EPMA
Project Management Technology
ENTERPRISE PROJECT MANAGEMENT

EPMA enhanced the project management abilities of a global luxury department store brand and provided visibility to their enterprise portfolio consisting of hundreds of projects that included cross-departmental company initiatives. The self-scaling enhancement allowed our client to quickly manage their current projects while maintaining the ability to quickly and easily expand to accommodate their growing organization and enterprise project portfolio.

THE KEY
ISSUES

The key issue facing the retail giant was their need to see important project data for any number of their long list of projects. A feature that was missing from their 5000-line-Microsoft-Pro file that they were utilizing to track the status of all of their projects.

Reporting features were also severely lacking from the clients project management tool and they had come to rely on Power Point presentation slides to report project status's to their executive leadership.
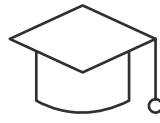
Key issues the client needed to be addressed were:

Implement and configure Microsoft Project Online to support the organizations existing project management processes
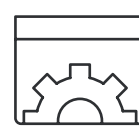
Support for the custom project sites that would be designed during the implementation

Develop and facilitate a custom training curriculum to instruct project managers on the Microsoft Project Online solution as well as the company's project management methodologies

Provide ongoing support for the reporting and administrative maintenance of the Microsoft Project Online tool as well as its supporting applications SharePoint, OData, and Power BI

OUR
SOLUTIONS

After conducting an extensive requirements workshop with the organizations project management teams and executive stakeholders, EPMA developed a broad solution to address the company's urgent project requirements while also planning for future growth.

EPMA's solutions included:

Implementing Microsoft Project within the client's aggressive 6-week schedule

Providing a realistic road-map for enabling real-time availability of the organizations project-overhaul

Converting the organizations single project file into multiple project schedules

Provide on-going technical and report-building support

Training of the organizations project teams in utilizing the tool according to their established processes

VALUE
ADDED

"We had a need for a spin up of a portfolio solution with Microsoft Project Server. The initial project would be the most important project our company has undertaken in many years. EPMA responded by putting together a concise, well-thought out plan for implementation. EPMA's expertise was key to a successful, under budget, and early delivery of the implementation. Our staff enjoyed working with them; this is a professional team."

-Dane Truhett, PMP, CSM, ITIL Manager QA, PMO

As part of their Microsoft Project Implementation, EPMA converted the clients existing, 5000-line, single-project-file into multiple, separate appropriate projects to better track all existing projects while planning for future projects. EPMA also developed custom reporting functions to fit the organizations needs. As part of the overall solution, EPMA provided comprehensive training to the organizations project management teams in the appropriate use of the tool while adhering to the client's project management processes. These solutions, along with EPMA's continued Microsoft Project Server support and maintenance services, have given the client the benefits of the powerful, enterprise project management system without the high overhead cost typically associated with such a solution.