

# Retail Assortment Management Performance Blueprint





Information Management

## Introduction

Selecting and managing merchandise is always a balancing act—and it all starts with a good plan. Accelerating consumer trends, changing market conditions and greater consumer buying choices have made developing a good plan a challenge for retailers who want to offer a differentiated assortment and maximize merchandise profits.

So, how are successful retailers able to prosper while others falter? The answer is they can easily model scenarios to develop optimal plans, view their merchandise performance against plans and use this visibility to make smarter decisions. They have the tools to gauge changing customer tastes and priorities and make the necessary adjustments to plans and operations to address customer preferences and market factors.

With the *IBM Cognos® Retail Assortment Management Performance Blueprint*, you too can have these tools. The *Retail Assortment Management Blueprint* provides you with the visibility to develop better merchandise plans, to know how you are doing in real time and to make adjustments quickly–all while protecting profits, growing sales and satisfying customers with unique merchandise.

This document explains the content of the *Retail Assortment Management Performance Blueprint*, a Web-based solution for retailers that specifically focuses on merchandise planning and performance management. The solution is an asset for developing better plans to make smart inventory investments, managing stock levels to drive sales and margins and seeing trends as they emerge to align supply and demand.

## **Retail Assortment Management TM1 Model**

With the *Retail Assortment Management Blueprint*, retailers can set top down merchandise planning targets and merchants or buyers can create a bottom-up merchant forecast that eventually consolidates with the top down targets.

The *Retail Assortment Management Blueprint* can be deployed either with IBM Cognos TM1 Web software or TM1 Contributor. Both front ends have been fully configured and are included with the *Blueprint*. This document provides views and describes model functionality based on the TM1 Contributor interface.

The *Retail Assortment Management Blueprint* consists of 10 different data cubes. Eight are shown in the following flowchart and two others are used to define parameters and attributes in the model. User access to the various cubes is rolebased, so each user only sees the cubes necessary to complete his or her specific tasks in the planning process. For example, some users might only have access to the top-down plan, and others might only have access to the bottom-up planning components. For this document, the user is an administrator (admin), which means he or she has access to all tabs and every level of the contribution hierarchy.



#### **Assortment Management Blueprint Flowchart**

# Getting started

After the administrative user logs into TM1 Contributor, a page showing all available applications opens.



The administrator selects the Retail Assortment Management application and another screen opens that provides contribution and review access for the current user. The approval hierarchy is set up by division, with the divisions rolling up into Total Company.

Reviewers can view the consolidated results of the divisional forecasts and the effect of those forecasts on overall profitability and inventory positions. These reviewers can see the workflow status for each division that falls under their

responsibility, and they can also be co-owners of that information, which enables them to make edits, if required. All workflow status changes, data consolidations and aggregations occur in real time when the user saves information, making frequent planning iterations possible.

Before data is entered, the state of the plan is designated as O Not started. After a plan is saved, the state becomes O Work in progress and remains accessible for further editing. When an item is submitted, the plan is C Locked and no more changes can be made. The locked state indicates that the plan is ready for review. A reviewer can review the plan in any state, but can only reject a locked plan item. When a locked plan is rejected, it returns to work in progress, making it editable once again for the owner of that plan.

The following screen capture shows the workflow from the perspective of the final reviewer of Total Company data. This individual is a reviewer of Total Company and can view detail down to the lowest (division) level of the hierarchy.

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# Assumptions

Corporate guideline percentages are entered for returns, promotions, markdowns, COGS, shrinkage, distribution, and delivery. These percentages are used to calculate the financial plan for Top Down Targets and the Merchant Forecast unless overwritten by the user in either the Top Down Target Input tab or the Merchant Plan tab.

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# Actual Forecast

Weeks are flagged as either Actual or Forecast weeks for each version. This tab is hidden from the Contributor user, but would be updated by an administrator before starting a new forecast process. Weeks that are set to **Actual** will pick up data that has been pre-loaded into the Actual version and weeks that are set to forecast will use either the Top Down or Merchant Forecast calculations, depending on version that are described in this document.

