

IMPLEMENTATION GUIDE: ERP migration at-a-glance

PREPARATION

- Scrutinize your own operations**
- Get buy-in and support from the CEO and other C-suite executives;** front-line employees—shop floor, procurement, and core functions like HR and accounting—are equally important
- Determine the baseline metrics—key performance indicators (KPIs)—for core business processes**
- Inventory and map current systems, workloads, and workflows,** as well as the data the systems process, store, and transmit
- Answer questions such as:**
 - Are systems and data siloed or well-integrated?
 - Is data consistent across operations?
 - Are there regulatory/compliance demands for how data is secured or where it is geographically stored?
 - Do mobile employees have the access and data they require?

SELECTION

- Only after companies have performed an internal business assessment** and considered the variables associated with different deployment architectures should they begin to evaluate the specific functions and characteristics of different ERP solutions.

- Consider a hybrid solution** that pairs on-premise applications with complementary cloud-based elements
- Ensure that the general-purpose functions of an ERP suite are as capable and on point as possible**
- Evaluate industry-specific functionality and built-in best practices;** look beyond core ERP functions and processes
- Be prepared for a complex change management operation**

ACTION

- Proper phasing of an ERP deployment is critical**
- Establish clear priorities and schedules for:**
 - Management reviews and approvals
 - Employee training
 - Data migration
 - ERP module implementation sequences
- Modify employee permissions and access rights to specific applications and data**
- Monitor, evaluate, and modify**