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How Life Sciences companies are using innovative technologies to achieve Tender Excellence







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### Tendering remains a challenge for global enterprises



Are we **missing** important tenders?

We need to **plan** - how big is our market?

How do we **discover** public tenders?

What is the **best price** to bid?

Do we have enough time to prepare our tender responses?

How to **handle** tons of documents for tender submission?





### **OUR MISSION**

Our goal, in Cube RM, is to empower large enterprises to accelerate **revenue growth** and be more productive in the process. We do that by offering a Revenue Management & Optimization software suite including an intuitive **Tender management & CPQ system** with integrated pricing guidance. Leveraging state of the art technologies like Natural Language Processing and Machine Learning and software automation to help companies efficiently create and evaluate sales quotes & tender proposals and identify optimum pricing.



End-to-end tender management

# Tender Central

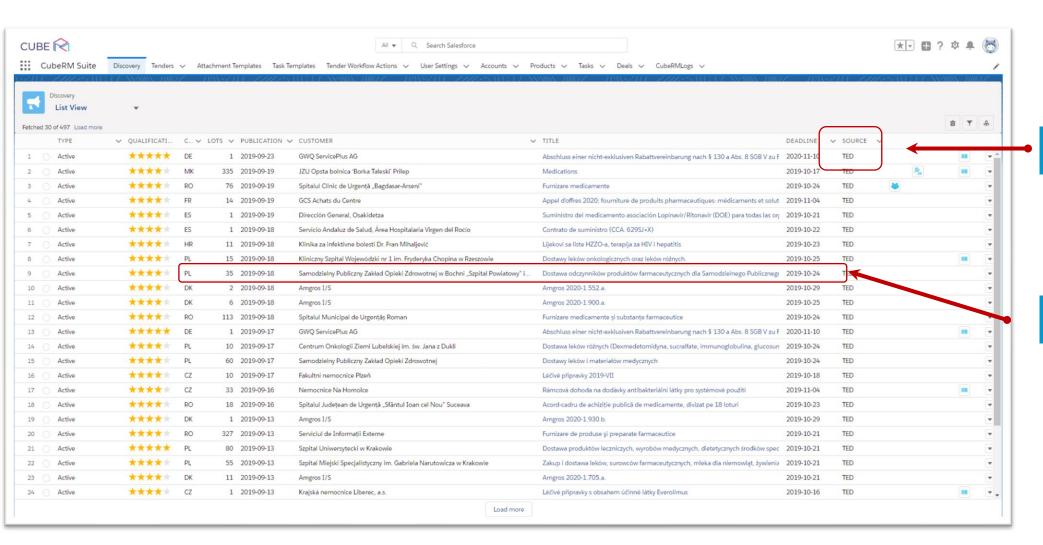
### Tender Central | pro-active & end-to-end tender management





**360° view** of your tenders planning and evaluation leveraging automated tender screening, competitive intelligence, sophisticated workflows & audit capabilities, and machine learning.

