

# eCommerce and Sustainability

**RILA Webinar** 

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### Agenda



### The new e-commerce landscape



"Changes in customer behavior have accelerated the shift to e-commerce and digital."

Doug McMillon CEO Walmart



"e-commerce isn't the cherry on the cake, it's the new cake."

Jean Paul Ago CEO L'Oreal



"We're making investments to deliver standout moments across our omni experiences, whether in store, on mobile or through one of our new capabilities like curbside pickup or virtual styling."



"We wanted to give the consumer another choice."

Gibu Thomas PepsiCo's head of e-commerce

Sonia Syngal CEO Gap

#### E-commerce has evolved

Capitalism 'will fundamentally be in jeopardy' if business does not act on climate change



—Satya Nadella

### Demand in e-commerce has accelerated resource depletion



77% increase in e-commerce transactions



Increased freight usage



Increased speed of shipment



Increased usage of single use plastic



35%, on average, retailer in-store inventory inaccuracy



Increase in split shipments



Ad Hoc Delivery Schedules



2x e-commerce merchandise return rates compared to in-store



Increased landfill



Increased carbon footprint

### Data Visibility Helps Consumers Trade-off Sustainability vs. Service Level

**Data-driven Consumer Engagement & Sustainability Acceleration** 



# Technology Trends

**Logistics Optimization** 



# Where are investments going

#### **Customer investments**

TAM SC planning \$ 4.95 B (source: Gartner)

# OEM 110,000 globally



**VC** investments

Supply Chain Optimization & Compliance - \$1,514M



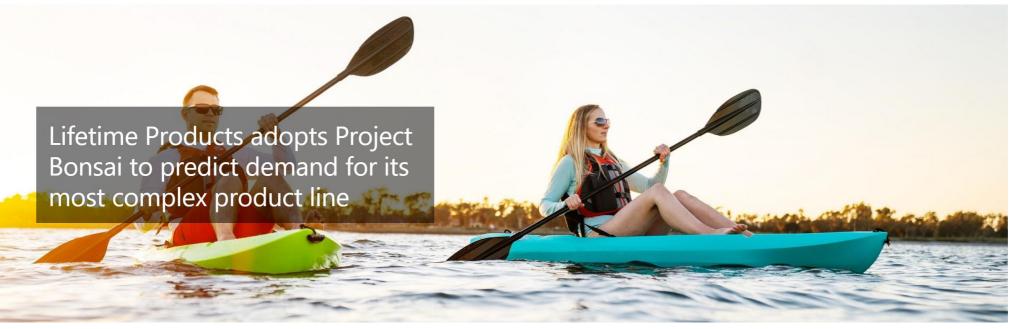






## Case Study: Optimized Sourcing





#### **Key Outcomes**

- Al predictions as good as by trained Planners (self learning)
- Free up 2 FTE
   Planners to work
   on key projects

"We're not only buying the materials we need and nothing more, but buying them at a time when we can get the best price", **John Bowden, CIO**  "Reducing waste across our supply chain isn't just good for business, it's good for the planet. " **Ted Esplin, COO** 

# Case Study: Supply Chain Network Design



#### Challenge:

Factor in macroeconomic variables and complex localized trends into sales forecasts

Make quicker business decisions.

#### **Solution:**

Carhartt used Machine Learning to develop a new forecasting, selection, and go-to-market tool

Combines 100+ variables including climate, sales data, and consumer behaviour.

#### Impact:

Developed a list of 3 new locations.

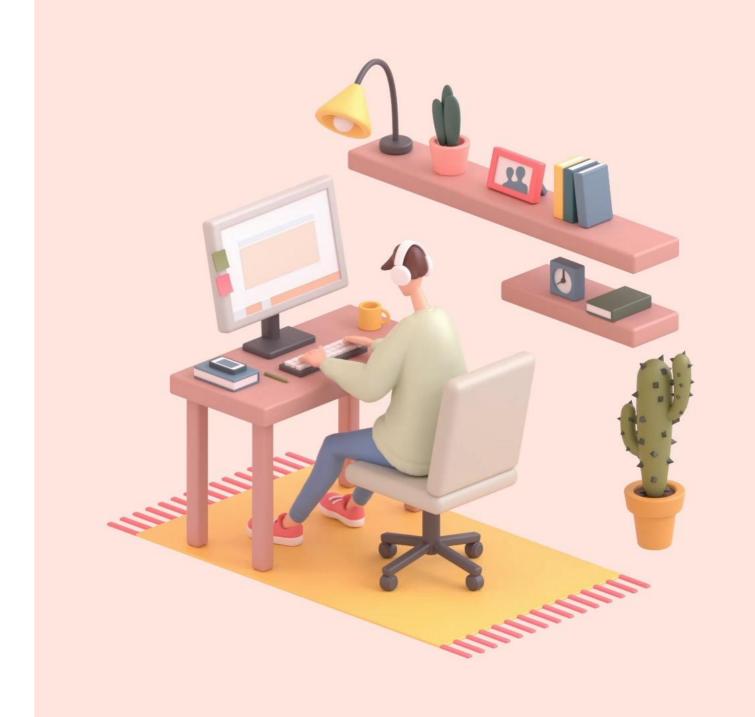
Within months, the new locations exceeded revenue expectations by over 200%.



Azure Machine Learning helped us choose the three new retail locations we opened in 2019. Those locations exceeded their revenue plans by over 200 percent... and within months of opening were among the best-performing locations in their districts.

Jolie Vitale

# Digital Customer Engagement



# 4<sup>th</sup> wave of computing Mixed Reality



Mainframes

Tethered terminals

1970's



**Personal Computers** 

Ubiquitous but no contextual awareness

1990's



**Smartphones** 

Some contextual awareness

2000's



**Mixed Reality** 

Edge computing that blends of the physical and digital

today

### Mixed Reality Can Drive Sustainability





Win & Retain Customers

Immersive 3D experiences

Reduce returns





Worker Efficiency

Real time with hands-free access to essential information

Reduced waste: time, travel, paper etc.



Cutting-edge mixed reality technology to see how furniture will look before buying

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### Many more opportunities in data driven sustainability



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