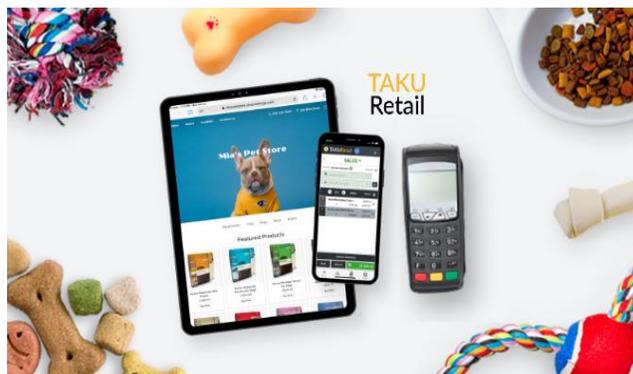


TAKU Retail

Helps York Region Retailers Offer a Better Digital Neighbourhood Shopping Experience

TAKU Retail is built by the same award-winning team at ACE POS Solutions Ltd. that supports over 6,000 merchants across North America including brands such as Fabricland and Kawartha Dairy. A spinoff of ACE POS Solutions, **TakuLabs Ltd.** was launched in Markham by Karen Wong and her co-founders to capture the changing retail market experience and transform the future of retail sales with TAKU Retail software.

With over 17+ years of experience in retail, wholesale, and manufacturing; TakuLab's founders are aware of the problems that traditional merchants face today. To help merchants compete and grow across all channels, an all-in-one retail solution was needed, TAKU Retail was created with a mission to help established physical retailers sell to customers everywhere while connecting stores with nearby shoppers who are looking for what they sell.



Given the critical mission at hand, TAKU Retail proudly joined VentureLAB's incubator network in 2018, a leading technology hub located in Markham and home to a community of like-minded entrepreneurs and tech leaders, which TAKU Retail has leveraged to become a globally competitive leader in the industry and thus helping more traditional merchants modernize and future proof their businesses.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, TAKU Retail partnered with Digital Main Street (DMS) to help traditional brick and mortar retailers move their operations online fast and be found more easily by local shoppers. The program was specifically aimed at York Region independent businesses with high inventory volumes as they have unique challenges when trying to go online. By participating in the DMS FutureProof program, merchants in Markham get free use of the TAKU Retail platform in-store and online along with complimentary setup services to help them every step of the way. And because TAKU Retail is the first retail software in Canada to be directly integrated to Google, participating merchants are able to get their products to automatically show up online when it counts - when nearby shoppers are searching for products that they sell.

Because of the DMS FutureProof program, TAKU Retail was able to help many traditional York Region retailers successfully pivot their operations to sell in-store, online, and offer pickup and delivery options during the pandemic.

The future is bright for TAKU Retail as they expand and onboard more retailers onto their cloud platform. Over the next year, they expect to launch and introduce their unified commerce platform to new markets around the world.

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