- ✓ Retire legacy HCM applications across multiple countries
- ✓ Establish consistent data archiving processes
- ✓ Validate compliance and reporting capabilities

### Phase 2: Global Financial Application Retirement

- ✓ Comprehensive retirement of financial applications
- ✓ Coverage: United States, entire European region, Canada
- ✓ Continued focus on cost reduction and data management efficiency

## Anticipated Benefits

The strategic partnership with Solix Technologies promises multiple organizational advantages:

- ✓ **Millions in cost savings through legacy system decommissioning**
- ✓ **Standardized enterprise archiving platform**
- ✓ **Flexibility to archive diverse application types (Major ERP, AS400)**
- ✓ **Enhanced data accessibility and compliance**
- ✓ **Simplified global IT infrastructure management**



## Technical Approach

The solution leverages:

- ✓ **Cloud-based archiving infrastructure**
- ✓ **Flexible data migration capabilities**
- ✓ **Robust retention management**
- ✓ **Lowest-cost cloud storage options**

## Looking Forward: A Model for Global Digital Transformation

This initiative represents more than a technology upgrade—it's a strategic reimagining of the organization's data management approach. By adopting a systematic, phased application retirement strategy, the company is positioning itself for increased operational efficiency, reduced technological complexity, and improved global consistency.

The project demonstrates how large, complex organizations can successfully modernize their IT infrastructure while maintaining data integrity, ensuring compliance, and driving significant cost savings.

*About Solix Technologies: A leading provider of enterprise archiving, application retirement, and data management solutions that help organizations optimize their digital infrastructure.*