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Long: Maplebear Inc. (NASDAQ:CART)

Current Price: \$40.2 (11/21/2025) | **1Y Price Target:** \$55.5 (+38% Upside)



Maplebear Inc. (NASDAQ:CART) Instacart Overview

Leading online platform for grocery shopping

Company Overview

- Instacart (CART) operates the largest online grocery marketplace in North America, connecting millions of consumers with thousands of stores.
- Revenue Breakdown: CART makes money through transaction fees (~70% of revenue), paid by customers and retail partners such as Kroger or Walmart, and advertising (~30% of revenue) paid by consumer brands such as Pepsico or Nestle.

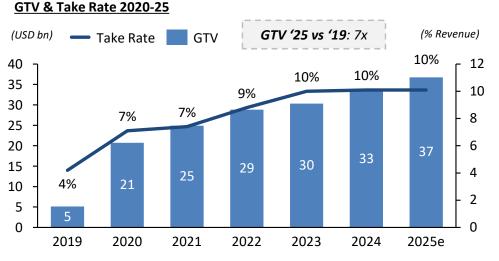
Customers	Shoppers	Partners Stores	CPG Brands
			TM
~8M MAOs	+600K	+1,800 +85K	+7K

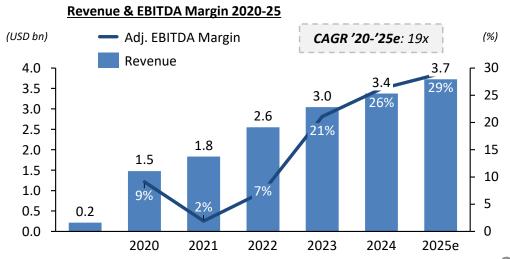
GTV and take rate have expanded favorably...

Key Financials & Trading Statistics

2026e - \$ in millions, unless otherwise stated								
Revenue	\$4,150	Current Price	\$40.2					
Gross Margin	74%	Market Cap	\$11,381					
Adj. EBITDA Margin	31%	Enterprise Value	\$9,867					
Adj. EBITDA	\$1,267	EV/EBITDA	7.4x					
GAAP Net Income	\$676	P/E	16.8x					
ROE	19%	FCFE Yield	9.1%					
ROIC	23%	3M ADTV	\$248					
Net Deht / FRITDA	-1 4x	52 wk High/Low	\$53 5 / \$3 4 8					

...delivering top line growth and profitability





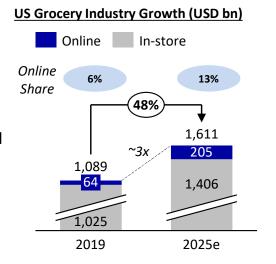


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Why does CART need to exist?

Online grocery penetration has grown rapidly...

- The grocery market is large and growing (\$1.6T)
- Online penetration has increased from 6% to 13% post Covid
- Order values have increased ~3x as new and existing players have made it easier for consumers to shop online



Few scaled players can get the economics right



WMT US only became profitable in 1Q26, six years after it meaningfully rolled out online grocery delivery



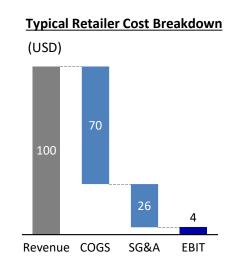
Despite being the #2 player in the US, **Kroger's eCommerce** offering is still unprofitable



Former CART CEO 3Q23: "it took us **100 million** orders before we were able to get to **positive unit economics**. So scale matters enormously ...all of our large partners partner with us...because we are the **most efficient** for their P&L, but also...as **affordable** as possible for their customers"

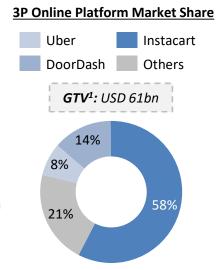
...but, economics of grocery delivery are challenging

- Grocery retailers earn thin margins, typically ~\$4 operating profit per \$100 basket
- That profit pool isn't enough to cover picking, packing and lastmile delivery
- As a result, batching orders and achieving regional scale is critical for the economics to work



CART is the market leader in 3P grocery fulfillment

- Retailers need 3P fulfillment partners to offer a competitive online solution, otherwise they risk loss of relevance
- CART is the dominant 3P player, with almost ~60% GTV share across 3P platforms, and ~6M Instacart+ members
- Instacart+ members are platform loyal and represent incremental demand for retailers



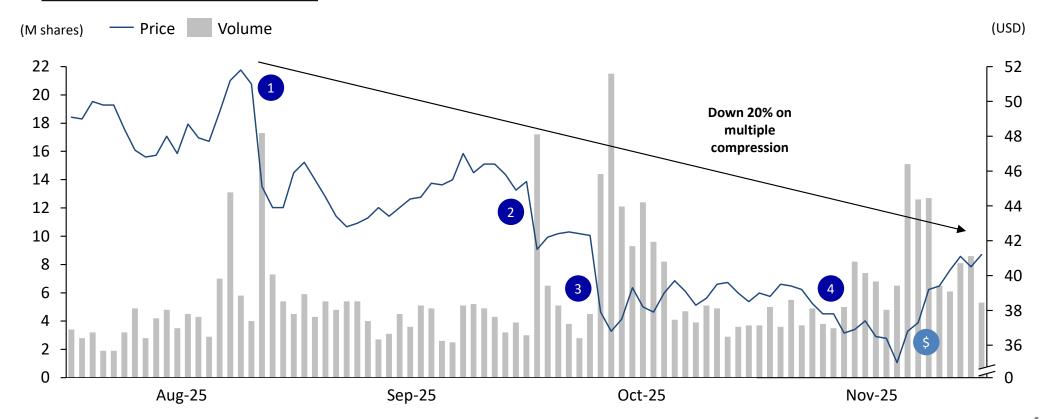


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The backdrop: multiple announcements over the past 4 months have created a competition overhang over the stock

- 1 8/13: Amazon expands same-day delivery benefits to 1K cities, with plans to expand to 2.3k cities by year end
- 9/19: Amazon partners with Winn-Dixie allowing for online grocery delivery in FL
- **9/30**: DoorDash expands relationship with Kroger, giving users access to 2.7k stores from Oct-1 onwards
- 4 **10/30**: Uber expands relationship with Kroger, giving customers access to 2.6k stores from early-26 onwards
- 3Q25 Earnings: Beat revenue and EBITDA by 1% and 4%, respectively. Announced a \$1.5B buyback.

Share Price & Volume - Last 4 months



Sources: Capital IQ



Investments Thesis

Headline concerns mask a misunderstood, well-positioned platform

Investment Thesis



Competition fears are overblown: The market overstates 1P and 3P competitive risk. CART still the leader in the \$75+ online basket category



Ad monetization will outperform: Consensus underestimates the potential of CART advertising engine



Disciplined capital allocation: Limited downside given ~10% FCFE yield in FY26-27e

Where are we different?

