

# Pressed Energizes Digital Transformation with Managed Services from Interface

**Interface Services For Pressed** 

Managed Network Services, PCI Compliance, Video Management System, Video Analytics, Video-Verified Alarm

Pressed, a rapidly expanding cold-pressed juice and plant-based snack chain, has chosen Interface to implement a suite of managed IT services across all its 100+ locations in the US.

Interface rolled out the managed store-technology-in-box solution to offer reliable and secure network and business voice at all Pressed locations. Interface also ensures that Pressed can easily maintain PCI compliance. To help Pressed optimize store operations, delight customers, and improve employee safety and productivity, Interface implemented cloud-based video management, video analytics, and video-verified alarm solutions.

The suite of <u>managed services</u> implemented by Interface has delivered 100% network uptime resulting in consistent and seamless customer experience and increased sales. By consolidating network and physical security operations with Interface, Pressed reduced their operational cost by 50% and standardized on a scalable technology stack enabling future innovations.

# Pressed at a glance

Pressed, formerly Pressed Juicery, is a leading cold-pressed juice and plant-based snacks brand dedicated to making plant-forward living as convenient and delicious as possible. The company's mission is to pave the way for plant-forward living by making real, healthy food accessible to everyone. Pressed operates more than 100 retail stores in 12 states, is available in nearly over 3,000 distribution points through its wholesale partners, and can be purchased directly from their website and shipped to any location within the U.S.

Website: <a href="www.pressed.com">www.pressed.com</a> Headquarters: Los Angeles, CA

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# **Key Challenges**

Pressed began in 2010 and has since been expanding rapidly. In order to keep up with the growth in store footprint, Pressed needed a radical overhaul of the IT infrastructure.

"Ensuring consistent customer experience across all our 100 plus stores was becoming increasingly difficult due to the legacy IT systems and lack of integration. We needed to standardize our IT infrastructure to address these bottlenecks," says Kathleen Rogers, Vice President of Stores.

"Digital sales have been on a fast-track growth at Pressed and now account for about 65% of our sales. We needed a completely new approach to overhauling our IT to keep pace with customer expectations and continue expanding our store footprint," says Blaine LaBron, Vice President of Digital Commerce and Technology, Pressed.

Pressed wanted to transform the IT infrastructure to achieve four key objectives:



"We needed next-generation technology to deliver on our promise to offer personalized service to our customers."

Blaine LaBron
VP Digital Commerce
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- Improved Connectivity: Pressed had a plethora of network vendors and the IT operations were complex
  due to non-standard network hardware and maintenance processes. Downtime at the stores lasted for
  days and troubleshooting was cumbersome. These issues negatively impacted sales, employee
  productivity, and customer experience at the stores.
- 2. Easier PCI Compliance: Securing customer payment data and oering more ways to order dramatically increased the risk of data loss, compliance violations, and privacy breaches. Pressed needed to ramp up its security posture and reduce the eort needed to stay compliant with regulatory standards such as PCI.
- 3. Standard alarms with video verification: Pressed had subscribed to traditional alarm monitoring services and employees had to visit the store even during non-business hours to verify alarm events. Pressed had to also bear the cost of penalties imposed by local law enforcement every time there was a false alarm.
- **4. Store performance analytics:** Store performance data was limited to the POS system and accessing videos from the security cameras to review store operations was time-consuming. Pressed needed a better way to access videos from the stores to train employees and improve customer experience.



# **Driving sustainable growth with Interface**

Pressed chose Interface to revamp the network infrastructure and improve cybersecurity. Interface upgraded the alarm solution and implemented cloud-based video management and analytics solution to uncover business insights from videos.

According to LaBron, "We decided to consolidate disparate technology solutions with one partner. It was easy to choose Interface as they had a proven track record and were willing to work with us to lay the foundation for sustainable growth built on standardization and integration."



# Store-technology-in-a-box

Interface first rolled out a comprehensive network and voice solutions across 100+ Pressed locations. The solution comprised a tamper-proof, PCI-compliant network box with in-built router, rewall, Wi-Fi access points, wireless WAN failover, SD-WAN, and VoIP router.

The solution simplified <u>network operations</u> as all Pressed stores have the same network hardware, remotely monitored and maintained by Interface. The remote cloud-powered reboot capability eliminated the need for Pressed employees to troubleshoot network issues.

