



# Intro to brewery cold block design

– Brewery Systems

Alexander Stogniy  
Global Sales Manager, Brewery systems

# What we'll talk about today

– Agenda



- Brewery industry transformation
- Holistic cold block design for quality, safety and sustainability
- Customer journey
- Creating more value through a holistic approach to designing the entire cold block



# Industry transformation

– From manual operation to automated operation



Stable quality



Food safety  
and hygiene



Sustainability

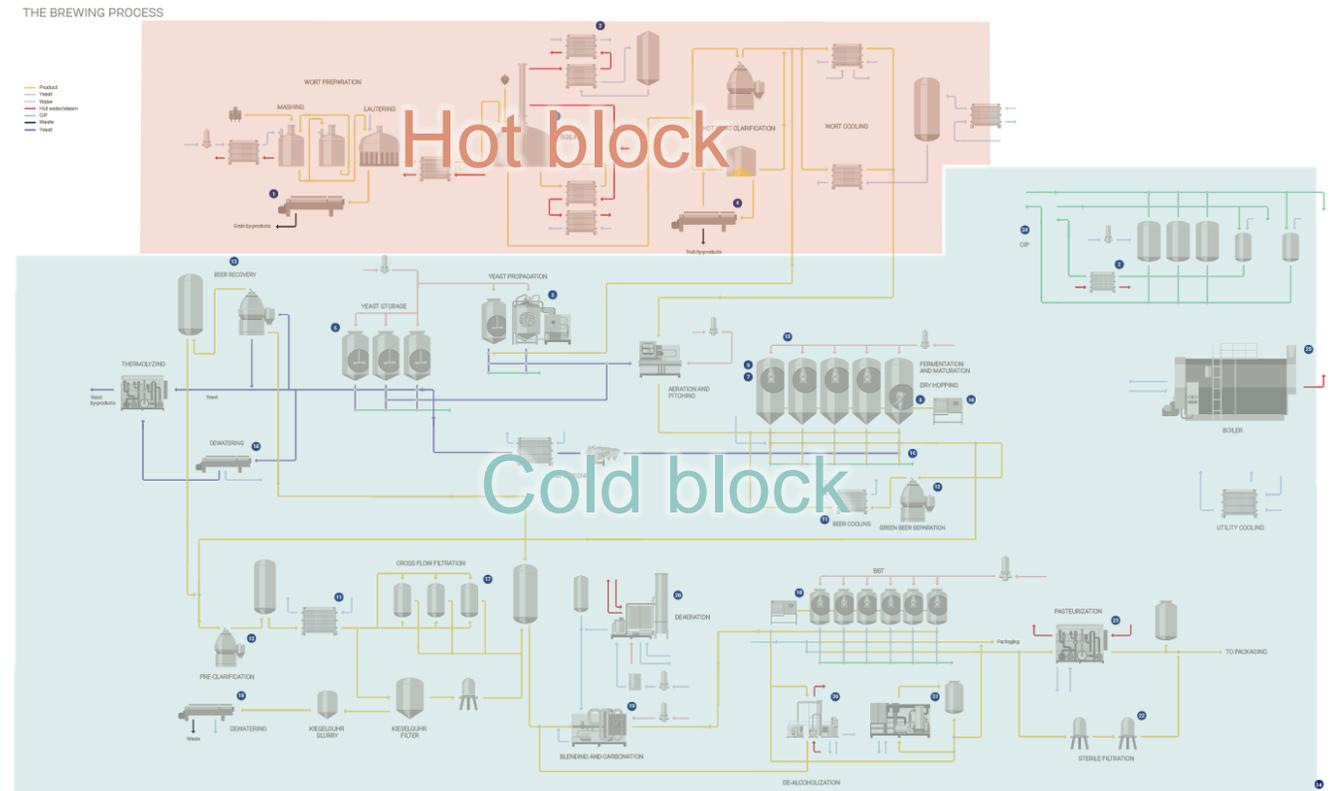
# Custom turnkey solutions for the cold block



– From wort cooling to packaging

## Optimizing process design for new or existing facilities

- Biological contamination
- Oxygen pick up
- Product losses
- Yeast management
- Fermentation efficiency
- Product stabilization
- Cleaning-in-Place (CIP) efficiency
- Water and energy consumption
- Waste stream management
- Other areas