Market sees intensifying competition. We see structural insulation

Advertising revenue will reach 3.4% of GTV by 2027 (~15% above FY27e consensus), driven by off-site partnerships

Market underestimating CART's capacity for buybacks

Put together, our view differs from Consensus

		Team I	Estimates	Consensu	s Estimates
	FY 2025e	FY 2027e	Growth	FY 2027e	Growth
Revenue	3,722	4,570	CAGR: 10.8%	4,444	CAGR: 9.3%
GAAP EBIT Margin	15.1%	21.9%	+670 bps	18.2%	+300 bps
GAAP EPS	\$1.82	\$3.20	CAGR: 32.6%	\$2.61	CAGR: 19.8%

Sources: Factset



Thesis P1 (1/2)

1P competition is overstated – CART's position remains structurally insulated

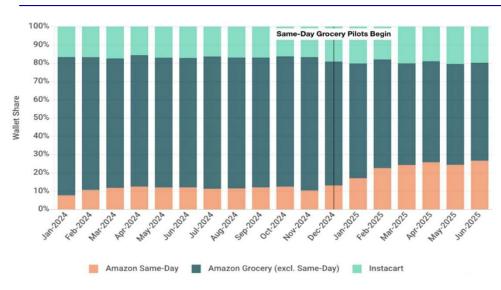
1P players are capital intensive and have lower coverage

	AMZN Fresh	WMT	CART
Delivery	Same day	<3 hours	90min
Annual Membership	\$139 prime + \$120 fresh	\$49	\$99
Free delivery threshold	\$25	\$35	\$10
City coverage	2,300	3,900	14,000
Capex intensity	High	Medium	Low

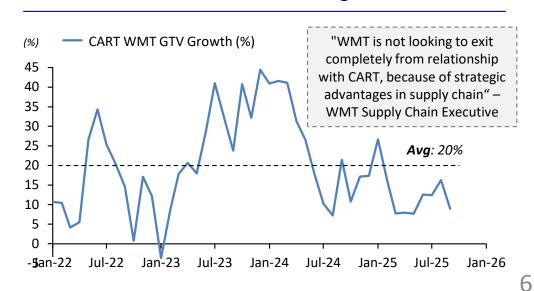
Amazon Fresh logistics footprint is still minimal



CART wallet share has remained steady among Amazon Grocery MAUs despite introduction of same day delivery...



...while CART's WMT GTV continues to grow



Source: Yipit, On the Seams, Company data

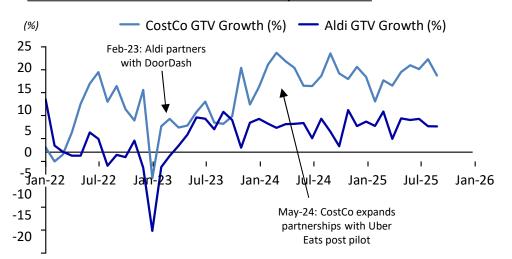


Thesis P1 (2/2)

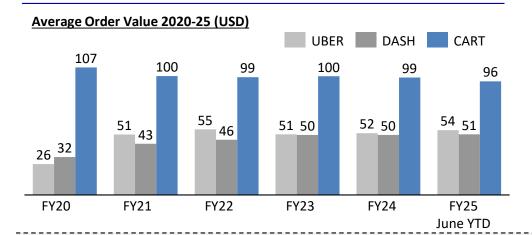
3P competition expands category penetration rather than cannibalizing CART's sales

GTV has grown despite loss of 3P exclusivity in the past

CostCo & Aldi GTV Growth in CART Marketplace 2022-25



CART dominates large basket category with ~\$100 AOV



CART fulfills a different use case

CARTs deeper retail integrations and larger scale enable it to offer more product SKUs and provide better inventory tracking

CART CEO: "we feel very differentiated because of our strength in large baskets...we have 17 million unique SKUs now on Instacart. And we know that matters because 70% of our customers have at least one dietary preference." - 12 Sep 25

CART replaces the weekly grocery shop, while DASH represents the impulse buy

Former DASH grocery director: "[Merchants] treat Instacart as a strong partner for a stocked-up basket for a weekly shop, like higher basket, longer trip...and higher AOV...DoorDash [is] really good at convenience and fill-in trips, so you've forgotten an item, there's a quick snack" – 29 Aug 25

Competition expands category penetration as opposed to cannibalizing sales

Former CART strategy director: "Overall, our concerns around losing exclusivity or not having it in the first place decreased the more we looked at the math, the results of what happens when DoorDash joins a retailer alongside us" – 27 Aug 25

Bottom Line: We see consensus GTV growth of 8-10% between FY25-27e as very achievable

Source: Yipit, On the Seams, Alphasense



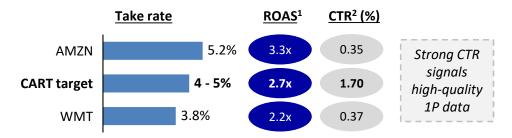
Thesis P2

Ad Revenue will reach 3.4% of GTV (~15% above FY27e consensus), driven by off-site partnerships

Ad revenue growth has slowed to ~10% YoY

Advertising Revenue and Take Rate (% GTV) 2019-25 Take Rate Street has take rate plateauing at 3% (% GTV) (USD M) Ad Revenue 2.9 2.9 2.9 1.2 3.0 2.6 2.3 2.5 1.0 8.0 2.0 1.3 0.6 1.5 1.1 1.0 0.9 0.4 1.0 0.7 0.6 0.5 0.2 0.3 0.1 0.0 0.0 2019 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025

Research suggests take rate should reach 4% - 5%



Former Head, International Sales Strategy at DoorDash

"The efficacy (of Instacart ads) is strong. Their platform is built for CPGs — these are brands that actually have money to spend and can see what's moving off the shelf."

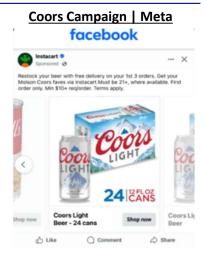
Former Finance Manager, Display Advertising at Amazon

"Instacart could have a better take rate than Amazon, but it will take time. ROAS is the most important metric for CPG brands, as well as the ability to a track and show it."

CART beginning to monetize 1P data through off-site...

Rationale: Instacart leverages 1P data to reach people actively buying groceries and shows what products they purchase, giving CPG brands clearer, more direct results

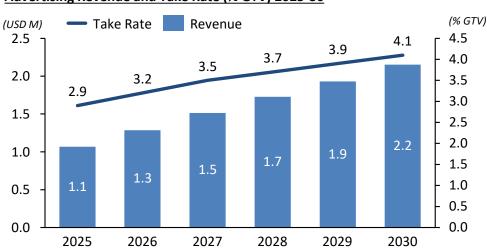
Key Partnership Announcements 2024 2025 Google TikTok



Impressions: 2.9M, ROAS: 4.2x

...expanding its reach and driving take rate higher

Advertising Revenue and Take Rate (% GTV) 2025-30

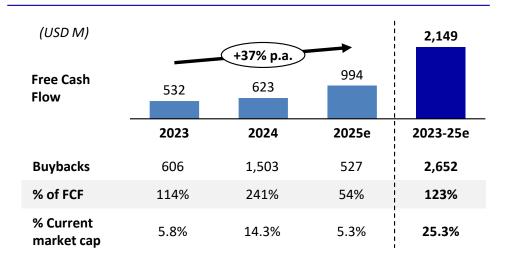




Thesis P3

Disciplined capital allocation limits downside given capacity to repurchase ~10% of the market cap

CART has returned +100% of FCF since 2023...

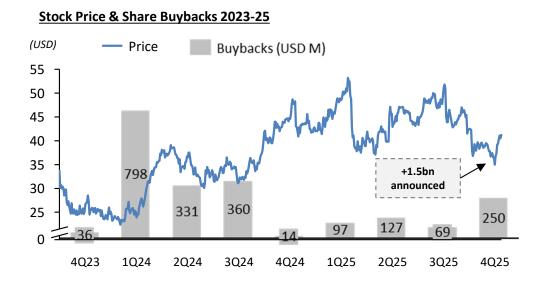


New CEO looking to follow that policy...

CART CEO Fidji Simo, who had led since 2021, stepped down in 2Q25. She was succeeded by Chris Rogers, with CART since 2019 and formerly Chief Business Officer.

3Q25 Earnings Call Transcript "To underscore our confidence in long-term value creation, we authorized a \$1.5 billion increase to our share repurchase program, bringing our total capacity to \$1.65 billion as of this morning. We plan to enter into a \$250 million accelerated share repurchase program while continuing to opportunistically repurchase shares."

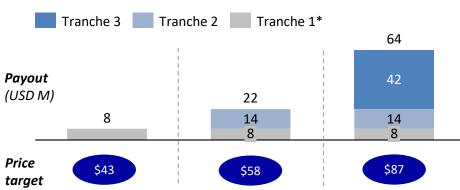
...via opportunistic block and open-market buybacks



...as he inherits ~50× base-pay PSUs tied to stock price

- For reference previous CEO base salary was USD 1M
- Performance Stock Units: Tied to share price targets, with performance period ending December 2027.

