Order Anything Online Today?

E-Commerce Trend Continues to Grow

Ordering dinner, household supplies, or just about anything has never been easier – just click and it appears on your computer or arrives on your doorstep. Some e-commerce names are well established, but for others, growth trajectories are just beginning. E-commerce is still in its adolescence (Amazon sold its first book in 1995), and experts agree decades of solid growth lie ahead. New innovations, shopping habits, and categories were born from the pandemic (online grocery, curbside delivery, BOPIS, BNPL) and omnichannel developed from a “concept” to reality. These trends that hit their tipping point during the pandemic have continued to grow in adoption. In fact, e-commerce is estimated to represent 42% of total retail sales growth in 2023.

Trends Supporting E-Commerce

Many business and demographic trends support the continued growth of e-commerce:

1. The convenience, ease, and rapid delivery of shopping from home drives online retail sales
2. Major sales days, events, and holidays continue to bolster e-commerce sales (Cyber Monday, etc.)
3. Mobile shopping in the U.S. grew to $387 billion in 2022, more than doubling pre-pandemic levels and is projected to reach $710 billion in 2025.
4. 91% of U.S. adults ages 18-49 report using their smartphones to make online purchases.
5. Global e-commerce sales are estimated to have surpassed $5.7 trillion in 2022
6. Social media (including TikTok’s one billion monthly users) is increasing its e-commerce focus
7. New, previously untapped markets (cannabis, gaming, etc.) are poised to generate huge new volumes
8. Personalized online shopping (augmented reality and artificial intelligence [AI]) AI systems provide personally curated products which can increase sales

Sectors Likely to Benefit

- Mobile Platforms
- Transportation (Drones, etc.)
- Online Travel Platforms
- Beauty Products
- Online Grocery Platforms
- Cybersecurity
- Streaming Services
- Upscale Resale
- Omnichannel Retail
- Home Improvement
- Online Marketplaces
- Online Gaming
How Can Investors Capitalize on the Growth of E-Commerce Companies?

The pandemic created hundreds of millions of new online shoppers. For an idea of just how fast e-commerce is growing, the consulting firm McKinsey estimated that at the height of pandemic, ten years of “normal” e-commerce growth happened in just 90 days. The global e-commerce market is expected to total $6.3 trillion in 2023 and $8.1 trillion by 2026. The U.S. e-commerce market is projected to reach over $1.1 trillion in sales in 2023, which is up 10% year over year.

Predictably, holiday spending is a key time of the year for e-commerce. In 2022, fourth-quarter retail e-commerce sales in the U.S. reached a record-breaking $332.2 billion, an 18.1% increase from the fourth quarter of 2021.

One option for investors interested in digital commerce is the Amplify Online Retail ETF (IBUY), an actively managed ETF representing online retail, online marketplace, online travel, and omnichannel retail in the rapidly growing e-commerce sector. For more information, please visit ibuyetf.com.

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Online retail companies are subject to risks of consumer demand and sensitivity to profit margins. Additionally technology and internet companies are subject to rapidly changing technologies; short product life cycles; fierce competition; aggressive pricing and reduced profit margins; the loss of patent, copyright and trademark protections; cyclical market patterns; evolving industry standards; and frequent new product introductions. Information technology companies may be smaller and less experienced companies, with limited product lines, markets or financial resources and fewer experienced management or marketing personnel. Stocks of many internet companies have exceptionally high price-to-earnings ratios with little or no earnings histories. Information technology company stocks, especially those which are internet related, have experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations that are often unrelated to their operating performance.

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