Taking Stock of Mobile Solutions in Finance

How mobile technology can redefine banking, improve the customer experience, and empower financial advisors
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So the move to mobile doesn't spell the end of the bank branch, but it does create pressure to rethink its relevance in a mobile world. Bank branches need to be smaller, more efficient and self-serve for routine banking tasks, so that tellers and bank officers can focus on advising and helping customers. This, in turn, would make bank branches into high-value destinations focused on special services and offerings to draw customers back to the bank lobby.

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Mobilizing the financial advisor

Traditionally, financial advisors met with clients in person in an office, equipped with secure, networked PCs that put all the information they needed at their fingertips. Today, clients expect to meet with their advisors anytime, anywhere. Clients also expect support across multiple channels – from texts and alerts to video chats. And clients expect mobile and secure access to their documents, reports and statements.
Creating an engaging digital experience

Financial services clients also expect a digital financial experience that matches their digital retail experience: customized, immediate and visually stunning. To meet their expectations, financial advisors and sales staff need the ability to review literature with clients and enrich engagements with powerful visualizations. But for mobile financial advisors, this need creates a dilemma, because tablets and smartphones haven’t always been up to the task. A Salesforce survey indicated that almost a third of sales professionals don’t use presentations at all, because they can’t customize them on their tablets; and 43% said presentations don’t transfer well or look good on displays.4

Ensuring security

Banking, insurance and investment professionals work in one of the most highly regulated industries in the world. This means balancing more convenient and mobile offerings for their clients with industry-regulation compliance and data security.
Ultimately, these responsibilities fall on IT professionals. With the right mix of self-serve solutions and interconnected, secure mobile devices, financial firms can support their clients at every stage of their journey, while also keeping their data private and safe. Here are just a few examples where mobile technology is raising the bar for financial services.
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Reinventing the bank branch (smartphones, tablets, digital displays, and more)

Imagine a small, high-tech banking branch where customers could pre-stage transactions or make appointments with advisors on their mobile phones before arriving. Once there, they could use a mobile-enabled self-serve kiosk to check their balances and recent transactions, make a quick transfer, deposit a check or pay a bill or two. A mobile concierge – once a teller behind a glass enclosure – could walk up to a customer to answer questions or help with anything more complex. If they needed to go over details, the teller could mirror the information on the tablet to a large-format wall display or print documents for the customer to review and sign. The customer’s appointment with an advisor takes place in a state-of-the-art VIP lounge that provides large touchscreen displays and an opportunity to interact with the latest mobile apps and wearable devices. These details transform the trip to the bank from a frustrating and time-consuming chore into an engaging and efficient interaction with a trusted advisor.

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Smarter document workflows
(MFPs and smartphones)

What about an insurance agent who needs to update a contract? With a mobile-enabled multifunction printer (MFP), he could access a document on his smartphone, send it to the printer, annotate changes, and scan it back to his smartphone. A manager back at the office could access the document securely by tapping her ID on the printer, approving and countersigning the document, then scanning it to be instantly returned to the agent as well as archived on the server.

Instant market updates
(tablets, smartphones, and wearables)

Finally, consider a financial broker who needs constant updates on the markets throughout the day, wherever he goes. By synchronizing content across a business tablet, smartphone and a wearable device like a smartwatch, the broker can receive notifications, alerts or texts no matter where he is or what he’s doing. This means he can react to the market on a dime. And because the wearable acts as an extension of his smartphone, he also has easy, instant access to enterprise business and sales apps, so he can respond as needed throughout the day.
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Exceed expectations with mobile technology

Customers still value traditional banking services and the expertise of trusted financial advisors offering advice in secure, private environments. At the same time, customers expect the convenience, speed and personalization they get from online retail and digital entertainment to extend to their financial experience.

IT professionals can help bankers, insurance agents and financial advisors meet and exceed these expectations by thoughtfully integrating mobile technology to create a seamless, effective multichannel experience for customers. This empowers customers to manage their financial lives on mobile devices and seek personal, face-to-face interactions and advice when they want it.
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