

CASE STUDY MARCH 2008





CLIENT: FIDELITY

Challenge

Fidelity International required assistance with two related projects. The first one was to be conducted from the offices in Asia, most particularly Hong Kong whilst the second was to be performed in Sydney, Australia. The impetus for the first project was that Fidelity International recognized that the Asian institutional finance team was spending too much time in preparing information when compared to the time spent analyzing it. In order to adhere to the required timeframes, Fidelity International personnel were working extremely long hours over a long period of time.

Concurrent with and following from the project outlined above, Fidelity International engaged Taysols to lead the design and implementation of a customer profitability model in Hyperion Essbase that would allow regional teams in Hong Kong, Japan and other parts of Asia to provide their business units with the ability to undertake detailed profitability analysis. This re-evaluation allowed for a dramatic simplification of business rules and the establishment of a framework for regional teams to accurately and unambiguously define their own requirements, in turn accelerating the development.

Approach

Taysols was engaged to analyse, thoroughly document and describe, field by field, report by report, the sources of information and the processes involved in transforming, collating and producing management reports from them.

Through a series of internal workshops and interviews Taysols developed a complete data and process map of the "As is" situation. Based on all of this information, Taysols then prepared a comprehensive text for executive and functional expert consumption.

As part of the paper, Taysols included a recommended architecture and process reform with a supporting plan around its enablement. The paper and its recommendations were adopted by Fidelity International and indeed exceeded Fidelity International's expectations.

COMPANY DETAILS:

Fidelity International has two major businesses in Australia – FIL Investment Management (Australia) Limited which began operations in 1996 and FIL Asia Services Pty Ltd. Fidelity Asia Services provides centralised finance and accounting functions for Fidelity's businesses in Japan, Korea, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Singapore.

EMPLOYEES:

6,700 in 25 countries

INDUSTRY:

Asset Management

PROJECT TIMELINE:

5 months

TECHNOLOGIES:

Budgeting, Planning & Forecasting

SERVICES:

Consulting Support

KEY BENEFITS:

Simplification of Business rules Reduced inconsistencies across business units Ability to analyse client profitability information from a single source

Elimination of separate Excel models in each country

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Fidelity International's solution collates data from a number of Enterprise systems within a common model where consolidation and a number of business rules, such as cost allocations can take place without the prospect of discrepancy across business units.

Fidelity International's regional business finance teams now have the ability to analyse client profitability information from a single source, eliminating the need for separate Excel models in each country.



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