# Comprehensive brewery solutions provider

– Standard components and pre-engineered systems



Full range of hygienic valves



Full range of hygienic pumps



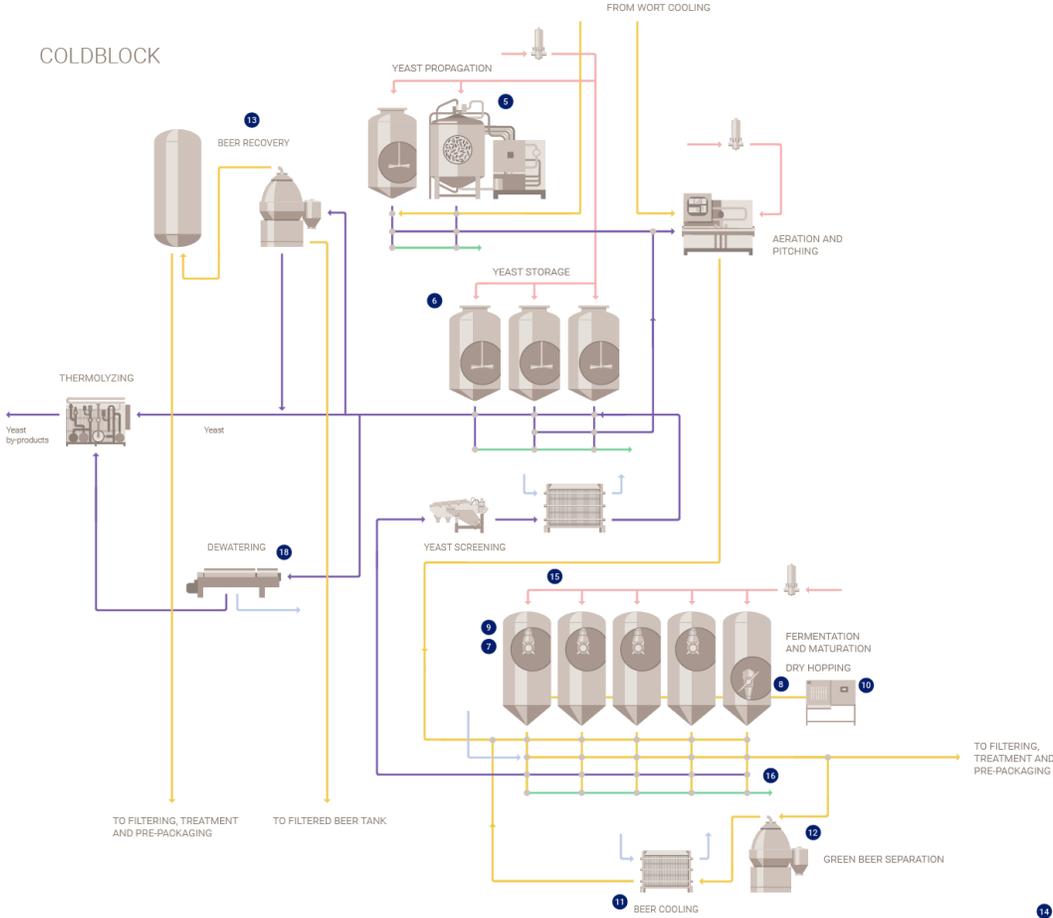
Separation, filtration, heat transfer, tank equipment



Process modules, top plates, sampling systems

# Custom cold block solutions

- From engineered components to engineered systems



# Creating value through the design



A

## Value measured in:

- Less O<sub>2</sub> pickup
- Reduced macro extract loss
- Greater energy and water savings



B

Customer + Alfa Laval

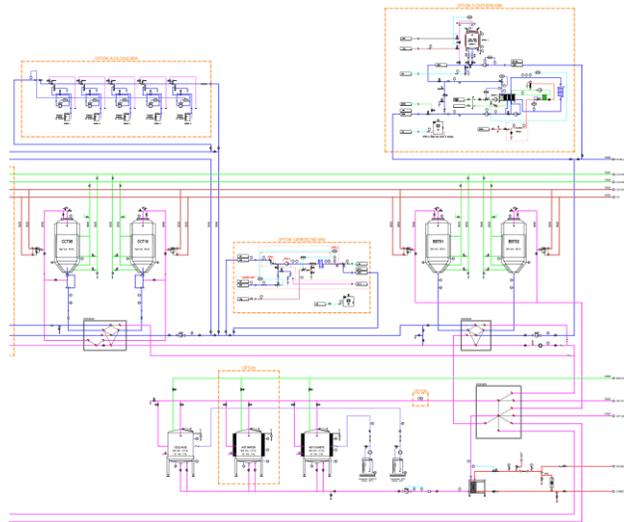
# Holistic approach to cold block processing design

