# CONSUMERS DEMAND THE DIGITAL EXPERIENCE IN-STORE

Today's consumers are highly connected and expect the same shopping experience offline as they do online: whether they're searching for a book via their smartphones or shopping for clothes on their tablets, they want their digital experiences to transfer seamlessly to the physical store.

## ONLINE RESEARCH

The connected consumer does a lot of research online before making a purchase - meaning she's more informed than ever, and demands high-quality service as a result.

A report released in 2013 found that almost

1 in 4

global consumers had recently bought a product in-store that they first researched online



Such sales are expected to comprise 44% of all retail sales in the U.S. by 2016



Forrester Consulting found that 69% of consumers trust web data, including product information and reviews, more than information attained from a sales associate in the store

Only 16% of consumers believe that store associates are the best resource for product information

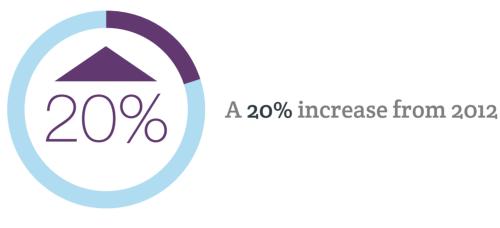
However, 43% will trust a sales associate more if the associate is aided by a web-connected device

### IN-STORE BROWSING

Today's connected consumer expects a seamless experience on and offline.

Connected consumers use devices to research while shopping in stores

consumers use their mobile device in-store to guide purchasing decisions



### How connected consumers use mobile apps in store:



for checking prices

to seek out coupons, discounts and sales



to scan barcodes



to check online product reviews from other consumers

Consumers trust **4x more** than they trust store employees' advice













56%

of lost sales are because of out-of-stock items



40% of consumers have bought an item online after researching it in-store



### OMNI-CHANNEL PURCHASING Where and how does the connected consumer decide to

buy? What influences her to buy more in the store?





after researching a purchase ahead of time online





positive effect on the shopping experience

# THE RETAILER'S TO-DO LIST **Provide Access to Web Inventory**

#### identified via their web personalization in

consumers want to be

Personalize Customer

Service

More than 4 in 10

physical stores

#### reduce overstocks and lost sales from out-of-stocks, which amount to \$818 billion in losses for businesses every year

in Physical Stores

Services like endless aisle have been found to

### want to use mobile apps to aid their in-store shopping

**Enhance Mobile** 

Experience

44% of consumers



#### Almost 6 in 10 shoppers expect 56% of respondents to Forrester's Q4 2012 eBusiness and Channel Strategy Online Survey retail experiences to span both strongly agreed that their companies should support a consistent cross-channel experience

Streamline Shopping across Channels

digital and physical channels by 2014 And in 2012, more than half of consumers worldwide said retailers

lacked consistency across channels

But only 23% felt they could execute such an experience



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