



# Social-Network-Driven Retail Transformation

## Fourth Annual E-Commerce Survey



**Cisco Internet Business Solutions Group (IBSG)**  
**June 2009**

# About the Survey

- Purpose

Identify key trends, changes in consumer behavior, and new enabling technologies

- Methodology

Identified foundational and innovative capabilities expected on e-commerce websites

Tested 65 websites, including retailers, pure players, manufacturers, and comparison sites

- Geographies covered

North America, Europe, and Emerging Markets

Source: Cisco IBSG, 2009

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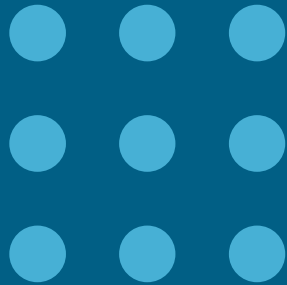
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# Executive Summary

- Social networks are ushering in the era of social shopping
- Comparison sites drive price competition and increase the need for retailers to include certain website capabilities on their own websites
- The online experience increasingly impacts the in-store experience
- The trend toward mobile commerce (m-commerce) is growing, with consumers able to connect with peers, review, and transact directly from their smartphones, even in competing real estate
- The next retail channel will be the “home sofa,” through interactive television (iTV) and console games

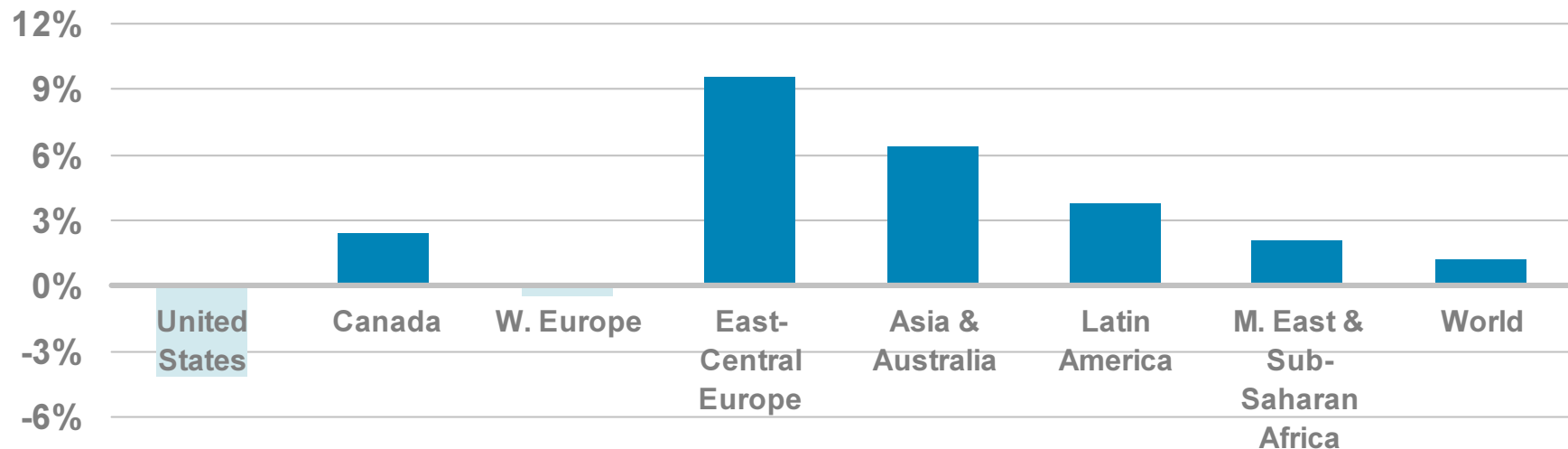
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# State of Global E-Retail

# 2008: Gloomy Year for Retail in U.S. and Europe

## Retail Sales Growth, 2008 vs. 2007



## Year Marked by Failures of Major Retailers



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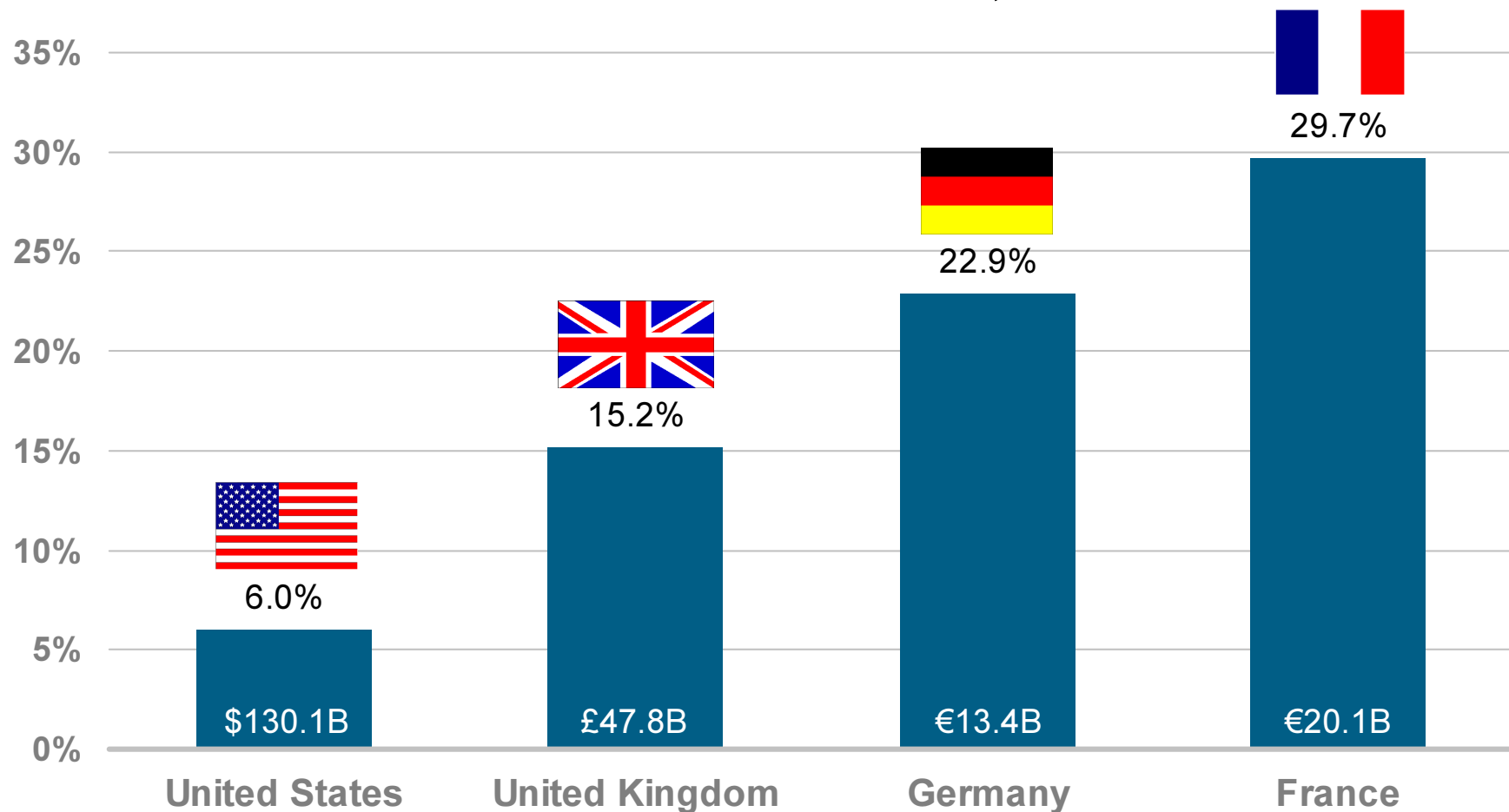


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Source: The Economist Intelligence Unit, 2009

# E-Commerce was Resilient in Some Key Geographies

## Year-Over-Year E-Commerce Sales Growth, 2007- 2008



Source: comScore, 2009; IMRG Capgemini, 2009; TNS Infratest, 2008; FEVAD, 2009

# E-Commerce Has Passed 20% Tipping Point in Many Categories

## U.S. E-Commerce Estimated % of Category Sales, 2007

Computer products	45%
Event tickets	27%
Books	24%
Music/video	24%
Gift cards/certificates	21%
Toys/video games	19%
Baby products	19%
Consumer electronics	18%

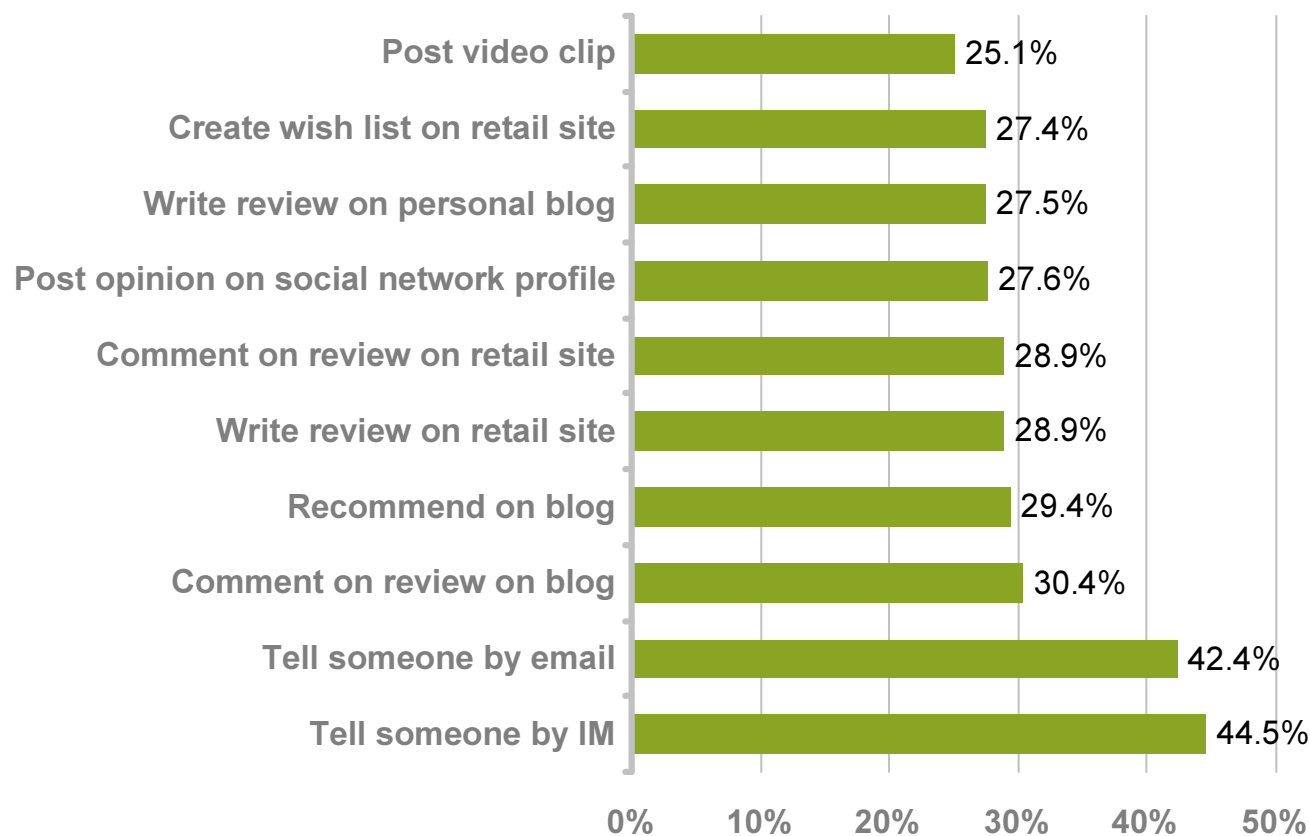
- While e-commerce is only 4% to 6% of all retail sales, it has become a significant channel for some categories
- Retailers in these areas must now consider e-commerce as both mainstream and highly influential—a must-have way to reach customers