– Early engagement to meet or exceed customer requirements

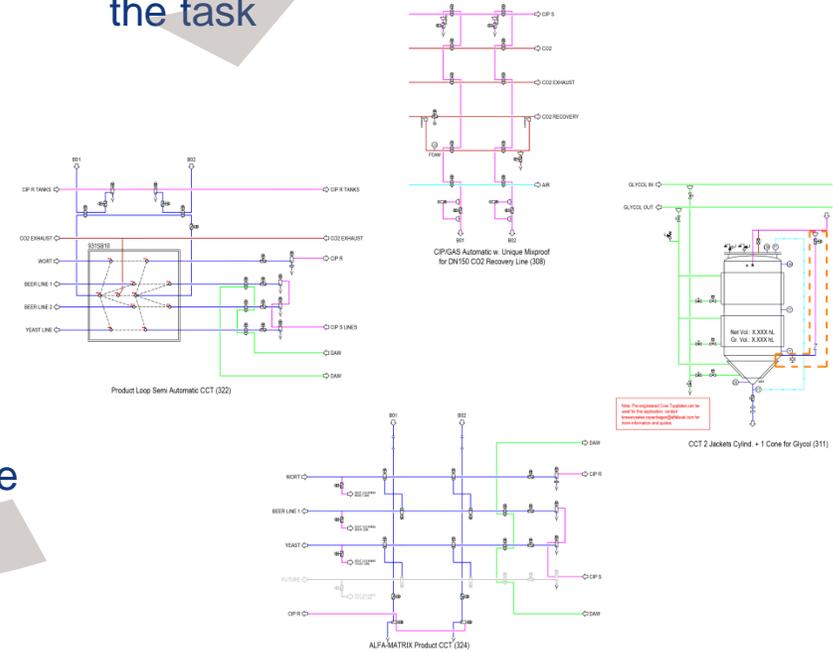
Customer

Discuss initial process design

Understanding the task

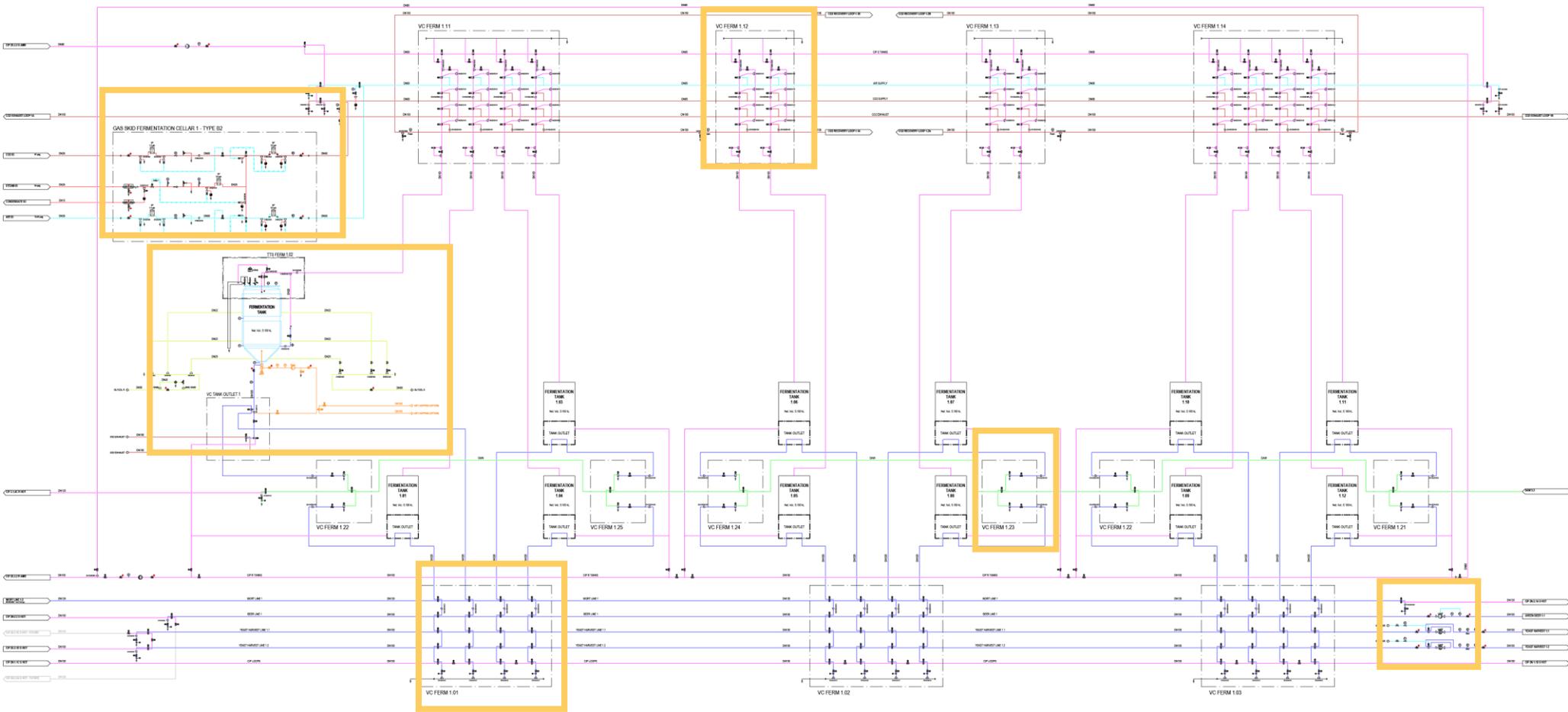


Selecting suitable design blocks



# Construction sets

- Importance of the process and instrumentation diagram

