



# **AML Transaction Monitoring for a Global Bank**

95% reducation in false positives

20% time savings

\$1m operational cost savings

100% timelines achieved

#### **CLIENT CHALLENGES**

A large global bank wanted Acuity Knowledge Partners to help reduce false positives for its AML activities, including

- » Streamlining its transaction monitoring activities, validating and developing new customer segmentation logic
- » Developing and validating new and existing scenarios to generate alerts and fine-tuning scenarios for efficiency and higher speed,
- » Determining a methodology to set initial thresholds and tuning them to specific scenarios

#### **OUR APPROACH**

- » Segmentation
  - Applied data analysis techniques to determine the number and type of customer segmentations
  - Analysed attributes associated with the customer to cluster them
  - Validated the existing segmentation model for different portfolios
- » Threshold tuning
  - Derived and validated existing thresholds of tuneable parameters to reduce false positives and ensure that scenario requirements are met
  - Determined the transaction population for each scenario to fine-tune thresholds
- » Scenario development and validation
  - Developed new scenarios and fine-tuned existing scenarios for better performance
  - Validated scenarios to confirm the requirement(s) and ensure that alert specifications are met

## **IMPACT DELIVERED**

- » Met the timelines provided by regulators
- » Identified redundant scenarios and reduced false positives by 95% by tuning the thresholds
- » Improved customer segmentation by validating the existing model and modifying based on the requirement
- » Deployed a team of statisticians, AML SMEs, and technology experts to implement a robust transaction monitoring process

### About Acuity Knowledge Partners

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