PSU Payouts & Share Price Targets





Financials & Valuation

12-month price target of \$55.5 in the base case with +38% upside

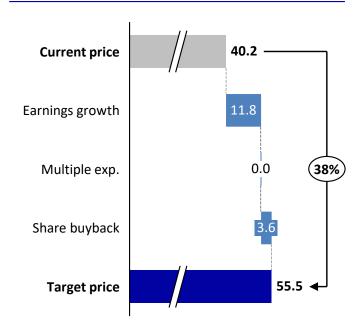
Summary Financials & Valuation

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(USD M)	2025E	2026E	2027E	2026E	2027E	2026E	2027E
Revenue	3,722	4,150	4,570	4,229	4,729	3,878	3,885
Growth (%)	10%	12%	10%	14%	12%	3,676 4%	0%
vs Consensus (%)	0%	2%	3%	4%	6%	-5%	-13%
Transaction	2,664	2,864	3,055	2,911	3,128	2,723	2,731
vs Consensus (%)	2,664 0%	2,004 -1%	-3%	1%	-1%	-6%	-13%
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Advertising	1,058	1,286	1,514	1,318	1,601	1,155	1,154
vs Consensus (%)	0%	10%	<u> 17%</u>	12%	23%	-1%	-11%
GAAP EBIT	563	785	999	848	1,108	664	700
Margin (%)	15.1%	18.9%	21.9% 』	20.1%	23.4%	17.1%	18.0%
Growth (%)	15%	39%	27%	51%	31%	18%	5%
vs Consensus (%)	0%_	12%	24%	21%	37%	-5%	-13%
GAAP EPS	\$1.82	\$2.48	\$3.20	\$2.67	\$3.54	\$2.15	\$2.35
Growth (%)	11%	37%	29%	47%	32%	18%	10%
vs Consensus (%)	0%	11%	22%	19%	35%	-4%	-10%
NTM P/E (x)	I		17.4x		22.0x		12.0x
Value per share	1		\$55.5		\$77.8		\$28.2
Upside/Downside			38.1%		93.5%		-29.8%

Base Case Rationale

- **GTV:** grows ~8% CAGR from 2025E to 2027E, in line with industry growth
- Transaction fee: assume slight decline in exchange for merchant price parity
- Ad monetization: take rate increased from 2.9% in 2025E to 3.5% in 2027E as off platform ad monetization takes off
- Operating margin: expands ~340 bps p.a., driven by ad monetization and operating leverage as topline significantly outgrows OPEX (esp. less S&M)
- Capital allocation: CART redeploys all excess cash into share buybacks. This results in a -4% net reduction in share count p.a. vs FY25E (Buyback net SBC)

Return Drivers



Methodology

P/E multiple: 17.4x NTM current trading level, representing a 22% / 30% discount vs 22.3x giga economy marketplace peers median and 24.5x TTM historical average

Risk / Reward

Sensitizing our valuation across a range of assumptions gets us a **3:1**

Upside/Downside skew



Trading Comps

CART is currently trading at ~20% discount to gig economy peers

(in US\$mm unless	Sh	are	Market	Enterprise	Net Debt		P/E		Rev CAGF	NI CAGR	EBITDA	Margin	Net Ma	argin	ROIC
otherwise stated)	Pr	ice	Сар	Value	/ EV	NTM	2026E	2027E	2025-27E	2025-27E	2026E	2027E	2026E	2027E	LTM
Gig Economy Marketpl	ace														
Uber Technologies, Inc.	USD	91.62	\$190,371	\$189,909	2.6%	22.3x	21.4x	17.9x	15%	-12%	18.3%	19.5%	14.8%	15.5%	7.99
DoorDash, Inc.	USD	206.96	\$89,199	\$87,377	N/M	31.8x	30.6x	22.6x	24%	31%	20.6%	22.9%	16.3%	18.6%	4.5
Lyft, Inc.	USD	23.14	\$9,241	\$8,567	0.2%	17.5x	14.8x	11.3x	13%	28%	9.4%	10.5%	8.4%	9.9%	0.4
Median						22.3x	21.4x	17.9x	15.1%	28.2%	18.3%	19.5%	14.8%	15.5%	4.5
Average						23.9x	22.3x	17.2x	17.5%	15.9%	16.1%	17.6%	13.2%	14.7%	4.3
Large Scale Advertisin	g Platfoi	ms													
Meta Platforms, Inc.	USD	609.46	\$1,536,161	\$1,542,773	2.6%	20.6x	19.6x	17.7x	17%	15%	59.1%	60.1%	33.3%	32.0%	22.0
Pinterest, Inc.	USD	26.62	\$17,983	\$15,517	N/M	14.1x	13.4x	11.3x	14%	17%	31.0%	32.6%	27.6%	28.9%	4.3
Snap Inc.	USD	8.57	\$14,735	\$15,895	20.1%	19.3x	17.7x	13.9x	11%	38%	14.3%	16.1%	12.4%	14.4%	(5.99
Median						19.3x	17.7x	13.9x	14.2%	17.1%	31.0%	32.6%	27.6%	28.9%	4.3
Average						18.0x	16.9x	14.3x	14.1%	23.2%	34.8%	36.2%	24.4%	25.1%	6.8
International Gig-Econo				004.004	N1/N 4	N 1 / N 4	40.0	44.0	4.40/	N 1 / N 4	0.50/	40.40/	0.00/	0.00/	7.0
Meituan	HKD	99.85	\$78,594	\$61,661	N/M	N/M	19.0x	11.9x		N/M	9.5%	12.1%	6.9%	9.6%	7.3
Grab Holdings Limited	USD	5.41	\$22,111	\$17,180	N/M	62.0x	52.0x	36.5x	20%	100%	17.8%	21.0%	10.3%	12.4%	0.2
Delivery Hero SE	EUR	16.96	\$5,874	\$8,161	26.3%	20.3x	13.2x	8.0x	10%	137%	7.6%	8.9%	2.4%	3.6%	1.2
Just Eat Takeaway	EUR	20.22	\$4,691	\$4,991	6.1%	N/M	61.9x	48.7x		N/M	11.3%	11.6%	1.7%	2.0%	(1.49
Ocado Group plc	GBP	2.25	\$2,451	\$3,832	36.9%	N/M	N/M	N/M	7%	-26%	15.8%	19.0%	(16.2%)	(10.3%)	(3.59
Median						41.1x	35.5x	24.2x	10.2%	100.5%	11.3%	12.1%	2.4%	3.6%	0.2
Average						41.1x	36.5x	26.3x	11.5%	70.3%	12.4%	14.5%	1.0%	3.5%	0.8
Overall Median						20.5x	19.3x	15.8x	14.0%	28.2%	15.8%	19.0%	10.3%	12.4%	1.2
O TOTALI INCUIALI						20.58	13.38	10.01	17.0 /0	20.2 /0	10.070	13.0 /0	10.070	14.7/0	1.4

Potential rerating to peer multiples once bearish views unwind

Sources: Capital IQ



Risks to Valuation

CART's risks remain manageable

Accelerated 1P investment

Risk: Increased online grocery investment from AMZN and WMT could accelerate share erosion across retail partners and limit user growth

Mitigant: Stronger 1P investment could push retail partners to lean even more on CART for scale and economics, deepening integrations and boosting long-term resilience

Moderate

Prolonged weakness in consumer spending

Risk: Prolonged weakness in consumer spending could pose risks to our GTV and ad take rate forecasts

Mitigant: Continued online penetration tailwind, still in early stages, will offset macro weakness. CART's asset-light model better positions it against 1P peers in a macro slowdown. Competitive intensity could ease in a softer macro environment

Low to Moderate

Deeper 3P retail integrations

Risk: Deeper retailer integrations from DASH and UBER narrow CART's advantages. This may slow down user growth, and drive risks to GTV growth

Mitigant: CART benefits from first-mover advantage and a more comprehensive offering (Storefront and other retailer-focused solutions) that drive strong partner loyalty and a well-established brand