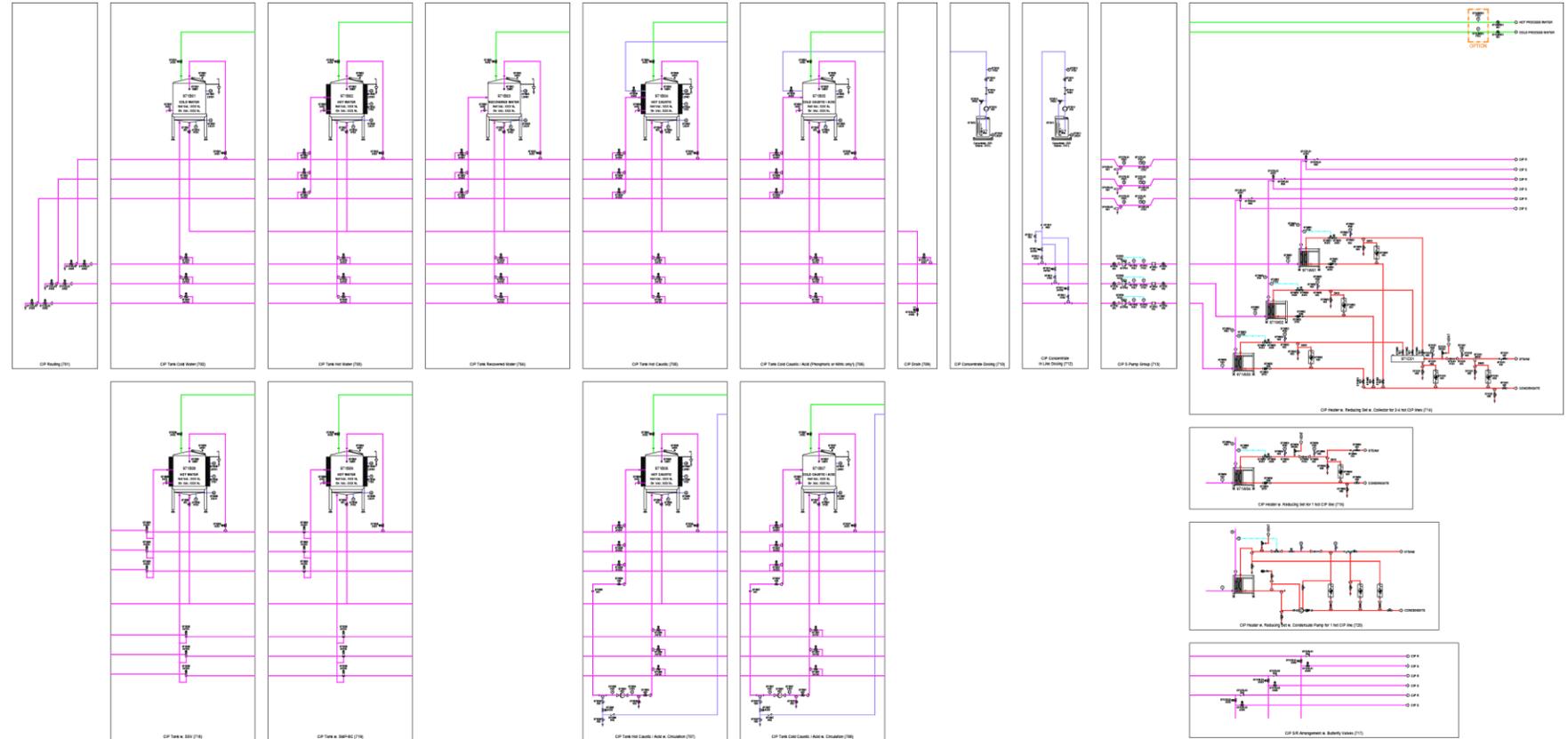


# Construction sets

– Basis for active discussion with brewers

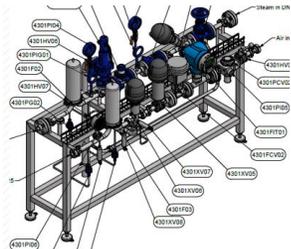
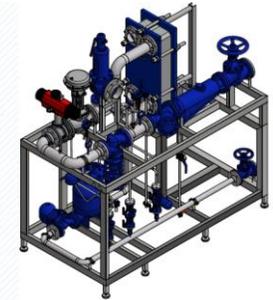
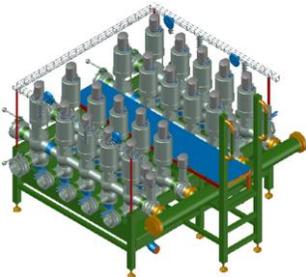
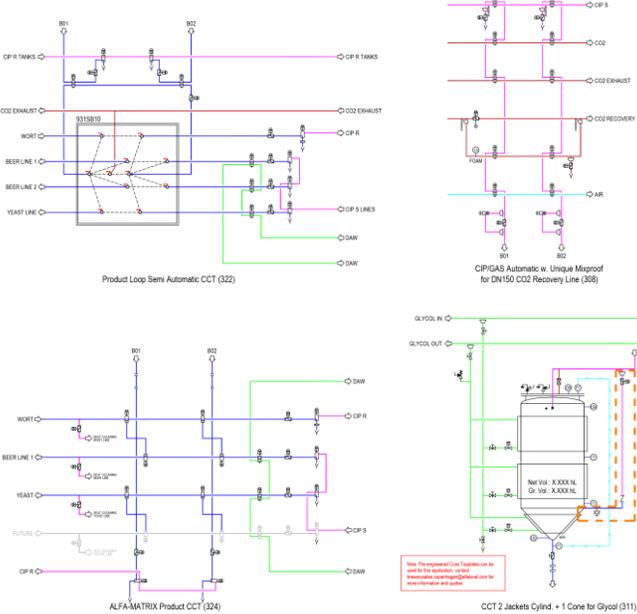


- Variety of design options
- Best practices implemented
- Engineering details considered



