# Retailing in Emergent Markets:

Strategic Foundations & Best Practices



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### Retailers are shaping the future by creating a compelling vision



### **Serving the underserved**





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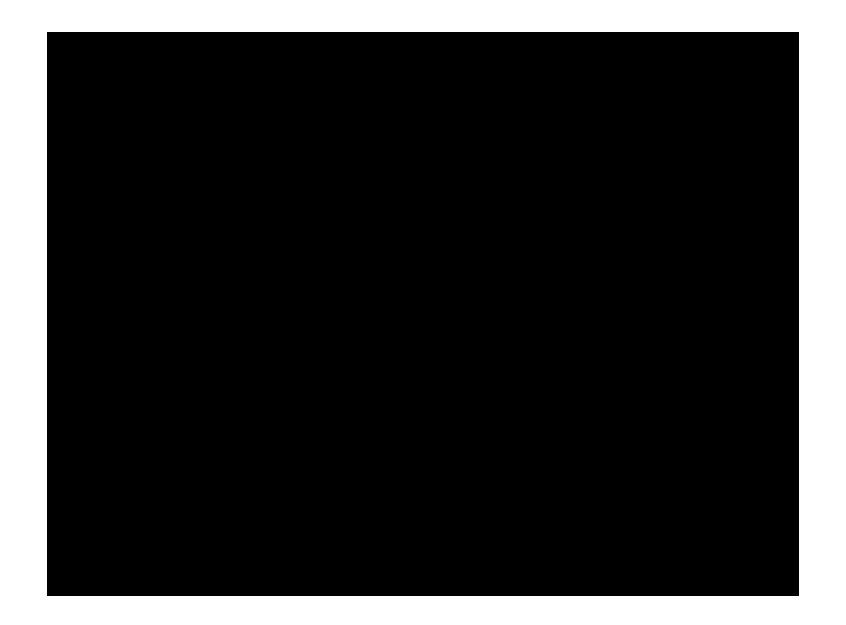
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Modern merchandising at Pick n Pay store in Soweto's new mall







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### Emerging consumers rapidly adapting to the modern world





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#### Meet Morgan: Pick n Pay franchisee, Soweto





# Building the transition from traditional to modern shopping on the outskirts of Lima









#### Minka – Formalizes the Informal





### The format provides consistency and order



### Retailers in emerging markets constantly innovating to create value for their customers

#### **Disruptive Changes**







**Continual Crisis** 

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# **OPPORTUNITIES!**

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### **Turkey 2002 Hyperinflation:**

Challenge: How can we help customers cope?





