Feature at a Glance
SAP Ariba Category Management (CAT-3503)

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SAP Ariba Category Management

Description

- SAP Ariba Category Management is a solution capability that digitalizes and streamlines the development, execution and monitoring of procurement category strategies.

- Category analytics, process guidance, analysis frameworks and system-enabled recommendations allow procurement organizations to move towards intelligence-driven category management.

- The first release of the solution is available for customers in Europe and US data centers.

Customer benefit

- Category management today is a data-intensive, manual, time consuming and disconnected process, which:
  - Requires manual efforts for category planning, is disconnected from the purchasing process, gathers data from multiple disparate sources.
  - Offers limited visibility on KPIs and the outcomes of the category strategy.

- SAP Ariba Category Management streamlines the category strategy creation and management process, offering intelligence-driven category management that leads to more informed and efficient business decisions, resulting in cost savings, reduced risks and realization of other key business goals.

User

- Category Management Administrator
- Category Manager
- Category Management Viewer
- Category Strategy Approver
- Strategic Sourcing Professional

Enablement model

- Contact Account Executive

Applicable solutions:

- SAP Ariba Category Management

Prerequisites

- Your organization must have obtained the license for SAP Ariba Category Management.

- Your organization must have:
    - set up a global account with SAP BTP
    - subscribed to the SAP Ariba Category Management solution from the SAP BTP Cockpit and completed all the initial BTP configurations required for SAP Ariba Category Management.

- Your site administrator must have completed the configurations for the following systems and services in SAP BTP Cockpit:
    - Procurement data warehouse:
      See Setting Up Connection with Procurement Data Warehouse
    - Identity Authentication service (IAS) and Identity Provisioning service (IPS):
      See Setting Up User Replication and Setting Up Connection with XSUAA Service
    - SAP Master Data Integration service
      See Setting Up Connection with SAP Master Data Integration

- To create guided sourcing projects for initiatives or opportunities from SAP Ariba Category Management, ensure that your site administrator has configured SAP Ariba Sourcing. See Setting Up Connection with SAP Ariba Sourcing.

- Your site administrator must have assigned the required roles to users. See Roles for Business Users.

- The category management administrator user must have created purchasing categories in the SAP Ariba Category Management solution and published the purchasing categories from SAP Ariba Category Management to the SAP Master Data Integration service. See Manage Taxonomy.

- The category management administrator user must have configured additional attributes for purchasing categories. See Attributes and Attribute Values.

Restrictions and Cautions

Restrictions

- Currently, SAP Ariba Category Management is only available in the Europe data center and US data center.

- A Category Management Administrator cannot delete purchasing categories that have been published once. They can only delete purchasing categories in the **Category Unpublished** status.

- A Category Manager can only create strategy and plan documents for purchasing categories that are published.

- A Category Manager can only monitor active strategy and plan documents from the Monitor Strategy Execution page.

- A Category Manager cannot execute a strategy and plan if the strategy and plan approval document is not approved.

- The tools of an active strategy and plan document can only be edited if the category management administrator has enabled the versioning attributes for the tools.

Cautions
- None

Automated category spend profile

HIGHLIGHTS

- Embedded analytics and visualization tools for an overarching view as well as drill-down capability into categories across multiple dimensions

- Built-in integration with the SAP Ariba Spend Analysis solution delivers enriched and categorized spend data

- In-depth insights across subcategories, regions, suppliers, supplier categorization, supplier risk, and contract information

Guided process for strategy and plan development

HIGHLIGHTS

- Guided strategy development process framework

- Best practice templates and tools, such as segmentation, market dynamics, cost structure, swot analysis, risk assessment and others

