





#### Webinar Applying IFRS 16: Scaling Your Compliance Efforts with Automation

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## **Today's Presenter**

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Led the International Flavors & Fragrances Project Management Office for the global implementation of lease accounting (GAAP & IFRS)

- Team of 60 colleagues from around the world who gathered and abstracted leases (not just accounting staff)
- Accounting standards
- Sox compliance
- Controls
- Auditor satisfaction
- Optimization of software usage and MEC

#### **The Global Leasing Market**







**1B** LEASED ASSETS





## **The Standard - Highlights**

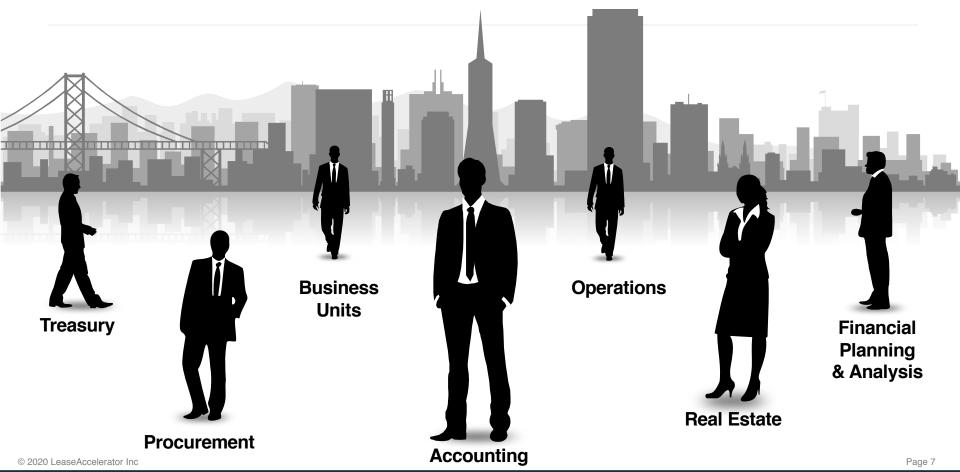
- Effective January 1, 2019
- Eliminates nearly all off balance sheet accounting for leases
- Increases comparability
- New model one lease type
- Business processes, systems and controls
- Cross functional approach

## Lease Financing: Impacts and Risks to Lessee



#### Who To Include in the Lease Lifecycle Management Project?





#### **Accurate Data is Critical for Lease Accounting**



#### **Data Capture Challenges**



Foreign Language

Currencies

File Types

Unstructured vs Structured

**Amendments** 

## **Top Administrative and Compliance Issues**



Success = Plan, Plan, Plan then Test, Test, Test

## **The Monthly Close**





# **Complexity of the Standard**

- Planning Audit committees / boards and auditors know how complicated the implementation of this standard is:
  - Accounting judgement and expertise
  - Systems enhancements
  - Business process improvement

### Execution

- ERP not designed for IT challenges
- Spreadsheets vs. purpose-built solutions
- Accounting is just the tip of the "iceberg"



## **Real World Complexity**

- Complexity in Pricing and Contract Structures While innovation in lease pricing and contract structures may land deals, it makes automating the accounting of those deals complex and difficult;
- Managing Lease Lifecycle Events Lease events—their nature AND their timing—vary greatly from company to company, and even within a company; and
- **Reporting Requirements and Accounting Variables** The accounting policies and financial reporting options adopted by your company introduce even more complexities into the accounting of your lease portfolio.



#### Data-Driven Quality - Delivering the Right Lease Accounting, for the Combinations You Need

When Choosing a Lease Accounting Solution

- Ask About Quality and Validation of lease accounting combinations
- Data-Driven Approach to Quality
- Quality = Confidence = Resting Easier at Night
- Testing What Really Matters
- SOC1 Type 2 and SOC 2 Type 2 reports

## Warning: Spreadsheets are NOT the Answer



The difference between poison and the cure is the quality of the antidote.