Source: Morgan Stanley, 2009; Cisco IBSG, 2009



# More Shoppers Are Turning to Online “Friends” for Advice

## Methods Used by Adult Internet Users Worldwide To Share Opinions About Products and Services, 2008



Visits to social shopping sites:  
February 2008 vs.  
February 2007

244%



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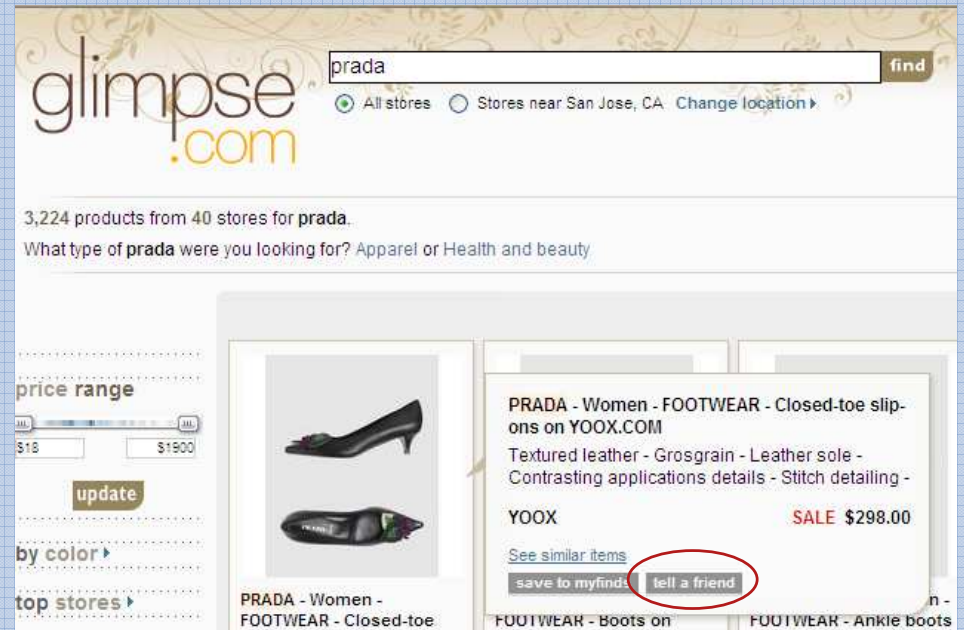
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Sources: Universal McCann, 2008; Hitwise Intelligence, 2008, cited by Chief Marketer.com/Channels/online/enews\_031908

# Social Networks Are Biggest New Retail Influencer and Direct Channel

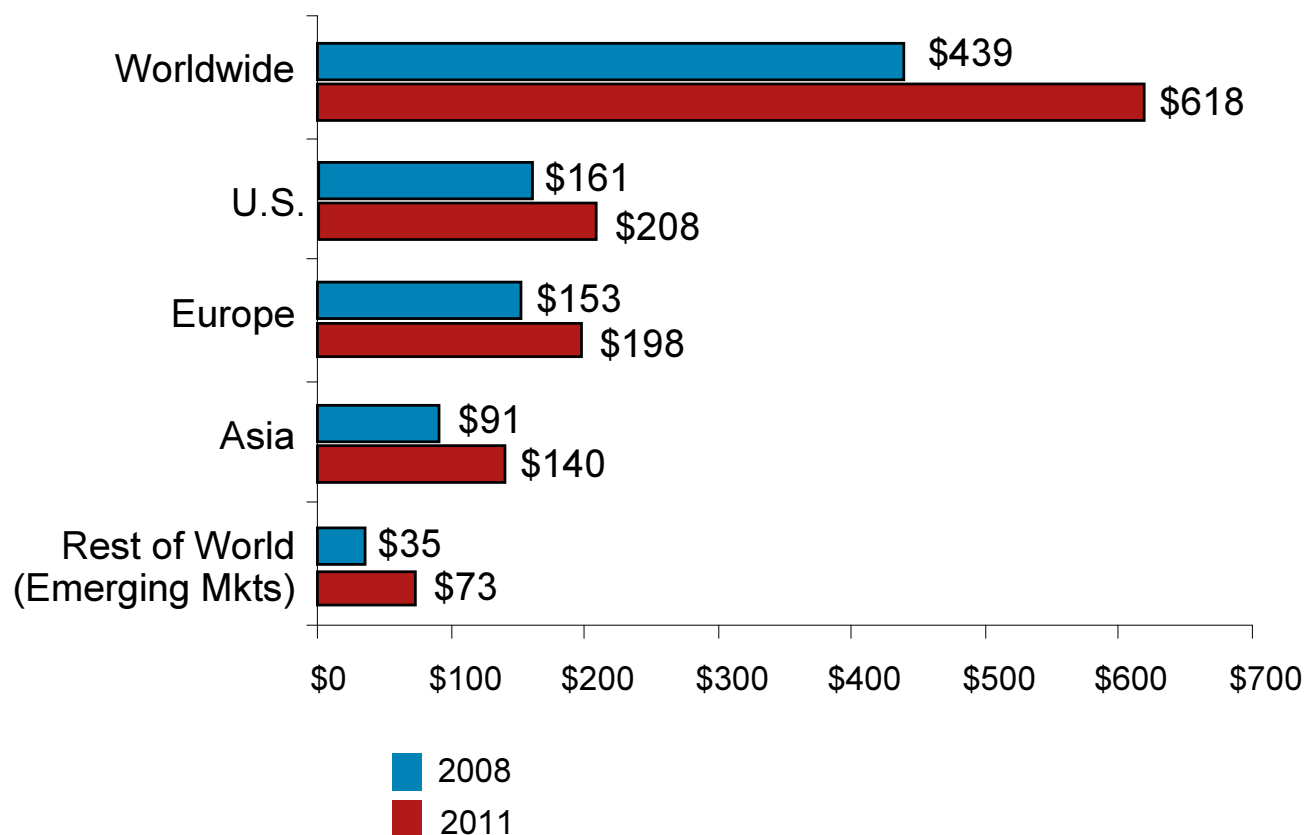
- 40% of e-retailers maintain a social network page; 59% of top U.S. retailers have a fan page on Facebook
- Facebook's Platform allows:
  - Consumers to post items, share with friends, click through to purchase
  - Retailer to keep 100% of revenue
- Global mobile Web 2.0 revenue will quadruple to \$22.4B in 2008-2013



Sources: Juniper Research, 2008; eMarketer, 2008; [www.csestrategies.com](http://www.csestrategies.com), May 31, 2007; VentureBeat, 2008; Internet Retailer Survey, 2008; Rosetta, 2008

# Fastest Future E-Commerce Growth Will Be in Asia Pacific and Emerging Markets

## Global E-Commerce Forecast, 2008-2011 (US\$ Billions)



CAGR, 2008-2011	
Worldwide	12.1%
U.S.	8.9%
Europe	9.1%
Asia	15.5%
Rest of World (Emerging Mkts)	27.9%

Source: JP Morgan, 2009 (excludes travel)

