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Qlik Sense and TRUECHART provide up-to-date data in project controlling

Blumer Lehmann has a daily overview of all projects with a Qlik Sense & TRUECHART application.

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Qlik Sense & TRUECHART take over project controlling

Fabian Stadler
Head of Controlling
Blumer Lehmann

"When I joined Blumer Lehmann in the summer of 2021, I quickly realized the huge potential in the company and how much responsibility project controlling has in the rapid growth.

I already knew Qlik Sense from before and am deeply convinced of the performance of the software. We first got to know TRUECHART as an extension in the proof-of-concept of the HICO Group. This tool is very powerful and impresses with the extensive comment and annotation functions on data points and in the charts. Exactly what we were looking for.

HICO-Group did a great job and convinced us completely."

Blumer Lehmann is "Wood Construction Excellence"

As a leading Swiss timber construction company, Blumer Lehmann offers timber construction expertise of the highest perfection. Not only in standard buildings, because Blumer Lehmann also and especially plans and builds innovative, extraordinary and emotional timber constructions. Thus, the predicate "Holzbau Excellence" underlines the perfect quality, esthetics and design.

Blumer Lehmann grows with project controlling

"The old systems were no longer able to provide us with sufficiently timely, decision-safe data as we grew, so we had to act," says Stefan Zehnder, CFO at Blumer Lehmann. "Fabian Stadler had the right nose for a solution that will keep us well and securely positioned in the future."

At the PoC, HICO-Group presented not only the performance of Qlik Sense, but also its own software TRUECHART, which was ultimately decisive in winning the contract: "We were always looking for a solution where you can comment directly on the data points in the dashboards," says Fabian Stadler, Head of Controlling at Blumer Lehmann. He laughs: "And: we have a lot to comment on".

Working independently without outside help was also at the top of the specifications: "I wanted to master Qlik Sense and TRUECHART perfectly and not have to rely on the help of our consultants," says Stadler. "That's our claim: we enable our customers to solve tasks without outside help," says Christoph Schmeisser, senior BI consultant at HICO-Group. "We train them using practical exercises with their own company data and in building dashboards.

In global competition, project controlling is more important than ever before.

The system architecture is complex

Kick-Off: Data Modeling and Architecture

The project started in November in the middle of the Corona winter 2021, go-live was planned for the following March. Fabian Stadler got deep into data modeling and the architecture together with the HICO Group team. "You have to take a lot of time here so that you don't realize later that you made a mistake at the beginning. Ralph Ginzinger and Christoph Schmeisser are experienced HICO experts and coached us very well here. Even though it took longer, it was worth it." The project ran without any obstacles, the milestones were achieved on time and on budget, and parallel training was carried out on and with the system.

Performance adjustments and go-live for all

"We've never had so much comment data in the software," laughs Christoph Schmeisser, "we had to readjust the performance at short notice to bring the overall system performance up to the promised level. An unusual challenge, but not a problem." The system went live on schedule and convinced not only in the controlling area. "We procured licenses for all project managers, because they are responsible for profitable project progress and need to know where they stand with their project at all times," says Fabian Stadler.

"The application is top built and implemented, we are very well trained and use the system to its full potential with many dashboards. It was the best decision. I would go the same way again, also and especially again with HICO-Group as a partner, who delivered reliably and on budget. Thanks to Ralph and Christoph. Qlik Sense and TRUECHART are a very good combination that I can recommend without hesitation," says Stadler and laughs: "I guess that's what you call the perfect fit!"

Christoph Schmeisser
Senior BI-Consultant
HICO-Group

"We have set up a complex system architecture here that is perfectly tailored to Blumer Lehmann's extensive project business: every project manager has access to current target and actual data at all times and can intervene in a controlling manner. This is only possible with state-of-the-art business intelligence systems such as Qlik Sense.

Of course, I am particularly pleased that our TRUECHART software is so well received here. The importance of data commentary cannot be overstated: how did this figure come about? Is it final or will it change during the course of the project? All this can be questioned and explained at the data point from different sides. In addition, these comments are stored at the corresponding data points in an audit-proof manner. This makes every decision traceable."

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