

Internet/e-Commerce

Healthy start to 2024, with online spending increasing 2% y/y in January

Industry Overview

eCommerce spending grows 2% in Jan, 2pt acceleration m/m

BAC aggregated credit and debit card data indicates that online spending increased 2% y/y in January, a 2pt improvement from a soft December (we note that the y/y growth in spend in BAC card data has been trending below other eCommerce data that suggests the industry could be growing 5-10%). Weather may have helped online spending, as online spending outpaced brick-and-mortar sales, which declined 4% y/y (4pt deceleration), boosting online retail penetration by 90bps y/y to 28.3% (vs. +30bps y/y in December). We think that online spend in 2024 should benefit from lower inflation and a shift back to goods, with online penetration expanding at a normalized rate of approximately 100bps y/y vs. an average of +20bps in 2023. On an income cohort basis, lower-income cohort spending increased 3% y/y and continued to outperform higher-income spending at 1% y/y.

For Amazon, the Street projects 10% y/y North America revenue growth in 1Q'24, a 3pt decel from 4Q, while BAC card data suggests stable QTD trends thus far. Amazon's total revenue guide for 8-13% sales growth (vs. 14% in 4Q) and accelerating AWS suggests retail deceleration, though 1QTD data appears stable for now. We remain constructive on Amazon given ongoing share gains, margin expansion, and 2024 AWS acceleration. We maintain our Buy rating on Amazon.

Delivery/Transit decelerate in Jan, Grocery improves

For DoorDash (which reports 4Q results on February 15), we expect 4Q standalone GOV to grow 20% y/y (2pt deceleration), which compares to BAC aggregated credit and debit data indicating that restaurant spend was stable in 4Q. January trends decelerated 4pts (on a 3pt tougher comp) to 2% y/y, but trends were better than brick-and-mortar restaurant spend, which decelerated 10pts to -5% y/y. We note that Dash has historically outperformed the industry. We maintain our Buy rating on DoorDash.

For Uber, BAC aggregated card data indicated that Transit spend is trending flat y/y 1QTD (5pt deceleration), below our 28% y/y projection for Mobility bookings growth (1pt decel). Uber has consistently grown faster than the Transit growth rate as the company continues to take share and scale New Vertical products, which we expect to grow 75% y/y in 1Q. We maintain our Buy rating on Uber.

For Instacart (which reports 4Q results on February 13), y/y online grocery trends improved 2pts in 4Q on a 7pt tougher comp. Management guided to 5-6% GTV growth in 4Q, stable with 3Q, while BAC aggregated credit and debit card data suggests an improvement for the industry. Trends continued to improve in January, accelerating 1pt to flat y/y, as pressure from COVID cohorts moderates. We maintain our Neutral rating on Instacart.

General Merchandise and Electronics improve most in Jan

The categories that accelerated the most on a y/y basis in January were 1) General Merchandise up 10pts; 2) Electronics up 7pts; and 3) Health & Personal Care up 6pts. The categories that decelerated most were 1) Transit down 5pts; 2) Restaurant down 4pts; and 3) Auto Parts & Services down 1pt. Online furnishing declined 11% y/y in January (1pt acceleration from December), and we project above-industry growth for Wayfair, at 2/3% y/y for US in 4Q/1Q. We maintain our Buy rating on Wayfair.

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B&M – brick & mortar

bps – basis points CAGR – compound annual growth

GMV – gross merchandise value

GTV – gross transaction value

GOV - gross order value

MTD - month to date

N.A. – North America pt(s) – percentage point(s)

Q/Q – quarter over quarter

QTD – quarter to date

vs. - versus

Y/Y – year over year

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BAC aggregated credit and debit card data

Exhibit 1: Y/Y trends for Online* and B&M spending by category, per BAC aggregated credit and debit card data

