

# Hyperion System 9 Capital Expense Planning

Why not get a head start on your planning processes? *Hyperion® System™ 9 Capital Expense Planning™* gives you a framework with pre-built functionality and best practices that automate your capital expense planning process while bridging the gap between finance and operations.

## Highlights

- Simplify implementation processes and reduce maintenance requirements with pre-built functionality
- Define the application's architecture with customization tools and capabilities
- Easily manage all capital expenses with embedded best practices and pre-built functionality
- Assess immediate impact on financial statements with real-time calculation and consolidation of capital asset and capital asset-related expenses
- Achieve greater accuracy, predictability, and accountability by involving operational level planners
- Eliminate manual steps by using a comprehensive planning solution
- Gain security over data, calculations and global settings with dependable, built-in security

To stay competitive, your organization must have accurate and predictable forecasts. And that's a challenge when 75% of companies still use spreadsheets for planning, forecasting, and budgeting, especially when it comes to details such as capital asset and capital asset-related expenses. Why not eliminate this manual and cumbersome spreadsheet process — one that can easily be tampered with? With *Hyperion System 9 Capital Expense Planning (Capital Expense Planning)*, you can improve your plan accuracy, predictability and accountability, encourage collaborative planning efforts, and automate your planning process.

## Key Benefits And Features

### Simplify implementation and reduce maintenance burdens

In looking for an alternative to spreadsheets, companies often develop a customized application to address capital expense planning needs. Custom applications require costly consultants, time to develop, test and implement, as well as ongoing updates and enhancements — all of which burden your internal IT department. With *Capital Expense Planning* you can eliminate the expense, extra time, and IT resources needed to develop and support a custom application. Instead you can begin planning quickly, saving money and IT efforts.

The pre-built functionality and best practices offered by *Capital Expense Planning* set it apart from other planning solutions. Its built-in functionality includes account structures, calculations, Smart Lists, data forms, dimensions, and menus. Without it, you would have to simulate this functionality with costly and time-consuming customization efforts.

*Capital Expense Planning* software gives you a framework to begin your capital expense planning process so you don't start from "square one." With all of the pre-built functionality in *Capital Expense Planning*, your IT staff will enjoy an easier implementation process and minimal demands to maintain the application.

### **Define the application's architecture with customization tools and capabilities**

Why modify your process to accommodate software when you can modify the software to meet your business requirements? With *Capital Expense Planning* you can use pre-built functionality, slightly modify it, or completely change it to fit your needs. Although *Capital Expense Planning* provides the most commonly used capital expense planning functionality, some of your requirements may vary from those included.

That's why Hyperion also includes tools to define calculations, dimensions, menus, accounts, and Smart Lists so you can easily tailor the pre-built intelligence and functionality. Define calculations with member formulas and business rules. Define accounts, menus, dimensions, and Smart Lists with administration tools. "Scale down" *Capital Expense Planning* by turning off some of the functionality; or with the flexible open architecture, implement a more complex version of the software. It's easy to work with both pre-built functionality and modifications to the software to exactly meet your business requirements.

### **Easily manage all capital expenses with embedded best practices and pre-built functionality**

Easily plan for the addition of new tangible and intangible capital assets. You can also modify existing capital assets with improvements, impairments, and retirements. Transfer capital assets from one cost center to another using multiple methods provided.

Plan not only for capital assets, but also for capital-asset-related expenses such as the costs of maintenance, repair, and insurance. Calculate depreciation based on the selected methods and define useful life based on asset type. Set purchase dates and in-service dates to compare the impact of cash flow versus the impact of depreciation expenses. In addition, you can incorporate actual capital asset data from your fixed asset system into *Capital Expense Planning* to combine existing capital asset information with budgeted and forecasted capital asset information for a complete plan.

### **Assess the financial impact of capital asset and capital asset-related expenses in real time**

Scrutinizing capital expense decisions is understandable—they are some of your largest operating expenses and can be a huge investment for an organization. With *Capital Expense Planning* you can assess the impact of the decision to purchase a capital asset on the income statement, balance sheet and cash flow statement. With the composite grid feature, you can see the impact of these changes on your financial statements all on the same screen without having to toggle between multiple screens. And since *Capital Expense Planning* is directly linked to *Hyperion System 9 Planning (Planning)*, the impact of capital expenses on general expense plans can be visualized in real time, so you can take immediate action when necessary.

### **Improve plan accuracy, predictability and accountability—and encourage collaborative planning**

Achieve greater plan accuracy through pre-built functionality and best practices that are standard with *Capital Expense Planning*. Plan accuracy is also improved with dependable security that lets you maintain access rights for data, calculations, and global settings. With the pre-built functionality and security settings, you can easily distribute plans to decision makers at the operational level without concern that the data and calculations will be incorrectly used. And by involving the operational level in the planning process, you obtain first-hand input from areas actually incurring the capital expenses for more predictable—as well as more accurate—plans. All of this means you can centralize your capital expense planning activities, empower decision makers at all levels, and hold them accountable for their plans.

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|                | YearTotal | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr  | May  | Jun   | Jul   | Aug   |
|----------------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total Existing |           |     |     |     |      |      |       |       |       |
| Total New      | 156755    |     |     | 894 | 1865 | 1837 | 21811 | 21785 | 21760 |
| Total All      | 156755    |     |     | 894 | 1865 | 1837 | 21811 | 21785 | 21760 |

  

|                         | Line Item   | Asset Descr | Asset Units | Asset Rate | Basic Cost | Purchase D. | In Service t | Salvage | Pi   |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|--------------|---------|------|
| Machinery and Equipment | Line Item 1 | Lathe Machi | 1           | 610000     | 610000     | 6/1/07      | 6/1/07       | 10000   | Higt |
|                         | Line Item 2 | Lathe Machi | 1           | 610000     | 610000     | 6/1/07      | 6/1/07       | 10000   | Higt |
| Vehicles                | Line Item 1 | Honda Car   | 1           | 28000      | 28000      | 3/1/07      | 3/1/07       | 4000    | Higt |
| Computers               | Line Item 1 | Laptops     | 4           | 6100       | 24400      | 4/1/07      | 4/1/07       | 400     | Higt |
| Tangible Assets         | Tot         |             |             |            | 1272400    |             |              |         |      |

Profit & Loss Impact  
Balance Sheet Impact  
Cash Flow Impact  
Remove Asset  
Calculate Asset

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Business Rules for 02. New Asset

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See the immediate impact of all your capital expense plan modifications to your general expense plans and financial statements on the very same screen. The composite grid feature shows your modifications on the lower half and their impact on the upper half of the screen.

### Automate the planning process with a comprehensive capital expense planning solution

Companies today need a way to eliminate manual steps within the planning process, especially when they involve collecting spreadsheet templates, consolidating them, and integrating them with general expense plans. With *Capital Expense Planning* no consolidation or integration is required because the application does it all for you. *Capital Expense Planning* and core *Planning* are fully integrated and together they offer the only comprehensive planning solution that satisfies both detailed capital expense and general expense plans.

This integration provides an automatic feed to the budgeting and forecasting system you use for your general expense plans. All changes you make to *Capital Expense Planning* can be immediately reflected in core *Planning*. Eliminating manual and redundant steps also reduces your planning cycle time and ultimately allows financial analysts more time to focus on true strategic analysis.

### Gain dependable security over data, calculations and global settings

With *Capital Expense Planning*, you control view and modification access for individual planners. For example, you may want a planner to only have view access to the cost center they are responsible for and not others. You can also safely limit access so that only the appropriate planners can add, delete, retire, or transfer capital assets. This helps avoid misappropriation of budgets.

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