- Capabilities for maintaining category-related goals and value levers; identifying opportunities; and tracking and executing category strategies
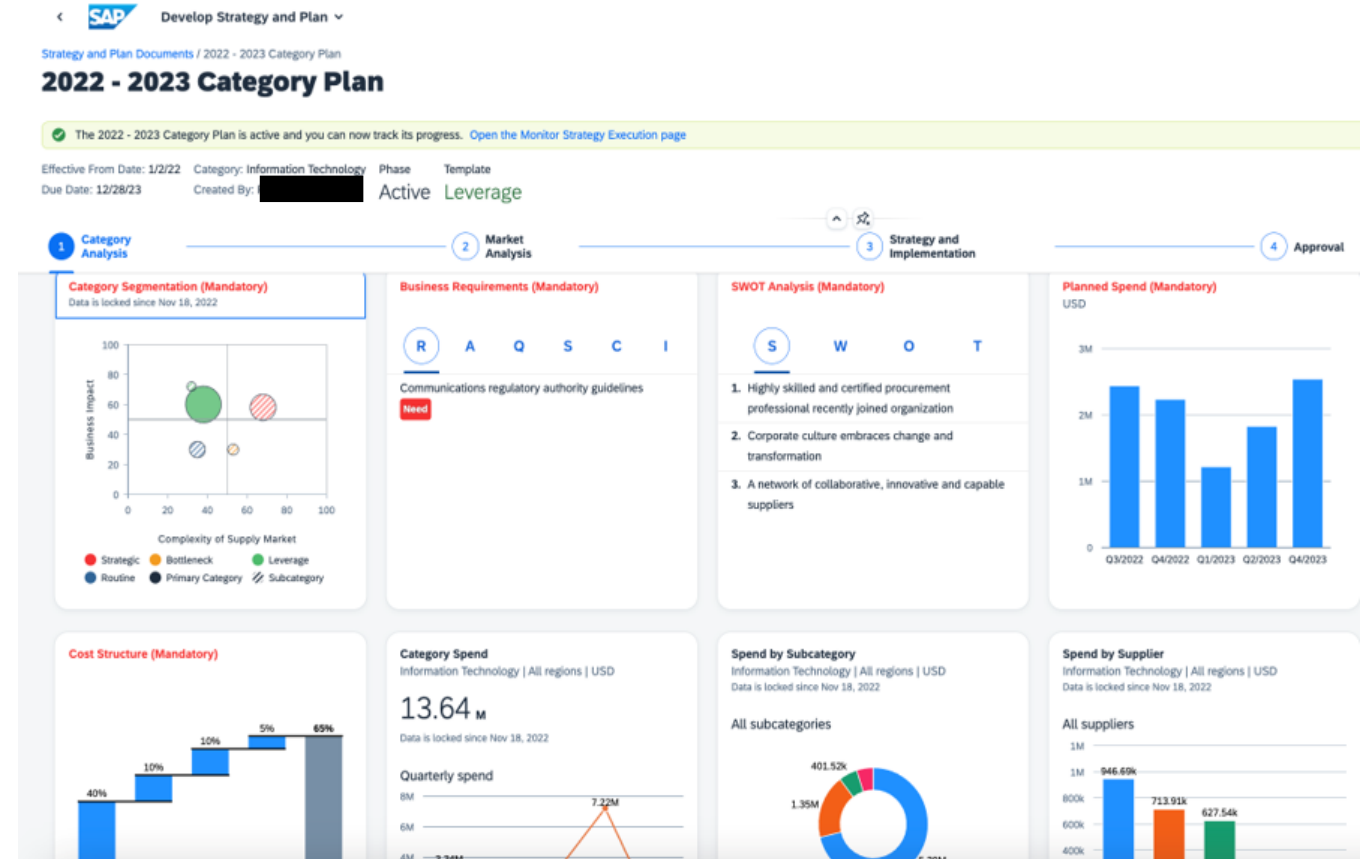
Monitor strategy execution

HIGHLIGHTS

- One stop shop workbench with planning calendar, goal monitoring, and initiative status tracking

- System-recommended opportunities based on supplier fragmentation, impact, price variances, tail spend, and supplier diversity

- Integration to the guided sourcing capability for the SAP Ariba® Sourcing solution for converting initiatives into sourcing projects or events

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