Spending on overall eCommerce increased 2% y/y in January

			Restaurant		Auto Parts				Health &				B&M		B&M
	eCommerce Overall	Grocery	Food Delivery	Transit	& Services	Department Stores	Clothing	Home Furnishing		Sporting Goods	Electronics	General Merchandise	Total Retail	B&M Restaurant	Home Furnishing
Y/Y							, i								
Annual Y/Y															
2021	13%	7%	33%	33%	16%	7%	19%	16%	14%	4%	-8%	31%	17%	37%	23%
2022	-1%	-15%	6%	14%	5%	-9%	-2%	-7%	2%	-13%	-13%	3%	5%	11%	-14%
2023	0%	-5%	5%	5%	5%	-13%	-4%	-12%	7%	-8%	-6%	-1%	-1%	4%	-14%
2024	1%	0%	3%	0%	-2%	-15%	-4%	-12%	12%	-6%	-7%	14%	-2%	-3%	-18%
Quarterly Y/Y		0001		0.004	==/	En.		==:		100/	4.504		400	0.004	
1Q22	-3%	-22%	4%	30%	5%	-5%	1%	-5%	-1%	-19%	-15%	9%	10%	28%	-9%
2Q22	-4%	-18%	4%	17%	2%	-8%	-5%	-8%	-2%	-15%	-16%	4%	5%	10%	-16%
3Q22	2%	-11%	8%	11%	8%	-7%	-1%	-5%	6%	-8%	-9%	6% -3%	5%	7%	-13%
4Q22	-1%	-4%	7% 6%	4% 8%	5% 5%	-13%	-3%	-9% -14%	6% 7%	-11%	-13%	-3%	1% 1%	5%	-16% -14%
1Q23 2Q23	-1% -1%	-8% -5%	5%	3%	5% 5%	-12% -14%	-4% -4%	-14%	7% 8%	-11% -8%	-5% -3%	-2%	-3%	9% 3%	-14%
3Q23	1%	-3%	5%	3%	7%	-14%	-2%	-12%	5%	-8%	-8%	-1%	-1%	3%	-14%
4Q23	1%	-1%	5%	5%	3%	-13%	-5%	-10%	9%	-5%	-8%	2%	-2%	2%	-15%
1Q24TD	1%	0%	3%	0%	-2%	-15%	-4%	-12%	12%	-6%	-7%	14%	-2%	-3%	-18%
Quarterly Q/Q	1 70	0 /0	3 /0	0 70	2 /0	1570	170	12 /0	12 /0	0 70	7 70	1 1 70	2 /0	5 /0	10 /0
1Q22	-12%	3%	3%	-5%	7%	-41%	-29%	-9%	-9%	-21%	-22%	-18%	-8%	-2%	-10%
2Q22	1%	-7%	2%	12%	4%	3%	3%	-1%	0%	-2%	-9%	0%	11%	12%	-2%
3Q22	-3%	-6%	-2%	3%	-4%	-10%	-5%	-3%	-5%	-8%	1%	-5%	-2%	0%	-1%
4Q22	15%	7%	4%	-6%	-3%	59%	39%	4%	24%	25%	22%	22%	1%	-4%	-3%
1Q23	-12%	-2%	3%	-1%	7%	-40%	-30%	-13%	-8%	-21%	-16%	-16%	-8%	2%	-8%
2Q23	1%	-4%	0%	7%	4%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	-7%	-1%	7%	6%	-2%
3Q23	-1%	-4%	-2%	3%	-1%	-10%	-3%	-3%	-8%	-8%	-4%	-3%	-1%	-1%	-3%
4Q23	16%	9%	3%	-5%	-6%	59%	36%	7%	29%	29%	22%	26%	1%	-5%	-3%
1Q24TD	-16%	-3%	-5%	-10%	-4%	-43%	-34%	-19%	-9%	-28%	-18%	-11%	-15%	-11%	-17%
