

# A FEW WORDS ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS





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IT Support & Services

## Why we chose the topic: **E-commerce secrets**

from an international trade perspective

The e-commerce industry, although based on the well-recognized mail order model, is still a relatively new area of business for many companies - one that is particularly difficult to explore because it is constantly changing as the technology and logistics solutions on which it is based evolve. However, it is thanks to this dynamic that e-commerce industry is gaining more and more advocates every year on both the consumer and the business side.

E-commerce is a force that no modern investor can afford to lose.

### E-COMMERCE SECRETS

from an international trade perspective

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Strength lies in the team.





#### **ABOUT US**



#### What we do

[B]usiness [P]rocess [O]utsourcing

- Accounting services
- Human resources and payroll
- Tax consulting
- Legal advisory services
- Business services
- Consulting services
- VAT compliance services for online traders in Europe

#### Wroclaw



#### Szczecin



#### Poznan



Katowice



Düsseldorf



Warsaw



Berlin













2015 r. **getsix®** Szczecin

TUV NORD
TÜVNEND CENT

Certificate **TÜV Rheinland** ISO/IEC 27001:2013



ISO 27001:2013

TÜVRheinland CERTIFIED



2007



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#### **Growth of the getsix® Group**

2010 r. getsix® Poznan getsix® Services



HLB partnership



**NATO** Certificate



Certificate **TÜV NORD** ISO 9001:2015 2016 r. amavat® amavat®





2020 r. getsix® Tax & Legal







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Knowledge opens doors to the possibilities.

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### WHAT IS E-COMMERCE?



#### e-commerce:

electronic trade via websites and applications

#### online transactions:

sale and purchase agreements concluded outside of the physical store.





# TYPES OF E-COMMERCE SALES CHANNELS

		ONLINE STORE	MARKETPLACE	PRICE COMPARISON ENGINE	ONLINE AUCTIONS	EXPERTS' BLOG
No. of retailers	one	<b>✓</b>				<b>√</b>
	multiple		✓	✓	✓	✓
Types of sales	direct	✓	✓		✓	✓
	indirect			✓		<b>√</b>
Types of vendors	companies	✓	<b>✓</b>	✓	✓	<b>√</b>
	private customers		<b>√</b>		✓	<b>√</b>

# CHARACTERISTICS OF THE E-COMMERCE INDUSTRY



#### CUSTOMER

- community ratings
- payment method selection
- shipping method selection
- global reach

#### RETAILER

- customers' personal data
- blind purchasing
- global reach
- low costs / obstacles

- no storage limits
- no financial constraints
- customer behaviour tracking

- customers' personal data
- blind purchasing
- awaiting for delivery
- customer behaviour tracking

- community ratings
- dependency on other services
- large competition









fast search

anonymity

virtual shopping cart

### **TYPES OF TRANSACTIONS**



**B2B** - business-to-business







C2C - consumer-to-consumer







**B2C** - business-to-consumer







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Think globally, act locally.

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# E-COMMERCE IN POLAND: PRODUCT CATEGORIES

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**WOMEN** 



clothing & accessories



shoes



cosmetics, perfumes



books, CDs, movies



movie tickets



YOUTH movie tickets



MEN



consumer electronics & household appliances



computers & software



cars & parts



collector's items



insurance



games & software



multimedia

### **CHARACTERISTICS** OF THE E-COMMERCE MARKET IN POLAND

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84.9%

people between 7 and 75 years of age have access to the Internet



= 28,2 mln

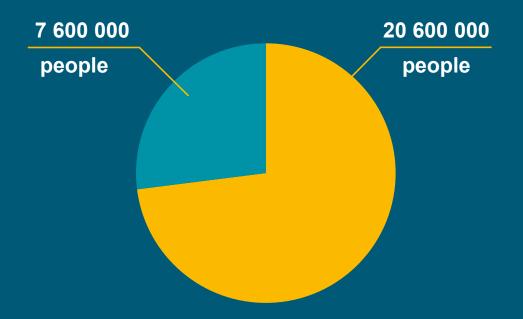


# CHARACTERISTICS OF THE E-COMMERCE MARKET IN POLAND

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73% of internet users have made online purchases in the past