Low to Moderate



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Appendix



Appendix

Appendix: Value Added Research



Expert Calls / Thirdbridge / InPractice / Tegus

Former Employees

- Former Manager at Instacart
- Former Executive at Instacart
- Former Director A at Instacart
- Former Director B at Instacart
- Former Director C at Instacart
- Former Head of Product Design at Instacart
- Former Senior Executive, Strategy and Business Operation at Instacart

Competitors

- Former Manager at DoorDash
- Former Director at DoorDash
- Former Head of International Sales Strategy at DoorDash
- Former Senior Executive of New Verticals at DoorDash
- Chief Product Officer at a US Online Grocery Platform

Retailers

- Ecommerce Supply Chain Executive at Walmart (Call)
- Former Advertising Manager at Amazon (Call)
- Vice President at Kroger
- Former Senior Executive, Strategy at Publix Super Market

Industry Professionals

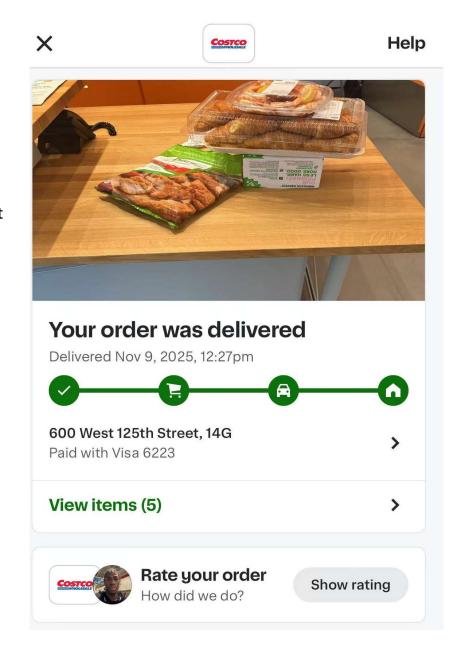
Private Equity Investor of US Grocery Sector (Call)

Customer Calls

- Frequent Family User of Instacart (Call)
- Frequent Individual User A of Instacart (Call)
- Frequent Individual User B of Instacart (Call)

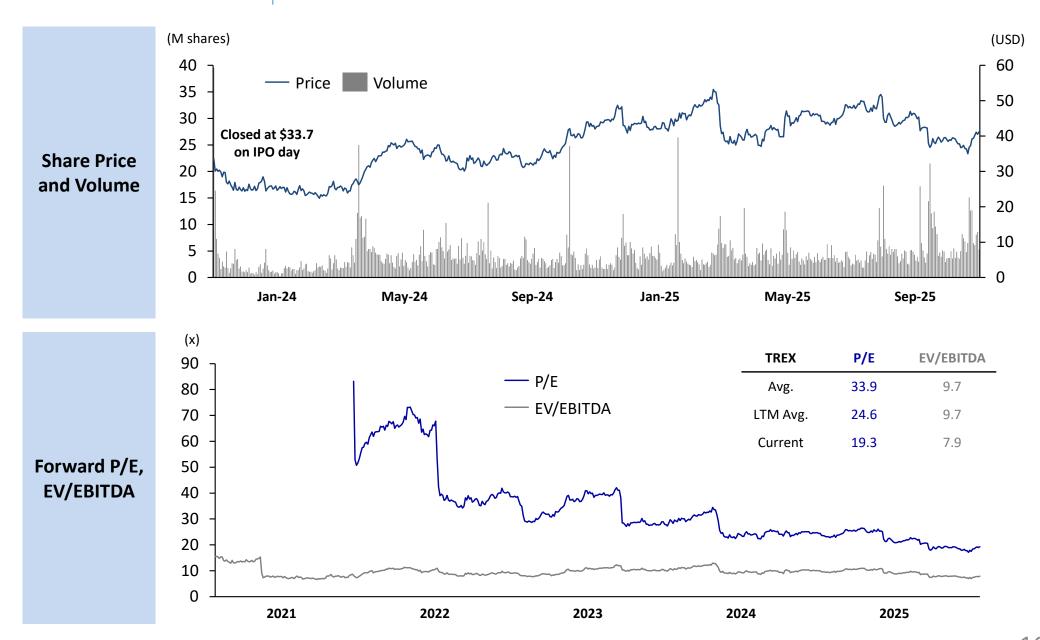
Channel Checks

Yipit Data for Instacart, Uber, DoorDash









Sources: Capital IQ



Appendix: Key Management Overview

Seasoned operators with deep marketplace & tech execution experience

Name / Title	Years at Trex / in Industry	Experience
Chris Rogers CEO, President & Director	6 / 17	 Became CEO, President, and Director on August 15, 2025, after serving as Chief Business Officer since 2022. As CBO, he oversaw all retail functions, brand partnerships, and the retail organization, leading its long-term retail-enablement strategy. Before that, he was Instacart's Vice President of Retail, deepening relationships with retail partners and marketplace and enterprise brand partnerships. Joined Instacart in 2019 after 11 years at Apple in multiple leadership roles, including Managing Director for Apple Canada.
Emily Maher CFO & Treasurer	2 / 12	 CFO and Treasurer 2024, after serving as VP of Finance earlier that year. Previously spent nearly a decade at Uber in finance leadership, including CFO of Mobility, VP & Head of Corporate Finance, IPO Lead, and Head of Investor Relations. Earlier roles include VP of Operations at Color Health, growth-capital investing at 3i Group, and strategy consulting at Bain & Company.
Tom Maguire VP & Head of Operations	6 / 11	 VP and Head of Operations since 2024, leading support and operations functions. Previously spent several years at Uber, progressing from General Manager launching ridesharing markets to leading U.S. & Canada operations. Earlier roles include international launch at Amazon, consulting for food and beverage clients at Kearney, and starting his career in Goldman Sachs' currency and derivatives group.
Anirban Kundu Chief Technology Officer	1 / 25	 CTO since 2025, overseeing Instacart's technology vision and engineering execution. Previously led Uber Delivery Engineering, driving B2B/B2C platforms including Uber Eats for food and groceries as well as the company's ad solutions. Before Uber, he led Product and Engineering at Postmates and served as CTO of Evernote. Earlier in his career, he built core systems at Yahoo and Shazam.
Laura Jones <i>Chief Marketing Officer</i>	5 / 13	 CMO since July 2022 Previously, she spent six years at Uber as Global Head of Marketing for Rides, where she built the global product marketing organization across Rides, Eats, Freight. Earlier in her career, she held senior marketing roles at Google and Visa

Sources: Capital IQ



Asha Sharma

Former Chief Operating Officer

Appendix: Management Compensation Overview

CEO compensation highly aligned with shareholder value creation

					All Other	
Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$) ⁽¹⁾	Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Fidji Simo	2024	865,385		46,853,287(2)	36,439(3)	47,755,111
Chief Executive Officer	2023	500,000	4,712,500(4)	(5)	61,073	5,273,573
	2022	500,000	1,000,000	(6)	12,565	1,512,565
Emily Reuter	2024	451,154	100,000 ⁽⁷⁾	10,070,816	13,939(8)	10,635,909
Chief Financial Officer			ļ.	į		
Morgan Fong	2024	500,000	625,000 ⁽⁹⁾	6,298,765	13,939(8)	7,437,704
General Counsel	2023	500,000	1,165,000(10)	(5)	38,670	1,703,670
	2022	500,000	360,000	(6)	12,565	872,565
Nick Giovanni	2024	261,538	1,156,250(9)	_	10,531(11)	1,428,319
Former Chief Financial Officer	2023	500,000	1,606,250(10)	(5)	38,670	2,144,920

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1 Short Term Incentive Compensation

As in 2023, the Compensation Committee did not use the Bonus Plan for named executive officers in fiscal year 2024.

2022

2024

2023

2022

The amounts disclosed under "Bonus" correspond to compensation awarded in 2022 or before but earned in subsequent periods.

