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 full-stack 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