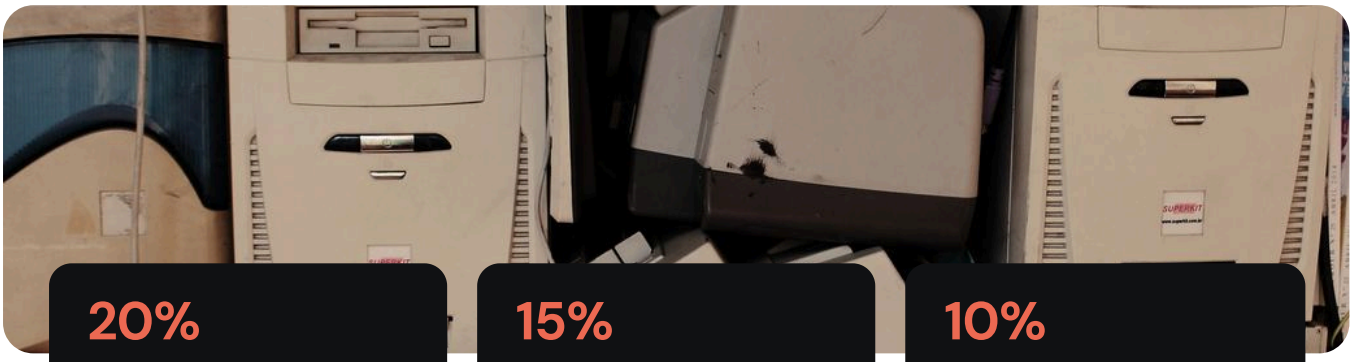
Conglomerate · Global

A conglomerate improved financial reporting accuracy by 20% with automated depreciation

A diversified group with many subsidiaries moved depreciation out of manual calculations and into one asset register, so finance can report the combined depreciation of every business accurately.



20%
improvement in financial reporting accuracy

15%
improvement in resource allocation

10%
less spent on unnecessary maintenance and replacement

AT A GLANCE

INDUSTRY
Diversified conglomerate

SIZE
Large, with many subsidiaries

SCOPE
Several business units and sectors

PREVIOUSLY
Manual depreciation calculations

FEATURES USED
Assets · Finance · Insight

01 The client

The client is a large business conglomerate whose subsidiary companies operate across several sectors.

Each business owns different kinds of assets, uses them differently and depreciates them at its own rates. Group finance has to bring all of it together to report the financial health of the whole conglomerate.

02 The challenge

Depreciation was calculated by hand in each business. With so many asset types, rates and methods, the numbers were often wrong, and the group could not see its combined position with confidence.

- Every business had its own asset types, usage patterns and depreciation rates.
- Manual calculations led to errors in depreciation and in financial reports.
- No consolidated view of depreciation across the group.
- Decisions on where to spend and which assets to retire lacked depreciation data.

03 What they set up in Asset Infinity

The conglomerate put the assets of every business into Asset Infinity and let the Finance feature calculate depreciation by asset class, rate and method.

Assets

One register for every business

Assets from all subsidiaries sit in one register, each tagged to its company, business unit and asset class.

Finance

Automated depreciation runs

Each asset class carries its business's method and rate. Depreciation runs calculate every asset the same way each period, with no hand calculation.

Finance

Disposals and retirements

When an asset is retired or sold, the disposal is recorded against it, so the books and the register stay in step.

Insight

Consolidated reporting

Reports show depreciation for one business or the whole group, so financial statements reflect the combined impact across all subsidiaries.

04 How it works day to day

Here is how depreciation now runs across the group each period.

ASSET ACCOUNTANT

Adds a new asset

A new asset goes into the register with its company, business unit, asset class, cost and date put to use.

SYSTEM

Applies the right rule

The asset class brings its depreciation method and rate, so each business's own policy is applied without a hand calculation.

FINANCE TEAM

Runs depreciation

A depreciation run calculates the period's charge for every asset in every business, the same way each time.

FINANCE TEAM

Exports the journal

The period's depreciation journal is exported to the accounting system, so the books match the register.

BUSINESS UNIT HEAD

Reviews the assets

Reports show each asset's book value and depreciation, which guide decisions on where to spend and what to retire.

ASSET ACCOUNTANT

Records a disposal

When an asset is retired, the disposal is recorded against it and it drops out of future depreciation runs.

GROUP FINANCE

Reports for the group

Consolidated reports combine the depreciation of every subsidiary for the group's financial statements.

05 Before and after

	BEFORE	WITH ASSET INFINITY
Depreciation	Calculated by hand in each business	Automated runs by asset class and method
Rates and methods	Different in every business, hard to keep straight	Set once per class for each business
Group view	Combined position hard to assess	Consolidated reports across all subsidiaries
Accuracy	Errors in financial reports	20% more accurate financial reporting
Spending decisions	Made without depreciation data	Guided by depreciation across the portfolio
Aging assets	Kept and maintained without a clear view	Retired on evidence, 10% less spent on maintenance and replacement

06 How it rolled out

1

Needs assessed. The client and the Asset Infinity team reviewed asset portfolios and reporting needs across every business.

2

Configured per business. Asset classes, business-specific rates and depreciation methods were set up for each subsidiary.

3

Group reporting set up. Consolidated depreciation reports were built so group finance sees every business in one place.

07 The results

10% increase in financial transparency, helping communication with stakeholders

5% increase in overall operational efficiency from fewer administrative tasks

- Financial statements now reflect the combined depreciation of all businesses.
- Depreciation is tracked across the whole portfolio, by business and asset class.

08 Why it worked

Each business keeps its rules

Every subsidiary's asset types and rates were set up as they were, so no business had to change its accounting policy.

One calculation for all

The same depreciation run covers every business, which removes the errors of many separate manual calculations.

A group view by default

Because every asset is in one register, a consolidated report needs no extra reconciliation between businesses.

09 Looking ahead

With every subsidiary's assets in one register and depreciation calculated by rule, the conglomerate reports its asset position accurately and consistently across all of its businesses.

Group finance now plans spending and asset retirement from depreciation data it trusts, instead of reconciling separate manual calculations from each business.

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