



TURNING CUSTOMERS INTO AMBASSADORS

SUCCESS STORIES OF OUR CUSTOMERS



More than 3,500 satisfied customers in over 50 countries speak for themselves! Whether a budding start-up, traditional family business, or publicly traded group – LucaNet helps finance teams in companies of all sizes and sectors to achieve their goals in the area of Corporate Performance Management faster. Our certified software for the preparation of financial statements, financial planning, reporting, and data management has received countless accolades for its user-friendliness and performance. From independent sources as well as from our customers.

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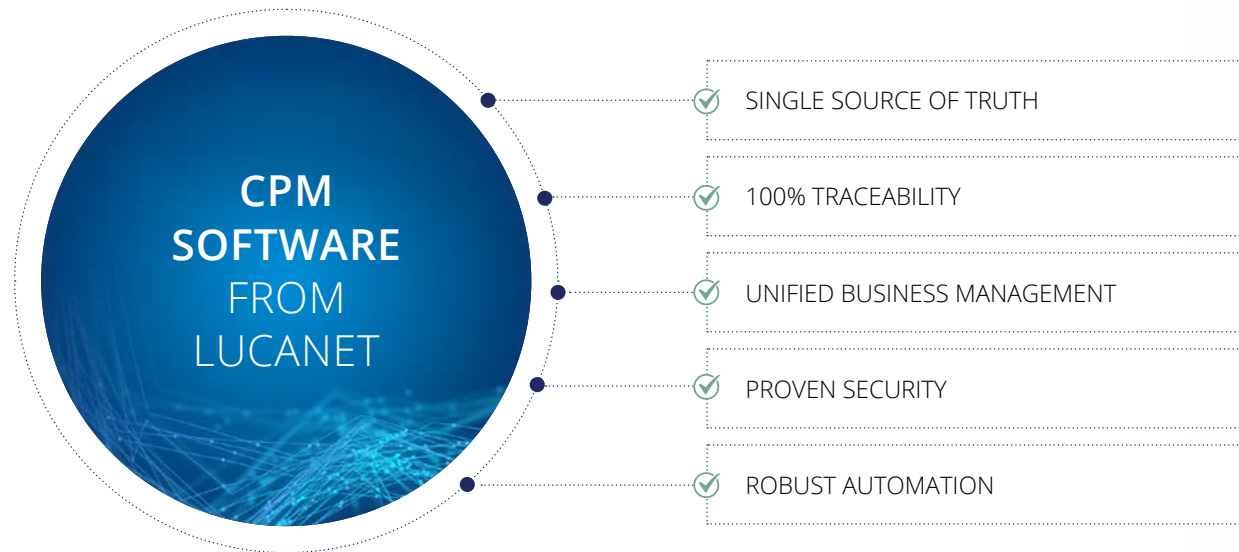
YOUR PARTNER FOR CORPORATE PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT

Going the extra mile for you – since 1999: User-friendly software solutions for Corporate Performance Management that make your job easier thanks to automated processes. Providing you with reliable numbers for every finance-related decision. All in a single tool that makes your financial data transparent at a glance. And when you have questions, our consultants and software experts are here for you. So that you have more time to focus on the true essence of your business.

By financial experts, for financial experts. Always fostering the most intelligent solutions. After all: consolidation,

planning, reporting, and data management know no limits – so why should we? We're constantly challenging ourselves, questioning the tried-and-true. And this is why we do more than just create powerful applications: we create user experiences, helping you to fully grasp and navigate the intricacies of your company's finances and pave the way for a strong future.

Berlin is our home, but you'll find us wherever reliable financial data is needed. With a growing national and international presence and a strong network of partners, every day we're that much closer to you.