**72%** of buyers chose Polish online stores

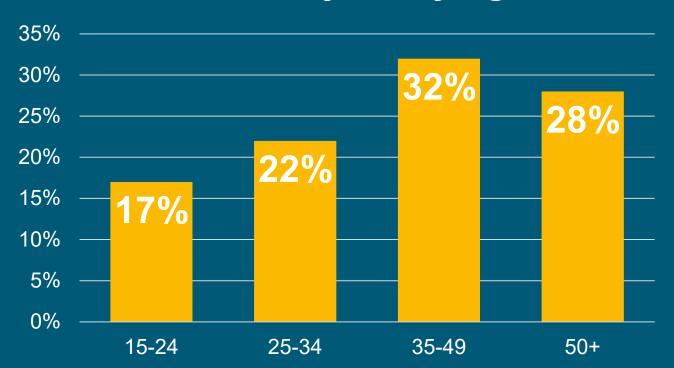




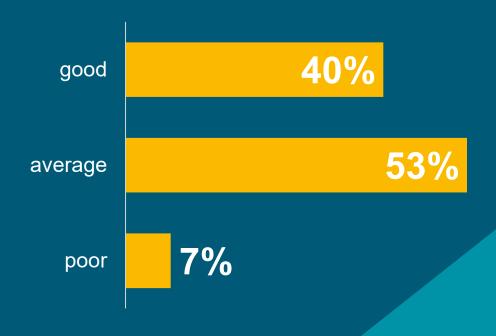
# CHARACTERISTICS OF THE E-COMMERCE MARKET IN POLAND



#### Breakdown of buyers by age



## Financial situation of the buyers



#### E-COMMERCE MARKET – THE MOST FREQUENTLY PURCHASED PRODUCTS



#### **Overall:**



69% clothing & accessories



58% shoes



57% cosmetics & perfumes

#### On foreign websites:



47% clothing & accessories



28% shoes



25% sportswear

# THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON THE E-COMMERCE MARKET IN POLAND

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35%

increase in online sales between 2019 and 2020



14%

share of e-commerce in retail sales in 2020



**12%** 

estimated annual growth in value of the online sales market



**162** 

million PLN: forecast value of the Polish e-commerce market in 2026

Source: 'Strategies that win. E-commerce leaders on digital commerce growth", accessed on: 21st of October 2021 https://www.pwc.pl/pl/publikacje/liderzy-e-commerce-o-rozwoju-handlu-cyfrowego.html

# GROWTH OPPORTUNITY FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM-SIZED COMPANIES





of all companies is selling online



1/3

of the companies that is not yet selling online is planning to begin in the coming year



>10

companies older than 10 years are least likely to start selling online

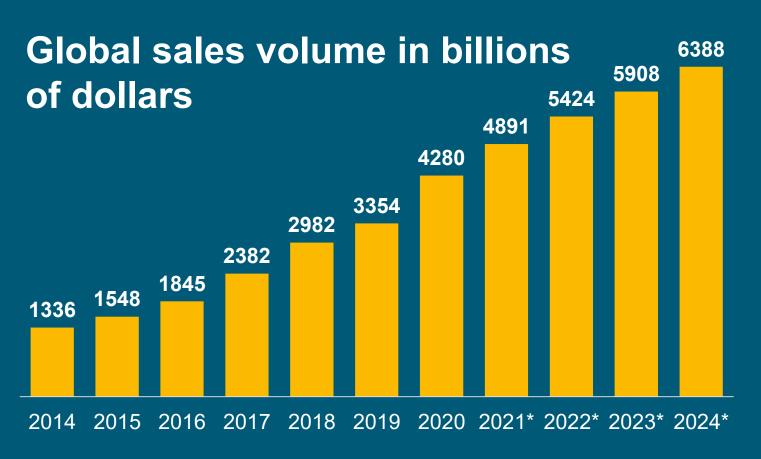
Impact of COVID-19 on vendors

27%
▼
30%
▲
43%
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Source: "Study on Polish e-commerce market. Development opportunity for small and medium-sized companies", accessed on: 21st of October 2021, https://zpp.net.pl/badanie-polskiego-rynku-e-commerce-szansa-rozwoju-dla-malychi-srednich-firm/

#### E-COMMERCE TRENDS





Challenges for the development of the e-commerce industry:

- innovations
- flexibility
- user experience (UX)
- customer relationship
- data analysis

Source: "Retail e-commerce sales worldwide from 2014 to 2024", accessed on: 21st of October 2021 https://www.statista.com/statistics/379046/worldwide-retail-e-commerce-sales/

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The devil is in the details.





