

Role Title	Head of Solution & Platform Architecture	Role Purpose	The Head of Solution & Platform Architecture (BTS Principal Architect) is responsible for ensuring BTS platforms, services and technology capabilities operate as a cohesive, integrated ecosystem that delivers business value, user outcomes and operational excellence across ABF. As BTS transitions from a traditional technology tower structure towards a product-centric operating model, this role provides architectural leadership across BTS and acts as the bridge between Business Units, BTS Product Teams and ABF Enterprise Architecture.	Associated British Foods plc Business Technology Services
Reports to	BTS Director			
Directly Supervises	Responsibility for managing a team			
Total team size	TBC			

Key Accountabilities:

- Lead the Solution Architecture function, ensuring BTS delivers integrated, scalable and business-focused technology solutions across all domains.
- Define and govern end-to-end architecture strategies, aligning business requirements, technology investments and operational outcomes.
- Drive cross-domain solution design, ensuring seamless integration across cloud, infrastructure, networks, workplace, service management and platform capabilities.
- Establish architecture standards, governance frameworks and best practices that balance innovation, simplicity and operational excellence.
- Lead enterprise integration architecture, promoting API-led, event-driven and reusable service models across the BTS ecosystem.
- Partner with ABF Enterprise Architecture to align BTS roadmaps, technology standards and strategic initiatives with wider Group objectives.
- Identify opportunities to simplify, standardise and rationalise the technology landscape, reducing complexity, cost and duplication.
- Provide architectural leadership for major transformation programmes, investment decisions and strategic technology initiatives.

Scope of Responsibility

- End-to-End Solution Design, Business Solution Architecture, Transformation Programmes, Technology Assessments and Investment Reviews.
- Service & Platform Architecture: User Journeys, Service Design, Operational Architecture, Supportability and Business Capability Mapping.
- Integration Architecture: APIs, Enterprise Integration Patterns, Platform Interoperability, Data Flows, Workflow Integration and Event-Driven Architecture.

- Essential Skills, Knowledge & Experience:
- Significant architecture leadership experience within large global enterprise environments.
 - Experience designing end-to-end business solutions spanning cloud, infrastructure, networking, workplace, service management and developer platform domains.
 - Experience architecting solutions built on Microsoft technology stacks including Azure, Microsoft 365, Entra ID and Azure DevOps.
 - Experience working with enterprise service management and workflow platforms such as ServiceNow.
 - Experience designing observability and operational telemetry solutions across cloud, infrastructure, networks, platforms and user experiences.
 - Experience integrating enterprise platforms through APIs, workflows, events and common data models.
 - Experience supporting the transition from traditional infrastructure-centric operating models towards product-centric and platform-engineering-led organisations.
 - Experience working across multi-vendor ecosystems and supporting technology standardisation initiatives.
 - Experience leading Solution Architecture practices supporting complex business and technology portfolios.
 - Experience influencing technology strategy and major investment decisions within large federated organisations.

- Leadership Characteristics
- Think in terms of business outcomes rather than technology towers.
 - Be customer and business focused.
 - Lead through influence and collaboration.
 - Have credibility with engineers, architects and senior business leaders.
 - Challenge legacy ways of working.
 - Drive meaningful organisational and cultural change.
 - Be passionate about developing people, engineering excellence and continuous improvement.
- Other requirements of the role:
- Hybrid operating with regular presence in Peterborough and London