1999
Founded as business consultancy

Berlin
Headquarters

14
Offices worldwide

> 100
Partners worldwide

All-in-one solution
for your finance team

Market Leader
BARC Score
Financial Performance Management 2022 DACH

3,500
Customers worldwide

96%
Customer satisfaction
Customer Survey 2016

97%
Recommendation rate
BARC – The Planning Survey 2022

EXPERTISE FROM A SINGLE SOURCE

LucaNet's CPM software simplifies everything, be it data management, financial consolidation, planning, or reporting. LucaNet provides consistent mapping in a single tool so you don't have to manually jump back and forth between multiple applications. Our software's automated processes and time-saving workflows get you to your goal faster.



A SIMPLE WAY TO A UNIFIED DATABASE

- Interfaces to all the commonly used ERP and financial accounting systems
- The highest level of data quality through automatic data validation
- Decentralized IC reconciliation: Subsidiaries can clarify any differences that occur directly with one another



FAST AND ERROR-FREE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

- Completely automated consolidation run for legal and management consolidation or actual or plan consolidation
- Compliance with all the major national and international accounting standards, such as IFRS, and US GAAP
- Full currency translation



VALID REPORTS AND KPIS AT THE PRESS OF A BUTTON

- Standard and ad-hoc reports as well as reports for management
- Comprehensive analysis with comparison views, time series analyses, and exchange rate scenarios (including graphs and diagrams)
- Drill down to posting/source document level



FINANCIAL PLANNING IN REAL TIME

- Integrated profit, budget, balance sheet and liquidity planning, scenario planning and forecasting
- Planning periods spanning any length of time
- Simple transitioning of single-item planning into group planning

GREETINGS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD

Networked, global, flexible: LucaNet is everywhere valid financial data are needed. Thanks to the multilingual data model, our software can be used internationally.



"I'm very impressed with LucaNet's software. I was able to figure out 90 percent of my work steps on my own. The reporting functions are excellent, and for me, the results it produces are world-class."



Mark Pritchard
Chief Financial Officer
Data-Mail, Inc.



"Until a few years ago, we used Excel to do consolidation and reporting. That was error-prone and time-consuming. With LucaNet, we're now able to reduce the monthly close cycle from 15 days to 3 days. LucaNet is a very important tool for us."



Ron Verhoeven
CFO
Bredenoord



simplicity for a new era

"The software has a simple, logical and intuitive structure. The diverse functionalities form the perfect response to the challenges we face in preparing our consolidated financial statements."



Tobias Peter
Head of Accounting and Consolidation
Avaloq Evolution AG



"With LucaNet, we've significantly simplified our consolidation process. Complex relationships between companies can be represented at the press of a button in a manner that saves on time and costs. This is essential to our ability to concentrate fully on our core business."



Michael Köb
Head of Group Accounting
Doppelmayr Seilbahnen GmbH



"LucaNet has been of great benefit to us. The time-consuming compilation of information for consolidated financial statements and reporting is now a thing of the past. High-quality data is the result. In this way, the future of Engel & Völkers stands on a solid and transparent financial footing!"



Valentina Schröder
Head of Accounting and Taxes
Engel & Völkers AG



"LucaNet offers a very fine-grained drill down to the data base, which translates into more effective controlling. The integrated automation means plans can be created much more quickly than in Excel."



Hong Wei Hwang
Finance Director
TauRx Therapeutics Ltd



FAST CONSOLIDATION IN LINE WITH US GAAP

**Correvio
International Sàrl**

INDUSTRY
Pharmaceutical industry

HEADQUARTERS
Geneva, Switzerland

EMPLOYEES
55

USE CASES:
• Data integration
• Financial consolidation
• Financial planning
and budgeting

When their previous system was no longer able to satisfy their consolidation needs, Correvio International Sàrl went on the lookout for a clever alternative. After scrutinizing the market, the company came upon the advantages of LucaNet and successfully implemented the software. Cash flow, P&L, or balance sheet – complex consolidation is now completed at the press of a button at Correvio International Sàrl. A real relief for all concerned.

Correvio International is a pharmaceutical company operating around the globe. The Swiss company distributes products for interventional cardiology in around 50 different countries.