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#### **Products Attributes**

This cube contains various attributes for the Products dimension. The following list names the various attributes for the product dimension and highlights how they are used in the model:

- **Subtotal:** This attribute is used to identify three individual subtotal items that were created to consolidate data for the three different product types: Seasonal, Basic and Waves. Each of these product types has its own dynamic subset of the products dimension and this attribute is used to add the subtotal item to the appropriate dynamic subset.
- Active: This attribute defines whether a product is active during any of the forecast periods or if it just exists in the model to hold history.
- **Season:** This attribute applies to seasonal products and defines which season that product was sold. Available seasons are Spring or Fall from 2007 to 2010.
- **Product Type:** This defines each product as a seasonal, basic, or waves product. This attribute determines which input tab this product will appear on and which of the three product type calculations will apply to the product.
- **Consumer Segment:** This attribute defines which consumer segment a products falls into, such as family, early adopter, casual.
- Vendor: This attribute defines the vendor of a given product.
- Material: This attribute defines the material of a given product, such as cotton, wool or goretex.
- Size: This attribute defines the size of a given product (S = Small, O = one size).
- Item Name: This attribute is an alias and defines an item's product name. The product list is set up by SKU number and this field holds the full item name for each SKU.
- Color: This attribute defines the color of a given product.
- Style: This attribute defines the style of a given product.

If the attributes are updated here, the cubes created in the model will pick up the change and calculations in the model will adjust accordingly. For example, if a product is changed from a seasonal basic type of product to a waves type of product, the item will no longer show up on the Merchant Plan Input Seasonal tab. Instead it will be available on the Merchant Plan Input Waves tab and the merchant plan calculations will adjust to use the waves calculation methodology for this item. Some changes to attributes require the user to log out of Contributor and then back in to see the change reflected in the templates.

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#### **Seasonality Profiles**

Seven different profiles are available to spread data over seasons or user defined waves seasons. Each profile has six time buckets or phases. Profiles include basic, flat, flat front loaded, high front loaded, medium front loaded, custom1 and custom2. The custom profiles are intended to be changed by the divisional users and each division could have different custom1 and custom2 profiles. The seasonality profiles can work for varying season lengths. Calculations in the model compare season start and season end dates and then allocate the time between into six different buckets or phases. The gross sales and units are then allocated to the weeks that fall in that season by using the seasonality profile proportions.



# Top Down Target Input

Users can view two years of actual data and year over year comp percentages for all financial plan measures. By entering comp percentages for gross sales and an average sales price per unit for the current year and next year, all financial plan measures calculate for each year using the corporate guideline percentages from the assumptions cube. A user can overwrite any of these percentages. A seasonality profile must also be selected as either prior year or two year average, which drives the allocation of the financial data down to the product and week levels for the top down target version in the financial plan cube. For example, if a user selects prior year, the calculations in the model will allocate the current year and next year top down target data to the products and weeks using the same proportion that applied to the actual data in the prior year.

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There are three different types of products in the model for merchant or bottom up planning: seasonal, basic and waves. Seasonal products are products that are sold for a single season. In the model, we have defined each season as one half of a year or 6 months. The seasons are spring or fall for each year and are pre-defined for each product, but can be overwritten by the user in the Products Attributes tab. Basic products are products that are sold year after year. Waves products are products that have a season that can be defined by the user. The start week and season length for these products is defined by the user and would typically apply to faster selling products than the Seasonal products. Each of the three product types has its own input tab.

#### Merchant Plan Input Seasonal

When planning Seasonal product types, the user sees PY Sales Category Average, PY Avg Sales Price per Unit Category Average and PY Units Category Average and can enter Sales, Average Sales Price per Unit, Season and a seasonality profile for spreading the data over that season's weeks. Units and season start and end week calculate. Based on the seasonality profile selected, the model determines the proportion of planned sales and units that apply to each of the six seasonality profile phases and will then spread the data to the weeks that fall in that phase. The model will also apply the corporate guideline percentages for all other financial plan measures to come up with an overall merchant plan for these products. The results can be seen in the Merchant Plan tab and the user can overwrite the units or any of the percentages by week on that tab.

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The default view of the Merchant Plan Input Seasonal tab shows all seasonal products, but the user can limit the products list based on the various product attributes in the model. Here we demonstrate how a user would reselect the products list to show only products that are the color black. The user would first click on the drop-down arrow next to the Seasonal Basic [Products] dimension. The Subset Editor then opens.



