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# How Custom Code Automation Accelerated Foodstuffs South Island's SAP S/4HANA Transformation

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**Foodstuffs**  
South Island

 smartShift

# CASE STUDY - Foodstuffs South Island Project Petra - S/4HANA & SAP RISE



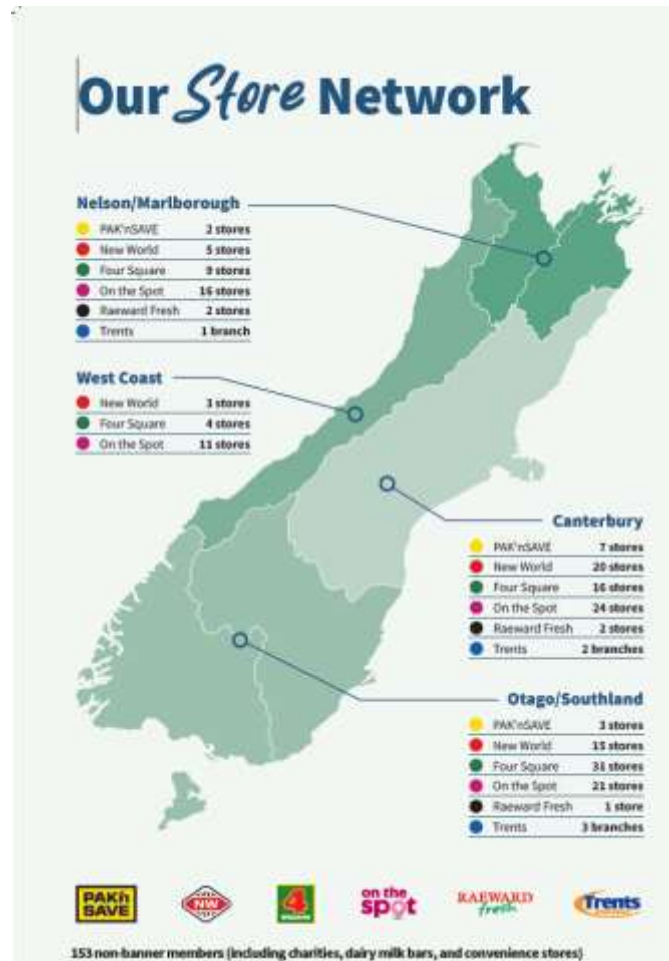
Greg Kirk joined Foodstuffs South Island in 2008, spending the next 17 years involved in all aspects of development within the FSSI SAP environment. Greg now leads the SAP development (ABAP, BTP, Integration, Handheld Applications) and Basis teams, focussed on the delivery and support of technologies across a wide array of SAP systems.



As Chief Customer Officer, Arndt Hoffmann is responsible for the overall Customer Experience with smartShift. Arndt joined smartShift in 2002 as one of the founding team members and has been operating in the SAP industry since 1995. Arndt specializes in SAP Transformation and Modernization programs and SAP Custom Code Development, Governance and Strategies.

## About Foodstuffs South Island

Foodstuffs South Island Co-operative was formed 95 years ago and is today one of the leading grocery retailers on New Zealand's South Island. The Co-operative supports well-known brands such as: New World, PAK'nSAVE, Four Square, Raeward Fresh, and On The Spot. Foodstuffs is 100% New Zealand owned and operated. Every day, the Co-operative works to be South Island's most loved & trusted retailer, positively impacting its customers' lives every day.



