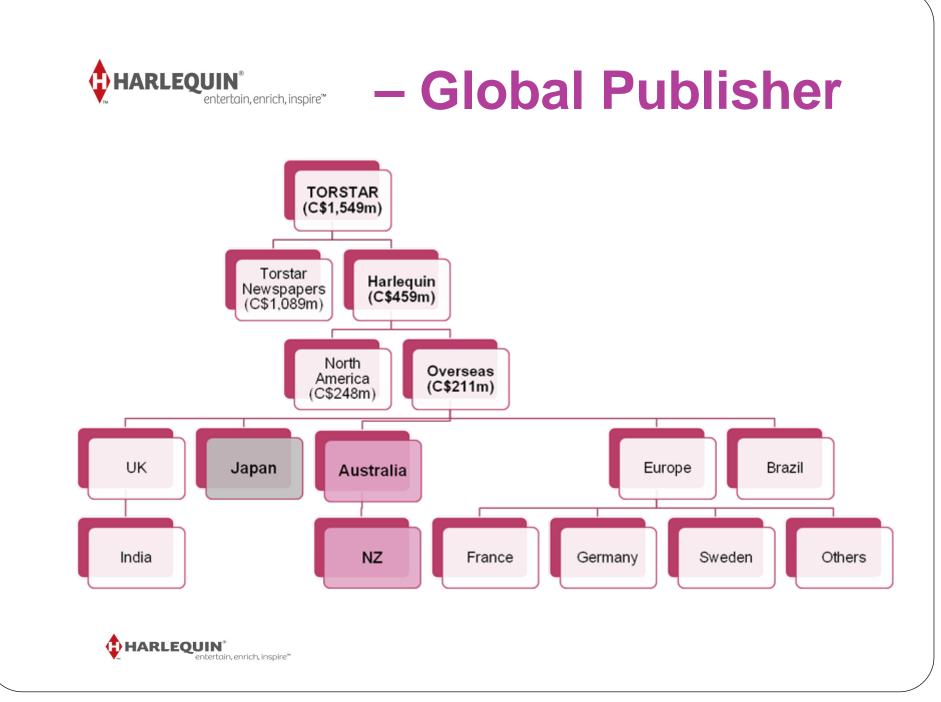


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# **Publisher of Books for Women**



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# **Omni Channel Publisher**

# **Publishing Content**

#### Retail (Print)

- Major Retailers
  - Big W
  - Target
  - Kmart
  - · Coles
  - Dymocks
- Online Retailers
  - Big W online
    - Booktopia

#### Direct to Consumer (Print)

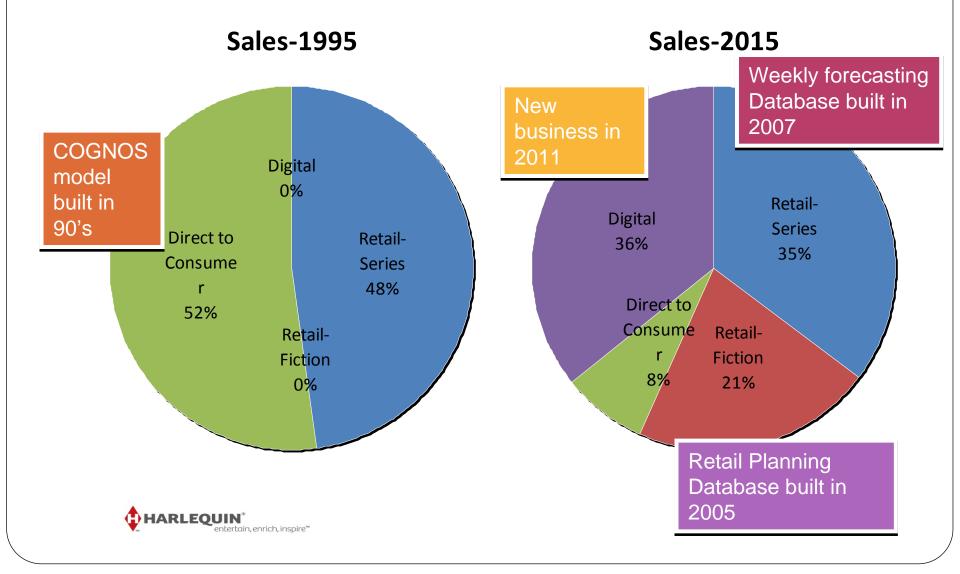
- Continuity Subscription
  - · Casual sales
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- Millsandboon.com.au

