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## Preparing for a Digital Transformation to SAP S/4HANA

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# About the Speakers

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- Rajesh leads the SAP Finance IT team at BMS and has 20 plus years of IT experience in Custom Web development and SAP Finance.
- Rajesh cannot swim, but has dared to walk on the Ocean floor!

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- Chief Support Architect, SAP
- Siva has been with SAP for the last 15 years working in Center of Expertise – Finance team with SAP MaxAttention
- Siva wishes he can play all kind of sports but unfortunately has no time 😊

# Key Outcomes/Objectives

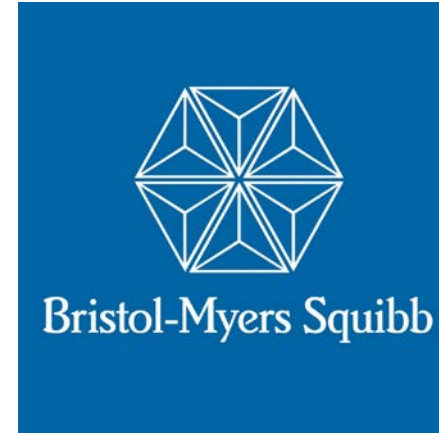
1. How SAP MaxAttention partnership has helped BMS in it's journey to SAP S/4HANA
2. Understand value of SAP S/4HANA Proof of Concept (PoC) to mitigate risks
3. Prepare for uncovering and addressing configuration and data issues in your SAP system before conversion

# Agenda

- Bristol-Myers Squibb (BMS)
  - Background
  - SAP Landscape
  - SAP S/4HANA Journey
- Role of SAP MaxAttention
- SAP S/4HANA Proof of Concept (PoC)
- Finance PoC issues
  - Key Takeaways
  - Examples
- Lessons Learned

# Bristol-Myers Squibb (BMS)

The very best company known for:  
How we work together,  
win together for patients

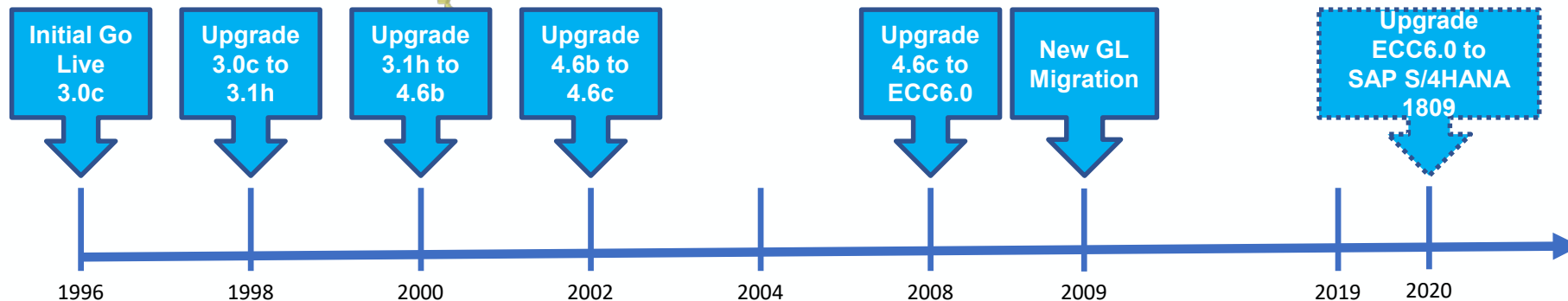


OUR

- transformational medicines
- superior competitive performance
- energizing work experience
- uncompromising ethics

Passion • Innovation • Speed • Accountability

# BMS' world class\* SAP system is the backbone of the enterprise and drives our Manufacturing, Distribution and core Financial processes

