



## STADA at a glance



STADA products sold in ~ 115 countries
Consumer Healthcare,
Generics and
Specialty



**11,500+ employees**worldwide form
One STADA



Strong **brands** in all markets



Among the TOP 4
Generics and
Consumer Healthcare
players in Europe



## **FULL YEAR RESULTS 2024**

STADA's Growth Journey continues

+9%

Group sales 2024 **€ 4.059 billion** 

+11%

EBITDA 2024 (adjusted cc) € 886 million

21.8%

EBITDA margin in 2024 (adjusted)

84%

of our employees are proud to work for STADA (Employee Survey)



## Industry perspective: Why AI & Automation matters



79 % of corporate strategists say analytics, AI & automation will be **critical to success in the next two years**.



**90** % of companies will rely on Generative AI as a workforce partner by 2025, yet **only 9** % have an AI vision **today**.



49% of leaders struggle to demonstrate measurable outcomes and tangible value of AI.



30 % of GenAI projects risk being abandoned by 2025 without **clear value and cost control.** 



# How to stay competitive in AI & Automation with a lean team?

## How to stay competitive and make AI & Automation a success



#### You need to:

- 1 Establish a lean dedicated inhouse team
- 2 Find the right partner to scale

- **3** Focus and select your areas to improve
- 4 Communicate across all levels

- ► Identify the **right colleagues**:
  - ▶ full **dedicated & curious**,
  - with good business understanding.
- ▶ Give them clear ownership
- Create **room** for showcasing

## Find an experienced partner to scale your inhouse team with clear tasks



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- ► The partner should have
  - Already proven experience in delivering successful Gen(AI) projects
  - ► **Good size** to be able to scale
  - Business understanding if possible
  - Good cost structure
- Clear task split is needed between inhouse and external
  - ► **Inhouse**: Orchestrating business, architecture and change, AI governance
  - **External**: Technical development

## Focus is key for success, even if it seems to be attractive to play everywhere



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- ► Three areas to focus on:
  - Market Screening for relevant solutions (e.g. HeyGen, GCP)
  - Digital workplace (own GPT, Copilot, AI in apps)
  - Selected Use Cases (Competitive advantage, ROI, Effort)
- ► For use cases: **Invest, Wait or Cancel**
- Use as less technologies as possible, as much as needed
- ► Ensure **AI governance**

## Our AI & Automation Strategy is to be **aware of the market**, roll out **standard services** to everybody and deliver **ROI driven** high value **use cases**





#### **Market Screening**

Track new tools, features and constantly evaluate relevance to STADA

- New AI solutions:
   Evaluation of value and STADA fit
   Example: HeyGen for Training-video
- New AI features:
   New in existing AI solutions
   Example: New Copilot features
- New AI functionalities
   New in existing standard tools
   Example: SAP Joule



#### AI for digital workplace Roll out standard services to improve employee efficiency

- tools & self-service

- Add new features: to our tools like Copilot, StadaGPT, Power Automate
- Expand Self-Service Strategy: to scale Automation & AI Agents
- **Upskill employees:**Regular training sessions (basic & advanced)
- **Drive & ensure adoption:**Regular communication to keep awareness high and drive adoption



#### Use Case Delivery

Implement high value AI&Automation use cases

- Business Case evaluation:
   Use case screening, evaluation
- Commercial:
   Driving top-line through automation and efficiency
   Example: CRM bot, content creation
- TechOps:
  Process efficiency and automation in Techops to enable scalability
  Example: Contract bot, Audit report
- Finance:
   Process automation with SAC, Power
   Automate & Celonis

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STADA'S secure AI chatbot for text/image creation

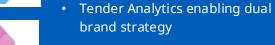


Microsoft assistant for all Office applications



Video tool to create training videos, podcasts







RAMACA application to speed up variation creation



#### Examples:

- Liquidity forecasting to optimize cash situation
- STADA

## We evaluate 200 AI & Automation cases on strategic advantage, value & effort

#### **Use case evaluation process**

#### **Demand forecasting**

Transform demand forecast process by integrating AI to improve forecast accuracy.

**Value:** Better inventory, less write-offs.



#### AI chatbot for field force

Deploy AI chatbot to support field force with instant information access.

**Value:** Faster responses, better engagement.



#### **RAMACA variations**

Transform RAMACA variation process with AI to enhance compliance and efficiency.

**Value:** Faster approvals, less manual work



#### **Complaint handling**

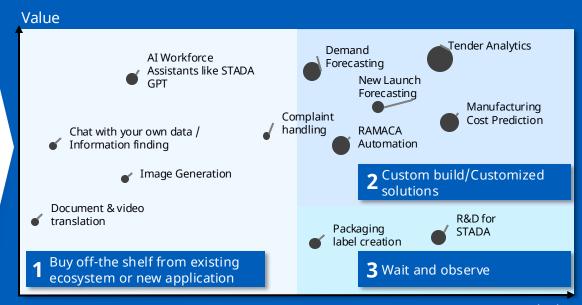
Automate complaint handling with AI to improve speed and accuracy to customers.

