

# A smart solution for the sustainability of your supply chain.

Support suppliers and improve purchasing conditions without costs or constraints.

A distinctive, open, sustainable solution that strengthens the client company's market position, its relationship with suppliers and its financial ratios.

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#### What is Polars

Polaris-wcs® is the smart solution created by the TXT Group to dynamically and centrally manage the financial component of supply relationships, overcoming the limitations of traditional **Supply Chain Finance** solutions. An open solution, without significant costs for customers, but with numerous advantages for the customer and its suppliers.



MADE IN ITALY

#### **INNOVATION**

Polaris-wcs® is an **innovative solution**, based on a unified contract
architecture and an open market
paradigm, perfectly integrated with **SAP ERPs**.

#### **SUSTAINABILITY**

Polaris-wcs® allows suppliers to turn their customer credit into **liquidity** in an easy, unlimited and convenient way, without drawing on their own **credit capacity**.

#### **TRASPARENCY**

Polaris-wcs® ensures **transparency** and **comparability** of the economic conditions applied by the system's financial partners.



# From Hub to Ecosystem: the evolution of Polaris

#### **Old Solutions**

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#### **Polaris Ecosystem**





## The conceptual scheme

#### Buyer

- They define their SCF programmes (participants and conditions)
- They feed information on their trade payables into Polaris and declare their payability

#### **Credit insurance**

- Provides credit capacity on the Buyer for the benefit of the Lenders involved or directly for the suppliers
- Hedging can also be capital relief, with the effect of reducing the Funder's use of capital

#### **Supplier**

- They give Polaris the necessary information to operate with Lenders (KYC)
- They use Polaris to sell their invoices or obtain payment in advance (Dynamic Discount)



- Manages the onboarding of the different actors
- Manages the formation of sales contracts for trade receivables
- Supports the management of Buyer payments to creditors, also in advance (dynamic discounting)

#### **Funder**

- Determines and publishes on Polaris the credit lines and prices for the purchase of trade receivables from the Buyer
- May trade the assets acquired against the Buyer on the secondary market



# Why Polaris

#### Credit

Ensuring more credit for active cash cycle management policies



#### Derisking

We reduce the risk of SCF transactions for all players and improve the risk/return ratio of these transactions

#### Community

We create business communities where goals, information, processes as well as credit and liquidity can be shared

#### **Efficiency**

We make the use of credit availability, accession processes and contract structure more efficient



# Winning collaboration between Buyer, Funder and Supplier



#### **BUYER**

- Centralised management
- Accounting neutrality
- Allocative efficiency
- Availability of additional credit leverage



#### **FUNDER**

- Optimising credit and operational risks
- Reducing process costs
- Declination of a traditional product into an open and digital format
- Opportunity to save on allocated regulatory capital

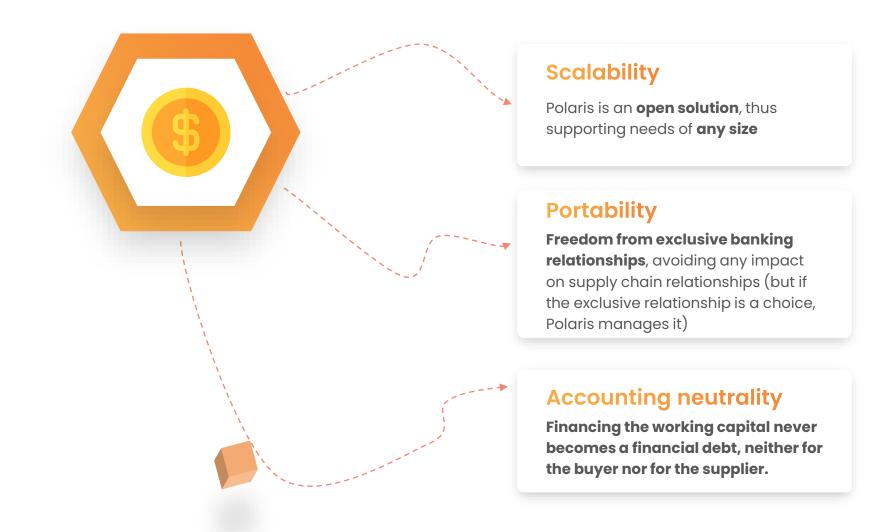


#### **SUPPLIER**

- No fixed costs. Pay per use
- Sell more, without risks
- Absence of constraints
- Financial neutrality (no debt)



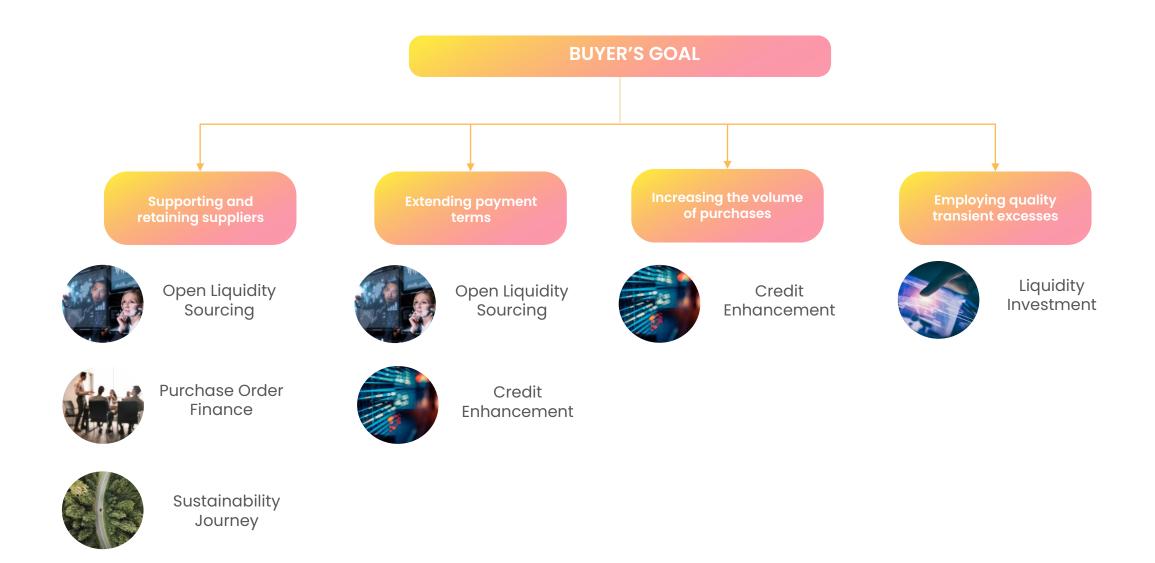
# Scalability - Portability - Accounting neutrality