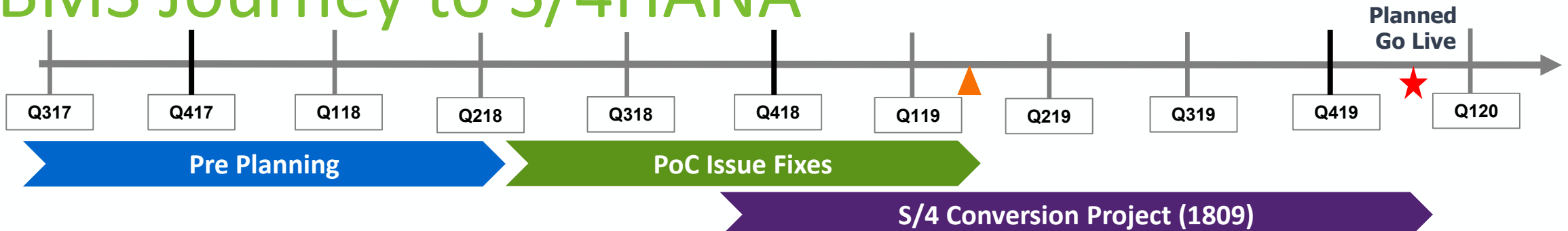


- Single Instance
- 26 Languages
- 17 time zones

- Average Response Time ~ 600ms
- 40 Dedicated Servers
- Single worldwide database – 21.5 TB

- Named Users ~ 13,400
- Concurrent Users ~ 2,500

# BMS Journey to S/4HANA



- **Conduct Assessments**
  - S/4 overall Readiness
  - UX (User experience)
  - Add-ons / 3rd party software
  - CCLM (Custom Code)
  - Back to Standard
  - Obsolete Co code deletion ....
- Set up Proof of Concept (PoC) environment on AWS and convert to SAP S/4HANA (1709)
- Conduct Lessons Learned
- Plan S4 implementation timeline

- Create an inventory of issues
- Analyze and describe each issue
- Identify Pre Projects
- Work with SAP MaxAttention to identify options to fix
- Walkthrough with Business stakeholders
- Select best option and test the solution
- Implement in Production

- Ensure critical fixes in production
- Build cookbook for conversion
- Convert Sandbox and Development
- Educate and partner with Business stakeholders
- Build and remediation
- Conduct Mock runs using nZDT
- Convert Test system
- System testing and UAT
- User training, documentation updates
- Convert Production using nZDT

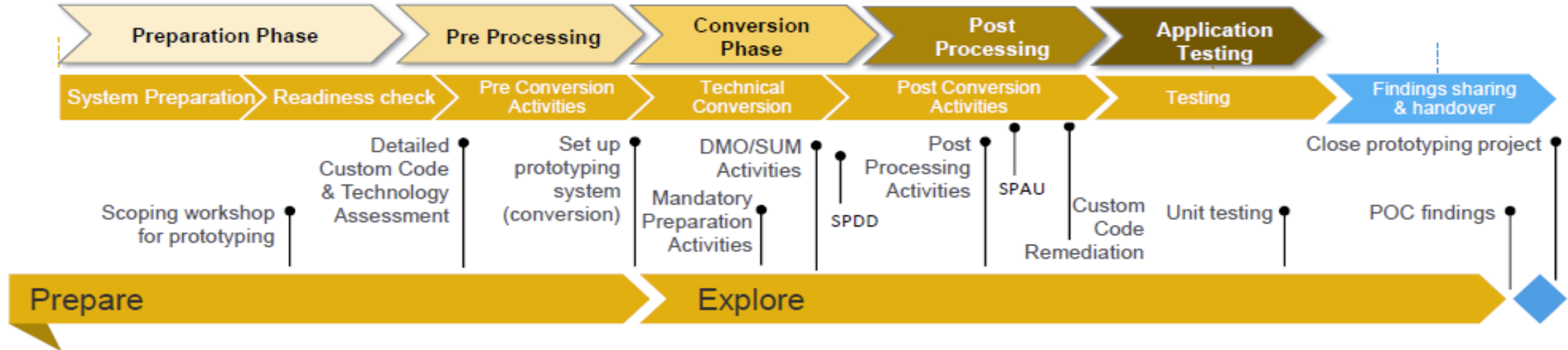
**SAP MaxAttention**

# SAP MaxAttention Partnership

- Holistic engagement model to guide and safeguard SAP S/4HANA project
- Engaged SAP MaxAttention starting from planning phase of digital transformation
- Kick started with SAP S/4HANA Proof of Concept (PoC) supported by SAP MaxAttention
- Worked with dedicated MaxAttention team to work on S4HANA PoC issues, which helped us stay on track for SAP S/4HANA project timelines
- Engaged other SAP teams (SLO team, New GL Migration, Development ..) through SAP Technical Quality Manager
- Resolved complex issues by involving SAP development
- Embedded trusted SAP experts to cover other aspects of the project such as performance, custom code remediation, cutover using Near Zero Downtime (nZDT) etc..