# Cold block processing solutions

- From construction sets to building blocks



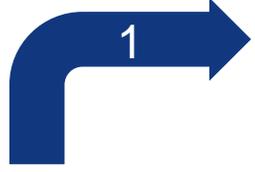
From components

Through construction sets

To building blocks

# Cold block development or expansion

- Options for development or expansion of your cold block



# A customer journey



# Yards Brewing Company

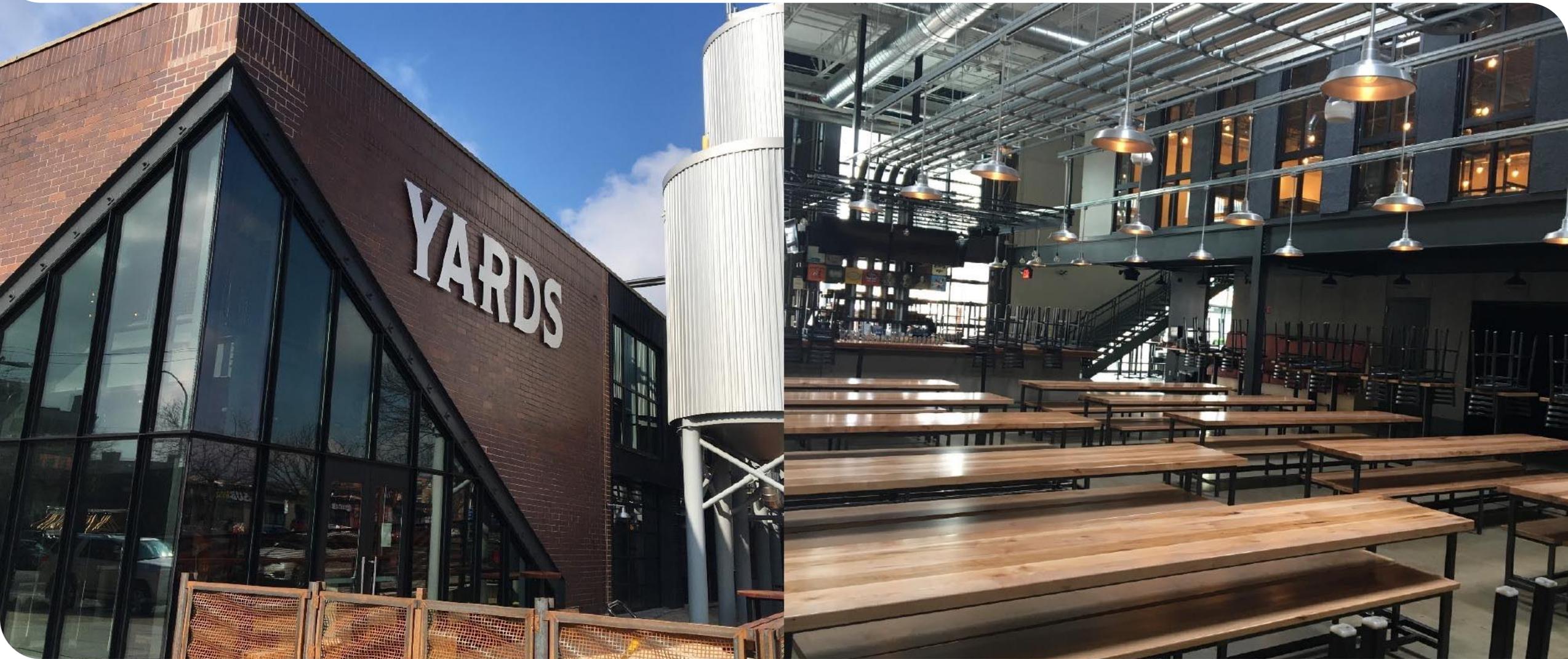
– Cold block expansion by a craft brewer in Philadelphia



## Challenges of doubling production

- Limited budget
- Extract loss
- Many existing small tanks
- Extra thick yeast
- Many yeast strains
- Specific dry hopping requirements

# Yards new building and the tap room



# Meeting the challenges

– Innovative Yards cold block expansion



## Cost- and space-saving solutions

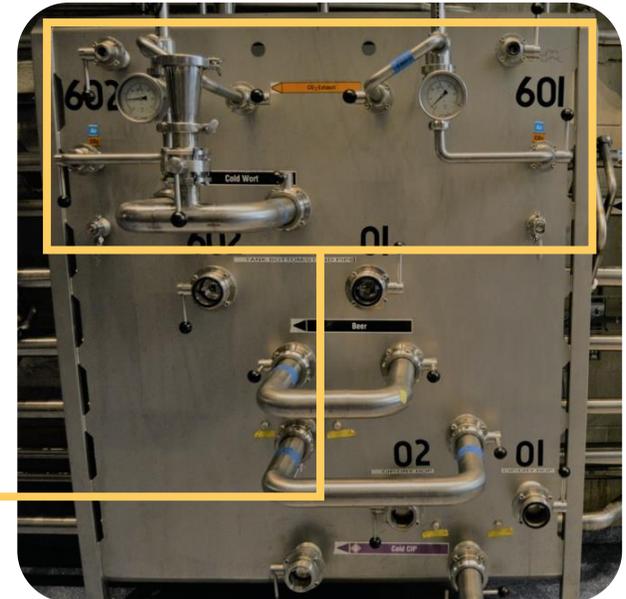
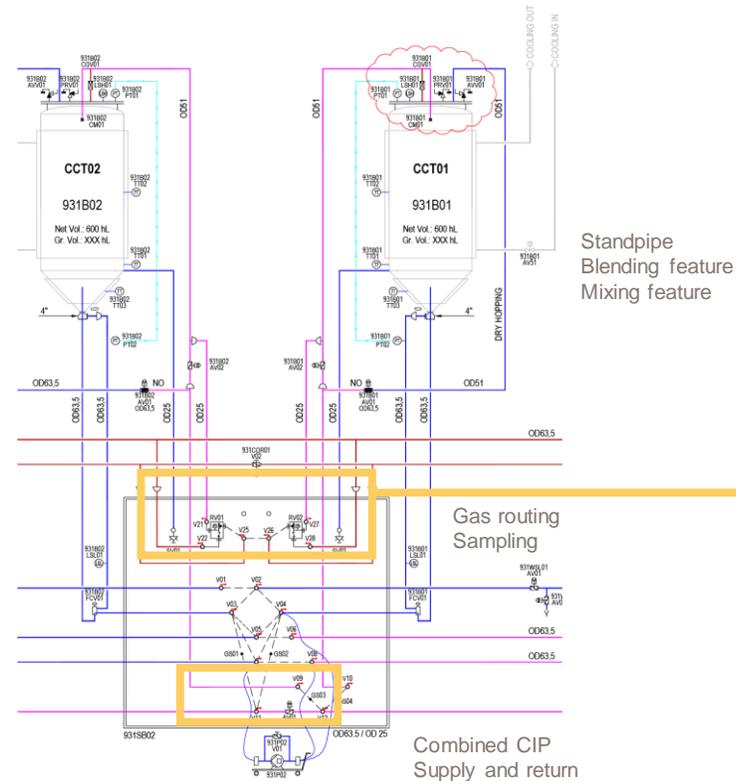
- Reduced piping that reduced installation hours
- Minimized beer losses, maximized beer recovery from yeast and hops
- Maximized yeast harvest, storage and propagation
- Raised efficiency of tank utilization
- Introduced automation
  - Dry hopping using existing tanks
  - Valves for bright beer tanks

# Reduced piping and reduced installation hours

– Combining product and gas management + Cleaning-in-Place supply and return line