Monthly Y/Y															
Dec-22	-1%	-4%	7%	5%	4%	-13%	-3%	-10%	3%	-10%	-15%		1%	7%	-15%
Jan-23	-2%	-12%	4%	17%	9%	-8%	-3%	-13%	4%	-12%	-7%	-5%	5%	16%	-12%
Feb-23	0%	-7%	7%	6%	6%	-12%	-3%	-13%	9%	-10%	-3%	2%	1%	6%	-13%
Mar-23	-1%	-6%	8%	3%	1%	-15%	-6%	-16%	8%	-12%	-6%	-3%	-2%	5%	-16%
Apr-23	-2%	-7%	6%	4%	0%	-16%	-5%	-16%	6%	-11%	-3%	-4%	-2%	3%	-16%
May-23	0%	-5%	4%	4%	8%	-12%	-2%	-9%	11%		-4%	-3%	-3%	2%	-14%
Jun-23	0%	-4%	6%	2%	6%	-14%	-5%	-12%	6%	-7%	-2%	-3%	-3%	5%	-11%
Jul-23	2%	-4%	6%	4%	8%	-15%	0%	-12%	6%	-7%	-8%	-1%	-2%	4%	-13%
Aug-23	0%	-3%	5%	3%	8%	-13%	0%	-13%	4%	-8%	-8%	-2%	-1%	2%	-18%
Sep-23	1%	-2%	6%	2%	5%	-12%	-5%	-12%	4%	-9%	-8%	0%	0%	3%	-15%
Oct-23 Nov-23	1% 3%	-2% -1%	4% 5%	6% 3%	6% 4%	-16% -7%	-8% -2%	-11% -7%	8% 12%	-4% -3%	-8% -2%	-1% 1%	-3% -1%	-1% 2%	-19% -14%
Dec-23	0%	-1%	6%	4%	1%	-17%	-5%	-12%	7%	-7%	-14%	5%	0%	2% 5%	-14%
Jan-24	2%	0%	2%	-1%	0%	-14%	-3%	-11%	40-4	==/	-7%	15%	-4%	-5%	-20%
Week ending Y/Y	2 /0	0 /0	2 /0	1 /0	0 /0	-17/0	3 /0	-11/0	13%	-5 /0	-7 /0	15/0	7 /0	-5 /0	20 /0
11/04/23	1%	-1%	6%	6%	3%	-9%	-5%	-12%	10%	-3%	-4%	0%	-1%	1%	-13%
11/11/23	2%	-1%	4%	8%	5%	-13%	-6%	-10%	7%	-5%	-1%	0%	-2%	2%	-13%
11/18/23	2%	-1%	5%	5%	5%	-14%	-5%	-8%	10%	-10%	1%	-1%	-1%	2%	-14%
11/25/23	9%	-2%	0%	-5%	6%	4%	11%		24%		5%	7%	-2%	1%	-13%
12/02/23	-1%	-2%	9%	4%	3%	-13%	-7%	-12%	9%	-10%	-13%		1%	3%	-16%
12/09/23	-1%	-2%	4%	1%	4%	-19%	-5%	-12%	0%	-7%	-10%	-2%	0%	2%	-15%
12/16/23	0%	-1%	3%	9%	3%	-14%	-5%	-12%	11%		-12%		-2%	1%	-16%
12/23/23	3%	0%	6%	4%	5%	-12%	-2%	-9%	13%	-2%	-20%	12%	-2%	2%	-15%
12/30/23	2%	1%	7%	4%	1%	-16%	-5%	-9%	10%	-5%	-8%	18%	0%	6%	-10%
01/06/24	1%	0%	6%	2%	-1%	-19%	-6%	-11%	14%	-6%	-9%	14%	1%	5%	-13%
01/13/24	1%	3%	3%	1%	-2%	-17%	-2%	-11%	12%	-6%	-13%	17%	-2%	-5%	-20%
01/20/24	0%	0%	2%	-6%	-7%	-13%	-4%	-12%	6%	-4%	-3%	14%	-6%	-8%	-25%
01/27/24	4%	0%	4%	-3%	-1%	-5%	-1%	-14%	13%	-6%	-5%	19%	-2%	-2%	-16%
02/03/24	0%	-4%	1%	4%	0%	-23%	-7%	-12%	12%	-8%	-4%	8%	-4%	-2%	-16%