# S/4HANA Proof of Concept (PoC)



- Define prototyping goals and scope
- Define project organization, roles, responsibilities, and timelines
- Team onboarding
- Conduct Readiness Check
- Conduct Functional Scoping Workshop for POC

- Assessment Report walkthrough and aligning on POC goals
- Support setup of prototyping system landscape
- Prepare system for conversion by evaluating technical and functional prerequisites
- Perform system copy (copy of production system)

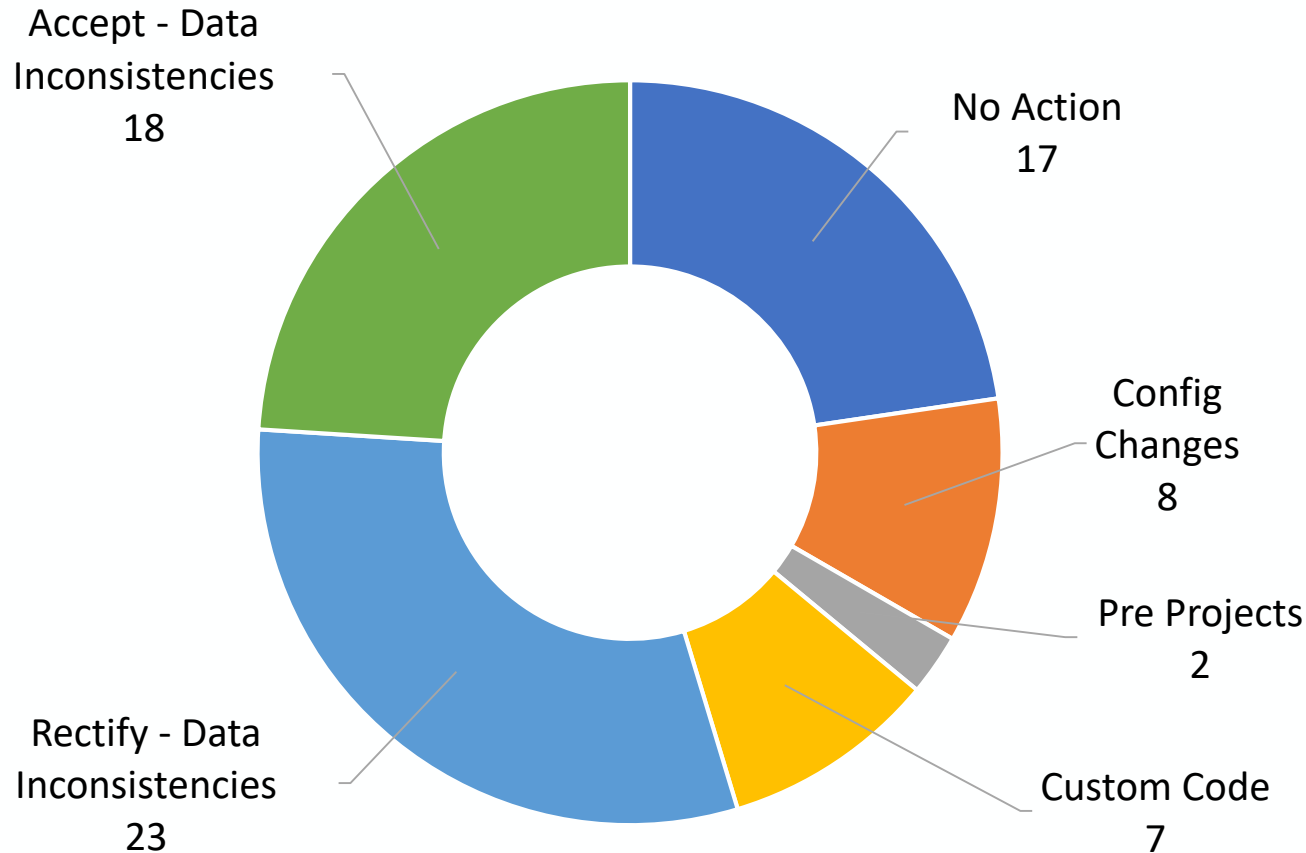
- Prepare S/4HANA conversion (CVI prep, custom code analysis, application checks, etc.)
- Convert to S/4HANA with DMO using a PRD copy (DMO activities, SPDD)
- Post Activities and Finance Conversion