# Growth Will Be Driven by “M-Commerce” as Mobile Leapfrogs Landline

## Mobile Cellular Subscribers

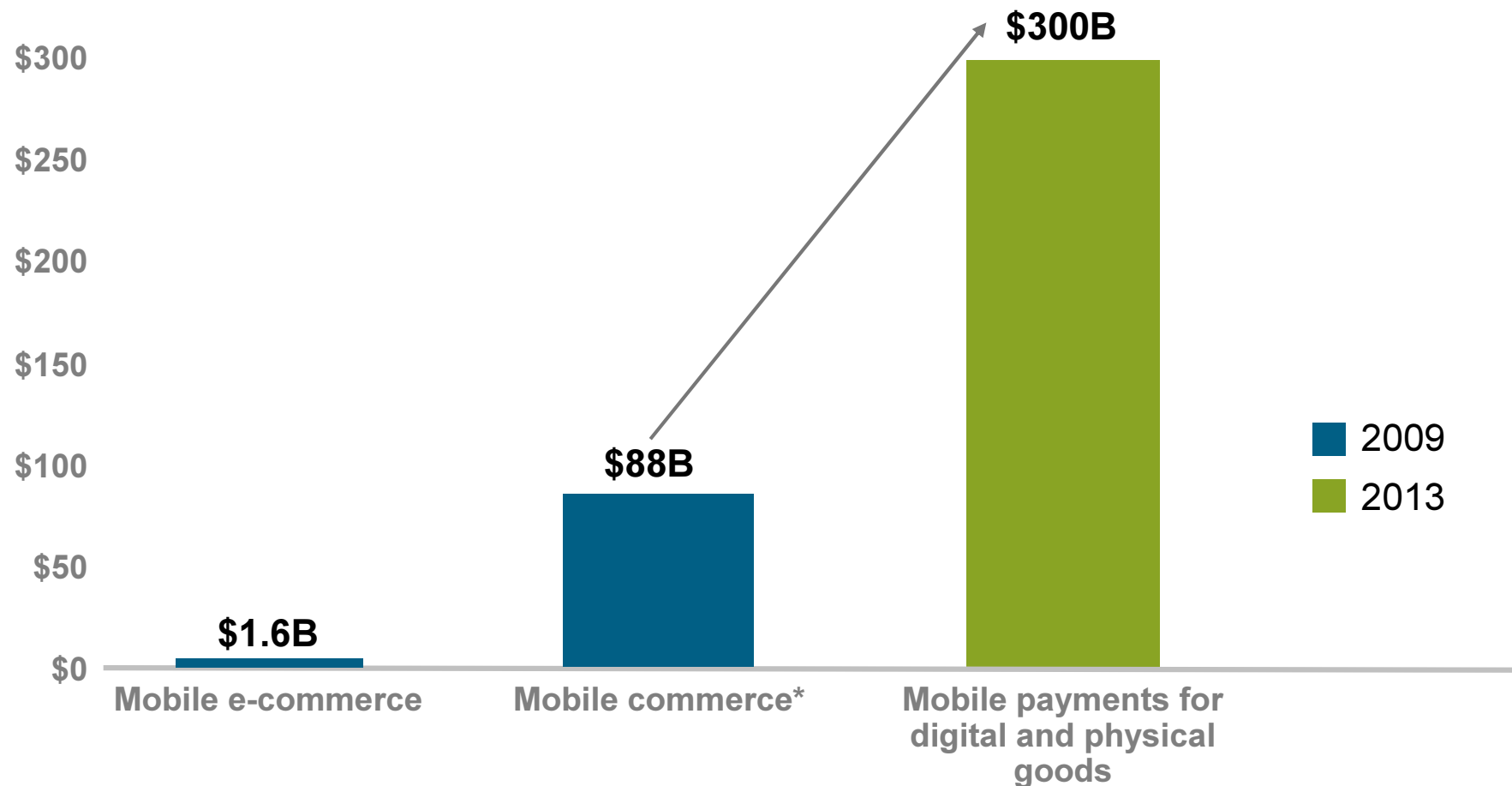
	CAGR, 2002-2007	Per 100 inhabitants, 2007
Brazil	28.2%	63
China	21.6%	41
India	78.2%	20
Mexico	20.8%	62
Russia	56.1%	115
South Africa	25.3%	87
UAE	26.1%	176
U.K.	7.9%	118
U.S.	12.5%	86

Source: ITU World Telecommunication/ICT Indicators Database, 2007



# Still in Its Infancy, Mobile Shopping Is Poised To Explode in Next 3-4 Years

## Global M-Commerce Revenue

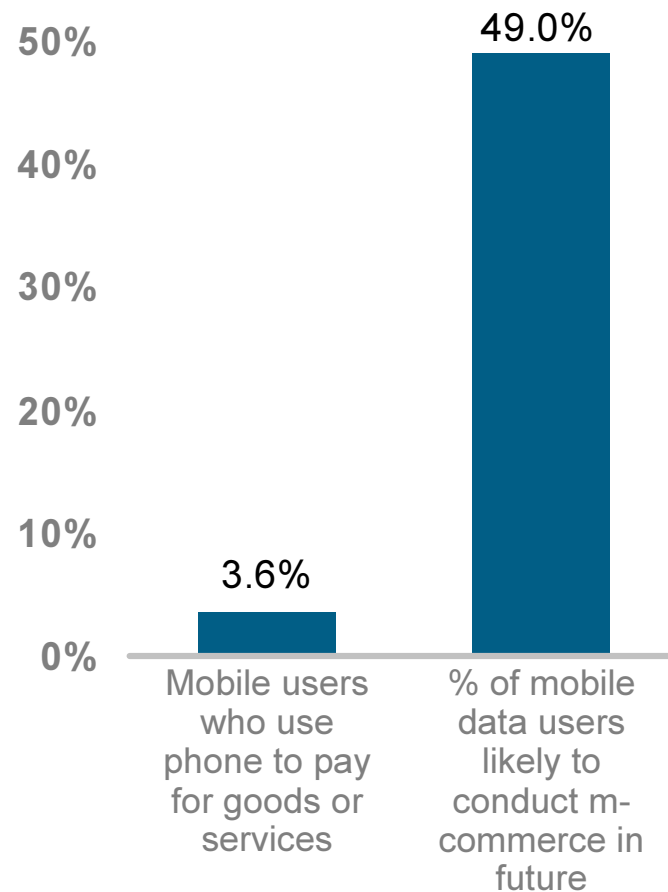


\*Includes shopping, advertising, social networking, and games

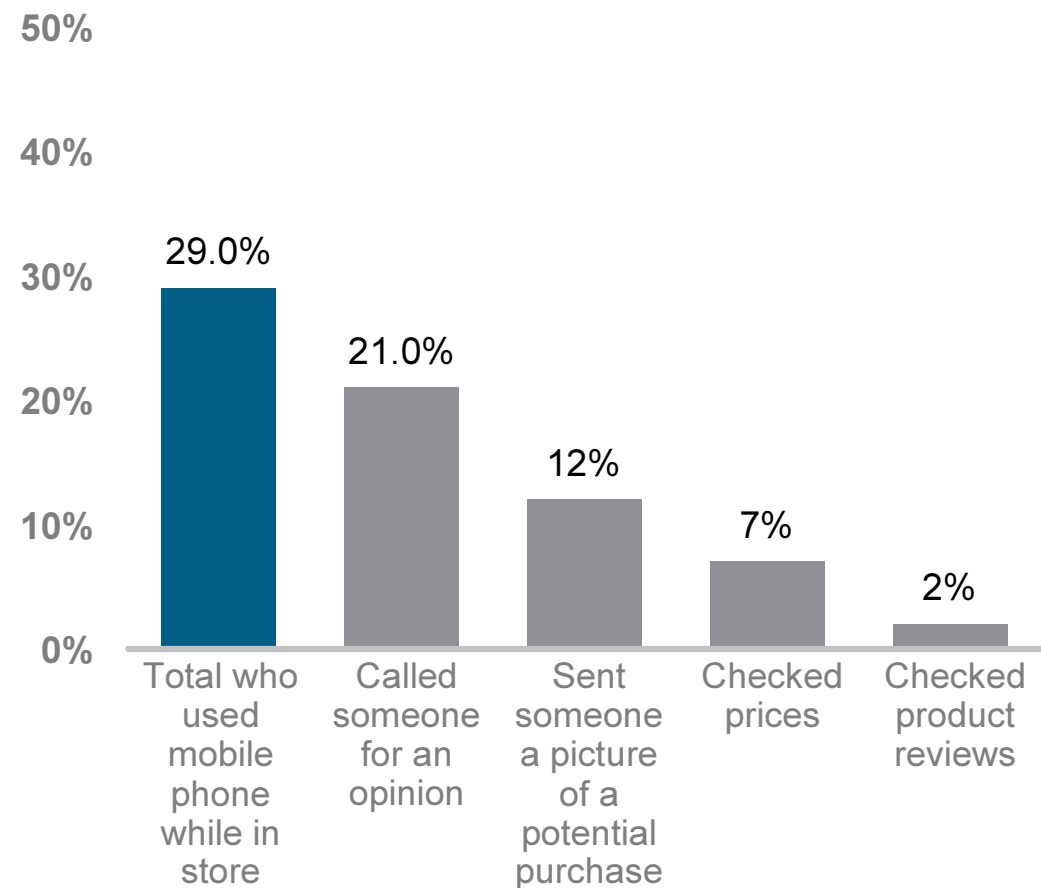
Sources: ABI Research, 2009; Jupiter Research, 2008 and 2009

# Already, Almost a Third of U.S. Shoppers Use Their Phones in Store

**U.S. Mobile Usage,  
Q1 2008**



**How U.S. Shoppers with Mobile Phones  
Used Them While Shopping in Store**



Sources: Nielsen Mobile, 2008; ForeSee, 2009

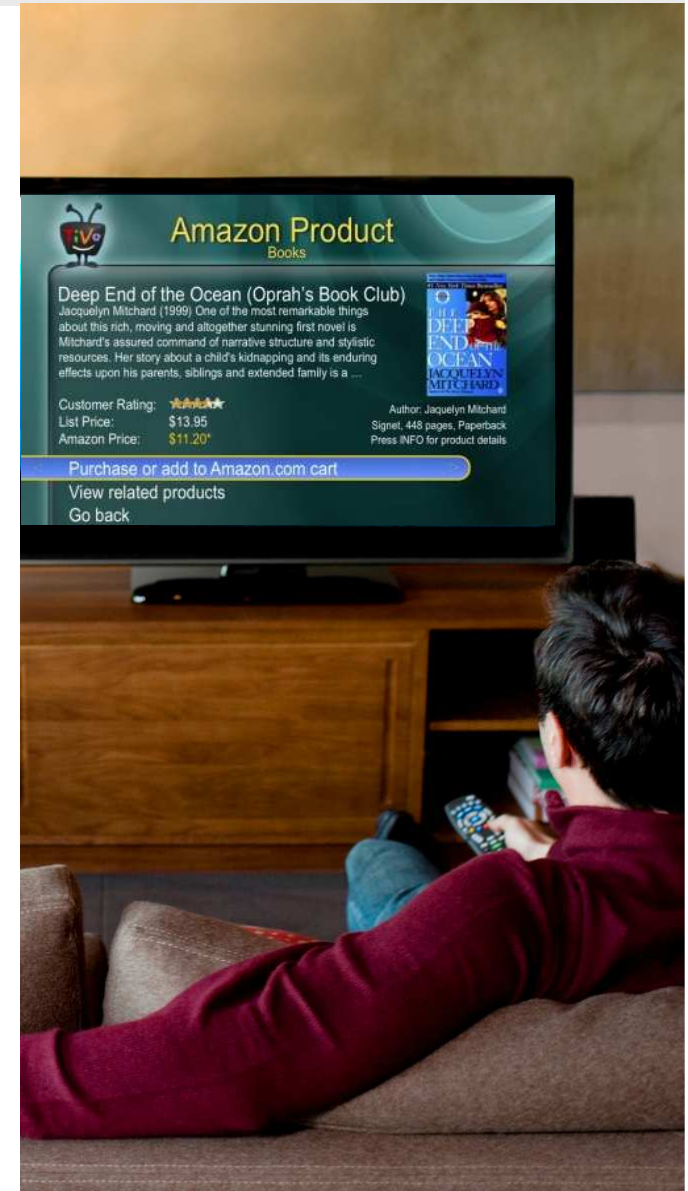


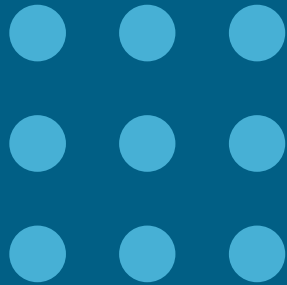
# Next Retail Channel Will Be the Home Sofa

