

# Intelligent Endless Aisle Solution Delivers a Converged Retail Experience and Drives New Revenue Opportunities

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NCR\* Endless Aisle Solution

Today's consumers have increased expectations for seamless and consistent shopping across all retail touch points, including stores, digital signage, mobile, online and social networking. The NCR\* Netkey Endless Aisle solution helps retailers achieve cross-channel access from which customers receive consistent product information, pricing and order fulfillment options when they use the in-store kiosk.

The NCR Netkey Endless Aisle solution also addresses a common problem for retailers - that of inventory distortion - defined as the cost of lost sales resulting from out-of-stock merchandise, plus the losses from overstocks that must be deeply discounted in order to sell. According to the IHL Group, this combined annual cost is estimated at \$818 billion, increasing by \$50 billion each year.1 An endless aisle kiosk lets customers buy products from across the retailer's network, and this expanded selection can increase sales revenue, especially for out-of-stock items or products not carried in the store. NCR Netkey Endless Aisle kiosks, powered by Intel® Core™ processors, provide a way for retailers to enhance the customer experience while boosting the bottom line.



## **Expand selection and revenue**

With an endless aisle kiosk, retailers can take advantage of their ecommerce investment to improve product availability and offer customers a broader assortment of goods to choose from without increasing in-store inventory. To quantify the return on investment, NCR Netkey Endless Aisle can generate as much as a five percent uplift in incremental store sales.<sup>2</sup>

## Create a converged channel experience

Many brick-and-mortar stores are developing converged retailing strategies to communicate a consistent brand message, promote business growth and deliver on their brand promise regardless of the customer's location. NCR Netkey Endless Aisle seamlessly integrates with back-end ecommerce systems to provide the convenience today's sophisticated customers value.

#### **Enhance customer service**

Endless aisle kiosks offer a convenient way for customers to access product information, compare products or order an item that is out of stock. Some customers prefer self-service over personal assistance because they perceive it to be faster, easier and more convenient with the added benefit of giving them control over their experience.

### **Reduce inventory costs**

Apparel, and other types of merchandise available in various sizes and colors, is costly to inventory. An alternative is to carry less inventory by deploying an endless aisle kiosk that enables customers to order the exact items they want and arrange for home delivery.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> IHL Group Report: \$818 Billion (USD) Lost Annually in Global Retail "Inventory Distortion"; 2012.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Based on actual NCR\* customer results.