2 Long Term Incentive Plan – Previous CEO

- RSUs: 3-year RSUs valued at USD 45M
- **PSUs:** 5-year incentive plan tied to stock price, per chart below:



12,565

3,870

45,950

12,565

812,565

906,274

2,608,450

812,565

- The state of the	Tranche 1	Tranche 2	Tranche 3
Value Earned Per Tranche	\$8 million	\$14 million	\$42 million
Pre-Amendment Market Capitalization Goals (1)	\$15 billion	\$20 billion	\$30 billion
Post-Amendment Stock Price Target Based on Original Grant Assumption	\$43.32	\$57.76	\$86.64
Appreciation Required Over \$30 IPO Price to Achieve Post-Amendment Stock Price Target	44%	93%	189%

300,000

806,250(9)

300,000

2,062,500(10)

Sources: Company filings 18



Appendix: Board of Directors

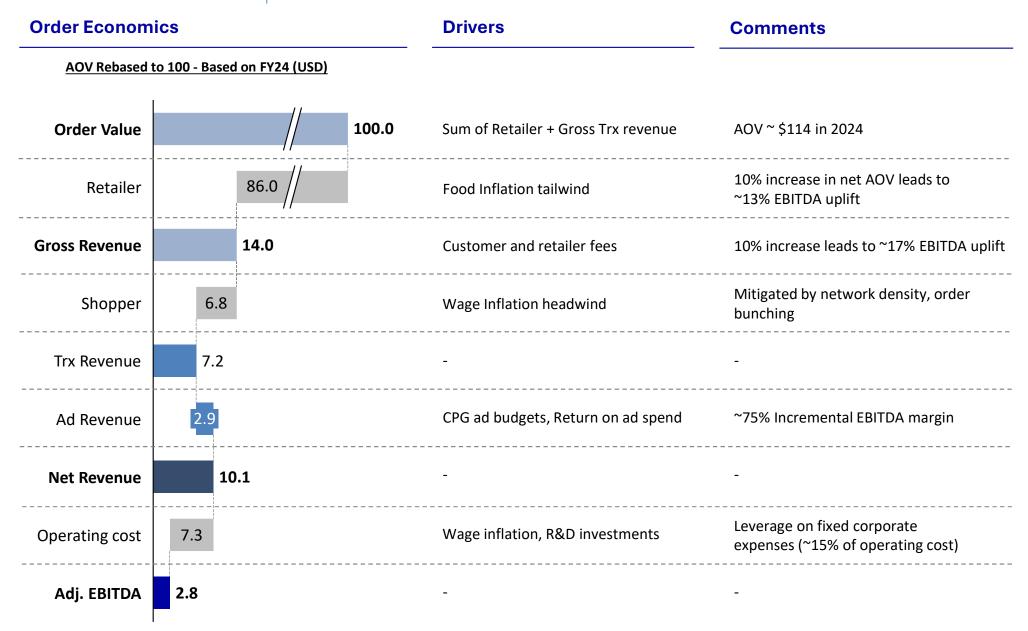
Name / Title	Experience
Fidji Simo <i>Chairman</i>	 Former CEO & President of Instacart (2021–2025); Chair of the Board since 2023. Veteran consumer-tech operator with 15+ years leading product, operations, and monetization at Meta/Facebook CEO of Applications at OpenAI (2025–), with prior board roles at Shopify, OpenAI, and Cirque du Soleil.
Chris Rogers President, CEO & Director	 CEO & President of Maplebear since Aug 2025; previously CBO and VP of Retail, leading all retail and brand- partnership functions
Victoria Dolan Independent Director	 Former CFO of Revlon and senior finance executive at Colgate-Palmolive and Marriott. Brings deep global finance, transformation, and audit expertise; chairs Maplebear's Audit Committee.
Ravinder Gupta Independent Director	 Former Instacart CFO & COO (2015–2019), now Partner & Managing Member at Sequoia Capital. Earlier spent a decade at KKR in private equity and operations; serves on multiple growth-stage boards (Meter, Vise, Acelerate).
Michael Moritz Independent Director	 Legendary Sequoia Capital investor (Partner 1986–2023), long-time backer of Google, PayPal, LinkedIn, Stripe, Instacart, Klarna, and more.
Lily Sarfran Lead Independent Director	■ CEO of Home Care Assistance; long-time founder/operator across digital health, aging, and care-delivery sectors.
Meredith Kopit Levien Independent Director	 President & CEO of The New York Times Company; formerly COO and CRO leading NYT's digital subscription transformation. Deep background in advertising, media transformation, and revenue strategy across NYT and Forbes.
Mary Beth Laughton Independent Director	 CEO & President of REI (2025–); prior CEO of Athleta and senior digital/omnichannel leader at Sephora and Nike. Expertise in DTC, omnichannel retail, digital commerce, and consumer-brand leadership.
Joshua Silverman Director	 CEO of Etsy since 2017; previously CEO of Skype, President of Amex Consumer Products, and senior executive at eBay.
Daniel Sundheim Independent Director	 Founder & CIO of D1 Capital Partners. Former CIO and Co-CIO at Viking Global Investors; brings deep investment, risk, and capital-allocation experience.

Sources: Capital IQ



Appendix: Unit Economics

Unit economics reveal several operating leverage drivers that allow CART to expand earnings faster than revenue



Sources: Company filings, Guggenheim Securities 20





Local network effects

Economies of scale

Brands



Marketing ROAS at ~3x organic

Consumers



More orders Instacart batches 8-9x orders

Valuable 1P data

Fastest delivery (30 mins -2 hours)

Retailers



Engagement and Omnichannel spends retention Wide variety (85% of US retailers)



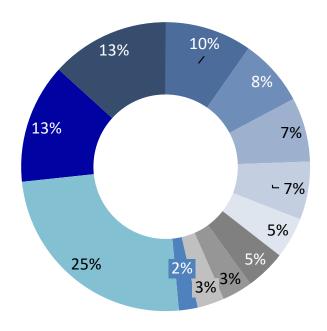




Retail Partners

Share of Instacart Marketplace by Retail Partner - 3Q25





Shopper Network

- ~600K Shoppers with company wait list in certain markets to manage supply (2/25/22 – <u>Article</u>)₃
- 'Experienced Shoppers' account for majority₂



- Females account for ~66% of total₄ (compares to DoorDash 60%, Rideshare <50%)
- Majority of Shoppers are parents₄
- Average Shopper works nine hours per week₁
- Shopper technology reduced avg. picking time per Order by 35%₁, through efficiencies such as 'batching'
- 25% of Priority Orders now 'batched's

Sources: Yipit Data, Guggenheim Securities.