- Unit testing
- Support agreed functional scenario testing and issue resolution

- Present POC findings
- Propose next steps
- Project closure

# Finance Proof of Concept (PoC) Issues

## 75 Finance PoC Issues



## Key Takeaways

- 1. 2 Pre projects** identified which needed significant work
  - Different fiscal year (India) scenario 7 – Introduction of new Ledger
  - SLO Local Currency 3
- 2. 8 Mandatory configuration changes**
- 3. 23 Data inconsistencies** which had to be rectified
- 4. 18 Data inconsistencies** which were accepted after detailed analysis

# PoC Issues - Methodology adopted

- Categorize issues based on criticality
- Identify environment/timing for the fixes to be made (ECC, Premigration etc..)
- Engage SAP MaxAttention on daily calls
- Open OSS messages for each issue
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- Walk through with Business stakeholders to inform and obtain decisions
- Regression test configuration and data changes in ECC sandbox and test systems.

## Template

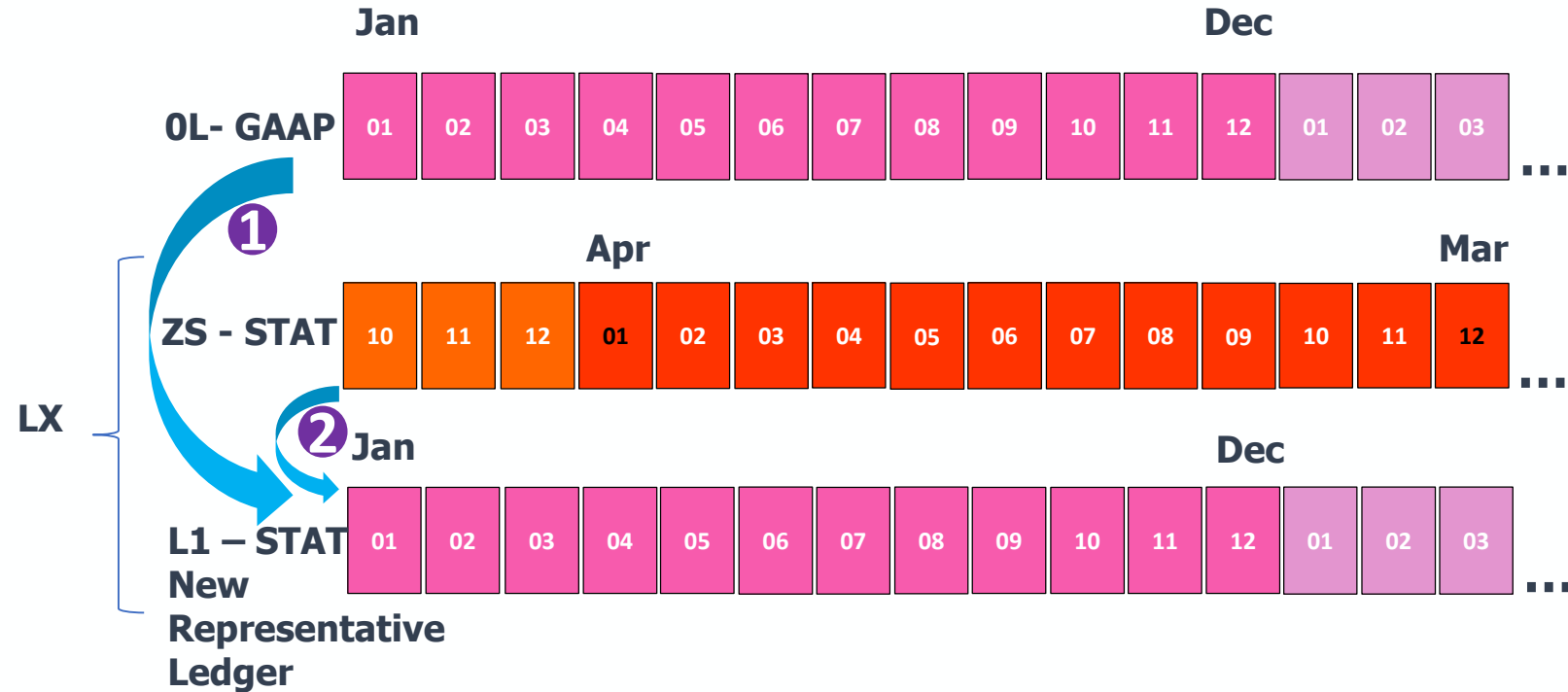
#XX FI-AA: Different Fiscal Year Variant For India							
ILLUSTRATION							
	Asset Accounting						
DETAILS	Issue Description	CoCd 1000 assigned to Chart of Depreciation ZIN has different fiscal year start/end dates compared to the leading valuation.					
	SAP's Recommendation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A new representative ledger with fiscal year matching the leading valuation must be introduced prior to the upgrade.</li> <li>The new representative ledger must be filled with correct data from 0L prior to the upgrade. This requires a New GL Scenario 7 pre-project ("Subsequent Introduction of New Ledger"). See SAP Note 2220152. The original non-leading ledger with the alternative fiscal year will be grouped with the new representative ledger, and assigned as a non-representative ledger in that group.</li> </ul>					
	Project Team Recommendation	Proceed as per SAP recommendation					
	Final Decision	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Create new Ledger L1 and new ledger group LX. Assign ledger L1 as representative ledger of LX. Assign Ledger ZS as well.</li> <li>Migrate balances from 0L to L1. Adjust balances of L1 after migration so it will be sync in ZS.</li> <li>The solution will be done via New Ledger migration Scenario 7 service.</li> </ul>					
	Timing	Before Test (TST) Upgrade	Resp	IT Functional/SAP	Complexity	Complex	Migration Hard Stop?
	GPO Review	Yes	Status	Set up phase completed.	Sub Area	Pre-Project	Yes