The cash flow, balance sheet, and P&L were an impossible task with Excel

Fancy working with Excel on a day-to-day basis? Fancy using Excel to evaluate complex data – both reliably and free from errors? The lesson is clear for Correvio International Sàrl: “It’s just not possible!” Excel used to entail a time-consuming consolidation process and a lot of effort for integrated planning – including for the profit and loss statement, cash flow, and the balance sheet. After searching far and wide, the company was able to find the perfect software alternative in LucaNet, which quickly remedied the situation.

3 DAYS
INSTEAD OF **10**
FOR PLANNING
AND CONTROLLING



Michael Grau, Group CFO at Correvio International Sàrl

Consolidation that is on time, with more time for the essentials

Coming in on budget, LucaNet was implemented at Correvio International Sàrl quickly, easily, and on time. The data import from Excel and Navision as well as the import of the balances on account and cost center basis ran just as smoothly. Thanks to LucaNet’s intuitive operation, those responsible were able to quickly take the helm and steer operations in a secure manner. Positive effects were felt in all areas of the company. Enormous time savings meant that there was finally time for essential topics of daily business. Without LucaNet, Correvio used to invest ten days for planning and controlling. With LucaNet, now only three days are required.

Further advantages for Correvio include very high data quality and consistency, guaranteed data transparency, as well as the calculation of various, traceable scenarios with regard to cash flow, balance sheet, and P&L. And all this with just a click. LucaNet precisely documents any modifications and value adjustments. Thanks to the drill down, each posting can be traced in detail back down to

individual posting document level. Errors can be quickly detected and corrected. “Everything has become easier. We use LucaNet for consolidation in line with US GAAP and central planning including a complex three-year plan,” says Michael Grau, Group CFO at Correvio International Sàrl and adds: “For this, as well as for the monthly rolling twelve-month forecast and quarterly reforecast, the software meets all our requirements.”

HOW CORREVIO USES LUCANET:

- Consolidation in line with US GAAP
- Central planning including three-year plan, twelve-month forecast, and quarterly reforecast
- P&L, cash flow, and balance sheet

HOW LUCANET BENEFITS CORREVIO:

- ✓ Easy operation for planning and consolidation
- ✓ High-quality data, transparency, and traceability
- ✓ Time savings in all areas



CLEAR FINANCIALS WITH LUCANET

Data-Mail Inc.

INDUSTRY

Direct marketing

HEADQUARTERS

Connecticut, USA

EMPLOYEES

1,000

USE CASES:

- Data integration
- Financial consolidation
- Financial planning and budgeting
- Management reporting

Data-Mail, Inc., a provider of direct marketing solutions, wanted to reduce the complexity of its day-to-day business administration. That is why the company was looking for financial consolidation and reporting software that would guide them through the entire process in a swift, transparent, and absolutely reliable manner.

Data-Mail, Inc. is a family-owned American company, founded in 1971. It is the market leader for direct marketing and print products, also specializing in high print quality and sophisticated personalization using laser and digital technology as well as more traditional lettershop and bundling services.

Data-Mail found itself dealing with a highly laborious process to obtain group reports with uniform outcomes. An internal audit revealed that the previous ERP system was not being utilized in a uniform manner, and that the cloud-based reporting tool from a competitor reflected the ERP system's errors.

Swift integration and intuitive operation

LucaNet's quick implementation and integrated financial intelligence logic won Data-Mail's favor. It enabled swift integration with existing data systems and successful deployment throughout the entire organization thanks to its intuitive operation.

The system went live in just a few days. The project's entire execution took fewer than 15 days. Since the introduction of LucaNet, Data-Mail is experiencing significant savings in costs and time. With LucaNet, a consolidation process that used to take 30 days now requires only eight.

