

BARLOWS USES ASTA'S PROJECT MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE TO MANAGE ITS STORE REFURBISHMENT PROGRAMME

Barlows, the retail project management specialist, is using Asta Powerproject Enterprise to manage the roll-out of its store refurbishment programmes in order to meet the stringent time requirements of its high-profile customers.

▶ THE CHALLENGE

Faced with a demanding schedule of retail and leisure outlet projects at any one time, Barlows needed a project management software package that would enable precise project planning for both a company-wide view and on an individual project level.

▶ THE SOLUTION

Barlows selected to use Asta Powerproject Enterprise, the multi-user version of Asta Powerproject which enables several planners to access the same project plan at the same time and make updates.

An influential factor in their decision was that it offers a "global view" over all jobs throughout the company. Barlows uses Asta Powerproject Enterprise to manage and forecast demands on time, labour and resources across all projects at the same time. The resource capabilities of the software have revolutionised task management as a business solution for Barlows' operations and, in turn, customer satisfaction.

Asta Powerproject Enterprise also enables Barlows to overcome several challenges associated with the retail environment; in particular ensuring that each store refit is completed with as little disruption to trading hours as possible. By minimising store down-time through precise project management, Barlows is able to ensure its customers' profitability is not compromised.

▶ A GLOBAL PROJECT VIEW

One example where Barlows used the global project view is on McDonalds' plan



to expand the number of outlet refurbishments it was undertaking in its ongoing fit-out programme. Using Asta Powerproject Enterprise meant Barlows was able to forecast the additional labour and time needed to carry out the work, book sub-contractors, place orders with suppliers and plan weekly schedules, at the same time as sustaining its existing phase of work for McDonald's.

▶ SEE TIME AND COST IMPLICATIONS OF CHANGES TO LEAD TIMES

Asta Powerproject Enterprise gives Barlows the ability to micro-manage a project and also each contractor, supplier and staff member on a weekly, daily and even hourly basis. This means that at time-critical stages of a project Barlows can use Asta Powerproject Enterprise to understand the time - and therefore cost - implications of changes to lead times.

"The ability to view, plan and forecast across all jobs at one time has been invaluable to the company in terms of saving time on site, allocating manpower effectively whilst minimising potentially costly risks. Using Asta Powerproject

Enterprise we are able to quickly analyse the requirements and confirm our ability to deliver projects efficiently and to time," explains David Williams, Pre-site Operations Manager at Barlows.

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The Asta Powerproject Enterprise solution is modular and comprises of:

▶ ASTA POWERPROJECT

A multi-user version of Asta Powerproject sits at the heart of the Enterprise solution, enabling several planners to work on the same project at the same time.

▶ ASTA EXECUTIVE REPORTING

Customised reports for individual projects of all sizes.

▶ ASTA SITE PROGRESS

A web-based / mobile computing solution for collecting progress updates quickly and easily from multiple remote sites.

"We have been using Asta Powerproject Enterprise for four months now and we are already impressed by the capabilities it offers us."

David Williams, Pre-site Operations Manager, Barlows

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