How Cognizant Helps Enterprises Unlock AI-First Value with SAP

Through certified excellence and a collaborative approach with SAP, Cognizant is helping enterprises modernize ERP landscapes with cloud, automation and AI-driven innovation.

This perspective is based on an SAP Community blog featuring an interview with Sivakumar Varadananjayan (Cognizant), Christophe André, and Hossam Saad from SAP.

Enterprise transformation today demands more than traditional enterprise resource planning (ERP) implementations. Organizations need models that embed intelligence, automation and industry specificity at every stage. Cognizant, in collaboration with SAP, is aiming to help clients achieve this through a strategy grounded in certified excellence, security and innovation.

Three Pillars of Transformation

Cloud Enablement: Modernization begins with a scalable foundation. Cognizant applies clean-core principles and leverages SAP S/4HANA Cloud and SAP Business Technology Platform (BTP) aiming to deliver predictable timelines and reduced risk. Governance tools such as SAP Cloud ALM ensure migrations are structured and future ready.

Intelligent Automation: Embedding SAP Business AI and Joule agents into ERP workflows transform operations from manual to intelligent. Combined with Cognizant's automation frameworks, this approach aims to improve accuracy, accelerate decision-making and frees talent for strategic priorities.

Customer-Centric Design: Every transformation is tailored to business objectives. Through co-innovation and industry-in-context solutions, Cognizant supports aligning technology with measurable outcomes, ensuring relevance and impact across sectors.

Partnership in Action

Cognizant's role as a RISE with SAP Validated Partner underscores its commitment aiming to deliver secure, compliant and innovative solutions. This partnership supports enterprises to adopt multi-cloud architectures and AI-driven workflows with confidence.

One recent engagement with leading nutrition company Mead Johnson Nutrition illustrates the value of collaboration and integrated planning:

"Cognizant is the lead partner. It takes a lead partner, the understanding and maturity of building an integrated project plan and develop that one team mentality to drive such a complex engagement. Cognizant as a big brother on the program has delivered this. Hands down."
— Chakravarthy Aravapalli, Regional CIO, EU and APJ, Mead Johnson Nutrition

From Certification to Continuous Innovation

Since earning its first SAP certification in 2011, Cognizant has evolved from compliance-focused delivery to continuous innovation. Today, global certifications in SAP Security Operations, DevOps automation and cloud governance position Cognizant to help clients embrace predictive analytics, sustainability frameworks and AI-first architectures.

For organizations seeking to modernize their SAP landscape, Cognizant provides a collaborative approach and a clear vision for what's next.

Explore the full SAP Community blog: an in-depth interview with **Sivakumar Varadananjayan** (Cognizant, SAP Cloud Competency Leader), **Christophe André** (SAP Auditor & Partner Manager) and **Hossam Saad** (SAP Partner Manager), to see how certified excellence and co--innovation are driving real SAP transformation.

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