

Körber Supply Chain

SAP supply chain implementation

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Introduction

Driven by ongoing digitization and an increase in B2B and B2C ecommerce business, the supply chain has emerged as a competitive success factor, and innovative software solutions are a key enabler for its efficient operation.

SAP has offered industry-leading supply chain solutions for years, and their popularity continues to grow. This is partly due to increasing deployment of SAP's ERP solutions, specifically SAP S/4HANA or SAP ERP (ECC), and the subsequent business decision to introduce a SAP supply chain solution.

However, when customers come to implement SAP supply chain projects, there is often no targeted consulting available to support them.

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Implementing SAP supply chain projects and selecting an appropriate SAP consulting firm can present certain challenges. Körber can address these, helping customers to maximize the value of their SAP implementation.

1. The need for supply chain-specific SAP experience

While many SAP consulting firms have extensive experience with the core SAP solutions, especially the ERP (S/4HANA or the legacy SAP ERP (ECC)), it is harder to find firms that specialize in implementing the SAP Supply Chain Logistics suite, and even more challenging to find supply chain experts who truly understand the underlying operational processes.

At Körber, our SAP consultants are completely focused on supply chain implementations. We have decades of experience in implementing all solutions of the SAP Supply Chain Logistics suite and integrating it with SAP's ERPs. This expertise enables us to fully understand customers' operational processes and customize each implementation to their specific needs.



2. Industry-specific expertise

Different verticals can have specific and sometimes unique requirements that deeply affect supply chain processes. For example, in ecommerce and omnichannel retail there's a need to fulfill increasingly stringent customer expectations and SLAs for next-day and same-day delivery. Likewise, the automotive industry manufactures according to Just-in-Time and Just-in-Sequence (JIT/JIS) strategies, while the pharmaceutical industry must meet strict regulatory requirements for serialization and track and trace.

With their broad industry experience, Körber's SAP consultants are aware of these specific needs and their impact on customer supply chain processes. They will ensure that your supply chain solutions, especially the SAP Extended Warehouse Management (SAP EWM) implementation, are tailored accordingly.

3. Migration to the new SAP standard solutions

SAP has announced the end of support for their SAP ERP (ECC), SAP WM and SAP LE-TRA solutions by 2027. As a result, customers have to migrate to current SAP EWM and SAP TM applications and also migrate the underlying ERP to SAP S/4HANA, all in the next few years.

There are a multitude of ways to accomplish these migrations, including using different architectures for SAP EWM (centralized or decentralized to SAP S/4HANA) or migrating to SAP EWM and/or SAP TM before or after migrating the ERP to SAP S/4HANA.

Our SAP consultants have successfully executed a host of migration projects. They understand the pros and cons of different strategies and can partner with you to determine the best path for your business. Once defined, we can implement the migration project for you.



4. Successfully integrating a mixed portfolio of automation equipment

Larger warehouses are often highly automated in order to increase efficiencies and reduce errors. SAP EWM already includes a warehouse control component, called SAP MFS (Material Flow System). It can optimize automatic storage and conveyor technology systems, transport routes, interleaving, and dynamic transport destination allocation.

Körber is particularly experienced when it comes to complex and highly automated warehouse settings. We have successfully integrated a variety of automation equipment from a range of different vendors, ensuring such expensive equipment is optimized to deliver maximum performance and return on investment. With our extensive expertise in material flow systems and complex automated warehouse projects, Körber is one of the European focus companies for SAP and a best practice example.

5. Maintaining compliance with the SAP standards

SAP's supply chain solutions are very feature-rich and highly customizable. They can be tailored to accommodate customer-specific supply chain processes and integration requirements. Many SAP consulting firms have also developed add-ons to address recurring customer functionality needs.

Our consultants are experts in tailoring SAP implementations for each customer, independent of their size, vertical, or underlying business process requirements. At the same time, one of our primary concerns is to maintain compliance with the SAP standard. To that end, Körber has been assigned its own SAP namespace, which enables us to integrate customer-specific extensions back into the applications in a release-capable manner. We have also developed a range of SAP add-ons for warehousing, transportation and yard management. These are coded in SAP, and are fully compliant with SAP standards.



Conclusion

Körber is recognized as one of the largest independent SAP partners for IT solutions in the entire supply chain. We have been regularly awarded a number of different SAP partnerships over the last 15 years (e.g. SAP Recognized Expertise Partner in Supply Chain Management).

Based on our status as a SAP “Ramp Up” partner, we’re also heavily involved in testing new versions and product improvements before they are released, and we implement them as part of selected projects. This keeps us – and our customers – ahead of the curve.

We understand that supply chains are becoming ever more complex, and that your business models and requirements evolve over time. Our goal is to build long-term relationships, supporting you on that journey and helping you turn your supply chain into a competitive advantage.

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