



# Empowering Store Associates



The Finest Toy Shop in the World

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# Agenda

- Introduce Hamleys
- What we did
- How we did it
- What we learned
- Summary



# The World's Most Famous Toy Retailer for 250+ Years



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- William Hamley opened his first toy shop in London in 1760, 257 years ago
- Our iconic store on London's Regent Street has 7 floors of retail, trading over 4500 square meters
- Top 10 tourist destination in London
- Hamleys is in International Brand and over the past 8 years we have created a successful international strategy and now operate through own operated stores and key strategic franchise partners in 23 markets across EMEA, Asia and Americas

# Global Growth of Hamleys



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**FLAGSHIP**  
Regent Street



**1ST UK REGIONAL**  
Dundrum

**2ND UK REGIONAL**  
Glasgow



**1ST NEW STYLE TRAVEL STORE**  
Heathrow T5



**1ST NEW STYLE DEPARTMENT STORE**  
Stockmann



**1ST FRANCHISE STORES**  
Amman  
-  
Mecca Avenue (Street)  
-  
Dubai Mall (Mall)

**3RD FRANCHISE MARKET**  
Phoenix Mills  
(Outside Mall)



**4TH FRANCHISE MARKET**  
Europestry



**2ND FRANCHISE TRAVEL STORE**  
Kuala Lumpur

**WORLD**  
Lubianka

**WORLD**  
Prague



# Children, Families and Hamleys

- Children are the same the world over - they love to be entertained and the magic of visiting Hamleys
- Parents are the same the world over - they want the best for their children, and they love our unique experience and our great customer service



# Current Position



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Hamleys Travel Stores



Hamleys Outlet Stores



Hamleys Department Stores



Hamleys Mall or Street Stores



Hamleys World



**Total  
107 Stores:**

24 UK  
76 Franchise  
7 Owner Operated  
(Nordics)



# Unique Global Brand Positioning in Toy Retail



# Our Unique Proposition: Product Differentiation

## Hamleys Provided

Private Label and Own Brand Range

## Key Branded

Critical to Drive Footfall, Deliver Authority





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# What did we do?

- Attended trade shows, NRF and Olympia
- Engaged our current supplier base which provided us with a choice of 4 different EPOS providers
- Spoke with a number of new suppliers
- Undertook informal business functional review  
“I want what I had before, to be equal or better than my current Retail Java version 9 EPOS system.”- The solution commonly known as RJ
- But it must have.....

# Catalyst for Change

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- Opportunity to maximize new system capabilities
- Improve our customer and sales associates experience
- Renegotiate existing supplier agreements
- Change acquirers
- Replace/upgrade obsolete EMV devices
- Introduce new payment methods

# Must haves

- A global application with a strategic roadmap and investment
- Fully accredited and compliant with PCI DSS v3.+
- Capable of using existing till hardware, printers, scanners
- Deliver multiple country, store and price based files
- A scalable promotion, deal, reward and coupon engine
- Integrated dynamic currency conversion and tax free shopping
- Enable us to change acquirers to improve cash flow and trading terms
- Reporting, cash management, inventory, contactless, etc.



