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acb GmbH

A smooth takeoff for a start-up

Sycor helped acb GmbH get off to a smooth start by developing and operating the new company's entire IT infrastructure on a tight schedule.

acb GmbH, located in Wiesbaden, Germany, has developed a modern, software-based accounting model with which real estate investors can efficiently tackle the challenges of complex, international property investments and companies. In addition, acb provides the investor's operational team with a highly qualified and experienced accounting manager who oversees accounting activities for the entire portfolio.

„We needed someone who could develop our IT infrastructure quickly and dependably during our startup phase. Our schedule was extremely tight," explains acb CEO Markus

Rüger. „We always knew that Sycor was a competent, cost-oriented partner. That's why we contracted them for the entire project." SYCOR GmbH would not only design and implement a completely new infrastructure for acb, the Göttingen-based company would also be in charge of operating it. In addition, Sycor's services included the implementation of a SAP ECC 6.0 system in a two-tiered configuration (divided between the two Sycor data centers in Göttingen) and provision of a document management and archiving solution.

„The SAP, DMS, email and communications systems are undoubtedly the most important elements," says Dr. Frank Wilkes from the SYCOR GmbH management team. „But ultimately, we're providing acb with a comprehensive IT landscape and running it for them as well." This includes a local network, a Cisco IP communications system with 40 extensions and cell phone lines, a VPN gateway for integrating mobile users and a local VMware infrastructure. The file, print, UMS and exchange servers as well as the internal and external proxy servers run on this virtualiza-



acb GmbH

Headquarters:
Wiesbaden, Germany

Sector:
Financial services

Products:
Funds accounting for domestic and international fund initiators and real estate companies

Size of company:
Approximately 40 employees

Web:
www.acb-gmbh.de

Project:

Develop and operate a complete IT infrastructure

Benefits:

- Single point of contact for all IT needs
- Highly available IT infrastructure
- 24/7 expert know-how
- Free up resources to focus on core business

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tion solution. Frank Wilkes stresses how secure the system is: „A dedicated backup server including a tape autoloader is used to back up the entire local infrastructure. With two independent power supply systems, we ensure maximum protection in the event of a power outage. And of course the 10 Mbit Internet connection also has a firewall.“ The infrastructure also features a 2 Mbit/s MPLS connection and an IP VPN backup connection to Sycor's data center in Göttingen.

„Right from the start, Sycor supported us with expertise for all our IT needs. That's why we also took their advice and contracted a local service provider to handle client support,“ says acb CEO Markus Rürger. acb is so satisfied that the company has entrusted Sycor with further projects, including expanding its telephone system and developing a terminal server solution.

About acb:

acb GmbH is a spin-off of an indirect holding of IVG. acb GmbH, located in Wiesbaden, Germany, has developed a modern, software-based accounting model with which real estate investors can efficiently tackle the challenges of complex, international property investments and companies. With a „one company, one software solution, one point of contact“ concept, the company provides clients with a uniform, centralized basis for accounting and reporting. acb enables top-down consolidation based on an “investor first” principle by offering a global software solution with simple interfaces to external data and direct access to all documentation via electronic archives. In addition, acb provides the investor's operational team with a highly qualified and experienced accounting manager who oversees accounting activities for the entire portfolio.