The store-technology-in-a-box also included a feature-packed <u>business voice solution</u> that replaced legacy phone systems at Pressed. Interface's voice solution oers advanced capabilities such as auto attendant, routing, and call management features to manage high call volumes and enable phone-based ordering.



"The store-in-a-box solution has revolutionized network operations at Pressed. We have eliminated network downtime and are able to handle phone orders seamlessly," says Rogers.



# Improved cybersecurity

Interface took responsibility for ensuring all Pressed locations met the cybersecurity guidelines as dened by the Payment Cards Industry Data Security Standards (PCI DSS).

The PCI compliance service oered by Interface included assistance to complete the self-assessment questionnaire (SAQ), validating all tests for compliance using a combination of automated security vulnerability scanning tools and on-demand testing (ASV scans), and training all employees processing customer orders on security practices.

"We no longer have to expand our IT teams across 12 states as Interface takes complete responsibility for keeping our network up and running."

Blaine LaBron
VP Digital Commerce
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According to LaBron, "Before Interface, staying PCI compliant was challenging as we had too many systems and inconsistent security practices. With Interface, our data security posture is denitely much better and we are fully PCI compliant."

# Video management system (VMS)

Interface rolled out a cloud-based <u>video management</u> <u>solution</u> that enables store managers and corporate sta to easily access any security camera footage from any connected device.

A simple to use mobile app delivers video recordings from all store locations with searchable content assets that can be securely shared with password-protected links with law enforcement for any investigation.

"Before Interface implemented VMS, it took several days to access video recordings. Now I can quickly nd videos, ensure that our employees follow customer service protocols and the store operations are aligned to our standards," says Rogers.



"VMS allows us to virtually check in on our stores to monitor operational consistency, customer experience, employee safety, and use video snippets for training"

**Kathleen Rogers**Vice President of Stores
Pressed



# Video analytics

Interface implemented a cloud-based video analytics solution that's designed to uncover critical store operation insights using the security camera footage.

Pressed is using the <u>video analytics solution</u> to gain a variety of real-time insights such as customer footfalls, ordering and service times, stang requirements, the eectiveness of online marketing campaigns in driving footfalls, and conversion rates.



According to LaBron, "Video analytics allows us to map real-time customer demand patterns to staing requirements. This helps us to make informed decisions about stang in our stores to deliver the best customer experience."

"The Interface video analytics system allows us to actually see the foot trac outside of our stores and the conversion rate into our stores. This helps us determine if digital signage is eective. Video analytics is proving to be a gamechanger for Pressed," says Rogers.

#### Video-verified alarms

Interface upgraded the legacy alarm systems and took over ongoing alarm monitoring for all Pressed locations. The upgrade included <u>video verification of alarm events</u> enabled by integrating security cameras with intrusion detection devices if needed," says LaBron.

With video verication of alarms, Interface's remote monitoring team can view security camera footage at the location where there is an alarm event. They can determine if this is a genuine alarm or a false alarm. In case there is a genuine security breach, Interface's remote monitoring team informs law enforcement and the designated Pressed employee.

"The safety and security of our teams are really important. Knowing that Interface is just a button away, gives us peace of mind."

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The video-veried alarm monitoring service has cut down false alarm penalties. Every time an alarm goes o during non-business hours, Interface monitoring centers can verify and dispatch authorities if needed," says LaBron.



# Inspiring the next wave of growth

"We brought on Interface to optimize our costs at a store level and help us accelerate innovation. Interface allows my team to focus on customer experience and productivity without having to worry about our network and security operations."

"Pressed is a growing company. To scale 40+ stores a year, you need partners who can facilitate our growth. By bundling managed services across all facets of store operations, Interface oers us predictable monthly costs and service levels. Most importantly, Interface has helped us uncover valuable business insights to improve our operations and delight our customers," says LaBron.

"The biggest win that we had with Interface was reducing our fixed cost in the stores by about 50%"

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"The customer experience with Interface has been fantastic. They're there for us 24 hours a day, xing things before we even know there's an issue and providing support whenever we need it. Pressed is a pretty cool brand and Interface powers a lot of our innovation, "adds Rogers.

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