# 1: Pre Project # 1: Different Fiscal Year (India) Scenario 7

## Background: Fiscal Year

- Fiscal year
  - US fiscal year is Calendar year (Jan to Dec)
  - India fiscal year is Apr to Mar
- Asset Accounting is implemented
- New representative ledger with a Jan to Dec fiscal year for statutory purposes

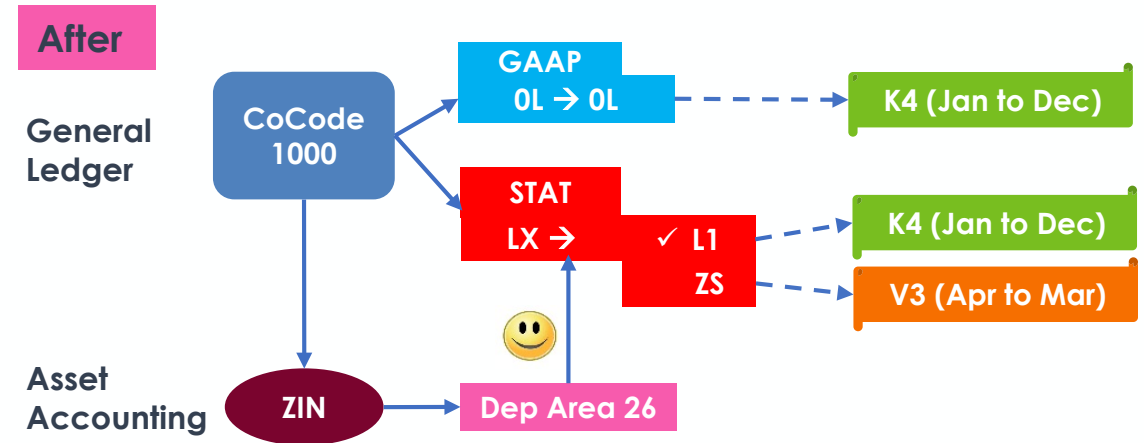
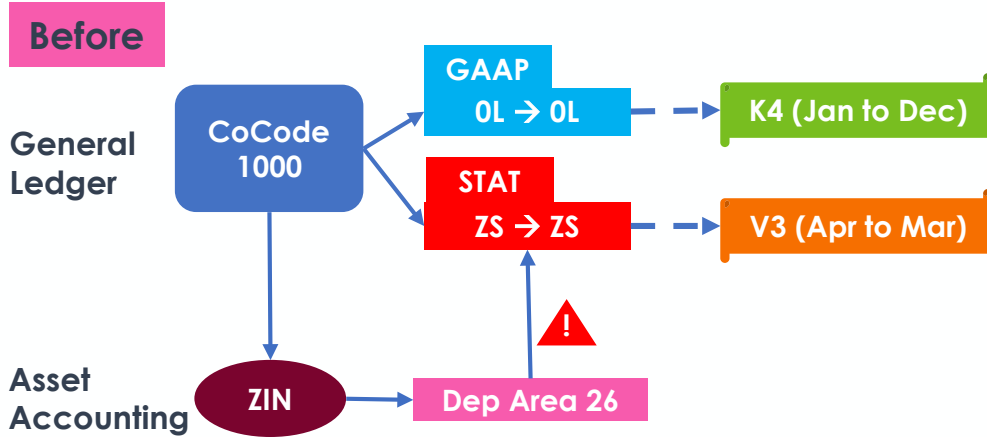
- 1 Synch OL to L1 ledger and reconcile
- 2 Reconcile L1 with ZS and post adjustments in L1 to synch beginning balances and period balances



