



Charter Global

## CASE STUDY – National retail provider

### Merchandising Planning Solution Gives Large Retail Client a Sustainable Competitive Advantage

#### About the Client

One of the nation's largest multi-channel retailers, the client reaches customers online, in retail stores, and through mobile applications under multiple brands. It also provides credit processing services for banks and credit unions through its subsidiaries. With a strong focus on customer demand, the client uses Demand Chain Management to handle demand and inventory in an integrated and holistic manner.

#### The Challenge

As with any large company, size alone can create a challenge. The client operates almost 900 stores in the U.S. and two U.S. territories. It employs cross-functional teams that work on different levels across multiple business groups, making it difficult to achieve successful and uniform management of these teams. Data was spread across multiple repositories, making it challenging to obtain critical information for key projects on demand. In addition, the company's mainframe replenishment application was more than 20 years old, causing serious lag issues and system errors.

## Solution

Charter Global focused on replacing the outdated mainframe replenishment application to improve operational efficiency and reduce system errors. A new solution was delivered within 16 months, coming in under budget and exceeding client expectations.

An enterprise-wide merchandising planning solution was implemented called PACE (Planning is About the Customer Experience). This solution fully supported the client's strong focus on effective inventory management and supply chain efficiencies to support customer demand. PACE was developed using Oracle Retek RPAS in a UNIX and mainframe environment and implemented Demand Chain Management (DCM) from Teradata.

## Results

The new merchandising planning solution seamlessly connects the client's back end to their customers' front end system, creating an unparalleled user interface and improved performance. The new operational efficiencies created by Charter Global's technology solution provide the client with a sustainable competitive advantage.

## Why Charter Global

- Founded in 1994; Headquartered in Atlanta, GA with development centers in the U.S, India, and Serbia.
- Developed a portfolio of over 100 successful project implementations.
- Nearly 1000 full-time IT professionals support client projects.
- Established customer base of Fortune 1000 industry leaders.
- Our experience spans pharmaceutical, manufacturing, telecom, finance, health care, media / entertainment, airlines, energy, retail and hospitality industries.
- Active database of nearly 2M consultants.
- Experienced Talent acquisition teams support client projects.

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