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10 Debates to Shape the Sector

- 1 Where Will the Most Value Accrue Across the GenAl Era?
- What is the ROIC of GenAl and Where Will We See it First?
- 3 Who is Best Positioned to Develop and Scale Digital Agentic Assistants?
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- Regulatory Risks and Opportunities: GOOGL, TikTok, and App Store Fees

Debate 1

Where Will the Most Value Accrue Across the GenAl Era?

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Our View

- Value of leading first party data sets/distribution has never been higher, favoring large platforms, who should be investing aggressively...and early adopters
- · We also think the application layer (and domain specific uses) are likely to drive most value creation
- GenAl to drive more consumer utility and digitization of spend as TAMs expanding. As an example, we now see a \$1.4tIn+ opportunity for digital ads in the US alone

Names Impacted

META (+), AMZN (+), GOOGL (+), APP (+), RBLX (+), PINS (+), DUOL (+), EBAY (+), MTCH (+), SNAP (-), KIND (-), YELP (-)

Mega Cap Examples Data, Distribution, Investment Google Meta amazon **Distribution** Data GMDAQI +2bn users on 7 apps, +1.5bn users on Al Overviews. +500mn Investment users on 15 services: 5tln annual +3bn daily active people across ~200mn+ Prime Members. search queries, Gmail, shopper & Family of Apps; Interest and ~30bn units sold annually, 3 Differentiators inventory data (50bn listings & 2bn engagement data. More than ~200mn+ Prime Video viewers. updates to shopping graph per 10mn advertisers globally millions of AWS customers: Scaled and unique first Data ~2mn+ sellers hour) party data sets Channels to release Access to users across social Access to global shopper base Reach audience across full product products, drive adoption and messaging channels Distribution and millions of AWS customers offering (Gmail, Search, Cloud, etc.) and generate new data (Instagram, WhatsApp, etc.) ~\$72bn/\$81bn in '25E/'26E Willingness and ability to ~\$75bn/\$91bn in '25E/'26E ~\$82bn/\$98bn in '25E/'26E Investment Infrastructure Capex invest in AI opportunities Infrastructure Capex Infrastructure Capex

Key Research

Internet & Software: GenAl Privates: Where Are We Now and 12 Debates From Here (20 Dec 2023)

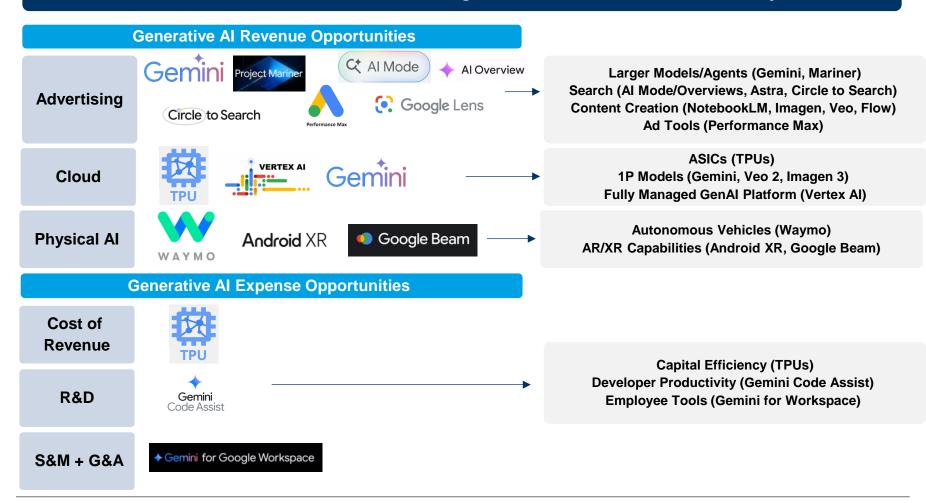
Thematics: Mapping Al's Diffusion (2 Jan 2024)

Internet: Sizing the \$6 Trillion Al Internet Opportunity and Who Will Capture It (2 Mar 2023)

