

# Found Money: Inventory Management Basics

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## What is Inventory Management?

- The practice of planning, directing and controlling inventory so that is contributes to the success of your business
- Balancing inventory supply and demand for profitability





#### Why do you need it?

- Exceptional customer service includes providing top-quality products at reasonable prices
- Good inventory management:
  - □ Improves customer service
  - □ Increases sales & profits
  - □ Increases working capital





#### **Goals for Inv Mgmt**

- Maintaining stock levels that satisfy demand but don't tie up money
- Increasing inventory turns
- Obtaining best possible price
- Offering best assortment of products
- Having the right products for your clientele





#### **Selecting Manufacturers**

- Philosophy/positioning
- Retail price point
- Packing
- Synergy through spa
- Advertising & Marketing
- Support







#### **Choices?**



- Fit
- Effectiveness
- Buy-in from staff
- You're not a drug store!



#### **How Many Lines?**













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- Average Spa, 4-6 tx rooms
  - □ 1 Main Skin line
  - □ 1 Niche Skin line
  - □ 1 Nail line
  - □ 1 Massage
  - Assorted Retail

- Larger Spa, 8-14 tx rooms
  - □ 2 Main Skin Lines
  - 1 Niche Skin Line
  - □ 1 Nail line
  - □ 1 Massage
  - Assorted Retail





#### **Selecting Distributors**

- User-friendly terms and minimums
- Shipping
- Geographic location
- Support options
  - Education, DSC support





### P&L Rev/Cost of Goods - before

Total Service Sales	\$ 1,618,523.04	
Total Retail Sales	\$ 404,711.66	
Total Revenues	\$ 2,126,433.11	100
Cost of Goods Sold		
Total Tech Svc Labor	\$ 560,147.53	35%
Supplies Back Bar Total	\$ 144,070.55	9%
COGS Retail	\$ 135,881.26	34%
Product Sales Commissions	\$ 56,659.63	3%
Tech Labor Payroll Taxes	\$ 55,512.65	10%
Merchant Fees	\$ 68,888.91	3%
<b>Total Cost of Sales</b>	\$ 1,021,160.53	48%
<b>Gross Profit</b>	\$ 1,105,272.58	52%





#### **Chart of Accounts**

- Product categories need to match service categories
- Separate entry for professional and retail
- Should be grouped just like your POS software





#### **Chart of Accounts - example**

- Esthetics Prof
- Massage & Body Prof
- Nails Prof
- Makeup Prof
- Medical Prof
- Hair Prof
- Miscellaneous

- **■** Esthetics Retail
- Massage & Body Ret
- Nails Ret
- Makeup Retail
- Medical Retail
- Hair Retail
- Spa Retail





#### **COGS Back Bar Detail**

Supplies - Esthetics	\$ 30,573.38	21%
Supplies - Hair	\$ 32,355.95	22%
Supplies - Makeup	\$ 285.12	0.2%
Supplies - Massage	\$ 15,202.85	11%
Supplies - Medical	\$ 46,002.11	32%
Supplies - Nail	\$ 19,651.14	14%
Supplies Back Bar Total	\$ 144,070.55	100%





#### **Purchase Forecasting**

- Determine minimum and maximum supply levels for each product
- Consider frequency of ordering
- Consider shipping time
- Allow some room for error







#### **Ordering Procedures**

- Purchase orders/computer generated
- Ideal day to receive merchandise
- One point person per department
- Consider products that cross departments
  - ☐ Gloves, cotton, lotions
- Central location for P.O.'s



#### **Receiving Procedures**



- Delivery location?
- Check box contents against packing list
- Check packing list against P.O.
- Damages
- Updating software
- Ticketing





#### **Product Storage**

- Professional Supply
- Retail Supply
- Why not mix them?







# Performing Physical Inventory

Monthly

Last day of the mont

Separate professional and retail counts







#### **Measuring Inventory Turns**

Inventory Turns =

**Annual Retail COGS Average Inventory** 

2010 Prod purchases

\$93,271.

2010 Monthly Inv Avg

= 5.7

\$16,350.





#### **Shrinkage**

- What is it?
- What causes it?
  - □ Product obsolescence
  - □ Deterioration/damage
  - □ Theft
  - □ Protocols not followed







#### **Minimizing Shrinkage**

- Insure assigned storage
- Limit access
- Carry minimum of product
- Speed of cycle
- Stocking protocols





#### **Controlling Waste**

- **Service Protocols**
- Training
- Awareness
- Rewards







### Skin Department Analysis

Esthetic Dept Revenue	\$ 547,589.29	
Labor - Esthetic Department	\$ 171,920.13	31%
Supplies - Esthetics	\$ 80,199.98	
<b>Esthetic Dept Gross Profit</b>	\$ 295,469.17	54%
Service Sales - Esthetic	\$ 382,167.29	
Service Labor - Esthetic	\$ 147,106.83	
Back Bar - Esthetics	\$ 30,573.38	
<b>Service Gross Profit - Esthetics</b>	\$ 204,487.07	54%
Retail Sales - Esthetics	\$ 165,422.00	
Retail Commission - Esthetics	\$ 24,813.30	
COGS Retail - Esthetics	\$ 49,626.60	
Retail Gross Profit - Esthetics	\$ 90,982.10	55%





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Total Cost of Sales	\$ 974,201.36	46%
Gross Profit	\$ 1,152,231.75	54%





#### **Partnering**

- Work with suppliers to plan inventory levels
  - **□** Suppliers
    - New product or packaging information
  - □ Spas
    - Promotion calendar, historical data





#### **Focal Points**

- Set up a chart of accounts and stick to it
- Don't let technicians plan your purchases
- Keep professional and retail stock separated
- Inculcate product awareness into training and protocols





#### **Web Resources**

- Storefrontbacktalk.com
- Retailwire.com
- Snapretail.com
- SCMR.com
- Supplychainer.com







### **Inventory Management**

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