

Tackling the Omni-channel Inventory Challenge

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CONNECT + ACCELERATE + INNOVATE

OUR MISSION

Premium Retailer

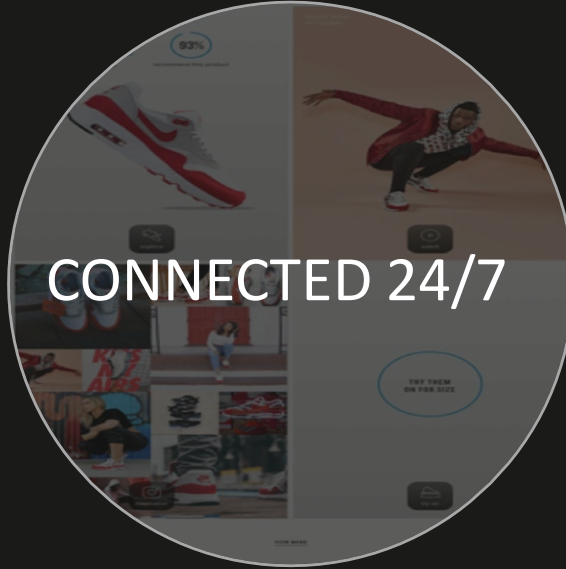
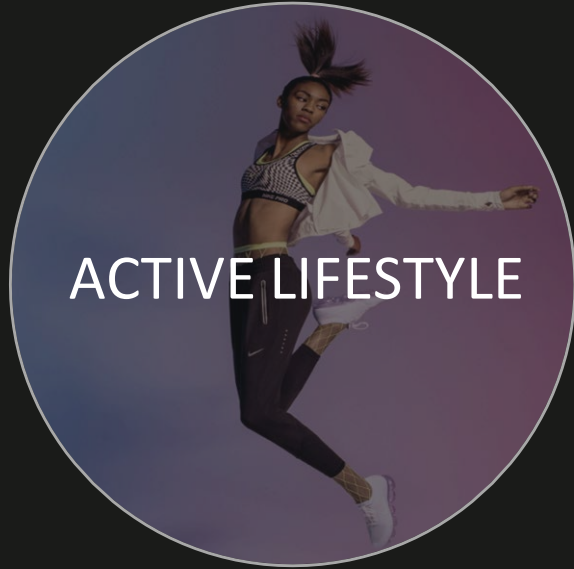


Athletic Footwear, Apparel & Accessories

Deliver the epic finish by bringing the latest and greatest sneakers to market and creating a memorable customer experience

OUR CONSUMER

Focused on buying premium products, on-trend styles



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BRAND PARTNERS



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TWO BANNERS - FOUR CHANNELS

JD/Finish Line Stores

- 560 stores
- 5,564 avg. sq. ft.
- 44 U.S. states and Puerto Rico
- Year 3 of aggressive remodel program
 - Beacon (flagships)
 - Store of NOW
 - JD Stores

finishline.com

- 22% of total Finish Line sales
- Omnichannel inventory management
- WGI - We Got It
- BOPS - Buy online pick-up in store
- Commerce enabled app