CONSOLIDATION NOW TAKES

8 DAYS
INSTEAD OF 30

Better data transparency and deeper understanding of business activity

LucaNet features the adoption of a completely revamped standardized cost framework as well as report creation without having to make ERP adjustments. The data extracted from the central ERP and payroll systems can be easily loaded into LucaNet, and fully traceable account balances can be individually coordinated with separate

ERP ledgers. "LucaNet produces a consistent reporting format. The use of this new cost framework significantly improves data transparency and provides a deeper understanding of our business activity," explains Mark Pritchard, Chief Financial Officer at Data-Mail. "All in all, I am highly impressed by LucaNet software. I was able to infer 90 percent of my work steps myself. The reporting functions are excellent and the final outcome is world-class, in my opinion."

HOW DATA-MAIL USES LUCANET:

- Creation of group reports in line with US GAAP
- Integrated financial planning
- Automated intercompany reconciliation

HOW LUCANET BENEFITS DATA-MAIL:

- ✓ Self-explanatory software
- ✓ Improved data transparency
- ✓ A consistent report format

Marc Pritchard, Chief Financial Officer at Data-Mail Inc.





GAINING CLARITY IN FINANCIAL CONSOLIDATION

Leica Camera AG

INDUSTRY

Optics

HEADQUARTERS

Wetzlar, Germany

EMPLOYEES

1,600

USE CASES

- Data integration
- Data collection and validation
- Financial consolidation
- Financial planning and budgeting

Leica Camera AG spent a long time working with an antiquated, hard-to-use consolidation solution. That is why the company decided to switch to LucaNet software, which is modern, compatible, and flexible enough to meet the demands of ever-more-complex structures.

Leica is high tech made in Germany. And a pioneer for vision. The company was spun out of Ernst Leitz Wetzlar GmbH in 1986. When the world's first 35mm camera was built in 1913, that format established itself and made Leica famous the world over.

The swift growth the company has seen in recent years has been associated with rising demands on accounting. The previous consolidation software was no longer living up to its task due to lack of user-friendliness, transparency, and dependability when it comes to verification. A new tool was needed that would be user-friendly and compatible with the other systems deployed at the company, that could document postings, and above all else that could grow with Leica as their structures become more complex.

Direct access to SAP

With LucaNet, they found the optimal solution. The company's managers were particularly enthusiastic about the comfort in the input process, as their data were taken directly out of the legacy system and didn't require preparation otherwise. This led to more efficiency and

HOW LUCANET BENEFITS LEICA:

- ✓ Sound connectivity with SAP
- ✓ Time saved through more efficient consolidation
- ✓ The ability to create a planned balance sheet at the corporate level along with payment modalities and accounting rules

time savings in consolidation – especially when it came to importing partner information – resulting in a reduction to one day instead of two or three. “Finally, software that features intuitive operation, solid SAP linking, and easy-to-follow posting documentation,” says Uwe Lutz, Director of Finance at Leica Camera AG.

Quality improvement in many areas

In addition to simpler operation, the definition of posting rules and traceability of consolidation postings make the entire process easier. The planning process has also become much easier with LucaNet: Budgeting is steered centrally via the headquarters; subsidiaries submit their own plans for each entity; and at the parent company

level, all cost center managers are involved in planning. Planning is performed for revenue, material, investments, cost centers, and projects. That is done at the cost center level at the parent company, and at the company level in the subsidiaries. LucaNet's biggest advantage for Leica is the creation of a balance sheet plan at the parent company level reflecting payment and posting rules.

HOW LEICA USES LUCANET:

- Consolidated financial statements in line with IFRS
- Documentation of postings
- Planning of revenue, material, and investments

Uwe Lutz, Director of Finance at Leica Camera AG



FINANCIAL
CONSOLIDATION

50%

FASTER

CONSOLIDATION OF HUNDREDS OF SUBSIDIARIES

Rocket Internet SE

INDUSTRY

Internet

HEADQUARTERS

Berlin, Germany

EMPLOYEES

42,000

USE CASES

- Data integration
- Financial consolidation

For its first set of consolidated financial statements, Rocket Internet consolidated around 200 companies. What would have been impossible with Excel worked reliably with LucaNet.

