

Customer success story:

Ambitious Pan-African University project benefits from agile, secure and scalable integration with Agilyx iPaaS solution

The Customer

STADIO believes in the future of their nation. Their vision is to make a difference by offering greater access to higher education and ensuring that every South African has the opportunity to become the most empowered version of themselves. STADIO believes in the human potential all around them; that they can grow minds, dreams and employment to ultimately benefit the whole of South Africa. Their mission and values are not dissimilar to those of Agilyx, with our mission to empower change within organisations and help every organisation we work with bring out the best in themselves and their employees.

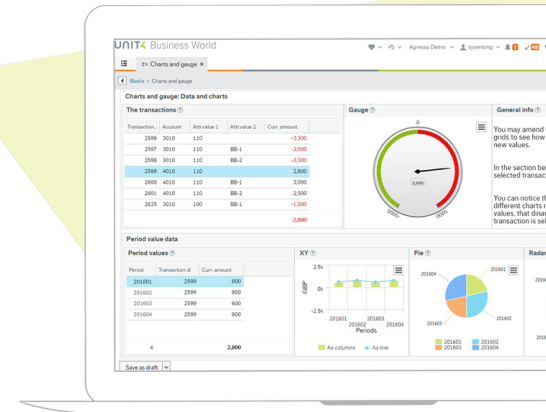
STADIO has brought together 4 highly prestigious institutions – the Southern Business School, Embury Institute for Higher Education, London School of Fashion, and Prestige Academy – that have a collective experience of more than 100 years in providing quality, affordable education. They offer an array of accredited qualifications through contact, distance and blended learning across 9 campuses and support more than 20,000 students across Southern Africa.

The Challenge

Our relationship with STADIO came about as a result of challenges they faced with their initial implementation of Unit4 ERP. The more traditional internal structure common to many universities and higher education institutions also provided unique challenges, with complex change management processes needing to be run to bring both people and systems to a point where a new system could successfully be rolled out. In this environment, relationship management was a crucial element of the project.

Data silos were also a common challenge for STADIO. The higher education provider was relying on multiple, disparate systems for vital processes across finance, HR, payroll, and student finances.

Separate, disconnected data made it difficult for STADIO to report on consolidated financials and human resources data, manage change, and maximise efficiency. Divan Hartshorne, Shared Services Manager: Business Support says, “We used multiple and outdated accounting applications with reliance on complex excel spreadsheets for financial reporting. The rapid growth of STADIO required a flexible and scalable ERP solution that would enable us to report accurately and efficiently on single source data, automate workflow processes and reduce paper-based processes.” With more than 20,000 students, STADIO was finding its outdated systems were no longer up to the task of managing multiple campuses and student finances, as well as planning for current and future business models.



Customer name

Stadio

Industry

Higher Education

Company Size

500+

Headquarters

Cape Town, South Africa

The Results

“Unit4 represents a great step for STADIO. It liberates our people by automating manual tasks. Decision making is faster, easier, and more accurate. And our processes are far more efficient now.”

– Divan Hartshorne, Shared Services Manager: Business Support

Key takeaways from the project



Increased visibility

Unlocked complete financial insights connected to the rest of the institution.



Improved operations

Supported by the Agilyx Group, STADIO was able to evaluate and undertake a major system consolidation.



Agility and independence

Reduced dependency on external IT resources over time.



Availability and integrity

Unmatched solution availability and integrity with iPaaS-driven platform performance.

The Solution

Agilyx Group began working with STADIO in 2020 to develop an integrated Unit4 ERP solution that would cover STADIO’s financial management, procurement and human resources needs. An Agilyx Integration Machine (AIM) was implemented to ensure consistent communication data flows between STADIO’s ERP and student management systems so they could get better data and reporting and more consistent information flows from their systems.

Delivering Success

So far, Agilyx Group has helped to platform 3 of STADIO’s legacy institutions, with the fourth scheduled to go live in early-2023.

The move to a cloud-based ERP model has already driven transformation.

“We are more agile and adaptive in the cloud,” Divan Hartshorne said. “Alongside the classic cloud advantages of lower cost and reduced risk, we can integrate new systems efficiently, change processes on the fly, and develop a robust, flexible disaster recovery strategy.”

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