

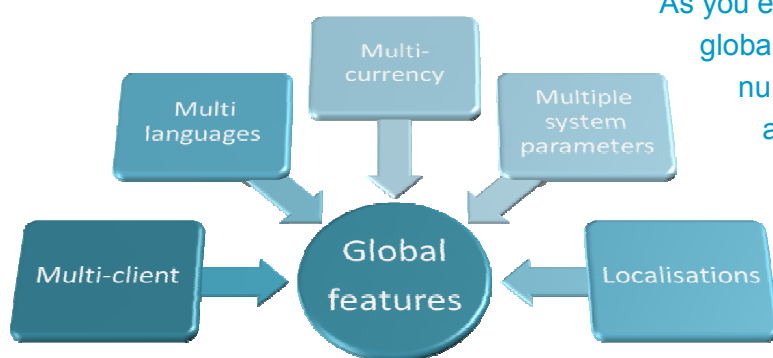
Global Roll-out of Agresso

Integra Associates use their international experience to help their clients implement global roll-out of Agresso Business World.

Globalisation is transforming multinational entities into globally integrated enterprises. An important part of this is the devolution of financial management across the enterprise and to new areas of operation. This transformation for a UK company or multinational alike brings fresh challenges in rolling out their user interfaces as well as back office finance systems.

Integra has considerable experience in both the business issues that arise as well as the practical implementation of Agresso functionality that is available to facilitate the operation of global finance solutions.

Any global roll-out will consider the business requirements in the key areas of multi-currencies, multi languages, possible different reporting timelines, cultural differences and alternative styles of management. Different countries may also attract specific financial software requirements such as statutory reports, bank file formats, statutory based chart of accounts or specific purchase and sales tax requirements.



As you expect of a world class global solution, Agresso has a number of features that allow an organisation the flexibility to configure their Agresso solution to meet its specific business needs.

Integra has experience of global roll-out in:

USA
Canada
France
Italy
Austria
Hong Kong

China
Singapore
Indonesia
Thailand
Malaysia
Dubai & Abu Dabi

Integra Associates is an independent consultancy specialising in implementing financial business solutions and is made up of qualified accountants and IT professionals.

Agresso Global Functionality

Multi-client

Agresso's multi-client structure allows separate clients to be created each with their own base currencies, languages, system parameters, reporting periods and chart of accounts. The clients can be linked together to share supplier and customer master files and exchange rates. Alternatively the clients can be treated as stand alone. For consolidated reporting purposes, customers can use reporting trees and relations to consolidate the global accounts at any level required.

Multi-languages

All the major European languages and American English are supported enabling the system to be used in several different continents. In addition, an individual user's language can be different to the system language.

Multi-currency

The system allows the use of all the internationally recognised currencies when recording transactions. The system also allows the transactions to be posted in two additional reporting currencies as well as the client base currency.

Multi-System Parameters

Each Agresso client can be programmed with separate system parameters that provide additional localised parameters.

Localisations

This is the term given to Agresso software packs that provide specific country based functionality. These localisation packs can be in the form of just a set of reports or the pack could be more extensive such as a set of screens or additional fields in a screen. Examples of this are:

- 1099 reporting for the USA. This enables USA customers to file reports with the IRS showing expenses with Vendors that have been tagged as 1099 Vendors. These vendors tend to be providing professional services.
- Specific functionality for Italian VAT.
- French Government reports. This is a set of reports in the French Plan Compatible format to be submitted to the French Government.

Our sound knowledge of Agresso, including the relevant functionality for global implementation, combined with our track record in global implementations makes us well placed to assist companies with their global finance solutions. We offer a wide range of services to support both the company and individual users in optimising their Agresso configuration and solution.

Integra global roll-out services provided to the local finance teams have included:

- Project Management
- Implementation Workshops
- Prototype and Live Build Consultancy
- Developing Test Plans
- Training
- Post Go Live Support
- Financial & Management Report Development
- Systems Integration

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Some of our Global roll-out clients are:

EC Harris is a leading built asset consultancy operating worldwide.

Integra provided consultancy to support EC Harris implement Agresso in Asia and the Middle East. The Agresso implementation includes Financials (GL, AP, AR and Bank Reconciliation), Project Costing & Billing (Timesheets and Billing), Purchase Ordering, Expenses and Human Resources.

Integra have also completed assignments for interfacing and reporting. This includes the design and build of a number of interfaces between Agresso and the Facilities Management System, Maximo. The reporting work used Excelerator as well as reports in ARC and ARW for purchase orders, invoices, reminder letters, BACS, Agresso cheques and outsourced cheques.

Beazley Group is a specialist insurer providing underwriting and claims service worldwide.

Integra have assisted with the implementation of Agresso Financials in the Group's US subsidiary as well as developing bespoke interfaces to Agresso.

LGC Promchem provides quality management solutions for laboratories with offices in the UK and across Europe and Asia.

LGC rolled out their Agresso Finance, Sales and Purchase Order Processing to their Italian office. This enabled the efficient processing of customer sales in Italy as well as the fulfilment of internal group purchasing by other LGC Standards companies.

The solution developed by Integra included a comprehensive Italian localisation including the development of Italian sales and purchasing reporting using Crystal Reports. As part of the roll-out Integra produced a consolidated accounts reporting suite for all LGC Standards companies using Agresso.

Renewable Energy Systems is one of the world's leading renewable energy developers and operates worldwide.

RES operates from its UK head office and nine overseas offices supported by their Agresso implementation in three main offices covering nine countries and seven Agresso clients. They use Agresso Financials, PCB and Purchase Order Processing.

Integra developed financial reporting across each RES client with each client having up to fifteen legal entities. The reporting included full Profit and Loss, Balance Sheet and Cash Flow in both local and GBP, the group currency. Additional reporting levels have been provided for regions and sub regions using local region currency with group consolidated reporting in GBP. Integra also created a reporting structure for the inclusion or exclusion of regional and group consolidation accounting entries that are required for UK/US GAAP reporting requirements.

RES manage their budgeting and forecasting, including cash flow forecasting using the Agresso Planner module with input from the cash accounting module. Integra provided the consultancy for the implementation of this solution including developing the User Acceptance Testing scripts for all three offices.

Integra continues to provide ad-hoc consultancy services to RES including assisting them with their upgrade to V5.5.3.

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