

Digitalisation accelerates order distribution in Europe

Yari, a manufacturer of inclusive cosmetics, doubles its order lines picked with Mecalux software.

Country: **Netherlands** | Sector: **cosmetics and personal care**



Based in the Netherlands, Yari is a family-run company devoted to producing and distributing inclusive and multicultural cosmetics. Its products are designed for people of all ages, skin colours and genders. Yari has become one of Europe's largest cosmetic distributors. Its catalogue of more than 100 SKUs includes items for skincare and hair care.

- » **Founded: 2010**
- » **Presence: 25 countries**

Agility is essential for supplying all of Yari's clients in Europe. "The quality of our service has made us a leading cosmetic distributor in more than 25 countries," says Managing Director Tabassum Malik. This Dutch business manufactures its own cosmetics, marketed under brands such as Lala's, Secret d'Afrique and Shaqa Shah. It also makes products for other well-known firms in the market.

To improve its supply chain efficiency and process orders more swiftly, Yari has digitalised its logistics facility in the Netherlands. "We've



CHALLENGES

- **Expedite the picking and distribution** of multicultural cosmetics throughout Europe.
- **Organise SKU storage** to boost order picking.

SOLUTION

- **Easy WMS warehouse management system.**

BENEFITS

- **Speed and efficiency**, doubling the number of orders.
- **Strategic distribution** of cosmetics, streamlining **storage and order shipping.**



implemented Mecalux's Easy WMS warehouse management system to make our operations faster and provide our clients with excellent service," says Malik. "As a result, we've doubled the number of orders we fill. Every day, we ship around 50 to our clients in Europe."

Strategically located in Berkel en Rodenrijs, near Rotterdam, Yari's 10,000 m² warehouse serves as a hub for distributing products to hundreds of clients across Europe. Proof of the company's commitment to continuous innovation is that its facilities house a research laboratory. In this lab, a multidisciplinary team develops new products and enhances existing formulas.

Mecalux integrated Easy WMS with Yari's Exact Globe ERP system to increase operational throughput. "The synergy between the software programs gives us a comprehensive, real-time view of all our logistics activities. And that empowers us to make strategic decisions and implement improvements much more easily," says Malik.



More agile operations

Easy WMS has optimised all warehouse processes, from the receipt of goods from the production lines to order fulfilment and distribution. "The Mecalux software has helped us upgrade our logistics processes. Now, we're faster than before while allocating the same resources. Plus, we've brought down costs by shortening process times," says Malik.

Through RFID scanners, the digital system sends operators precise instructions to complete each task. "Digitalisation has transformed our way of working. Our staff has seen a significant improvement in the way they perform their daily activities," says Malik.

Easy WMS has streamlined one of the most demanding processes in Yari's facility: order picking. Aided by the software, operators now locate the inclusive cosmetics they need to put together each order more quickly. "This digital tool makes their job easier and avoids errors," says Malik.



"Digitalisation has been key to optimising our logistics processes and strengthening our relationships with clients throughout Europe."

Tabassum Malik
Managing Director, Yari

How has Yari managed to expedite picking? Through Easy WMS's specific instructions and the efficient task organisation. Before, operators would prepare orders one at a time. Now, they fill several at once. Warehouse pickers follow the batch picking method, retrieving items for various orders on a single run.

One of the company's biggest clients is Kruidvat, a leading Dutch pharmacy and chemist chain specialising in health and beauty products. Kruidvat typically places large orders. "Previously, we needed several days to ship these orders, but now, we can finish the work in under three hours," says Malik.

Effective organisation

To speed up order fulfilment, Yari has restructured all its logistics processes. One of these was stock management, which has been instrumental in accelerating picking. "Keeping inventory well-organised allows operators to find the cosmetics they need to fill orders. With the products identified, we've reduced the time required to locate them," says Malik.

"When the goods arrive from production, Easy WMS assigns each pallet a position taking into account variables such as its SKU and demand level. The skincare and hair care products are organised automatically, minimising the risk of error. Digitalisation has simplified the other warehouse tasks as well. The Mecalux software creates pick paths to ensure that operators travel the minimum possible distances during putaway and picking tasks.

Agility in action

Yari's warehouse makeover — resulting in highly effective operations — is yet another testament to the power of innovation. By digitalising its facility with Easy WMS, the business has expedited its logistics processes. It can now comfortably satisfy its clients' expectations, meeting ever-tighter delivery deadlines.

Smart inventory management and rational work organisation have enabled Yari to double its order fulfilment capacity. By achieving operational excellence, the company has secured its position as a leader in the European cosmetic industry.