

WM SE, Osnabrück, Germany

IN THE FAST LANE TO THE DIGITAL FUTURE WITH THE SAP S/4HANA® CONVERSION



We made the right decision in choosing itelligence* as the partner for our future digital strategy. We were totally convinced by its track record of expertise in SAP S/4HANA Conversion projects and its professional planning and implementation of all project phases.

Thomas Zahn, Deputy Head of IT, WM SE



Challenges

- Prompt conversion of the SAP S/4HANA Finance 1503 release to SAP S/4HANA 1709 for additional project implementation processes
- Complex interface connection with Host-System for Core-Logistics Processes



Solutions

- SAP S/4HANA Conversion to SAP S/4HANA 1709
- New system hosted at the NTT DATA Business Solutions data center
- NTT DATA Business Solutions Application Management Service (AMS)



Benefits

- Advanced solution as the digital core of the company for a high-performance IT landscape with highly developed functions
- Control and transparency of integrative business processes with regard to Finance, Controlling, Sales and Logistics
- Increased efficiency thanks to role-based, up-to-date interfaces



Why NTT DATA Business Solutions?

- Extensive expertise in rolling out SAP S/4HANA and convincing project planning
- Proven expertise in conversion projects
- Many years of trusting cooperation

WMSE

Company: WM SE

Industry: Wholesale

Products: Wholesale of replacement parts and accessories for cars and commercial vehicles, tires as well as garage equipment, concepts and software

Number of employees: 5,200 (2019)

Turnover: approx. BEUR 1.5 (2018)

Headquarters: Osnabrück, Germany

* Since April 1, 2021 itelligence is operating as NTT DATA Business Solutions

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On-time and on-budget project execution



In the Fast Lane: WM SE

Osnabrück-based company WM SE has one great passion, and that is anything to do with motor vehicles. The company has successfully positioned itself on the market as one of Europe's leading vehicle parts merchants. More than 5,000 employees ensure that end customers are supplied with its extensive range of products, from replacement parts for cars and commercial vehicles to accessories and garage equipment, right through to garage concepts and software solutions. "Quick, reliable and flexible" is the motto of the company, which is anchored in IT as well. Agile processes, elaborate functions of the SAP® ERP-system and a high level of transparency of the entire value chain: WM SE decided to optimize its existing system landscape as part of its future digital strategy. Close and confident cooperation with NTT DATA Business Solutions made clear the path to the company's digital future, in which the IT landscape is the digital core used to take care of numerous integrative business processes. This is enabled by the pioneering SAP S/4HANA system, which provides precious added value for companies and the value chain as a state-of-the-art ERP system that is based on the high-performance SAP HANA in-memory database. We have extensive expertise in rolling out as well as converting to SAP S/4HANA and, thanks to its excellent consultancy skills, has paved the way to SAP S/4HANA for WM SE.

Prompt Conversion to SAP S/4HANA 1709

As the SAP S/4HANA Finance release has already implemented numerous integrative processes, no time was wasted in defining the objective of the project: Conversion to SAP S/4HANA 1709 in the quickest and most secure way possible to provide the basis for additional project implementation processes. Due to the Brownfield Approach, it is possible to convert the existing SAP ERP-system to retain tried-and-tested processes and value chains and add new functions to the IT landscape.

A Clear Run for SAP S/4HANA

The development of the SAP S/4HANA roadmap – NTT DATA Business Solutions's proven method – laid the foundations for the Conversion. In the PoC phase, we carried out an extensive evaluation of compatibility with SAP S/4HANA. The SAP Readiness Check, the Extended Custom Code Check by NTT DATA Business Solutions, various specialist workshops, a Sandbox-Conversion and dedicated project planning were important elements that had a significant influence on the project's success in the subsequent implementation phase. The challenges of the project lay in the synchronization of business partners in the six-figure region as well as in the complex interface linking (e.g. distributed credit management) with a Host-System for Core-Logistics Processes. Much to the satisfaction of WM SE's specialist departments, the go-live process of the Conversion, on the basis of the well-developed SAP S/4HANA 1709 release, was a success thanks to employee training aimed specifically at the process deltas.

One Thing Leads to Another...

Thanks to this successful cooperation with our consultants, our data center and AMS as well as the WM SE project team, the project was successfully completed on-time and on-budget. This is now enabling the company to benefit from greater transparency for employees in IT as well as the respective specialist department. The recently created system landscape reduces the amount of manual work involved, results in increasingly efficient work processes and ensures smooth business processes thanks to the high level of process reliability. WM SE has gathered pace on its journey to the digital future!

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