“To become the world’s largest Internet platform outside of the United States and China” – that’s the mission of Rocket Internet. Rocket Internet identifies and builds on tried-and-tested business models and transfers them to new, as-yet untapped markets. Well-known examples of their success include brands such as Delivery Hero, Westwing, Home24, and HelloFresh.

Establishing a group accounting process

When enterprises grow strongly, this has a particularly heavy impact on the finance department. That was also the case at Rocket Internet. Financial processes needed to be restructured and developed further; a completely new group accounting department was established, and financial software had to be found that would guide the group through the consolidation process in a way that was reliable and straightforward.

Hundreds of companies under one roof

The finance team at Rocket Internet chose LucaNet for its first set of consolidated financial statements and is really happy with its decision to opt for LucaNet: “We have hundreds of companies spread across several sub-groups to consolidate. You can’t do this in Excel without getting any errors. LucaNet makes it possible to prepare consolidated financial statements reliably in line with different accounting standards. Whatever you choose, your consolidated profit and loss statement, consolidated balance sheet, consolidated cash flow statement, and disclosures are presented transparently. A particularly important aspect for us is the reliable presentation of an unlimited number of companies, as there are often changes to our portfolio of investments.”

Rocket Internet saves on time and costs

Many investments, subgroups, consolidating in line with the German Commercial Code (HGB) and IFRS – the first set of consolidated financial statements was hardly a walk in the park. But in the end, it was successful and a solid foundation for the future partnership between LucaNet and Rocket Internet. Paul Stander, Head of Group Accounting – National, explains: “As Rocket Internet has a highly complex, constantly evolving group structure, we need software that can give us very flexible support for

our consolidated accounting requirements. With its many different functions, LucaNet is the ideal solution for us. This is especially true when it comes to consolidation within a group with numerous companies in other countries. The implementation went without a hitch, giving us a significant advantage in terms of time and costs. The staff at LucaNet are also genuine specialists in their fields, meaning we also benefit from their expert advice.”

HOW ROCKET INTERNET USES LUCANET:

- Consolidated financial statements
- Mapping of hundreds of subsidiaries
- Consolidation in line with the German Commercial Code (HGB) and IFRS

HOW LUCANET BENEFITS ROCKET INTERNET:

- ✓ Flexibility in the consolidation process
- ✓ Reliable numbers
- ✓ Transparency despite many investments





Thai Union Group PCL.

INDUSTRY
Producer of seafood products

HEADQUARTERS
Bangkok, Thailand

EMPLOYEES
49,000

- USE CASES:**
- Data integration
 - Data collection and validation
 - Financial consolidation
 - Financial planning and budgeting
 - Management reporting

MONTHLY REPORTING FASTER BY
15 DAYS

FAST CLOSE FOR BIG FISH

Companies with global operations need to produce consolidated financial statements efficiently and publish financial figures quickly. That is why Thai Union Group relies on LucaNet for structuring their complex consolidation process – which is how they get to fast closes.

Thai Union Group Public Company Limited is one of the world's largest seafood producers. In addition to the parent company, Thai Union also includes further sub-groups: a US group and a European sub-group, each with four subsidiaries of their own.

Time sink Excel

In the past, Thai Union Group performed consolidation using Excel. That was associated with many disadvantages, such as a lack of intercompany reconciliation, deficient data quality, and delays in process execution. The results: Consolidation took a whole ten days – and management reporting with consolidated outcomes couldn't be delivered until 25 days after figures had been submitted.

Consolidation process shortened by 8.5 days

Things took a different turn with LucaNet, reports Gion Pfützner, Head of Finance IT at Thai Union: "Communication and data collection within the group have been simplified considerably. It was possible to reduce the process of IC reconciliation from two whole weeks to just three days, even though our group is constantly growing and adding new companies. Thanks to LucaNet, an end was put to the Excel spreadsheets and the high volume of e-mails involved in reconciliation. And, not lastly, there has been a significant improvement in the data quality. Overall, we have been able to reduce the consolidation process from ten days to one and a half with LucaNet."



