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"No sooner have retailers implemented strategies to integrate online into their store-based businesses than new technology has shifted the goalposts as mobile digital devices are now creating new opportunities for 'fast shopping' – shopping on the move and social media generated shopping – which requires retailers to devise and create imaginative and relevant shopping environments, both real and virtual, for today's technology-focused consumers."

- Neil Mason, Head of Retail Research

In this report we answer the key questions:

- Clicks versus bricks what future for retail property?
- How important will stores be as order fulfilment and service points?
- Do non-store brands need to offer more fulfilment options?
- To what extent are portable digital devices setting a new agenda?
- How should retailers embrace social media?

Definition

Multichannel retailing is the selling of goods from stores, catalogues and websites via telephone, in-store kiosks and order points, personal computers, tablets, mobile phones and social media involving either direct-to-home or collect-from-store fulfilment.

Multichannel shoppers are those who use more than one channel when buying goods.

Cross-channel retailing is the selling of goods that involves more than one channel to complete the sale; the most common example being click and collect, whereby purchasers order online but pick the item up from a store.

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