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Exhibit 2: 4-year CAGRs for Online* and B&M spending by category, per BAC aggregated credit and debit card data eCommerce 4-year CAGR in January was 13%

	eCommerce Overall	Grocery	Restaurant Food Delivery	Transit	Auto Parts & Services	Department Stores	Clothing	Home Furnishing		Sporting Goods	Electronics	General Merchandise	B&M Total Retail	B&M Restaurant	B&M Home Furnishing
4-YR CAGR															
Quarterly	160/	1.00/	200/	10/	120/	20/	120/	1.50/	1.50/	00/	00/	200/	20/	20/	20/
1Q23	16%	19%		1%	12%	2%	12%	15%	15%	9%	9%	26%	3%	3%	
2Q23 3Q23	15% 15%	18% 17%		1% 2%	11% 11%	0% -1%	11% 11%	13% 8%	14% 15%	10% 9%	8% 6%	23% 23%	3% 3%	3% 4%	
	13%	17%		2% 2%	11%	-1%	10%	7%	16%		3%	19%	3%	4% 3%	
4Q23 1Q24TD	14%	15%		2% 1%	11%	-2% -1%	11%	7% 6%	18%	8% 7%	5% 6%	27%	2%	3% 2%	
Monthly	14%	15%	27%	1%	11%	-1%	11%	0%	18%	7 %	0%	27%	2%	2%	-0%
Jan-23	17%	20%	38%	2%	12%	3%	13%	15%	15%	9%	10%	27%	4%	4%	-1%
Feb-23	16%	19%		1%	12%	1%	12%	16%	15%	9%	10%	27%	3%	4%	
Mar-23	16%	18%		1%	11%	0%	11%	14%	15%	10%	9%	24%	2%	2%	
Apr-23	15%	18%		1%	10%	1%	11%	13%	15%	9%	9%	23%	3%	4%	
May-23	15%	18%		1%	10%	0%	11%	13%	12%	8%	7%	22%	2%	3%	
Jun-23	16%	18%		1%	12%	0%	11%	13%	15%	13%	9%	23%	3%	3%	
Jul-23	15%	18%		1%	10%	-1%	11%	10%	14%	9%	7%	22%	3%	4%	-3%
Aug-23	15%	17%		2%	11%	-2%	12%	8%	13%	10%	6%	23%	2%	2%	
Sep-23	14%	17%		2%	12%	-1%	10%	8%	16%	9%	6%	23%	4%	4%	
Oct-23	14%	16%	28%	1%	11%	-1%	9%	7%	16%	10%	7%	22%	3%	4%	-4%
Nov-23	16%	18%	27%	2%	12%	3%	16%	12%	20%	14%	7%	22%	2%	2%	-5%
Dec-23	9%	16%	27%	2%	10%	-8%	5%	3%	13%	2%	-3%	13%	2%	4%	-7%
Jan-24	13%	16%	27%	1%	11%	-1%	11%	5%	17%	7%	5%	27%	2%	2%	-7%
Week ending															
11/04/23	14%	17%	28%	3%	12%	1%	11%	8%	15%	10%	7%	22%	3%	4%	-4%
11/11/23	14%	17%	27%	3%	12%	-3%	11%	8%	13%	10%	5%	20%	3%	3%	-5%
11/18/23	15%	17%		3%	11%	0%	12%	8%	16%	10%	8%	23%	4%	4%	
11/25/23	18%	19%		-1%	8%	10%	25%	14%	28%	19%	13%	28%	4%	3%	
12/02/23	13%	16%		3%	14%	-2%	10%	10%	20%	7%	-3%	14%	0%	3%	
12/09/23	7%	15%		1%	9%	-12%	2%	-1%	8%	-2%	-7%	5%	2%	3%	
12/16/23	10%	16%		2%	10%	-5%	7%	5%	15%	4%	-1%	14%	1%	2%	
12/23/23	11%	18%	27%	1%	10%	-4%	7%	5%	15%	5%	1%	20%	2%	3%	-9%
12/30/23	15%	19%		2%	12%	-2%	11%	10%	19%	10%	4%	26%	3%	3%	
01/06/24	13%	16%		2%	11%	-4%	10%	7%	19%	7%	4%	23%	2%	2%	
01/13/24	13%	16%		1%	10%	-1%	12%	4%	18%	7%	4%	28%	2%	2%	
01/20/24	13%	16%		0%	9%	0%	11%	5%	16%	8%	5%	27%	1%	1%	
01/27/24	14%	16%		1%	11%	1%	10%	5%	18%	6%	6%	29%	3%	3%	
02/03/24	13%	15%	26%	2%	12%	0%	10%	7%	16%	8%	6%	26%	3%	3%	-5%