Gion Pfützner, Head of Finance IT at Thai Union Group

Monthly reporting done 15 days faster

Reporting, too, is very important at Thai Union Group, since they not only have to inform internal stakeholders, but also Thailand's stock exchange and other external stakeholders and investors. Reporting now runs much

more efficiently and swiftly with LucaNet, according to Gion Pfützner: "We used to need 25 days for monthly reporting. With LucaNet, we handle the entire process, including consolidation, within ten days. With LucaNet, we are optimally positioned for a fast close and capable of providing stakeholders with financial data swiftly."

HOW THAI UNION USES LUCANET:

- Consolidated financial statements in line with Thai GAAP, IFRS, and US GAAP
- Internal and external reporting
- Automated intercompany reconciliation

HOW LUCANET BENEFITS THAI UNION:

- ✓ Time savings: faster intercompany reconciliation
- ✓ Acceleration of the entire consolidation process
- ✓ Efficient and fast reporting

ESCAPING THE EXCEL CHAOS

Toshiba Electronics Europe GmbH

INDUSTRY
Electrical engineering and electronics

HEADQUARTERS
Düsseldorf, Germany

EMPLOYEES
146,000

- USE CASES:**
- Data integration
 - Data collection and validation
 - Financial planning and budgeting
 - Management reporting

MONTHLY REPORTING NOW
50%
FASTER

Non-transparent financial data. Opaque processes. Error-prone Excel files. Financial controlling at Toshiba Electronics Europe was anything but efficient and reliable. With LucaNet, the group turned things around.

Toshiba Electronics Europe GmbH, based in Düsseldorf, is the European electronic components arm of Japan's Toshiba Corporation. The European headquarters in Düsseldorf handles reporting for international subsidiaries belonging to the group in Germany and seven other European countries. The technology group has relied on LucaNet since 2003.

The company's financial controlling and reporting, however, were long plagued by fuzzy financial data, reporting processes in disarray, and the manual processing of error-prone Excel spreadsheets.

90 percent greater transparency – meaningful deviation analyses

With LucaNet, Toshiba Electronics now carries out transparent and meaningful deviation analyses. The logging of changes, the ability to add comments on current and planning figures and deviations, and the flexible data layouts also help to provide increased transparency and high-quality data. "With LucaNet, we improved data transparency by 90 percent. That's really unbeatable", explains Ulrich Leib, Head of Controlling at Toshiba Electronics Europe.

HOW TOSHIBA USES LUCANET:

- Monthly reporting
- Deviation analysis
- Budget planning

Budget planning now three times faster

Transparency and efficiency in the planning process also improved significantly, according to Ulrich Leib. "With LucaNet, cost center managers can access information independently and keep tabs on how their budget is progressing, for example." That saves time: Toshiba Electronics now completes its budget planning three times faster.

Real-time data and interactive analyses

Thanks to the automation of many steps in financial controlling, the error rate for monthly reporting was able to be cut by nearly 100 percent. While Toshiba Electronics

previously needed five to six days for monthly reporting, it can now manage the task in just two to three days. Also helpful is the Excel and BI integration that the LucaNet software offers for planning and reporting purposes. This means that the team always has real-time data at hand that it can then present transparently to the CFO as a basis for decision-making as part of interactive analyses.

HOW LUCANET BENEFITS TOSHIBA:

- ✓ Budget planning is three times faster
- ✓ Real data transparency
- ✓ More efficient monthly reporting

Ulrich Leib, Head of Controlling at Toshiba Electronics Europe GmbH





CLIMBING TO THE TOP WITH LUCANET

VAUDE Sport GmbH & Co. KG

INDUSTRY

Mountain outfitters and equipment

HEADQUARTERS

Tettnang, Germany

EMPLOYEES

1,500

USE CASES:

- Data integration
- Financial planning and budgeting
- Management reporting

Outdoor outfitter VAUDE used to use Excel for its planning and reporting. However, that method was eating too much time and too many resources as the group's structure became increasingly complex. That is why the company made the decision to implement software that would guarantee integrated corporate planning and transparency in reporting figures.