# Our focuses are clear:

## **Simplify end-to-end**

**reduce cost** to deliver value to customers

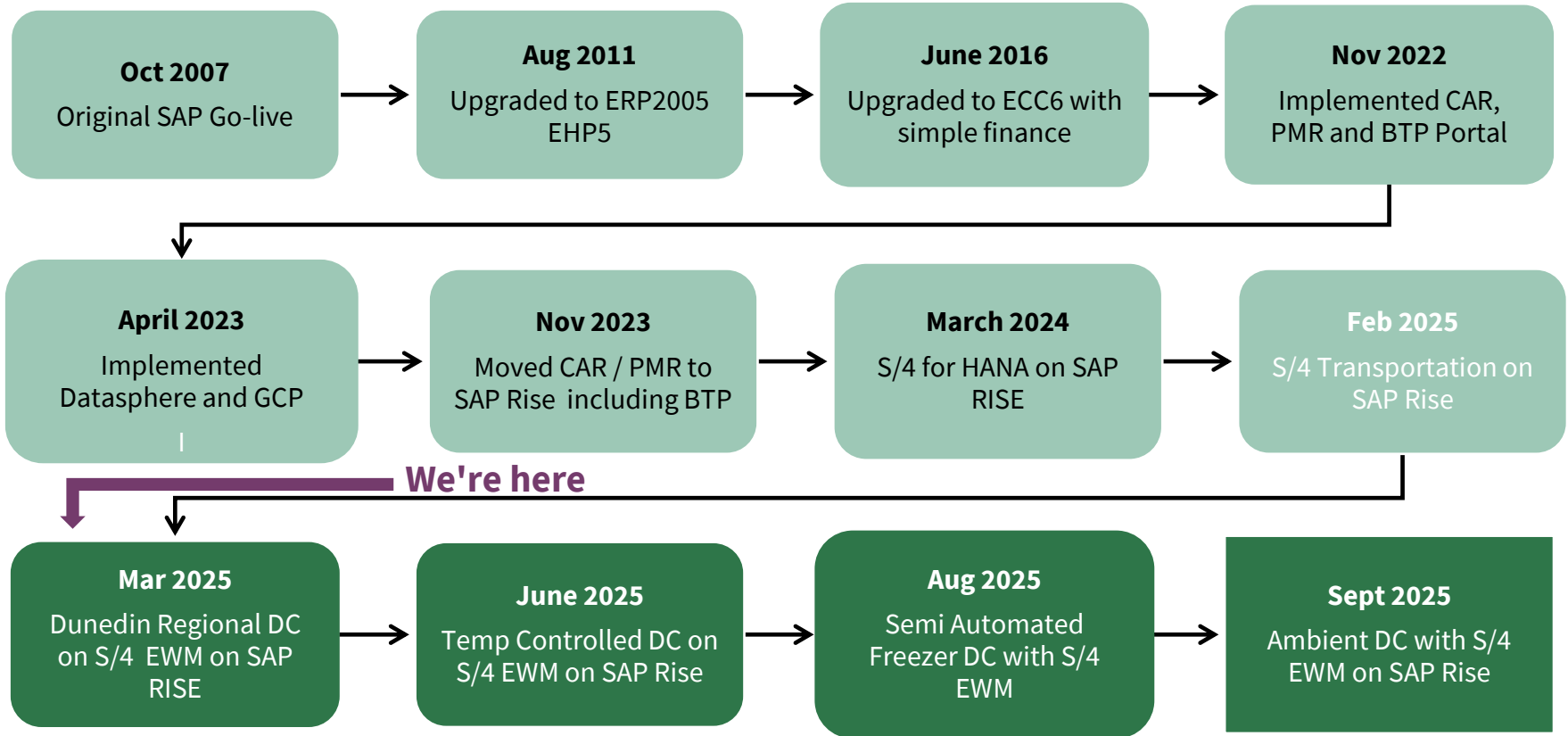
## **Total value for customers**

disciplined price + **magic** where it matters

## **Invest in the future**

create capabilities in people, brands & operations to  
grow & sustain success

# Our SAP Journey



**In 2018 Foodstuffs South island created a Digital strategy (Beyond 2025) to transform SAP is undergoing a major SAP modernization roadmap including moving our central SAP ECC system to S/4HANA and re-platforming to SAP RISE (Project Petra). Other elements of Project Petra and the wider roadmap include SAP CAR, BTP Process Integration and Datasphere and the Supply Chain eWM, TM, LBN and warehouse insights**

# Changed Focus with SAP



**Open Book with SAP**  
**Full finance disclosure**



**Worked on our**  
**Strategy “Together”**



**Challenged the**  
**working theory**



**We are experts in the “FUE”**  
**Challenged the use of it**



**Modeled consumption**  
**together to ensure CPEA**  
**is understood**



**Signed up for**  
**Professional Engagement**  
**“PE”**

# S/4 Principles of the project



Cloud First



Fiori First



Retain Native UI5 and Handheld Technology



Keep Existing UX interface



Embrace the Business Technology Platform (BTP)



Refresh Data Strategy

# S/4 Rise Project Timeline





# We transitioned to S/4 on Rise

- ✓ Went live on 11th March 2024 after many months of work
- ✓ One of the most significant projects in FSSI's history
- ✓ Planning, preparation, testing, and trouble-shooting ensured no major issues