### IN THE E-COMMERCE OCEAN



Product selection

Payment



**CONSUMER** 





**RETAILER** 

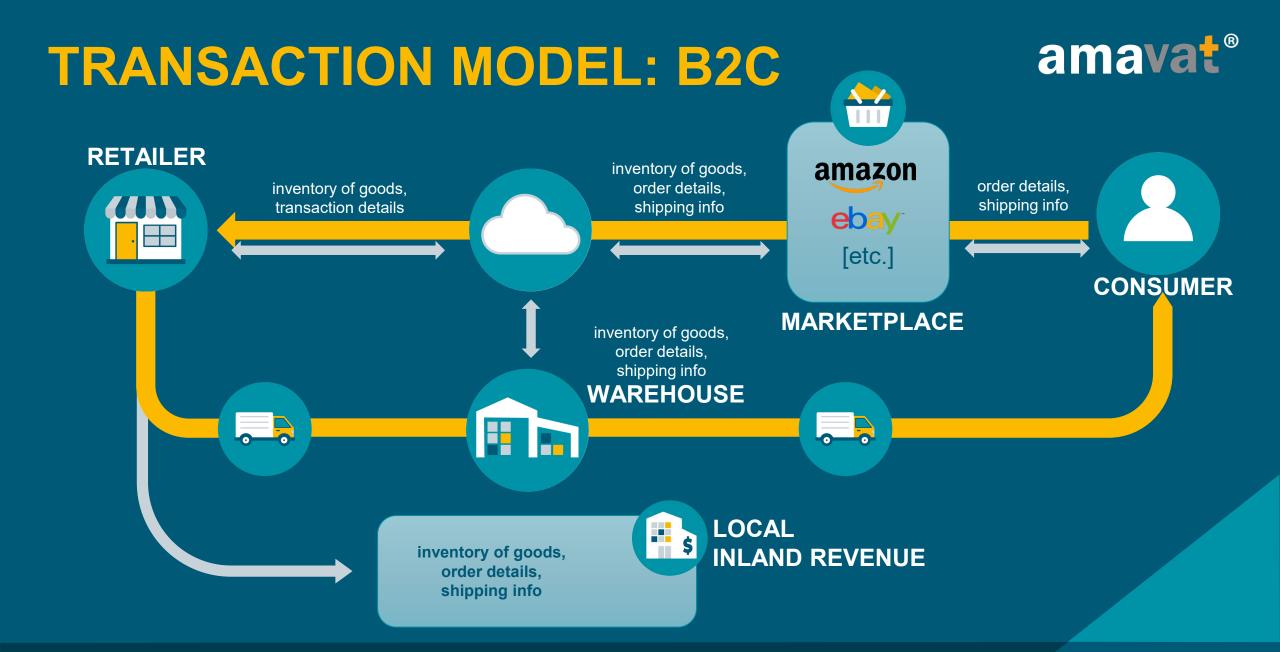
Fulfillment centre
Automated invoicing



**MARKETPLACE** 

Settlements
with Inland Revenue
Legal aspects
of foreign operations





# MAIL-ORDER SALES HOW DOES IT WORK?

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#### Sales within the EU:

goods are shipped from an EU Member State to a person in another Member State who is not a VAT payer.



#### Sales types:



### MAIL-ORDERS ACCOUNTING



Obligation to register for VAT in another country:



OR



Use of an in-country warehouse

Exceeding the sales threshold of EUR 10 000

MARKETPLACE: CROSS-BORDER TRANSACTIONS

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#### **Amazon's logistics centres:**

- Czech Republic
- Germany
- Poland
- France
- United Kingdom (non-EU)

- Spain
- Italy
- Netherlands
- Sweden



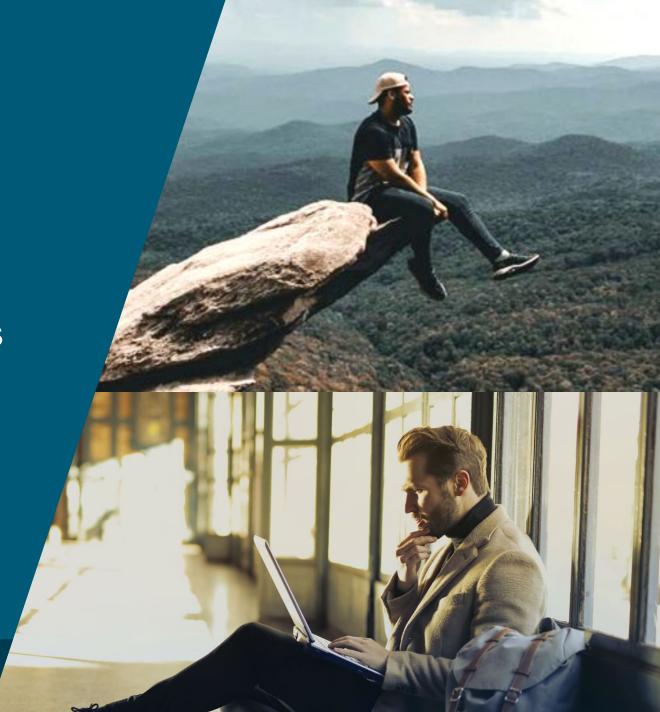
### SALES MARKET ENTRY PATTERNS

#### **Types of entrepreneurs:**

Risk-taker
 oriented solely towards sales and profits

Farsighted

Partnership with accounting firms.



#### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**







- VAT & COMPLIANCE
- FILING A VAT RETURN

# BENEFITS OF A PARTNERSHIP WITH AN OUTSIDE COMPANY

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- ▼ Time-saving
- ✓ Know-how
- Access to online data

- Proven quality
- ✓ Risk minimisation
- **✓** Standardised processes
- Access to specialised knowledge



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