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Infor SunSystems—why move your financial software to the cloud

A business needs agility built into its infrastructure to stay ahead in today's competitive environment. Infor® SunSystems's cloud-based financials software provides businesses with the kind of agile platform that enables organizations to respond swiftly to emerging challenges and take advantage of opportunities ,enabling quicker responses to opportunities and changing organizational requirements. Utilizing our cloud technology stack—Infor Operating System (OS), the SunSystems® cloud can provide you with the flexibility to improve your financial processes using tailored workflows, alerts, and mobile connectivity.

Take a moment to consider what these opportunities might look like across your operations and how SunSystems's cloud-based software can help. Once you've seen these benefits, the real question might be: Why isn't your business already operating within the cloud?

> **"We invested later than our peers and wanted to catch up from a technological lag and move directly to the cloud platform to harmonize processes that can be supported by a solution such as SunSystems. [...] It is a future-proof solution and highly configurable, which is a big plus for us because different countries have different needs with different sizes and complexity."**
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1. Extract from a live testimonial at an Infor Inspire online event in March 2020.

Benefits at a glance

- 24x7 support and business continuity capabilities
- Guaranteed system availability service level agreement (SLA)
- Automatic monitoring and scaling of your cloud environments
- Automatic and ongoing updates of functional enhancements
- Automatic and ongoing updates for security and compliance
- Removal of data silos
- Enhanced collaboration tools using our cloud technology stack
- Reduced reliance on internal IT staff
- Free up capital—software as a service (SaaS) model is an operating expense
- Existing customers can retain detailed historical records
- Enable digital transformation initiatives

Innovate faster

When IT resources are focused on maintaining existing infrastructure and on-premises solutions, they become unavoidably stuck in a defensive operational mode—keeping things up and running becomes an overwhelming effort. As a result, teams struggle to get ahead of the basics to support more strategic initiatives that can facilitate organizational change.

SunSystems's cloud-based business solutions empower an organization to take risks—allowing companies to pursue new business opportunities, such as rapidly adding new geographical financial units without adding expensive infrastructure. It becomes possible to take advantage of new, innovative functionality more quickly and cost-effectively than was historically possible. If an initiative succeeds, it can be scaled seamlessly to a wider audience.

This unprecedented level of flexibility enables companies to foster a culture that's more conducive to implementing new, innovative ideas—not just within IT, but throughout the entire organization.

Embrace digital transformation

Give your organization the ability to react quickly to ever-evolving industry and market changes by removing data silos. Facilitate collaboration for better, accurate, and up-to-date information for informed decision-making with SunSystems. Enable users to be more productive thanks to the solution's modern and intuitive user experience. The SunSystems cloud solution delivers all the sophisticated capabilities of the Infor OS technical platform, ensuring ongoing access to new innovations as they arrive.

Fuel global growth

The SunSystems cloud-based solution allows businesses to rapidly establish new financial business units or expand existing financial operations in virtually any region without having to physically be there, which substantially minimizes both capital investments and risk. It also offers better business outcomes by allowing remote offices to operate seamlessly alongside other business units and headquarters and make it easier to share information regardless business partners regardless of supplier location.

Simplify compliance

Keeping aligned with continuous changes in software, security, and regulations is complex and expensive. It's a daunting effort, and yet, businesses have no option but to do their best to comply.

Compliance is an area where cloud-based solutions offer extraordinary benefits to businesses eager to increase productivity and reduce risk. In a cloud-based SaaS world, security and compliance updates can be pushed out automatically to the entire organization as soon as they're available. Not only does this simplify the process of keeping systems up to date, it also ensures that everyone in the company has access to the latest information and tools to do their jobs effectively. SunSystems can help with ongoing security compliance and governance requirements.

Capitalizing on this opportunity to rein in the complexity, cost, and risk of non-compliance is relevant to nearly every business. The approach is particularly valuable for firms operating in multiple countries, which can make regulatory and compliance challenges even more complex and costly.

Achieve global 24x7 service and business continuity

In today's economy, downtime means lost revenue. Companies can't afford to have critical applications offline. If you cannot perform critical financial processes such as supplier payment runs or issuing sales invoices, there is a risk of incurring financial penalties, adversely affecting your cashflow and damaging your company's reputation. And in a world that's always "switched on," keeping the proverbial lights burning around the clock is fast becoming a business imperative.

The SunSystems cloud solution is available every day, 24 hours a day, no matter where employees are located or what devices they're using. Because cloud computing providers deploy equipment that is typically far more reliable than anything most companies would use for their own on-premises solutions, we can achieve system up-time levels that are difficult to match.

Convert your software from a capital to an operational expense

SunSystems's cloud-based software can help free up capital, while delivering the flexibility to meet evolving organizational needs. With this switch in revenue reporting, companies will have access to funds for expansion and new business initiatives, and the ability to respond to growth market opportunities more quickly.

Decrease risk, increase collaboration and productivity

For many organizations, emerging markets and remote locations comprise the next great business frontier. However, capitalizing on those opportunities can be complex and expensive, as getting the technical skills and equipment in place to establish operations is not a trivial undertaking. Combine that with the fact that there are so many variables—such as, what product knowledge skills will be available to support legacy on-premises financial systems and what types of new regulations and reporting requirements will have to be met?

To do their jobs better, faster, and more flexibly, workers have turned increasingly to "shadow systems" outside of officially sanctioned core IT applications. Personal mobile devices are used to tap into the company network. Teams can also use personal file-sharing accounts such as Dropbox and Google Drive to collaborate outside of approved corporate IT environments. In short, workers are implementing their own cloud-based solutions to achieve the ease of use and functionality they need but aren't getting from their own IT departments.

These applications aren't necessarily "bad," yet if used in the wrong way or not surrounded by the proper security infrastructure and protocols, they can expose businesses to unnecessary risk—theft of intellectual property, lost data, even damage to a company's reputation. With SunSystems's cloud-based applications, organizations can help employees to do their jobs better, faster, smarter, and more collaboratively. The Infor Cloud technology stack provides a consumer-grade user interface, mobile connectivity, alerts, and configurable workflows to enhance collaboration and productivity. The result: decreased company risk, as employees no longer have to enlist external sources to optimize job performance.

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