The user can click on the Advanced button to open the Advanced Subset Editor.

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By clicking the filter icon, the user can choose to filter by level, attribute or wildcard. After **Filter by Attribute** is selected, the user can see a list of available attributes.



The user could filter by any of the attributes shown, but for this example, the user has selected **Color** and opened a drop-down box that provides the available colors in the product attributes. The user selects **Black** and clicks **OK**.



The result is a list of only the black products.



Clicking **OK** returns the user to the Merchant Plan Input Seasonal tab with a view of just the Black products. This same functionality could be used to plan by vendor, style, material or any of the other product attributes.

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ng Storm Coat-H-Black-H	51,036.46	71.14	717	97,875.00	75.00	1,305	5pring 2010	Week 1 2010	Week 26 2010	0 a
ng Storm Coat-M-Black-L	51,036.46	71.14	717	101,790.00	75.00	1,357	Spring 2010	Week 1 2010	Week 26 2010	60
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nd Chill 300 Fleece M-Black-5	39,474.27	78.25	504	78,300.00	75.00	1,044	Spring 2010	Week 1 2010	Week 26 2010	F
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## Merchant Plan Input Basic

When planning Basic products types, the user sees **Prior Year Sales**, **Prior Year Average Sales Price per Unit** and **Prior Year Units** and can enter current and next year sales and average sales price per unit and the number of units to calculate. The user also enters a Seasonality Profile for spreading the data over weeks. Profiles available are either **Prior Year Category Average** or **Two Year Category Average**. The model applies the corporate guideline percentages for all other financial plan measures to come up with an overall merchant plan for these products. The results can be seen in the Merchant Plan tab and the user can overwrite the units or any of the percentages by week on that tab.

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ital Pure Basic Products	7,462,800.00	1,0	99.25 6,709	8,350,000.00	1,124.00	7,429	8,550,000.00	1,148.95	7,442	
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aveTV 33 Colour-Black-O	2,038,800.00	1,2	00.00 1,699	2,250,000.00	1,225.00	1,837	2,300,000.00	1,250.00	1,840	Prior Year Category Averag
aveTV 36 Colour-Black-O	2,360,400.00	1,4	00.00 1,686	2,650,000.00	1,425.00	1,860	2,700,000.00	1,450.00	1,862	Two Year Category Averag
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## Merchant Plan Input Waves

When planning waves product types, the user can enter **Sales**, **Average Sales Price per Unit**, **Season Start Week**, **Season Length in Weeks** and **Seasonality Profile**. Units and season end week calculate. Based on the seasonality profile selected, the model determines the proportion of planned sales and units that apply to each of the six seasonality profile phases and will then spread the data to the weeks that fall within that phase. The model also applies the corporate guideline percentages for all other financial plan measures to come up with an overall merchant plan for these products. The results can be seen in the Merchant Plan tab and the user can overwrite the units or any of the percentages by week on that tab.

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Gamma PDA-3001-White-O	15,000.00	150.00	100	Week 23 2009	20	Week 42 2009	Flat	
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RipTide XS Sub-Black-O	15,000.00	160.00	94	Week 23 2009	20	Week 42 2009	Flat	
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# Merchant Plan

The merchant plan cube takes the sales, average sales price per unit and units data from the Merchant Plan Input cube and uses a series of calculations to spread the data to the appropriate weeks. Then the corporate assumptions for returns percentage, promotions percentages and so on are applied to calculate a full merchant plan for all financial plan measures by week. The user can overwrite the units or any percentages by week and by product if so desired.

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aross Sales Override	6,840	3,240	0	3,240	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3,600	0	
werage Sales Price per Unit	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	60.0	
ints	1,363.2	210.2	\$2.1	54.0	\$2.1	\$2.1	200.2	\$2.1	52.1	\$2.1	\$2.1	260.2	\$2.1	
inits Calculated	1,353.3	208.2	52.1	52.1	52.1	52.1	208.2	52.1	52.1	52.1	52.1	260.3	52.1	
Inits Override	114.0	\$4.0	0.0	54.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	60.0	0.0	
all Through %	239.5%	36.9%	9.1%	10.2%	10.6%	11.4%	50.1%	12.5%	13.7%	15.3%	17.1%	100.0%	19.4%	
tock to Sales %	38.0%	246.5%	995.1%	893.5%	860.5%	795.8%	181.5%	725.9%	664.7%	596.5%	531.8%	91.0%	468.9%	2
eturns	4,090	630	156	162	156	156	625	156	156	156	156	805	156	
leturns %	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	
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tarkdown 8 %	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	4.0%	
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Promotions	12,269	1,091	468	456	468	468	1,874	468	468	468	468	2,414	468	
romotions %	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	
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Vomotion B	0,179	1,261	312	324	312	312	1,249	012	312	312	312	1,609	312	
romotion B %	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%	
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# Financial Plan

