



Transaction Network Services

**Comms XL congratulates TGI Fridays on European Retail Solutions Award win**

TGI Fridays has won the first European Retail Solutions Award for Best Use of Technology in a Hospitality and Leisure environment, for its work updating legacy systems in 47 of its UK restaurants. The award, sponsored by Comms XL, a Transaction Network Services (TNS) company, made its first appearance at the annual ceremony held earlier this week.

Comms XL, which is exhibiting as part of TNS at Retail Solutions 2006 at the NEC, Birmingham, is sponsoring the award to promote the technological advancements being made in the hospitality and leisure industry.

TGI Fridays worked with Micros Systems and Fujitsu Services to replace 15 in-store systems with just one integrated food-ordering platform. Micros Systems provides the software to transmit orders wirelessly while Fujitsu's B-pad hand-held devices allow employees to process bills and print receipts at the side of the table.

Wendy Dobson, sales director at Comms XL, comments, "We are delighted that TGI Fridays has received this accolade, and we were honoured to sponsor this new award. Successful implementations, such as this, further highlight the steps being taken in the hospitality and leisure industries in embracing new technology.

"As a technology provider ourselves, we can see the benefits that IT innovations can bring, helping hospitality and leisure companies to reduce operational costs and increase customer service."

With over two decades of combined experience in retail, Comms XL and TNS help transaction-oriented organisations increase business communications efficiency, control operational costs and improve the speed of communications and transactions.

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## **About Comms XL**

For more than a decade, Comms XL has been acknowledged as one of the UK's leading developers and suppliers of card processing and authorisation solutions. Our expertise in system development, specialist networking/communication skills, and high levels of customer service make Comms XL the first choice supplier for 1,000+ businesses. Customers benefit from Comms XL's excellent working relationships with the banks and acquirers, built up during many years of working together.

Comms XL also has an excellent Business Partner channel, which specialises in providing the business applications we provide to the following markets:

- Retail
- Hospitality
- Travel
- CRM
- e-commerce
- Finance
- Insurance
- IT & Telecomms
- Leisure
- Local Government
- Utilities

The first company to achieve global EMV accreditation from MasterCard for a generic Chip and PIN software solution, Comms XL is committed to providing clients with innovative and dynamic software solutions and services that deliver demonstrable business benefits.

## **About TNS**

Transaction Network Services is one of the leading providers of business-critical, cost-effective data communications services for transaction-oriented applications. TNS provides rapid, reliable and secure transaction delivery platforms to enable transaction authorisation and processing across several vertical markets and trading communities.

Since its inception in 1990, TNS has designed and implemented multiple data networks, each designed specifically for the transport of transaction-oriented data. TNS networks support a variety of widely accepted communications protocols and are designed to be scalable and accessible by multiple methods. TNS network technologies have been deployed in the United States and internationally, and TNS networks have become preferred networks servicing the trading community, wireless and wireline carriers, and the card processing and dial-up automated teller machine markets. For further information about TNS transaction solutions, please refer to [www.tns-international.com](http://www.tns-international.com)

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