- Excel is the poison
- A complete, lease lifecycle management system is the cure

## **Excel is Not an Accounting System**



# **Spreadsheets and Art of Lease Accounting**

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- Compliance to lease accounting standard is complex and requires expertise in the knowledge of the accounting standard which requires applying judgements related to the standards.
- Per the standards, lease accounting must be performed at the asset level. In other words, each asset must be accounted for.
- Many inputs (up to 140 per leased asset) are required for lease accounting. (e.g. rates, payment amount, terms, covenants, etc.)
  - If leases change, the accounting likely changes.
  - Add in unknown items that get resolved in the future. (e.g. Fx, IBR, Usage, CPI)
- Part of lease accounting is the sub ledger that must tie multiple general ledger accounts (usually 10-20) to the general ledger.

#### Why is Lease Lifecycle Management Important?



Cost effective, sustainable, enterprise-wide lease accounting compliance where the lease database changes virtually every month



Maintaining, automating and optimizing the monthly accounting close process Minimizing the impact of the ongoing lease accounting workload on the accounting team



Optimizing and delivering the highest return on investment in the lease spend category

### What is Lease Lifecycle Management?



- □ Lease versus buy
  - Fiduciary duty / internal controls
- Improve lease portfolio performance on a continuous basis through flexible deal structures provided at the start of the lease



- Extend Renegotiate better terms
- Return meet notification terms
- Purchase



- Leverage Robotic Process Automation (RPA) to automate judgements and decisions
  - Centralized intelligence drives the automated process
- Ensure the accuracy and completeness of lease accounting data using Workflow Automation

## Sourcing, Performance and Quality



Improve lease portfolio performance on a continuous basis



Drive savings and standardization through competitive sourcing



Standardize documentation



Ensure data quality on a continuous basis

# **Flow Through Business Process**



#### Lease versus Buy Analysis



## **Forecasting and Budgeting**



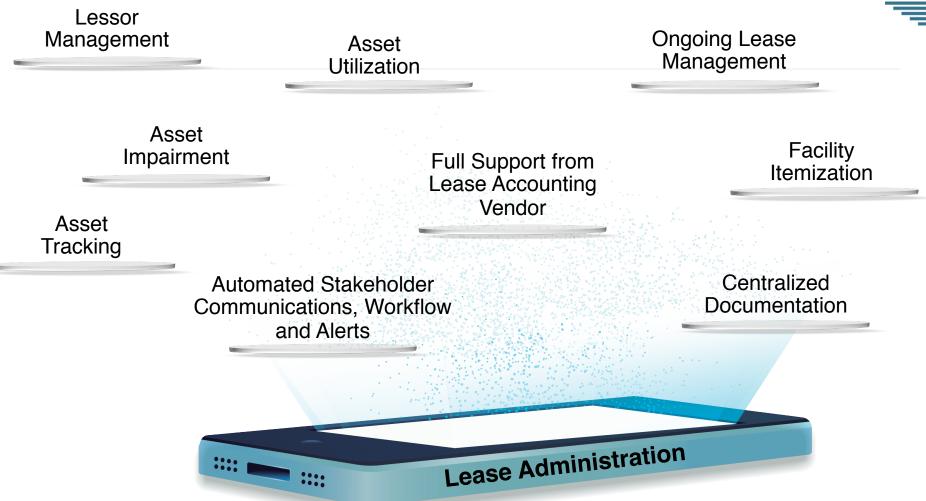
At lease inception, a proper lease accounting and lease lifecycle management system provides

- Monthly P&L (FP&A team)
- Balance sheet (Treasury team)
- Cash Flow guidance

over the lifetime of <u>each</u> lease

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## **Compliance** Lease Accounting, Reporting & Analytics



- Internal controls and fiduciary responsibility
- Automation of lease classification
- Workflow for internal controls
- Apply policies to entire lease portfolio (e.g. IBR, Fx, useful lives)
- Automated application of judgments and decisions based on centrally controlled and consistently applied policies ensures corporate governance

