

A management consulting view of private capital's evolution

Managing Data Overload

Understanding the Challenges, Risks, and the Solutions

Building a better Private Capital marketplace





- Alternative Asset Firms face a significant challenge as they deal with a massive influx of data from various sources.
- To harness the intelligence hidden within this data deluge, they must implement effective data management, storage, analysis, and reporting strategies.

Disparate Data Sources:

Financial and non-financial data arrive in multiple formats from electronic data feeds, manual submissions, online sources, analyst reports, and regulatory findings. These data elements are stored in different systems like CRM, Portfolio Monitoring, Fund Accounting, or online storage portals. Quick accessibility of this data is crucial for investment professionals to make informed decisions. Fund Managers and Technology staff are challenged to meet the growing requirements for LP and regulatory reporting. To comply with these requirements, they must tackle the influx of data, ensuring that it is valid, prior to adding it to their data repository.

Meeting The Challenges:

Handling data from various channels and formats requires thoughtful storage in the right systems to enable easy aggregation and reporting. Otherwise, valuable time might be wasted searching for data, or data might remain undiscovered. To address this challenge, a clear data strategy should be defined, and technology, process workflows, and staff training should be deployed accordingly.

The SteelBridge Approach:

At SteelBridge, we collaborate closely with technology vendors to guide our clients in tackling the data management challenges. The good news is that incumbent software vendors are increasingly recognizing the need for data accessibility. Furthermore, new technology vendors are emerging to help make sense of data for mutual clients.

Data Management and Governance:

Innovative technologies like Exchangelodge are streamlining the process of capturing disparate data and systematically organizing it in the desired storage location. These systems enforce data governance through business rules, prevent invalid data from entering downstream systems, and offer user-friendly interfaces for data interrogation and workflow management.

Data Accessibility:

Leading technology providers, like Allvue, are making significant investments in data accessibility for their clients. Solutions like the Allvue Data Platform allow data from various locations, including other vendor platforms, to be consolidated and efficiently used for reporting and visualization. This eliminates the need for manual data integration and provides a push-button reporting solution.



The SteelBridge Solution:

We have successfully helped our clients build a best-in-class operating and technology infrastructure using solutions like Allvue and Exchangelodge. This eliminates historical challenges of disconnected systems and manual intervention for reporting and analysis.

Conclusion:

Data challenges are becoming increasingly crucial, with client data needs growing significantly in recent years. Instead of custom solutions and costly development, clients can partner with technology vendors like Allvue and Exchangelodge to leverage standardized data transformation, workflow, APIs and self-service reporting tools to overcome their data challenges.

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