The Financial Plan cube stores actual data and consolidates the top down targets and the merchant forecast. The default view shows the financial plan at the product category level. The user can drill into any version. Data is stored and can be reviewed down to the product and week levels.

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otal Products	20,534,734	1,232,084	6.0%	3,285,557	16.0%	1,232,084	6.0%	2,053,473	10.0%	2,874,863	14.0%	2,053,473	10.0%	821,389	
Softlines	9,141,471	540,031	5.9%	1,462,635	16.0%	540,400	6.0%	914,147	10.0%	1,279,006	14.0%	914,147	10.0%	365,659	
Mens	5,704,840	337,300	5.9%	912,774	16.0%	342,290	6.0%	570,404	10.0%	798,678	14.0%	570,404	10.0%	220,194	
MENS OUTERWEAR	5,704,840	337,300	5.9%	912,774	16.0%	342,290	6.0%	570,484	10.0%	798,678	14.0%	570,484	10.0%	228,194	
Womens	3,436,631	202,732	5.9%	549,861	16.0%	206,198	6.0%	343,663	10.0%	481,128	14.0%	343,663	10.0%	137,465	
WOMENS OUTERWEAR     ■     WOMENS OUTERWEAR     ■	3,436,631	202,732	5.9%	549,861	16.0%	206,198	6.0%	343,663	10.0%	481,128	14.0%	343,663	10.0%	137,465	
Hardlines	11,393,263	692,053	6.1%	1,822,922	16.0%	683,596	6.0%	1,139,326	10.0%	1,595,057	14.0%	1,139,326	10.0%	455,731	
Electronics	11,393,263	692,053	6.1%	1,822,922	16.0%	683,596	6.0%	1,139,326	10.0%	1,595,057	14.0%	1,139,326	10.0%	455,731	
Consumer Electronics	1,187,904	70,107	5.9%	190,065	16.0%	71,274	6.0%	118,790	10.0%	166,307	14.0%	118,790	10.0%	47,516	
A Morriso Theostee	10,205,359	621,945	6.1%	1,632,857	16.0%	612,322	6.0%	1,020,536	10.0%	1,428,750	14.0%	1,020,536	10.0%	408,214	

# Consensus

The consensus is another view of the financial plan data that aligns the top down target with the merchant forecast at the total products level and shows both a variance and a percentage of plan calculation. The percentage of plan shows the merchant forecast as a percentage of top down target.

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	Top Down Target	Merchant Forecast	🗄 Variance	% of Plan			
Gross Sales	20,534,734	21,437,515	902,781	104.4%			
Returns	1,232,084	1,074,342	-157,742	87.2%			
Promotions	3,285,557	3,037,014	-248,543	92.4%			
Promotion A	1,232,084	1,042,107	-189,977	84.6%			
Promotion B	2,053,473	1,994,907	-58,566	97.1%			
🗉 Markdowns	2,874,863	1,929,376	-945,486	67.1%			
Markdown A	2,053,473	1,071,876	-981,598	52.2%			
Markdown B	821,389	857,501	36,111	104.4%			
🗄 Net Sales	13,142,229	15,396,783	2,254,553	117.2%			
COGS	8,624,588	9,646,882	1,022,294	111.9%			
🗄 Gross Margin	4,517,641	5,749,901	1,232,260	127.3%			
Shrinkage	410,695	422,809	12,115	102.9%			
😑 Supply Chain Costs	2,464,168	1,071,788	-1,392,380	43.5%			
Distribution	2,053,473	643,064	-1,410,409	31.3%			
Delivery	410,695	428,724	18,029	104.4%			
🗄 Gross Profit	1,642,779	4,255,304	2,612,525	259.0%			
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# Strategic Stock Plan

The Strategic Stock Plan cube stores actual inventory data and also performs stock calculations for the merchant forecast. Sales and unit volumes are pulled from the Financial Plan cube to be used in the stock calculations. The user must enter inventory receipts at retail and inventory receipts units at the products level. All other items are calculated or are pulled from previous tabs in the model. This cube includes items such as inventory turnover, GMROI and beginning and closing inventory at retail and cost.

