

M&G Investments selects Heathwest for business critical software management and deployment

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London, 10th September 2013 – M&G Investments (<http://www.mandg.co.uk/Corporate/Home/index.jsp>) has selected automation products HeathView (<http://www.heathwest.com/control-and-monitoring.html>) and HeathDeploy (<http://www.heathwest.com/application-release-automation.html>) from Heathwest Systems (<http://www.heathwest.com/>). Application Release Automation tool HeathDeploy will speed up software roll-outs at the investment company, making them quicker and more accurate and reducing deployment times from hours to minutes. HeathView will be used to monitor the company's applications, alerting the application support team to potential system glitches in real-time.

M&G is a leading international asset manager, known for its long-term and conviction-led approach to investing. It has been an active manager of investments for individual and institutional clients for over 80 years. Today it manages £238.4 billion (as at 30 June 2013) in equities, multi-asset, fixed income, real estate and cash for clients across Europe and Asia.

The Heathwest solution will be rolled-out across M&G's 30 strong project delivery team which includes developers, testers and software engineers, all managing performance of and upgrades to trading platforms and portfolio management applications including Fidessa, thinkFolio and CYMBA Technologies.

HeathView provides companies with a single pane view of their application environments, ensuring that mission critical applications run more efficiently. The software alerts the application support team to issues in real-time, meaning there is no time wasted trying to identify the initial problem and that applications experience greater uptime.

HeathDeploy gives teams the ability to build in full automation, including set up, control and deployment, thus creating 'templateable' application and test environments. The solution also automates release deployment with easy rollback. Releases only have to be configured once before being deployed to a multitude of different environments. If there is an error with a release, HeathDeploy provides a simple, one-click action to roll the release back and rectify the problem within moments.

Michael Sullivan – Head of Application Support, M&G commented, "We looked at a number of solutions that could help us to automate our deployment and testing environments. We finally selected Heathwest products because of their ease of use, proven credentials of working well with solutions such as Fidessa and because of the added monitoring functionality of HeathView. We're confident that the solutions will deliver significant time savings and greater efficiency to the project management team, eliminating the risk of human error during the deployment process and helping us to monitor our application environments in real-time."

"M&G's project delivery team has to minimise any potential downtime across its mission critical applications", added Andrew Porrer, Chief Technology Officer at Heathwest Systems. "This not only means managing software roll-outs from development to User Acceptance Testing to production with minimal disruption, but also having full visibility over environments to ensure that any software issues are recognised and rectified as quickly as possible. We're delighted that the team has chosen Heathwest to

automate and simplify the deployment process and we're confident that it will save the team valuable time and resources while helping to eliminate human error."

About Heathwest Systems

Heathwest Systems is a software and services consultancy that provides companies with tools to improve the deployment and enhance the management of business critical applications. Headquartered in London, the company reduces the risk of human error, speeds up application roll-out and upgrade times and provides clients with complete visibility over their complex IT environments.

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About M&G Investments

- M&G launched the UK's first unit trust in 1931 and has continued this history of innovation ever since.
- M&G offers investors a wide range of funds across equities, bonds, property and multi asset.

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