## iTV and Console Games Piloting Ads and Direct Sales

- All U.S. homes will have some iTV by 2010
  - Will make ad distribution and e-retail easier
  - Retail/CPG testing promotions, direct sales
- Global video game advertising estimated at \$2.3B by 2012
  - Can connect through Internet with downloadable movies
  - Clickable ads, shopping not far behind

Sources: eMarketer, 2009; Yahoo press release 2008; ITV Alliance; [www.zatznotfunny.com](http://www.zatznotfunny.com); [www.brandweek.com](http://www.brandweek.com), 2007; PricewaterhouseCoopers, 2008; [www.gigaom.com](http://www.gigaom.com), 2008



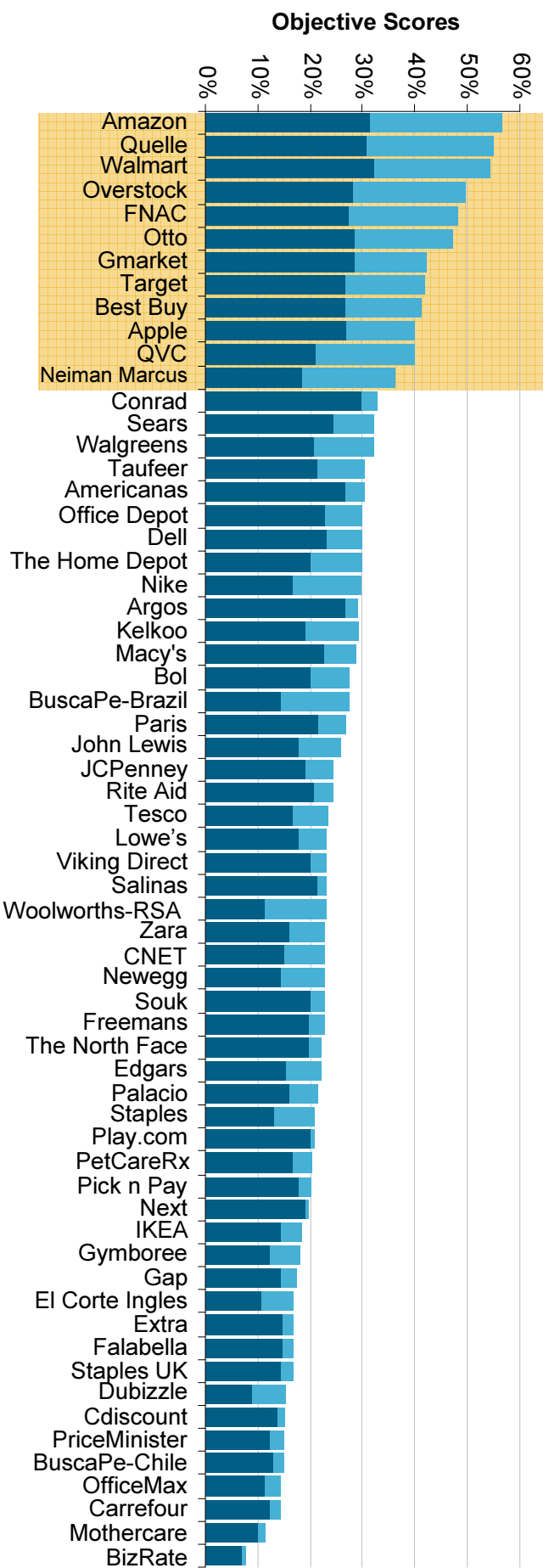


## Results of Fourth Annual E-Commerce Survey



# Twelve Companies Stand Out

## Objective Scores Distribution



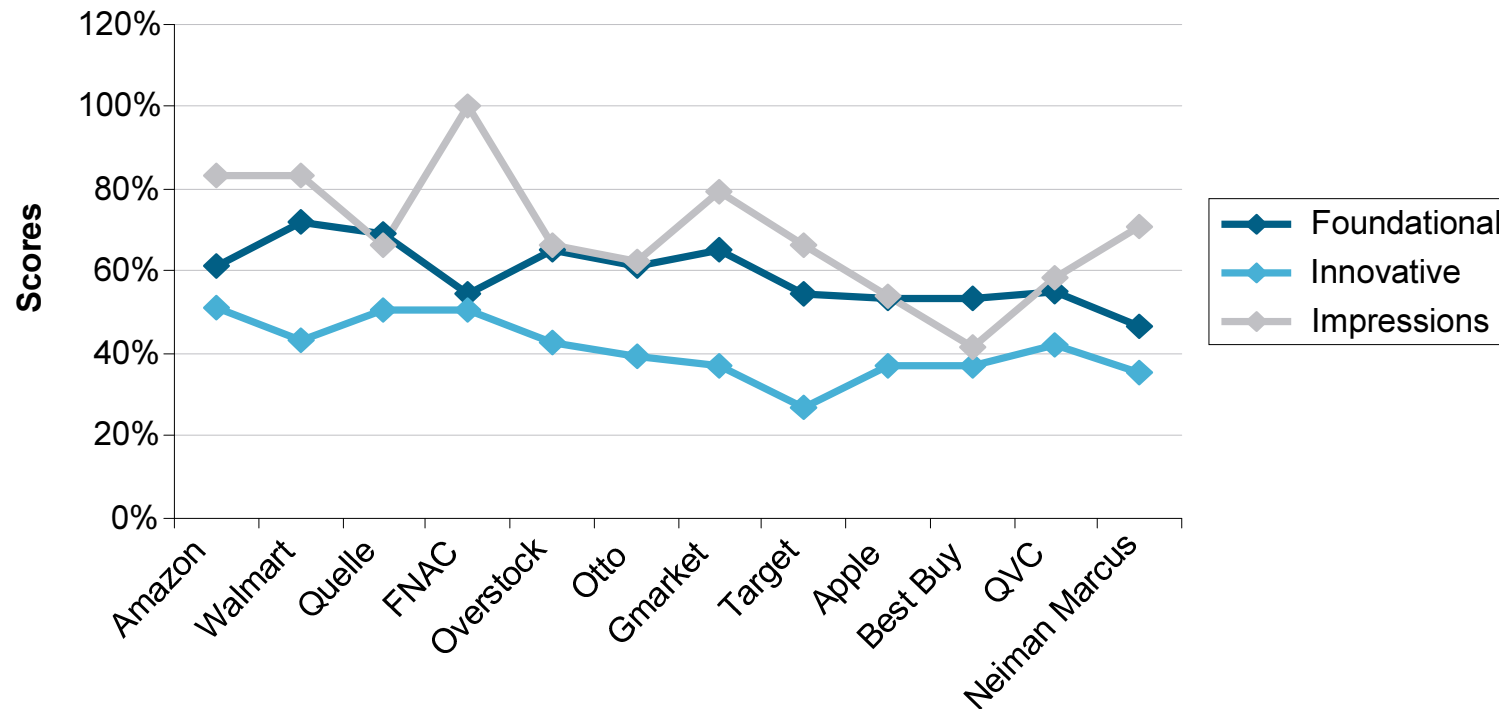
**Foundational capabilities include** ability to research products, save research results, buy products, and obtain basic services

**Innovative capabilities include** personalization, loyalty and stickiness, mobile, and multichannel

Source: Cisco IBSG, 2009

# Top Players Score Well on Both Foundational and Innovative Capabilities

Average Capability Scores by Company (Top 12)