## Addressing space and budget constraints

- Combined swing bend panel design
- Combined CIP supply and return line

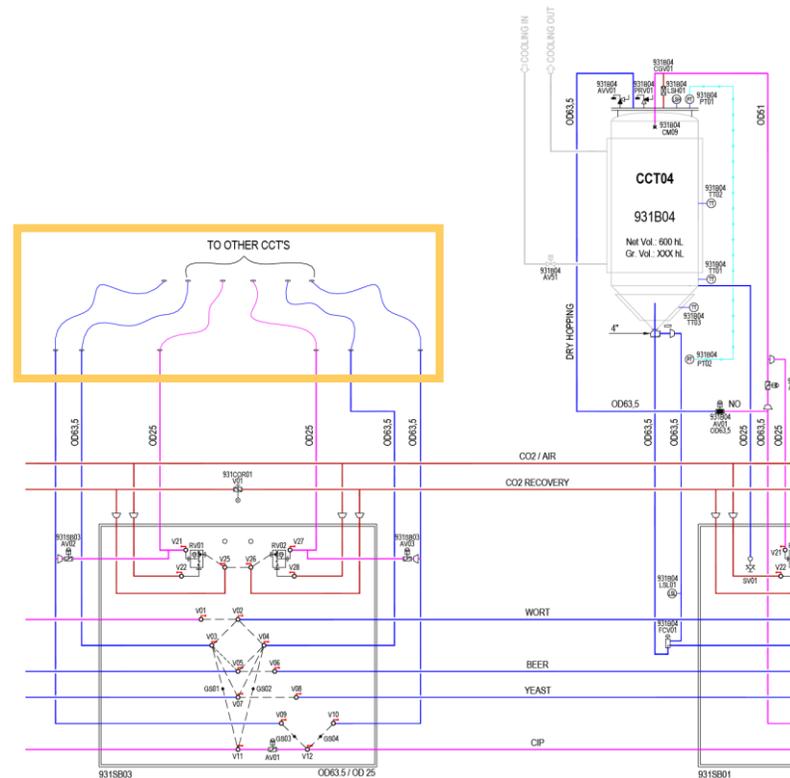


# Many small tanks, large craft beer variety

– Swing bend panel connected to several small tanks

## Cost-effective swing bend panel

- Connects tanks and valves using both hard piping and hoses
- Serves several existing small tanks instead of just one
- Keeps expansion costs down by re-using existing small tanks

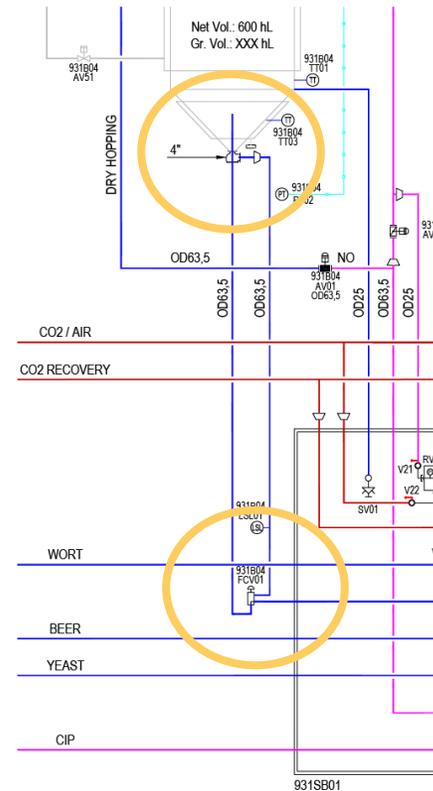


# Minimum beer losses, maximum beer recovery

– Two-outlet standpipe that re-doses yeast bottoms into the beer stream

## Hygienic standpipe instead of racking arm

- No shadows in the tank during CIP
- Re-doses yeast bottoms into the beer stream
- Prevents losses of extract with surplus yeast
- Improves tank cleaning
- Maximum beer recovery from the yeast and hops

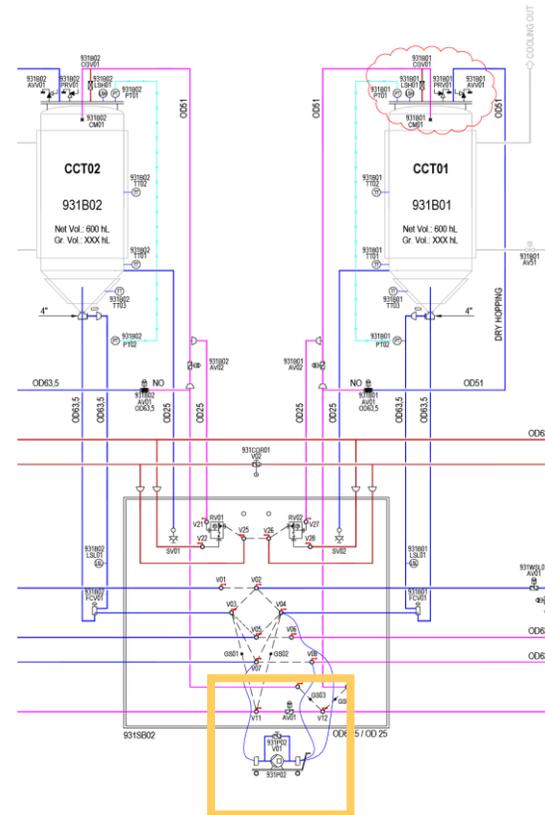


# Maximizing yeast harvest

– A single pump to harvest thick yeast from two tanks – safely, easily and efficiently

## Mobile membrane DEPA pump

- Self-priming, air-operated pump for 1 bar of suction capacity
- Connects directly to fermentation tanks
- Easy to clean together with the yeast harvest line

