Neobank approaches to payment acceptance



Market payment acceptance

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Revolut monzo Starling
Bank
LUNAR Hellobank! X qonto Kabbage
PENTA novo MERCURY
NorthOne

Do not market payment acceptance

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perating Model

- Does not refer to a partner
- Enables customer to integrate 3rd party providers with their bank account via APIs
- Refers customers to a payment acceptance partner
- Co-branded or whitelabel offering
- Payment acceptance is marketed as a core feature of the bank account that customers can turn on

Provider Examples stripe sumupe PayPal
Zettle shopify

Paylike

Paylike

(via acquisition)

sumup

Kabbage

FIFTH THIRD BANK

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Revolut

Inhouse

monzo --- stripe

Sources: Flagship research



Commentary and observations



OBSERVATIONS

- 11 out of 28 top European and North American neobanks offer payment acceptance
- Payment acceptance is a key product for banks: it meets a key customer need, has a logical fit with digitally-oriented transactional accounts, customers with payments acceptance exhibit lower attrition and higher deposit balances, and it generates attractive non-interest revenue
- B2B neobanks typically offer payment acceptance using one of three operating models:
 - o <u>App Marketplace:</u> Do not refer to a partner, but enable their customers to integrate 3rd party providers with their bank accounts via APIs
 - <u>Referral Partnership:</u> Refer customers to a payment acceptance partner as part of a co-branded or white-label offering
 - o <u>Bundled:</u> Payment acceptance is marketed as a core feature of the bank account that customers can turn on
- The provider landscape for neobanks is different than for traditional banks, due to neobanks' focus on the micro segment and digital channels (traditional bank acquiring partners find the business case to serve micro-merchants to be challenging, and are less adept at digital, as we discuss here)
- Typical API integrations are to Stripe, PayPal (in the U.S.), mPOS providers
 SumUp and Zettle in Europe, and major commerce platforms such as Shopify
- Revolut and Lunar have made strategic moves into payment acceptance: Revolut by launching in-house, Lunar by acquiring Paylike, a PSP

OUTLOOK

- Since most neobanks start with transactional products, adding payment acceptance is a logical next step in growing their product catalogs
- We expect that many neobanks will progress along an evolutionary path in order to capture the benefits of offering payment acceptance: starting by integrating 3rd party apps, then creating referral partnerships, and then a few with the requisite scale and appetite may bring the business in-house

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