

Rapid implementation for Servier subsidiary

The French parent company planned to implement JD Edwards EnterpriseOne software and the UK subsidiary, wishing to update its own AS/400-based solution, needed a level of compatibility with the parent without having to undertake a full ERP implementation. A number of mid-range packages were reviewed including Whitehouse's proposal for its own rapid implementation technique: a pre-configured, rapid implementation of EnterpriseOne (now incorporated into Whitehouse's Oracle Accelerate solution).

Servier Laboratories Ltd is part of an international pharmaceutical company ranked among the top fifteen in Europe. At the time of the project the UK division, made up of Research and Development and Sales and Distribution, employed 280 staff and had a turnover of £25m.

One year after completion, Servier's rapid implementation was proved to have been a realistic, cost-effective and virtually self-sufficient solution. It required minimal external support. Servier was able to maintain its JD Edwards upgrade path and went on to implement the next version of EnterpriseOne.*

The final choice of solution was made on the basis of the established good reputation, within Servier, of JD Edwards software, combined with the reduced cost and timescale of the pre-configured solution. The Whitehouse solution was based on JD Edwards EnterpriseOne and on a series of generic templates. The pre-configuration was more than a 90% fit with Servier's basic requirements; some changes were made on site with only minor impact on the timeframe. Servier took the Financials suite plus Address Book, Inventory / SOP and Purchasing. In addition, a pre-configured Chart of Accounts, developed in France, was inserted and the appropriate links built for future use. Following the introduction of the system, Servier later extended its use of the Purchasing module (as accommodated by the pre-configured solution).

A timeframe of 75 days was allowed for and was met. The system was live-tested and go-live was set for the first week of October 2000. The Financial Controller at Servier UK, initially sceptical at the prospect of a large system implementation, said he was, "impressed by the close match between my initial software demands and Whitehouse's pre-configured solution, and with the pragmatic approach of the Whitehouse team."

The 2000 project at Servier Laboratories Ltd demonstrates how rapid implementation is ideal for subsidiaries within the JD Edwards market. Similarly it suits smaller companies not requiring a full ERP implementation.

* EnterpriseOne was known at the time of this implementation as OneWorld Xe

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SMEs demand low cost, low risk solution implementations that will support best practice. As a result Whitehouse pre-built business processes into the software to enable rapid, out-of-the-box implementations that are ideal for subsidiaries and SMEs alike. Please request details of current Oracle Accelerate solutions.