

ChannelAdvisor's Self-Service Plus Helps Charles and Colvard Free Up Valuable Time

Are you devoting a lot of time to e-commerce activities you'd rather automate? Do you ever wonder if you're maximizing your potential on marketplaces, or feel that important projects are being neglected because there just isn't enough time?

Charles & Colvard feels your pain. Like many niche online retailers, the maker of moissanite jewelry offers products that will appeal to countless e-commerce consumers—just as soon as they're all connected to the brand through all the right channels. But growing a marketplace presence requires a lot of careful planning, fail-proof integrating and, most of all, industry expertise. Charles & Colvard had all of this and more once the company turned to ChannelAdvisor's Self-Service Plus program.

COMPANY OVERVIEW

Charles & Colvard is the original creator of moissanite—a unique, man-made gemstone derived from silicon carbide crystals that are cut and polished to stunning brilliance. For more than 20 years, the company has remained steadfast in its devotion to corporate citizenship, with a focus on crafting luxurious socially responsible and eco-friendly jewelry that lasts a lifetime. Charles & Colvard is as style minded as they are socially conscious. With inspiration taken from the runway, architecture, design and nature, each design mixes style and ethics in equal parts to highlight the brilliance and integrity of moissanite.

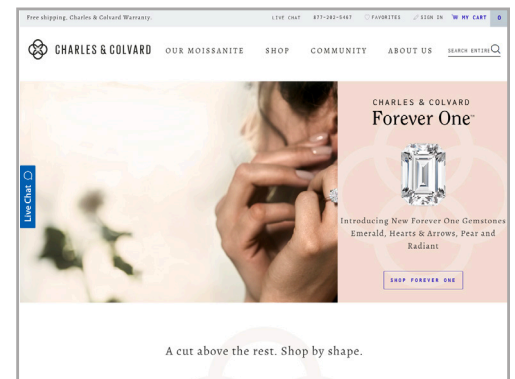
SITUATION

After experiencing success on third-party marketplaces including Amazon, eBay, Jet and Walmart, Charles & Colvard knew untapped opportunities for marketplace expansion still remained. The online retailer also knew that expanding profitably would require assistance from marketplace specialists as the team continued to leverage ChannelAdvisor's ever-evolving suite of features and functionalities. When an opportunity arose to be among the first to try ChannelAdvisor's new Self-Service Plus offering, Charles & Colvard's Marketplace Analyst, Sarah Grady jumped at the chance to gain strategic guidance.

SOLUTION

The ChannelAdvisor platform offers a robust suite of solutions for successful growth on marketplaces ranging from Amazon to Walmart—and Self-Service Plus helps ensure online retailers are maximizing each and every one based on the unique needs and goals of the brand. Any time an update or change involving the ChannelAdvisor Marketplace platform leads to questions, users can seek out personalized assistance on matters ranging from business rules and lookup lists to data optimization and requirements.

At Charles & Colvard, the use of Self-Service Plus meant accelerated email access to specialized account managers and operations specialists. Grady not only was able to seek out advice on best practices and opportunities for marketplace growth, but could also take advantage of optional one-hour monthly calls and five hours of consultative services.



LOCATION: Morrisville, NC

URL: www.charlesandcolvard.com

INDUSTRY: Jewelry & Gifts

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Marketplace Analyst
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The mix of personalized email and phone support gave Charles & Colvard the strategic technical assistance it needed to free up staff to focus on other important initiatives for growth—all while developing higher levels of software proficiency in the process.

RESULTS

Grady says she'd highly recommend Self-Service Plus to other sellers, rating the benefits at a level of "10" on a 10-point scale.

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Having access to a single tech support contact ensured her team could address critical issues and get answers to important questions quickly—an asset that Grady feels will be invaluable as Charles & Colvard expands into more marketplaces.

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The Self-Service Plus program includes six hours of consultation and guidance. For Grady that meant a helpful one-hour phone call with ChannelAdvisor. Then after the call the ChannelAdvisor team followed up with five hours of work towards items discussed on the call.

"One of our recent projects was to launch on two emerging marketplaces. We were able to execute a successful launch thanks to the consultation and the work put in by the ChannelAdvisor team. Before Self-Service Plus it would have been a daunting task, but ChannelAdvisor offered both the time and resources to assist, saving me and my team close to 20 hours over a 90-day period," Grady said.

ABOUT SELF-SERVICE PLUS FROM CHANNELADVISOR

ChannelAdvisor's Self-Service Plus offering for Marketplaces provides extra support for users who require expert assistance in implementing the platform's wide range of features for marketplace growth. We'll connect you directly to account managers and operations specialists for guidance on issues related to data optimization, business rules and more. In addition to ongoing best practices and advice delivered via one-to-one emails, Self-Service Plus users also have the option to participate in monthly strategy calls and up to five hours of consultative services.

CHANNELADVISOR SOLUTIONS

DIGITAL MARKETING

Ensure your products are front and center across the internet by bringing all the elements of digital marketing under one umbrella. ChannelAdvisor Digital Marketing increases your visibility on global, local and mobile search engine results pages through Google Product Listing Ads, paid search and comparison shopping engines; keeps consumers engaged through retargeting and affiliate networks; and introduces your products on social media sites such as Pinterest and Facebook.

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