

A new central information system

A modern system for managing finance and logistics in a trade and manufacturing company

Situation

- The company decided to carry out a global reengineering of all business processes using entirely new technologies based on SAP products. The aim was to meet customer and Point-of-Sale requirements while simplifying both business processes and the structure of corporate information systems
- The project aimed to replace the two original ERP systems (the IFS system at AMF Reece and SAP ERP 4.6 at Bernhardt Fashion)

Challenges

- To implement a completely new global, multilingual IT ecosystem available 24/7, enabling order entry via the web with maximum support for Point-of-Sales, order processing for production, and support for efficient real-time management of production, procurement, logistics, and accounting
- The new solution aimed to accelerate and streamline financial and logistics processes—bringing the company further into the 21st century and supporting its business growth on a global scale
- However, the system was also expected to build on existing know-how and cover core processes in compliance with Czech legislation

Solution

- For finance, logistics, and production processes, the SAP S/4HANA system (version 1709) was implemented, providing a centralized and stable foundation for the customer's business
- Parts of the original solution were integrated into the new system, preserving manufacturing and logistics know-how specific to custom clothing production
- As an extension, SAP Commerce was selected, which will eventually replace the existing sales and ordering portal for business partners worldwide

Benefits

- Migration of the company's unique know-how into the new system, along with system modifications for SAP S/4HANA
- Faster and smoother goods dispatch – reduced administration and documentation for exports, resulting in a 50% labor saving and 20–40% reduction in transportation costs, depending on the case
- Simplified and accelerated invoicing – invoices to business partners are issued exclusively in electronic form
- Accounts receivable management – integration of open items with direct customer communication
- Inbound goods – warehouse receiving time reduced by nearly 70%
- Faster decision-making, real-time data analysis – enabling immediate reporting of results and financial statements
- Online processes throughout the entire system, with further expected benefits upon full integration with the new e-commerce platform

Future plans and development

- Implementation of the e-commerce platform and continued optimization of business processes



Industry

Fashion

LoB

- Finance
- Logistics

Customer

Bernhardt Fashion CZ, s.r.o.

Headquarters

Prostějov, Czech Republic

Products and services

Production and Global Distribution of Made-to-Measure Clothing

Number of employees

>300

System environment

- SAP S/4HANA 1709

Reference

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