

# Pulse of the Online Shopper



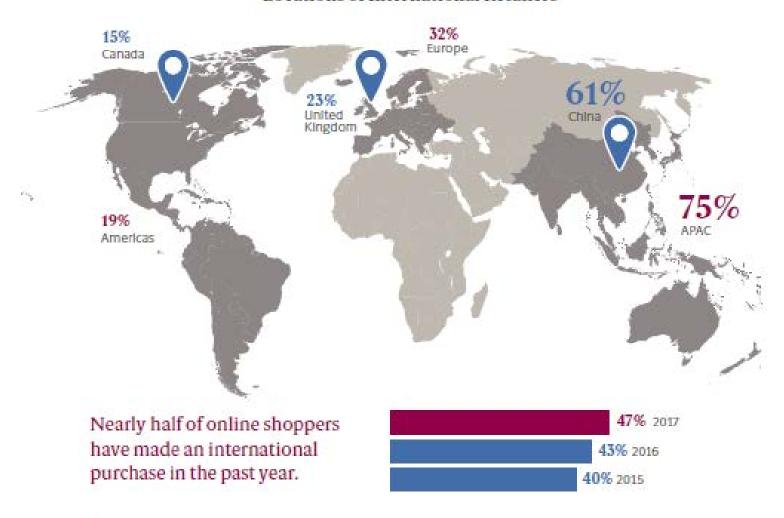
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To win with today's avid online shopper, retailers must evolve to meet their preferences and needs.

- Retail is Global
- Smartphones gain ground
- Marketplaces make inroads
- Store is still important



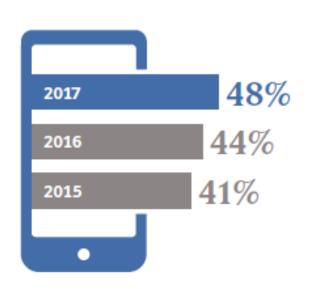
#### Locations of International Retailers



Retail is Global

# Smartphones gain ground

Purchasing on smartphones is growing year-over-year







smartphone users utilize **retailer apps** often preferring them to retailer websites due to **faster speeds (51%)** and **better user experiences (35%)** 



Online shoppers purchasing on marketplaces has increased 12 points since last year.

#### Top Reasons for Purchasing at Marketplace Instead of Retailer









Marketplaces Make Inroads

# The store is still important





consumers have shipped to store for pickup and 41% of these shoppers are planning to use ship-to-store more often in the next year

# TOP FACTORS FOR DECIDING TO GO TO A PHYSICAL STORE INSTEAD OF ONLINE (% IMPORTANT):



**59%** to touch and feel products

54% to solve an immediate need

52% for superior customer service

44% for unique products

58% of consumers prefer to return items to a physical store





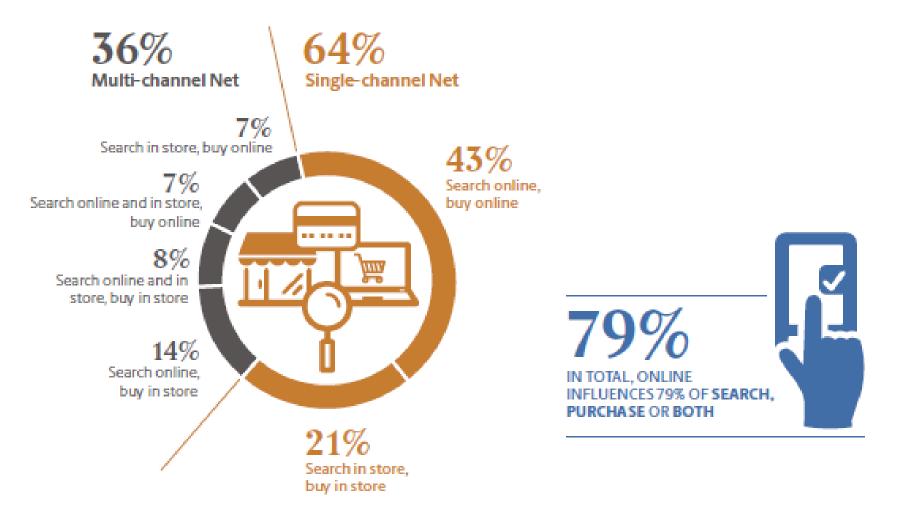
## Executive Summary:

