







ICV webinar Sales efficiency improvement with Advanced Analytics

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### Your speakers during the webinar



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## Horváth & Partners: Steering Business Successfully

**Corporate Performance Management and** 

**Core competences** 

Performance Optimization

### **Employees**

Over 1,000

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### Offices

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# Horváth & Partners' best practice solution to sales steering involves a five-dimensional approach



## Sales steering objectives are derived from the sales strategy

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**Steering strategy** 

Illustrative



The sales strategy roadmap summarizes key sales objectives and visualizes causal connections

Notes

The steering strategy is derived from the strategy roadmap and covers the following aspects:

- Selection and linking of activity and results-oriented control parameters
- Definition and partition of the time horizons of various sales targets

This represents the necessary precondition for **linking the sales targets** with the drivers of the **steering concept** 

## The steering concept covers control dimensions and parameters, driver logic and sales roles



#### Notes

- The control dimensions and their respective parameters constitute the range of available options and serve as a framework for more specific steering
- The driver logic covers driver trees, which depict the causal connections between the (steering) indicators and define the key performance indicators
- The sales funnel takes account of existing potential in particular
- The sales roles are defined from 4 perspectives: Strategy implementation, task profile, structure and process, and hierarchy
- A control stimulus is defined for each role

## The sales funnel is essential for steering regional sales networks in a proactive manner



#### Notes

- With the aid of the sales funnel, data for optimizing conversion and thus sales success can be collected in a structured manner
- The sales funnel system enables marketing and sales campaigns to be measured, evaluated, and improved
- The number of phases in the funnel is not static and must be determined based on the sales requirements
- The sales funnel makes leading KPIs available and shows the conversion between different phases

Attention E.g. Visits, unique users, cost-per-click

#### Contact

E.g. Cost per lead, total leads, visitor frequency

Offer E.g. Dwell time

Negotiation

E.g. Bounce rate

#### Completion and purchase

E.g. Conversion rate, closing rate, gross shopping cart value

#### Advice & cross-selling

E.g. Reorder rate, customer lifetime value

# Selecting the correct indicators for multiple-channel sales steering is vital

### **Purchasers**

- Exploitation of purchaserpotential
- Meeting demand (loyalty)
- Purchaser value per target group
- Transaction value (avg.
- receipt)
- Purchasing frequency
- Consumer satisfaction
- Visitor count/traffic
- Active purchasers
- Repurchase rate
- Visiting time for shop
- Conversion rate

Avg. monthly shopping basket

Micro conversion rates: Lookto-click rate, click-to-basket rate, basket-to-buy rate

Online and brick-&-mortar

Brick-&-mortar

Online

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Market
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- Market share quantity
- Market share value
- Market share brand names
- Sales
- Google ranking

- \_\_\_\_\_
  - Revenue growth
  - Growth in number of units sold

**Finance** 

- Gross profit ratio
- Contribution margin
- Trademark revenue
- Promotion contingent
- Price index
- Revenue per customer
- Cost per customer cost per visitor
- Cost per order advertising costs in order to gain a customer
- Customer lifetime value how much revenue is generated by a customer; how much can therefore be spent to obtain a new customer?
- Gross profit

### Productivity

- Inventory
- Inventory turnover
- Product availability
- Warehouse spoilage
- Sales density
- Reliability of supply
- Incorrect deliveries (wrong product delivered)
- Number of returns
- Link to the shop through other shops

## The steering processes operationalize the target structure and constitute the basis for performance measurement



- The sales planning process defines the manner in which sales steering will be incorporated into the sales organization
- The starting point is the **target agreement** process, which is subsequently operationalized
- A holistic sales planning process incorporates forward and reverse calculations



- Performance measurement and target achievement must be systematically organized as a process
- Steering takes place using top-down instructions; reporting is prepared on a bottom-up basis
- Support from IT tools is still of value in this process step too, for reasons of efficiency



- reporting
- Key information includes financial and non-financial indicators along the length of the sales funnel
- From the Board's cockpit display to the operational reports, a responsive **reporting view** is generated on the basis of a consistent management approach

# An integrated BI solution is a basic constituent of any scalable and forward-looking sales steering approach



# The steering IT is based on an architecture roadmap and focuses on achievable solutions

**Steering IT** 

Illustrative

### BI system architecture & data along the decision-making process chain



The target structure for the BI system architecture must be integrated into the overall IT system architecture and be geared to feasibility

