

## **Avanade helps Willemen Groep improve operational performance, with real-time business insights**

*Microsoft Dynamics 365 Finance & Operations delivers faster strategic decision-making for Belgian construction business*

**Merelbeke, 20 March 2019** – Avanade, the leading digital innovator on the Microsoft ecosystem, is helping Willemen Groep, the largest family-owned construction business in Belgium, improve operational efficiency and drive better collaboration within its organisation. With the implementation of Microsoft Dynamics 365 Finance & Operations (D365 F&O) Avanade is unifying the group's core financial processes, providing a single, centralized view of business data and information across its many constituent businesses.

Willemen Groep, which undertakes civil engineering and highway construction projects, found that after years of steadily acquiring new companies, it was struggling to gather accurate operational updates due to the legacy systems being used across the different businesses. This made it difficult to obtain real-time financial data and insights, impacting performance and slowing down strategic decision-making across the group. Additionally, running multiple systems also meant increased maintenance costs, reduced employee engagement and a strain on IT resources.

"The construction industry is traditionally a 'late adopter' in the field of technology and infrastructure," says Bart Janssens, Business Transformation Director at Willemen Groep. "We see that e-invoicing, automatic scanning and invoicing, the digital receipt of subcontractors will become critical in the future. That is why we are investing now in a cloud solution that can support these processes, and new technology that can deliver major improvements in accounting."

"At Avanade, we take pride in helping businesses that have a real impact on the national and local communities that they serve. For businesses like Willemen Groep that are awarded civil contracts, digital transformation technologies are crucial in helping deliver projects in the most efficient way and with minimal delay. Working with Willemen Groep to implement Microsoft's Dynamics 365 F&O solution has been extremely rewarding as we see the group start to benefit from increased agility, simplification, productivity and seamless project management," says Johann Corlemeijer, Country Manager at Avanade Belgium.

Since switching to D365 F&O, Willemen Groep has become more flexible in its resource allocation and also optimized its purchasing strategy. For example, it now has a clear overview

of which suppliers are operating in which shipyards within the group, strengthening the company's negotiating position.

Willemen Groep has also found that the new platform makes internal mergers easier. Bart Janssens is enthusiastic about the results: "We already see the benefits of switching to cloud ERP. Strategically, we can make faster decisions thanks to real-time business insights. We can also be more confident in the monitoring of the financials of our projects, which is contributing to our successful performance. In addition, it makes synergies possible within the group. We are now moving towards a system where we can collaborate as a single company on projects instead of as a collection of multiple companies."

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