Source: BAC internal data

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Exhibit 3: Online spending* by income cohort, per BAC aggregated credit and debit card data

Online total retail spending in January increased 3% for low-income cohort (\$50,000) vs. 1% y/y for high-income cohort (\$125,000+)

		Online Total Retail			Online Restaurant			Online Grocery		
	<\$50k	\$50-\$125k	>\$125k	<\$50k	\$50-\$125k	>\$125k	<\$50k	\$50-\$125k	>\$125k	
Y/Y										
Annual Y/Y										
2021	18%	11%	10%	36%	32%	28%	11%	6%	4%	
2022	-3%	-1%	1%	5%	5%	7%	-18%	-16%	-9%	
2023	1%	1%	-1%	7%	6%	4%	-4%	-4%	-5%	
2024	3%	2%	0%	5%	4%	2%	1%	0%	-1%	
Quarterly Y/Y										
1Q22	-4%	-3%	0%	4%	3%	4%	-26%	-23%	-17%	
2Q22	-6%	-3%	0%	2%	4%	6%	-24%	-20%	-11%	
3Q22	1%	3%	6%	7%	8%	11%	-15%	-12%	-4%	
4Q22	-1%	-1%	-1%	7%	7%	7%	-4%	-5%	-3%	
1Q23	0%	-1%	-3%	7%	7%	5%	-7%	-8%	-10%	
2Q23	0%	0%	-2%	6%	6%	3%	-5%	-5%	-6%	
3Q23	2%	1%	0%	7%	6%	3%	-2%	-3%	-3%	
4Q23	3%	2%	1%	7%	5%	3%	-1%	-1%	-1%	
1Q24TD	3%	2%	0%	5%	4%	2%	1%	0%	-1%	
Quarterly Q/Q			- 7.							
1Q22	-11%	-13%	-13%	5%	2%	3%	3%	1%	3%	
2Q22	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	-6%	-7%	-9%	
3Q22	-3%	-2%	-3%	-2%	-2%	-2%	-6%	-5%	-6%	
4Q22	14%	16%	16%	3%	4%	5%	4%	7%	10%	
1Q23	-10%	-13%	-15%	5%	3%	0%	1%	-2%	-4%	
2Q23	0%	1%	2%	0%	1%	1%	-4%	-4%	-5%	
3Q23	-1%	-1%	-1%	-1%	-1%	-2%	-3%	-3%	-4%	
4Q23	14%	16%	18%	2%	3%	5%	6%	9%	13%	
1Q24TD	-15%	-17%	-18%	-3%	-5%	-6%	-2%	-3%	-5%	
Monthly Y/Y	-13%	-1770	-10%	-3%	-3%	-0%	-270	-5%	-5%	
Dec-22	-1%	00/-	-1%	7%	7%	6%	-3%	-4%	-5%	
	-1%	0% -2%								
Jan-23			-4%	4%	4%	3% 5%	-10%	-12%	-13%	
Feb-23	1%	0%	-2%	8%	7%		-5%	-7%	-9%	
Mar-23	0%	-1%	-3%	9%	9%	6%	-4%	-5%	-7%	
Apr-23	-2%	-2%	-3%	6%	6%	4%	-6%	-6%	-9%	
May-23	1%	1%	-1%	5%	4%	2%	-5%	-4%	-5%	
Jun-23	1%	0%	-2%	8%	7%	4%	-3%	-3%	-4%	
Jul-23	3%	2%	1%	8%	6%	4%	-3%	-4%	-5%	
Aug-23	2%	1%	-1%	6%	5%	3%	-2%	-3%	-4%	
Sep-23	3%	1%	-1%	8%	7%	4%	-1%	-2%	-2%	
Oct-23	3%	2%	1%	6%	5%	3%	-1%	-1%	0%	
Nov-23	4%	3%	3%	6%	5%	3%	-1%	-1%	-1%	
Dec-23	2%	1%	-1%	8%	6%	4%	0%	-1%	-2%	
Jan-24	3%	2%	1%	4%	2%	0%	1%	0%	0%	
Week ending Y/Y										
11/04/23	3%	2%	1%	7%	6%	4%	-1%	-1%	-1%	
11/11/23	3%	2%	2%	5%	4%	2%	-1%	-1%	0%	
11/18/23	3%	2%	1%	7%	6%	4%	0%	-1%	0%	
11/25/23	9%	10%	10%	1%	1%	-2%	-1%	-2%	-1%	
12/02/23	0%	0%	0%	10%	9%	7%	-2%	-2%	-2%	
12/09/23	1%	0%	-2%	5%	4%	2%	-1%	-1%	-2%	
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Source: BAC internal data