## Key stats:



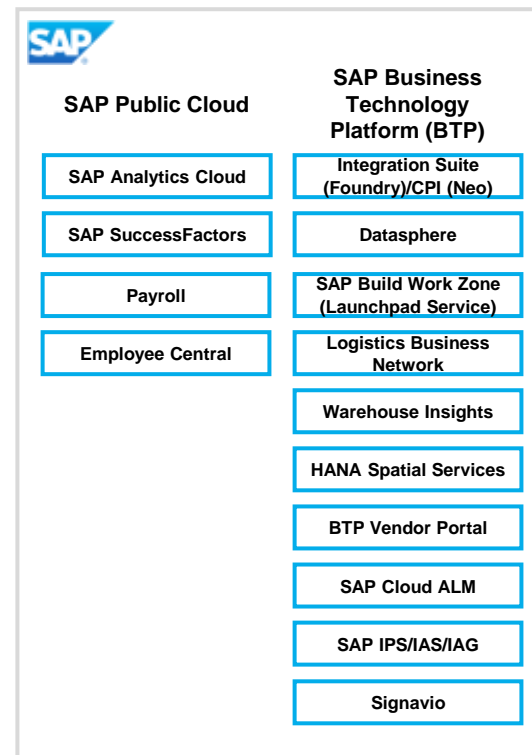
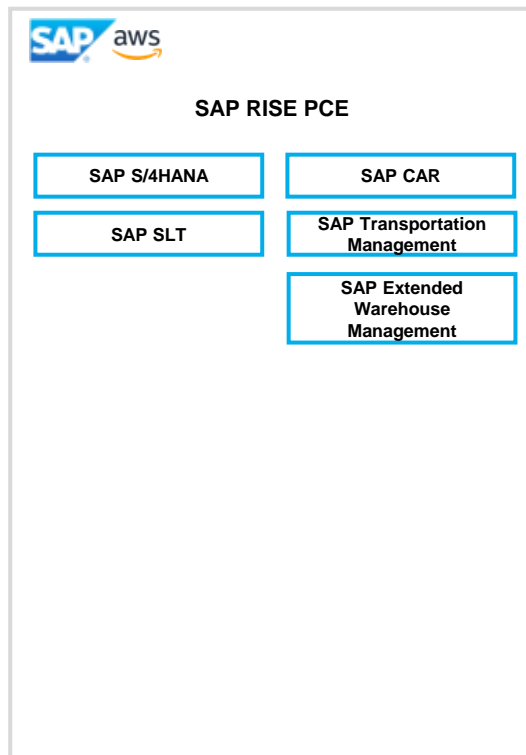
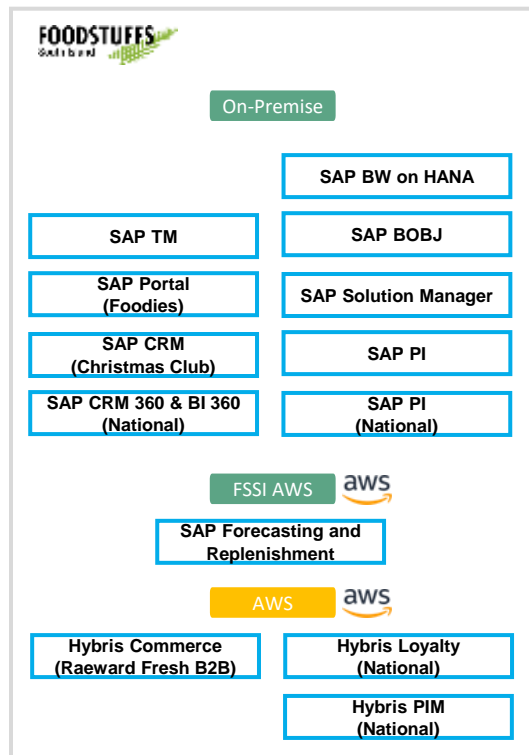
Roadshow held in locations from Nelson to Invercargill provided  
**16** training sessions for  
**500** participants



**3** dress rehearsals held  
We had a testing team comprising  
**18** different business areas with  
**68** testers

# SAP Solutions Landscape

The SAP landscape is split across a number of environments. The future state will continue to include SAP applications hosted on-premise with the addition of the SAP RISE PCE environment and a greater use of SAP Public Cloud and SAP BTP hosted applications. The ultimate goal is to have no remaining on-premise SAP applications within 3 years.



