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Empowering corporate credit risk management

A Catalyst from Bureau van Dijk
Faster results – improved efficiency

Powered by orbis
Create your own dashboard for a customised view of your portfolio and priorities

Create individual customer dashboards for detailed insight

Score companies – create/integrate your scorecard using your own methodology to automatically score your counterparties

Your data is blended with BvD’s detailed intelligence

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Automating your processes including:

1. Confirming a company’s legal identity
2. Assessing their financial risk
3. Setting credit limits and payment terms

A range of tools to analyse, monitor and score

External data from BvD + Your counterparty data
Credit Catalyst helps you mitigate risk across your portfolio. It’s a dynamic platform where your own knowledge of your counterparties is combined with our extensive company and risk intelligence.

Credit Catalyst is a very powerful tool that helps you identify potential risk quickly and gives you a more transparent view of your counterparties - helping you make better quality decisions. It automates much of the credit analysis process so your time is liberated to spend elsewhere. It also provides a centralised location to store and manage your credit data in structured formats.

**Easy to interpret dashboards**

Credit Catalyst gives you:
- enriched data
- powerful, tailored risk insight and monitoring
- portfolio analysis
- individual counterparty analysis
- segmentation/sector analysis

**Assess financial risk and corporate stability**

Credit Catalyst includes financial data in a standardised format and the currency of your choice, so you can benchmark and compare companies across the globe. It also includes financial strength metrics created by independent companies that are designed to work with our data. These are ideal to assess companies and include in your scoring models as well as to benchmark your own financial analyses on individual companies.

You can also access our comprehensive group structures, and changes to them, so you can look for stability, assess the risk exposure at all levels of the corporate group and identify where else you have relationships within the group.

**Get insight across your portfolio**

Credit Catalyst highlights the risk areas in your portfolio. Using it you can create your own scoring methodology, using a very simple interface, and apply your own approach to companies in your portfolio. Credit Catalyst assesses each company in detail then shows you a ‘portfolio view’ highlighting key risk areas, changes to companies that you need to review and the overall financial health of your portfolio.

**Manage your data and actions**

Credit Catalyst helps you keep your credit-relevant information in a centralised, cloud-based resource. You can input ‘self-disclosed’ financials so they’re included in your analyses and available in a structured format.
Credit Catalyst pulls relevant information from our extensive Orbis company database, delivering standardised financial reports so you can compare companies across the globe.

Standardised data
Credit Catalyst contains standardised financial reports so you can compare and benchmark companies across borders. And it’s not just financial data that’s standardised – you can look at reports in one language, use the currency of your choice and even activity classifications such as SIC codes are harmonised so you can segment your portfolio accurately.

Financial strength
As well as financial reports Credit Catalyst includes independent financial strength indicators from six expert providers, giving you transparent risk scores. These metrics are comparable so you can create benchmark values, compare companies’ financial health and measure your own internal ratings against them. Variables include probability of default, propensity to become bankrupt, suggested credit limit plus other predictive indicators and risk scores.

Corporate ownership structures
Extensive corporate structures help assess the financial health of holding companies and the group as a whole. Changes in ownership are tracked so you can monitor companies for changes and also look for stability.

News
News stories come from a number of newswires and news aggregators. You can track relevant news stories and filter for negative news.

M&A intelligence
Rumours and deals are included so you can stay up to date with any changes that could affect your portfolio.

PEPs and Sanctions
We partner with WorldCompliance to bring you information on PEPs and Sanctions. Companies with individuals who are potential PEPs, or could be high risk associations, are highlighted so you can review them in more detail. This provides crucial intelligence for reputation management.
Credit Catalyst has a range of ‘views’ so you can look at your portfolio, or individual counterparties, from different perspectives. You can create a PDF of any report and archive it within the system.

**The dashboard view**

An easy-to-interpret view of your counterparties via a number of ‘widgets’ each with a specific focus, the dashboard is a very powerful tool to help you display complex information effectively and understand your risk exposure more efficiently.

It highlights your risky companies instantly so you immediately see where to focus your attention. Specific ‘widgets’ highlight changes to companies, including a downgrading of their financial strength. You can ‘drill down’ into each ‘widget’ for a more detailed view.

You can set tasks and portfolio reviews in the dashboard so your workflow is integrated with Credit Catalyst.

The dashboard is very simple to customise.

**The counterparty view**

A dashboard that looks at one company in detail so you can get a deep understanding of its structure, its financial health and stability, its peers and other vital metrics. The information is very clearly presented and is easy to interpret.

You choose the content so you can make sure it’s relevant to your needs and the report is based on your own risk parameters that you’ve created in the risk module.

The financial data is standardised so you can compare company against company.

Workflow options are included so you can add your own notes, attach your own documents to the report, flag for action and email to colleagues.

**Alerts and actions**

Create your own alerts to monitor your portfolio. You can tailor them to look for specific changes and include them in your dashboard or as independent emails. They’re completely customisable so you dictate what triggers them, how frequently they’re sent, and who gets them, so the appropriate analysts and line managers are notified. You can also set your alerts to trigger actions within Credit Catalyst.

**Scoring using the risk module**

The integral risk module means you can create a scorecard that automatically rates any company you view in Credit Catalyst. The module is flexible and you can adjust the weight you give to various elements and set conditional parameters. You can include quantitative, qualitative data in your model and combine data from Credit Catalyst with your own knowledge of a company, to set recommended credit limits.
Credit Catalyst helps you improve your efficiency, liberates your time and improves the quality of your decision making.

**One interface combines key internal and external data, analysis platform and workflow options**

Credit Catalyst is a dynamic platform that blends relevant data for improved insight, risk analytics and workflow. It enriches your data, helps you convert unstructured data to structured information and helps you maintain and monitor your data. It also provides a centralised data resource and helps you promote best practice across your business.

**Internationally comparable**

Credit Catalyst is the perfect solution if you have counterparties in multiple countries. Not only is the financial data in a standardised format, the financial strength metrics, activity codes and names of companies are all harmonised for efficient analysis and benchmarking. And the content is sourced from over 100 reputable sources so it’s a completely viable and robust data source.

**Easy to interpret and spot key risk areas**

Credit Catalyst displays information via a series of flexible dashboards that illustrate complex data in simple charts and graphs to give you immediate insight and to help you identify key risk areas.

**Transparent financial strength indicators**

Our financial strength metrics are completely transparent with full documentation and access to formulae so you can understand the theories behind the numbers. They’re ideal for analysis, benchmarking and to measure against your internal scores.

**Alerts trigger tasks**

Credit Catalyst tells you when you need to review a counterparty – based on time elapsed since its last review, or new information that may affect their viability.

**Group insight**

Our extensive corporate structures help you assess group risk, identify and assess the holding company, review stability and keep you aware of changes in ownership. Having parent company information is also useful if the company you’re assessing is very small or doesn’t have much financial data available.

**Automated scoring**

The scoring in Credit Catalyst is based on your own risk model – saving you time and giving you consistent results.

**Easy to use and customised for you**

Credit Catalyst is simple to set up, to customise for your risk appetite and environment and very easy to use.
A range of data and tools

We offer a variety of ways for you to use our information for credit risk analysis; there’s one to suit all environments.

You can use Credit Catalyst as your data platform, or you can use it within an existing ERP or credit management/collection system to enrich your existing data and functionality.

We have already created solutions that work with numerous systems including SAP FSCM. We can also help you create your own solution with our Web Services team.

If you’re looking for something bespoke our FACT solution offers a completely configurable platform where you can manage your credit exposure and risk processes. FACT can combine any data (internal, external and BvD data) with any models and any workflow system.