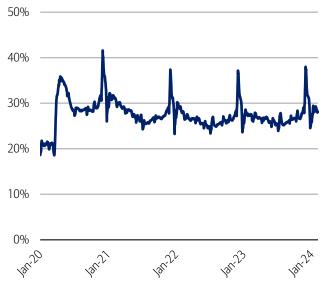
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Exhibit 4: Online* retail penetration, per BAC aggregated credit and debit card data

BAC card data indicates 28.3% online retail penetration for January

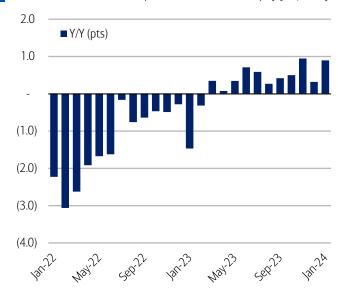


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Exhibit 5: Online* retail penetration, per BAC aggregated credit and debit card data (monthly, Y/Y)

BAC card data indicates online penetration increased 90bps y/y in January



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Methodology explained

Readers should be aware that although the BAC datasets utilized in our analysis represent a significant number of data points, they nevertheless present a degree of selection bias, including but not limited to income levels and geographies. In addition, the data is limited to debit and credit cards and does not include other payment methods such as cash or checks.

Data regarding merchants who receive payments are identified and classified by the Merchant Categorization Code (MCC) defined by financial services companies. The data are mapped using proprietary methods from the MCCs to the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS), which is also used by the Census Bureau, in order to classify spending data by subsector. Spending data may also be classified by other proprietary methods not using MCCs.

BAC data used in this report include spending from active US households (HHs) only. Spending from corporate cards are excluded.

Our methodology for calculating the growth rates for daily data: we calculate the %/y growth rate by matching calendar days (January 1, 2024 is matched to January 1, 2023). The % change is calculated based on the 7-day moving average of spending levels. Unless otherwise noted, the monthly subsector data are adjusted to control for seasonality and other factors.



