

From Two Weeks to a Nightly Cycle

HFW Companies, a national group of architecture and engineering firms, moved its monthly Financial Package onto Microsoft Fabric. Fourteen business units now reconcile automatically every night, and the package leadership depends on is ready on day one.

Data Ready To Report

<30 mins

From Two Weeks

Package Tabs Automated

100 Tabs

From 64 In Mar 2026

Finance Capacity

2 People

Redirected To Analysis

Unified Chart Of Accounts

1 Model

Across 14 Firms

The Challenge

Two full-time members of the finance team spent two weeks every month collecting data, reconciling it manually across fourteen business units and stitching it together in Excel. The team delivered what leadership needed each month, though the work consumed capacity the executive team saw could create more value elsewhere.

The Approach

Leadership set the principles before the technology: one definition for every number, accuracy without compromise, and finance owning the definitions. With Data Crafters, HFW's BI team extended the Medallion foundation from the first phase into a finance-grade platform, with Fabric Planning holding every mapping and adjustment under approval.

What HFW Companies Gained

- ✓ Financial Package built on day one after close, produced in under thirty minutes
- ✓ Every GL account mapped to one global chart of accounts, every change traceable
- ✓ Excel kept as the last mile of finance work, now connected live to one governed model
- ✓ Automated reconciliation across all fourteen business units, run every night
- ✓ Trial balance tie-out and data quality checks before any number reaches a report
- ✓ Each new acquisition onboarded in one mapping step, not manual rework

“We started with one principle: finance owns the GL mapping and definitions, and then the technology and reporting follows. Extending our Fabric foundation into the Monthly Financial Reporting Package means every number now has one definition, and the leadership team can trust it from day one after close.”



Shreena Fulani

Director of Business Intelligence, HFW Companies



Built On



Ready for a finance-grade data platform?

Data Crafters built the platform and the finance logic together with HFW's finance and BI teams, extending the Fabric foundation that unified thirteen ERPs in ninety days.

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