

AUB GROUP LIMITED

CCH® Tagetik case study



Company

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Industry

Insurance (Brokers)

Uses of CCH Tagetik software

- Consolidation
- Lease Accounting: IFRS 16

Call-outs

- CCH Tagetik Financial Close and Consolidation improved output speed by two days per full-time employee (FTE). It also reduced the quality assurance feedback by our Group team to subsidiaries
- We expect CCH Tagetik to improve speed-to-market further once our ERP system is fully integrated. Within six months, we anticipate no need for consolidation entries by finance teams outside of the Group. Once the project is fully implemented, 70% of our data entry is expected to be eliminated.
- We have since expanded our platform to include CCH Tagetik Lease Accounting: IFRS 16 & ASC 842 .

“AUB Group has tripled in market cap over the past five years. Most of the growth has occurred through mergers and acquisitions, which means we’re continuously integrating new systems and have inherited finance processes with varied levels of sophistication. As a result, we needed:

- 1. An agnostic system that could ingest data from any source system;***
- 2. A sophisticated engine that could reflect the complex group structure and quickly adapt to M&A updates;***
- 3. A system that would reduce the burden on subsidiary finance teams by automating and centralizing difficult consolidated areas; and***
- 4. The ability to create a sustainable and scalable finance model.***

CCH Tagetik Financial Close and Consolidation has helped us to achieve all these needs.”

Tanim Islam, Group Head of Financial Control & ESG, AUG Group

The challenge

Like most multinational groups, AUB Group Limited has a complicated structure. The Group has direct and indirect investments in 350+ insurance and underwriting agencies globally. When it comes to consolidation, this would be tricky enough to manage, however, AUB Group is also listed on the ASX, putting extra pressure and statutory requirements on its finance team.

While AUB Group’s finance team aspired to build a consolidation process that ran like a well-oiled machine, the reality was quite different: The Group’s ~90 sub-consolidations were externally administered and used a variety of ERP systems. Since the consolidation team relied on spreadsheet-based reporting packs, consolidation was almost entirely manual, save for the macros used to aggregate data.

While this patchwork process worked due to AUB’s growth, it was an unsustainable process in the medium-long term. M&As meant the Group’s team had to constantly integrate new companies into the process to get them ASX-ready – for many businesses this meant reducing a 4 month (and in some cases 9 month) financing reporting deadline to 3 weeks. The team needed a change.

Requirements

- An ERP-agnostic consolidation software
- Consolidation software that can understand and track multi-layered consolidation including crossholdings
- The ability to automate and reduce manual inputs by staff
- A software backed by a global and financially sound entity

Benefits & results

- A scalable solution that can grow and adapt as the Group evolves.
- A single source of truth for all Group and sub group data
- Control over a complex consolidation process
- Ability to drill down and investigate discrepancies
- Shaved days off the production of outputs

The objectives

AUB Group sought an automated consolidation solution that could achieve three primary objectives:

1. Reduce reliance on Excel;
2. Relieve high-value employees from menial work; and
3. Scale with the company's growth and consolidation process requirements.

The solution

AUB Group chose CCH Tagetik Financial Close and Consolidation software for the following reasons:

- **Proven expertise:** CCH Tagetik was a specialist consolidation system.
- **Flexibility:** CCH Tagetik was ERP-agnostic and could integrate any data source.
- **Scalability:** CCH Tagetik could match AUB Group's organizational complexity.
- **Completeness of vision:** CCH Tagetik is a mature solution.
- **Reputation of excellence:** CCH Tagetik is backed by reputable Wolters Kluwer and used by industry leaders.

Benefits and results

Faster outputs by two days per FTE

CCH Tagetik improved output speed by two days per FTE. The solution is expected to improve speed to market further once AUB Group's head office ERP system is fully integrated.

Improved accuracy

CCH Tagetik reduced the amount of quality assurance feedback subsidiaries give to the Group.

Eliminated 70% of manual data entry

AUB Group expects a 70% reduction of manual data input in six months. Once the project implementation is fully completed for entities using CCH Tagetik, no consolidation entries will need to be made by finance teams outside of the Group.

About customer

AUB Group Limited (ASX: AUB) is an ASX200 listed Group of retail & wholesale insurance brokers and underwriting agencies operating in ~570 locations globally. Over 5,000 team members work with ~950,000 clients to place ~AUD 9.5bn in insurance premiums with local and foreign insurers.

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