

iVend Retail empowered Shopdirect by giving them insight at the group, individual store and product level via iVend Dashboards

Company

Shopdirect

Industry

Retail – Supermarket chain, eCommerce

Business Challenges

- Shopdirect's retail solution lacked integration with back-office processes
- The retail solution could not accommodate multiple stores
- Stores could not work in offline mode
- No Dashboards or reporting tools
- No promotions engine for customer outreach
- No merchandise management capabilities available to retailer

Solution & Services

iVend Retail Management Suite

Benefits

- Seamlessly integrated retail management application
- Retailers can view store processes on a real-time basis
- Store-wise analysis of merchandise, sales etc. available on demand
- Intuitive reporting tools and dashboards
- Offline transaction processing and improved customer engagement
- Comprehensive and accurate merchandise management
- Barcode unification of imported goods

Location

Nigeria



"Shopdirect now has the power to manage our business and not just run it! If I have to choose again, I'd pick iVend Retail."

Collins Agu
Managing Director
Shopdirect Resources Ltd.

About Shopdirect

Shopdirect is a chain of grocery stores operating in Nigeria since 2000. They started with a single 'mini-mart' store and now have successfully established a chain of retail megastores nationally. Shopdirect has plans to continue expanding in the grocery sector, and to further venture into pharmaceuticals. Our customer intends to open another branch in Aqaba with their extensive online presence.

When Shopdirect launched its first store, they had invested in a retail solution called 4site to assist in running their store business.



Business Challenge

4site was capable of handling sales transactions produced at a single store. As Shopdirect grew to multiple stores across the country, it became apparent that 4site was inadequate for the company's growth and couldn't handle the much-needed back-office operations.

They were unable to ascertain the ROI from stores, the revenue gains and its utilisation, which products were best-sellers and what-sells-with-what. 4site was also unable to provide consolidated group and individual store income statements. The lack of integration between the four stores became a hindrance in reporting and visibility.

As the management admits, the outdated retail IT solution was costing the enterprise severely before they decided to upgrade to iVend Retail.

Solution

iVend Retail provides Shopdirect integrated retail processes and real-time visibility into store operations. After implementation, the retailer has seen a marked increase in operational efficiency.

iVend Dashboards empowers Shopdirect by giving them insight at the group, individual store and product level. The Shopdirect management can now make informed decisions by having access to consolidated P&L reports from the group and branch level, comprehensive merchandise visibility across the retail chain and a better understanding of their customers' buying trends.

Shopdirect imports many products, and many of them have their own barcodes depending on the country of origin. This previously turned out to be a constant challenge for the retail staff to manage multiple kinds of barcodes. iVend Retail's implementation gave the retail staff the ability to create and print barcodes. Shopdirect now have accurate and uniform barcodes, reducing the time spent at the checkout counter.

Business Benefits

Shopdirect, after implementing iVend Retail, can now manage all stores with one single retail solution. iVend Retail has integrated all Shopdirect's retail functions and given real-time visibility for all stores. Merchandise visibility has now increased, which improves Shopdirect's operational processes and enhances their customer engagement vastly.

- Information is replicated automatically across the retail chain and head office.
- The stores can work effortlessly in offline mode
- Faster, convenient check-outs for customers
- Reports and Dashboards provide single view of customer
- Stock-take process has become instantaneous and efficient
- Order management has aided in accurate and timely purchase planning

Partner

STREAD IT describe themselves with the three words 'Strategic, Responsive, and Adaptive'. They are a leading provider of IT solutions, whether the retailer is an SME, a sizeable PLC, local business or an international firm. With offices in Nigeria and UAE, along with a growing footprint in West Africa, STREAD IT provide turnkey solutions for retailers in partnership with iVend Retail.

The implementation process felt like 'it was automated' due to the seamless integration of iVend Retail. There were some solution integration challenges, but Stread IT and iVend Retail support teams were able to overcome all challenges and ensure Shopdirect has a successful implementation.

The Shopdirect Management can now make informed decisions by having access to consolidated profit-and-loss reports from the group and branch level.

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