

Success Story

Landesbausparkasse Baden-Württemberg, Stuttgart and Karlsruhe

«The system runs smoothly and was well accepted among our employees right from the start, which was very important to us.»

«The changeover to the new system was completed without any problems, also thanks to the very good support from Kaba. We now have a future-proof, flexible system that grows with us.»

Uwe Oswald
Project manager

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LBS equipped for the future with flexible system

«Wir geben Ihrer Zukunft ein Zuhause» («We give your future a home»), there can't be many people who haven't heard the LBS slogan. For living under their own roof is the dream per se of many people. The first building societies in Germany were established as early as the 1920s to facilitate the realization of this dream. The idea behind it is still as simple and ingenious today. Saving together to reach the goal more quickly. As the savings bank of the savings banks, the LBS Baden-Württemberg is the competent partner in all issues of building, living and financing. The core business of LBS is saving and home financing. Services and products to do with homes supplement the company's offering. The fusion of LBS Württemberg and the Badische Landesbausparkasse, both established in 1929, led to the creation of the LBS Baden-Württemberg

in 2000. It is an establishment of the Baden-Württemberg Savings Banks' Association and has its registered seat in Stuttgart and Karlsruhe.

Its region of business is the state of Baden-Württemberg. Many years of experience in home financing and the continuous development of innovative building society savings solutions have made the LBS Baden-Württemberg what it is today: the market-leading building society in the state. 1.3 million building society savers put their faith in the LBS Baden-Württemberg and have 1.7 million contracts with a building society savings sum of EUR 43.5 billion. This means that around one in eight people in Baden-Württemberg saves with the LBS. For them, the LBS building society saving contract is the bridge to owning their own home. For building society savings contracts combine two central elements of an optimal real estate financing - formation of equity and a

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building loan with a low rate of interest. As the LBS manages the data and the monies of its customers, certain safety requirements need to be fulfilled. To be state-of-the-art here, a new system from Kaba Systems was installed in spring 2007 for the time recording and access control. «We again wanted a combined system with SAP connection, whereby the existing Party-line cabling had to be used as a mandatory requirement,» explains Uwe Oswald, project manager from the Administration department at LBS. «With the terminals, we not only attached importance to user-friendliness but also to the design as it should fit well optically into our architecture.»

The desired reading procedure was LEGIC. Together with an external consultant, the possible suppliers were then selected and enquiries sent to them. «From the market comparison and the tender, the system from Kaba emerged as the best and the most suitable for our infrastructure,» emphasizes Uwe Oswald. «The existing cabling was sufficient. We liked the look of the time recording terminal. The very close partnership between Kaba and SAP also convinced us.» The advantages were already demonstrated in the installation of the system. The connection was done quickly and without any problems. The project management of the installation was done by a joint team of employees from LBS and Kaba.

«Very good cooperation developed here,» says Uwe Oswald, enthusiastically. In the LBS service centers in Stuttgart and Karlsruhe, testing was initially done on a small scale right into the SAP system. This went smoothly. A few other adjustments were made,

then the installation of the B-COMM ERP for SAP ERP and the B-Net terminals for time recording and access control was done in April 2007. Here, the old equipment was successively replaced by the new Kaba terminals. The installation phase lasted approx. two weeks. In this time, the employees were able to use the old or the new badges for booking. «The new system ran smoothly right from the start, apart from a few wobbly moments,» says Uwe Oswald, clearly satisfied with the new system. Particular attention was paid to a comprehensive access control at both sites. Via access readers, all access points from outside and the access points from the parking decks of the underground car parks to the building were secured. Additional readers have been installed in front of individual floors, the Board area and in front of particular technology rooms. In the reception area of the LBS in Stuttgart, there are a total of four singulator revolving doors that control the access to the office building. The data

center of the LBS in which the central computer for the system is located has been additionally secured by a gate. Only a few employees have access here. All employees have access at all the normal entry points. People may only enter the underground car park if they have a parking space and thus authorization at the barrier. In Karlsruhe and Stuttgart, there are 1175 external employees (guest diners, tenants, cleaning personnel, tradesmen) in addition to the approx. 1150 LBS employees. These are given only restricted access to the building, where they need it. The administration of the external employees is not done in the SAP system but in the Kaba module Attendance Management as the data are not meant to be incorporated in the SAP system. Access profiles are thus created here that define which person will be given a booking authorization at what time at which terminals. Overall, the LBS is very satisfied with the combined system from Kaba.