Source: Company data, Morgan Stanley Research

Where Will The Most Value Accrue Across the GenAl Era? - Continued

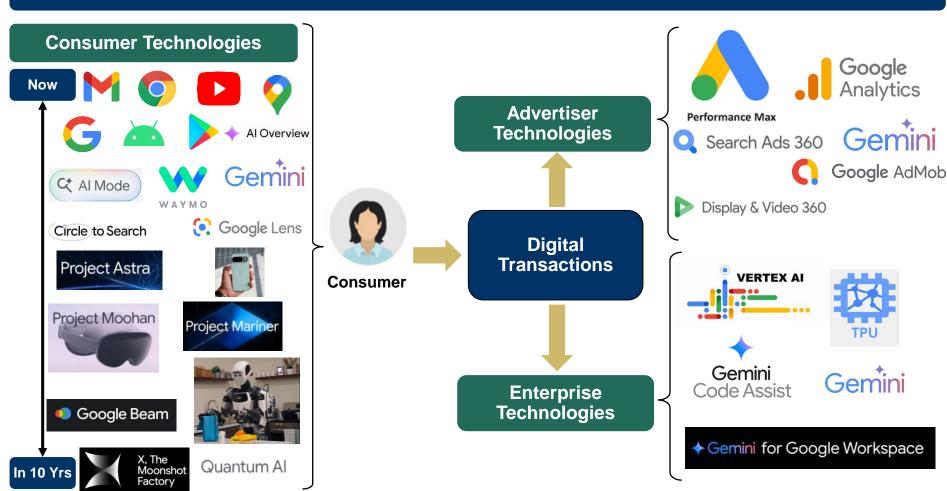
Consider GOOGL's Platforms and Agentic Possibilities As a Case Study



Source: Company data, Morgan Stanley Research

Where Will The Most Value Accrue Across the GenAl Era? - Continued

As GOOGL's Tools Will Drive More Consumer and Enterprise Utility and Further Digitization of Spend



Debate 2

What is the ROIC of GenAl and Where Will We See it First?

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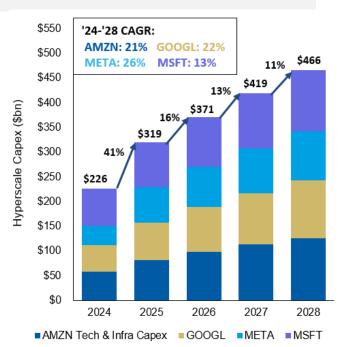
Our View

- We detail a path to \$1tIn+ of GenAl-enabled annual revenue by '28, with ~60%+ of it driven by consumer Internet platforms
- Implies ~67% contribution margin on ~\$556bn in total capex, with ~\$466bn in hyperscaler capex in '28
- Best part of consumer opportunity is ~25% (\$175bn) is essentially large cap tech core platform improvements, not entirely new businesses

Names Impacted

META (+), AMZN (+), GOOGL (+)

We See Path To \$1tln+ of Gen-Al Enabled Revenue with ~62% from E-**Commerce and Online Ads** Breaking down the GenAl ROI looking at the returns, investment, and operating costs Where do we see the returns? We see **\$400B** At \$400B – this would represent ~22% of the Total Software spending in 2028 GenAl Software spend by 2028, from \$16B in 2024 128, from <\$1B in 2024 GenAl Ecommerce uplift GenAl Advertising unlift of from \$28B in 2024 spending by 2028 o GenAl Autonomous driving spend of 56B in 2028, from <\$1B in 2024 from \$29B in 2024, driven by... o GenAl Wearables spend of \$10B, from <\$1B in 2024



Kev Research

Global Technology: GenAl Monetization – Assessing The ROI Equation (25 Feb 2025)

Economics & Sustainability: How GenAl May Reshape Labor and the Economy (12 Oct 2023)

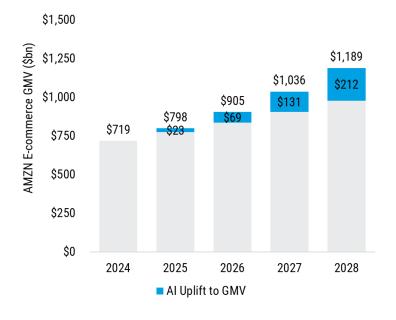
Thematics: Multi-Earning in a GPT Era (18 Sep 2023)

Amazon (AMZN): Leading with AWS, but Retail GenAl Opportunities Under-Appreciated

 Retail: Expect AMZN's leading (and improving) retail matching algos, personal shopping assistants (Rufus/Alexa), generative 3P seller tools, improving inventory management, ad offerings, and emerging logistics robotics to drive more durable and cash-flow generative e-commerce growth and share gains

We see GenAl Potentially Driving a ~10% Lift to E-commerce Conversion, Adding ~550bp to AMZN Multi-Year Growth...