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Products/Default	Strategic Stock Plan		Menchant Forecast	- EDivision 1 - EC	Y Total		
	Beginning Inventory at Retail	Sales Value	Inventory Receipts at Retail	Permanent Markdown	Permanent Markdown Value	Closing Inventory at Retail	Beginning Invento
Total Products	4,979,273.03	21,437,514.79	22,091,909.63	0.09	1,908,271.87	5,574,772.33	36,2
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B MENS COATS	333,651.40	1,689,044.62	1,744,875.00	0.09	157,038.75	384,457.05	4,9
Woodland Coat M Brown-S	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Woodland Coat-M-Brown-M	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Woodland Coat-M-Brown-L	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Woodland Cost-M-Black-S	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Woodland Cost-M-Black-M	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Woodland Cost-M-Black-L	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Field Coat-M-Tan-S	1,711.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,711.00	
Field Coat-M-Tan-M	1,722.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,722.60	
Field Coat-M-Tan-L	1,738.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,738.80	
Field Coat-M-Grey-5	1,749.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,749.60	
Held Coat M-Grey-M	1,722.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,722.60	
Field Coat: M-Grey-L	1,733.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,733.40	
Double Goretex Coat-M-Navy-S	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.09	360.00	0.00	
Double Goretex Coat-M-Navy-M	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.09	360.00	0.00	
Double Goretex Coat-M-Navy-L	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.09	360,00	0.00	
Double Goretex Coat-M-Black-S	0.00	0.00	0,00	0.00	0,00	0.00	
Double Goretex Cost-M-Black-M	0.00	4,000.00	4,000,00	0.09	360,00	0.00	
Double Goretex Cost-M-Black-L	0.00	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.09	360.00	0.00	
Light Rain Coat-M-Olive-S	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Light Rain Coat-M-Olive-M	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Light Rain Coat-M-Olive-L	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
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Begrining Inventory at Retail	4,979,273.03	2,423,790.65	1,540,529.50	1,540,529.50	333,651.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Sales Value	21,437,514.79	11,031,328.05	7,297,782.31	7,297,702.31	1,609,044.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Inventory Receipts at Retail	22,091,909.63	12,002,575.00	7,739,175.00	7,739,175.00	1,744,075.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
emanent Markdown %	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1
ermanent Markdown Value	1,900,271.07	1,152,201.75	696,525.75	696,525.75	157,030.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Josing Inventory at Retail	5,574,772.33	3,307,624.65	1,942,196.05	1,942,196.85	384,457.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
leginning Inventory Units	36,291.26	33,446.78	20,295.66	20,295.66	4,935.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Inventory Receipts Units	177,870.73	167,170.95	88,926.89	88,926.89	20,726.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Units Sold	165,965.31	154,798.81	85,241.39	85,241.39	20,180.26	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Closing Inventory Units	45,196.68	45,818.92	23,981.15	23,981.15	5,481.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Beginning Driventory Margin %	0.49	0.49	0.49	0.49	0.49	0,00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1
Retail Sales Margin %-	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1
Inventory Receipts Margin %	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1
Sales Cost Value	9,646,001.66	5,324,097.98	3,284,002.04	3,284,082.04	760,070.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Inventory Receipts Cost Value	9,941,399.33	5,761,150.75	3,402,620.75	3,402,620.75	705,193.75	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Inventory Turnover	4.06	4.13	4.19	4.19	4.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
GMBOL	2.20	2.22	2.26	2.26	2.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

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A name for the new sandbox must be entered. In this example, the name of the new sandbox is "Best Case".

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You can now select either a Default or Best Case sandbox from the sandbox drop down, perform updates to the model for each of the two scenarios, compare the results of your different scenarios and when ready, commit or submit one version of the forecast to be consolidated with the other divisional plans.

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