### **Turkey 2002 Hyperinflation:**

**Answer: Freeze prices for three months** 





#### Result:

# 2010 – Customers from all segments still trust BIM to always have the lowest prices

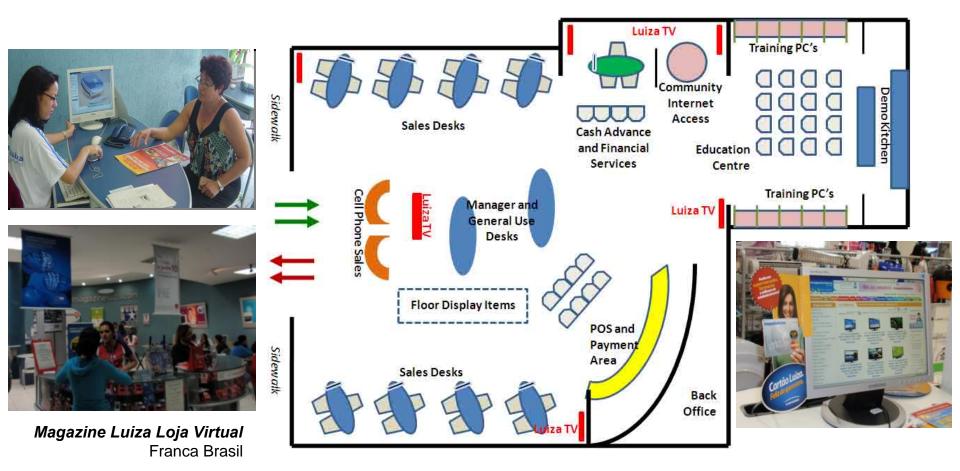








### Virtual stores to reach small town and low-income communities, where consumers shop from online catalogues.





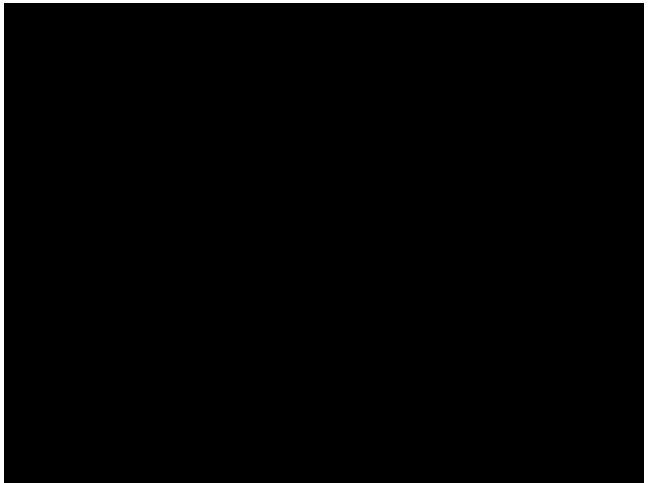
- 300 virtual stores
- An oasis in small towns and poor neighborhoods
- No physical display
- Home delivery in 48 hours







In their flagship format, they go one step further in helping customers realize their aspirations.





#### Brides get "Royal" treatment on their wedding day





Free hair styling in the store



#### **CASAS BAHIA**

Going the extra mile for the customer – Super Casamento (Super Weddings)







### Serve all customers, All incomes



Vivanda, Plaza Vea, Mass Banners High-Middle-Lower Market Segmentation Supermercados Peruanos

Retailers in emergent markets serve customers from all income levels—rich, poor and all of those in the middle.

- **1. The middle class alone is not yet large enough** to support the growth of a substantial retail business.
- 2. Lower income individuals and families already are important consumers. As their financial wellbeing improves, they will become higher spending customers and members of an expanding middle class.
- 3. People at all income levels shop in both the fragmented and organized markets. These emergent market realities present retailers with a difficult challenge: convincing customers from across the entire income spectrum that they can meet their needs.

The difficulty is compounded as more retailers enter emergent markets, and shoppers realize that they have increased choice.



### Norberto Rossi







#### PERU SUPERMERCADOS PERUANOS







Vivanda, Plaza Vea, Mass Supermercados Peruanos



### Peru – Interbank's Supermercados Peruanos A private equity held retailer establishing best practice is a rapidly changing market







- Interbank created a private equity company to manage retail in Peru based on the increased participation of the emergent market to fuel overall growth
- Plaza Vea targets mall locations based on drawing from the full spectrum of possible customers, with the understanding that it is a multi-year investment to create new customers from the emergent market
- **Super Vea** defining the store space, overall offerings, and security to reflect the increased and sustained traffic of the weekends and holidays
- **Mass** is a limited assortment grocer aimed at poorer neighborhoods with fresh product and staples at low prices



### Mass











### Plaza Vea











#### Vivanda

## Delivering the high level experience to an aspirational consumer





### KEY THEMES OF THE STUDY



## Understanding the Consumer Leisure becomes a new past time in Emergent Markets



Maponya Mall, Soweto

### The key to understanding leisure time is to understand mobility

- A customer that can go someplace desirable and stay there long enough to enjoy while being able to make it home
- Most central retail location have this appeal
- In this market they almost always have organized entertainment available on the peak periods of traffic

#### Transportation is one concern, safety is the other

- Where safety is a concern, retail plays a role (sometimes for self-protection) of providing the environment
- Safety is provided by trained security
- And a setting that appears to be safe

Leisure is a family activity, the retailer has to be prepared for larger families to spend protracted periods of time



#### **Company Value and Branding** Action Steps to consider from insights into the study of emergent retailers



Mass Banner



**Establishing a brand within the market is critical** – It is of higher importance for a retailer than in developed markets since the shopper trip will rarely be casual in nature

**The brand has to reflect local value** – That brand message needs to have resonance to key elements of local life such as the home, family, neighborhood, or religion

Lima Peru



#### **Value and Brand Development**





Pick n Pay Johannesburg South Africa







## Expert and Functional Employees Understanding the strategic difference between the two is critical to retailers in this market



Store Manager Pick n'Pay



Store Aisle Beirdronka

- There was a very wide range of training and motivation programs in use by the retailers studied. They could be summarized as:
- Expert The employee is fully enabled and compensated to develop customer relationships overtime via expert negotiations, sell-thru, and product knowledge
- Functional The employee is expected to execute to clearly stated standards and by doing so services the customer in the best possible way. In this case the store and compliance to standards is key importance
- **Compensation** in each case is driven by their ability to execute against a creative company expertise or to defined company standards