# The Need for Custom Code Automation

## NUMBER OF CUSTOM OBJECTS

**48,327**

## LINES OF CUSTOM CODE

**1,946,149**

## DECOMMISSION POTENTIAL

**50%+**

## S/4HANA ISSUES COMPATIBILITY

**28,502**

## HANA ISSUES COMPATIBILITY

**4,843**

## HANA PERFORMANCE ISSUES

**13,841**

## TECHNICAL DEBT ISSUES

**202,023**

## ONGOING ECC DEVELOPMENT (OBJECTS/YEAR)

**2,853**

## CHALLENGES

- Highly customized SAP System since 2007
- Big Technical Debt accumulated over years
- Huge change impact for HANA and S/4HANA compliance (small number of functional issues)
- Very active development ongoing in ECC
- Estimated > ~1,000 Person Days for Code Remediation with internal team with a 6-month duration

## GOALS

- Relief internal teams from mundane manual coding work
- Reduce unused code and technical debt
- De-risk and accelerate the transformation
- Minimize the business impact through a code freeze
- Accelerate transformation timelines

### Management Summary

Custom Code Overview		S/4HANA Issues Overview		ECC Issues Overview		Test Issues	
Count	Value	Count	Value	Count	Value	Count	Value
Custom Code Objects	48,327	S/4HANA Issues	28,502	ECC Issues	4,843	Test Issues	13,841
Lines of Code	1,946,149	Technical Debt	202,023	Performance Issues	13,841	Compatibility Issues	4,843

### FDR – Objects Created and Change Information



### FDR: S/4HANA Simplification Item Detection & Analysis



# Foodstuffs S/4 on Rise

“Foodstuffs South Island selected **smartShift** to own the custom code remediation and modernization including multi-month dual maintenance.

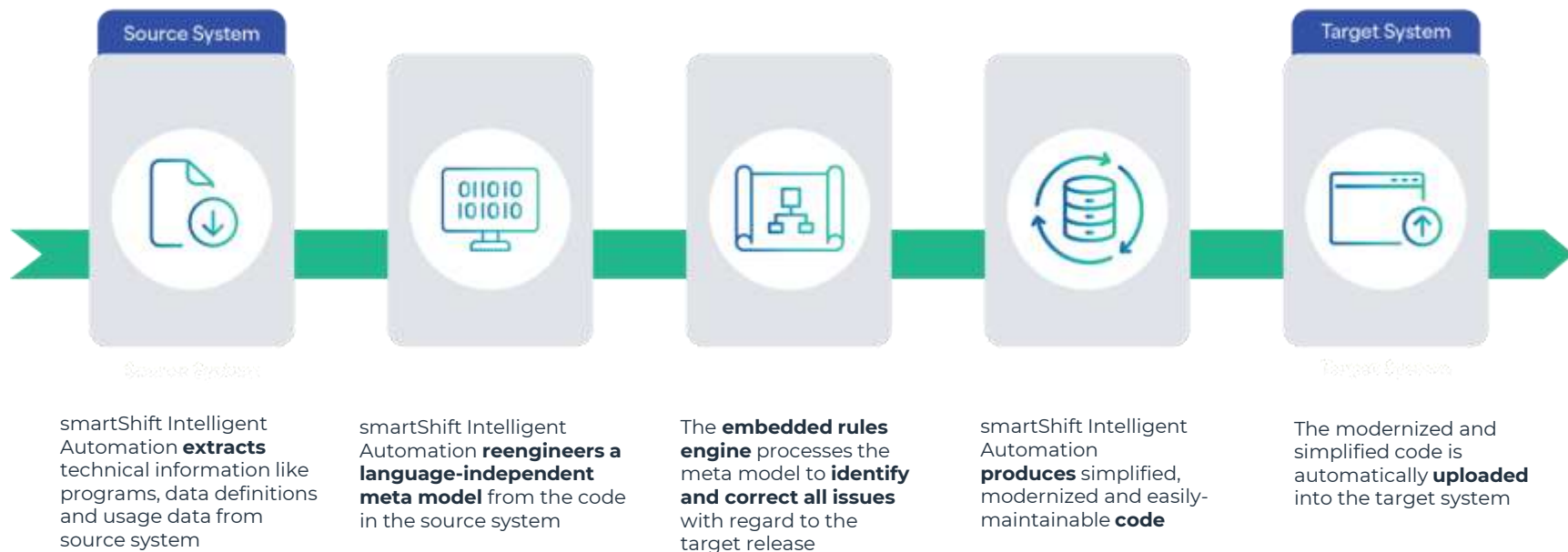
The project went live successfully in March 2024. **smartShift** were selected as an accelerator solution that reduced their Project Risk, saving time and money on tasks that would otherwise need to be carried out manually by our development team.“