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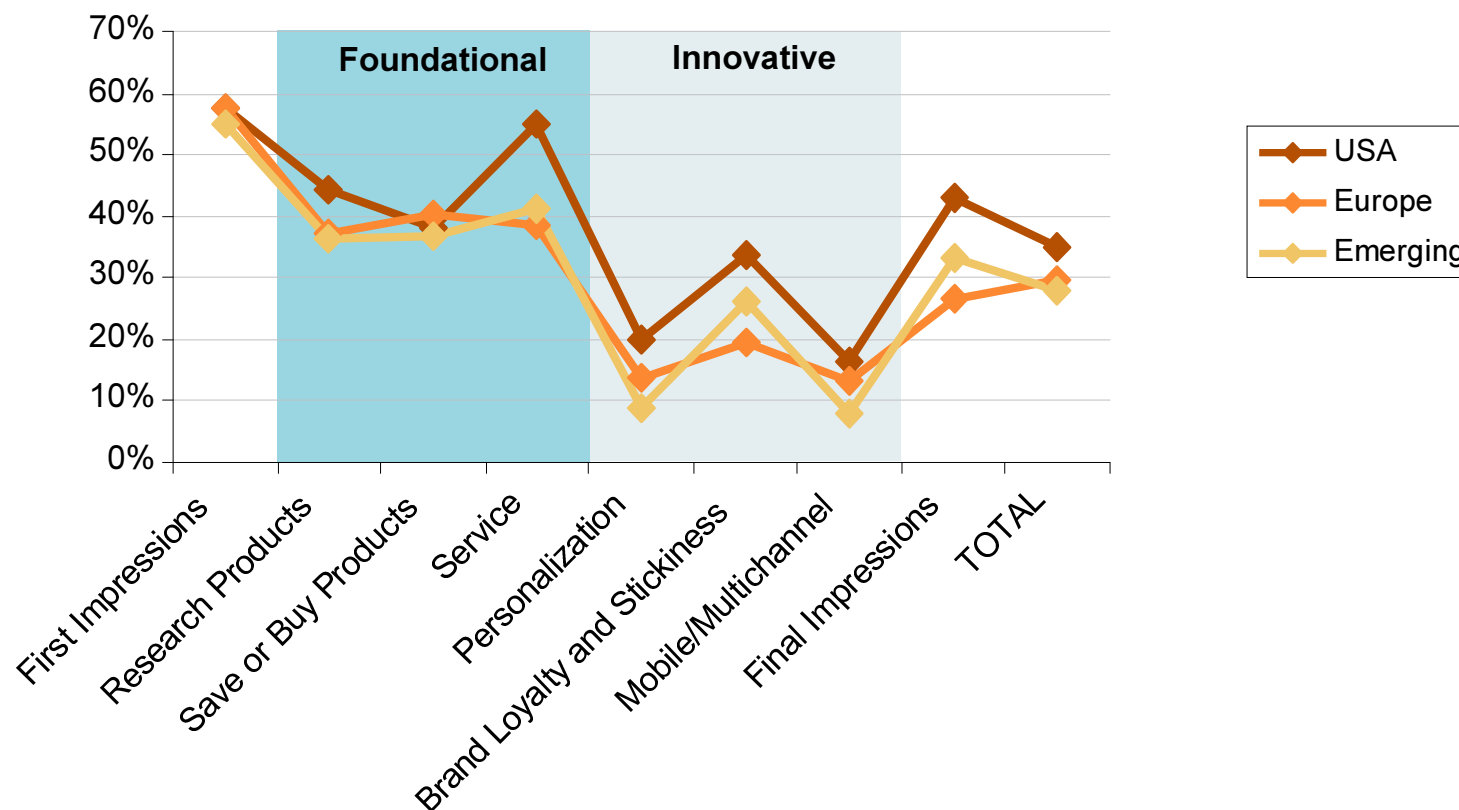
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**Impressions** are the subjective evaluation of the user's first and last impressions of the site

Source: Cisco IBSG, 2009

# North America Scores Higher than Europe and Emerging Markets

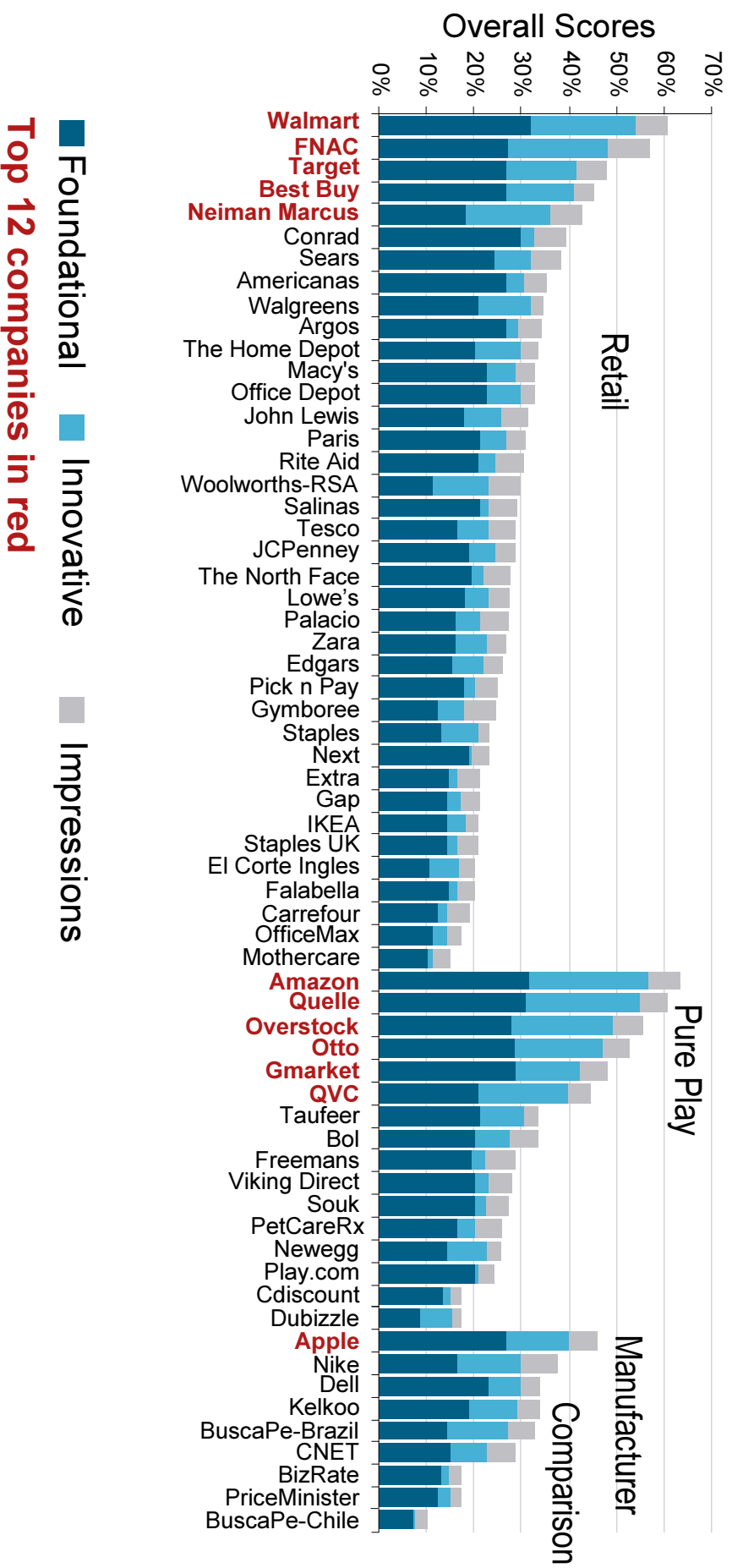
## Average Capability Scores by Geography



Source: Cisco IBSG, 2009

# Pure Players Score High, Especially on Innovative Capabilities

## Overall Scores by Sector

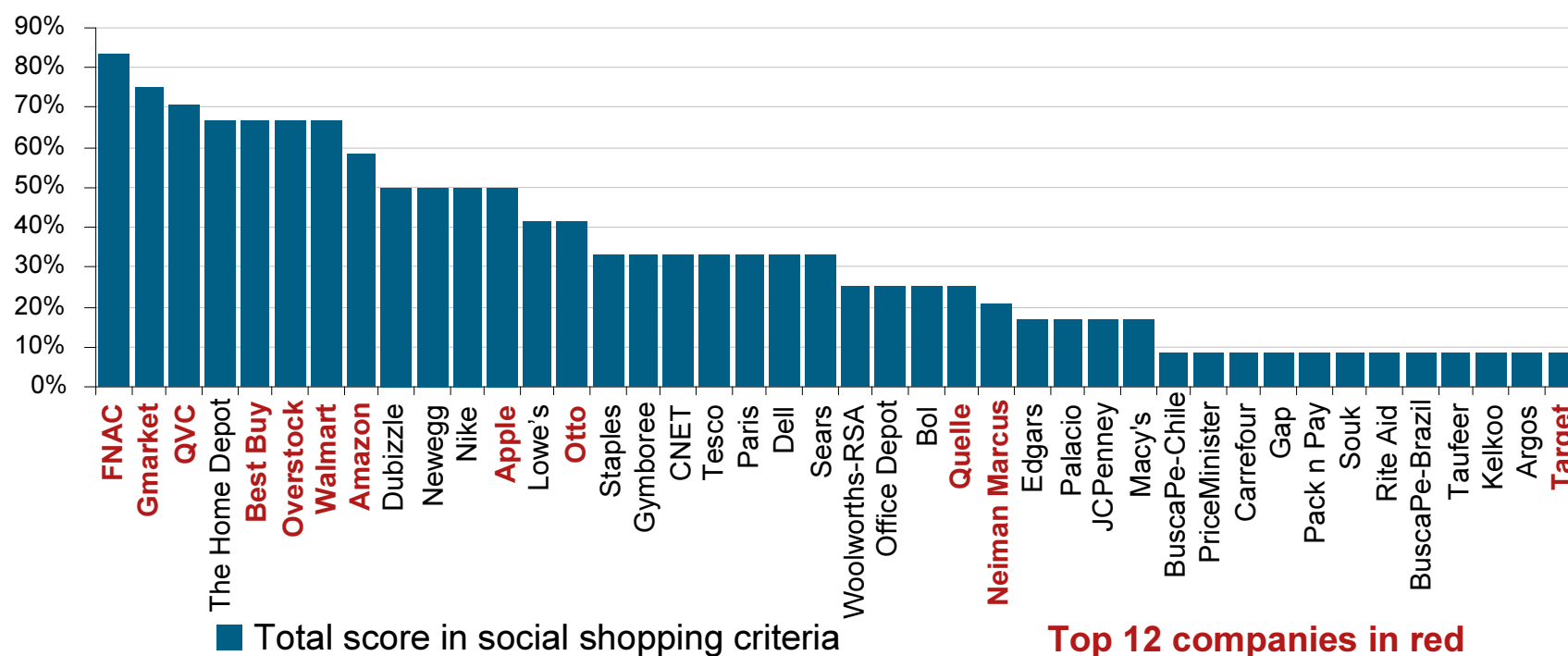


Source: Cisco IBSG, 2009

# Leaders in All E-Retail Sectors Are Paying Attention to “Social Shopping”

42 of the 65 companies scored on at least one of these social shopping criteria:

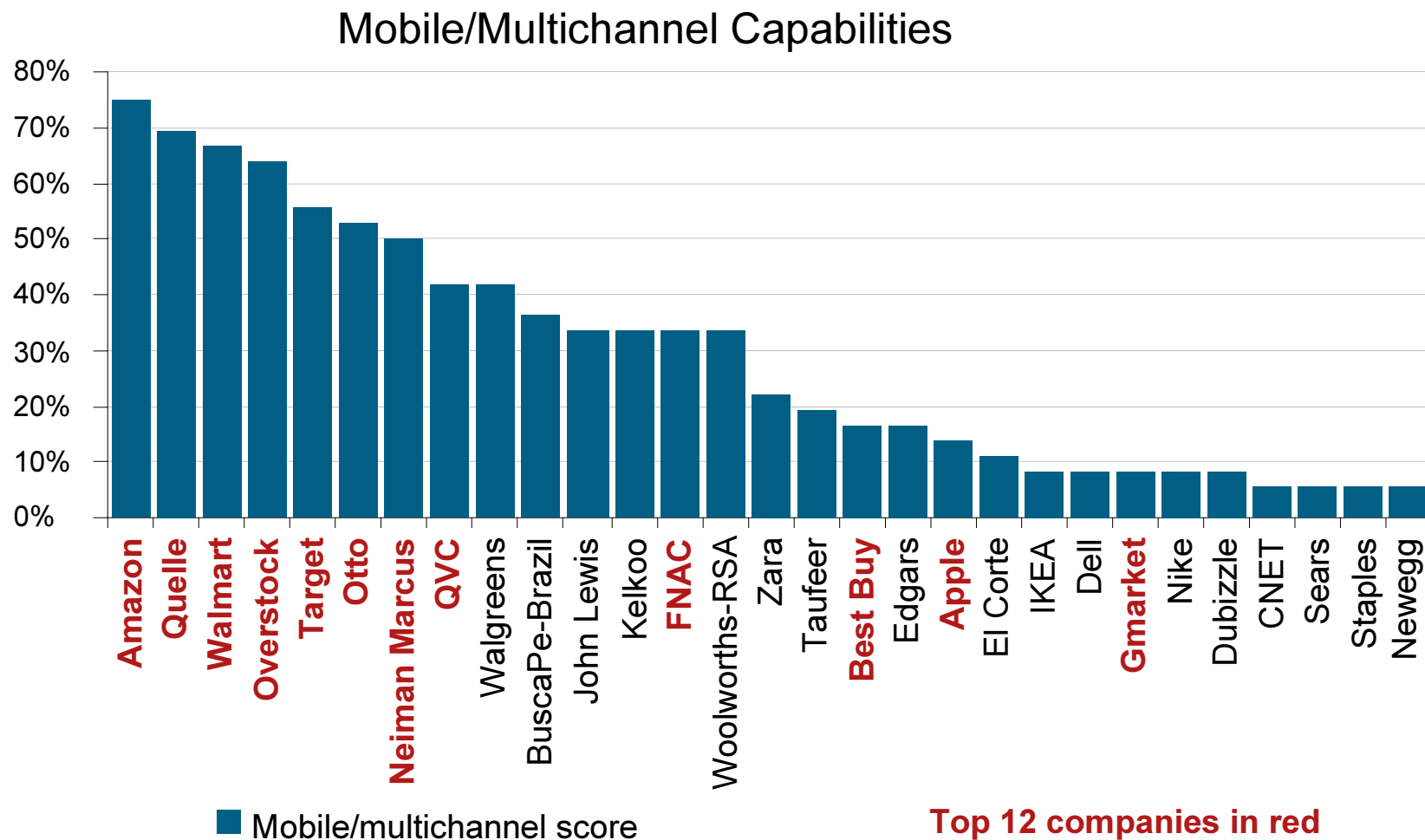
- Does the site highlight customer events?
- Can customers add content to the site?
- Does the site use social media to communicate with customers?
- Does the site promote collaboration and communities of interest among customers?



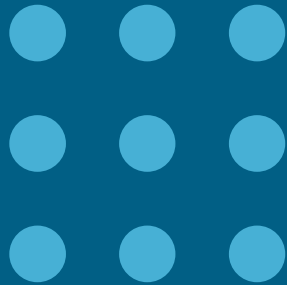
Source: Cisco IBSG, 2009

# Only a Few Score with Mobile / Multichannel Capabilities...

...Including All of the Top 12



Source: Cisco IBSG, 2009



## Examples and Insights

# Examples of Sites that Scored Well on Social Shopping Criteria

**bol.com**



Open Hyves gadget for seasonal wish lists



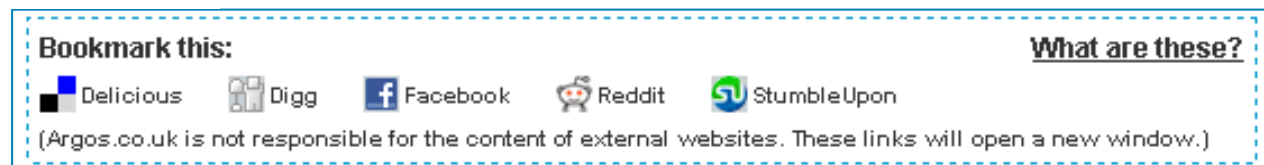
Links to all major social networking pages

**LOWE'S**



Presence on Facebook; instructional videos on YouTube

**Argos**



Social bookmarking

**Criteria: Use of Customer Reviews, Adoption of Social Networking (Blogs/Forums), Customer Events / Customer Involvement**

Source: Cisco IBSG, 2009



# Examples of Sites that Highlight Customer-Generated Content



Gmarket has seeded retail "webzines" with user-generated content. The incentive to contribute reviews/guides is to earn redeemable Gmarket cash for future shopping.

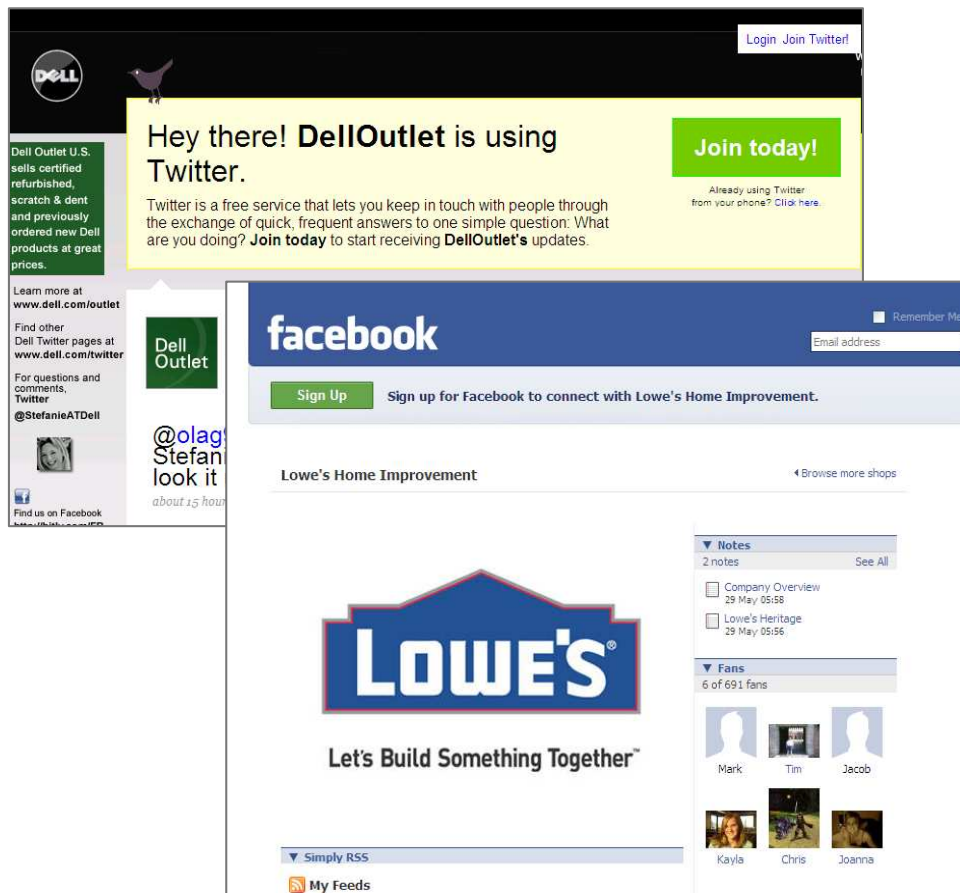
Source: Cisco IBSG, 2009



FNAC is replacing its in-house solution with Bazaarvoice's Ratings & Reviews service to boost customer loyalty. It also plans to use online customer content in its retail store merchandising.

# Online Bargain Hunters Get Social

## Research Confirms Social Shopping Is Taking Hold



- Nearly 30% of shoppers say they look to links forwarded from friends, peer comments, and social sites for the best bargains
- Dell says it has made US\$1 million in sales from Twitter

