

Microsoft Azure

**Client:** North America-based financial company

Industry: Finance

Size: 50+ employees

#### **Client Profile:**

Financial company serving as investment advisors to private collective investment vehicles

## CASE STUDY

# Smart Cloud Migration to Optimize and Modernize

Many organizations find a multicloud strategy ideal for their application support, while others prefer a single cloud to match their needs and skills. Choosing the best cloud is crucial. To assess risks, costs, and benefits of migration, an unbiased deep cloud assessment is essential.

## The Challenge

A leading North America-based financial company was overwhelmed with multicloud presence. The client struggled to execute their strategy to lower cost of operations by consolidating their multicloud environment into Azure.

They turned to Connection for best-practice strategic technical assessments across different cloud platforms, security methodology, migration, and implementation. Connection was also able to provide knowledge to their growing IT team for management.

## **The Solution**

The Connection Professional Services team performed a cloud assessment across on-premises and AWS environments, including building a scalable landing zone architecture in Azure to support the workload migration (Windows, Linux, SQL) across different platforms. Using tools like Azure Migrate and Database Migration Assistance, Connection provided application and database modernization approaches as part of this migration effort. The team also ensured security methodologies and controls were well-defined, including disaster recovery runbooks and backups. Once the migration was completed, the Connection team ensured the customer was ready

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to manage day-to-day operations, while Connection provides continuous oversight of the cloud architecture.

### Result

The customer now has a modernized, scalable IT architecture that is easier for their IT team to manage. In the new cloud environment, they also benefit from improved security posture, disaster recovery strategy, and backup resiliency. On the whole, their cloud costs were reduced, and projects can be completed on time and within budget.

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