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Challenge:

- » Growing complexity in archiving, invoicing, and order processing

Solution:

- » Implementation of suitable add-ons in the existing SAP system for automated and legally compliant processing of incoming invoices as well as digital processing of sales orders

Benefits:

- » E2E integration into the familiar SAP system
- » Time saving of approx. 3.5 working days in the area of sales orders
- » Implementation of country-specific adjustments such as the Swiss QR Invoice

Legally compliant and future-proof: HACO AG relies on AFI solutions

HACO AG, a leading company in the food industry, has taken a significant step into the future with regard to the digitization of invoice and order processing. The AFI Silver Partner TeamWork from Switzerland played a central role in the selection of the appropriate AFI solutions. Due to TeamWork's in-depth market knowledge and targeted sales activities, HACO AG was able to identify optimal solutions and establish a co-operation with AFI Solutions.

With the decision in favor of AFI Invoice and AFI Order, HACO AG has laid the foundation for a successful digital transformation. In the interview, Samuel Bosshart, Head of Accounting, Stephan Ischer, Head of IT, and An-

drew Weisssohn, Head of Supply Chain Operations, provide valuable insights into the project.

Initial situation

Due to changing legal requirements and the growing complexity of invoice, archiving and order processing, HACO AG's processes had reached their limits. The existing SAP workflow was no longer in full compliance with the law and manual processing, in particular the scanning and processing of paper invoices, was time-consuming and prone to errors. It was time to think about implementing new solutions. After a highly professional presentation of the AFI Silver Partner TeamWork and a thorough evaluation by HACO experts

from purchasing, IT and accounting, the company opted for the AFI Invoice and AFI Order solution.

Challenges

A key concern was the complete integration of the new solutions into the existing SAP system to avoid additional complexity. *"For us, it was crucial to find a solution that could be fully and legally integrated into our existing SAP system and that is future-proof for SAP S/4HANA,"* emphasizes Samuel Bosshart, Head of Accounting at HACO AG. In addition, the system had to be adjusted to the special requirements of the Swiss market, such as the QR code for deposit slips.



With the implementation of AFI Invoice and AFI Order, HACO AG has taken a step into the digital future. The solutions enabled an E2E integration into the existing SAP system, which was a key advantage for the IT team. *„The AFI solutions have enabled us to remain in the normal SAP environment and to remove complexity from the processes. We continue to work in the familiar environment, without add-ons and without having to maintain additional systems, but directly integrated into SAP,”* explains Stephan Ischer. Special adjustments, such as the integration of the Swiss QR code or the implementation of special workflows for the purchase of raw materials and packaging materials, technical purchasing, and services (invoices without purchase orders), have been successfully implemented.



According to Samuel Bosshart *„invoice receipt is now much faster, more transparent and, above all, mainly electronic with AFI Invoice. We can process a large proportion of the invoices automatically. All invoices are received in a smooth way and the invoices reach the corresponding workflow faster.”* Digitization of the invoice processing has led to a reduction in manual work and improved transparency throughout the entire process: *“In the past, we had to enter a lot of invoices manually, but now we have a solution that automatically recognizes the invoice header which saves time.”*

In the area of sales orders, AFI Order has saved around 30 hours of working time per month, which corresponds to a total saving of around 3.5 working days per month. *„These time savings have enabled us to redistribute tasks within the team more effectively and*

efficiently. Whenever we receive sales orders with a large number of items, the automation relieves the pressure and reduces manual typing errors and data entry,” says Andrew Weisssohn, Head of Supply Chain Operations.

Outlook and summary:

“We are excited about future developments, especially in the field of AI,” says Samuel Bosshart. The close cooperation with AFI, which was characterized by respect and a high degree of practical orientation, is to be continued in future projects. *„The cooperation with the AFI experts was excellent throughout the entire project. We always felt understood and well supported,”* Stephan Ischer sums up. *“Particularly in the training sessions, it was clear that AFI has a wealth of experience in the SAP area. It was evident that the experts*

understand our daily business and our requirements,” Samuel Bosshart adds in conclusion.

With the AFI solutions, HACO AG has not only optimized its processes but also created a solid basis for upcoming digital challenges. This increase in efficiency and the successful integration into the existing SAP system show how digitization can become a driving force for business success.

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The company markets five strategic product groups (snacks, culinary art, spices, coffee, taste) and delivers to over 60 countries. With more than 1,600 employees, 12 locations worldwide and annual sales of 500 million Swiss francs, the HACO Group is one of Switzerland's leading companies.

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