Appendix: Key Products

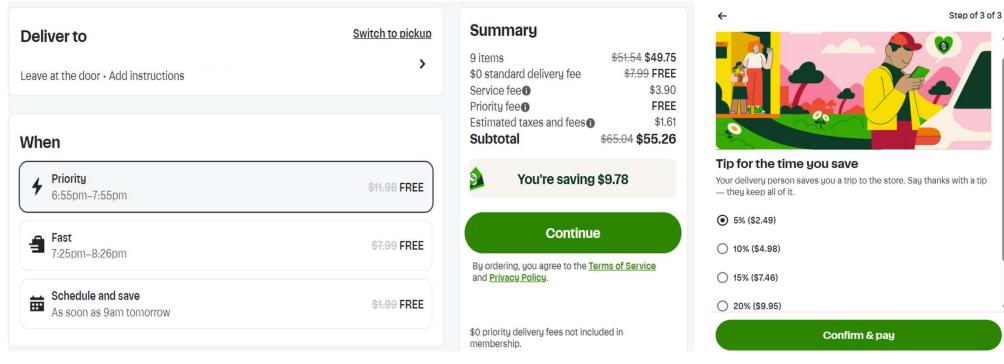


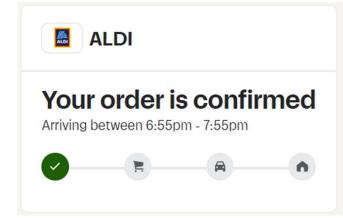
Storefront	Turnkey storefront for retailers (includes pickup an delivery, order scheduling, order tracking, payment integrations)
Storefront Pro	Configurable enterprise storefront (with enhanced content customization, advanced merchandising, and Carrot Ads); further expanded by Rosie acquisition
Loyalty Integrations	Offers native sign-up for retailers' loyalty programs
Fulfillment Solutions	S .
Pick & Pack	Instacart shoppers pick, pack, and deliver orders, but retailers can also use technology to do it themselves
Delivery	Convenience of various speeds and full-range of options (as fast as 30 minutes) to next available window and next day)
Pickup	Power curbside service
Store Manager	Birds-eye view into how store associates are managing customers' online orders
Connected Store Ted	chnologies
Caper Carts	Allows customers to bag products as they shop, navigate store efficiently, connect to their shopping list, and sel checkout from their cart
Lists	Customers can use Lists to build shopping lists on both Instacart Marketplace and retail websites powered by Storefront or Storefront Pro
Carrot Tags	Retailers can connect electronic shelf labels to Instacart and add functionality such as pick-to-light capabilities and help retailers display key information
Scan & Pay	Allows customers to scan items as they shop and pay for them from their mobile phones so they can skip checkout lines
FoodStorm OMS	Digital catering experience purpose-built for grocery, enabling omni-channel ordering for consumers
Out of Stock Insights	API that helps retailers provide automatic, real-time alerts to in-store associates when items are running low or out of stock
Ads and Marketing	
Carrot Ads	Enterprise Ads offering for retailers' owned and operated online storefronts and apps
Marketing Solutions	Range from self-serve tools to fully customized strategic partnerships (e.g., tailored discounts to target new customers or curated seasonal promotions)
Customer Insights	Help retailers undrestand what customers are searching for, their preferred fulfillment options, frequency of placing orders
Retailer Insights	Includes a dashboard with key operational insights such as per item or per store detail, data on customer engagement, search conversion, and financial insights

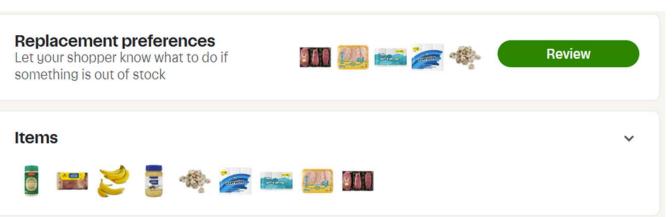
Sources: Citi Research



Appendix: User Experience





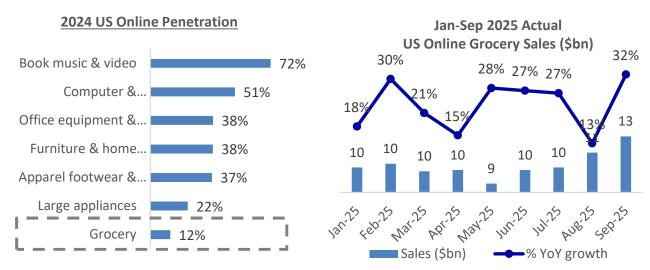




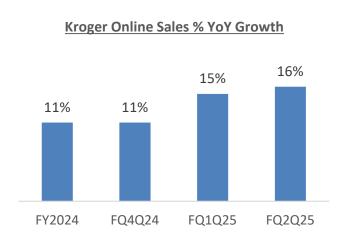
Appendix: Current GTV Trends

Instacart's current GTV growth level is sustainable (1/2) Online grocery industry growth is still strong...

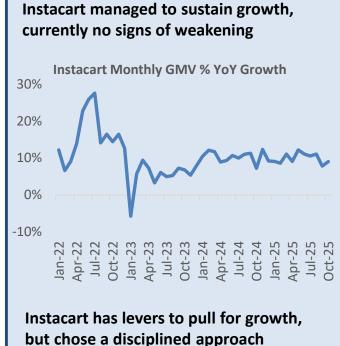
A Significant industry growth runway; Near term growth momentum still strong



B Top 2 retailers on Instacart continue to see strong online sales growth







Instacart has focused on building a solid, sustainable business where positive UE are front and center, even if it means not "juicing" growth as aggressively as competitors like DoorDash or Uber. They still has levers for growth (like expanding into other verticals) if the market dictates, but this would likely be at the expense of UE.

- Former Director at Instacart

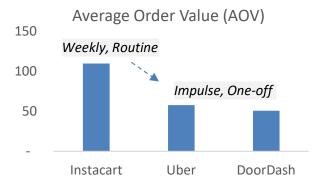


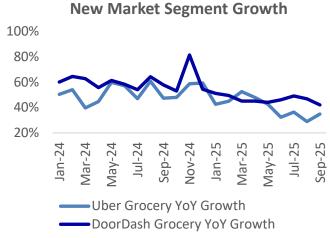
Appendix: Current GTV Trends

Instacart's current GTV growth level is sustainable (2/2) ...and Instacart has unique internal growth drivers

CART is entering the new small AOV segment, created by Uber and Dash

In late 2024. Instacart cut its minimum free shipping threshold for members. Later, they also partnered with Uber Eat and Grubhub





CART is the only one pushing for price parity; Affordability will drive growth



According to CEO, this is a strategic move for retail partners. In the past 12 months, on average, price parity retailers have grown 10% faster than marked up retailers and better retention.



Food Unive...

Walgreens



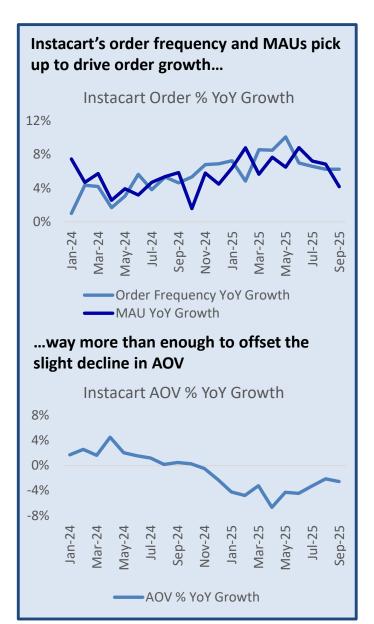


Most of the grocery store in DoorDash has a higher item price than the in-store one. The price parity is a more unique value prop for Instacart.

- Former Manager at DoorDash

While some may be "snobs against Walmart" for groceries, price sensitivity drives exploration.

- Former Senior Executive at Publix Super Market



26 Sources: Yipit data



Appendix: Off-Platform Ads

What makes CART off-platform ads unique?

First-party audience targeting

Reach the right customers using Instacart first-party data backed by purchase behaviors, with the ability to leverage custom audience targeting.

Closed-loop measurement

Receive closed-loop measurement through reporting on Instacart sales attributed to media to understand the effectiveness of media buys.

Seamless shopping experience

Create seamless shopping experiences by driving to Instacart where customers can get same-day delivery of products.

Our data is a complementary extension to your targeting strategies

- Cross-retailer shopping behavior across 1,800+ retail banner partners
- Our data includes categories beyond grocery, such as but not limited to, beauty, home goods, pet supplies, and more

Examples of custom audiences

- Buys my category, but not my brand
- ✓ Buys my category, including my brand
- Lapsed / retargeted users
- ✓ New to Category, Brand, or Instacart

Sources: Instacart 27



Appendix: "The Amazon Effect"

Stocks hit by negative Amazon headlines rose 57% over the following 12 months

BUSINESS

Amazon to expand same-day grocery service to 2,300 cities – sinking shares of rivals Walmart, Instacart



We have seen this before...

By Taylor Herzlich

Published Aug. 13, 2025, 1:52 p.m. ET



	Company in headlines	Segment	Announcement date	Initial Stock drop	Return next 12m	Return next 24m
1	Kroger	Food retail	June 2017	-27%	36%	14%
2	Etsy	e-commerce	October 2015	-28%	42%	56%
3	CVS	Retail	June 2018	-11%	-14%	2%
4	FedEx	Logistics	December 2019	-10%	85%	67%
5	Lululemon	Apparel	October 2017	-4%	137%	246%
	Average			-16%	57%	77%

- **1. Kroger:** Amazon's Whole Foods acquisition threatens Kroger with a stronger food retail competitor.
- **2. Etsy:** Amazon launches "Handmade at Amazon," directly competing with Etsy's artisan marketplace.
- **3. CVS:** Amazon buys PillPack, challenging CVS by offering home-delivered, personalized prescription fulfillment.
- **4. FedEx:** Amazon's growing logistics network pressures FedEx, contributing to weak results and revenue-erosion concerns.
- **5. Lululemon:** Amazon enters athletic wear with privatelabel products, raising fears of market share and margin pressure.