### Discover New Tenders from Online Sources



### Online connect

Connect to and automatically screen online tender sources

## Tender information

Contracting authority, Key dates, Budget, and other relevant tender information



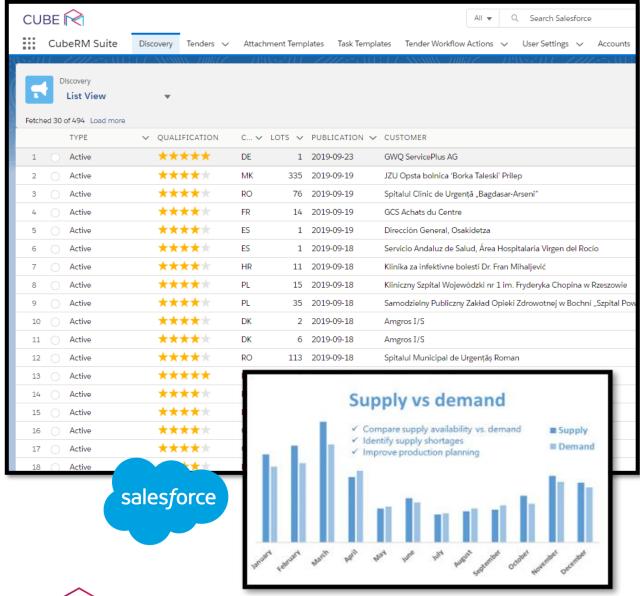


### Natural Language Processing (NLP) to find more relevant tenders





### **Qualify New Tenders**



### Qualification score

Weighted score based on many criteria

Keywords

Focus on tenders with more relevant keywords identified

**Budget** 

Focus on tenders with high or low budget values

**Success rates** 

Focus on tenders with high probability of winning

**Profitability** 

Focus on the most profitable tenders

**Supply capacity** 

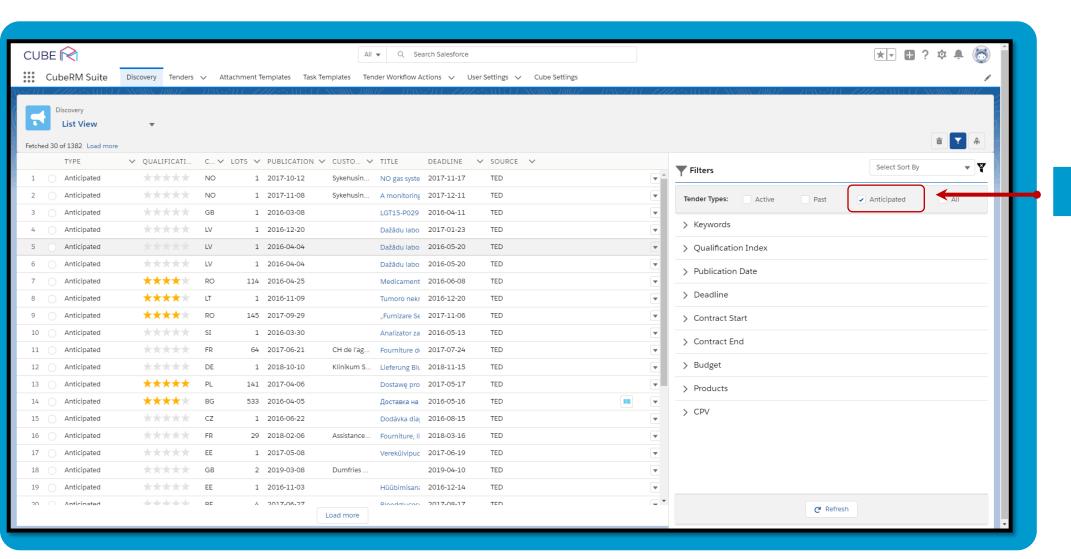
Avoid tenders which may result in supply shortages

Strategic criteria

Focus on tenders with strategic importance i.e. high growth markets, key customers, etc.



