

Men's Wearhouse UK select Fast React's Vision^{ng} e-PLM to improve the efficiency and speed of product development and sourcing

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MWUK is the UK subsidiary of Tailored Brands and consists of Dimensions, Alexandra and Yaffy. Dimensions is one of the UK's leading suppliers of bespoke corporate clothing providing a fully managed service to clients; Alexandra is a leading supplier of stock-backed workwear in the UK, providing corporate clothing and uniforms to a wide range of business sectors and Yaffy is a specialist provider of technical garments to UK Police Forces. The group has a turnover of approximately £135m, clothing over 4 million wearers and dispatching over 17 million garments every year. With an affiliate Twin Hill based in the USA, the company offers a client truly global coverage, and has achieved the position of market leader by offering excellent products, outstanding value and unparalleled service.

In common with many businesses, MWUK use a number of business systems to manage the design, product development and sourcing processes. Whilst these systems provide a reasonable level of support to the business, the processes are time consuming, prone to errors and unable to provide management with the fast access to accurate information and the visibility, coordination and control essential to driving further improvements in business performance. In order to support growth, and to respond competitively to market demands for increased speed to market and efficiency, MWUK recognised the need to update existing systems with an integrated, core system for managing key processes from design and product development to sourcing.

MWUK assessed a number of software solutions and providers, including Fast React, who have worked closely with the business for a number of years, providing a system to help manage supplier capacity and track order status. Following a series of detailed business process workshops and a conference room pilot, MWUK selected Fast React's browser based, Vision^{ng} e-PLM, which will be implemented in a phased project to cover PLM, supply chain and MRP. The solution will provide MWUK with fast, global access to up to date, accurate information, and early warning of any potential issues allowing proactive action to drive improved business performance. Crucially, the system will support more streamlined processes and provide MWUK with the tools required to compress lead time and improve efficiency.

Richard Bimson, Supply Chain Analyst at MWUK commented *"We have carefully evaluated the Vision^{ng} e-PLM software and through a detailed series of workshops found it to be an excellent fit to our business requirements. In addition, the functionality that is available as standard in the solution is very flexible and can be easily configured to meet our needs, without limiting the scope for any future business process changes, that may be required."*

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Gill Oliver, MWUK Sourcing Director also said *“Having worked successfully with Fast React for a number of years, we believe that they are the right partner to take us through this next development phase. Their business consultants have demonstrated an excellent understanding of both their software and how it relates to our requirements and we are confident that when deployed, the Vision^{ng} e-PLM software will provide us with the up-to-date information necessary to help us to streamline our product development process and further improve the level of service offered to our wide customer base.”*

Vision^{ng} is a modular system which is configured to specific business requirements driven by industry best practice. The MWUK solution includes a bi-directional Ai plug-in, Range Planning, Product Manager, Sample Manager, BOM and Material Manager, Costing, Critical Path, Supplier Collaboration and full reporting capabilities.

Gary Thompson, Chief Operating Officer at Fast React said *“We are proud to have worked with MWUK for a number of years, and delighted to have been selected as the partner to deliver a project which will help the business drive further improvements in the speed and efficiency of product development and sourcing. The functional footprint of our Vision^{ng} solution extends beyond that of conventional PLMs, drawing on our unparalleled supply chain reach, and placing extended critical path management and supplier collaboration at its very core, and represents an excellent fit for MWUK. We look forward to the successful completion of the project and to working closely with the team at MWUK over the coming years.”*