

SAGE MASTER BUILDER



CUSTOMER SUCCESS STORY

CUSTOMER

The Minardos Group
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INDUSTRY

Construction - Residential,
Commercial, Art/Special Interest

LOCATION

Santa Monica, CA

Number of Locations

1

Number of Employees

35

SYSTEM

Sage Master Builder

Modules in Operation

- Accounts Payable
- Accounts Receivable
- Billing
- Budgets
- Change Orders
- Client Tracking
- Estimating
- Document Control
- Financial Review
- General Ledger
- Job Cost
- Job Cost Analysis
- Loan Draws
- Payroll
- Proposals
- Purchase Orders
- Reporting
- Scheduling
- Subcontracts

The Minardos Group Nails the Competition with Sage Master Builder

Since its inception, The Minardos Group of Santa Monica, California has been building award-winning structures for residential, commercial, and art/special interest customers. From 10,000 square-foot office structures, to culturally distinct museums, to private dwellings, The Minardos Group is top-class and requires business management software that's as impeccable and undeniably unique as it is. So, when George Minardos, President and Founder of The Minardos Group, was looking to upgrade the company's overloaded software, he found that Sage Master Builder provided the tools and insights he was previously lacking.



QuickBooks Accounting Proved Inadequate

Beginning as a framer and general contractor in 1991, Minardos recalls that in the early days QuickBooks Accounting and Microsoft Word was "just enough" for the company's accounting and reporting needs. But over the next 7 years, the economy grew healthier, and Minardos desired to expand the company. Suddenly those applications were no longer up-to-par. "We experienced several warning shots over our bow," explains Minardos. "A couple of vendors were overpaid, we

double-paid a few material items and we didn't collect some accounts receivable for over 6 months. We needed a solution that could solve our current problems and grow with our current business."

Minardos needed control and insight. "Construction at its best is 'organized chaos,' and the way that you control the field, clients, and the office needs to be integrated," said Minardos. Sage Master Builder provides that control. As a fully-integrated system, Sage Master Builder is on the job from start to finish – providing Minardos with critical, up-to-the-minute information from any location. "We use data from the estimate all the way through construction-management, and right up to final analysis of completed projects,"

CHALLENGE

Inaccurate and over-loaded QuickBooks Accounting resulted in overpaid vendors and up to a 6-month delay on accounts receivables. Automated reporting was non-existent.

SOLUTION

Sage Master Builder keeps accounting books in-line and on-time. Minardos can now choose from over 1000 professionally-designed, customizable reports, graphs, and charts for client presentations.

RESULTS

The Minardos Group is fiscally responsible, highly organized, and has improved communications with each other and its clients thanks to Sage Master Builder.



Your business in mind.

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ABOUT SAGE SOFTWARE

Sage Software supports the needs, challenges, and dreams of more than 2.6 million small and mid-sized business customers in North America through easy-to-use, scalable, and customizable software and services. Our products support accounting, operations, customer relationship management, human resources, time tracking, merchant services, and the specialized needs of the construction, distribution, healthcare, manufacturing, nonprofit, and real estate industries. Sage Software is a subsidiary of The Sage Group plc, a leading international supplier of accounting and business management software and services. Sage, listed on the London Stock Exchange, now has 5.0 million customers and employs over 10,500 people worldwide.



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Stay Mobile and Connected

Minardos finds himself on multiple computers throughout any given day. Whether at home, in the office, or at a job site, Sage Master Builder is front and center with its remote data-access capabilities. "I want to have insight to key information—whenever and wherever—without being tied to my desk," says Minardos. Real-time access to information helps Minardos' team stay connected with one another, as well as the customer's needs and desires.

Integration Provides Accurate Data

In construction, having accurate financial information at your fingertips is essential. And, as with most businesses, the old adage "time is money," rings true. But in construction, running one-day behind schedule can cost several thousand dollars in equipment rental fees and lost man-hours. Minardos notes that the drill-down power of Sage Master Builder keeps him one step ahead of potential issues. "It all boils down to one thing: confidence in your data," says Minardos. "Just because you're running millions of dollars through your books doesn't mean you're profitable. How do you know you're profitable unless your systems are integrated and you're able to analyze projects? Sage Master Builder lets you accomplish that analysis by project or for your company as a whole. Plus, the ability to track open issues—RFI, changes, and submittals—makes the product worth every penny."



The Minardos Group has grown from a 2 million dollar-per-year company using QuickBooks to nearly 15 million dollars a year with Sage Master Builder at the helm. Today, Minardos describes the firm as a full-service construction company with 5 main entities: Consulting and Pre-construction, Building, Design, Estate Care, and Development. And, looking ahead, Minardos says he's excited about the company's potential to take advantage of new business opportunities in and out-side of their Los Angeles area head-quarters.

Sage Master Builder ties The Minardos Group together and is flexible enough to support exponential growth for years to come.