### **Debt Covenants and Borrowing**



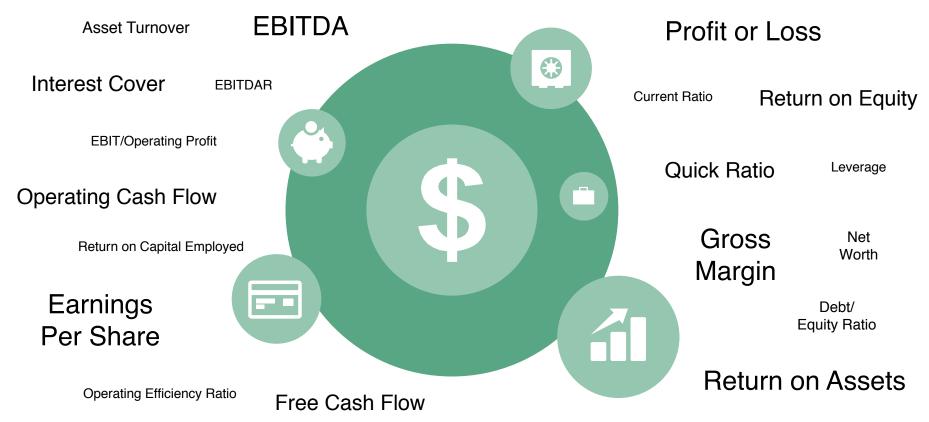
Will the changes to your balance sheet impact existing debt covenants and borrowing ability?

#### Ratios in Loan Covenants

- Basic fixed-charge coverage
- Current ratio
- Debt service coverage
- Debt to net worth
- Funded debt to EBITDA



## Which Financial Metrics are Impacted?





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## **THANK YOU** QUESTIONS?

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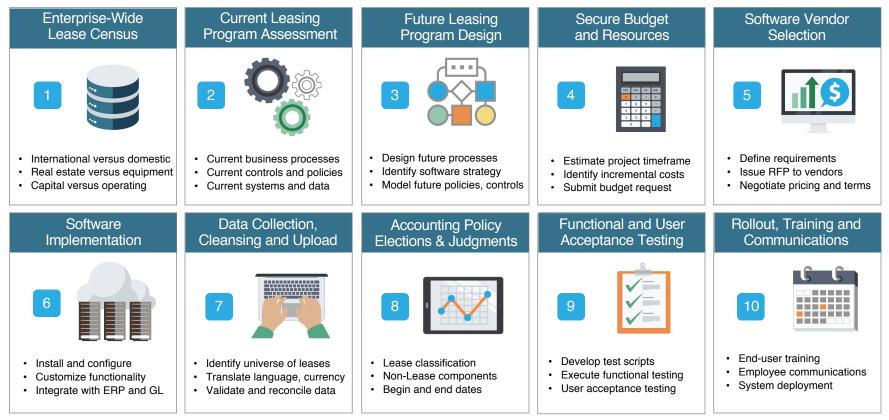
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# **10 Key Implementation Steps**



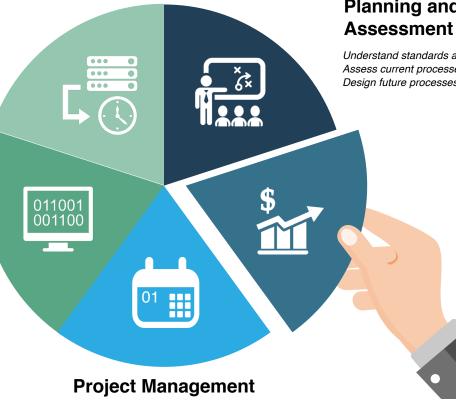
## The Key Budget Elements

#### Software Implementation

Install and customize functionality Integrate and test with other systems Deploy and train users

#### **Data Collection** and Upload

Identify data required Aggregate data and docs Cleanse and reconcile data



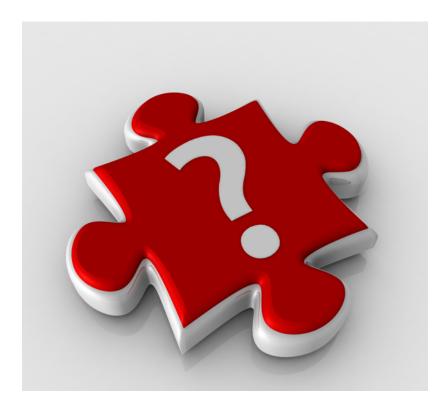
## Planning and

Understand standards and assess impacts Assess current processes, systems, controls Design future processes, systems, controls

#### Lease Accounting Software

Software licenses or subscription Database licenses Server hardware and storage

#### **Quiz** – What do these entities all have in common?



- Goldman Sachs
- JP Morgan
- Citibank
- Barclays
- Fidelity
- AstraZeneca
- Marks & Spencer
- Eastman Kodak

These are all companies that have disclosed financial accounting errors or irregularities caused by Excel.