

### The Role of Physical Stores in an Omnichannel World



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Things have been **changing** in the past decade.

The lines between digital and physical **are blurring**.

Retailers need to adapt to remain relevant.





Where is the Customer at in 2022?

#### **Current Socio-Economic Context**



#### How Have the Past Two Years Influenced Customers' Behavior

Customers are more resilient and **adaptable** 



Customers turned to **ecommerce** to meet their needs

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Values play a key role in purchases





Redefining the Role of Physical Stores



Brick and mortar stores **play an essential role** in the omnichannel ecosystem.



Digital and physical shopping need to **form a single experience.**  Omnichannel World

Consistency and connectivity across channels is key.







Finding What Brings Value to Your Customers

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#### Ways to improve employee and customer experience

- Technologies and automation
- Assign associates to roles bringing value
- Easy navigation in stores
- Easy access to product information
- In-stock
- Back-office automation
- Inventory management



We need to rethink the operating model to meet customer's new expectations

Rethink our supply chain model

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- Partnering with 3<sup>rd</sup> parties or vendors for direct shipping to customers
- Creating a nimble network that adapts to changing circumstances
- Investing in that last-mile delivery
- Converting stores in "dark stores"

Customers have new expectations: one-day delivery to become a standard

#### Vendors and retailers must work as partners to:

Secure products in time

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- Manage inventory levels
- ✓ Manage costs in an inflationary market



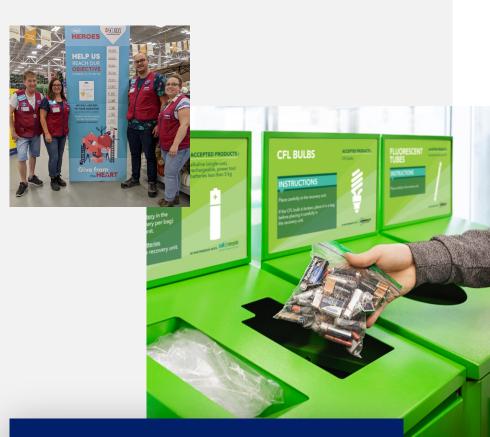
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- 2/3 of customers say their shopping choices are shaped by their values
- Many reported they stopped using a brand based on its social actions
- Brands that place profits over people are at risk of losing customers' trust



Companies need to stand for something and be authentic.

# Values, but not at the Cost of Value

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- Affordability remains a priority
- The price of sustainable products is often a deterrent
- Values are an added layer to the total value of a product



Many consumers would switch brands if they feel it offers more value.



## People First!

To offer customers the best possible experience, retailers need to offer their employees the very best possible experience.

#### Happy and Satisfied Employees Offer Better Customer Service

Drive employee engagement



Provide an inclusive work environment



Strive to be an **employer** of choice



Provide an overall experience that engages customers on ALL channels available.  $\mathbf{X}$ 

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#### **Adaptation & Agility**

Be better at anticipating, adapting and reacting to change

Technology

Technology acts as an accelerator for change

Value

Bring value to our customers