# 1: Pre Project # 1: Different Fiscal Year (India) Scenario 7

## Continued

### Error: FI-AA: Different Fiscal Year Variant For India



- Refer SAP Note 2220152 - “Subsequent Introduction of New Ledger”
- New GL Migration cockpit used in implementation
- Migration date has to be beginning of Fiscal year
- Production run needs an outage window

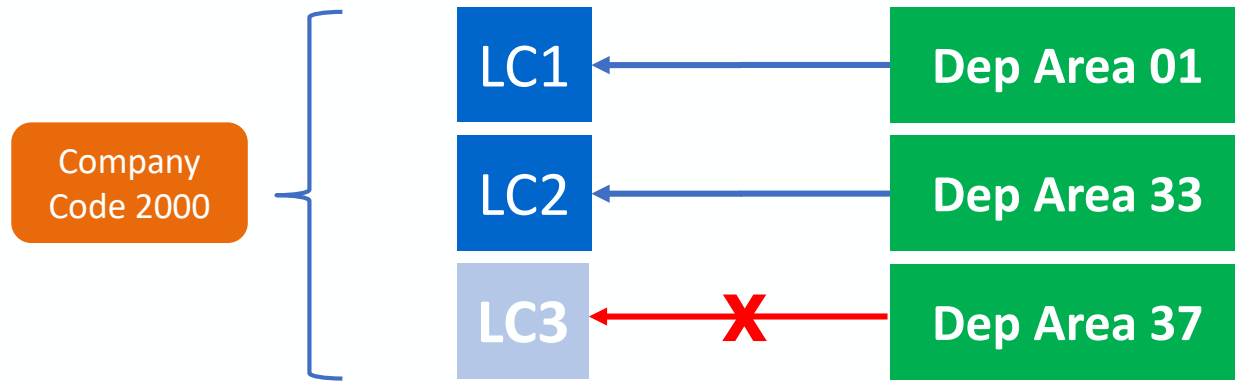
	M01	M02	M03	M04	M05	M06	M07	M08	M09	M10
Preparation	█									
Set up			█							
Dev Migration					█					
Mock Run test						█				
Dress Rehearsal							█			
Production Run									█	

★ Migration date

# 1: Pre Project # 2: SLO - Local Currency 3

**Error: FI-AA – 3rd currency exists in AA but not in Company Code**

**General Ledger    Asset Accounting**



- One active company code was missing Local Currency 3 (LC3) configuration on the General Ledger.
- Asset Accounting has depreciation areas for all three currencies. This was a hard stop for conversion to S4.
- Engaged SAP Landscape Optimization (SLO) team to open currency LC3 and populate amounts in historical financial documents
- Completed the project in 2 months with 3 cycles of testing before execution in production.

# 2: New Fixed Asset Accounting

- Asset Accounting: Converts from Classic to “New”
  - Reconciliation between FI and AA not required
  - Asset Balance C/F merged with GL Balance C/F (FAGLGVTR)
  - Easier reporting from Universal ledger
  - Changes in Tcodes
- Asset Accounting configurations are impacted in S4
  - Depreciation areas post real time.
  - Delta depreciation areas not needed
  - All depreciation areas have to be assigned a Ledger group & Accounting principle.
  - Technical clearing Account used in Asset postings.
- Configuration Mismatch between GL and AA has to be corrected. Examples:
  - Ledgers in GL do not have corresponding depreciation areas in AA
  - Currencies in GL do not have corresponding depreciation areas in AA or vice versa