# Must haves

Deliver on



before Christmas

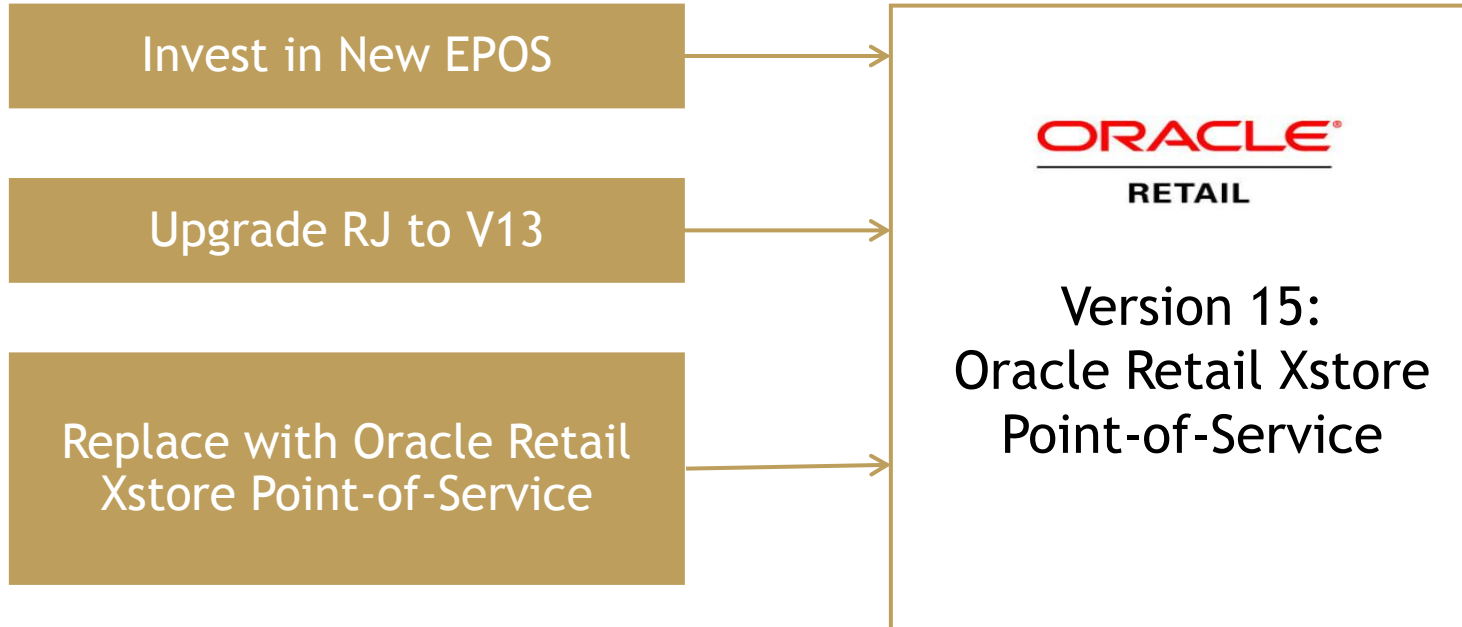
To enable



To deliver the toys on Christmas Eve to prevent



# Decisions

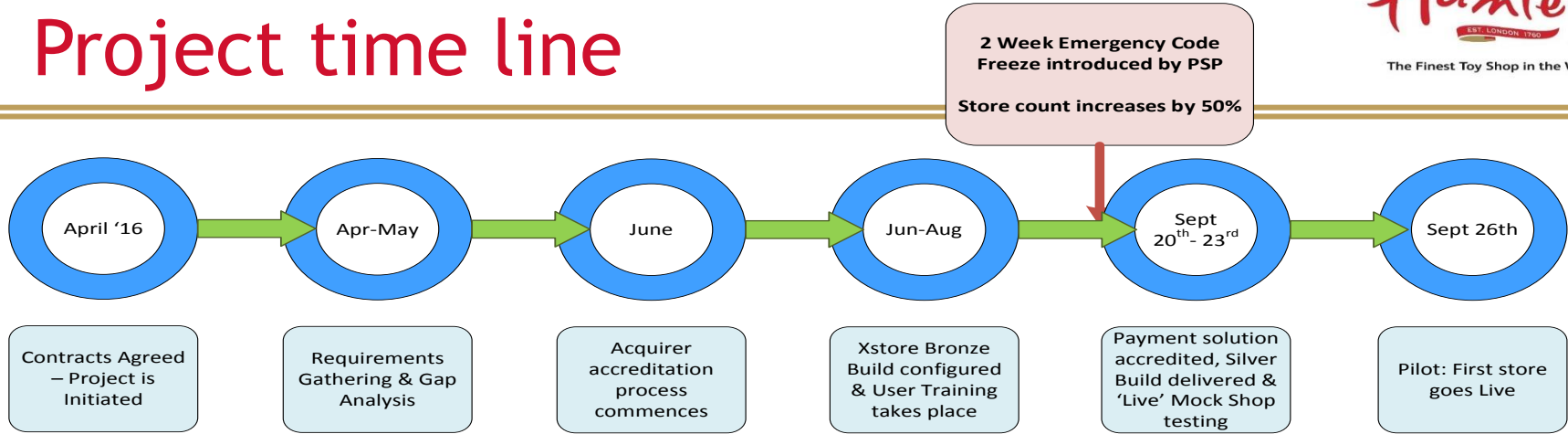


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# Project time line



- Aggressive project time line commenced on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2016
- This was and still is CAN DO project
- Introduced agility into the project plan
- Worked with experienced retail professionals in both Oracle and Hamleys
- Issues and Risks proactively tackled head on
- We piloted our 1<sup>st</sup> store in St Pancras on 26<sup>th</sup> September