**Training** for the Expert is heavily weighted toward a corporate culture and sense of inclusion. For the functional an emphasis on existing standards



#### **Training Employees Images from Brazil and South Africa**



Figure 2f: Educating customers and employees at Pick n Pay Figure 2c: Pick n Pay employees take great



pride in their work



Figure 2b: Employee camaraderie at Magazine Luiza



Figure 2d: Pick n Pay in-store media educates shoppers by day and employees off hours



Figure 2g: Magazine Luiza's Training and Demo area helps customers and employees



Figure 2e: Awards and Promotion Night at Magazine Luiza



## **Store Design Incorporates Financial Services Offered in a Safe Environment**

## Making it possible to manage multiple financial activities adds value to the shopping trip

Financial services with cultural relevance: e.g. funeral plans Mzansi program (banking for low income earners)







**Education** 







Connectivity, free internet access

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Sao

Magazine Luiza,



#### **Systems: Implement Best Practice**

**Primrose Square,** Johannesburg



In South Africa where there is a great cultural emphasis on greetings, care is taken to observe local custom in the transitioning economy.

Until recently, it was possible to make a good profit without them.

**That's no longer true.** Profit in emergent markets did not depend primarily on growing sales and controlling costs. Instead, profit mostly was a function of how much credit was extended to customers and at what interest rates.

Heightened competition provided the wake-up call. As international retailers with sophisticated systems and operations arrived in emergent markets, local executives, often educated at the business schools of North America and Europe, became knowledgeable about the latest management theories and practices.

The rules changed. The profitability of credit eroded. Understanding and controlling costs has become a critical imperative. And leading emergent market retailers are getting "organized" quickly, learning from their local best-in-class retail competition and benchmarking against best-in-class retailers worldwide.



# Logistics can be Radically Altered Governments are in common cause with retailers and vendors in improvement of logistic infrastructure



The Peruvian government stated it spent US\$3.6 billion on roads in 2009 and intends to spend US\$4.2 billion in 2010

## In these markets, the infrastructure needed to facilitate logistics is improving in a revolutionary manner:

- New road and rail networks
- Better systems integration
- Reduction of internal and external tariffs
- Improvements in security
- Wireless communication between vehicles and distribution points

## However, there are still major challenges of ensuring product is in the right place at the right time

- Pick 'n Pay accepts a higher ratio of on-site inventory
- Magazine Luiza operates a virtual inventory management
- All are trying to improve information flow by installing Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software solutions



# Logistic Challenges and Requirements Accepting larger inventories in place and considerations to packaging as well



Bierdronka

Inventories are a by-product of the evaluation of logistics in these markets. Sometimes more is more.

Shelf ready packaging increasingly is answer used in these markets to limit the amount of handling within the logistic chain

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#### **Connectivity is a Priority**

## Customers rapidly absorb all communication devices to everyday activities including access to commerce

#### Connectivity, communication, browsing

- Use multiple sources for phone – and know the prices/ best deal for all
- Cell phones used for e-mail and browsing vs. talking







#### Communications only works if there is connection

- •This creates a need to re-think what being online means in an emergent market
- •Cell phone usage also has strategic implications--not just a matter of using SMS as a tool, but thinking about connectivity in a greater sense
- •Opportunities for offers & loyalty programs that capitalize on consumer usage (free minutes for spend)

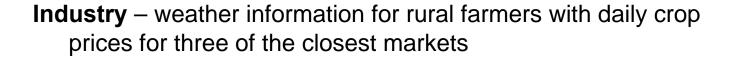


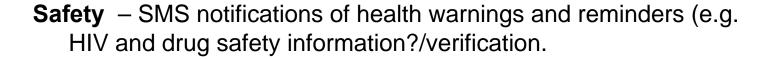
#### **Unique Dynamics Make the Mobile Phone a Lifeline**



**Cultural** – a compass that shows Muslim users the direction of Mecca

**Language** – voice recognition for countries with high illiteracy rates





**Access** – linking bank accounts and credit cards to mobile phones enables one touch bill payment while new services allow secure, easily accessible mobile money transfer across country

With more than four billion mobile phone users (worldwide) and only 1.6 billion bank accounts, global demand for access to financial services presents a strong opportunity," says Mary McDowell, an executive vice president for Nokia.





### DISCUSSION & QUESTIONS