

Charles River Manager Workbench

Construct, Analyze, and Optimize Portfolios

The Charles River Manager Workbench offers complete portfolio management lifecycle support for all asset classes, from idea generation to implementation to risk analysis. Integrated performance measurement and risk management provide real-time visibility into performance and risk exposure. Scenario analysis and advanced analytical capabilities* help portfolio managers understand investment risks. Flexible data analysis can help streamline the investment process and increases portfolio manager and analyst productivity.

Portfolio Construction and Modeling

Manager Workbench supports equity, fixed income, derivative, and foreign exchange (FX) portfolios. From a single workspace, portfolio managers can view analysis dashboards, equity and fixed income holdings by ticker, and fixed income benchmark comparisons. Managers have the ability to view heat map portfolios that require action based on active model/benchmark exposure, high/low cash levels, and pending compliance issues.

Portfolio Analysis

Manager Workbench allows managers to conduct scenario analysis, enabling the construction of a plausible scenario based on their portfolio's risk exposures and reflects the impact of underlying instruments. In addition, Manager Workbench allows for regulation-required stress testing as well as horizon analysis to assess risks from days to years ahead.

Modeling

Managers who employ active portfolio analysis can compare portfolios against a variety of models, benchmarks, indices, and asset allocation structures in order to properly position portfolios. Further, analytic comparison can be performed specific to asset classes in order to decompose interest rate, credit, inflation, currency, and other risk measures/sensitivities. As part of order modeling exercises, managers can efficiently allocate securities to the neediest portfolios by way of deviation to model/benchmark measures.

Order Generation

Manager Workbench supports order generation across equity, fixed income, derivative, and FX portfolios. Managers can create "what if" trade simulations to reposition portfolios in order to meet stated investment objectives or capitalize on market opportunities.

Context is an essential factor in order creation and asset class-specific needs must come into play. Manager Workbench provides out of the box workflows designed for equity, fixed income, derivatives, and FX portfolios and also enables customized workflows as determined by the manager.

Risk Management

The Manager Workbench's risk management capabilities encompass the entire investment lifecycle. Managers can view exposures across multiple dimensions and custom classifications, propose trades to shift those exposures, and see those shifts in real time.

Risk forecasts can be created with factor models, including projected volatility, tracking error, and beta. Managers can use Charles River's proprietary factor model based on Principal Component Analysis (PCA), or incorporate in-house or third party models.

Portfolio managers can also monitor historical risk through VaR and ex-post risk metrics over time and analyze the evolution of their portfolio using trend analysis.

Key Capabilities and Benefits

- Real-time data
- Portfolio construction and analysis
- Ex-ante risk modeling and ex-post risk assessment
- Scenario and trend analysis
- Performance measurement and attribution
- Definable summary views with interactive drill-down to detailed information
- Integrated compliance* data, including room to buy information based on account/position concentrations
- Evaluate risk with a single, enterprise-wide view of counterparty exposures and risk metrics
- Respond quickly to market opportunities and make more informed allocation, targeting, and hedging decisions
- Help increase manager and analyst productivity by providing a complete set of capabilities that streamline the investment process
- Analytics specific to asset class
- Factor model data

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Performance and Attribution

Managers can view portfolio performance for any timeframe and assess the portfolio construction and asset selection decisions responsible for that performance down to the security level. In addition, managers may:

- Measure performance using either time-weighted or money-weighted methodologies, configurable at the account level
- Calculate multiple return types, including capital, income, base, local, currency, gross, and net
- Roll up performance to any level, including multiple nested classifications, total portfolio/benchmark, account groups, and composites

Attribution capabilities allow multiple views of performance contributors and detractors:

- Daily attribution by asset style (including currency, fixed income roll, duration, and spread effects)
- Roll-up attributions to multiple classification levels for each security, including domicile and sector
- Automated rule-based workflows for composite construction and maintenance
- Audit trail helps reduce third party verification costs

The Manager Workbench supports risk-adjusted performance capabilities, including:

- Absolute and relative risk measures: alpha, beta, Sharpe ratio, Treynor ratio, and Sortino ratio
- Ex-post risk measures: beta, information ratio, tracking error, volatility, and variance

Historical/As-Of Data

A key component of portfolio analysis is the ability to review how portfolios were positioned during past time periods. Such analysis may be detailed, where managers wish to see specifically which securities were held. Other analysis is more trend based, such as a portfolio manager reviewing their accounts' duration compared to a benchmark's duration over the last four quarters. Manager Workbench supports each of these workflows with its Historical/As-Of capabilities. Charles River Investment Management Solution (Charles River IMS) stores all of the necessary position and security reference data required for the comparison between dates.

A Collaborative and Centralized Solution

The Charles River Manager Workbench promotes collaboration. Portfolio managers and analysts can work more closely to implement investment ideas, manage risk, and fully understand the factors driving performance.

Further, the Manager Workbench provides the analytics and asset class coverage required to manage global multi-asset portfolios. Institutional asset managers, insurers and pensions can support multiple investment mandates on one platform, including benchmark-, liability-, or return-driven, and active or passive funds. Charles River's single-solution approach to portfolio construction and analytics is designed to eliminate the shortcomings posed by disparate front office systems. By making risk and performance an integral part of the investment process, firms can make more informed and timelier decisions. More importantly, a shared and consistent portfolio view enables a collaborative approach to investment management across the front and middle office.



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