Finish Line at Macy's

- 374 branded shop-in-shops
- 38 U.S. states, D.C. Puerto Rico and Guam

ecommerce via macys.com

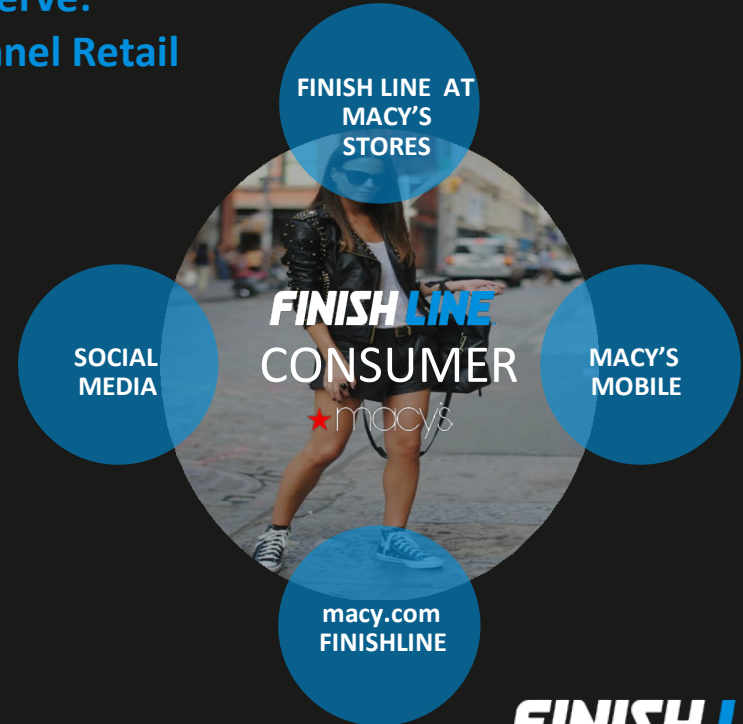
- Online 27% of sales

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CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT

LEVERAGE OMNICHANNEL

How We Serve:
True Omnichannel Retail



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CUSTOMER ENGAGEMENT

MERCHANDISE & STORYTELLING

- On trend, most desirable product offer
- Authentic, credible and authoritative
- Partner with key brands on go-to-market strategy
- **Ensure “right product, right place”**
- Define and deliver a focused and productive apparel and accessory assortment



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JUST DO IT.

ORG STRUCTURE - P&A

- SVP of Planning and Allocation
- 2 -Senior Directors of Planning and Allocation
- 1 -Director of Allocation
- 11 -Merchandise Planners
- 16 -Associate Merchandise Planners (Allocators)

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A wide-angle, low-perspective shot of a modern retail store interior. The store is brightly lit with recessed ceiling lights. The floor is polished and reflects the overhead lights. On either side of a central aisle, there are clothing racks and display tables. The racks are filled with various items of clothing, including shirts, jackets, and pants. The display tables are arranged in a way that creates a sense of depth and perspective. The overall atmosphere is clean, organized, and professional.

SUPPORTING
RIGHT PRODUCT, RIGHT PLACE
MP&A + LOGILITY RETAIL OPTIMIZATION

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ALPS
THE REVOLUTION NEVER ENDS



ONE SYSTEM
MULTI- FACETED CAPABILITIES

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A BIT OF HISTORY

- Go live 2008
- Multiple upgrades
 - 2015-with supply chain system
 - 2016-increase functionality
- Multiple banners
- Multiple product categories
- Multiple touch points life item

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ALLOCATION OVERVIEW

COMPONENTS

Work up to Buy

- Select stores
- Allocate qty by Store
- Size by store
- Optimize pre packs and open stock
- EDI order
- Approx 6 months prior to receipt

PO Allocation

- Select stores
- Allocate qty by store
- Size by store
- Allocate pre packs and open stock
- Reserve inventory Web/DC replenishment
- Approx 1 month prior receipt

Reserve Allocation-Replenishment

- Allocate qty to support min pres
- Allocate qty to support FWOS
- Incorporate auto replenishment
- Incorporate FWOS strategy by age
- Post receipt

Key Modules

- Size curves by store by category
- Build pack method
- Forecasting future sales DC inventory



KEY MODULES
REVIEW

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SIZE

Update size curves weekly-automated

- Multiple options size curves
 - Footwear or apparel
 - By vendor, or classification, options unlimited
- Tolerance settings
- Incorporate best practices default settings
- Create user specific size curve
- Utilize size curves in all phases of the life of an item
 - Create order
 - Allocate PO
 - Replenishment

DEFAULT SIZE CURVE LOGIC

- Rolling 13 weeks
- Capture selling at reg price and first mark down only
- Tolerance to cleanse data
- Go to higher data if not enough data at category store combination

