

Packaging manufacturer modernizes its asset management maintenance with Ultimo solutions



About the Company

CDF Corporation is a global leader in the manufacturing of flexible packaging solutions, serving industries across North America and Europe. With facilities including Cheer Pack North America and QuadPack in Sweden, CDF provides everything from industrial containers to consumer food pouches. Their operations rely on complex, high-value machinery that demands reliable, efficient maintenance systems.

"One of the big benefits we've seen to Ultimo is that we've actually raised the level of the maintenance and technicians."

"Ultimo has helped us shift from paper and sticky notes to a predictive, proactive system and our maintenance team is fully on board."

Challenges

- Reliance on manual tracking with paper and spreadsheets
- No dedicated system for asset or maintenance management
- Difficulty integrating front-line tools with backend workflows
- Lack of preventive and predictive maintenance structure

"Previously, the only help desk solution we really had in place was for IT, and when we saw Ultimo, we realized that this would be extremely helpful in maintaining the machinery, setting up preventive maintenance, even anticipatory maintenance where we can do a study and say, this certain part breaks every 3000 hours, so let's replace it at 2,800, right? So for all those reasons, we moved over from our help desk system to Ultimo EAM software."

Alex Ivkovic, CIO at CDF Corporation

Implementation

Key Objectives

- Implementation of Ultimo EAM across critical machinery
- Digitization of maintenance planning and reporting
- Elevated technician engagement and team capability
- Seamless integration with Poka for real time shop floor issue reporting

CDF Corporation implemented the Ultimo EAM software across their facilities to further enhance its operational efficiency by leveraging comprehensive tools for managing maintenance activities, ensuring health and safety compliance and improving cross-departmental collaboration.

"It was a pretty good implementation process and we looked through all of the manufacturing pieces of it and we really loved it."

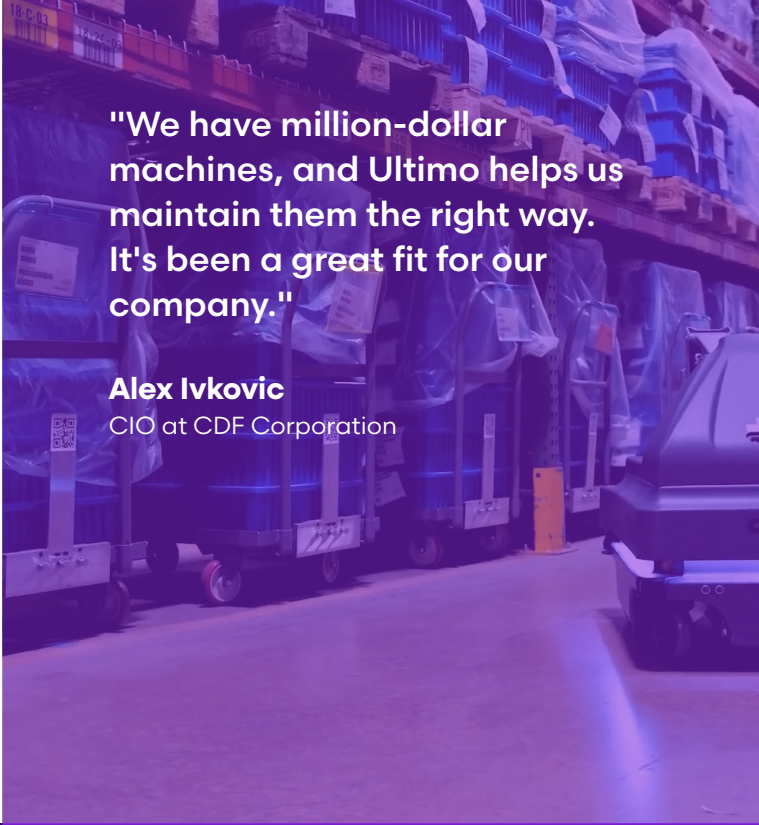
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Solutions & Results

Since implementing Ultimo, CDF Corporation has seen measurable improvements across performance, team engagement, and operational visibility.

The benefits achieved so far are:

- Improved operational visibility
- Reduced downtime through predictive maintenance
- Engaged, upskilled maintenance teams
- Integration across the factory floor



"We have million-dollar machines, and Ultimo helps us maintain them the right way. It's been a great fit for our company."

Alex Ivkovic
CIO at CDF Corporation

The Future

Looking ahead, CDF Corporation are considering expanding the implementation of IFS Ultimo to all their machines, and fully embracing the predictive maintenance, while adopting a tactical maintenance approach. This approach will allow them to move from reactive responses to data-driven, proactive asset management. It will also empower their teams with better insights, improve uptime and support continuous optimization across their operations.

We are excited to continue collaborating with CDF Corporation as they advance their digital transformation and enhance their asset management capabilities.