Notes

- Current projects and their impact on the overall IT architecture must also be taken into account (e.g. overarching group solution for reporting and planning)
- The target BI system architecture must be scalable and flexible enough to support future growth (e.g. new sales partners, new product solutions)
- Master data management is a requirement for consistent, cascading reporting

## The benefits of an integrated, automated real-time sales steering system are wide-ranging

- Improved decisions through standardized view of performance indicators, with a simultaneous and clear demarcation of responsibilities
- Consistency of relevant KPIs as a result of cascading from the steering model through to the management and operational reports
- Maximization of profit by taking account of holistic corporate success and its diverse individual components
- Proactive, forward-looking, steering behavior through efficient performance tracking and accurate predictive forecasting
- Customer

Efficiency

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- Improved management of potential through the generation and use of comprehensive customer and market information
- Increased customer satisfaction through the integration and targeted synchronization of various purchasing channels

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# The availability of (big) data and the use of advanced analytics are increasing rapidly





Make greater use of big data and sales analytics in your sales department

# Is your company's sales department using the full potential of your data?

### **Opportunities**

### **Revenue effects**



Improved customer and market development



Improved product portfolio and targeted approach



Increased customer satisfaction

#### **Efficiency effects**



Improved resource and budget allocation



Reduction of sales and marketing costs



Avoidance of customer churn

### Our approach



#### Create a powerful data source

We help you to collect the relevant data internally, process it and enrich it with external data sources.





#### **Generate valuable insights**

We develop hypotheses and test different analytical models to generate valuable insights about your business, markets and customers.



Based on the new data-driven insights, you will be able to take the right decisions - on managerial and operational level.

# We see many fields of actions where Sales Performance Excellence could be increased



Market & Customer Segmentation Market & Customer Intelligence Market Development Strategies Customer Development Strategies

Portfolio Offering Value Based Selling Pricing Sales Initiatives

Sales Channel Set Up Sales Channel Integration Customer Interaction Models Customer Experience Management

Organizational Blueprints Job profiles, Roles, Responsibilities. Committee & Communication Structure

Sales Processes Map Sales Process Standardization Sales Process Automation

Master Data Management Front Office-Systems & Tools Back Office Systems & Tools Customer & Partner Integration

# Data-driven solutions can provide answers to the most urgent sales questions

#### Questions of the sales department -

#### **Markets & customers**

- How will sales develop in the coming months?
- Which customers have similar demands and how can they be optimally served?
- Which are the most valuable customers and how can we treat them accordingly?
- Which customers are at risk of leaving and what preventive actions can be taken?

### Sales & communication channels

- Are current stores ideally located and where should future stores be opened?
- What is the ROI of sales & marketing campaigns?

#### **Products & services**

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- How is the optimal price determined for the respective customer at a given time?
- Which product do I offer the customer next?

#### Sales analytics toolkit



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# We have done it before! – we provide a sound track record and expertise in retail industry



Further project, industry or personnel related references can be provided upon request

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# Knowing your customers' demographic and shopping behaviour could be the key success factor to sales up

#### Results

- Based on historical data, we identified that customer group which is most likely to consume premium products, then we created different customer segments within this group.
- We identified those people who are the most likely to redeem coupons of a special offer.
- Combining the abovementioned results we specified the target list of DMletters.
- Coupon redemption-ratio increased.
- The average consumption value grew by nearly 50%.

#### Tasks & Challenges



#### Illustration

- The majority of clients purchase a given product for several years.
- Those customers, who bought nothing from the company within the last 2 years are targeted with DM-letters.
- The DM-letters had not been segmented before.
- Our client's primary goal was turnover growth by increased coupon redemption ratio.

#### Our approach

- We built a data warehouse based on our client's customer relationship and transactional data.
- Based on statistical analysis, we specified those customers who would choose premium products with greater likelihood.
- We applied machine learning solutions in order to identify customers who are the most likely to redeem coupons.

#### **Success Factors**

- Established data warehouse based on extensive dataset.
- Advanced statistical and machine learning know-how.
- Knowledge about the client's marketing and sales practices for better implementation.
- The delivered results and visualizations were easily understandable.

