



# HCL HELPS AMERICAN SPECIALTY APPAREL RETAIL CHAIN FOR WOMEN UNLOCK EXCELLENCE IN INVENTORY MANAGEMENT







# THE CUSTOMER

The customer is an American group of speciality apparel retail chain stores for women headquartered in New York City and operating as a subsidiary of a leading retail group. The stores offer classic styled suits, separates, dresses, shoes and accessories.

# **BUSINESS CHALLENGES**

- · Increasing number of order channels, all working independently
- Decentralized inventory management module and lack of visibility of inventory across channels
- · Loss of sales, as legacy systems lack cross-channel visibility
- Lack of standardized integration between systems leading to technical and system instabilities

# **HCL SOLUTION**

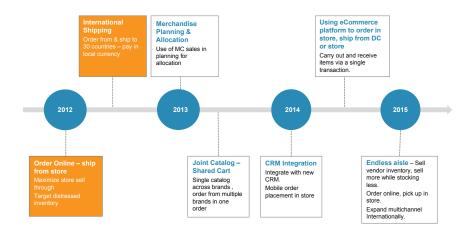
- IT Solution Manhattan Associates DOM
  - Implemented Manhattan Associates DOM solution to capture and fulfill eCommerce orders through ecommerce platform, from online DC and 770+ stores
  - Centralized view of network-wide inventory Stores and DCs
  - Intelligent algorithm to optimize allocation to target distressed inventory
  - Inventory Management will control operational costs and save time and money
  - Track and manage all orders throughout order lifecycle
- IT Solution Sterling Integrator
  - Provide an enterprise-wide integration layer
  - Seamless integration with order capturing and fulfillment channels Stores and DCs
  - Capability to interface with SAP ERP and other enterprise applications
  - Inventory Management will automate transactions between multiple applications (both internal and third party)
  - Integrate a messaging solution around the above interfaces

#### TECHNOLOGY STACK

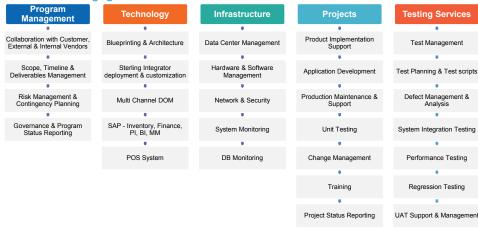
- eCommerce Platform: Oracle ATG Web Commerce
- Order Management: Manhattan Associates DOM
- Enterprise Integration: Sterling Integrator
- ERP: SAP Financials and SAP Inventory Control
- Store Systems: Epicor
- Warehousing: Third Party managed (Manhattan WMOS)
- Enterprise Reporting and Analytics: SAP Business Intelligence and Manhattan Supply Chain Intelligence based on Cognos Reporting platform

# **MULTI-CHANNEL VISION**

Design and implement a world-class multi-channel shopping experience and fulfilment process that drives profitable growth, reinforces brands, and honors commitment to end customers.



## **HCL** Area of Engagement



### **Unique Factors in Organizational Change Management**

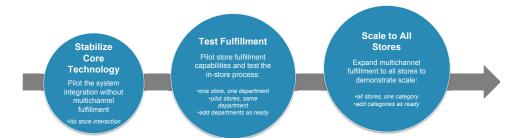
Even a small change can be dangerous - we are dealing with complete paradigm shift

- 750 stores across United States
- More than 18,000 store associates
- · IT Helpdesk of 30 plus associates
- Customer Care Center with over 250 associates
- More than 100 corporate employees from multiple divisions
- Covering every area of business E-commerce, store operations, finance, accounting, inventory, reporting, planning, HR, IT, marketing, logistics

### **Change Management Ammunition**

- · Training programs catering to all types of audience
- · Video simulations & extensive documentations for all store associates
- Train the trainer program
- Technical awareness for IT Help desk to support L1 calls
- · Workshops for pilot stores & Call Center team
- Established standard operating procedures

#### **Unique Factors - Phased Rollout**



Transition from one stage to another and within stages will occur only when there is enough confidence to do so and where our level of confidence is informed by: system performance, client SLAs, store operational proficiency, partner stability and Associate preparedness.

## **BUSINESS BENEFITS**

- More efficient Enterprise reporting off large stock of marked-down inventory which otherwise could have gone unsold in stores
- Inventory Management enabled the ability to capture unfulfilled demand by targeting prioritized sale from the least performing stores and selling off the most distressed inventory in the network
- Improved total brand-sell-through since items stayed available on website even after online inventory is sold out
- Enabled significantly higher average retail and margin rates across brands
- · Exceeded revenue targets driven by multi-channel fulfillment five times faster than

projected

- Established standard operating processes and procedures that allowed stores to fulfill increased volumes
- Enabled process and systems to successfully stand the test of historic volumes during 2012 and 2013 Cyber Monday Sale periods
- Efficiently drove demand for returned online exclusives directly to stores
- Allowed customers to check real-time stock availability at nearby stores and if not found in store, allowed them to order online







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