SAP[®] Financial Consolidation

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What is SAP[®] Financial Consolidation?

SAP Financial Consolidation (BFC) is part of SAP Enterprise Performance Management (EPM) solutions, which is a comprehensive set of solutions that helps your company capitalize on the value of your existing data assets. With patented database technology and through process automation, SAP BFC helps you reduce time and cost associated with closing and management reporting cycles, without sacrificing the controls or auditing needed for today's global compliance environment.

The application provides the control your organization needs to deliver reliable data to stakeholders, drives better informed decisions and improves your organization's ability to adapt quickly to change. It is also flexible, allowing divisions and business units to run operations in a way that makes business sense.

In addition to giving full process control to corporate finance, the application provides data transparency and traceability to enable timely and accurate public disclosure and compliance with corporate governance requirements.

With the latest release of the new SAP BFC versions, an even more complete integrated solution is launched:

- Integrated solution with Financial Information Management (FIM)
- Integrated solution with Intercompany Server (ICS)
- Extended audit trail features from source ledger till consolidated data
- Consolidation enhancements
- Compliance enhancements
- Usability enhancements
- Analysis enhancements
- Extended XBRL capabilities

What does Gartner Say?

According to Gartner's Magic Quadrant for Corporate Performance Management Suites, SAP has a steady high position brand in finance offices and is still climbing in comparison with previous years. The CPM market is dominated by three mega vendors for which SAP is one of them.

SAP has a broad portfolio of applications and continues to grow its CPM footprint through acquisitions and its overall vision is very strong.

The key strategic components including SAP BusinessObjects Financial Consolidation deliver a good breadth and depth of functionality in all areas of CPM.

SAP is executing well on an aggressive road map to deliver integration among the various acquired CPM applications in its portfolio. SAP's linkage of CPM with governance, risk and compliance (GRC) through its Strategy Management component is a visionary move.

Figure 1

Magic Quadrant for Corporate Performance Management Suites



Focus on Integration

MDS *ap* offers SAP EPM services and expertise with a strong focus on integration of processes and applications. Organisations will benefit the most from SAP BFC if they implement the following SAP EPM modules:

- Financial Consolidation Complete your financial consolidation and reporting cycles faster with
- complete confidence in your data. Rapid Deployment Kits configured for common industry scenarios.
- XBRL Publishing Simplify and accelerate the preparation of XBRL documents to communicate financial and business data.
- *Financial Information Management* Leverage powerful connectivity, mapping, and loading functionality designed for business users.
- Intercompany Reconciliation Accelerate your close by enabling your business units to debate and reconcile balances directly with one another and eliminate delays at the corporate and divisional levels.



Figure 2

▶What do we offer?

MDS *ap* has had a broad experience in many industries for many years and delivers high quality services that include:

- Package Selection: support on selection of group reporting solutions.
- Project Management.
- Process Improvement: 'Fast close', IFRS, XBRL, Sustainability, Risk Reporting.
- Implementation Services: 'Delivering Solutions' from analysis to implementation.
- Training and roll-out.

▶Why MDS ap?

MDS *ap* is a professional service provider of Enterprise Performance Management and Group Finance. Our area of work spans from Strategic Finance, Planning Budgeting and Forecasting, Management Reporting, Analytics, Business Intelligence to Financial Consolidation and Legal Entity Management. Furthermore, we provide automated creation of filings, including annual/quarterly reports and board books with fully incorporated XBRL tagging.



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