



Delivering
Intelligent Business Solutions
To **World Class** Retailers

ibs **CENTRAL**

Purchasing & Merchandising Planning, Fact Sheet

OVERVIEW

The ibs **CENTRAL** module of Soft Solutions' **RETAIL OPERATIONS SUITE** delivers state of the art functionalities that support Merchandise Replenishment and Planning, relying on our Master Data Management platform, ibs **REFERENTIAL**

Distribution Centers and warehouse personnel can now access the same Services Oriented Architecture (SOA) platform to perform their current operations.

ibs **CENTRAL** provides the necessary functionalities to purchasing departments allowing them to optimize the merchandise planning and ordering in an efficient and standardized manner while remaining flexible to anticipate business needs. With the appropriate access rights, information and best practices can be shared..

ibs **CENTRAL** delivers functionalities such as the management of corporate purchasing activities such as merchandising planning, booking, replenishment, stock and inventory, invoice matching, store transfer, labor scheduling and monitoring activity. There also exists additional features such as a search engine, mobile computing capabilities, customized dashboard alerts and to-do lists, favorites and exception management that can facilitate a user's daily work.

ibs **CENTRAL** enables retailers to deploy an integrated solution within Distribution Centers as well as across entities, with an end-user interface technology that requires minimum training. It is based on our Master Data Management foundation, ibs **REFERENTIAL**.

Soft Solutions' **RETAIL OPERATIONS SUITE** when implemented in conjunction with ibs **STORE** allows the retailer to save time and money for IT maintenance and standardizes business operations across the different retail entities.

Manage
Replenishment

Optimize Supply Chain
& Stock

Inventory Valuation

Invoice Matching

Store Transfer &
Invoicing

Monitor Central
Activity

KEY FEATURES

ibs **CENTRAL** is a flexible and configurable platform which supports the following functionalities:

ibs **CENTRAL – Merchandise Planning, Ordering and Replenishment**

- Merchandise planning, planned orders and replenishment optimization
- Purchase budgets consolidation
- Stores orders consolidation
- Supply chain optimization (multi stores & centers)
- Prepare and issue purchase orders
- Monitor merchandise receiving planning
- Order receiving management
- Receiving through electronic documents

ibs **CENTRAL – Invoices Matching**

- Invoices matching and balance
- Credit note management

ibs **CENTRAL – Transfer / Invoicing**

- Stores Invoicing
- Stores account receivables and payments follow-up

ibs **CENTRAL – Inventory**

- Consolidate, optimize stock levels
- Merchandise movements follow-up and tracking
- Manage fiscal and physical inventories evaluation
- Manage stock markdowns and shrinkage
- Manage returns to suppliers

ibs **CENTRAL – Purchasing Profit and Loss Management**

- Buying Department commercial targets, forecast against cost
- Real-time activities and results control & monitoring
- Customized reporting based on business needs

ibs **CENTRAL – Staff Scheduling Service**

- Manage employees work schedule
- Optimize employee availability during peak hours

BENEFITS

Increase purchasing profitability

- Reduce operational costs
- Optimizes supply chain and stocks levels
- Increase distribution center productivity
- Control operating accounts

Optimize purchasing organization

- Reduce repetitive tasks
 - Focus on added values tasks
 - Manage by exception (workflow alerts)
 - Offer users customized information to perform business actions (to-do lists)
 - Optimize resources with better task planning
- Diffuse updated information to users in a timely manner

Automate certain tasks

- Plan teams' work time
- Real time stock and buying information consolidated
- Propose stocks procurement levels automatically
- System generates order creation

Rapid return on investment

- Reduced deployment and maintenance thanks to centralized infrastructure
- Reduced training requirements with the help of Internet based navigation, customizable screens, and intuitive user interface.

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