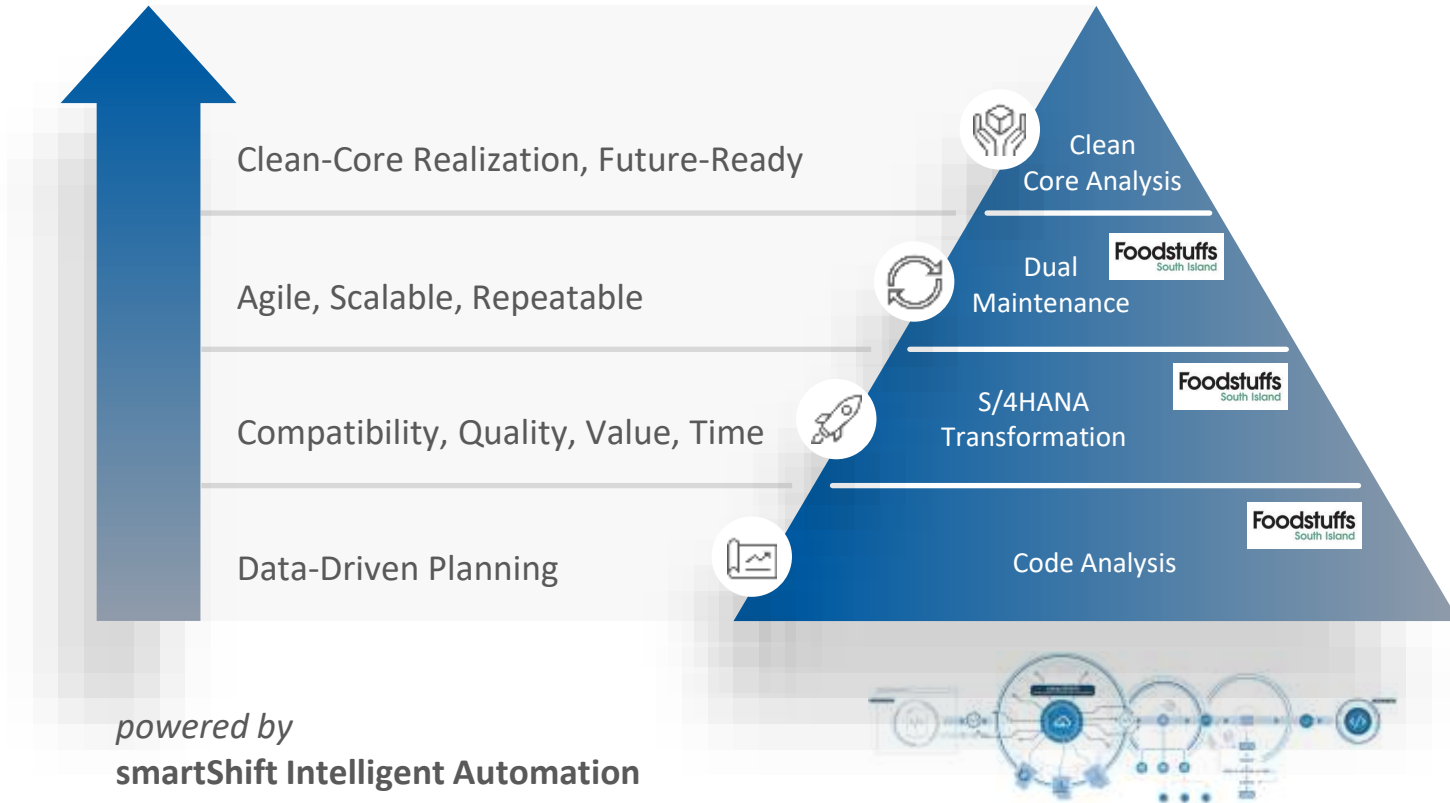
selected end of 2022 as central provider of  
SAP Custom Code Automation .