### Plan ahead with Anticipated Tenders



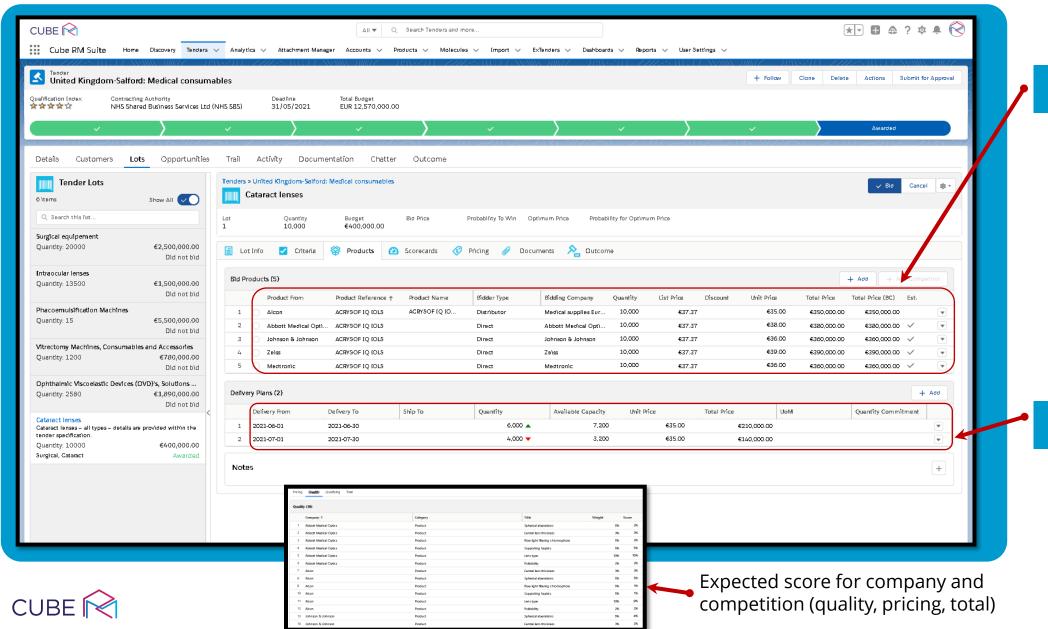
### Anticipated tenders

Automatically create anticipated tenders that may be published in the future based on past awards and contracts expiration dates





### Bidding Information & Competitive intelligence



### Bidding info

Company and competition

Product & Company reference/similar product

Distributors/partners

Pricing: list price, discount and final price

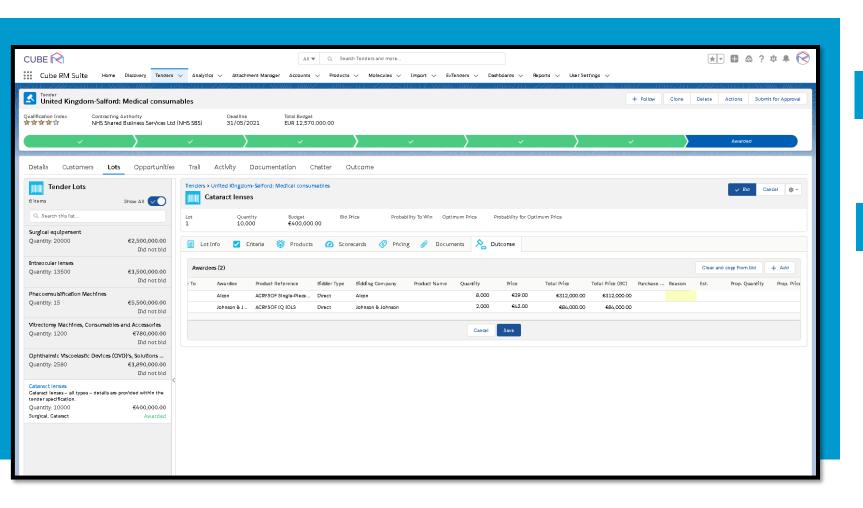
Units & UoM

### Delivery plans

Delivery information including requested quantities per time

Supply shortage indication sales force

### **Outcome Tracking**



### Outcome

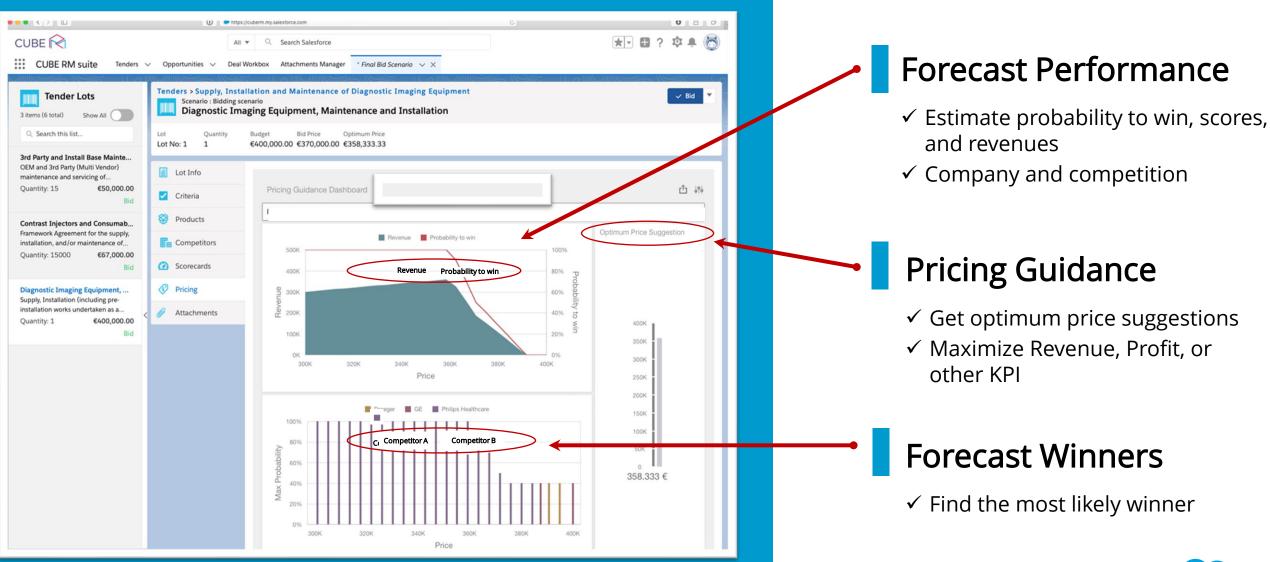
Awarded or not tenders, Won / Lost / Partially Won

