How Can a Smooth Transition to a New Digital Core Support a Tradition of Innovation?

Helping a third-generation, family-owned business stay on the cutting edge of technology after 85 years

Established in 1934, Sauder Woodworking Co. has always been marked by ingenuity and innovation. By producing a patented table that could be put together at home, the company became a pioneer in the ready-to-assemble furniture business in 1953. Now one of the top five residential furniture manufacturers in the United States, Sauder uses some of the most advanced equipment in the world in a manufacturing facility comprising nearly 4 million square feet. But to continue to innovate, Sauder knew it needed a leading-edge digital core that would put the latest functionality at its fingertips.
Sauder Woodworking Co. completed its conversion to SAP S/4HANA® with help from the SAP Digital Business Services organization, benefiting from:

- Reduced implementation costs and minimal disruption to the business with a successful launch completed with only 72 hours of downtime, including conversion of the production planning and detailed scheduling (PPDS) functionality of the SAP® Advanced Planning and Optimization component to PPDS within SAP S/4HANA
- Extra support in safeguarding the project using SAP Enterprise Support services for pre- and postlaunch checks
- Assistance both before and during launch, using foundational workshops, skilled experts, onsite resources, and systems validation provided through SAP Value Assurance service packages
- Ability to set the company’s own timeline to optimize the use of the new suite
- Enhanced platform for innovation using new functionality in SAP S/4HANA rather than building custom solutions

“Using SAP Enterprise Support and SAP Value Assurance in close cooperation with our partners, we were able to convert to SAP S/4HANA quickly and efficiently. We are now poised to release new functionality on our own timeline.”

Jan Arvay, Vice President of Information Services, Sauder Woodworking Co.