

Business Transformation Case Study using SAP Business Planning and Consolidation



Quick Facts

Company: REDACTED

Industry: Beverage (Spirits)

Locations: IL

Revenue: \$2.5 billion USD

Employees: 1000-5000

Solution: SAP Business Planning and Consolidation application (Planning, financial reporting, currency conversions)

Company Overview:

<REDACTED> is one of the largest premium spirits company in the world, with nine of the world's top-100 premium spirits in their portfolio and \$2.5 billion in revenue.

Challenges and Opportunities

Provide a central location for all financial data to be stored and reported

Eliminate the need for hundreds of scattered Excel files

Create a single workflow for financial reporting as well as planning

Simplify processes for consolidating actuals and budget to allow more time for analysis

Objectives

Reduce the time spent on consolidations and planning

Provide a planning tool that can be maintained centrally

Standardization of planning/forecasting for the company, globally

Implementation Highlights

Custom SSIS packages to eliminate the need for manual input of financial data

Foreign currency translation and intercompany eliminations

Why SAP BPC

Was sharing the server and licenses with Fortune Brands, the parent company, on v.4.1

Upgraded to BPC 5.1 when v.4.1 went out of support

Provided a quick and cost-effective consolidation solution to allow Beam to handle a major acquisition that doubled its size.

Ease of use and rapid adoption due to familiar MS Excel interface

Benefits

Elimination of manual processes

Simplicity of consolidation of data from multiple work streams.

Timely, accurate, and dynamic data