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EFFECTIVE BANK ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT



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WHAT

Discussing foundational components and leading practices for strong bank account management.



WHEN

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WHERE

Live online presentation Replays at StrategicTreasurer.com











ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

GET TO KNOW TODAY'S SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTS



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TOPICS OF DISCUSSION

KEY AREAS OF FOCUS & ANALYSIS



BANK ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT

DEFINITION AND PURPOSE



CHALLENGES

HOW POOR ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT HURTS



FOUNDATIONS

BUILDING A STRONG FRAMEWORK



CONTINUED SUCCESS

MAINTAINING GOOD MANAGEMENT



MOVING FORWARD

CONSIDERATIONS AND STEPS TO TAKE



KEY TAKEAWAYS

AND FINAL THOUGHTS





BANK ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT

THE WHAT AND WHY



What is BAM?

Managing the banking structure, banks, bank accounts, signers, and services in an appropriate manner



Why BAM?

Every bank account is a:

- Point of exposure
- Point of cost

Proper BAM is essential for:

- Good cash concentration
- Optimal liquidity
- Efficient processes and cost management
- Maximal interest income and minimal idle cash
- Effective controls
- Compliance
- Strategic decision-making





CHALLENGES TO ADDRESS

ISSUES CAUSED BY INADEQUATE BANK ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT



No connection to accounts

- Excess cash buildup
- Liquidity issues



Fragmented banking structure across entities

- Inefficiencies
- Lack of visibility



Missing expected controls

- Loss of funds
- Damaged reputation



Lack of standardized procedures

Compliance risks



Limited banking relationships

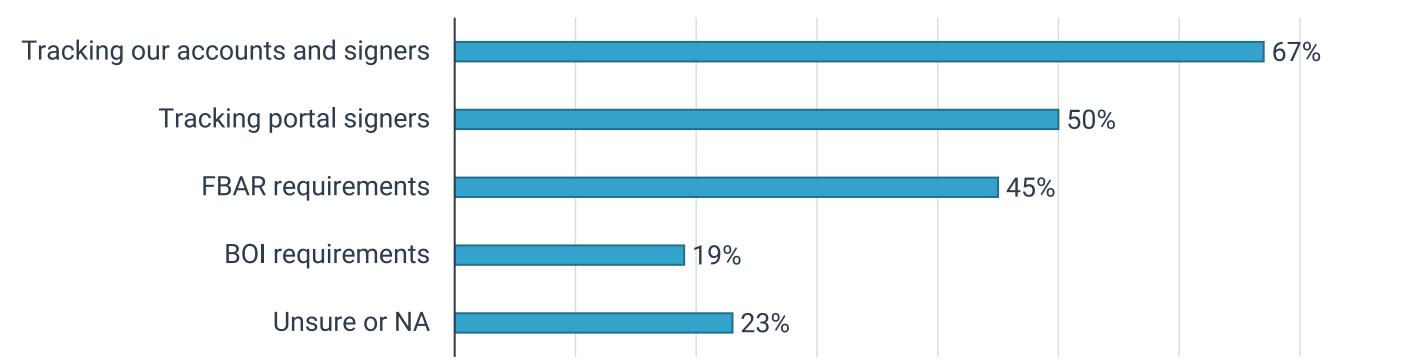
Too few resources for managing accounts



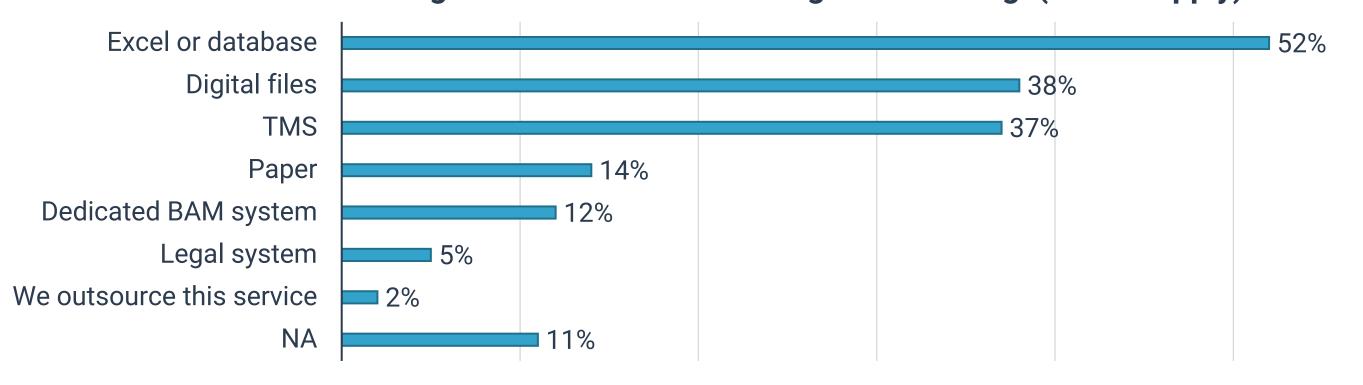


POLL QUESTION

Poll 1 - We are current and/or compliant for the following: (all that apply)