VAUDE Sport GmbH & Co. KG is a family business that uses a modern management approach. Albrecht von Dewitz began setting up production in 1980, which is still carried out in the town of Tettnang today, on Lake Constance. The company is considered to be Europe's most environmentally friendly outdoor outfitter.

VAUDE's growth, the demand from banks for consolidated balance sheets, and ultimately also the internal desire to have more transparency and numbers available more quickly led to the search for software that could meet those requirements while also offering multi-year planning.

A further problem posed to the company's managers by the legacy system was its inability to link with Excel, which ended up a time sink. That meant it wasn't possible to integrate reporting packages and assessments. All of that changed with the introduction of LucaNet. "The software's user-friendliness paired with the consultants' expertise won us over," says Erwin Gutensohn, CFO at VAUDE Sport GmbH & Co. KG.



Integrated planning and standardized reporting

In order to map past figures, LucaNet developed a reporting package for all subsidiaries. Simultaneously, an interface was integrated for importing data out of the accounting system now and in the future. Contrary to the Excel spreadsheets being used beforehand, standard reporting delivers a significantly higher level of certainty and, above all else, tangible time savings. The integrated feature for planning balance sheet ratios without a great deal of effort also represents a clear added value for the CFO. In summary, LucaNet won Vaude over through its user-friendliness, swift integrated reporting, and data reliability. When it comes to analyzing figures, drilling down to nominal accounts is especially helpful.

HOW VAUDE USES LUCANET:

- Monthly reporting
- Analysis
- Planning

HOW LUCANET BENEFITS VAUDE:

- ✓ Better data quality
- ✓ Clean integration in Excel
- ✓ Logical software structure

STARTING FRESH IN REPORTING WITH LUCANET

WEIDMANN
Electrical
Technology Inc.

INDUSTRY
Electrical engineering

HEADQUARTERS
Rapperswil-Jona,
Switzerland

EMPLOYEES
2,800

- USE CASES**
- Data integration
 - Intercompany reconciliation
 - Financial consolidation
 - Financial planning and budgeting
 - Management reporting

REPORTING NOW
90%
FASTER

To stay competitive on the global market, companies are under constant pressure to lower their costs and streamline their processes. This also applies to financial activities, which need to operate with greater speed, efficiency, and precision – especially when it comes to the process of consolidating financial statements. With these factors in mind, Weidmann made the decision to implement the software from LucaNet.

Weidmann is known as the global leader in electrical insulation for transformer manufacturers and transformer users. Their core competence is the development and production of customized cellulose based insulations systems for power and distribution transformers. Outside of the electrical industry, Weidmann provides its products to the packaging, textile, construction, and industrial industries throughout the world.

Saying goodbye to spreadsheets

Weidmann has seen its reporting requirements increase in terms of transparency, data accuracy, and duration over the years. Looking to address this issue, Weidmann decided that it was time to move on from using tedious, error-prone Excel spreadsheets and switch to LucaNet for a much more streamlined approach.

A shorter path to financial statements

One of the main advantages that won Weidmann over was the significant time it would save in creating financial statements and handling reporting in LucaNet. LucaNet's ability to link directly to SAP, the ERP system utilized by many of Weidmann's subsidiaries, has proven to be invaluable in both time saving and transparency to the detailed transactional data. The system's flexibility and accuracy in generating reports were further reasons why the company chose LucaNet as its consolidation solution. Report generation in particular is an area where LucaNet offers flexible functions that simplify the entire process. The software can produce various forms of reports in no time, regardless of whether the recipient is an external stakeholder or an internal management team.

Push-button reporting leaves more time for analysis

LucaNet has given them a fresh start in every facet of the report generation process. "It's really impressive: Instead of spending time on the complicated way in which we used to create reports and edit them by hand, I can really look into the numbers and find out what they mean. That also makes it much easier to explain them to my colleagues. It's also great how LucaNet lets you link to charts and other graphics, which gives us really good tools for making presentations to the board," explains Carol Martin, Head of Group Accounting and Reporting at Weidmann.