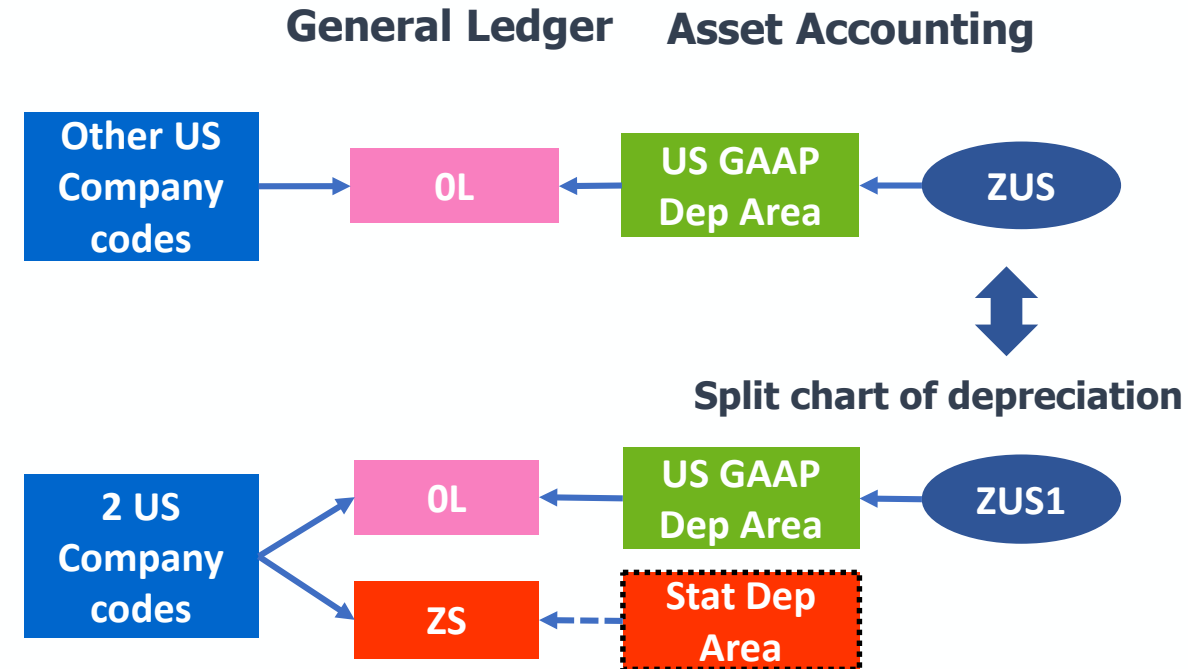
## Example

Co Code	Chart of Dep	Dep Area	Dep Area Description	Ledger Group	Accounting Principle
3000	ZXY	01	US GAAP	0L	GAAP
3000	ZXY	26	Statutory	ZS	STAT
3000	ZXY	15	Tax Book	0L	GAAP
3000	ZXY	33	Local Currency 2	0L	GAAP

## 2: Configuration Changes - New Fixed Asset Accounting

### Error: ZS Ledger In US CoCode, Missing in Chart of Depreciation

- US company codes are configured for Leading GAAP ledger 0L only.
- 2 US company codes were configured with Leading and Non Leading ledger.
- Asset Accounting was active on these 2 company codes. ECC worked fine.
- For S/4 conversion, this was flagged as hard stop as Asset Accounting configuration was missing for Non leading Ledger.
- SAP built a program to carve out these 2 company codes and assign a new chart of depreciation so as to not impact other US company codes.
  - Configured statutory depreciation area in this new chart to address 2 company codes.