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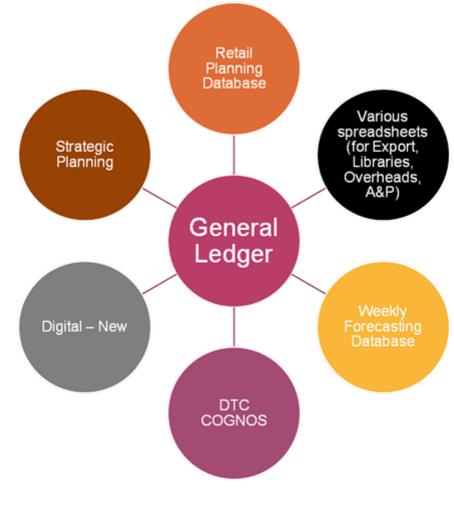
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## Publishing – the changing landscape



# Planning & Forecasting – the past

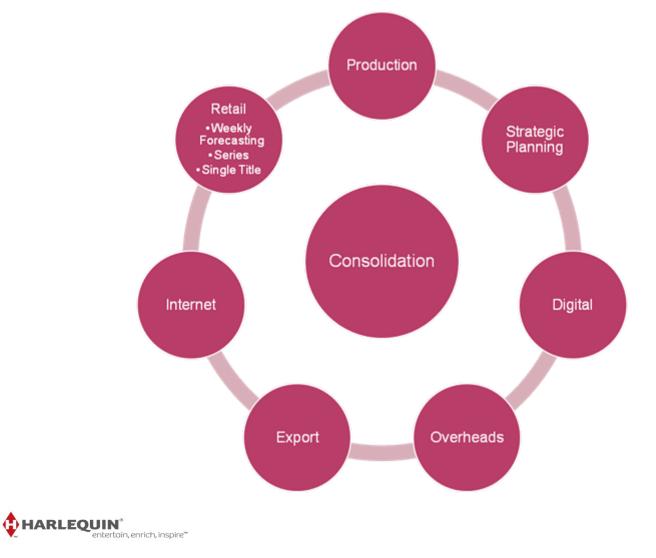


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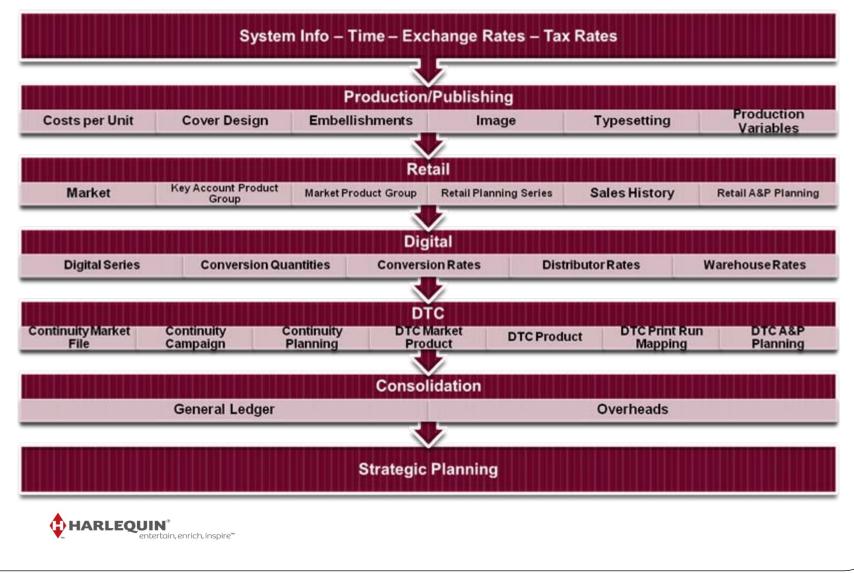
# Other planning considerations

- Environment moving faster need for more dynamic forecasting model
- Need for all models on the same platform
- Move away from static Access models to Open flexible ones
- Need to automate uploading into Epicor for efficiencies
- Weekly forecasting model was becoming less reliable and needed updating
- Production costing was manual and reliant on one person
- Option to build new add-ons for Product,
  Promotion and/or Customer viability modelling
  - Need for Jananese model

## Planning & Forecasting – the future



## Harlequin and COGNOS Express (TM1) Xcelerator



# **Process and Design**

- Overall Design conceived by Harlequin (Aug 2011)
- Implementation facilitated by Cubewise (Nov 2011-Apr 2012) – Final completion by Jun 2012 – Budget 10 consulting days – Actual 20 days
- Harlequin personnel present 100% during development – all design decisions made jointly
- Final stages achieved by Harlequin independently – with technical consultation on issues as required

# **Design Concepts and Issues**

