Accelerating IT Independence Through Rapid Digital Transformation

Opportunity

When BASF divested its Netherlands catalyst manufacturing plant, the new entity—IQatalyst b.v—needed to achieve full IT and operational independence within a tight 9–11-month TSA window. Its inherited SAP ECC 6.0 system was deeply integrated with BASF's global infrastructure, restricting agility and autonomy. To ensure uninterrupted production, IQatalyst b.v required a new IT foundation, including a greenfield SAP S/4HANA migration and readiness for 170+ employees. Techwave was chosen for its strong carve-out execution expertise and focus on business continuity.

Imagine IT Differently

Techwave delivered a full-scale digital carve-out and transformation program, including:

- Greenfield SAP S/4HANA 2022 to modernize finance, supply chain, and manufacturing, including handheld integration for warehouse operations
- Hybrid cloud architecture with Azure DR for resilience and scalability
- Enterprise-grade cybersecurity and API-driven integrations
- End-to-end AMS and infrastructure management

Through strong governance, agile execution, and coordinated Europe–India delivery, Techwave ensured rapid implementation, operational stability, and smooth user adoption across IQatalyst's global teams.

Future Made Possible

The transformation delivered measurable impact:

- Achieved 100% IT independence within the TSA window with zero production disruption
- Cut IT operating costs by 60% through hybrid cloud and offshore AMS
- Enabled 20–25% annual growth with scalable digital systems
- Smooth S/4HANA adoption for 170+ users with strong post-go-live satisfaction (C-SAT: 7/10) and continued SAP AMS support
- Strengthened sustainability oversight with real-time compliance and emissions dashboards

According to ISG, this case study is an example of rapid digital carve-out and IT transformation in the manufacturing sector.

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