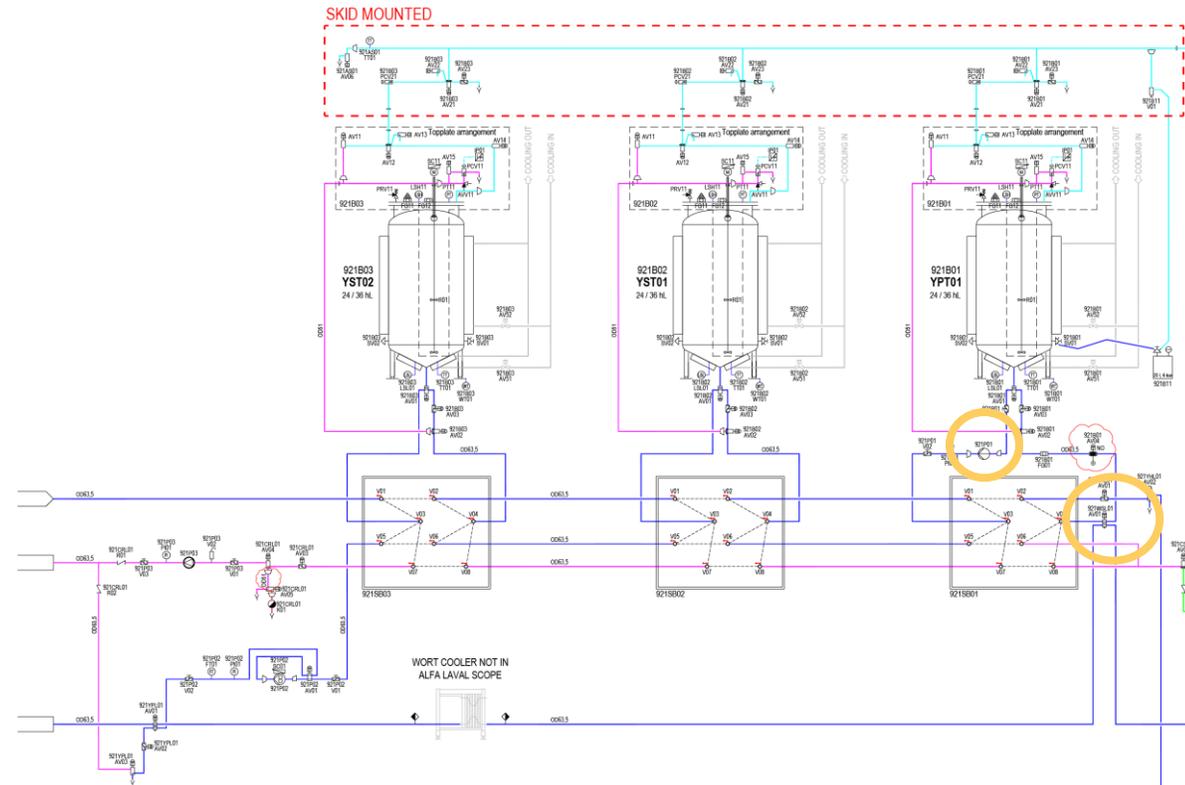


# More efficient tank utilization

– Yeast management system: One tank, two uses

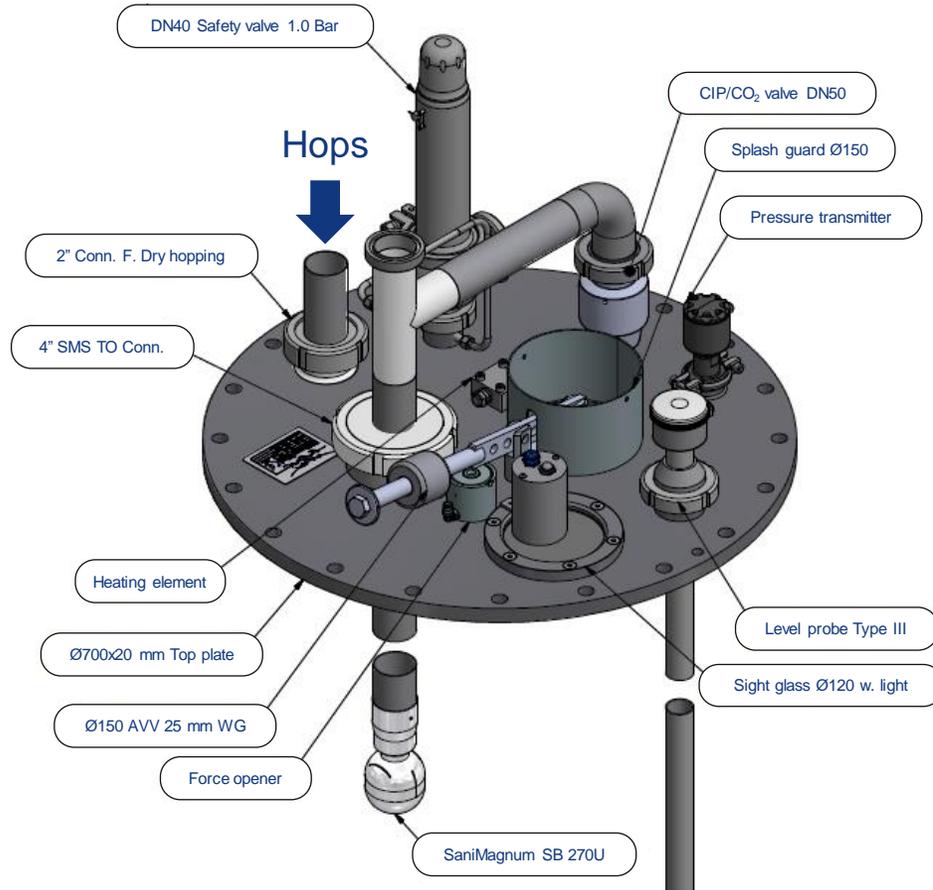
## Yeast storage plant with a propagation option

