LeanMIS Reference
2011

Corporate Planning

powered by PORR

STRAUSS & PARTNER

Customer profile
Porr AG is one of the largest construction companies in Austria and generated a production output of €2.89 billion in 2012 with almost 11,000 employees. Strauss & Partner is a subsidiary of the Porr Group.

Initial situation
Following a restructuring, corporate planning had to be reorganized. The usual expensive, complex software tools were undesirable. The management shied away from costs and effort because they knew the problems from experience. Planning for individual subsidiaries was simply done using Excel. The solution contained tens of thousands of cell formulas, was therefore prone to errors and could not be rolled out to the entire group.

Solution
The numerous Excel files are imported into the SQL server at the touch of a button. LeanMIS delivers standardized reporting from the database. And again the Excel file, which closes the circle.

Results
Precise, correct, reliable planning preview. The CFO himself can adapt the system. The planners stay productive in Excel, no retraining is required. Major cost savings, as it was possible to dispense with an expensive, industry-standard planning tool.

Software and services

Microsoft Excel
Microsoft SQL Server
Microsoft Access

"We simply plan the group with LeanMIS and Excel."

Dr. Martin Piribauer, CFO Strauss & Partner

Strauss & Partner does not use the usual expensive and support-intensive corporate planning software for budgeting and forecast, but instead uses LeanMIS and Microsoft Excel in a simple and cost-conscious manner. More than 100 subsidiary companies, each with over 400 accounts, are carried forward and analyzed on a quarterly basis over 5 years.

1. CFO creates a one-time write-protected Excel file that maps a subsidiary's uniform chart of accounts over the quarters. This file is the heart of the system. It is highly formatted, all formulas are checked and write-protected.
2. The controllers enter their subsidiary companies' financial data in this file and save it under a unique name.
3. LeanMIS imports these files into the database with a single click. And only if all plausibility checks are OK. That is important. The CFO does the import himself.
4. LeanMIS enables decision-making. Scenarios can be calculated or sub-portfolios analyzed (e.g. forecast only for residential properties in the eastern federal states). Results are pubished in the groups's annual financial report.

If new budget figures are to replace old ones, these are simply entered into the Excel file which was archived during the last import. The file is then re-imported in just a few seconds. The CFO can immediately contribute his strong Excel knowledge. This avoids misunderstandings with software developers.

Key figures

Initial project:	3 months
Commissioning:	2011
Users:	over 15

Improvements

Achieving considerable savings: the investment for the Excel files could be maintained. Expenses for expensive, industry-standard planning software were eliminated. The unavoidable run-in phase was short and pain free.

The controllers are productive and satisfied. The CFO himself develops the system and requires little consultation.

About LeanMIS

LeanMIS is an Excel-based BI solution for industry, banks and real estate managers. LeanMIS aggregates data from many data sources (SQL, ERP, CRM, files, cloud) with as little redundancy as possible, manages reports and ensures their accuracy. Users can create individual reports ad hoc with Excel. LeanMIS is also an Austrian chisches software company based in Vienna.
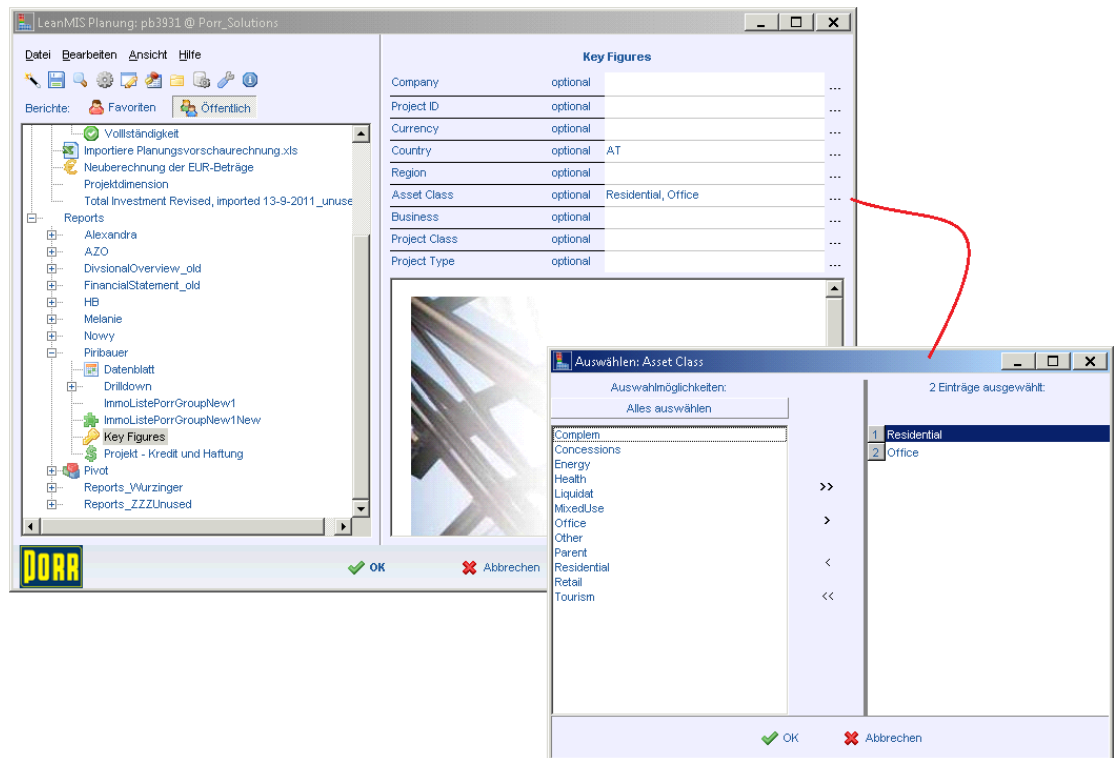
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Users select asset classes
of over 100 properties.

LeanMIS generates an
interactive diagram.

Raw data was imported from
over 100 Excel files.

Analysts can investigate
approx. 15 million records.

Key Figures in EUR, Country AT, Asset Class xxx

Legend:
- Investitionen Immobilien
- Cash and Cash Equivalents
- Eigenmittel (EK)
- Banken, Darlehen (FK)
- Free Cash Flow