Exhibit 6: Stocks mentioned

Prices and ratings for stocks mentioned in this report

BofA Ticker	Bloomberg ticker	Company name	Price	Rating
AMZN	AMZN US	Amazon.com	US\$ 169.84	B-1-9
DASH	DASH US	DoorDash	US\$ 118.30	C-1-9
CART	CART US	Instacart	US\$ 26.07	C-2-9
UBER	UBER US	Uber Technologies	US\$ 71.61	C-1-9
W	W US	Wayfair	US\$ 51.59	C-1-9

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Price objective basis & risk

Amazon.com (AMZN)

Our PO of \$204 is based on our SOTP analysis that values the 1P retail business at 1.1x 2025E Revenue (including subscription/Prime membership fees), 3P retail business at 2.6x 2025E Revenue, AWS at 8.0x 2025 Sales, and the advertising business at 5.0x 2025 Sales. For 2025E, our 8.0x AWS multiple is relatively below our SaaS comps at 8.9x, our 1.1x GMV multiple is a slight discount to our retail comps at 1.2x, and our 5.0x advertising multiple is a slight discount to our digital advertising comps at 5.2x. We think some conglomerate discount is warranted with elevated regulatory/antitrust risk, but long-term we believe that in-line to discount multiples are warranted given growth rates in-excess of peers.

Our PO of \$204 for Amazon implies 3.0x P/Sales, a multiple toward the high end of Amazon's historical range of 1.0-3.5x. With improving margins long-term, we expect the revenue multiple should trend upward over time.

Downside risks to our price objective are increasing competition from offline and local retailers, AWS client cost optimization impact on revenues and margins, and regulatory pressure on the 3P marketplace. The stock has been subject to heavy volatility in the past, based on margin trends, and this volatility could increase due to economic uncertainty.

DoorDash (DASH)

Our PO of \$119 is based on our Core US Restaurant analysis, which estimates \$3.2bn in Core US Restaurant EBITDA in 2025E (vs. \$2.6bn prior, for 2024E). We apply an EBITDA multiple of 14x to Core US Restaurant EBITDA (down from 16x prior, given higher uncertainty with forward estimates) given DASH's higher restaurant growth and profit profile vs. Peers, which gives us an Enterprise Value of \$49bn. Adding 0.3x New Verticals GOV (at \$19bn for 2024E) and \$2bn in cash gets us to \$53bn Market Cap, and divided by 450mn shares gets us to our PO of \$119.

Risks are 1) slowing industry growth in 2021, which puts premium valuations at risk, 2) DASH potentially facing tougher comps than competitors, 3) entrenched incumbents in adjacent categories (including Amazon), 4) regulatory battle, which is not over yet, despite Proposition 22.

Instacart (CART)

Our PO of \$31 is based on a 50/50 weighting of 3.5x EV/Gross Profit and 11x EV/EBITDA, multiples which are at a discount to the eCommerce and Gig Economy peer group given lower relative growth expectations. Our PO is based on a fully diluted share count of 337mn and is supported by our DCF analysis.

Downside risks are 1) potential that reopening impact on cohorts (returning to in-store shopping) continues for longer than expected, 2) loss of any grocery partners, 3) grocery share gains by Walmart and Amazon impact Instacart's growth/market share, 4) new regulations and changes in driver employment legislation.



Uber (UBER)

Our SOTP applies an EV/2025E Revenue valuation of 3.6x for Mobility, 3.0x revenue for Delivery (implies 0.6x bookings), and 0.7x revenue for Freight, which are slight premiums to peers given potential network effects. Our SOTP valuation implies segment values of \$106bn for Mobility, \$48bn for Delivery, and \$4.2bn for Freight, which implies a Total Enterprise Value for Uber of \$158bn. Based on Net Debt of \$0.6bn and a realizable value of investments of \$8.2bn we estimate a target market cap of \$166bn. Our Price Objective of \$78 is based on 2.1bn shares outstanding. Our PO implies 20x 2025E EBITDA.