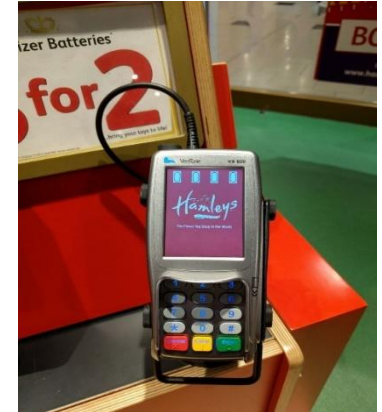


# What we did



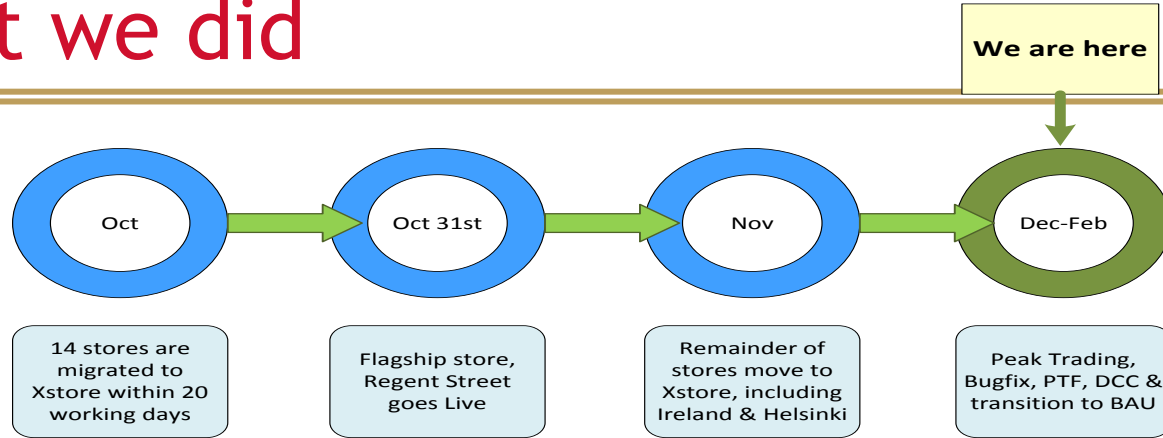
Oracle and Hamleys Technicians working together

Hamleys 1<sup>st</sup>  
UK customer  
travelling to  
France



Hamleys branded  
VeriFone VX820  
with contactless  
payment

# What we did



- Rolled out across the UK and Ireland over the next 25 days
- On Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2016 upgraded our flagship store in Regent Street circa 50 tills
- Remaining new stores and outlets completed by 18<sup>th</sup> November
- Store count increased by 40% during the project
- Hyper-care during peak trading

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# What we learned

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**Insight 1:** More time required

**Insight 2:** Work with the best technical and experienced retail IT experts to reduce overall implementation time

**Insight 3:** Used agile project management approach to enable us to meet our tight deadline

**Insight 4:** Clear, decisive direction and response to project risks and issues were made to minimise any delays

**Insight 5:** Understand and plan for the gaps in functionality from the old system to the new, as it is not always like-for-like

**Insight 6:** Provide hyper-care support during first Christmas and peak trading period

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# Summary

- Install a Global and Strategic EPOS software solution
- New secure, accredited, scalable credit card payment gateway.
- A compliant chip and pin device with contactless payment enabled for our customers
- Changed acquirers
- Upgrade all of Hamleys stores EPOS system to Oracle Retail Xstore Point-of-Service prior to peak trading period.

“Through a group of highly motivated set of people we achieved the delivery of Hamleys new EPOS system”

# 2017 and beyond

- Bug fixes
- Implement Dynamic Currency Conversion
- Implement Tax Free shopping
- Optimize support model
- Develop business reports
- Review version 16 enhancements and features
- Implement Inventory Management
- Improve promotional administration



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