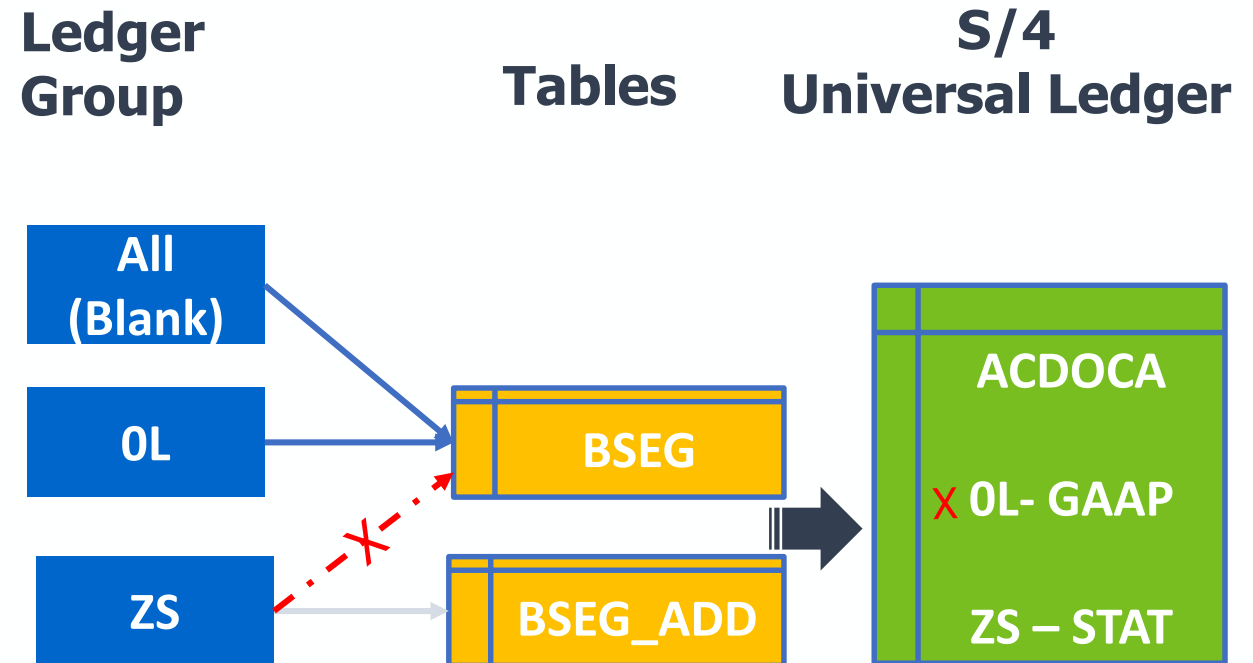




# 3: Rectify - Data Inconsistencies

## Error: Posting for ledger group was erroneously saved in BSEG

- Postings for local statutory ledger was saved in table BSEG instead of BSEG\_ADD
- During conversion this data will be pulled in to the wrong ledger (Leading ledger instead of Non Leading) in Universal ledger (ACDOCA) causing reconciliation issues
- Worked closely with SAP MaxAttention. SAP Development team provided a solution to move the entries to the correct table.



# 4: Accept - Data Inconsistencies

## Example

- FI-GA – Balance in ACDOCA is not zero for 3rd local currency (~700 documents)
  - Total of debit and credit in third local currency is not zero in FAGLFLEXA
  - Inconsistency exists today in ECC and does not impact reporting. Inconsistency will continue to exist in S/4. Business was okay, hence inconsistency accepted

Line #	Account	Pst Key	LC1	LC2	LC3
1	10000	40	1000	1000	1000
2	20000	50	-800	-800	-800
3	30000	40	1200	1200	1220
3	40000	50	-1400	-1400	-1400
			0	0	20

FAGLFLEXA

- FINS\_RECON072 : No entry in FAGLFLEXA for this line item of BSEG (~165K documents)
  - Line item (3) with third currency amount only exists in BSEG but missing in FAGLFLEXA
  - Difference not material, hence inconsistency was accepted

BSEG

Line #	Account	Pst Key	LC1	LC2	LC3
1	10000	40	500	500	50.01
2	20000	50	-500	-500	-50
3	30000	50	0	0	-0.01

FAGLFLEXA

Line #	Account	Pst Key	LC1	LC2	LC3
1	10000	40	500	500	50.01
2	20000	50	-500	-500	-50

# Lessons Learned

- Engage SAP MaxAttention early
- Conduct Proof of Concept (PoC)
  - Start early with a PoC to understand configuration and data issues. Keep sufficient time to rectify issues before S/4 implementation starts
  - Capture every issue and conduct thorough analysis with help of SAP MaxAttention
  - Choose the best solution option based on least impacts to overall design and other projects
- Continued SAP Support
  - Engage SAP SLO team and New GL Migration team if necessary
  - Engage SAP experts to provide support during execution of crucial fixes in test and production
- Pay special attention
  - Watch out for mandatory changes in Asset Accounting module
  - Custom fields in the Ledger
  - Plan the timeline for any constraints around environments, upgrade, SLO work, year-end etc..
  - Plan Production outage window for pre-projects

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