

4 REASONS COMPANIES IN THE UAE SHOULD ADOPT A CRM





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WHAT IS A CRM?

Customer Relationship Management or CRM is often seen as an all-encompassing term for the way a business brings together its technology, operating practices and customer relations strategy, including that all-important marketing and advertising.

CRM services used to be considered mere data collection points but have, in recent years, become powerful tools that can dictate how customers interact with your company and how you, in turn, interact with them.



WHAT IS A CRM?

In its simplest form, a CRM system could store your customer's email and address details when they purchase something from your business.

At its most advantageous, however, it's an indispensable tool that enables you to monitor and measure performance across multiple channels, carry out marketing campaigns and drill deeper into the wants and needs of your most important asset.

In short, CRM improves the connection between you and your customer and develops a deeper, more sustainable relationship that lasts over time.



Major companies like
Uber, Airbnb and LinkedIn
all have something in
common – a reliable,
scalable CRM system

4 Reasons to implement a CRM

Having implemented Salesforce CRM, we are now capturing data from all over the world - that information is crucial for us to win projects.

Omar Rathore-Rayi, Head of Commercial MENA, Pultron Composites





55% percent of consumers would pay more for a better customer experience.

DEFAQTO Research

1. ACCESS TO MORE INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR CUSTOMERS

A central CRM system allows your entire organisation to add to, edit and access data and information about all customer interactions - in fact using various plugins and APIs it will even allow your customers to input information directly into it the system themselves.

This means that the conversation had in store, mixed with the visit and purchase online, to the post purchase tweet of satisfaction, can all be recorded, stored, tracked and utilised most effectively to give you the full picture of who your customer is and their likes and dislikes.

It allows your organisation to start working together as one, no matter the size of the business or the geographical location. You can then get to work on making those necessary changes to improve your customer experience that will keep your customers happy and coming back to you, again and again.

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Salesforce CRM gave us everything we needed to move away from manual excel reporting; it was easy to use and provided a centrally managed location for all customer and vendor interaction and information which we were lacking. It also gave us the scope to make changes on the fly when needed and will grow into other areas of the business like technical and logistics.



Matthew Drum, Channel Sales Manager, Enterprise Systems

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The customer of 2020 will expect companies to know their individual needs and personalise their experience. Immediate resolution will not be fast enough as customers will expect the brands they do business with to proactively anticipate their needs.

Lauren Kindzierski, VP of Solution and Capabilities,HGS

2. PERSONALISED CUSTOMER COMMUNICATIONS

Having the capability to store all of this information is great, but using it in a sophisticated way is key and can bring a huge return on investment.

A CRM system that has been customised to suit your business needs will enable you to personalise communications to your existing and target customers, delivering the right message at the right time to maximise sales.

Identifying trends and acting on them will help to deliver an exceptional customer experience and ultimately keep customers happy and loyal.

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We are just beginning to see the wide spread adoption of CRM systems across businesses in the MENA region - meaning there is still huge potential for growth and an opportunity to gain competitive advantage for those who act now.

Jake Callaway, 4C Regional Director, UAE





3. INSIGHT TO IMPROVE YOUR EXISTING OFFERING

The huge amount of data being gathered across different interaction points will give you a much clearer insight into what products and services are performing well, and where there are opportunities for improvements.

It will also help give visibility to which campaigns have been most effective in driving revenue, which target audience is most profitable, thus giving you the insight on what strategy to move forward with, and where to focus resource to maximise ROI.

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As a company, you need to get to the future first, ahead of your customers, and be ready to greet them when they arrive.

> Marc Benioff, CEO, Salesforce

52% of high-performing salespeople identified themselves as power users who take full advantage of their companies' CRM technology.

Harvard Business Review

4. ABILITY TO IMPROVE EMPLOYEE SATISFACTION

Keeping an energised, motivated and happy workforce is another key component in future proofing success for your organisation.

Having all relevant data easily available, not having to login to many different applications or systems to get to it, and freeing up time through automating previously manual tasks will increase efficiency and allow employees to spend more time on the job in hand - leading to a more effective workforce.

The organisation will benefit from working from a centralised system and with easy reporting tools and personalised dashboard functionality, giving employees the power to make better decisions based on key metrics. This will reduce the number of missed opportunities, increase success rate and lead to higher performing, happier employees.

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Data is a key component to improving customer experience - or rather being able to manage and utilise data in a sophisticated way that allows you to manage your customers and potential customers at every point along your (hopefully) long relationship with them is.

Having a structure and architecture in place that effectively manages data being collected at every interaction with your audience is vital if your organisation is going to be able to personalise and deliver the best possible experience for customers.



CONCLUSION: CRM FOR IMPROVED CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

This is why having a high quality, effective CRM system in place at your organisation is vital for its current and future success.

In short putting the customer at the heart of your business strategy is the key to success. CRM allows you to do just that.

Whilst businesses are moving towards CRM platforms like Salesforce at great speed, there is still some naivety around the implementation side of these projects. An experienced partner can be key to the successful delivery of your CRM project, and the continued success of your business moving forward.

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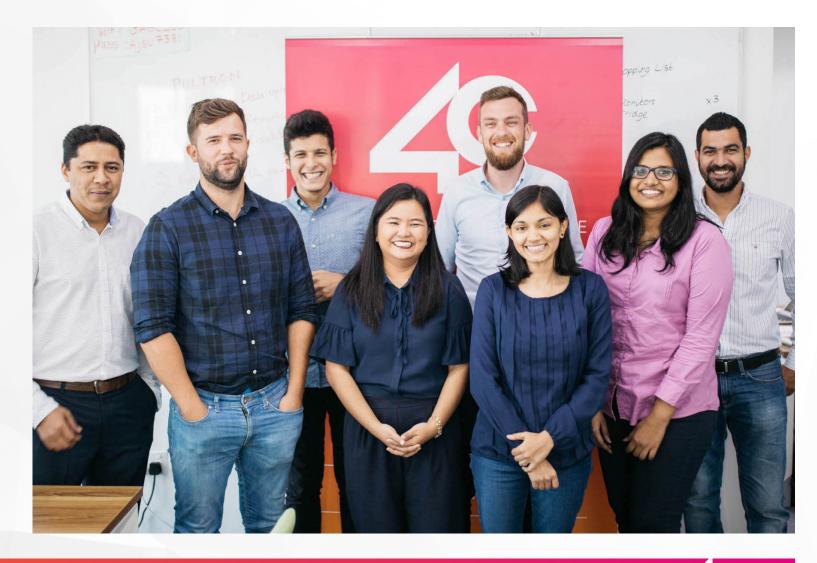
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