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RESULTS OF UTILIZING SIZE CURVES



- Improved quality of data
- Improved capturing of recent trends of sizes selling
- Reduced the time spent manually analyzing raw data
- Creates flexibility for unique business

KEY MODULE

BUILD PACK METHOD- WRITING ORDER PROCESS

- Improve supply chain efficiencies
- After select stores, qty and size
- Uses size qty by store to group into pre packs
- Multiple types of pre packs
- Remaining Inventory open stock
- Different options for product categories and vendors

Build Packs Method - 450_NIKE_FTW

Method: 450_NIKE_FTW 450_NIKE_FTW Global User

Method

Criteria **Constraints**

Criteria

Vendor: 450_NIKE_FTW Vendor Pack Minimum: 240

Size Multiple: 12

Size Group: Size Curve: Header Sizes:

Pack Combinations

	Combination Name
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KEY MODULES

FORECAST FUTURE SALES

- Style color store forecast
- DC only inventory
- Incorporates seasonality stores
- Future sales focus
- Utilize replenishment- FWOS
- Ensure “right product, right place”



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Allocation Overview

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Work Up To Buy

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WORK UP TO BUY - ORDER GENERATION

KEY TAKE AWAYS

- Quantity by Store for life of selling
- Apply size curve by store to determine qty ordered by size
- Maximize pre packs and open stock POs

BUILD SIZES NEEDED BY STORE TO SUPPORT THE STYLE COLOR BUY

Determine Qty per Store

- Use like item style color selling
- Use high-level selling of category/vendor
- Evaluate seasonality
- Evaluate store grades - leverage average store and sales indexing to allocate

Size

- Create size curves by store for category business
- Utilize system tolerance to cleanse data
- Default data time period: rolling 13 weeks history
- Create size curves on the fly if needed

Build Pack Method

- Uses store size allocation to build pre packs
- Derives multiple iterations of pre packs and open stock
- Create different build packs per vendor

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Purchase Order Initial Allocation

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PO INITIAL ALLOCATION

KEY TAKE AWAYS

- Select stores
- Allocate qty by store
- Allocate size by store
- Pre pack and open stock allocation
- Web and reserve strategy
- Utilize SIM store selling

A photograph of a Finish Line retail store interior, viewed through a glass storefront. The store is well-lit and features several mannequins dressed in athletic wear. Shelves and displays of shoes and clothing are visible in the background. The 'FINISH LINE' logo is prominently displayed in large, illuminated letters above the entrance.

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ALLOCATION NEED REVIEW BUSINESS PROCESS

A photograph of a Finish Line store interior, viewed through a glass window. The store is well-lit and features several mannequins dressed in athletic wear. Shelves and displays of shoes are visible in the background. The 'FINISH LINE' logo is prominently displayed in large, blue, illuminated letters above the entrance.

- Review PO allocations high level category of business
- Review stores to evaluate future inventory projections
- Take action on over capacity stores and under inventory stores
- Adjust replenishment strategies as needed

REPLENISHMENT

KEY TAKE AWAYS

- Manually replenish stores
- Automatically replenish stores to desired strategy nightly
- Main metric: forward weeks of supply
 - Utilizes future sales forecasts for inventory in DC
 - Creates future sales forecast by store by style color
- Minimum presentation
- Size curves

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- Analyze instead of execute
- Time savings on replenishment
- Incorporate seasonality of stores: ideal inventory management and flow
- Same system for multiple banners and product category
- Flexible to change as business evolves
- Size improvements increases profits
- Case pack options improves supply chain efficiencies



6 KEY LEARNINGS

1. **Change management:** invest and build it into the project plan
2. **Training:** invest and build it into the project plan
3. **Subject matter expert:** resources for increased bandwidth
4. **Data:** understand requirements and integration points early in the process
5. **Engaged executive sponsor**
6. **Black-out periods:** include in the project plan for both the business and IT

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QUESTIONS?

THANK YOU

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