# Retail Innovation

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Workflow map

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## NYC - A Sector in Flux

- Traditional leasing models are breaking down
- Tenants expect more TI and personalization
- Landlords must shift from passive rent to active experience curation



## The Core Problem

- Vacancy & Turnover
- Tenant Experience Gaps
- Leasing Complexity
- Operating Costs
- Landlord Reputation
- Lack of Personalization and Co-Tenancy Strategy



## Workflow Fit



#### 1. Pain Point Alignment

- Does the solution directly address identified pain points?
- ▶ What is the quantifiable impact on vacancy reduction or cost savings?
- How does it improve tenant experience and retention?



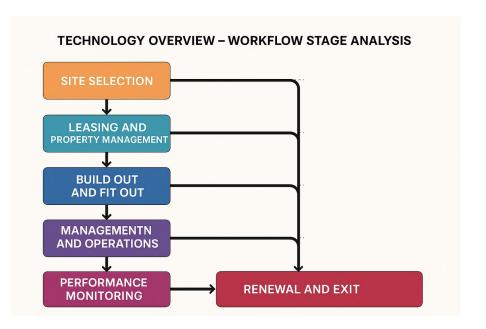
#### 2. Integration Capability

- API compatibility with existing property management systems
- Data standardization and workflow automation potential
- Scalability across multiple properties and tenant types



#### 3. NYC-Specific Requirements

- Local Law 97 compliance and sustainability features
- NYC permitting and regulatory navigation
- Market-specific data sources and analytics

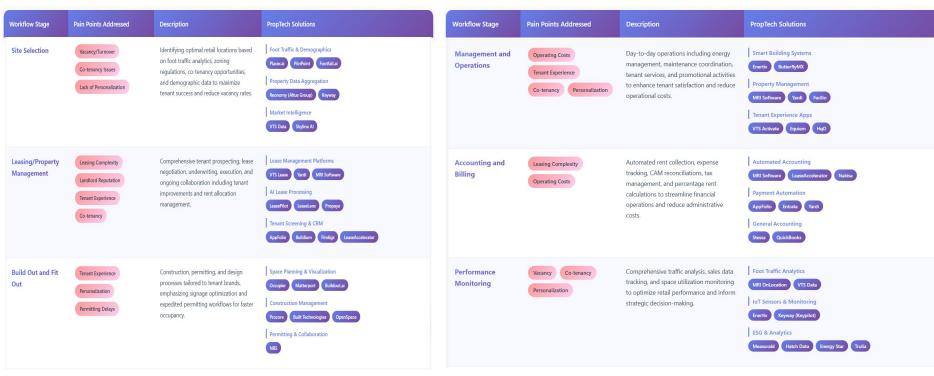




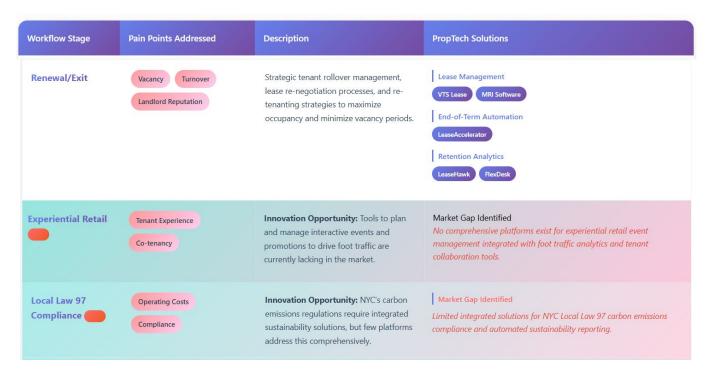
#### 4. ROI and Performance Metrics

- Implementation timeline and cost-benefit analysis
- User adoption rates and change management requirements
- Measurable KPIs: occupancy rates, lease velocity, tenant satisfaction

# Technology Overview



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## Vetting and Due Diligence Framework

Why retail PropTech needs vetting

NYC-specific operational complexity

Real-world outcomes (NOI, turnover, downtime)



Criteria	Why It Matters in Retail		
Implementation Risk	Complex workflows $\rightarrow$ clean integration is critical		
Usability	Must work for brokers, tenants, landlords		
ROI Clarity	Evidence of NOI impact or cost reduction		
Product Reliability	No room for bugs/outages in daily retail ops		
Vendor Financial Stability	Avoid VC-backed instability/disruption		
Data Ownership	Tenant + performance data = competitive edge		
Scalability	Must scale from Soho to Queens		
Support/Warranty	Responsive onboarding + support is key in NYC		

## Vetting and Due Diligence Framework

### **Proptech Vetting Matrix**

Tool	Impl. Risk	ROI Clarity	Reliability	Scalability	Support
VTS Lease	1	<b>V</b>	V	<b>V</b>	V
Placer.ai	V	<b>V</b>	V	<u> </u>	1
MRI Software	V	<b>V</b>	V	<b>V</b>	<b>V</b>
Enertiv		<b>V</b>	V	<b>V</b>	1
ButterflyMX	V	1	V	1	1





### Final Recommendation: Adopt, Pilot, or Reject?

**DECISION:** Pilot the most promising PropTech tools stage-by-stage, while withholding full-stack adoption.

#### JUSTIFICATION:

- ROI Clarity: Tools like MRI and VTS show clear potential to increase NOI and reduce downtime.
- Implementation Risk: Many tools still have integration challenges especially across stages.
- Scalability: Top vendors (e.g., MRI, VTS) are scalable; others (ButterflyMX, Enertiv) are limited in portfolio-wide deployment.
- **Vendor Risk**: Market leaders are stable; smaller providers risk acquisition/failure.
- **Support**: Most solutions lack robust support SLAs not ideal for NYC's operational pace.
- **Data Ownership**: Remains unclear across many tools a major long-term concern.
- **Usability**: High for individual tools, but no seamless multi-tool user experience.
- Reliability: Strong across most key tools (few performance issues reported).

## Why We Recommend This Solution

This recommendation supports real operator needs across leasing, operations, and accounting, while minimizing exposure to workflow gaps or vendor risk.

- 1 ROI: MRI and VTS show strong leasing and ops automation → increased NOI, reduced downtime.
- 2 RISK: Integration and vendor risk exist especially with niche startups (e.g., Buildout.ai, LeaseLens).
- 3 SCALABILITY: TS, MRI, Placer.ai all tested in NYC portfolios; easily scalable from flagship to secondary locations
- FIT IN WORKFLOW: Each tool maps directly to one workflow stage (e.g., Buildout.ai → Fit-Out; Placer.ai → Site Selection), even if stack-wide compatibility is lacking.

### Risks, Concerns, & Why We Are Still Confident

#### **POTENTIAL CONCERNS**

- No integrated end-to-end platform
- No tenant feedback or reputation systems exist
- NYC-specific permitting, pop-up, or LL97 compliance tools remain underdeveloped

#### MITIGATION RATIONALE

- Pilot each solution by workflow stage, integrate over time as APIs mature
- Custom survey layers or plug-in to Equiem/HqO to capture sentiment
- Future opportunity for custom development or acquisition-focused tech roadmap

# Q&A

Any questions?

# Thank You!