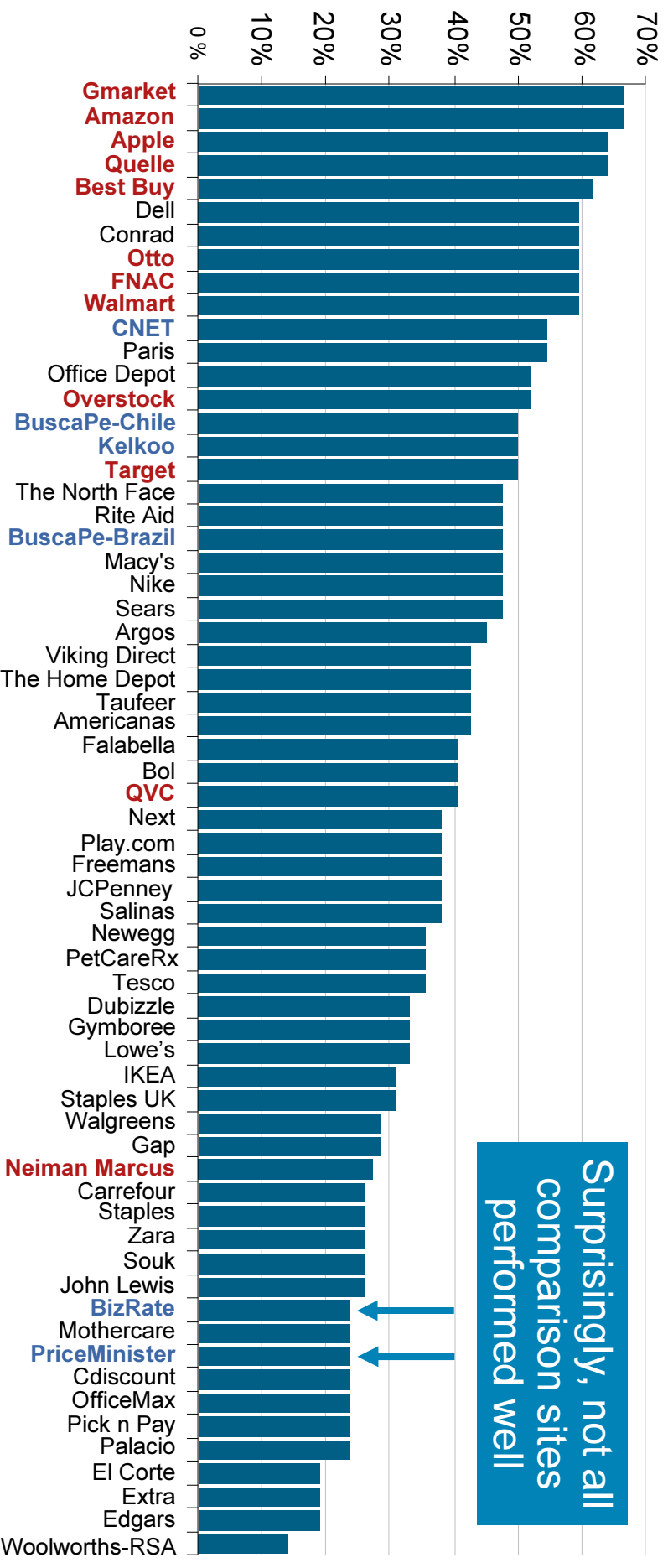
“Two years ago, social media wasn’t even considered a source of traffic by merchants. There’s a huge opportunity here for retailers to employ a social commerce strategy.”

Jon Provisor, CTO, Guidance

Source: Guidance/Synovate Survey, 2008; Marketing Charts, 2008, Econsultancy, March 6, 2009

# Most Leaders Score Well on Research and Comparison Capabilities

Both Retailers and Comparison Sites Seek to Facilitate Awareness/Research Stage



■ Research capabilities

Top 12 companies in red  
Comparison sites in blue

Source: Cisco IBSG, 2009

# Examples of Sites with Strong Research and Multichannel Capabilities



- Detailed product information, including manufacturer and consumer comments on main screen
- Post reviews, including photos
- Save search
- Create side-by-side tables, although not easily



- Very good side-by-side capabilities



- Comparison is possible, albeit not very convenient
- Validation of—and incentive for—reviews



- Mobile and some Web 2.0 features make it an easy and useful experience. Lives up to its claim: find, compare, buy

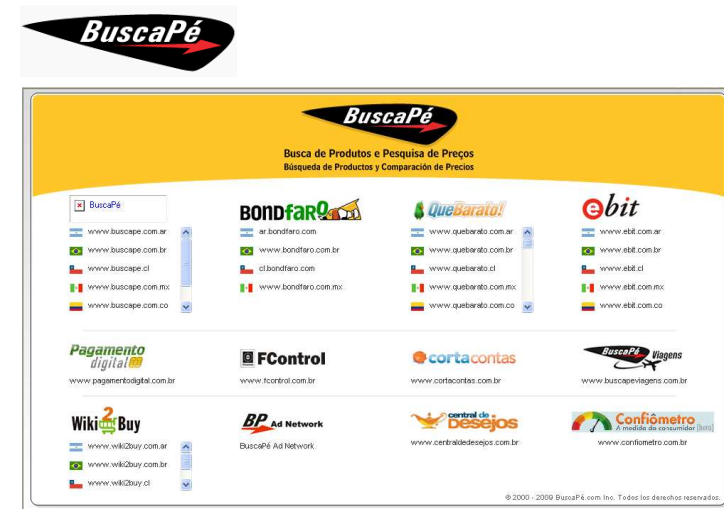


- Ability to compare features, specifications, price, reviews under six different categories

Source: Cisco IBSG, 2009

# Economic Downturn Has Made Comparison Sites More Important

- Comparison shopping engines (CSEs) rank high as “first pages visited”
- 43% of retailers say online sales through CSEs have increased
- CSE traffic in the U.K. increased by 37% between June 2007 and June 2008, with about half of this traffic redirected to retailers' websites
- Currently, 10% of top retailers' sales come from CSEs
- CSEs not only drive price competition, but also increase retailers' need to include certain capabilities, such as inventory on hand



Sources: Econsultancy, DoubleClick, reported in Retailer Daily, 2008; Hitwise Intelligence, quoted in BizReport, 2008



# E-Commerce Experience Impacts In-Store Processes

**COMPUSA**



Systemax turns CompUSA into a "Retail 2.0" channel for TigerDirect

**threadless**  
www.threadless.com



Threadless.com has a store in Chicago that displays user-generated content from the web

## How "Clicks" Are Changing "Bricks"

- 45% of U.S. retailers offer in-store kiosks and wireless devices, growing to 72% by 2010
- Online retailers are creating brick-and-mortar presence: some auction and e-commerce sites using convenience stores or subway stations as pick-up points

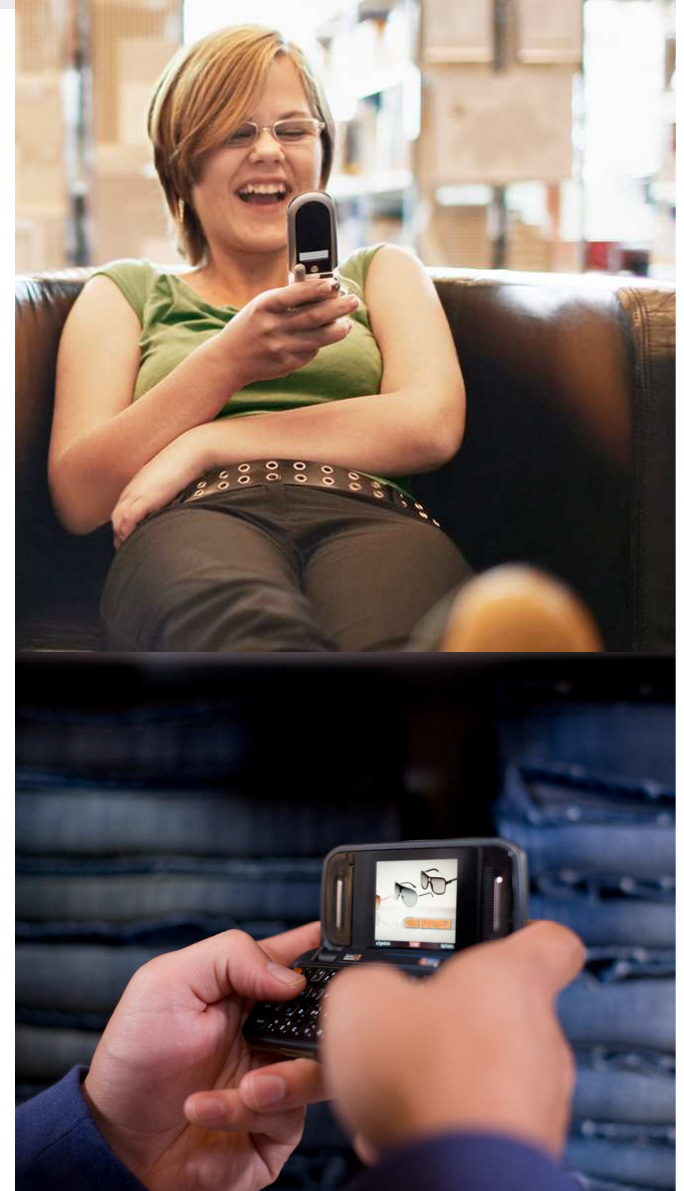
Source: China IT & Telecom Report, 2008

# Retailer Support for M-Commerce Continues to Grow Rapidly

## Doubled Since Last Year's Survey

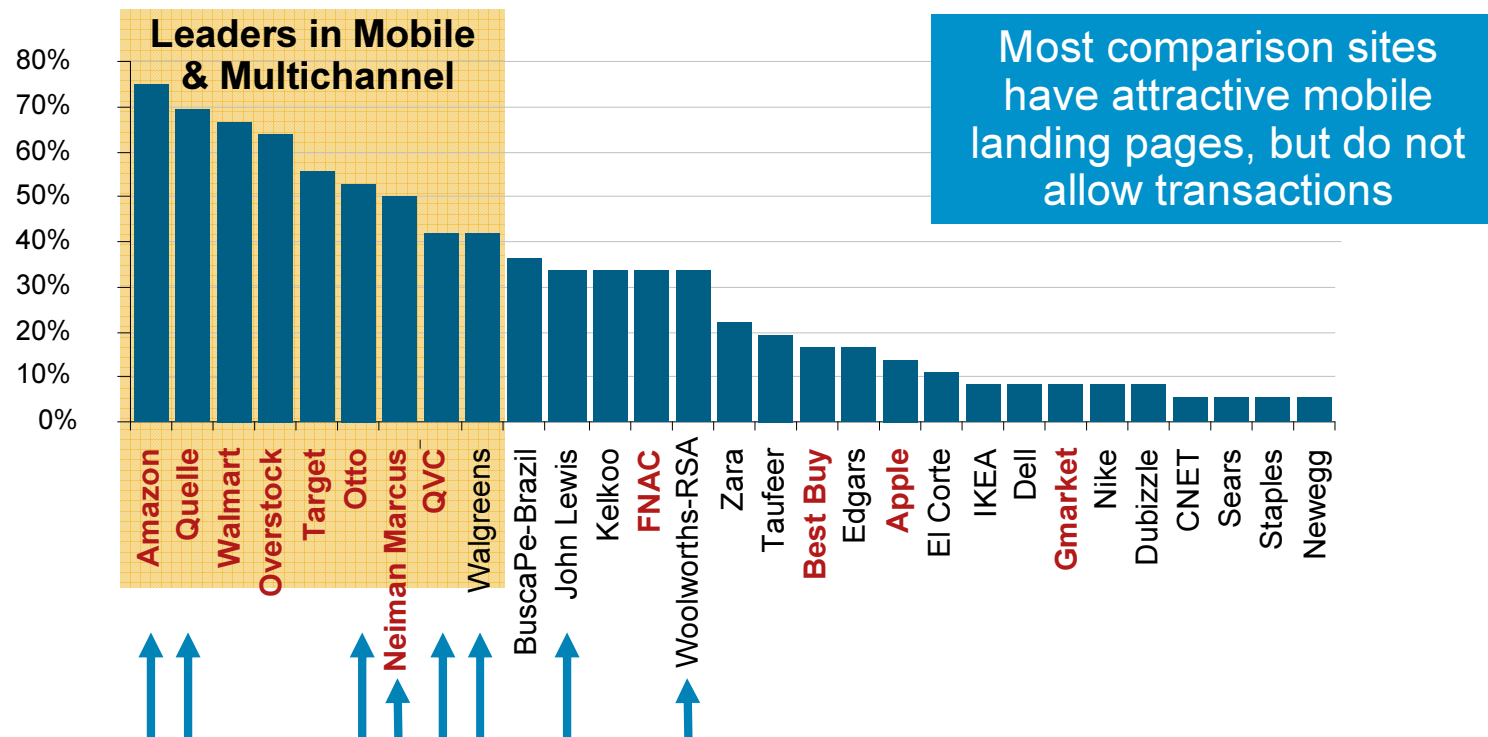
- 12% of sites surveyed support purchase via mobile phones—up from 6% in 2008
- Sites offer separate mobile landing page *and* ability to purchase via mobile
- Mobile sales CAGR estimated at 51%, with 27% penetration by 2010<sup>2</sup>
- Comparison sites, pure players, leading manufacturer sites, and large retailers all have separate landing pages for mobile