# Data-driven product portfolio optimization could increase the ratio of the profitable products for an FMCG company

#### **Results**

#### Data-driven portfolio optimization

- Growing portfolio-returns while key stakeholders' expectations are met.
- Controlling: Detailed, realistic cost allocation, which links costs to their causes and identifies the nonprofitable products.
- Manufacturing: Identifying that critical mass, where concrete cost savings are achievable (The removal of a few products will not significantly reduce the manufacturing costs).
- Sales: Identification of product combinations which are often purchased together.
- Marketing: Offering alternatives immediately by the identifying substitute products.



- It is unknown, at what extent products contribute to profitability.
- Having too many product-types creates even more complex manufacturing. On the other hand, little batch sizes cut profitability back.
- There is no established practice for removing products from the market. The decisions are made intuitively in an ad hoc way.

#### Our approach

- (1) The product contribution margin; and (2) the products' market positions are both thoroughly analyzed.
- (1) A given product's cost is calculated on a margin-level, that has never been calculated before (transportation, not allocated manufacturing costs, etc.).
- (2) The given product is evaluated by a complex scorecard (growth, market position, potential).

#### **Success Factors**

- Involvement of several stakeholders: SCM, Controlling, Marketing, Sales, etc.
- The data were thoroughly verified several times by the key stakeholders.
- The product-removal decision-making processes were well prepared.
- The procedure become incorporated into the client's processes.

# Turnover forecast in case of an FMCG company with broad product portfolio and strong international presence

#### Results

#### Tasks & Challenges

- The workload decreased in the forecasting team of the Supply Chain Management department.
- The forecasting error decreased significantly (from 80%+ to 15-30%).
- Increased efficiency and decreased OPEX, because of overstocking reduction.
- The security of supply improved while there were fewer shortages.
- We developed a service model, which supported our clients flexibly, while easily scalable without any extra coordination on the customer side.
- The service cooperation works successfully for several years.

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#### Illustration

- At our client, which has 1000+ products, only a small team is responsible for turnover planning. It creates an enormous workload for them.
- The plans are not made accurately. On several occasions, there are overstockings or shortages from a product.
- The client has no capacity for the configuration of its own data-driven forecast-system.

#### **Our approach**

- Based on a service model, IFUA established a forecast system for clients within IFUA's own environment.
- For the 1000+ different types of products, we run 40 different model. The system chooses the best fitting model for the weekly and monthly forecasts.

#### **Success Factors**

- Creation of an efficient data warehouse from transactional and external data.
- Advanced mathematical-statistical knowledge.
- Incorporating the results into the client's daily processes.
- Service approach.

# With the development of an integrated pricing tool companies' sales efficiency could be increased significantly

 Automated weekly price recommendation based on both demand and supply conditions

**Results** 

- Pricing discount system based on customer value and sales weight
- SAP Lumira platform for price monitoring and approval with overwriting opportunity.
- The system is integrated into the company's IT landscape (SAP BW, Webl, MySQL, R) with automated ETL



Tasks & Challenges

#### Illustration

- Over 6,000 SKUs in the portfolio
- Volatile steel market conditions make pure cost-based pricing insufficient
- Complex discount system for customer and weight categories
- No available data or structured follow-up on non-accepted offers
- Big pricing discretion of sales people resulting in broad range in prices

#### **Our approach**

- Analyzing and aggregating the 6,000+ SKUs into ~50 product groups with similar market dynamics
- Reviewing and simplifying the customer and weight-based discount system
- Delivering a BI tool for structured pricing review and approval for top management.

#### **Success Factors**

- CEO level support
- The platform is integrated in the existing processes and IT environment making it easier for users to adapt
- Close collaboration with internal stakeholders

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# Potential-based sales network optimization in case of a specialty retailer

#### Results

## Identification of actions with turnover potential analysis

- The stores' potential directly supported the performance evaluating and planning process, therefore our client had a more realistic view on the performance.
- By a data-driven method, Our client was able to identify those shops, in which price increase was possible.
- Our client was able to optimize the stores' shelf-category portfolio and the development targets (e.g. lottery monitor instalment) based on the potential model.
- Each suggested actions could be evaluated financially with the model, like the effect of a smaller fluctuation rate within store managers.

### Tasks & Challenges



#### Illustration

- The given specialty store network operates with 300+ shops at different kind of locations (pl. shopping malls, markets, main streets, etc.), which complicated the measurement of the store's relative performances.
- The product portfolio is highly extensive and the relationships between different product types are ambiguous.

#### Our approach

- Connecting databases which contains store data.
- The stores' expected turnovers were estimated by advanced statistical tools.
- As a result of those estimations, we identified the most important turnoverinfluencing factors (including the shelfcategory portfolio).
- Based on our model, changes were suggested.