Poll 2 - We manage our bank accounts using the following: (all that apply)







FOUNDATIONAL COMPONENTS

EFFECTIVE BANK ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT



Account structure

- Types of accounts
 - Operating, savings, foreign, etc.
- Cash concentration



Access control

- User permissions
 - Signers, users
- Approval workflows
 - Single or dual signatory requirements



Cash management

- Liquidity monitoring
- Cash forecasting



Compliance

- Regulations and internal policies
- Reporting and disclosures



Risk management

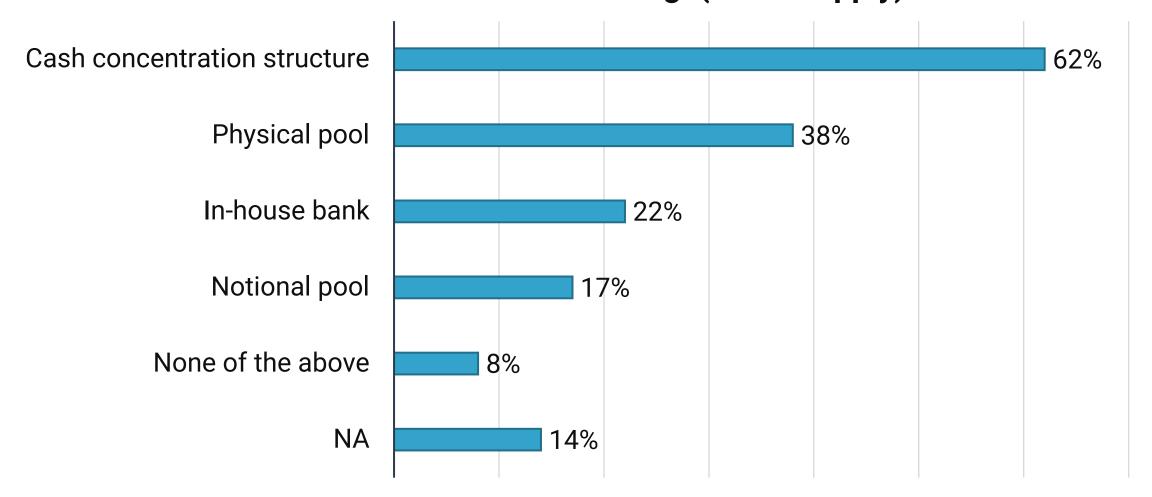
- Transaction limits, alerts, secure access protocols
- Audit trails





POLL QUESTION

Poll 3 - We have the following: (all that apply)

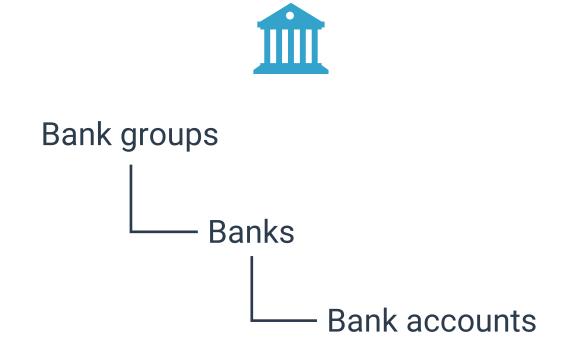


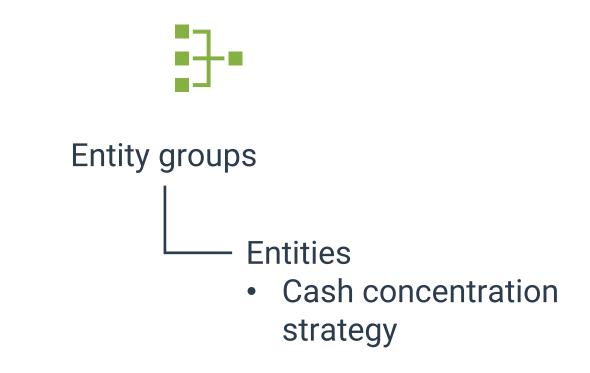




ORGANIZATIONAL OPERATIONS

AREAS TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT





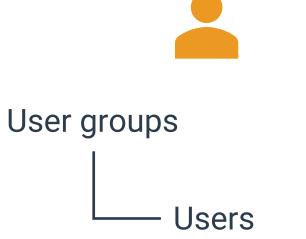


Signer groups

Signers

Bank signers

- Portal signersActive period
 - Rights



- Access levels
- Role-based





ESSENTIAL PRACTICES

ENSURING CONTINUED STRONG MANAGEMENT



Good controls with bank

- Prevent fraud
- Reduce errors
- Mitigate unauthorized transactions



Consistency of policy

- Standardized management procedures
- Applied across entities or regions



Structure for cash concentration

- Minimize idle cash
- Optimize liquidity



Institutional knowledge

 Relevant personnel have adequate knowledge regarding banking components and how they impact cash management



