Supply Chain, Distribution & Order Management Case Studies
Reduced the order to cash cycle by 60%, and a cost savings of $15.5 million via cloud enabled distributor management system.
THE CLIENT

Leading consumer goods enterprise having home and personal case as well as foods business lines

CHALLENGE

- Disparate distribution management systems across the globe, which were unable to support business innovations in its route to market
- Disparate business processes across regions,
- Lacked tight master data controls
- Carried a high total cost of ownership

SOLUTION

- Overhauled of its existing distribution management systems by implementing, rolling out and managing global cloud based distributor management solution on SAP,
- Complex solution on SAP IS Retail supporting for 18,000 distributors in 22 countries-Provides online as well as offline capabilities
- Inbuilt advanced recommendation engine along with Mobility solution to enable transactions on the go

BENEFITS

- Platform reduced the order to cash cycle by 60%, and led to a cost savings of $15.5 million on store audits over three years
- Helps optimize crucial elements such as price and promotion, directly affecting revenue and profit outcomes
- Successfully support 100,000+ orders/day, 1.5 BN Euro of business live and 1.3 MN+ outlets
- High system availability
Driving growth with better distributor collaboration
THE CLIENT

Global manufacturer of batteries and personal care products

CHALLENGE

- Collaboration with distributors and supply chain visibility
- Enable easy on-boarding of new distributors and enhanced customer service and buying experience
- Need for quick implementation to meet business priorities
- Help in demerger of businesses

SOLUTION

- Implemented Ecommerce enabled Distributor Portal for real time collaboration across globe with channel partners
- Solution is simple and scalable to address the dual need of having a portal up before separation and can be stand alone for each entity post demerger
- Integration across 10 ERPs and 4 continents
- Platform to support 500+ distributors

BENEFITS

- Faster time to market - Delivered the solution within 6 months
- Projected revenue of 1 Billion USD & 450,000 users on the new channel
- Flexibility - scalable platform to cover global needs
- Easing customer service through self-service tools working seamlessly with ERP for account management, pricing and order placement
New Distribution Management System leading to YoY productivity improvement of 8 to 10%
THE CLIENT

British multinational consumer goods company present in over 60 countries focusing on health, hygiene and home products

CHALLENGE

- Needed greater control on the distributor activities spanning across order, promotions, claims management etc.
- Accelerate profitable growth and maximize visibility in emerging markets
- Need to implement insight driven platform to provide greater visibility about the distributor ecosystem
- Improve KPI like lead time
- One of the Big Bets of our client is to build a Distribution Management system supporting the mission of “More store, Better store, Better Served”. This system gives technology edge to their D&E market supporting digital consolidation of general trade

SOLUTION

- Mindtree successfully implemented 3rd party DMS solution in the following phases
  - In-scope business scenario: Identified and documented the business scenarios for the business
  - Process to feature mapping: Provided a detailed document of all the requirements which can be fulfilled by the current product
  - Master data upload/Configuration: Master data upload and configuration for the product to be transaction ready

BENEFITS

- 50% time reduction in concept to shelf process – integrated 20+ applications
- LEAN based ERP support - YoY productivity improvement of 8 to 10%
- Manage 8000+ end users, 1250 + monthly tickets.
SAP 24x7 System & Business Process Monitoring and Support
THE CLIENT

Leading international fashion retail brand that has represented style and quality for decades

CHALLENGE

- Management of vast SAP landscape earlier managed by internal team assisted by local SAP contractors
- Retail & wholesale operation, sourcing & buying, inbound logistics & customs, warehousing & distribution
- Managing risk and ensuring there is no service disruption
- Single version of the truth - single reporting which provides all support SLAs in one place, end-to-end
- Manage risk free first time offshoring

SOLUTION

- Seamless Transition to Managed Services was done in 4 phases using Mindtree’s Global Transition Framework via 310+ knowledge transfer sessions
- Established a stable, scalable, complete, cost-effective onsite-offshore SAP support model that focuses on quality of delivery, end user satisfaction, flexibility, and tight program management/governance

BENEFITS

- Transparency via metrics tracking
- Reduce workload of on-site clients functional support teams to focus on business enabling activities
- Cost reduction and quality improvement through setting up of future state SAP Solution Model, Shift Left, Self-resolve/help and productivity Improvements
Trade Claims Management
THE CLIENT

British multinational pharmaceutical company

CHALLENGE

- Decentralized multiple claim management systems
- Manual invoice processing - complex back office finance functions
- Lack of single version of the truth leading to KPI and measurement of benefit

SOLUTION

- Integrated the trade claims management process into overall trade promotions management process.
- Global template that is rolled out across countries
- Fully integrated trade claims process in SAP enabling simplified, integrated month end reporting.
- One claim solution for invoice, deductions, agreements and promotions

BENEFITS

- Fully integrated trade claims process in SAP.
- Paperless invoice processing
- Clear view of promotional finances
- Enabled centralization & simplification of back office finance functions
- Clear view of promotional finances – accrued, settled, remaining spend.
20% Reduction in Procurement Process Cycle Time via Mobile App
THE CLIENT

World's largest company in trading, purchasing and distributing grain and other agricultural commodities

CHALLENGE

- Procurement process in efficiencies
- Delay in Information capture
- Limited procurement process visibility, control and higher cost
- Longer time to launch new functional capabilities
- Lack of technology, platform and process standards for mobile app development

SOLUTION

- Developed a mobile app and web interface to enable planning, purchase process work flow for different stages of commodities assessment, buying and purchasing approvals on field
- The solution interfaces with several backend systems for business process automation
- Standardized app development and governance processes via mobile center of excellence setup

BENEFITS

- 20% reduction in Procurement Cycle from plan to contract creation
- All internal price discussions and approvals are now process driven and information is captured at all points leading to transparency
- Contract is created by the application and has freed up the bandwidth of the traders
- Faster time to market for mobile apps via center of excellence
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