...and Robotics Could Drive \$10B+ of Recurring Efficiencies

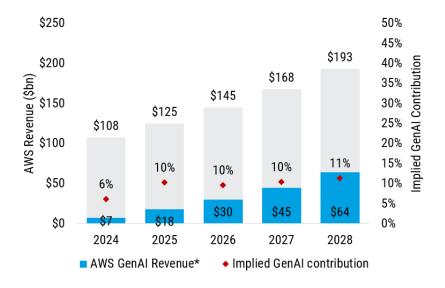


\$ (millions) upside to 2030 AMZN EBIT					
% of US Fulfillment Centers with Latest Robotics/Automation					
Robotics Improvements to Fulfillment Cost per Unit		10%	20%	30%	40%
	20%	\$1,580	\$3,161	\$4,741	\$6,322
	25%	\$1,976	\$3,951	\$5,927	\$7,902
	30%	\$2,371	\$4,741	\$7,112	\$9,482
	35%	\$2,766	\$5,531	\$8,297	\$11,063
	40%	\$3,161	\$6,322	\$9,482	\$12,643

Amazon (AMZN): Leading with AWS, but Retail GenAl Opportunities Under-Appreciated

- AWS: Leading hyperscaler position and 3 layers of GenAl enabled offerings (chips and custom silicon, model access and building capabilities, and applications) set to drive and benefit from GenAl diffusion across economy
- Total AMZN: We see a ~\$300bn '28 AMZN GenAl rev opportunity (most of which is not currently in our base model)

We model AWS GenAl revenue to grow from \$7bn in '24 to \$64bn in '28 (70%+ CAGR)



In all, we see AMZN GenAl related revenue potentially reaching ~\$300bn by '28



^{*} Note: AWS does not disclose revenue associated with GenAI; MS assumes AWS GenAI Revenue dollars are equal to MS calendar year estimates for MSFT Azure AI Revenue dollars

Debate 4

How is the Search Landscape Changing (and not Changing) With GenAl?

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Our View

- Query volumes accelerating, we model 13% '23-'26 search volume growth (vs 5% in past)
- Focus on monetizable behavior. GOOGL continues to see increasing commercial queries driven by Al improvements. GOOGL at top of consumer funnel and ranks higher than GPT across multiple commercial behaviors. The key for GOOGL is to continue shipping products to more users to drive adoption
- META AI search still early, though its data, scale, and innovation make search an opportunity to monitor

Names Impacted

GOOGL (+), META (+)

GOOGL is Shipping GenAl Enabled Improvements Faster than Ever

Product	What is it?	When is it Launching?	Who is it Launching to?
Al Mode	End-to-end search, with more advanced reasoning abilities. Built into a separate tab within traditional search page	Today	Available in US
Personal context for Al Mode	Ability for Gemini to use relevant context across user's Google apps (with permission) to provide personalized Al Mode experience	Summer	
Deep Search for Al Mode	Uses query fanning technique to conduct multiple searches at a time to create a expertly cited report in minutes	Summer	
Complex analysis & data visualization in Al Mode	Ability for Al Mode to analyze data across the web to create helpful charts in response to user queries	Summer	
Project Mariner agentic capabilities into Al Mode	Agentic capabiliites within Al Mode initially focused on event tickets, restaurant reservations, and appointments for local services	Summer	
Search Live on Al Mode	Project Astra capabilities coming to Al Mode (Visual search)	Summer	
Visual shopping and agentic checkout	Ability within Al Mode to specify a product and prompt an agent to monitor price changes. Ultimately the user can also purchase directly through the Al agent using Google Pay	Coming months	
"Try on" Shopping Feature	Visual feature where user can "try on" clothing by inputting an image of themselves and selecting a product to try on	Today	Available in US

Key Research

Alphabet: Addressing Disruption Debates and Why to Buy GOOGL Now (8 May 2025)

