

Construction success built on strong foundations

Modernizing global ERP at ULMA Construction



Overview

ULMA Construction creates service advantage with Infor

ULMA Construction is a worldwide player in the design, manufacture, and supply of formwork, shoring, and scaffolding systems. Headquartered in northern Spain, the company has operations in more than 50 countries. Its services include engineering and logistics, and it is involved in major projects all around the world.



Challenge

Build efficiencies and modern applications to support ULMA Construction's complex rental business



Infor solution

Infor CloudSuite for Engineering and Construction streamlines processes to boost productivity and resilience



Outcome

Provides scale, streamlines development times, and simplifies adoption of transformative applications

Challenge



Flexible and standard processes, consistent data, advanced analytics, and the application of AI are key to rental business growth

Glazed office towers, art galleries made of cast concrete, cable-stayed bridges—construction projects take many forms and feature many materials. One thing unites them all: formwork, shoring, and scaffolding. It is both temporary and ever-present. They have a highly visible presence on every major construction project, yet once finished, they disappear without a trace.

ULMA Construction is a supplier of scaffolding, shoring, and formwork to some of the world's largest construction sites. Its solutions are integral to the building of new offices, sports stadiums, and infrastructure. This is a vast and highly complex enterprise. Each project requires intense planning and is subject to constant change. ULMA Construction must track the whereabouts of tens of thousands of components and accommodate evolving project plans. It needs to do so efficiently while meeting customer expectations. "The business of sales, and especially rentals, requires many processes and parameters. We need an ERP system to track this activity, and to adopt data mining. This provides us with robust and consistent analytics and enables us to implement possible AI applications," says Igor Lacalle, Organizational Development Director, ULMA Construction.

Infor solution



Pivoting to cloud to provide scale and common standards

After completing the corporate ERP implementation projects in subsidiaries, it was time to migrate the entire business to a new, more technologically advanced and modern ERP. At the same time, this represented an opportunity to realign and standardize processes across all subsidiaries.

Infor CloudSuite for Engineering and Construction establishes a consistent ERP across ULMA Construction operations in all subsidiaries. Working alongside partners 2 innovate (p2-i), Infor-exclusive cosell and resell partner serving the EMEA region, bringing decades of hands-on experience and deep industry knowledge to support international projects in Discrete Manufacturing and Infor, ULMA Construction first migrated its finance operations to Infor CloudSuite for Engineering and Construction. The next phase will be to implement the production and create a bespoke platform tailored to both sales, and particularly the rental business, using Infor CloudSuite for Engineering and Construction.

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Outcome

Global consistency and a platform for growth



Accelerates the adoption of AI and the promise of new services

The adoption of Infor CloudSuite for Engineering and Construction provides a consistent, scalable platform for deploying new AI applications. With access to richer, more standardized data, ULMA Construction is confident AI can unlock new efficiencies in its commercial, technical, and logistics models.

“The rental business is so complex, with so much dynamic data—it is exactly the sort of challenge AI can help with,” Lacalle says. “We hope next-level business intelligence will enable us to develop new services for customers.”



Shortens time to market for new ERP functionality

Previously, the homogenization of processes across ULMA Construction subsidiaries was not desirable. This required multiple, disparate teams working on upgrades. Progress could be slow; work could be duplicated. Infor CloudSuite for Engineering and Construction enables consistent ERP development. Infor maintains regular upgrades throughout the year with a clear product roadmap; if needed, ULMA Construction can schedule any bespoke development around this calendar.

“We’re now faster to deploy new ERP features, can easily adapt to industry changes, and better serve a global business,” Lacalle points out.



Builds expertise through strengthened partnership

The task of migrating from on-premises to cloud and aligning global standards across ERP in all subsidiaries has strengthened the working relationship between ULMA Construction, Infor, and p2-i. This is critical as ULMA Construction refines a bespoke ERP capable of addressing its rentals business.

“We have always been a business that has been prepared to solve problems ourselves, and we will lead on the rental platform,” he says, “but the initial migration to CloudSuite has underlined the importance of strong partners. Infor leads the industry in the development of the ERP ecosystem.”



“Infor CloudSuite makes it mandatory to adopt common standards, helping us to become a more consistent, agile, and efficient business.”

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