

How we transformed the onboarding process for an international emerging markets investment advisor

Case study



Comply and Outperform with KYC360

/ About our Client

Founded in early 2018, our client is a specialist emerging markets investment advisor. Its team of experts has decades of experience and a deep knowledge of emerging markets, private equity, asset management, and legal and governance matters.

Today, our client focuses on delivering added value to investments, based on a risk-adjusted approach. Its existing and planned network of operational offices in emerging markets means it now has an extensive global reach.

Its key decision-makers are always on the ground when it counts, and this helps to ensure investment and execution recommendations and decisions are always made using robust, timely, and relevant information.

/ The Challenge

A new money laundering reporting officer (MLRO) had been appointed and upon their arrival immediately realised that the company needed to dramatically improve and update its onboarding processes.

The MLRO was faced with a situation whereby the existing processes and procedures simply weren't capable of screening for risk at the level that the sector demanded. The compliance teams needed a new system that would not only allow them to function collaboratively but also provide flexible permissions hierarchies, so that the processes could be tailored to meet the needs of individual customers and markets.

Confronted by a slow, disjointed, manual onboarding process which lacked sophistication, the MLRO realised that changes would have to be made if the company was to meet all of its statutory anti-money laundering (AML) requirements and regulations.

To add to the challenge, the organisation was expanding into emerging markets in Africa, a move which greatly accelerated the need to implement a new automated onboarding process.

Furthermore, with offices both in the UK and abroad, there was a growing need to implement a seamless process that would be accessible by all stakeholders, regardless of their geographical location.

/ The Solution

The MLRO looked to the market for a solution and quickly realised that KYC360 Onboarding would provide the solution they were looking for.

With real-time customer verification, the new onboarding solution would solve all the organisation's existing issues while delivering a streamlined and efficient process fit for future growth.

The implementation of the onboarding environment started with a blank sheet. The first step was to have in-depth conversations with all relevant stakeholders in order to fully understand the requirements of the organisation. From here, it would enable the KYC360 implementation team to produce a blueprint that would form the basis for the building of the bespoke software package.

After the initial analysis, the design was tailored to ask for a different set of requirements depending on the customers they were looking to onboard. These requirements included areas such as whether a potential customer was a regulated or unregulated entity, the sector they operated in, and the jurisdiction that they resided in.

KYC360 implementation team then set about training specific personnel who were entrusted with decision-making capabilities, in order to be able to test the system through its initial stages. This provided them with the opportunity to add, subtract, or simply fine tune the onboarding questions.

Only after this intensive testing phase had been completed were we able to roll out the system across the entire organisation.

/ The Results

Unlike the old paper processes, the new digital setup now prohibits and prevents the submission of any new customers until all the required elements have been completed in full.

This new and greatly improved ability to screen clients and associated parties for sanctions is highly relevant to the growth markets that our client operates in. Now with streamlined onboarding coupled with regular ongoing screening, the compliance team will be alerted within 24 hours of any existing client becoming sanctioned or added to a watchlist.

In addition, KYC360 Onboarding delivers the ability to view and extract customer details whenever desired, adding an extra layer of functionality to the entire onboarding and screening processes.

This also enables compliance teams to collate the extracted report together with all documents, sanctions details, and all the information from the application pack, in order to send it on to the board of directors for final approval.

Armed with the new technology offered by KYC360 Onboarding, the MLRO has been able to pull all the offices into line, making all compliance requirements mandatory across the board for both know your customer (KYC) and know your business (KYB) elements.

The level of risk across the entire organisation is now fully catalogued and visible to all authorised internal stakeholders. Furthermore, it enables our client to clearly demonstrate to any regulatory bodies that it is taking all the necessary steps to screen for potential risk.

To add to its appeal, this leading-edge solution does away with the complexity of having to manage multiple processes by delivering a

single package, from a single supplier, and all under a single licence.

With KYC360 Onboarding in place, our client now has the peace of mind that comes with the knowledge that it now has a comprehensive onboarding solution that is ready to meet both present and future challenges.



KYC360 Onboarding has not only transformed the organisation's outdated manual processes into a comprehensive automated digital solution, it has also provided all stakeholders across the entire organisation with a single source of truth.

Streamline Compliance, Elevate Customer Experience

The KYC360 platform is an end-to-end solution offering slicker business processes with a streamlined, automated approach to Know Your Customer (KYC) compliance. This enables our customers to outperform commercially through operational efficiency gains whilst delivering improved customer experience and KYC data quality.

Consolidate your system stack and data vendor relationships with one platform to cover all Onboarding, Screening, Perpetual KYC (pKYC) and CLM tasks, with market-leading data sources pre-integrated under a single license agreement. Live risk scoring and automated data collection enables a shift from periodic to event-driven review, while providing a single actionable picture of real-time risk with all documents and data in one place.

Architected for rapid deployment and ROI, the KYC360 no-code SaaS platform is flexible, fully configurable and modular so that you option and pay only for the functionality you need. Whether automating identity verification and background checks or monitoring risk in real-time, KYC360 adapts to your compliance needs, scaling as your business grows.

/ Key benefits:

- Flexible
- Configurable
- No-code
- Integrated with the world's leading data suppliers allowing you to choose those that are right for your business
- Comprehensive API enabling fully headless integration of all platform features where required
- Pre-built integrations with core business systems
- Full EU data residency
- Azure and AWS hosting

