

The faster, more efficient way to prepare for capital funding events

Save time, reduce costs and foster collaboration

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Preparing for a capital funding event is one of the most challenging and time-consuming stages in a company's life cycle. Gathering, organizing and exchanging information for the due diligence review process can put a strain on any growing company's resources. The process is even more difficult when the company must integrate paper-based materials. Today, leading companies are eliminating these challenges by leveraging Merrill DataSite®, a premier virtual data room (VDR) solution that streamlines and accelerates due diligence review.

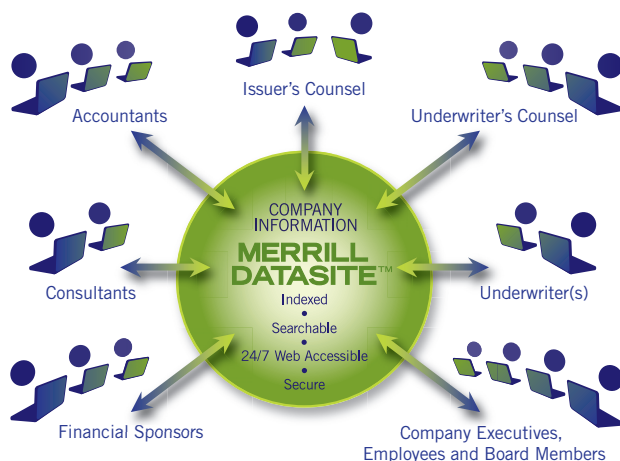
Interactive, online preparation for due diligence

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All work is managed and monitored in a secure online environment, resulting in a faster, more efficient preparation process in which no detail is overlooked. Consequently, a company can be well-prepared for a capital funding opportunity that requires thorough due diligence.

All members of the working group – attorneys, accountants, consultants, financial sponsors, underwriters, company executives, employees and board members – can take advantage of Merrill DataSite's powerful online tools to:

- Gain immediate access to key information
- Research and investigate information for drafting sessions
- Conduct complete, site-wide reviews using flexible online search tools
- Fulfill underwriters' due diligence requests
- Manage "circle-up" and "facts-check" processes
- Facilitate third-party audits
- Prepare exhibits for Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filings
- Respond to SEC comment letter(s) and complete corresponding due diligence
- Support road show queries in real-time





Strategic and financial benefits

Merrill DataSite is a preferred choice of many leading companies. It delivers substantial strategic and financial benefits, enabling clients to:

- **Quickly gather and organize information for initial drafting sessions.** Merrill DataSite can be launched within two hours, with thousands of documents available for online review within 24 hours or less.
- **Accelerate the review process.** Documents can be accessed and reviewed simultaneously by multiple parties, compressing the time required to complete due diligence.
- **Seamlessly upload new information as it becomes available.** Newly acquired asset(s) can be quickly added into a single, centralized repository, and viewers can instantly be alerted when new documents become available.
- **Proactively manage working group activities.** Merrill DataSite's tracking and audit tools make it easy to monitor progress and notify team members of outstanding documents that need to be examined or other tasks requiring special attention, helping to keep the project on schedule.
- **Dramatically reduce labor and reprographic costs.** Since all documents are stored online and can be printed on demand, the need to print large volumes of paper documents is virtually eliminated, saving time and expense.
- **Work from anywhere.** Travel time and costs are also reduced, since team members can log on and manage their work from any remote location.

Prepare in advance without disrupting day-to-day business activity

Most companies have found that they gain the greatest advantage by building their datasites 12-18 months ahead of an expected transaction. By proactively managing their information, Merrill DataSite allows the management team to remain focused on business while preparing for the capital funding event, instead of diverting resources to the task of assembling and presenting documentation.

Highest VDR security in the industry

Merrill DataSite is the leading global provider of turnkey VDR solutions. We combine the industry's leading technology with highly secure operational environments and a professional staff dedicated to customer success. Merrill DataSite has hosted virtual data rooms for thousands of clients, representing transactions totaling trillions of dollars in asset value. Merrill DataSite is currently the only VDR provider in the industry to earn ISO 27001 certification, the most highly recognized security standard.

With Merrill DataSite, your deal is virtually done

With the technology and customer service experience to launch your project into high gear within two hours or less, setting up a Merrill DataSite for your company couldn't be easier. Our team can scan, upload and organize thousands of pages of content from any source, even at the client's site if necessary. Around the clock and around the world, we are ready to answer any questions you may have. Let us make your process as secure, efficient and successful as possible.

To learn how Merrill DataSite can transform your next transaction, call your Merrill representative today or visit us at www.datasite.com.



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