

Addison Lee, London, UK

# IMPROVED CONSOLIDATION REPORTING WITH SAP® BPC



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## Challenges

- Manual processes to manipulate data
- Over-reliance on excel for analysis with difficulties sharing reporting across the business
- Challenges around accuracy, completeness and consistency of data
- A need to empower colleagues by providing them with visualisation solutions



## Solutions

- SAP BPC 10.1



## Benefits

- Confidence in data being shared across the business
- Centralised and consistent platform across the group
- User friendly system that is easily extensible enabling Addison Lee to build own reports
- Standardised consolidation process



## Why NTT DATA Business Solutions?

- Understanding of business requirements
- They were able to clearly articulate the 'art of the possible'
- Strong working relationship between NTT DATA Business Solutions and the consolidation team at Addison Lee



**Organisation:** Addison Lee Group

**Industry:** Transport

**Products:** Car service, Couriers, Executive Cab Service and Coaches

**Number of Employees:** 1500 employees

**Assets:** £345mn

**Website:** [www.addisonlee.com](http://www.addisonlee.com)

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### Improved Consolidation Reporting

Addison Lee Group's fleet of over 4,800 taxis and minicabs transports in excess of 10 million passengers each year in London alone. With ambitious growth plans, including expansion across the US, the organisation needed to enhance and transform their finance systems. Addison Lee Group embarked on a project with NTT DATA Business Solutions to implement a modern Consolidation, Reporting, Planning and Budgeting tool to extend finance system capability to allow multiple legal entities, multi-currency translation and group consolidation. Our it.epm<sup>ADD</sup> BPC starter kit was a key asset in the project as the approach offered reduced risk and faster implementation times for consolidation. it.epm includes accelerators that cater for many aspects of best practice derived from the experience of our consultants through the countless implementations they have been engaged in - especially in the areas of reports, logic and workflow.

### Challenges around Data Consistency

Addison Lee Group faced a number of issues around reporting and data consistency. Tim Thimaya, Group Financial Controller, Addison Lee Group, explained, "Our existing consolidation process was performed via multiple spreadsheets that involved a number of manual processes to manipulate our data. This gave us a number of challenges around accuracy, completeness and consistency of data." As a result of these challenges, we were tasked with providing an improved, centralised and consistent platform across the group for their consolidation processes. Our team worked very closely with Addison Lee Group in building a robust solution with SAP BPC 10.1 Microsoft. It was important that the new solution would provide a single version of the truth and deliver trustworthy and consistent data for accurate reporting.

### A Robust Consolidation Solution

Addison Lee Group are already reaping the benefits from their new solution. With a centralised and consistent platform across the group, month ends are now being completed using our BPC consolidation process and they have built upon the solution with their own reports, showing that the system is user-friendly and easily extensible. Tim Thimaya, Group Financial Controller, Addison Lee Group, added, "NTT DATA Business Solutions have given us a powerful solution that enables us to standardise our consolidation process. It also has simple, but effective, inbuilt query capabilities allowing the business to create our own reporting and analysis. Reporting has improved dramatically and we now have confidence in the data we are sharing across the business. The project ran very smoothly thanks to the knowledge of the consultants at itelligence\*." The project was delivered on time and on budget and a strong working relationship between us and the consolidation team at Addison Lee Group has been built. Further evidence of the strength of this partnership has been demonstrated through an AMS support agreement signed shortly after this project

### Future Plans

Based on the success of this project, a forecasting and budgeting solution was implemented by us using the same SAP BPC 10.1 platform, which has been fully integrated with the Consolidation solution.

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