## Award and Competitive intelligence

Quantity, price, and revenue per product for the company and the competition.



### Tender Predictive guidance using Machine Learning







# The Journey to Tender Excellence

Multiple benefits from transforming tendering to a strategic, plannable, and globally coordinated business

Increase Revenue Plan ahead Increase Profitability Avoid out of stock **Higher Efficiency** 

Increase Success Rates Ensure compliance & corporate discipline

Better management & reduced risks

Continuous Improvement

Tender Fulfillment

















Discovery

Increase tenders' visibility using NLP & anticipated tenders

### Qualification

Prioritize with Bid no Bid guidance

### Preparation

Reduced preparation effort

### Evaluation

Scenarios and ML-based Pricing guidance

### **Approvals**

Automate approval rules and workflows

### Submission

Manage tasks and documentation

Governance

360 view & control





Continuous development by introducing new tender initiatives and enabling technologies throughout the tender cycle and beyond!







### Customer case: Bavarian Nordic



ASTRID BUYS
Global Head of Tenders & Pricing



Cube RM Tender Central offers to us a true 360° view, monitoring, and control of our tendering business, helping us to plan ahead strategically for new tenders and improve our tender process efficiency and sales performance.







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Global Head of
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# CUBE RM: Bavarian Nordic's Implementation of a tender system





# Background on decision to implement new tender system



# Commercialization of new assets

Expansion of Commercial Team



### **Key Pain Points**





Centralized tender department



Limited resources



No single point of reference for tender information



Lacked structured award and competitive intelligence for tenders



Limited visibility for new tender opportunities



★★☆ No method to structurally qualify new tenders



Business alignment



### Questions we were asking



Where to play? What markets should we focus on, what does it mean for workload?



Blind Spots



- Size of Tender Business per market
- Number of Tenders
- Size of tenders (volume)
- Duration of tenders

- Tender award Criteria per market (& tender)
- What quality criteria are the most commonly used and where?
- What should we know which we don't?
- When do what opportunities occur?



### **Implementation**



Requirements of internal stakeholders were assessed (Commercial, Finance, Supply, Legal)

Specific vendors were evaluated and assessed according to the internal requirements

Project plan was discussed with CUBE RM, our chosen vendor Market Report to inform about where to play + what to screen

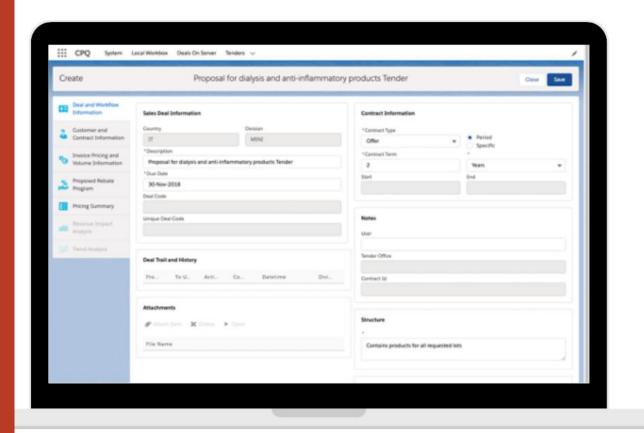
T&C Calendar

Uploading of existing information into T&C Calendar Adding tracking functionalities to the T&C Calendar



