



Comparing performance reporting and accounting solutions for Indian family offices

This whitepaper evaluates integrated software for UHNW family wealth tracking and record-keeping use cases. We have compared these solutions across **six parameters** -

- Features & Capabilities
- Investment Analytics
- Challenges
- Customer Service
- Typical Customer Profile
- Data Ownership, Security, and Privacy





Features & Capabilities

Here's a feature-wise comparative of the three most popular platforms in use, divided by investments and accounting-based capabilities:

A. Investment

Disparate platforms with manual inter-platform reconciliation

Integrated platform

Multiple depository

All asset classes

Excel + Tally

- Highly manual.
- Highly manual and non-standard booking of various asset class types.

MProfit + Tally

- Supported for liquid asset classes.
- Full support for liquid investments.

Asset Vantage

- Supported for all liquid and illiquid asset classes.
- Comprehensive highly automated investment and accounting booking support for:

Stocks, MFs, Fixed Income, Cash, PMS, AIFs and Managed Accounts, Private Equity and Unitized Funds, Real Estate, Private Assets (Art, Collectibles, etc.), Promoter Holdings, Philanthropic, F&O booking.

Coming Sept-2024:

Additional automation for F&O contract notes and mark to market.

Family consolidation

- Highly manual through export.
- Investment consolidation available with only one grouping type i.e. family group.
- Not available.
- Highly automated and configurable across multiple Grouping types - Advisor/Sector/ geography/Liquidity/ Custom Category.
- Highly Configurable to represent asset ownership through investment subsidiaries:

Direct ownership entities (LLC/Companies etc.), Beneficial ownership entities (Trusts, Foundations etc.).

Partnership/ ownership

through export.

Highly manual



B. Accounting & Bookkeeping

Excel + Tally

Highly manual – consolidation done outside the software.

MProfit + Tally

MProfit has efficient upload functionality PDFs (CAMS/contract notes/PMS statements) that auto-create investment accounting entries only. Bankbooks and other expense accounts, when managed with Tally or other similar accounting systems, require manual reconciliation efforts.

Asset Vantage

- Highly automated consolidation happens within the platform itself.
- Auto-load PDFs (CAMS
 /Contract notes/
 PMS statements/Bank
 statements) to create
 auto accounting and auto
 performance.
- Unique mapping between entity and folio/accounts allows for a single file upload to directly map.

Direct email data load

Investment

entities

Not applicable.

Highly automated.

Not supported for security reasons.

General Ledger accounting

Directly supported in Tally.

- General Ledger accounting not supported in MProfit.
 User requires to maintain other accounting platforms like Tally.
- All data and ledgers sourced from AV's GL with exportable excel workflow.

Multi-currency

- Not supported users need to create separate balance sheets for each currency and consolidate them externally through manual exports and estimated currency translations.
- Not supported.
- Highly automated, all cross currency for accounting and performance calculations.

GST reporting

- Available exportable GST formatted reports.
- GST reporting is sourced from Tally or other accounting platform and requires data to be re-input from MProfit export.
- Low manual.

Business accounting

Highly manual/full support.

- Can be done in Tally.

 However, MProfit is solely an investment tracking platform.
- All data and ledgers sourced from AV's GL with exportable excel workflow.
- Highly manual/ ow support for invoicing/AP/AR/Payroll/ Business formatted P&L/ Cash flows.

Takeaways

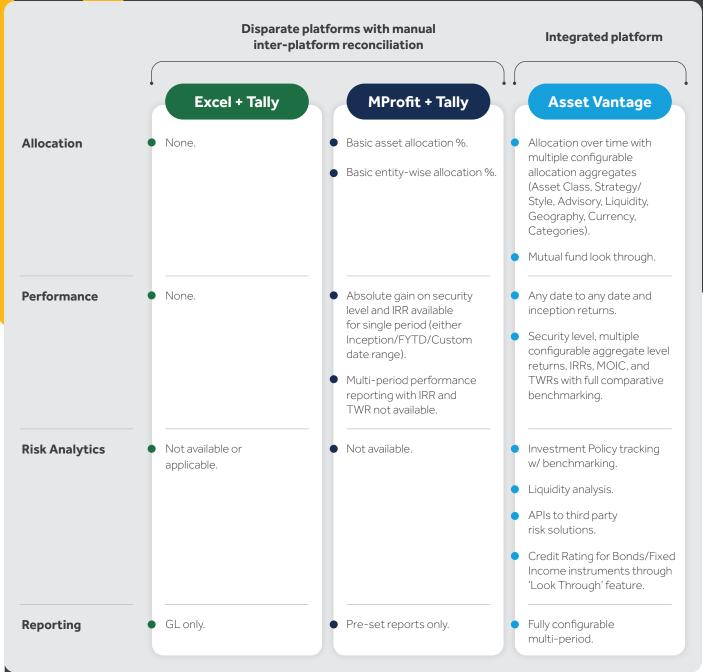
While disparate systems for investment and accounting can work for simple investment tracking, an integrated platform can easily eliminate significant amount of manual reconciliation effort and produce a single source of truth for actionable insight for families with multiple entities, multiple advisors, multiple bank accounts, multiple currencies, and illiquid and liquid allocations.





Investment Analytics

Go beyond the features, into foresight, and explore the investment analytics capabilities of these three WealthTech solutions.



Takeaways

Tally + Excel offers general ledger reporting, while MProfit provides basic asset allocation and performance metrics. AV delivers comprehensive allocation, detailed performance analytics, risk analysis, investment policy tracking, liquidity assessment, and configurable multi-period reporting.





Challenges

Explore the limitations of these three solutions, to make informed decisions that align with risk tolerances and priorities.