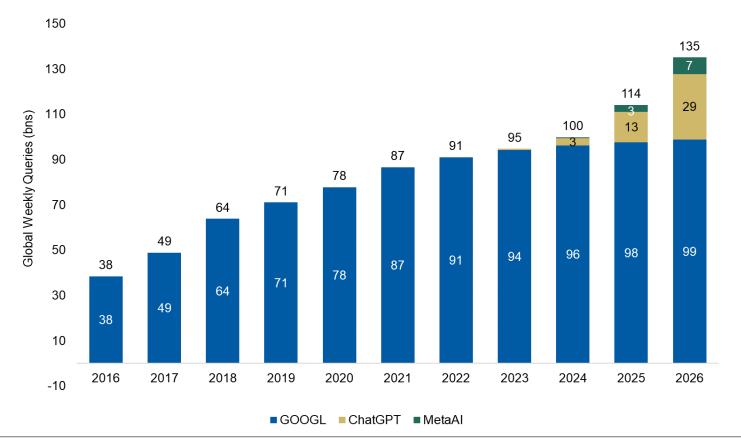
Alphabet Inc.: How Search Will Become More Agentic...in 2025 (21 May 2025)

Internet: How is GenAl Adoption Trending and Consumer Behavior Changing? (18 May 2025)

How is the Search Landscape Changing (and not Changing) With GenAl? - Continued

We Estimate The Emergence of Al Based Search Engines Has Expanded the Query TAM, Driving a ~13% '23-'26 Query CAGR, up from ~5% from '21-'23.

• We exclude Perplexity and Grok from the exhibit given their size, as they currently make up 0.2% and 0.5% of overall queries respectively.



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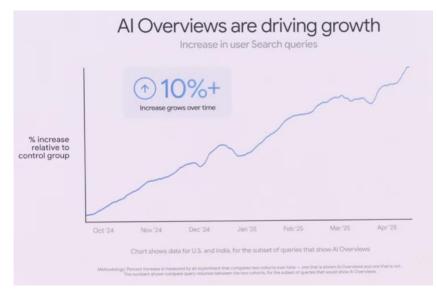
GOOGL Paid Click Deceleration Similar to META...

Part of GOOGL's paid click deceleration likely driven by Al-based search functionality which better targets users, resulting in the need for fewer clicks, in some ways similar to META's falling impression growth.

25% 20% 20% Y/Y % Volume Growth 15% 7% 5% 6% 5% 5% 4% 2% 0% 1Q24 2Q24 3Q24 4Q24 → GOOGL Paid Clicks → META Impressions

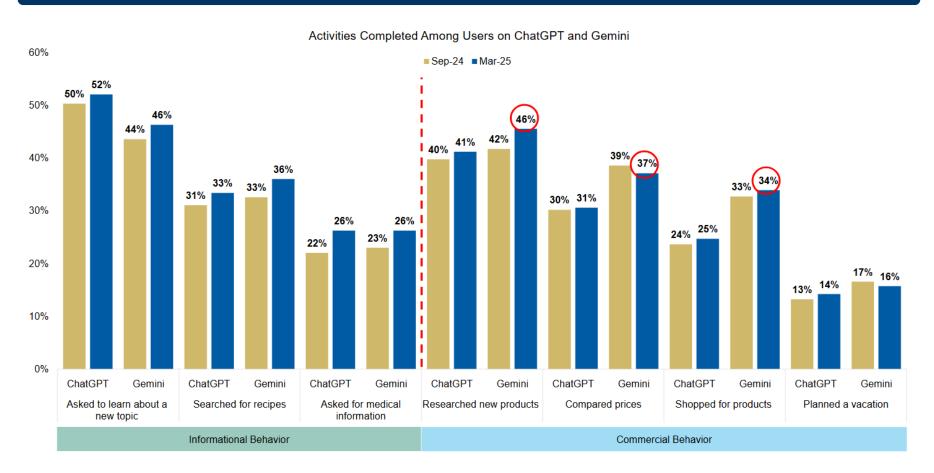
...Al Overviews Driving Increased Search Usage

In GOOGL's biggest markets like the US and India, Al Overviews is driving over 10% increase in usage of Google for types of queries that show Al Overviews.



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Survey Results Indicate Gemini Has a Slight Edge Over ChatGPT in Commercial Behavior



Source: Alphawise, Morgan Stanley Research

Debate 9

Will GenAl be a Disruption Risk or Opportunity for Online Travel Agencies?

