



Customer Success Story: Global Food Manufacturer Transforms with AWS and AHEAD

TOP TAKEAWAYS

This global food manufacturer is home to a portfolio of well-known consumer brands enjoyed worldwide. Following a corporate restructuring in 2023, the company emerged as an independent entity with a renewed focus on operational efficiency and innovation. AHEAD worked with the client to:

- 1 Reduced technical debt by decommissioning legacy systems
- 2 Enhanced business agility to rapidly launch new digital initiatives
- 3 Streamlined IT operations focused on business-critical activities

THE CHALLENGE

After the divestiture, the company's IT leadership prioritized modernizing legacy systems and embracing cloud technologies to increase business agility. Key initiatives included migrating data platforms off-premises, re-platforming IT operations, modernizing global networking, and reducing vendor licensing dependencies.

Why Amazon Web Services (AWS)?

With more than a decade of AWS experience, the client saw AWS as the ideal platform to support its cloud-first vision. AWS's broad service portfolio, global reach, and cost-effective infrastructure aligned with the company's goals of lean operations, rapid provisioning, minimal vendor reliance, and long-term scalability.



AHEAD's Solution

As a trusted AWS Partner, AHEAD worked closely with the client to execute a comprehensive modernization roadmap leveraging AWS best practices:

Migration & Modernization

- Migrated data platforms — including data lakes and analytics — from on-premises to AWS
- Re-platformed IT operations management tools to SaaS-based solutions on AWS
- Modernized VMware environments by adopting cloud-native services like AWS Outposts

Innovation Enablement

- Provisioned on-demand AWS resources to accelerate new workload development
- Reduced technical debt by decommissioning legacy systems
- Laid the foundation for future cloud-native development on AWS

Cloud Operations

- Incorporated AWS security best practices into governance frameworks
- Designed resilient disaster recovery and high-availability architectures
- Implemented FinOps practices for cloud cost optimization
- Trained IT staff on AWS cloud operations processes

Networking

- Modernized global networking with a software-defined approach leveraging the AWS backbone
- Used AWS networking services to enhance connectivity and traffic management
- Enabled secure workload mobility across AWS Regions and on-premises environments

The Benefits

By partnering with AHEAD on its AWS-driven transformation, the company has achieved significant benefits, including:

- Enhanced business agility to rapidly launch new digital initiatives
- Optimized IT costs by paying only for resources consumed
- Gained the ability to scale infrastructure up or down on demand
- Reduced technical debt and vendor lock-in
- Positioned for future innovation with AWS cloud-native services

“AHEAD has been an invaluable partner in our cloud transformation, helping us leverage the full potential of AWS to drive our business forward.”

– IT Leadership,
Global Food Manufacturer

With AHEAD’s guidance, the company is advancing its cloud journey and driving business innovation on AWS.



AHEAD

Combining cloud-native capabilities in software and data engineering with an unparalleled track record of modernizing infrastructure, we're uniquely positioned to help accelerate the promise of digital transformation.

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