

# Skybow Banking On Dundas Chart For Reporting Services



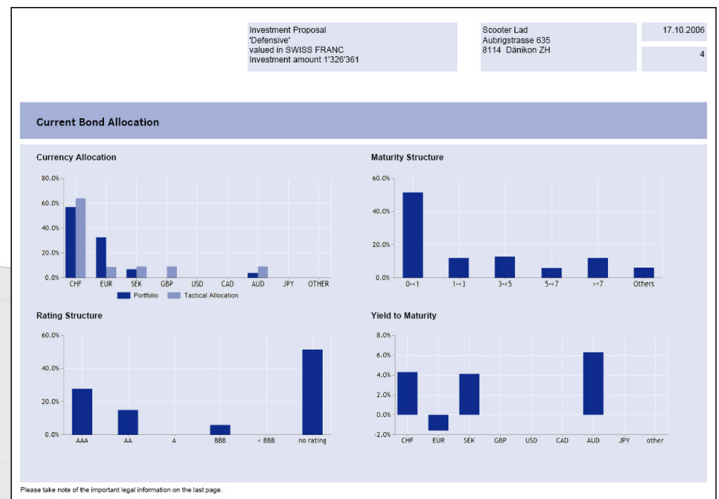
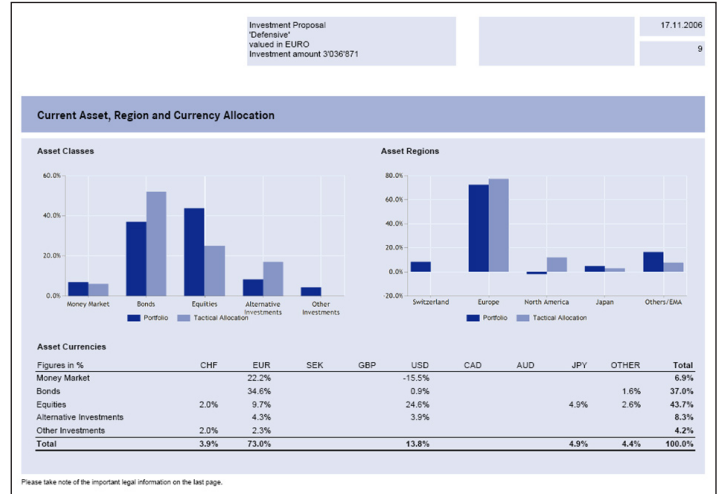
In 2001, Skybow AG was founded by former cadre employees and technical specialists of Microsoft Switzerland. The company's share of capital amounts to CHF 1.6 million, which is held entirely by its former founders. Skybow now has approximately 50 employees, many of whom boast significant experience in the implementation of complex IT and business projects for national and multinational companies. Skybow supplies IT solutions in Switzerland based on the Microsoft product range.

## The Problem

Our customer, a private Swiss bank, needed a more professional tool to manage client portfolios. The old solution was based on Microsoft Access which has no server-based architecture - so reporting was limited. Skybow proposed an ASP.NET web application with Microsoft SQL Reporting Services as the reporting tool.

## The Solution

For the first version of our solution, Skybow used the built-in chart component in Microsoft SQL Reporting Services 2000. Our customer soon asked for more customization in the report and wanted more continuity with their corporate identity. We knew the chart component in SQL Reporting Services 2000 was designed by Dundas Software and that they were providing an enhanced version of the chart for SQL Reporting



Services 2005. Dundas was also the first to enter the market, so their product was the logical choice for us to implement.

Dundas Chart for Reporting Services allowed us to customize the chart in every aspect. Something we found especially useful was that Dundas Chart allowed us to set the color of each column bar in the chart, which was an important

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criterion of our client to match their corporate identity colors. By utilizing the custom event “PostApplyData” in the chart, we added code in C# (also possible in VB.NET) that changed the color of the column by custom logic.

In addition, when the customer asked for a sharper looking chart on paper, it was easy to change the setting of the DPI for the rendered output. And the feature to position the chart inside of the control was very helpful, so we could align the chart to other charts and titles.

With Dundas Chart, we could provide everything our client needed. Our customer was also quite pleased with Dundas Data Visualization’s flexible licensing model.

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