Brewers



A custom-designed mesh infrastructure environment now facilitates a truly diversified omnichannel shopping experience for Brewers' customers across the UK.

Number of sites: 195+

The project

Brewers are the UK's largest independent decorator's merchant. Looking to go out of their way to provide professional decorators whatever they need to deliver a fantastic finish every time, the team at Brewers were looking to streamline their services and provide an optimised in-store experience for their customers. To achieve the highest level of service delivery, the connectivity specialists at Focus Group were tasked with creating a bespoke mesh infrastructure environment using Cisco Meraki SD-WAN, LAN and Wi-Fi.

The solution

The project criteria including provisioning, PCI compliance and secure in-store business broadband for reliable and robust connectivity across 195+ stores so the Focus Group team implemented a bespoke fullstack Cisco Meraki infrastructure. The new PCI-compliant SD-WAN solution was then integrated into Brewer's existing MPLS network to create a faster, more agile operation for retail customers, suppliers and staff.

The solution incorporated:

- Bespoke mesh infrastructure using Cisco Meraki SD-WAN, LAN and Wi-Fi
- Fully PCI compliant network
- Focus Group network managed service for the entire Cisco stack
- Centralised management and configuration through the Meraki dashboard

The result

The new infrastructure has enabled instant configuration and seamless update integration without the timely and often costly process through the original ISP. The agile and easy-to-configure platform also provides a highly responsive network that can cope with fast service activation and provisioning, while delivering critical end-to-end cyber security and quality performance.

"Focus Group act as a seamless extension of our team and they've been invaluable in enabling us to make more intelligent decisions, making our future vision a reality".

James Cawthorne, IT Operations Manager, Brewers