Sources: Cisco IBSG, 2009;<sup>2</sup> Credit Suisse, 2008



# Leaders Are Breaking Away from the Pack in Mobile

Most Have Trials in Progress to Understand Impact of iPhone and Other Touch Phones

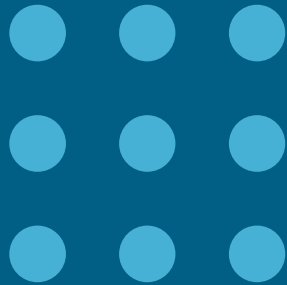


■ Mobile/Multichannel score    Top 12 companies in red

↑ Sites with separate mobile landing page enabling purchase via mobile and seamless connection between online and m-commerce

Source: Cisco IBSG, 2009

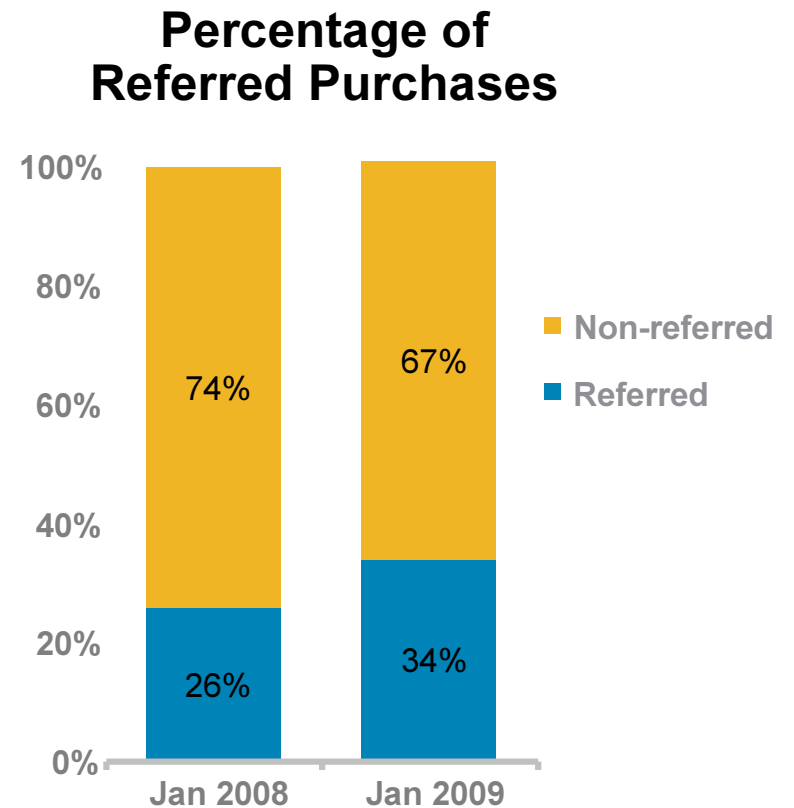




## Key Takeaways

# Consumers Drive E-Commerce Innovation

- “Social shopping” is transforming e-retail, enabled by consumer technology, customer reviews and referrals, mobile capabilities, and social networking sites
- Top three shopper referral vehicles: search, email, and comparison shopping
- Comparison sites remain important to both retailers and shoppers
- Mobile commerce continues to grow
- Several retailers have started to adapt in-store processes to deliver certain online benefits

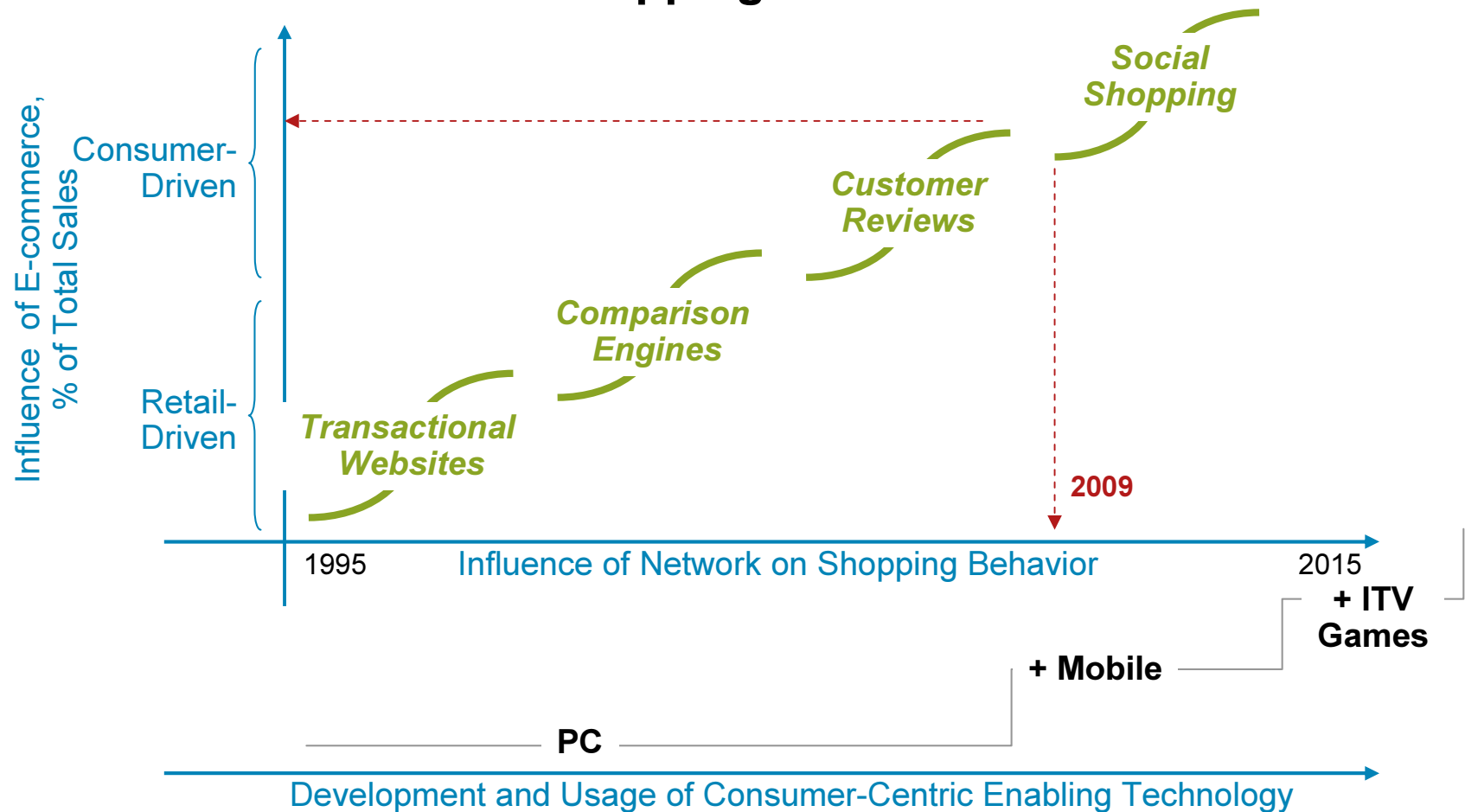


Referred consumer buying grew 31% in 2008

Source: State of Retail, comScore, 2009; Cisco IBSG, 2009

# In a Networked Market, Connected Consumers Are Taking Control

As Technology Adoption Increases, So Does the Network's Influence on Shopping Behavior



Source: Cisco IBSG, 2009

# E- and M-Commerce Are Retail's Hedge Against Slow In-Store Sales

- E-commerce is not immune to recession, but is performing significantly better than brick-and-mortar stores
- Consumers are turning to the Internet—and to each other—to save money, gas, and effort
- Retailers who master multichannel create a portfolio that increases customer loyalty and diversifies risk
- The next channels to master are social networking and mobile, including enabling phone usage in the store
- Retailers should also be piloting tests with iTV and game consoles

Source: Cisco IBSG, 2009



# Key Questions Retailers Should Be Asking Themselves

## INTERACT

- **Relationship:** What do I need to do to become friends (peers) with my customers?
- **Identity:** What kind of customers do I want?
- **Value:** How do I contribute to my customers' communities?
- **Destination:** What do I want to be famous for?

## TRANSACT

- **Enablement:** How do I make it as easy as possible for a customer to find and do business with me?

## INNOVATE

- **Roadmap:** What plans do I have to win in a world transformed by social technology?



Source: Cisco IBSG, 2009

