

# FRONTIER CONNECT – CLOUD

## CUSTOMER CONTEXT

Consumer retailers are blending new, targeted & interactive online sales and advertising channels with in-store experiences to increase sales and beat competitive e-commerce offerings.

**78% of shoppers are now researching online before heading to a store<sup>1</sup>. Retailers need to merge online and in-store shopping experiences.**

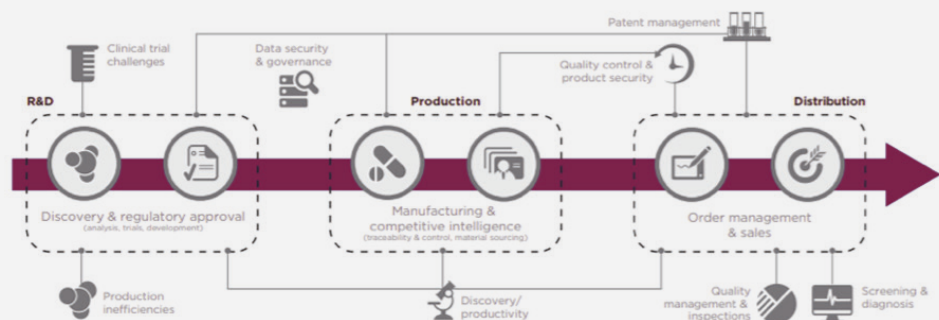
<sup>1</sup> Accenture, "The Seamless Consumer Retail Survey," 2014.

## INDUSTRY TRENDS

Shoppers today are engaging in online activity, either before going to a store to make a purchase ("webrooming") or buying products via an e-commerce site after visiting a store ("showrooming"). The Growth in online shopping activity, along with consumer expectations for personalized shopping experiences and offers, are forcing retailers to integrate their stores with multi-modal capabilities to ensure a consistent and seamless shopping experience. Key industry trends include:

- Webrooming and showrooming are increasing—contributing to the rise in retailer e-commerce sites to
- complement brick and mortar stores
- Large online discount retailers and the peer economy are offering more competitive pricing
- Social media has become a critical tool for buyers seeking information on products and services
- Consumers expect personalized offers to be "pushed" to their smartphones

## CONSTRAINTS



# USE CASE

## Retail

Lack of information integration across logistics, store operations and customer experience are creating the following numerous business.

### BUSINESS CHALLENGES

- Respond to the decreasing of in-store traffic and the increase of online competition
- Need for real-time insights into increasing amounts of customer data
- Integrate new advertising channels to create real-time advertising and personalized customer offers

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- Build a scalable e-commerce architecture to create a sustainable transition to online mobile shopping
- Implement new tools for CX analysis and interactive advertising in-store
- Enhance the flow of information to transform the customer experience
- Build a flexible inventory control and distribution systems make to provide real-time supply-chain product delivery

## HOW FRONTIER CONNECT CLOUD ACCELERATES DIGITAL RETAIL

We offer a direct, secure, reliable & scalable connectivity to business-critical cloud services to enable the digitization of retail

- Shortening the distance between your applications and data
- Localizing traffic and services across all your locations and markets and regionalizes services across U.S.
- Leveraging multiple clouds and SaaS providers to increase your rate of change while interconnecting with digital partners
- Locating data and analytics closer to users for improved response times and distributed scale, reducing the amount of data traversing networks

