

Global Fast Food Chain Improves Mobile Payment Capabilities for Better Customer Service and Franchisee Experience

Guiding a global platform to establish new revenue streams and create a universal ordering system for individual franchisees

DIGITAL PAYMENTS

FOOD SERVICES

USER EXPERIENCE

INTRODUCTION

This digital payments client, a fast food industry giant, wanted to roll out a new global ordering platform for their mobile app. To do this, the client would need to build a centralized platform that could handle taking orders globally while sending each order to the individual franchise location. Mobile orders required payment facilitation, as well as sending orders and distributing funds to individual restaurants. The client teamed up with Levvel to analyze competitors and customers, then identify which payment providers would best meet their overall objectives.

CHALLENGE

The client's primary problem was the need for a third-party perspective to analyze competitors and research customer needs that would help ensure the application's success. The client wanted Levvel to validate internal decisions, as they needed to reduce the complexity of their global payments processing environment and create a new global mobile ordering capability.

This presented challenges, including:

- High number of localized processors all around the world, making updates difficult
- Lack of modern, single global payments processor made money movement slow and less efficient
- Inability to roll out new changes that individual franchises could adopt quickly

“As this client was a global entity, they had the unique struggle of convincing individual restaurant franchisees to modernize and implement new changes, especially regarding digital payments.”

APPROACH

Levvel's mission started with helping the client strategize around what payment mechanisms to offer customers on the mobile app. Levvel focused market research efforts on customer preference, user experience, and determining the best products for certain use cases. A better mobile experience entailed providing payment options such as entering credit card information and allowing the customer to store the restaurant's value card within the app. This also included adding alternative payment providers, such as Apple Pay, PayPal, etc.

This strategy work would help develop a roadmap for future implementation. After the initial strategy phase, the client ultimately needed help picking a global processor.

This approach required:

- Consolidating processors currently used
- Writing criteria to select the best global payments processor for future use
- Recommending best payments processor for client's future payment needs
- Writing the technical requirements for implementation of global payments processor



The client had the unique challenge of trying to build a centralized mobile ordering platform for global use. This brought in complexities such as regional payment schemes, different user preferences, and complicated infrastructure. They really needed a single payment provider to simplify their overall go-to-market, and we helped guide them through that journey.

Scott Harkey, Chief Strategy Officer and Head of Payments

RESULTS

The client leveraged Levvel's recommendations on payment acceptance options, which became their product roadmap for development. Guidance for this platform created a better ordering experience for customers, especially when personalizing food orders at individual franchises.

Based on their newfound knowledge, recommendations, and Levvel's expertise, the client was able to:

TEAM SIZE



x3

TIMELINE



6 months



Select the best global payments processor for their mobile application



Leverage the technical specifications created to give to the global payments processor



Establish the requirements needed for global inquirer integration



Roll out the new mobile ordering system across the world

IMPACT

This project helped position the client well in the current market by implementing digital ordering and payment components. With COVID-19 creating considerable problems for the fast food and restaurant industry, competitors took substantial revenue hits. However, with these digital tools in place, the client was ready to handle these unique challenges and thrive despite difficult circumstances.

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