

How Premier Foods embraced change and successfully migrated their Consolidation processes to the Cloud.

Solution

IBM Cognos Controller

Services

Cloud Migration

About Premier Foods

Based in St Albans, Hertfordshire, Premier Foods owns and manufactures many of the UK's best-loved food brands, including Ambrosia, Angel Delight, Mr Kipling, Sharwoods, Oxo, Bisto, Batchelors and Cadbury. Premier Foods are listed on the London Stock Exchange and employ more than 4,000 people at 16 manufacturing sites and offices.



Challenges Overview

Premier Foods had an older version of Controller running on-premises, which had supported their group consolidation processes for years.

They needed to get their Controller version up to date and didn't want to worry about falling behind in the future. That's why moving to the cloud version was a good option for them: it would shift the responsibility for patches and upgrades to IBM and reduce the maintenance burden on their IT team.

The project itself had three aspects:

- An upgrade to a modern version of Controller with the new consolidation engine
- The migration of the Controller application and database into the cloud
- The adoption of new functionality such as Controller Web.



Results

The move to IBM Cognos Controller on Cloud was a great success and Premier Foods are now using the latest software version and won't have to worry about staying current in the future. This saves time for their IT team and puts them in a stronger position for auditing and compliance.

They are now starting to see the benefits of the new Controller Web interface. We helped them build more robust workflows for contributors where data can only be submitted when complete and validated.

Now that they have completed the move to cloud, they are in a much better position for group consolidation generally and the IT and finance teams can focus on other priorities.

"We definitely felt like we were working with a real expert, and Aramar's approach gave us a lot of confidence in the planning and execution of the cloud migration".