

STRONG DRIVE FOR THE FUTURE WITH THIS TRIO: SAP NEWGL, NEXTGEN AMS & MANAGED CLOUD



We have been relying on NTT DATA Business Solutions since 1996, and they came through for us yet again during our recent reorganization of our general ledger. With scalable services and jointly planned project coordination, we made our processes ready to go with SAP New GL in preparation for the future conversion to SAP S/4HANA.

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Challenges

- Need for conversion of the general ledger as preparation for the SAP S/4HANA conversion
- Required shortening of downtime to minimize business impact
- Parallel implementation on four deployment environments



Solutions

- Migration to SAP New General Ledger as preparation for the SAP S/4HANA conversion
- NextGen Application Management Services
- Managed Cloud Services – Safe management of applications in IT service provider's Private Cloud
- SAP Fiori Developments
- SAP Maintenance



Benefits

- Detailed system analysis & master data harmonization
- New design of finance-based business processes
- Migration cockpit for simple master data migration
- Set-up of SandBox systems for safe testing of new applications
- Assurance of high system availability
- Decreased burden on IT through transfer of tasks



Why NTT DATA Business Solutions?

- High level of skill in SAP environments
- Use of synergy effects through services from a single source



Parent company: BENTELER International AG

Industry: Automotive

Products: Components & modules for undercarriage, body, motor and exhaust systems as well as solutions for electric vehicles

Employees: approx. 30,000 (2019)

Sales: 7.713 billion euros by the BENTELER Group (2019)

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An Engine for SAP S/4HANA.

Anyone planning to convert to the SAP S/4HANA solution in the future should be aware early on what organizational measures this entails. With this goal in mind, BENTELER started its preparations with NTT DATA Business Solutions. Since the introduction of SAP S/4HANA, the new general ledger SAP New GL became a requirement rather than an option. It closely inter-connects internal and external accounting and offers a number of advantages. Thanks to its introduction, BENTELER can take advantage of new innovative functions for finance-based processes, which can now be managed in a more targeted way. Real-time integration of controlling into financial accounting is a great advantage for the company since the reduced coordination effort helps simplify the generation of monthly financial statements. The project is a big step toward agility and seeks, like the future SAP S/4HANA conversion, to streamline existing business processes.

NextGen AMS and Managed Cloud

The introduction was perfectly supported by the NextGen Application Management and Managed Cloud Services of NTT DATA Business Solutions. In addition to updates, upgrades and hardware optimizations, support was also provided for the implementation of the migration cockpit. This makes it easy to migrate the master data. SandBox systems were also set up for validation of new processes, and detailed performance analyses were carried out in order to avoid bottlenecks in performance. During go-live, additional computing capacities and temporary infrastructure optimizations ensured that downtime was shortened, meaning the business impact was reduced to a minimum. 24/7 on-call service also provides a basis for smooth project coordination.

New Momentum for the Future

At BENTELER, conventional ways of thinking are called into question and new trends are anticipated by means of innovative technologies. With Fiori, SAP presented a modern user interface, meaning processes are sped up considerably. The further development of the user interface is full of potential, with which BENTELER also secures a head start in IT and contributes to the motivation of its employees. The Bielefeld-based IT service provider played an essential role in the company's software development by installing patches and SAP Fiori Developments. Another highlight: By using Robotic Process Automation, a bot developed by BENTELER itself supported the comparison of more than a thousand lists and thus saved time-consuming coordination activities during the migration. BENTELER is thus leading the way within the company as a whole as well as on the market.

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