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Dawn Capital



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Venture capital



Previous Finance System
An on-premises finance system



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2 full users



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Dawn Capital relies on quality finance data. But in the past, it has taken an outsourced finance function 60-80 hours a month to produce the necessary management reporting pack.

After shopping around for an in-house accounting system and judging the contenders against a demanding list of criteria, Dawn Capital chose iplicit.

A few months on, that reporting time has been cut in half, allowing the team to focus more on higher-level work.

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About Dawn Capital

Dawn Capital has existed for 15 years.

“We exclusively back European founders building global giants in B2B software and fintech, with a primary focus on Series A and B investments,” says Financial Controller Gurvinder Sandhu.

In some ways, the business is straightforward, he says, with the accounting system serving a single corporate entity.

But dealing with issues such as prepayments, or forwards, is a major complication.

Why iplicit?

When it came to choosing a new system, Dawn had a checklist of criteria.

It included:

Automation of recurring functions

A comprehensive VAT module

Ability to customise the system

Visibility of information

Segregation of roles, to track change history

Pricing: “Were we getting all this functionality as part of the package, or was it an extra bolt-on?”

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Dawn Capital needed its accounting software to integrate with three other key systems: the accounts payable platform Lightyear (which is already integrated with iplicit), the expenses system Soldo and the financial planning and analysis tool Adaptive.

Accountant Frankie Boffey says the team was well-supported with these integrations and the rest of the implementation.



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“We frequently use the support email and find the team to be very responsive. Since we got the setup sorted, we’ve not really had any issues with the system and, day to day, it’s working perfectly.

“There’s a customer webinar every couple of months where the team talks about the tool and gives advice, which is useful.

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Dawn Capital remains happy with the information it’s getting from iplicit as well as the big time savings it’s made. Using iplicit has halved the amount of time it takes to produce monthly management packs.

“It’s a very strong system. It works very well,” says Gurvinder.

“It’s easy for the CFO and me to go in and search for what’s allocated where. Making sure the journals are correct gives us control over the accounts.

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Accounting software for Private Equity Firms and Venture Capitalists

iplicit is empowering private equity firms and venture capitalists to take control of their finance operations and focus on what really matters. iplicit is ideal for managing a multitude of companies/legal entities, often utilising a variety of disparate systems. iplicit makes consolidation and reporting easy, enabling real-time visibility across the entire portfolio.

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