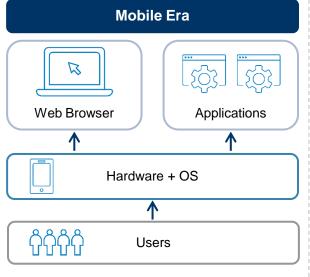
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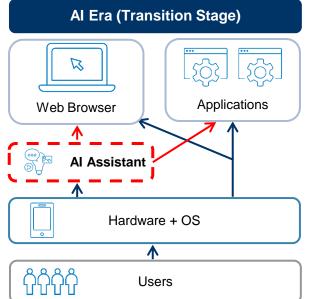
Our View

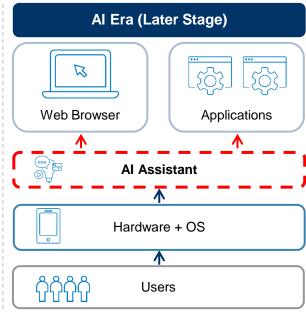
- We believe it is more of a threat to OTAs' long-term position in the consumer funnel as we see GOOGL (and/or META) leveraging their leading position, data, and engineering to build personalized, interactive digital travel agents that could wedge themselves between the consumer and OTAs
- This poses a risk to the % of OTAs' business that comes direct (currently makes up the majority of their profits)
- Counter argument is the extent to which OTAs can invest to better leverage their leading data, matching
 capabilities and supply/inventory could drive higher conversion and they become the agents

Names Impacted

EXPE (-), BKNG (-), ABNB (=)







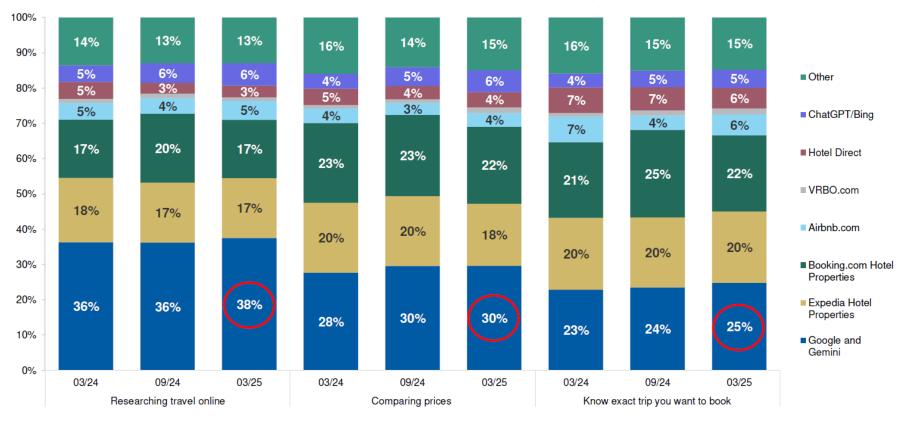
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Internet: Let the GenAl "Travel Funnel" Debate Begin (15 May 2024)
Internet: Is Google's Position in The Online Commercial Funnel Changing? (14 Nov 2024)
Online Travel: Could New Al-Based Tools Disrupt Online Travel Behavior...and Who is Best Positioned to Drive Change? (20 Jul 2023)

Will GenAl be a Disruption Risk or Opportunity for Online Travel Agencies? -

GOOGL Remains Top of the Consumer Travel Funnel...Which Combined with Investments in Agentic, Personalized
Offerings Creates an Opportunity for Further Online Travel Monetization

First Website / App You Go to When... (Among Consumers Performing Activity Online)

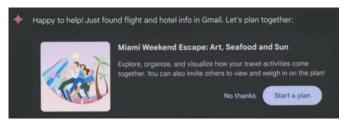


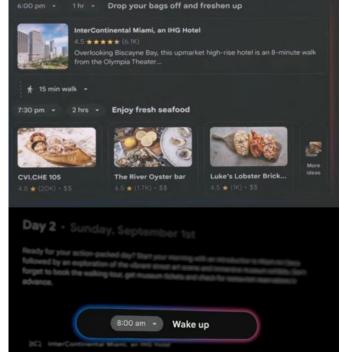
Source: AlphaWise, Morgan Stanley Research

