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Established in 1998 by a team of senior investment professionals, Thames River Capital was created as a performance focused, absolute return orientated, integrated fund management business.

Thames River Capital became the Funds Business of the F&C group in September 2010. F&C is a diversified independent investment group, listed on the London Stock Exchange.

### Challenge

In 2007 Thames River Capital realised that the capacity, resilience and security of its legacy networking infrastructure was lagging behind the companies rapid business growth.

Axonex were commissioned to initiate and deliver a Network Audit, Network Infrastructure Refresh and Security Design and Cisco ASA5500 Firewall and VLAN Configurations as well as Quality of Service and network testing.

2010 saw the implementation and deployment of the High level Core Network Upgrade Design included integration of switches, access control underpinned by Cisco SMARTnet advanced hardware replacement

Axonex also supply Thames River Capital with second line remote and onsite engineering support ensuring network availability and performance consistency.

The network now supports almost 200 users located across several sites in the UK and Europe. In addition to the office-based employees the network supports remote, mobile Smartphone and iPad enabled users.

### Business Benefits

Thames River Capital have realised significant business benefits as a result of their recent IT investment, these benefits include:

- **Confidence:** The ability to run reports faster and on-demand, increasing the confidence and data resources for fund managers and customer facing teams in servicing their customers, enhancing the customer experience.
- **Intelligence:** Simplified IT management reporting allowing Thames River Capital to make faster and more intelligent decisions.
- **Scalability:** An networking infrastructure designed to mirror Thames River Capital's business objectives and strategies
- **Security:** At enhanced levels to allow for more demanding compliance and the growth in mobile requirements

### Capital's Opinion

*“As Thames River Capital has grown an expanded its business and IT infrastructure. Axonex always demonstrated extreme professionalism, high levels of expertise and diligence. Also highly valued by us is the customer satisfaction and end-to-end follow through ethos shown by Axonex”*

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### The Axonex Solution

*Network Audit*

*High level Core Network Upgrade Design*

*Network Infrastructure Refresh Design*

*Security Design*

*Cisco ASA5500 series Firewall Configuration*

*VLAN Configuration*

*Cisco 4500 series Switches*

*Cisco Secure Access Control*

*Secure Network Access through 802.1x*

*Cisco Content Services Switches 11500 series*

*QoS Settings Configuration*

*Cisco SMARTnet*

