The only constant in the manufacturing industry is change. Competition drives it. Technology fuels it. The accelerating pace of change impacts the markets manufacturers serve and the way in which they manufacture.

The ability of ERP to respond to change, to deliver fit over time and continue to support new business processes, will determine its effectiveness. Many traditional ERPs were not designed for change and do not support “last mile” functionality unique to a manufacturer.

To overcome these limitations, traditional ERP relies on customizations which require considerable time and cost to implement and maintain. As vendors release new ERP versions, customizations make upgrading incredibly difficult; each customization needs to be tested in the new release and many will break and require redevelopment.

The combination of poor initial fit and long-term inflexibility inevitably leads to the need for a new ERP, but unfortunately many manufacturers repeat the death cycle of ERP by investing in another inflexible ERP. This results in higher IT costs, but more importantly, higher business costs and risks and an inability to respond to change and opportunities.

SOLUTION OVERVIEW

QAD Adaptive ERP enables manufacturers to maximize the return on their ERP investment by easily achieving greater levels of fit today and rapidly responding to change tomorrow. It is built with industry best practices for global manufacturers based on QAD’s deep industry-specific expertise. The result is faster implementations and greater fit out of the box.

- **Built on the QAD Enterprise Platform**, QAD Adaptive ERP makes it easy to develop and maintain “last-mile” functionality that provides manufacturers with their competitive advantage. Extensions and new apps can be created in a low code/no code environment and, unlike intrusive customizations, do not create rigidity that interferes with upgrades.
• **Embedded analytics provide decision makers with actionable insights** that reduce the time required to take action based on changing data and a changing competitive landscape.

• **Continuous improvement projects typically focus on a narrow set of processes** where the greatest return on investment can be achieved. The modular design of QAD Adaptive ERP allows customers to select only the areas of the application they want to upgrade – without needing to upgrade the entire application. This modular approach makes upgrades smaller, faster and easier.

• **QAD Adaptive ERP supports users’ business requirements, preferences and roles** through intuitive personalization and a flexible, modern user experience.

• **QAD Adaptive ERP implements quickly and reliability,** particularly in the QAD Cloud, and is supported 24x7, worldwide by a committed team of experts. It is a multi-language, multi-currency, multi-entity solution designed to meet the needs of global manufacturers – today and well into the future.

For more information on how the QAD Adaptive ERP can help your company, please contact QAD at +1-805-566-6100 or email info@qad.com.