Etsy Stock Is a Handmade Disaster Not Worth a Dime

Amazon entering the crafts space is very bad news for ETSY

By Jeff Reeves Oct 8, 2015, 12:22 pm EST

As Amazon disrupts its business, FedEx shares drop on 'very disappointing' financial results

NEWS & ANALYSI

Lululemon's Lack of Patents Makes It Vulnerable to Amazon Attack

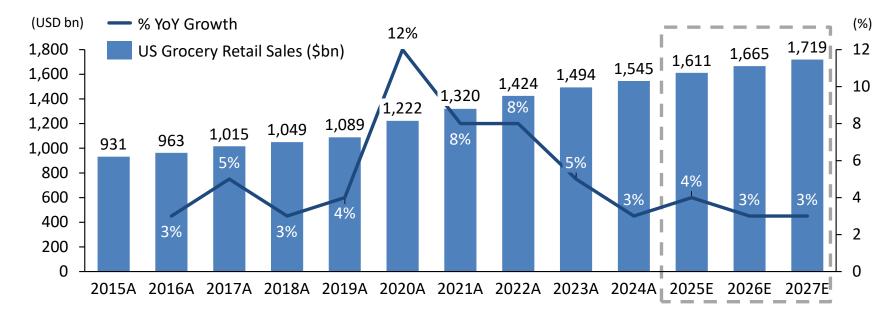
According to a new report, the yogawear maker lacks the intellectual property needed to mount a defence against the e-commerce giant, who began using a top Lululemon supplier for its private-label athletic wear line.

Sources: Capital IQ 28

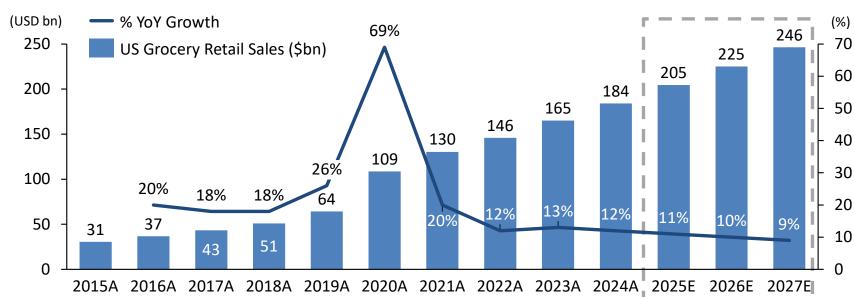










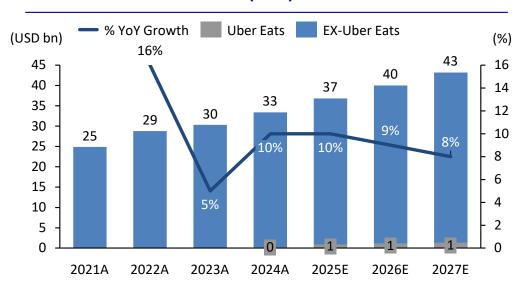


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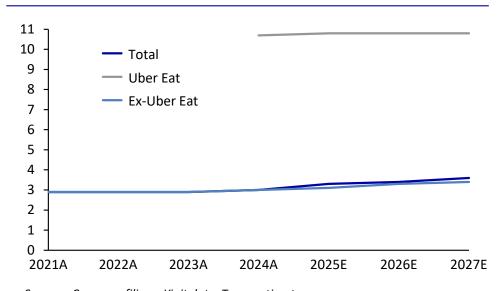




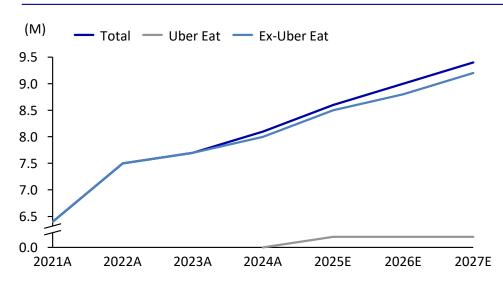
Gross Transaction Value (GTV)



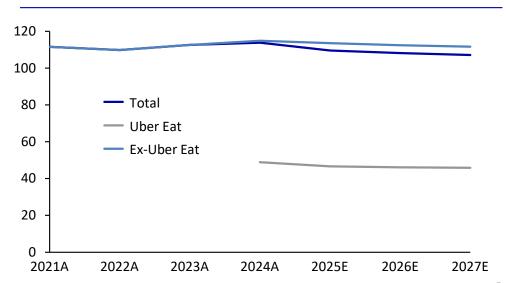
Monthly Order Frequency



Monthly Active Orderers (MAOs)



Average Order Value (AOV)



Sources: Company filings, Yipit data, Team estimates





(\$mm, FYE March)		Histor	ical			Forecast		CAGR
	FY2021A	FY2022A	FY2023A	FY2024A	FY2025E	FY2026E	FY2027E	25-27E
GTV	24,909	28,826	30,322	33,461	36,875	40,024	43,176	8%
YoY Growth		16%	5%	10%	10%	9%	8%	
GTV Breakdown								
Uber Eat GTV	-	-	-	237	930	1,110	1,255	
YoY Growth					293%	19%	13%	
% Total				1%	3%	3%	3%	
Order Volume (mm)	-	-	-	5	20	24	27	
YoY Growth					313%	21%	14%	
AOV (\$)				49	47	46	46	
YoY Growth					(5%)	(1%)	(0%)	
Ex-Uber Eat GTV	24,909	28,826	30,322	33,224	35,945	38,914	41,921	
YoY Growth		16%	5%	10%	8%	8%	8%	
% Total	100%	100%	100%	99%	97%	97%	97%	
Order Volume (mm)	223	263	269	289	317	346	376	
YoY Growth		18%	3%	7%	10%	9%	9%	
AOV (\$)	111	110	113	115	113	112	112	
YoY Growth		(2%)	3%	2%	(1%)	(1%)	(1%)	
Revenue	1,834	2,551	3,042	3,378	3,722	4,150	4,570	11%
YoY Growth		39%	19%	11%	10%	12%	10%	
Take Rate	7.4%	8.8%	10.0%	10.1%	10.1%	10.4%	10.6%	
Segment Breakdown								
Transaction	1,262	1,811	2,171	2,420	2,664	2,864	3,055	7%
Take Rate	5.1%	6.3%	7.2%	7.2%	7.2%	7.2%	7.1%	
Advertising and Other	572	740	871	958	1,058	1,286	1,514	20%
Take Rate	2.3%	2.6%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	3.2%	3.5%	





Case Summary		BULL			BASE			BEAR	
(\$mm, FYE March)	2025E	2026E	2027E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2025E	2026E	2027E
GTV	36,875	40,391	43,895	36,875	40,024	43,176	36,875	38,322	38,426
YoY Growth GTV Breakdown	10%	10%	9%	10%	9%	8%	10%	4%	0%
Uber Eat GTV	930	1,110	1,255	930	1,110	1,255	930	1,110	1,255
YoY Growth	293%	19%	13%	293%	19%	13%	293%	19%	13%
% Total	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
Order Volume (mm)	20	24	27	20	24	27	20	24	27
YoY Growth	313%	21%	14%	313%	21%	14%	313%	21%	14%
AOV (\$)	47	46	46	47	46	46	47	46	46
YoY Growth	(5%)	(1%)	(0%)	(5%)	(1%)	(0%)	(5%)	(1%)	(0%)
Ex-Uber Eat GTV	35,945	39,281	42,640	35,945	38,914	41,921	35,945	37,212	37,171
YoY Growth	8%	9%	9%	8%	8%	8%	8%	4%	(0%)
% Total	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%	97%
Order Volume (mm)	317	347	378	317	346	376	317	334	342
YoY Growth	10%	10%	9%	10%	9%	9%	10%	6%	2%
AOV (\$)	113	113	113	113	112	112	113	111	109
YoY Growth	(1%)	(0%)	(0%)	(1%)	(1%)	(1%)	(1%)	(2%)	(2%)
Revenue	3,722	4,229	4,729	3,722	4,150	4,570	3,722	3,878	3,885
YoY Growth	10%	14%	12%	10%	12%	10%	10%	4%	0%
Take Rate	10.1%	10.5%	10.8%	10.1%	10.4%	10.6%	10.1%	10.1%	10.1%
Segment Breakdown									
Transaction	2,664	2,911	3,128	2,664	2,864	3,055	2,664	2,723	2,731
Take Rate	7.2%	7.2%	7.1%	7.2%	7.2%	7.1%	7.2%	7.1%	7.1%
Advertising and Other	1,058	1,318	1,601	1,058	1,286	1,514	1,058	1,155	1,154
Take Rate	2.9%	3.3%	3.6%	2.9%	3.2%	3.5%	2.9%	3.0%	3.0%