Consider Some of GOOGL's Early NextGen Travel Planning Tools

GOOGL's Al-Powered Trip Planning Capabilities

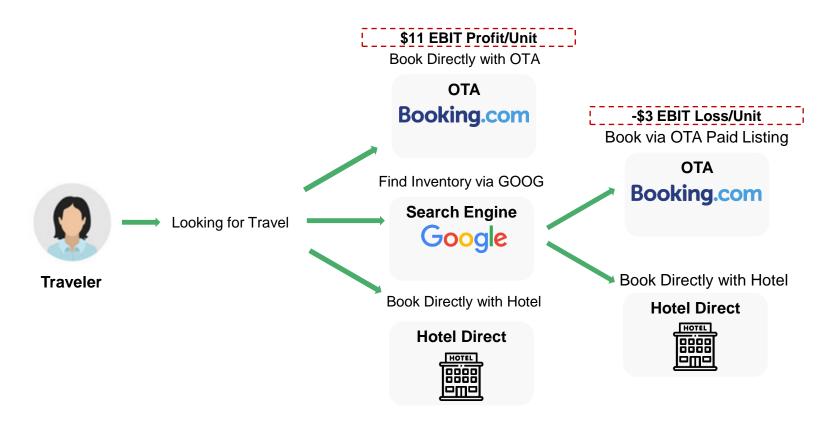






With the Risk to the OTAs Being Loss of Direct Traffic Mix and Profitability

At BKNG We Estimate There's a \$14 EBIT/unit Delta on a Direct vs. Paid Unit



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COMPANY (TICKER)	RATING (AS OF)	PRICE* (06/06/2025)
Brian Nowak, CFA		
Airbnb Inc (ABNB.O)	U (12/06/2022)	\$140.64
Alphabet Inc. (GOOGL.O)	O (08/11/2015)	\$173.68
Amazon.com Inc (AMZN.O)	O (04/24/2015)	\$213.57
Booking Holdings Inc (BKNG.0)	E (01/09/2019)	\$5,614.61
DoorDash Inc (DASH.O)	O (02/21/2024)	\$218.45
Expedia Inc. (EXPE.O)	E (01/09/2019)	\$176.55
Instacart (CART.O)	E (01/29/2024)	\$45.67
Lyft Inc (LYFT.O)	E (10/24/2019)	\$15.53
Meta Platforms Inc (META.O)	O (03/20/2023)	\$697.71
Nextdoor Holdings Inc (KIND.N)	U (05/12/2025)	\$1.62
Pinterest Inc (PINS.N)	E (03/28/2022)	\$34.20
Reddit Inc (RDDT.N)	O (12/08/2024)	\$121.29
Snap Inc. (SNAP.N)	E (07/22/2024)	\$8.27
Uber Technologies Inc (UBER.N)	O (06/04/2019)	\$85.60
Matthew Cost		
AppLovin Corp (APP.O)	O (04/10/2025)	\$417.89

Compass, Inc. (COMP.N)	E (07/20/2022)	\$6.29
Criteo SA (CRTO.0)	E (01/26/2016)	\$26.10
DoubleVerify Holdings Inc (DV.N)	E (06/25/2024)	\$14.79
Electronic Arts Inc (EA.0)	E (08/04/2021)	\$149.57
Integral Ad Science Holding Corp. (IAS.0)	E (04/16/2024)	\$8.22
Opendoor Technologies Inc (OPEN.O)	E (07/24/2023)	\$0.68
Playtika Holding Corp (PLTK.O)	E (11/27/2022)	\$4.89
Roblox Corporation (RBLX.N)	O (11/04/2024)	\$95.80
Shutterstock Inc (SSTK.N)	E (07/28/2022)	\$17.62
Take-Two Interactive Software (TTW0.0)	O (02/01/2018)	\$232.72
Trade Desk Inc (TTD.0)	O (06/01/2023)	\$71.46
Unity Software Inc (U.N)	O (09/02/2024)	\$25.13
Webtoon Entertainment Inc (WBTN.O)	E (07/22/2024)	\$8.74
Yelp Inc (YELP.N)	U (01/10/2019)	\$37.00
Zillow Group Inc (Z.0)	E (04/18/2018)	\$70.29
Nathan Feather		
Bumble Inc. (BMBL.0)	E (03/08/2021)	\$5.31
Chewy Inc (CHWY.N)	O (10/31/2023)	\$48.21
Duolingo Inc (DUOL.0)	O (04/23/2025)	\$512.95
eBay Inc (EBAY.O)	O (04/18/2024)	\$78.61
Etsy Inc (ETSY.0)	U (04/18/2024)	\$63.81
FIGS, Inc. (FIGS.N)	E (02/29/2024)	\$5.09
Match Group Inc (MTCH.O)	E (04/18/2024)	\$31.84
Peloton Interactive, Inc. (PTON.O)	E (03/14/2022)	\$7.30
Revolve Group Inc (RVLV.N)	E (10/20/2024)	\$22.28
WW International Inc (WGHTQ.PK)	NR (05/20/2025)	\$0.27

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