Compliance with regulations

- FBAR
- BOI
- KYC





GOVERNANCE AND CONTROL

PRINCIPLES TO BEAR IN MIND



Signer removal

- Particularly departures from AP
- Automatic feed or email
- Prevent unauthorized transactions and fraud



General ledger

- One-to-one relationship between cash accounts in general ledger and bank accounts
- Alignment essential for accurate cash flow management and reconciliation



System

- TMS or other way of tracking
- Enhances visibility and control



Audit

- Ensures compliance with internal controls and regulatory requirements
- Identifies weaknesses and areas of improvement



Standard security features

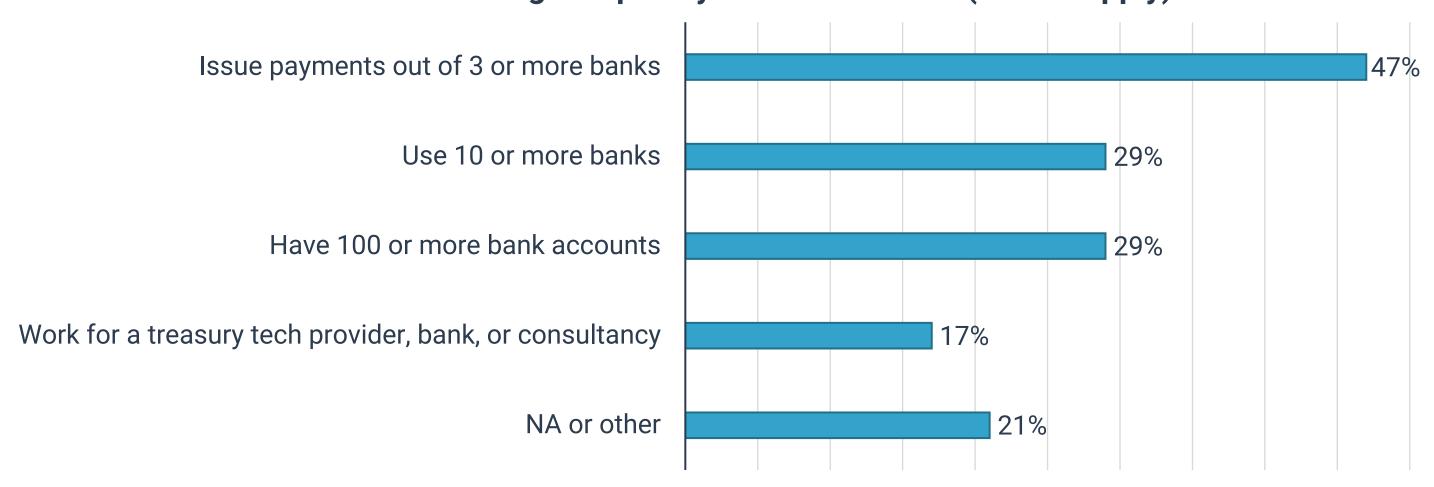
- Multi-factor authentication
- Out-of-band validation
- Segregation of duties
- Principle of least privilege





POLL QUESTION

Poll 4 - Our banking complexity situation is I/we: (all that apply)







DO YOU NEED A BAM SYSTEM?

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER



How often are signers changed?



Do you have foreign accounts?



Do you have many accounts being added each year?



Are you acquisitive?



How many bank accounts do you have?

Number of accounts	1-25	26-75	76-125	126+
Need a BAM system	No	Possibly	Most likely	Yes





MOVING FORWARD

STEPS TO TAKE TOWARD EFFECTIVE BANK ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT

1 Identify clear objectives

6 Load and test all information

Develop schematic of all bank accounts and concentration method

Establish KPIs to track efficiency and effectiveness

Adapt structure as needed to fit the ideal future state

8 Schedule annual audit with banks

4 Select BAM provider

Run data for FBAR reporting (internally or use external provider)

5 Gather all info required by provider template

Review data two times per year (performed by treasury)





FINAL THOUGHTS

HOW TO PROCEED



CLEAN DATA

 If you're going to have a BAM system, make sure data has been reviewed and is ready



GOVERNANCE

 What would workflows that govern data in the future look like?



NEEDS AND DESIRES

- What are you looking for in a BAM system for the future?
 - BAM
 - FBAR
 - BOI



CONTROL

- Signers
- Services
- Audit/review
- Process controls
- Banking structure





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