#### Success factors

- Good quality data in great volume.
- Learning algorithm competence.
- The installation of the model into the extant systems.
- Stable and active cooperation both with the customer side network and with the sales experts.

# Sales reporting made transparent the performance of the franchise partner network for a retailer

#### **Results**

#### Transparent network performance

- We identified those factors which mostly influenced the franchise partners' performances.
- The descriptive analysis showed correlations, which were not possible to present previously (e.g. correlation between the design and location of a shop and its turnover).
- The monthly refreshable dashboard allows an easy and quick selection of partners, whom sales activity changed and intervention is necessary.
- The dashboards were also applied extensively at the monthly franchise meeting for the franchise partners' performance-evaluations.
- We established a system which become incorporated into the monthly management accounting reports too.

#### Tasks & Challenges



#### Illustration

- The sales activity of a franchise-network, which consists hundreds of stores is hardly transparent.
- Complementing the mystery shopping system, a non-financial focused KPIsystem was required in order to measure the performance of the Hungarian franchise-network.

#### Our approach

- We formulated an indicator, similar to Herfindahl-Hirschman concentration index, which is able to measure the diversity of the products purchased by the franchise partners.
- The results are visualized on a dashboard. Its operational framework were developed together with the sales controller.

#### **Success Factors**

- Application of a wide range of data sources.
- The statistical identification of the key performance-influencing factors.
- Familiarization with the current (financial and non-financial) evaluation system.
- Automation of index-calculation.

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# To reach real improvements business and analytical competencies need to be bundled in analytics projects



# We recommend to follow the Crisp-DM method with the combination of statistical analyses and business aspects

#### **CRISP-DM** METHOD



#### **OUR SOLUTION**

- We explore and take into consideration the business needs of the client to be supported by the analyses
- Only previously verified, cleaned data will be used for the analyses in order to avoid any distortion in the results
- We combine the statistical results of the modeling with business goals and with our previous experiences in order to achieve actionable segmentation
- We offer the opportunity of business testing regarding the results. In case of any need for modification changes will be implemented
- The evaluation and analyses will be driven by business questions to be answered to develop the strategy and / or the operation
- We present the results of our analysis in a transparent, understandable and workable form
- We build a standard solution which can be implemented in other countries as well
- We are ready to support the operation and the actualization process

Source: CRISP-DM (Cross Industry Standard Process for Data Mining) methodology

# We help harness value from companies' data assets – from proof of concept to pilot and productive solutions



Source: Pictures from www.fotolia.de

#### **Services for Advanced Analytics**

- Discover data sources
- Data structure and model potential analysis
- Data cleansing
- Data consolidation
- Massive external data enrichment historic/real time
- Fast, comprehensive proof of concepts
- Build and run complex quantitative models
- High performance heterogeneous data modelling
- Data visualization with dashboards
- Advanced Analytics as a Service (on monthly basis)
- Integration of quantitative models into existing IT systems
- Advanced Analytics trainings
- Physical data security in closed environment

# We follow a systematic approach from ideation of use cases to anchoring within the organization and IT landscape



## IDEATION: Evaluate and prioritize use cases

- Introduction of possibilities, limitations and benefits of advanced analytics
- Evaluate identified use cases (supported input by Horváth & Partners project experience and use case catalogue)
- Select one use case incl. fall-back option (based on agreed criteria)
- Describe business context, target solution and business case for selected use case
- Assess technical and functional requirements and feasibility
- Prepare pilot implementation (resources, schedule, ...)



- Identify, collect / procure and evaluate data (internal and external data)
- Gather relevant expert knowledge from business or functional experts
- Develop the model / algorithms (if necessary switch to fall-back option)
- Evaluate and stabilize explanatory power and quality of the model

Model is developed and implemented

Results can be evaluated and optimized



#### ANCHORING: Deployment & improvement

- Specify analytics target operating model (governance, roles, and responsibilities, processes, organization, skills, ...)
- Integrate the model into productive processes and systems (high performance and availability)
- Continuous improvement and enhancements
- Training and communication of experts and business users
- Planning of subsequent use cases

- Model is integrated within productive processes and systems
- Analytics target operating model is specified
- Next steps are defined

- Potential use cases are listed and evaluated
- One use case is selected as pilot
- Pilot implementation is planned

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