### Solution provided by CUBE RM





- Quick & easy access for management of tender information
- Effective tracking of tender outcome & sales performance
- NLP based access to online tender info
- Bid-No Bid decision guidance
- Facilitated better business alignment
- Connecting to multiple online tender sources



### **Derived Benefits**





Optimizing the commercial business by having visibility of existing and upcoming T&C opportunities



Automated forecasting for easier sales & volume budgeting, pricing governance guidance



### Growing the T&C Business through

Not missing any opportunity

Being aware of tenders before they are published Improved win-rate with time through gathered intelligence "One source of truth"

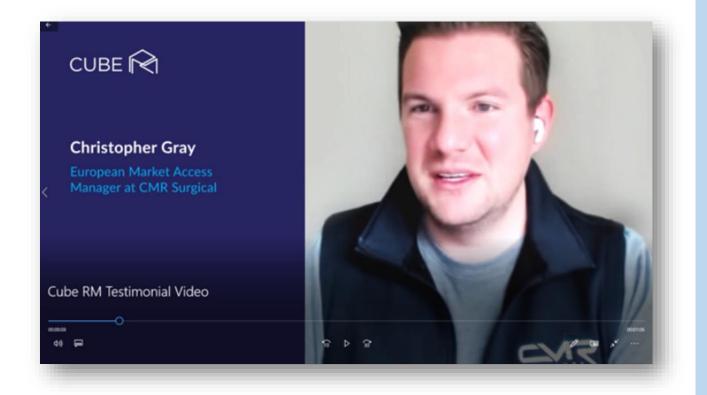
Optimal filtering & prioritizing of opportunities Improved overview of the tendering process



# THANK YOU!



### **Customer case: CMR Surgical**





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Partnering with Cube RM has helped us fundamentally improve our tendering business, with NLP and keyword based smart search and a powerful qualification index to prioritize our efforts and focus on the tenders that matter the most.

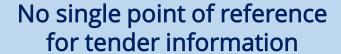




### Quick and easy access to relevant tender information







- No regional overview of tenders and their status
- Tenders are stored ad-hoc in various forms and formats without any guidance





## Quick & easy access to relevant tender information



- Key tender dates, lots, and other relevant tender info.
- Search capabilities for active & historical info



### **Seamless CRM Integration**







- No clear guidance or relationship between tenders & their respective opportunities in the CRM
- Important tender information like criteria, key tender dates, and lot info is either missing from SFDC opportunities or needs to be entered manually
- Contracting authorities need to be manually mapped to SFDC accounts



## Cube RM Tender Management SW for SFDC ensures seamless integration

salesforce

- Tenders/Lots can automatically create/be linked to SFDC opportunities and accounts.
- The new system can automatically suggest possible contracting authorities matches from SFDC accounts.
- Integration with SFDC calendars for various tender types.



### NLP and keyword based Smart Search for New Tenders







- Limited or no tender visibility for selected/important markets in Europe
- Reactive and not strategic planning for new tenders





### NLP based access to online tender info



- Automated connectivity to online tender sources.
- Smart search with Natural Language Processing (NLP) and relevant keywords (e.g. product categories) for exact & similar terms in multiple languages.
- Planning ahead by scanning prior tender notices
   & anticipated /not yet published tenders.



### A Powerful Qualification Index







- Ad-hoc decisions per tender with no clear or agreed criteria
- No record or justification for "passed" opportunities





### Bid/No Bid Guidance



- Automated qualification score per tender and lot based on identified criteria to prioritize tenders and lots
- Justified Bid no bid-decision and tracking of "passed" opportunities



### **Business Alignment**





### Lack of Business Alignment

- Lack of automation & central governance
- No regional overview and control





### **Better Business Alignment**



- Regional overview and control of tenders per stage
- Configurable aggregated analytics to aid decision making and continuous improvement



### **Derived benefits**





Better overview of the tender business within Salesforce.com



Improved tenders' visibility and prioritization



Improved sales performance and process efficiency











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