Case Study

Project	Allocations Management
Client	Global real estate owner, developer and operator

The Problem

The client had no centralized management of corporate projects (a cost center representing a property, fund or line of business), with each region managing their projects separately. Corporate expense allocations (actual and budgeted) were also maintained independently across multiple non-integrated systems.

The client's allocation methods had also become complex, often requiring the assessment of multiple weighting attributes, which increased the potential for manual calculation errors.

There was a need to centralize the management of projects and expense allocations within the organization and ensure the consistency of this data across the systems.

The Solution

A web-based Allocation Management solution was implemented to manage corporate projects, project groups, expense allocations and budgets. The solution addressed the client's complex allocation requirements and integrated with multiple systems to ensure the consistency of managed data.

Key integrations included:

- Sourcing common data from a global data repository.
- Managing budget allocations in an enterprise budgeting system.
- Managing projects, project groups and allocations in a suite of custom solutions previously implemented by Open Box.
- Managing allocations in multiple ERPs.

Role-based access control to solution functionality was achieved through integration with an access control management system.

The Outcome

The solution centralized the management of projects, expense allocations and related data within the organization.

- Defined and addressed the client's complex allocation requirements.
- Established a central source for commonly used project data.
- Enforced data consistency and usage across regions and systems.
- Eliminated data duplication and manual effort associated with maintaining duplicate data.

Features

- Global Expense Allocation & Budgeting
- Systems Integration

Technologies

- .NET Framework
- SQL Server
- Windows Services

Service Model

- Fully Offshore

Project Duration

- Phased Implementation
- Total: 9 months

Billing Model

- Analysis: Time & Materials
- Build: FTE
- Support & Enhancements: FTE

There's always a better way