# Polaris: solutions for buyers





# Supplier support tools

#### **Polaris offer**



**Open Liquidity Sourcing** 



**Purchase Order Finance** 

#### Solution

Revolutionize your SCF solutions.

Pre-financing easy and self-liquidating.

#### **Description**

A tool to enable the negotiability of supplier credit, within a contractual and operational framework that grants the Buyer total control over its debt, without impacting its accounting classification.

Polaris member financial partners consider granting credit lines for advance payments on contracts confirmed by the Buyer, in favour of Polaris member suppliers. A pillar of financial certainty, around which to build the supply relationship.



# Support instruments for active policies

#### **Polaris offer**



**Sustainability Journey** 

#### Solution

Your ESG vision, in action.



**Liquidity Investment** 

A tool for your treasury.



**Credit Enhancement** 

A boost for the management of your operating cycle.

#### **Description**

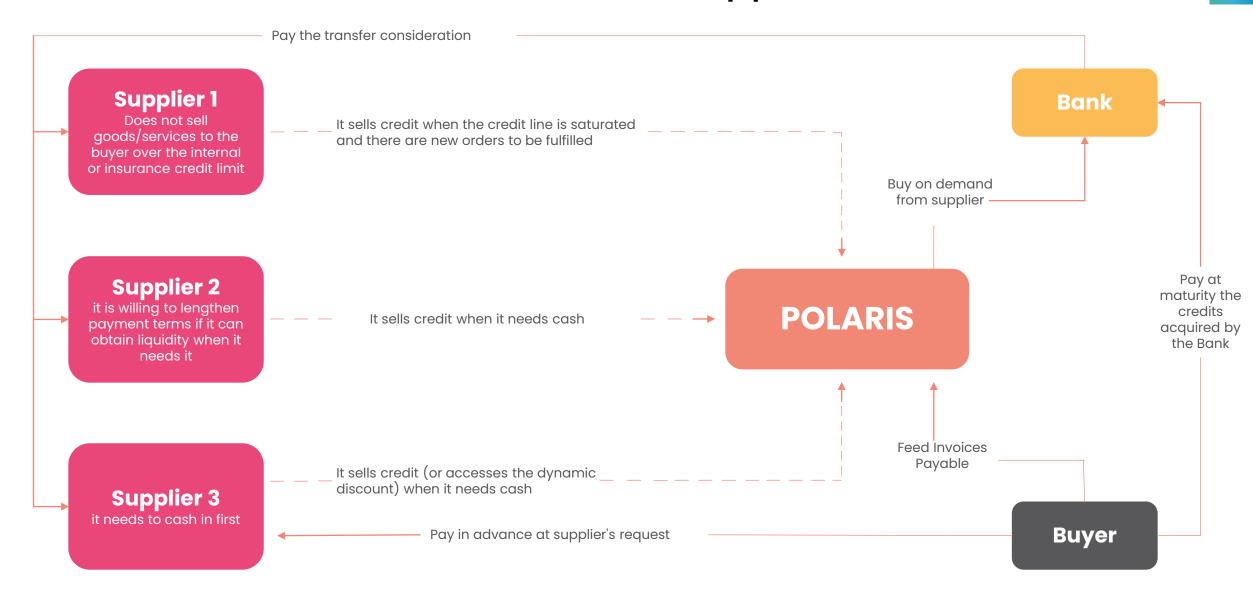
Polaris offers support programmes for suppliers in sustainability policies, linking pricing conditions to sustainable performance and offering discounts of up to 20% on transaction costs.

With Liquidity Investment, short-term **liquidity investment** can be optimised, allowing suppliers
to obtain advance payments in exchange for a **financial discount**.

Polaris, through its financial and insurance partners, offers credit capabilities to improve payment terms to suppliers and increase procurement by exploiting insurance and financial engineering.



# ... and also for suppliers







### Polaris as a tool for:

#### **Procurement**

- Decriticise the deferred payment terms granted by the supplier and negotiate more attractive payment terms where appropriate
- Credit Enhancement from Polaris-wcs® can be an additional tool, which can be used in negotiations with suppliers that are particularly sensitive to the amount of credit exposure to the customer
- Purchase Order Finance can be an attractive financial instrument to support suppliers who are called upon to significantly increase their production capacity, rather than to participate in projects with a very tight schedule

#### **Finance**

- Extending payment terms to suppliers helps to balance the company's financial structure without incurring additional debt
- Using Polaris-wcs® as a liability cycle management tool allows you to benefit from an 'accounting neutrality' regime and avoid over-dependence on individual financial partners
- Liquidity Investment can be, at the same time, a short-term treasury optimisation tool and a support tool for classes of suppliers characterised by purchase volumes that are too limited or non-recurring to be included in the operational circuit of programmes that also involve financial partners



# Partnership

#### **Active partners**













#### Banks and Factors whose systems are integrated with Polaris

























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