### Constants

- Channel Shifting
- Free Shipping
- Premium Shipping
- Alternate Delivery
- Returns



#### Purchase method



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### Most important options when checking out online



74%

Free-shipping options

53%

Providing shipping costs early in the process

53%

Ease of applying a promo code to my order

53%

Having a variety of payment options, like PayPal or Visa Checkout

49%

Guaranteed delivery date



81% 77% 73% 74% 2014 2015 2016 2017

THE IMPORTANCE OF FREE SHIPPING HAS DECLINED OVER THE YEARS

### Actions taken to qualify for free shipping



48%

Add items to cart to qualify for free shipping with intention of keeping items

44%

Choose the slowest transit time offered on a retailer's site because it's free

41%

Search online for a promo code for free shipping

36%

Choose ship-to-store or pickup in store

31%

Delay making my purchase to wait for a free-shipping offer



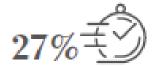
### Circumstances under which shoppers are willing to pay premium for faster shipping



I needed it faster for myself due to personal reasons (e.g., travel, holidays, event, etc.)



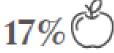
I ordered a gift I needed to arrive by a certain date



I waited to the last minute so I didn't have other options



I would pay a membership fee to receive free next-day or two-day shipping



Iwas purchasing perishable items

#### Expectations on delivery time



of online shoppers expect orders placed by 5 p.m. to qualify for delivery the next day

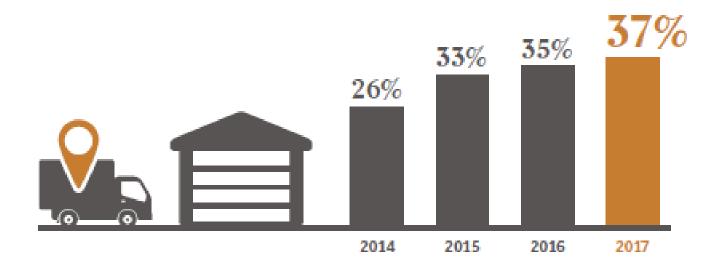


of online shoppers expect orders placed by 12 p.m. to qualify for delivery the same day



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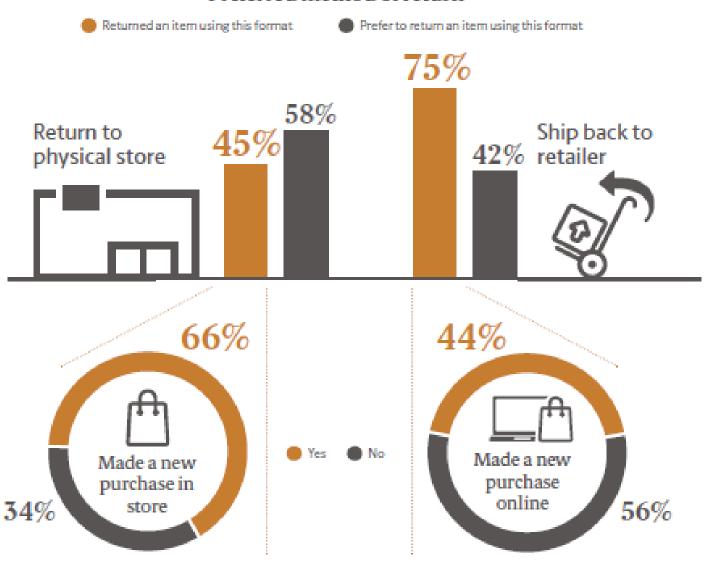
### Preference for alternative delivery locations





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#### Preferred method of return



### **UPS** solutions

- iParcel
- Mode Optimization
- UPS MyChoice / Follow My Delivery
- UPS Access Points
- Returns Portfolio



# Another reason to sign up for UPS My Choice\* service.

If you're a UPS My Choice member, now you can follow incoming deliveries as they make the journey to your house. In fact, with the new Follow My Delivery feature, you can virtually watch your eligible UPS® Air and UPS Worldwide Express® packages arrive at your front door.

#### Benefits

Enhanced visibility lets you see where your package actually is while on route for delivery

Helps you plan your schedule so you know if there's time to run that quick errand

Information updates every 2-3 minutes with the latest package location

First major U.S. package carrier to show and tell you where your package is



