Autodesk Implements the New SAP® General Ledger Using a Phased Migration Technique

Key Challenges
- Migrate very large data volumes with minimal system downtime
- Standardize and automate offline, spreadsheet-based local statutory accounting processes

Implementation Best Practices
- Thoroughly test all data and general ledger configuration
- Phase migration of large data volumes to avoid business disruption

Financial and Strategic Benefits
- Better standardization of posting rules and processes, allowing centralization of accounting functionality and reduction of local statutory and tax auditing fees
- Greater data transparency and auditability
- Faster reconciliations and closings
- Simplified process for entering local adjustments throughout the year

Why SAP Was Selected
- Provides expert consulting coupled with a back-office support team
- Enables the leveraging of investment in SAP® software and lays the foundation for future reporting
- Quickly satisfies a wide range of reporting requirements
- Unites all general ledger and subledger functions in a single application

Low Total Cost of Ownership
- Minimal customization required
- Reduction in number of applications and interfaces to support reporting

Operational Benefits
- Estimated 20% reduction in hours spent preparing local statutory financials annually
- Estimated 15% reduction in hours spent quarterly on local tax filing
- Estimated time to file local statutory statements now at less than 90 days after quarter- or year-end close

“By moving to the new SAP General Ledger, we were able to accomplish several process efficiency goals for our Finance group – standardize our processes globally, make them more scalable, and reduce our time spent on local accounting preparation and statutory filing.”

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