- Same tanks used for propagation and storage
- Tanks with hot wort connection, agitator and aeration functions, dosing pump
- Highly hygienic and semi-automated design
  - Adds greater flexibility
  - Affordable solution



# Automating the dry hopping process

– Increased beer production capacity requires increased levels of automation



## Fully automated dry hopping

- Yards' requirement for hops transfer into tank tops
- Tank top plates adapted for dry hopping with Alfa Laval Scandi Brew
- Pellets conveyed pneumatically into tank
- Ensures faster, safer and more controlled dry hopping process
- Raises efficiency and lowers costs
- Easy to clean in place

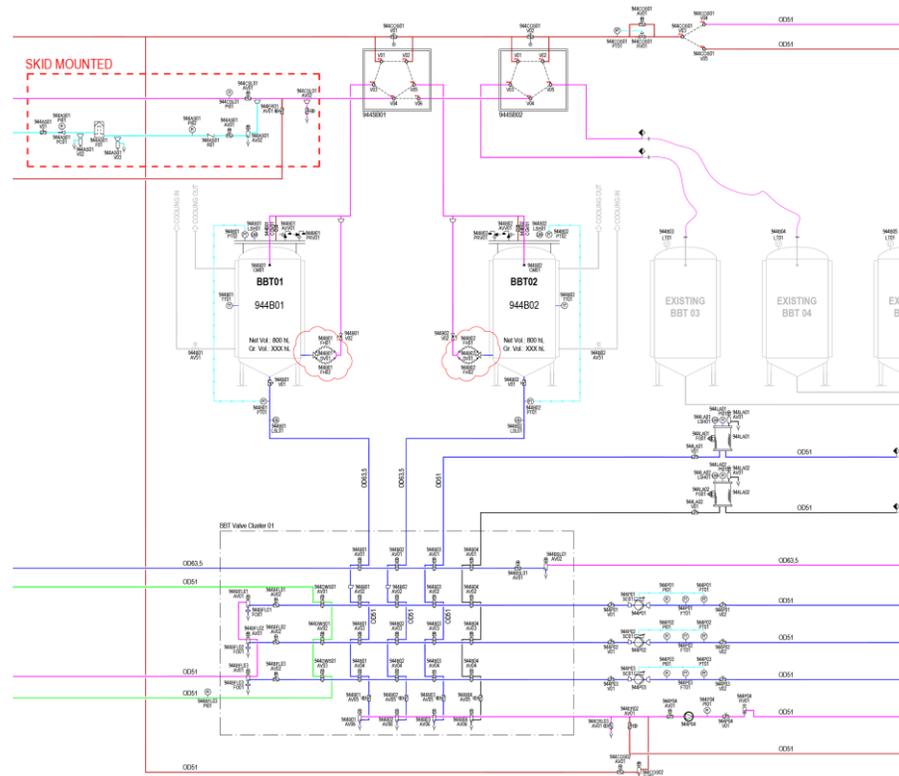
# Fast changeover, high hygiene standards, reduced risks



– Automated solutions for bright beer tanks

## Automated changeover from BBTs to filling lines

- Faster changeovers at high frequency
- Highest levels of hygiene
- Reduce the risk of human error, oxygen pickup and spoilage



# Meeting the challenges

– Yards cold block expansion



## Realizing Yards goals

- Expansion within budget and space constraints
- Minimize extract loss
- Re-use of existing small tanks
- Hygienic handling extra thick yeast and many yeast strains
- Automate tank-top dry hopping
- Automate the BBT area

# Brew more beer – and brew it better

– Yards cold block expansion



## Meeting the challenges with added value

- Strong, decade-long relationship with Alfa Laval
- Expanding capacity and improving quality
- Ensuring an overall hygienic brewing process
- Guaranteeing the most cost-effective design
- Sustainability
  - Energy and water savings
  - Reduced emissions and/or waste



# Time to unlock the full potential of your cold block brewery process line

# A quick recap

– Alfa Laval: Your partner for cold block optimization

## Comprehensive portfolio of technologies for the cold process area in your brewery

- Yeast management
- Fermentation and maturation
- Dry hopping
- Beer sampling
- Cleaning
- and other



For more information about Alfa Laval cold block



Read the case story about Dixie Brewing Company, US



# Upcoming webinar on cold block



## Brewery Cold Block design: Fermentation area



Click here to visit our  
webinar web page

# Alfa Laval cold blocks around the world



## Engineered solutions

### Tank top systems



Aldox

>3,200  
since 2011



Flexitherm

>900  
since 1990



Iso-Mix  
Fermentation

>500  
since 1990



HSS

>500  
since 2010



>390  
since 2012

### Carboblend, Carboset and Alex



>300  
since 1990



BSF

>120  
since 1990

### IMXD Dry hopping



>50  
since 2017

### Decanter Intelligent Whirlpool Systems



>25  
since 2012

# Any further questions

Please feel free to contact:

**Alexander Stogniy**  
Global Sales Manager  
Alfa Laval Brewery Systems

[alexander.stogniy@alfalaval.com](mailto:alexander.stogniy@alfalaval.com)  
+45 277 786 94

**Denis Martin**  
Crafts Modules Manager  
Alfa Laval Brewery Systems

[denis.martin@alfalaval.com](mailto:denis.martin@alfalaval.com)  
+45 395 365 83



# Q&A

מחנה  
המנוחה