



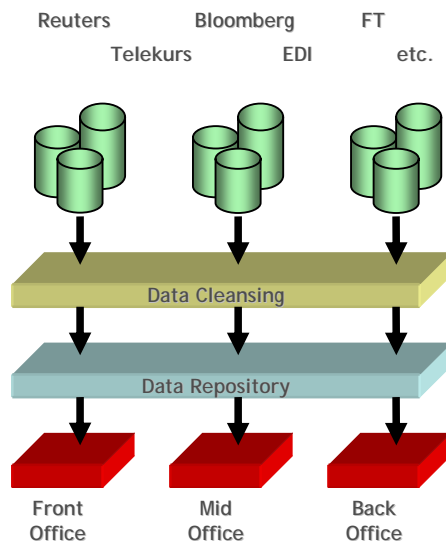
# Being in Control of Reference Data

The use of reference data within financial institutions has taken a huge leap. Drivers such as STP and Basle II have forced banks to review and invest in their reference data environment. This exercise has resulted in a variety of infrastructures, dubbed Securities Master File, Global Data Warehouse or Reference Data Centre. They facilitate storage of huge volumes of market data, often provided by several data providers, and distribution to a large community of market data consumers spread across the firm.

Many firms deploying this type of environment struggle with the question on how to fairly allocate the cost of this expensive infrastructure to the users.

The total cost of ownership (TCO) results from the total of subscription fees (data) and infrastructure maintenance fees (hardware, software, HR). Common desktop tools such as MS Excel or MS Access are inadequately qualified to support the cost allocation process.

**INFOmatch**, the cost and contract management system, is the answer. Its unique market data inventory features allow firms to easily calculate their reference data TCO, to manage contracts with any supplier, to fairly allocate the TCO to the end-users, cost centres and to create budgets and track realisation against budget.



## Business benefits

- Easily calculate the reference data TCO and have the overview available at all times
- Know the reference data spend at all levels; per site, per cost centre, per department, per user
- Reduce cost as a result of a fully transparent reference data cost structure
- Centralize contract management regarding all infrastructure suppliers, e.g. data vendors, hardware vendors, software vendors, HR services
- Charge departments per internal bill by mouse-click
- Track costs against budget
- Compatible with all major accounting systems

**INFOmatch** is an innovative cost & contract management system and is used by firms in the investment management, banking, energy and commodity business around the globe. It is designed by market data specialists, who have more than 20 years of international experience, including more than 480 dealing room assignments. INFOmatch is a leading reporting and analytical market data system because of easy navigation, handling and storage of historical data and tremendous reporting facilities.

The result: the new dimension of control!

