



Allied Bakeries Commissions It's Largest Bread Plant



ALLIED BAKERIES

At a Glance

What they wanted to do

- Increase productivity
- Reduce waste
- Improve product quality
- Improved efficiency
- Reduced costs

What were the success criteria

- Maintain supply during the upgrade
- Excellent product quality
- Reduced unit cost of production.

What they accomplished

- The largest bread plant in the group produces 10,000 loaves an hour
- Energy efficiency
- Fantastic Product Quality
- More efficient production

Customer

Allied Bakeries is part of Associated British Foods (ABF). The ABF group's recent half year results show revenues are up 10% to £6.33bn and adjusted profit before tax up 25% to £425 Million. ABF has continued its 5 year investment plan in its bakery division despite the highly competitive nature of the UK bread market.

“Grocery profit improved substantially and benefited from non-recurrence of restructuring costs”

Charles Sinclair - ABF chairman

Challenge

To increase productivity, increase staff performance and further stream line working methods.

“As well as being more energy efficient the new plant will reduce waste during the manufacturing process”

Carl Hampson - Regional General Manager





“The very best technology from around the world has been used”

Nick Law - Operations Director

Results

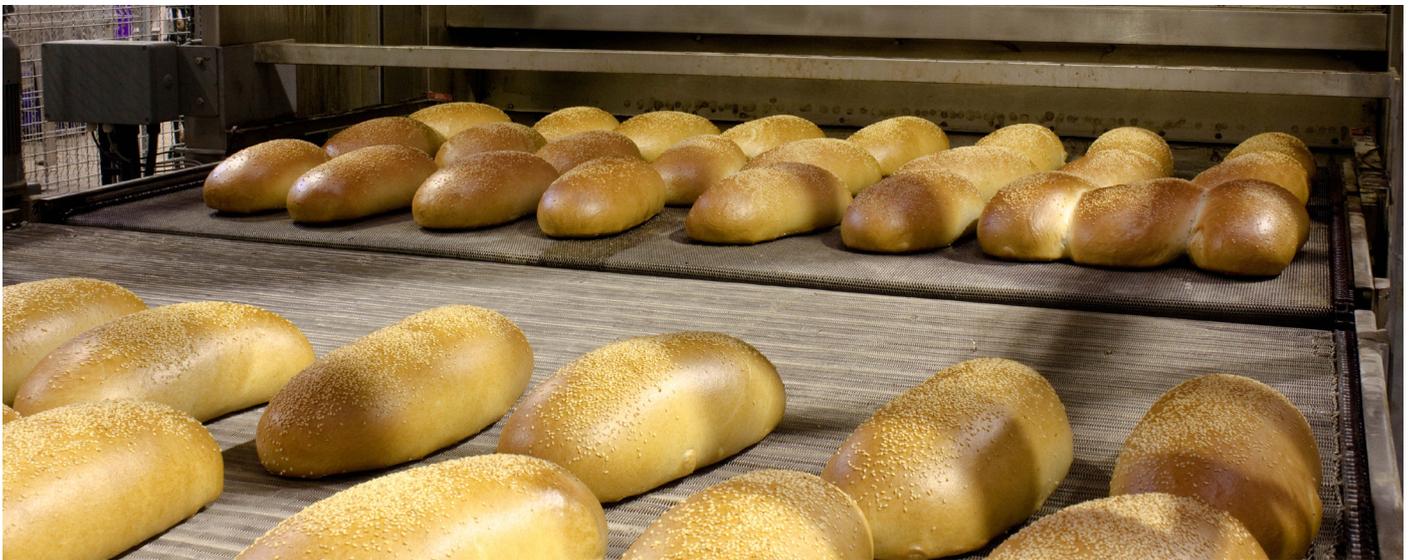
The product coming off the lines has been described as “fantastic” and is maintaining the excellent softness and freshness associated with the brands. Improvements in all aspects of production has been achieved.

“During the investment it was important to maintain the 99% order fulfilment targets”

Nick Law - Operations Director

Solution

The business have achieved a step change in performance having replaced silos, installed a 10,000 loaves an hour bread plant and improved plant infrastructure. The layout of the factory had consideration for all aspects of safety, efficiency and ergonomics during design.



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