River Island Case Study



The Problem

River Island, a leading UK fashion retailer, was facing significant challenges with their in-store hiring process. Their store managers were spending an excessive amount of time reviewing and responding to high volumes of job applications, especially during peak hiring periods. This manual, time-consuming process was taking them away from their core responsibilities on the shop floor. Additionally, many applicants were not receiving timely feedback, leading to a poor candidate experience.



The Solution

To address these issues, River Island partnered with myInterview to implement their Al-powered hiring assistant, Taira. Taira was integrated into River Island's hiring workflow, automating many of the manual tasks that had previously burdened their store managers.

Key features of Taira included:



Automated screening and scoring of job applications



Branded, conversational candidate interactions



Seamless integration with River Island's existing systems



Detailed analytics and reporting for hiring managers

The Results

Taira has transformed River Island's hiring by streamlining screening, reducing hiring delays, and freeing store managers to focus on in-store operations. Candidates now receive instant feedback, creating a more engaging experience, while Al-driven screening ensures higher-quality hires. With significant cost and time savings, hiring managers and candidates alike praise Taira's efficiency, making hiring faster, smarter, and more effective.



Key Metrics



O seconds Time to Screen

Hiring managers spent 10 minutes reviewing each candidates application, now reduced to zero seconds with Taira.



3.5 days Time to Hire

Automated AI screening reduced time-to-hire from 12.5 days to 3.5 days, a 9-day improvement.



92% Savings

With Taira, screening costs dropped to £18,800. A saving of £209,700.



5 seconds

Candidates receive a follow-up within seconds, compared to up to 7 days before Taira.



15 candidates

Shortlists are now made up of 15 candidates compared to 91 and more in line with River Islands hiring needs and values.

Overall Impact

- Store managers now spend more time on the shop floor rather than reviewing applications.
- Hiring managers report higher efficiency, allowing them to focus on selecting the right talent instead of manual screening.
- Both candidates and hiring teams praise Taira's efficiency and ease of use, making it a game-changer for River Island's hiring strategy.

By leveraging Taira's automation, River Island has transformed its recruitment process, making hiring **faster**, **smarter**, **and more cost-effective**.



Thank You