Disparate platforms with manual inter-platform reconciliation

Integrated platform

On-boarding

Excel + Tally

- Highly manual data entry and key person dependency.
- Reconciliation between investment book of record and accounting book of record is time consuming and error prone.
- Cannot accurately represent complex situations.

MProfit + Tally

- Relatively simpler historical data on-boarding as it is not a true general ledger accounting platform.
- Cannot intelligently autolink transactions into folios/ individuals data coming through on a common email ID.
- Transactions and folios from various entities and accounts mapped to a single or common family email ID get uploaded to a single entity and require manual work to re-map to separate entities.
- No integrated document vault.
- Cannot represent complex ownership entity look through.
- Cannot accurately represent private equity and other cash flow heavy long term illiquid asset classes.
- MProfit has regular product updates.

Asset Vantage

Rigorous planning and effort required for on-boarding onto integrated accounting and investment platform since comprehensive reporting or document management/upload is not available.

Real-time updates

No.

AV's Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) structure ensures you will always have the latest product upgrades automatically pushed to your system.

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Accounting only platforms such as Tally cater better to small and medium business-centered book-keeping.

Families looking to consolidate investment, personal and business entity investments can only do that with integrated platforms such as AV. AV is not ideal for running business operating accounting.





Customer Service

Explore the customer service offerings of these solutions, emphasising implementation guidance and robust training & support for seamless integration.

Disparate platforms with manual inter-platform reconciliation

Integrated platform

Implementation

Their blank sheet approach is flexible but can be time consuming.

Excel + Tally

Training and support

 Widely trained staff available, but support comes from 3rd party independent tally agencies.

MProfit + Tally

- Relatively simpler historical data on-boarding as MProfit is not a true general ledger, with less manual or configurable setup needed.
- Disparate systems often have a self-learn and self-support system, and much of the effort is redirected into reconciliation/integration where there is little or no support.
- Delay in customer support and services.

Asset Vantage

- Relatively more data on-boarding as AV is a true general ledger with highly configurable reporting options.
- AV has named support teams, white-glove support, and training and implementation teams.
- Certification programs available.

Takeaways

With relatively simple on-boarding and third-party support, both Tally and MProfit are ideal for handling basic accounting tasks, while AV's extensive in-house support and on-boarding services effectively cater to diversified accounting and investment needs.





Typical Customer Profile

Evaluate and choose the solution that aligns with your needs to maximise efficiency and success.

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Integrated platform

Ideally suited for

Excel + Tally

- Retail and small business accounting.
- Single currency w/ single depository per entity with low transaction count.
- Low entity count consolidation.
- Audit and compliance.

MProfit + Tally

- Retail clients with traditional assets, and simple transactions and entity/ ownership structures.
- Up to 25 cr AUM w/ single currency w/ single depository per entity with medium to high transaction count.
- Low entity count consolidation.
- No beneficial ownership look through.
- Low or no private equity, real-estate, and other illiquid assets.
- Keeping accounting separate from investments.

Asset Vantage

- 100cr+ business families w/ multi-currency w/ multidepository accounts per entity with low to high transaction count.
- Families looking to formalise investment operations and families looking to/have created a liquidity event.
- Multi-asset class w/ configurable benchmarking.
- Multi-period performance.
- Medium to high entity count consolidation.
- Beneficial ownership look through tiered ownership structures.
- Multiple reporting perspectives.
- Advanced tax planning and harvesting.
- Document vault and mapping.
- Audit and compliance.
- Multi-user permissions and private URL requirements

Takeaways

MProfit generally suffices for simple tracking of single entity and single advisor based investments in mutual funds and stocks.

AV is the more suitable option for consolidating across multiple entities, advisors, PMSs, AIFs, bank accounts, currencies and complex asset class allocations.





Data Ownership, Security, and Privacy

Explore the data ownership and security capabilities offered by three solutions to maintain confidentiality and maintain control over your data assets.

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Data ownership

Owned by the client.
 However, spreadsheets and tally databases are frequently emailed around without any protection due to the lack of user access/sharing rights.

Excel + Tally

MProfit + Tally

- Multi-tenant platform, which is a common login for all clients.
- All client data goes into a single universal database.

Asset Vantage

- Client owns data.
- Private daily backups on AWS.
- Client-enabled full data export.
- Full access control and permissions.
- Audit trail and reporting compliant with MCA.
- Explicit user access for AV.

Security

 Threat to security as data can be uploaded through emails and other portals. Common multi-tenant cloud database across all client logins.

State-of-the-art private cloud:

- Encrypted database
- Encrypted communications
- Multi factor authentication
- VPN only access option
- AWS encrypted backups
- Option to choose unique URL

Although users technically own their data through local or exportable databases with Tally and MProfit. These are generally un-encrypted and can easily be emailed around.

Families looking for enterprise grade privacy, security and access control to their personal investment data must use systems such as AV.

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Conclusion

Asset Vantage's integrated performance reporting and general ledger technology is the single source of truth for global and modern family offices who want to streamline operations, eliminate the high manual effort and cost associated with harboring separate systems, and fuel growth.

For simpler needs, Excel + Tally or MProfit + Tally remain a reliable option.

Ultimately, choosing the right wealth-tech solution depends on the specific needs of each family office.

About Asset Vantage

Asset Vantage was founded by the UNIDEL group as a next generation, cloud/mobile based asset management, accounting and reporting system catering to the complex financial needs of customers ranging from individual wealth holders to fully staffed family offices and those professionals that service them. The fully configurable software provides a portfolio reporting, reconciliation, data aggregation and analytics platform encompassing all asset classes, currencies and geographies.



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