

# 3 technologies

every **mid-market** business **needs** to keep moving forward



# As a mid-market business, you can't afford a clunky tech stack

Manual processes and siloed tools might have worked in the early days — but at this level, they slow you down. And the warning signs aren't subtle:





# Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system

# What this tech does

An ERP connects various departments in your business, like finance, inventory, procurement, and operations — all in one place.

Think of it like the engine room of your business, keeping everything running smoothly behind the scenes.

# Why it matters

When every department runs on its own system (or worse, its own spreadsheet), it's hard to see the full picture. ERP eliminates quesswork. It helps you track orders, manage stock, keep finances in check, and generate real-time reports — all without the usual back-and-forth. It's one platform, one version of the truth.

# Look for an ERP that offers:

Flexibility to fit the way your business operates — not the other way around

Built-in reporting that gives you answers, not just data

Simple setup and easy adoption — so your team actually uses it





# Cloud-based productivity & collaboration tools

## What this tech does

These platforms bring your chats, files, calendars, video calls, and task boards together — accessible from anywhere.

Think of it like your office, whiteboard, meeting room, and filing cabinet — all online.

# Why it matters for mid-market businesses

As your teams grow, staying aligned becomes harder. Cloud collaboration tools keep everyone on the same page — literally. Documents, updates, and decisions happen in real time, in one shared space. Whether your teams are hybrid, remote, or spread across locations, this kind of visibility and access helps you move faster and avoid costly miscommunication.

# Look for tools that offer:

Integration with the systems you already use — especially your ERP

Built-in ways to keep work organised — like shared team spaces, project boards, and clear task ownership

An interface that's easy to use across the whole business — so everyone can work efficiently





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# Business intelligence (BI) & reporting tools

## What this tech does

BI tools turn all the data your business produces into something you can actually use — reports, dashboards, alerts. trends.

Think of it like a live dashboard that shows you exactly how your business is performing without waiting for month-end.

# Why it matters

Making decisions on "gut feelings" is a risky way to manage business. BI helps you see what's really going on — whether it's cash flow trends, sales slowdowns, or customer behavior shifts. So instead of sifting through spreadsheets or chasing someone for answers, you get real-time insight, instantly. You don't just report on what happened. You respond to what's happening.

# Look for a BI platform that offers:

Dashboards that make sense immediately — so teams don't waste time interpreting data

Real-time connections to your key systems — so you're always working with up-to-date numbers

Insights that surface what matters most — so you can act before small issues become big problems



# Let's Wrap This Up

As a mid-market business, your tech stack isn't just about keeping the lights on. It's what keeps your teams aligned, your decisions sharp, and your growth on track.

Vodacom Business can help you upgrade your stack with the platforms that power high-performing companies. Request a call to see how we can help you.