Appendix: Income Statement - Case Comparison

US\$M unless otherwise stated

			Ba	se		
	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Revenue	2,551	3,042	3,378	3,722	4,150	4,570
Growth (%)		19%	11%	10%	12%	10%
COGS	720	764	836	969	1,084	1,155
Gross profit	1,831	2,278	2,542	2,753	3,067	3,415
Margin (%)	71.8%	74.9%	75.3%	74.0%	73.9%	74.7%
SG&A	1,769	4,420	2,053	2,190	2,282	2,415
EBIT	62	-2,142	489	563	785	999
Margin (%)	2.4%	-70.4%	14.5%	15.1%	18.9%	21.9%
Net Income	428	-1,622	457	509	676	831
Margin (%)	16.8%	-53.3%	13.5%	13.7%	16.3%	18.2%
Growth (%)		n/m	n/m	11%	33%	23%
Diluted shares O/S	101	131	289	280	272	260
Diluted EPS	4.22	(12.42)	1.58	1.82	2.48	3.20

	Bull	
2025E	2026E	2027E
3,722	4,229	4,729
10%	14%	12%
969	1,102	1,183
2,753	3,127	3,546
74.0%	73.9%	75.0%
2,190	2,279	2,438
563	848	1,108
15.1%	20.1%	23.4%
509	726	918
13.7%	17.2%	19.4%
11%	43%	26%
280	272	260
1.82	2.67	3.54

	Bear	
2025E	2026E	2027E
3,722	3,878	3,885
10%	4%	0%
969	1,029	1,028
2,753	2,849	2,856
74.0%	73.5%	73.5%
2,190	2,185	2,156
563	664	700
15.1%	17.1%	18.0%
509	579	592
13.7%	14.9%	15.2%
11%	14%	2%
280	270	252
1.82	2.15	2.35



Appendix: Cash Flow Statement - Case Comparison

			Bas	se		
	2022	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Net income	428	(1,622)	457	509	676	831
D&A	34	43	56	89	95	99
Stock based compensation	33	2,756	300	357	396	436
Other non-cash items	(342)	(426)	93	105	4	4
Changes in NWC	124	(165)	(219)	3	(95)	(69)
CFO	277	586	687	1,062	1,076	1,302
PP&E capex	(24)	(54)	(64)	(68)	(83)	(91)
FCF	253	532	623	994	993	1,211
Security purchases	236	191	(40)	(8)	-	-
Buyback	-	(36)	(1,402)	(527)	(993)	(1,211)
Other	(49)	4	(14)	(79)	-	-
Change in cash	440	691	(833)	380	-	-

Bu	II
2026E	2027E
726	918
97	103
404	451
4	4
(111)	(82)
1,120	1,395
(85)	(95)
1,036	1,300
-	-
(1,036)	(1,300)
-	-
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Bea	ar
2026E	2027E
579	592
89	84
370	371
4	4
(56)	(10)
987	1,042
(78)	(78)
909	964
-	-
(909)	(964)
-	-
-	-

As % of current market cap						
Stock based compensation	0%	24%	3%	3%	3%	4%
Buyback	0%	(0%)	(12%)	(5%)	(9%)	(11%)

4%	4%
(9%)	(11%)

3%	3%
(8%)	(8%)





		Stock uivalent		Market Value (USD in	Change in	<u>%</u>			Portfolio Turnover	Portfolio Turnover	Investment	<u>Calculated</u> <u>Investment</u>	Market Cap			
Holder ▽			% of cso ▽	<u>mm)</u> ▼ ▽	Shares	Change 7			Category 7		Orientation 7			Owner Type 🗸	<u>Funds</u> ▽	History
Sequoia Capital Operations LLC	~	28,015,968	10.671	1,150.1	-	0.00	Sep-30-2025	13F	Very Low	1.10	•	Aggressive Growth	Large cap	VC/PE Firms (>5% stake)	8	Illim
D1 Capital Partners L.P.	~	22,558,255	8.593	926.0	-	0.00	Sep-30-2025	13F	High	111.88	Active	Growth	Large cap	Hedge Fund Managers (>5% stake)		
The Vanguard Group, Inc.	~	19,105,503	7.277	784.3	(144,391)	(0.75)	Sep-30-2025	13F	Very Low	2.31	Passive	Growth	Large cap	Traditional Investment Managers	36	1111
Mehta, Apoorva Founder & Former Executive Chairman of the Board	~	17,413,892	6.633	714.8	-	0.00	Jun-30-2025	Exchange Announcement	-		-	-		Individuals/Insiders	-	IIIIIIIII
BlackRock, Inc. (NYSE:BLK)	~	16,193,888	6.168	664.8	1,201,832	8.02	Sep-30-2025	13F	Very Low	6.28	Passive	Growth	Large cap	Traditional Investment Managers	44	1
T. Rowe Price Group, Inc. (NasdaqGS:TROW)	~	6,134,447	2.337	251.8	(53,643)	(0.87)	Sep-30-2025	Aggregated 13F	Low	21.63	Active	Growth	Large cap	Traditional Investment Managers	16	
Goldman Sachs Group, Investment Banking and Securities Investments	~	5,782,421	2.203	237.4	4,987,676	627.58	Sep-30-2025	13F	Moderate	66.01	Active	Growth	Large cap	Traditional Investment Managers	-	
State Street Global Advisors, Inc.	~	5,406,765	2.059	221.9	304,895	5.98	Sep-30-2025	13F	Very Low	4.37	Passive	Growth	Large cap	Traditional Investment Managers	23	
Boston Partners Global Investors, Inc.	~	4,360,418	1.661	179.0	(51,467)	(1.17)	Sep-30-2025	Aggregated 13F	Low	31.69	Active	Growth	Large cap	Traditional Investment Managers	9	ы
GCM Grosvenor Inc. (NasdaqGM:GCMG)	~	4,140,924	1.577	170.0	(4,864,272)	(54.02)	Sep-30-2025	13F	Low	38.25	Active	Aggressive Growth	Large cap	VC/PE Firms (<5% stake)	-	
Victory Capital Management Inc.	~	3,556,868	1.355	146.0	(5,270,599)	(59.71)	Sep-30-2025	13F	Low	28.81	Active	Growth	Large cap	Traditional Investment Managers	9	1111
Geode Capital Management, LLC	~	3,472,114	1.323	142.5	372,742	12.03	Sep-30-2025	13F	Very Low	2.24	Active	Growth	Large cap	Traditional Investment Managers	18	
Altimeter Capital Management, LP	~	3,324,951	1.266	136.5	(891,817)	(21.15)	Sep-30-2025	13F	Low	33.65	Active	Aggressive Growth	Large cap	Hedge Fund Managers (<5% stake)	-	1111
William Blair Investment Management, LLC	·	3,177,828	1.210	130.4	(167,964)	(5.02)	Sep-30-2025	13F	Low	28.93	Active	Aggressive Growth	Large cap	Traditional Investment Managers	4	

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