Automated comparisons of group-internal transactions

LucaNet organizes and automates the process of IC reconciliation, meaning that all controllers within the group can view the transactions entered by their trade partners. The functions LucaNet provides ensure the greatest possible transparency, resulting in improved data quality. When the invoice numbers on a given set

HOW LUCANET BENEFITS WEIDMANN:

- ✓ Faster consolidation process
- ✓ Flexible reporting functions
- ✓ Transparent and accurate data



of documents match, they are automatically reconciled and approved. As a result, LucaNet only displays discrepancies that require clarification. This saves a great deal of time in the process.

Flexibility in currency conversion

In the United States, Weidmann's reporting complies with US GAAP accounting standards. The company prepares a sub-consolidation with reports in U.S. dollars for this purpose. Weidmann also creates a separate consolidation in which it converts the currencies of its associated companies – Brazilian Reals, Canadian dollars, U.S. dollars, and so on – into Swiss francs. LucaNet easily provides the tools to combat this challenge. Once the data is in the system, selecting the desired currency is enough to display it immediately in the generated report.

HOW WEIDMANN USES LUCANET:

- Direct data integration
- Preparation of financial statements in line with US GAAP
- Flexible currency conversion



PROPER REPORTING IS NOW SECOND NATURE

Zoologischer Garten Berlin AG

INDUSTRY
Recreational facilities

HEADQUARTERS
Berlin, Germany

EMPLOYEES
500

- USE CASES**
- Data integration
 - Financial consolidation
 - Management reporting

Sabine Kirner is the Head of Controlling at Zoo Berlin. For a long time, she struggled with time-consuming routine activities, such as collecting data for monthly reporting. All too often, little time remained for her to handle important tasks such as analyzing data and advising executive management. LucaNet gave her a solution.

Zoo Berlin is a zoo that sets records. Managed jointly with Tierpark Berlin and Aquarium Berlin in a single public corporation, Zoo Berlin is the biggest zoo operation in Europe. It is the oldest zoo in Germany, and has the largest number of species of any zoo in the world.

For a long time, complete figures that were available quickly were more of a dream than reality for Sabine Kirner. The data from various sources were merged together manually using Excel, an error-prone and time-consuming process. For her the solution was obvious: there needed to be an alternative to Excel. Sabine's search quickly led her to LucaNet. The software provided her with a standardized interface to the Addison accounting software, and gave her the option of easily integrating other software packages, such as the Beckerbillett ticketing software. "LucaNet", Sabine emphasizes, "has become a bit like an atoll for us that groups together all the different islands of data. With my new favorite key combination, Ctrl+Q, data from all sources are immediately available, and reporting is updated. This means we have a truly integrated reporting system. This means I save one to two work days every month, allowing me to focus on data analysis sooner."



MONTHLY REPORTING
1.5 DAYS
FASTER

HOW LUCANET BENEFITS ZOO BERLIN:

- ✓ A week of time saved in planning
- ✓ Integrated reporting system
- ✓ More time to analyze the data

A week of time saved in planning

As well as for reporting, Sabine Kirner also uses LucaNet for financial planning. The planning starts from the bottom-up: First, requirements from all kinds of areas are considered – in addition to standard items such as staff costs, these include admission fees, energy and maintenance costs, and feed for the animals. Next, the individual planning estimates are exported from Excel to LucaNet, where Sabine Kirner has created a file for planning reporting, in which she immediately sees the overall result and can make additional top-down changes if necessary. For each institution and planning cycle, this means she saves at least one week of work time. When there are significant planning changes, the time saved is even significantly greater. And just as important: she can finally consider the substance of the data, hunt down deviations and explain them. She is now not just merely a collector of data, but is also a point of contact, advisor, and service provider for her enterprise.



Sabine Kirner, Controller at Zoo Berlin

HOW ZOO BERLIN USES LUCANET:

- Simple data import from many different source systems
- Automated monthly reporting
- Dynamic planning on an annual basis



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