**Value:** Faster resolution, better service.



## Where do you want to invest? Where is need to differentiate?





priority

#### **Evaluation criteria explanation:**

**Priority**: Competitive advantage, STADA priority and/or Pharma specific

**Value:** Direct value delivery (Top-line and Profit before efficiency)

**Effort:** Costs, resources, time

## Communication is the area where you can stand out



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- ▶ 70% of success is communication
- Communicate on all levels:
  - from senior executives to employees
  - from finance, commercial to supply chain and production
  - from countries to head quarter
- Drive adaption and self-service
- Show practical ideas how to use



"AI will make us more human, not less"

Satya Nadella, CEO, Microsoft



#### **Algorithms**

Generative & predictive AI models

#### Data & Tech

Data platforms, data quality & data availability

#### People

Ways of working & business process design Org design Talent and skills Change management & communication

#### A multi-channel communication and training strategy



#### **Communication Roadmap**



#### **Roadshows**

to countries and areas to update and train management on GenAI/Automation and to identify use cases



#### **STADA Employee Magazine**

Included in internal newspaper: GenAI helping in their daily tasks



#### **Intranet portal**

STADA GPT, Automation and GenAI on the intranet portal to learn about existing use cases and tools



#### **GenAI & Automation community**

in MS teams with regular updates and tips & tricks about GenAI



#### **Trainings**

Weekly trainings and drop-in sessions to demonstrate value delivery through GenAI and Automation



#### **Articles and Visualizations**

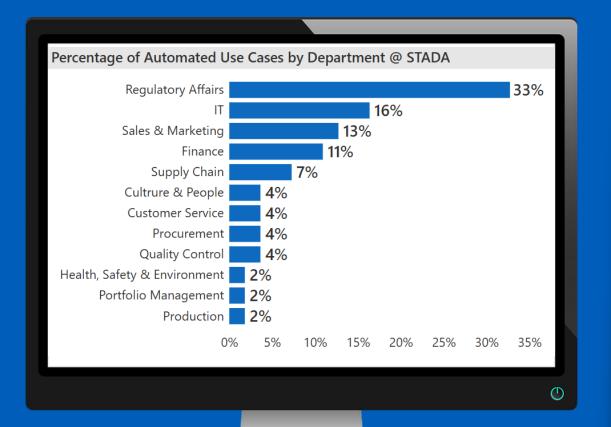
Different intranet articles and several weeks on TV screens to bring attention to all colleagues

- ► High Adoption/usage
- ▶ High interest
- **►** Valuable discussions
- **►** High curiosity



## What was the outcome & did it work for us?

## Automation: Our hybrid approach is continuously delivering clear value to Stada





#### 2024: Getting started with RPA

Enhance operational efficiency by **automating repetitive**, **rule-based tasks** & **processes** using **Robotic Process Automation** 



#### 2025+: Move to Hyperautomation

**Enhance operational efficiency** by focusing on **hyperautomation**, integrating **advanced AI** and automating **complex processes**. **Foster self-service** 







#### **Achievements with Automation**

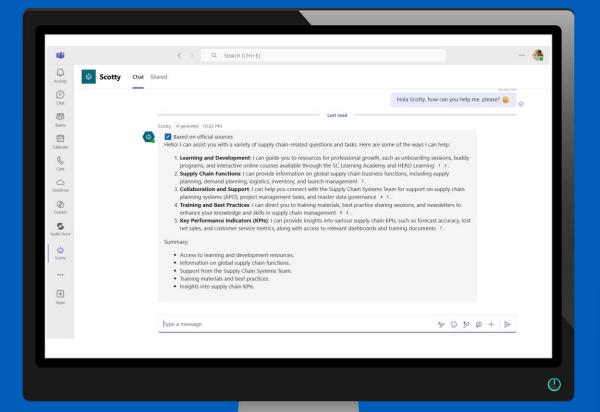
60+

automated processes

11k

hours of increased efficiency

#### **Scotty, Supply Chain AI chatbot**







#### **Challenge & Problem Statement**

Supply Chain colleagues dedicate significant effort to thoroughly locate and retrieve information from documents



#### **Solution**

Access via **Teams Link** 

Automated Process: Scotty is an AI chatbot that allows users to chat directly with Supply Chain Management SharePoint files and Snowflake data. Users can ask Scotty to find documents, summarize content, or extract key data.