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INCREASED QUALITY, PERFORMANCE AND AGILITY THROUGH INTELLIGENT, CONFIGURABLE AUTOMATION



# smartShift – Custom Code Solution Continuum



# SMARTSHIFT INTELLIGENT AUTOMATION® OFFERINGS

A BETTER WAY TO TRANSFORM AND MODERNIZE SAP CUSTOM CODE AND GET TO A CLEAN CORE SAP



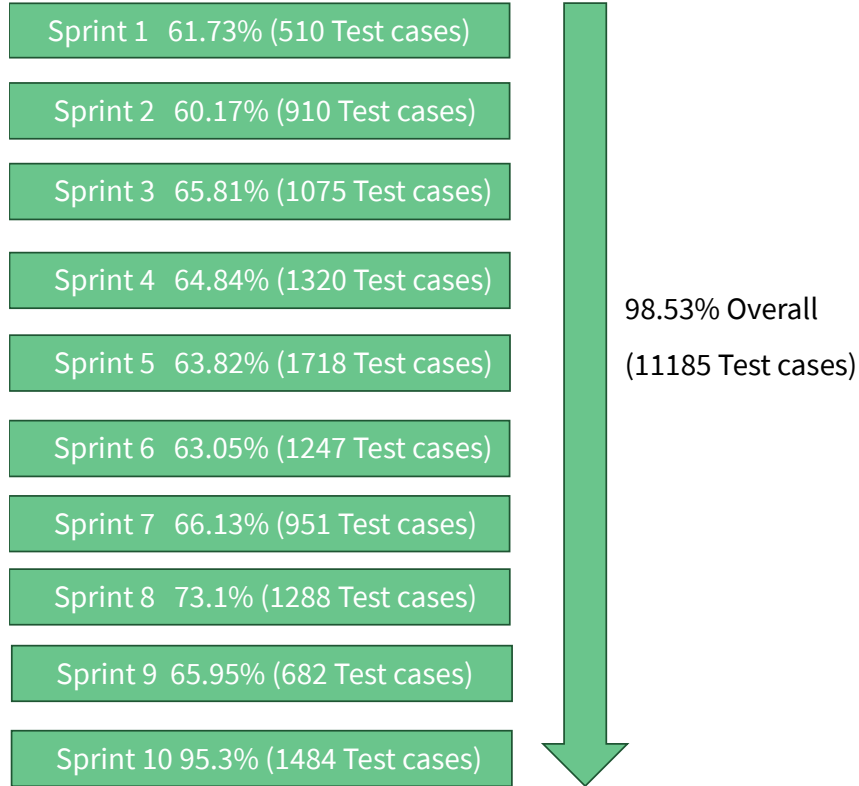
# S/4HANA - Project Timeline

Code Decom. = Code Decommissioning DM = Dual Maintenance



# Foodstuffs South Island UAT

Below is the summary of the % completion for the Sprints and the Overall testing



*“smartshift enabled us to reach 98.53% at Go-Live target was greater than 90%”*

# Custom Code Automation Benefits

## SPEED

MASSIVE ACCELERATION OF THE PROGRAM

**5 WEEKS** TRANSFORMATION  
TIMELINE (INCL. Q&A)

## QUALITY

EXTREME LOW ERROR RATES

**4 ISSUES** IN TESTING

## BUSINESS AGILITY

MINIMAL FREEZE TIME FOR BUSINESS

**9,404** OBJECTS RETROFITTED

## TEAM

INTERNAL EFFORTS SAVED

**~500 DAYS**

## FURTHER BENEFITS

- Fully transformed Sandbox helped to identify functional redesign areas early in the project
- Comprehensive transformation of all HANA and S/4HANA issues (no focus on P1 / P2), no functional "surprises" in production
- Addressing Performance proactively helped to prevent problems in production
- "Shift left" of required transformation for a Clean Core (ABAP Cloud, ABAP Modernization)
- Reduced Risk through guaranteed timelines and quality

*"Foodstuffs South Island would turn to smartShift again!"*

*The benefits directly contributed to the success of our transformation project and enabled our team to focus on **innovation** instead of correcting historical issues!"*

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