Downside risks are 1) multiple compression given macro economic exposure, 2) slowing user/revenue growth due to competitive initiatives from Lyft or DoorDash, 3) new competition from self-driving technology companies, and 4) new regulations, fees, and/or minimum wages.

Wayfair (W)

Our PO of \$85 is based on 0.9x 2025E EV/sales, which is below the historical average multiple of approx. 1x . We believe this is warranted given a significant improvement in EBTIDA and a return to revenue YoY growth, though below prior periods of expansion. If Wayfair were to achieve its target of mid-single digit EBITDA margins over the next few years, this would likely drive additional multiple expansion in our view.

Upside risks are 1) a larger-than-expected acceleration in sales post tough COVID compares in 2022, 2) better inventory availability as supply chain disruptions eases, 3) higher-than-forecast online growth for the industry as a whole, 4) stronger growth from newer initiatives including Wayfair Professional and, 5) EBITDA margin upside from COGS efficiencies, OPEX reductions and fixed cost leverage .

Downside risks are 1) High industry competition which could drive higher than expected investment in marketing or promotions, 2) brand complexity (five brands), 3) weaker than expected international segment performance, and 4) A softer than anticipated recovery in US furnishings in 2024/25.

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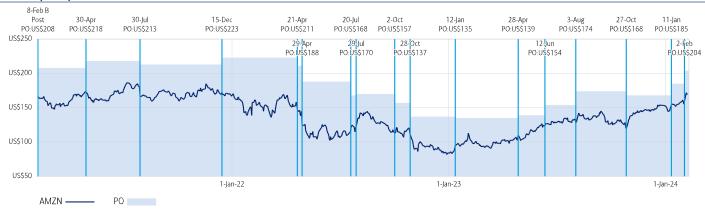
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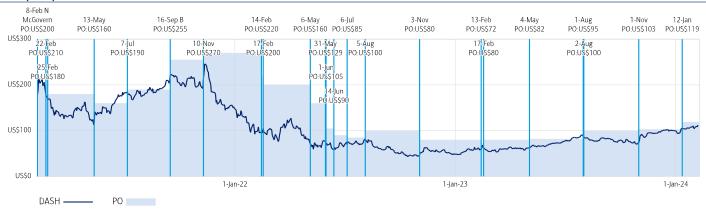
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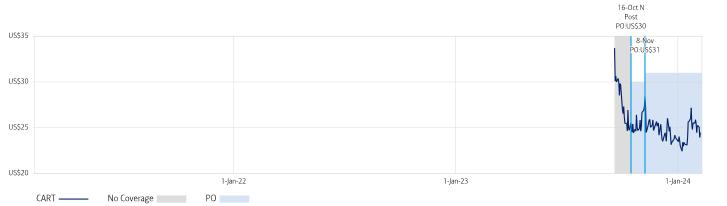
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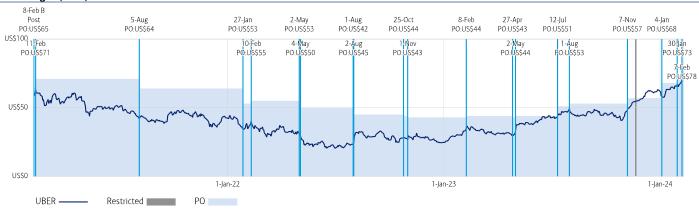
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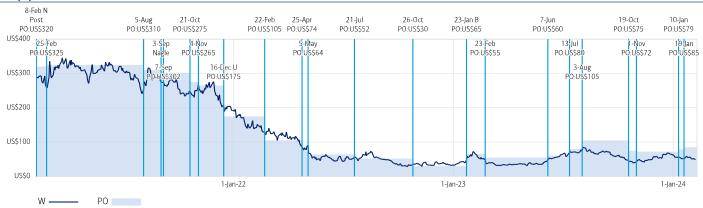
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