**Business Owner**: Global Supply Chain team, Stada Germany



#### **Annual Savings**

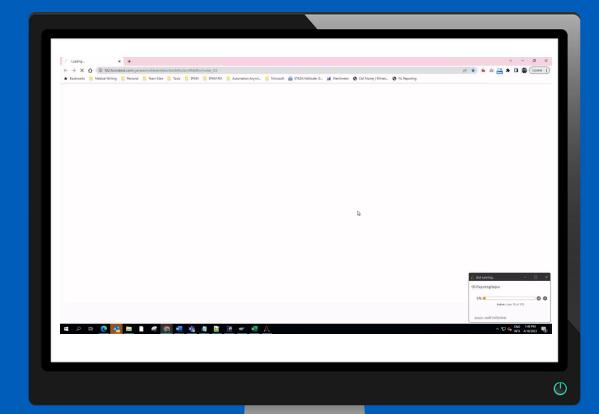
Equal to > 2000 hours







## Reporting medicine shortages to the Netherlands government automation







#### **Challenge & Problem Statement**

Colleagues dedicate substantial time to reporting medicine shortages to the Netherlands government, requiring manual input and adherence to regional regulations



#### Solution

Automated Process: The automated system streamlines the process by extracting the required information from a SharePoint Excel file and updating a web-based application with the necessary data

**Business Owner**: Finance & IT team, Centrafarm Netherlands



#### **Annual Savings**

Equal to +250 hours

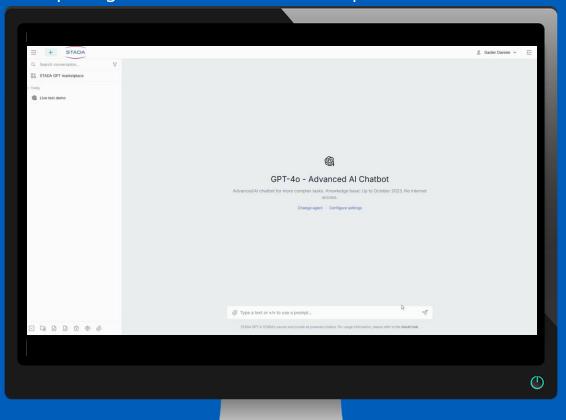




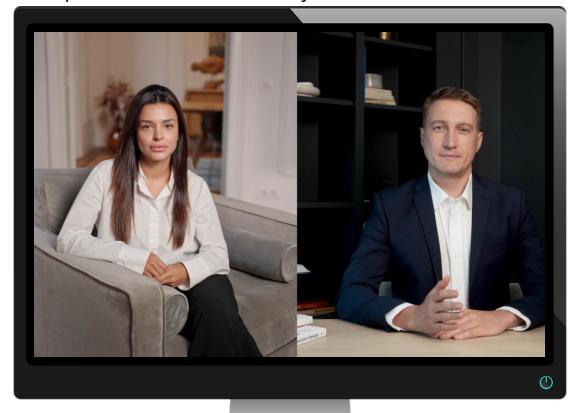
#### Some examples



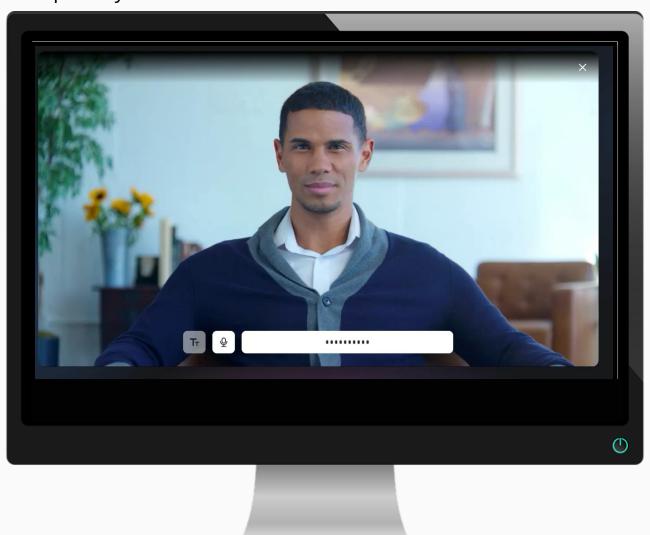
#### Example: Agent in STADA's GPT Marketplace







#### Example: HeyGen AI Avatar



#### New way of video creation with AI: Live-Avatar, podcasts and avatar training videos

**Live-AI avatar to answer questions**Live interaction with AI avatar based on websites

#### **AI podcasts**

new way to share information, just based on documents or presentations

#### **Training videos**

Create training videos based on documents, presentations





### **Questions?**



## Our recipe to **transform business** in Automation & AI **with a lean team**

A **dedicated cross-functional team** from business and IT with clear ownership and deep business insight forms the foundation—amplified by **scalable, strategic partnerships**.

Structured **frameworks** drive the screening and **deployment of technologies**, a **digital workplace** and ROI-focused **use case delivery** and ensure tangible business value from automation and AI initiatives.

A **holistic communication strategy**, anchored at all organizational levels, serves as the key enabler for sustainable transformation to achieve faster adoption.