



# Howard Tenens

## 3PL Provider Achieves Increased Efficiency and Productivity With HighJump Warehouse Advantage

**Quick Facts: Howard Tenens**  
**Distribution Centre:** Andover, UK

**Key solution:** HighJump Warehouse Advantage

### Howard Tenens Company Profile

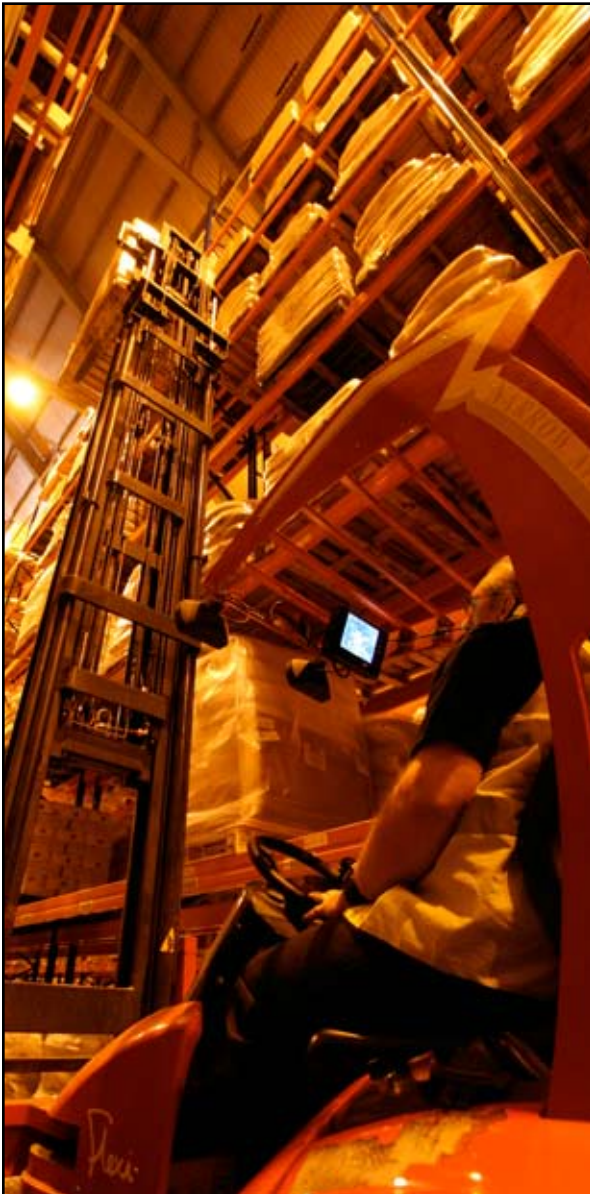
Howard Tenens is one of the largest privately owned 3PL management groups in the United Kingdom. The group operates 2.5 million square feet of high quality, modern warehousing space across its locations, providing distribution, storage and operational solutions to a variety of customers from across the whole business spectrum.

### Challenge

As a 3PL provider, Howard Tenens is no stranger to demanding customers. New and existing customers are constantly requesting changes to the way they would like Howard Tenens to manage their varied logistics operations. The company decided to search for a new flexible WMS as its existing warehouse management system (WMS) couldn't keep pace. The system was cumbersome to maintain and update, and didn't provide the level of traceability the company and its customers required. This left it without a record of operational activities. In addition to finding a system that was easy to set up and maintain, Howard Tenens was looking for a WMS that could produce real-time customer, carrier and supplier key performance indicator (KPI) data as well as operation and productivity KPI data. It also required a robust system that could cope with complex requirements and interface to a variety of customer systems.

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## **Solution**

Based on its evaluation criteria, Howard Tenens selected the HighJump Warehouse Advantage WMS. The system was installed in Howard Tenens' Andover facility, which provides 3PL warehousing, repacking and distribution operations for food products companies. “We wanted to work with a large company that could deliver a reliable, flexible and robust WMS solution that was ‘future proof,’” said Tom Bain, Group Operations Director, Howard Tenens.

The company also cited HighJump Software's first-class 24-hour technical support and its ability provide seamless interfaces between the new WMS and the various systems employed by customers as important factors in its selection.

HighJump Warehouse Advantage also helps Howard Tenens meet the challenges of running the operations of food products companies. For example, Howard Tenens faces unique inventory control challenges such as managing stock rotation according to expiration dates and other traceability requirements. Date stamps and born-on manufacturing indicators are product attributes maintained in the system, enabling operators to draw on pallets in the correct order. This is important not only for traceability records, but also to have visibility into expiration dates that support FIFO- and LIFO-based picking and rotation.

## **Results**

HighJump Warehouse Advantage enables Howard Tenens to provide enhanced levels of customer service by offering better reporting information in real time for its customers. Customers can log onto the HighJump system's Web-based reporting portal and view current inventory data, as well as supplier collection and delivery information. They can also export data into their own management systems. This has produced excellent stock count results and cut down on the time required to complete the stock counts,” said Bain. “In addition, the KPI data available within the HighJump system is extremely beneficial to us, as it enables better forecasting, budgeting and work scheduling.”

HighJump Warehouse Advantage has also allowed Howard Tenens to significantly cut down on administrative costs while boosting productivity. Warehouse workers are now given the most efficient pick paths via their handheld computers. The directed put-away rules help ensure that stock is in the right locations, which has improved the picking times and cut down on the stock controller's workload. Howard Tenens also appreciates the constraints built into the WMS that prevent users from overriding the system or taking shortcuts.

## **Future Plans**

Howard Tenens plans to install the HighJump system in all of its 15 sites. Swindon and Sharpness (Bristol) will be the next two major depots in the initial roll out phase.

