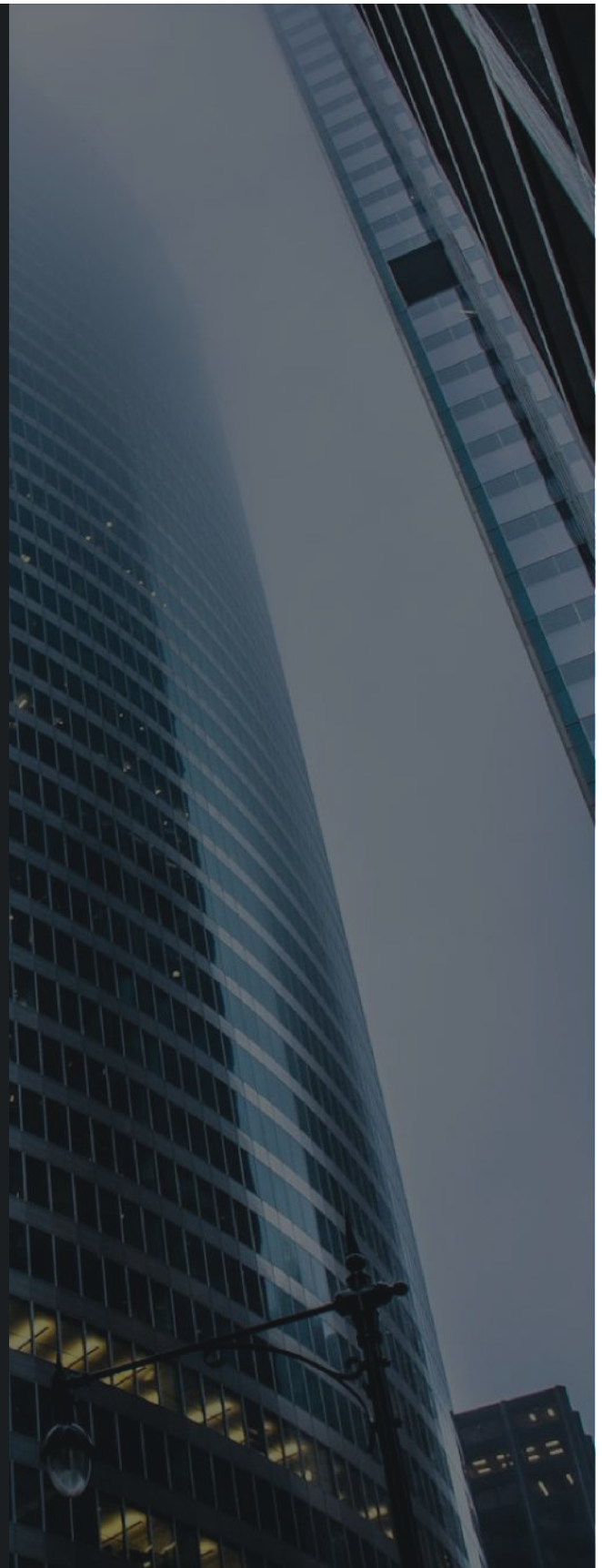


Standardizing Global Financial Operations Across Borders with SAP DRC:

A Digital Transformation
Journey for a Global
Leader in the Glass
Packaging Industry

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Introduction

As a global leader in the glass container industry, the client operates across multiple countries in Europe and North America, necessitating a robust and agile financial system to manage diverse tax and regulatory requirements. This case study explores how the client, in collaboration with specialized SAP partner KGT Applications, undertook a comprehensive digital transformation to standardize its global financial operations. The project focused on implementing the SAP Document and Reporting Compliance (DRC) solution, alongside a critical Euro conversion and a streamlined account reconciliation process within its S/4HANA environment.



The Challenge

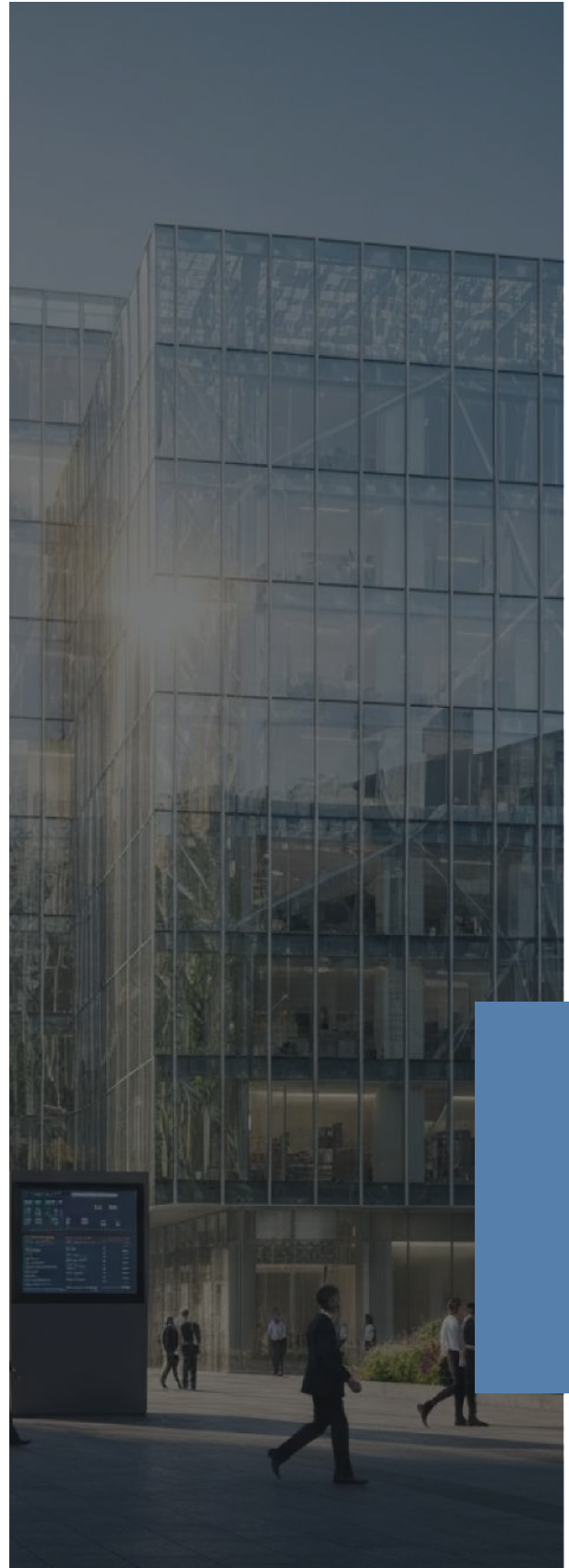
The client's rapid international expansion and a complex network of production facilities across seven countries presented significant financial management challenges:

- **Fragmented and Inefficient Reporting:** Each of the company's 14 plants operated with country-specific reporting systems, leading to a fragmented financial landscape. This manual and often spreadsheet-driven approach resulted in a lack of real-time visibility and a high risk of error in statutory and tax filings.
- **Currency and Accounting Complexity:** The adoption of the Euro in several of its operating countries, and the need for seamless financial reporting across different currencies, created a major operational hurdle. The existing systems were not equipped for a smooth and centralized Euro conversion, leading to data inconsistencies.
- **Manual Account Reconciliation:** Reconciling accounts across multiple entities and currencies was a time-consuming, manual process. This lack of automation delayed the financial close and created potential for discrepancies, hindering auditability and financial transparency.
- **Evolving Digital Tax Mandates:** With countries like Poland and others in Europe moving towards real-time, transaction-level e-invoicing and tax reporting, the client needed a future-proof solution to ensure compliance and avoid penalties.

The Solution: A Unified SAP S/4HANA Strategy

Recognizing the need for a unified and scalable platform, the client partnered with KGT Applications, leveraging their deep expertise in SAP S/4HANA and tax compliance solutions. The project's core pillars were:

- **Centralized SAP DRC Implementation:** KGT deployed SAP DRC across all of the client's operating countries. This created a single, centralized platform for all statutory reporting and e-invoicing. The solution was tailored to meet local legal requirements, automating the generation, processing, and electronic submission of documents to local tax authorities, including compliance with upcoming mandates.
- **Euro Conversion within S/4HANA:** To address the currency challenges, KGT implemented a strategic Euro conversion project within the S/4HANA environment. This involved configuring the system to handle multiple currencies seamlessly, ensuring accurate conversion and reporting across all entities. This streamlined financial reporting and provided a single source of truth for financial data, regardless of the local currency.
- **Automated Account Reconciliation:** KGT configured SAP S/4HANA to automate the account reconciliation process. By using real-time data from the S/4HANA ledger, the system could automatically match transactions, flag discrepancies, and provide a clear audit trail. This moved the company away from manual, spreadsheet-based reconciliation and significantly reduced the time to financial close.



The Benefits

The implementation has delivered transformative benefits for the client, positioning the company for continued global growth:

- **Enhanced Operational Efficiency:**

The automation of manual processes, from e-invoicing to account reconciliation, has freed up employee time to focus on strategic, value-added activities.

- **Improved Compliance and Risk**

Management: The centralized SAP DRC platform ensures that the client remains compliant with diverse and evolving tax regulations, minimizing the risk of penalties and providing real-time visibility into the company's global compliance status.

- **Financial Agility and Accuracy:** The successful Euro conversion and automated reconciliation have created a more agile and transparent financial operation. With a single source of truth, the client can make faster, data-driven decisions and improve the accuracy of its financial reporting.

- **Scalability for Future Growth:** The unified SAP S/4HANA and DRC platform provides the client with a future-proof foundation. It can be easily extended to new countries or adapted to new regulatory mandates as the company continues to expand.



Conclusion






The collaboration between the client and KGT Applications exemplifies how a strategic digital transformation can turn complex financial challenges into a competitive advantage. By leveraging the power of SAP DRC and S/4HANA, the client has not only streamlined its operations but also established a unified, scalable, and compliant financial framework that supports its long-term vision.

About KGT

KGT Applications is a trusted SAP Partner specializing in consulting-led finance transformation, tax compliance, and SAP Document and Reporting Compliance (DRC). We support organizations in navigating complex global regulatory landscapes through services such as finance transformation advisory, VAT health checks, tax data analytics, and SAP technical enablement. Complementing our consultancy, we offer a suite of proprietary SAP add-ons for VAT reporting, SAF-T, e-invoicing, MTD for VAT (UK), and related obligations—solutions that integrate seamlessly into existing SAP environments. Recognized as both an SAP PE Services Partner and SAP Build Partner, KGT Applications empowers clients to achieve compliance, optimize finance functions, and future-proof their operations against evolving regulatory demands.



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