

The Indian E-tailing Leadership Index

Version 5

January – March 2017



What does the E-tailing Leadership Index (ELI) measure?

ELI is a comprehensive assessment of e-tailer's overall performance in customer's mind. It is based on the three pillars, which are:



How is it structured > Most Trusted Brand



E-tailer brand that is most trusted by online consumers



Brand Recall

 e-tailer which has the highest "top of the mind" recall for most preferred online brand



Unaided Recall

 e-tailer which has the highest "unaided" recall for the most preferred online brand



How is it structured > Best Value



E-tailer that provides the best value for money along with meaningful assortment



Price competitiveness

 Where would you find the best prices and discounts available among the e-tailers



Product variety and availability

 What are the chances of finding the product you are looking at among the e-tailers





Quality of products

 What do you thing of the quality of product available on each of the e-tailers

How is it structured > Great Buying Experience



E-tailer that gives best end to end buying experience



Exploring & ordering products (For web & app)

 How easy and intuitive they find product exploration on the app and websites of the etailers



Delivery predictability and experience

- How guick and precise is the overall delivery
- How quick is the reverse pick-up in case of returns



Consumer experience post delivery

- How easy it is to return products
- Speed and ease of refund
- Quality of customer support



Overall NPS

 Overall satisfaction of customers with end to end experience based on NPS methodology



Methodology Used:

The results of the study is based on the following research themes:

~9000 customer surveys across 30 cities (Metro, Tier-I and Tier-II) in January to March 2017 period All respondents have to be e-tailing customers, having bought something from the concerned websites in the last 3 months

The survey was split between the SEC A, B and C population, with equitable distribution of age group and gender

Statistical technique of TOPSIS has been used to arrive at the indexing from the responses and hard numbers

The study is entirely based on consumer perception and works on a proprietary RedSeer algorithm

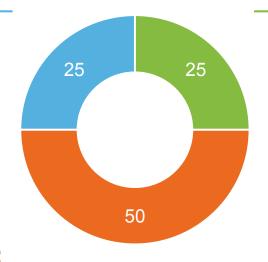
Evaluation Parameters and Weights

The analysis is based on 30+ parameters analysed in the three pillars

A. Most trusted brand:

Most preferred Brand to Shop From

- · Top of the mind
- Unaided



B. Best Value Proposition:

Product Variety and Availability

- Product Availability
- Product Variety
- Product Quality

Price Competitiveness

Pricing and Discount

C: Great Buying Experience:

Web & App Experience

- App & Web
 - Design & Look
 - Ease of Navigation
 - Product Description
 - Check Out Experience
 - Payment Gateway Experience

Delivery/Cancellations/Returns

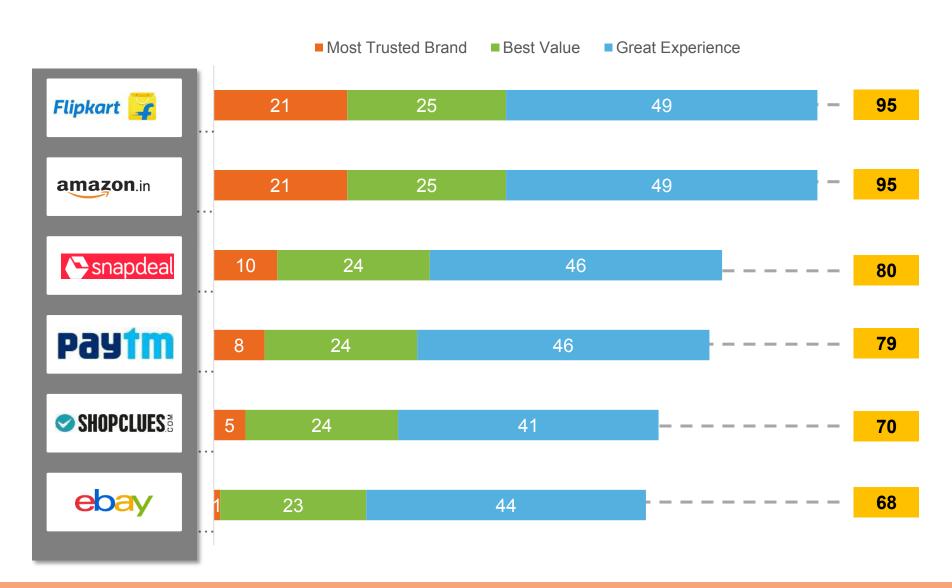
- Delivery Time
- Reverse Pick-up speed

Consumer Experience Post Delivery

- Refund (Days)
- Customer Support¹
- Ease of Return

Overall Consumer NPS

¹ Customer Support parameters are measured as Average Wait Time (Secs), First Time Resolution & Escalation



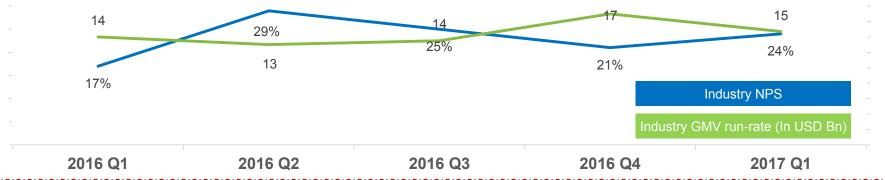
Overall Industry Trends: Q4'16 to Q1'17

Increase

Neutral

Decrease

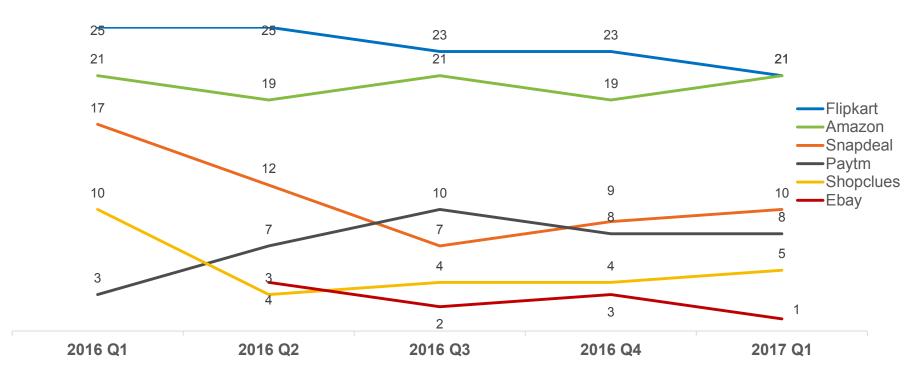
- The overall industry NPS has moved upwards, as a cyclic consequence of improved business delivery in the post festive season sale lull
- Historically, NPS moves inversely to GMV as companies find it operationally easier to service the customer demand



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		 Flipkart leads the ranking despite a decline in overall brand performance relative to Amazon, driven by an increase in consumer NPS
<u>a</u>		Amazon has caught up as joint first place with a substantial increase in Brand Recall at the expense of Flipkart
Parim		Paytm has seen a dip in ratings in Q1'17, due to poor performance in delivery and post delivery experience relative to other players
sd		Snapdeal has remained constant since Q4'16, with no significant changes in any of the parameters despite internal business upheaval
		Shopclues saw the most improvement since the last study with an increase in NPS driven by the Shopclues Surety program
ebay		Ebay also showed substantial improvement in this quarter, driven by their uniquely positioned sales campaign in the month of February



Most Trusted Brand Trends: Q1'16 to Q1'17

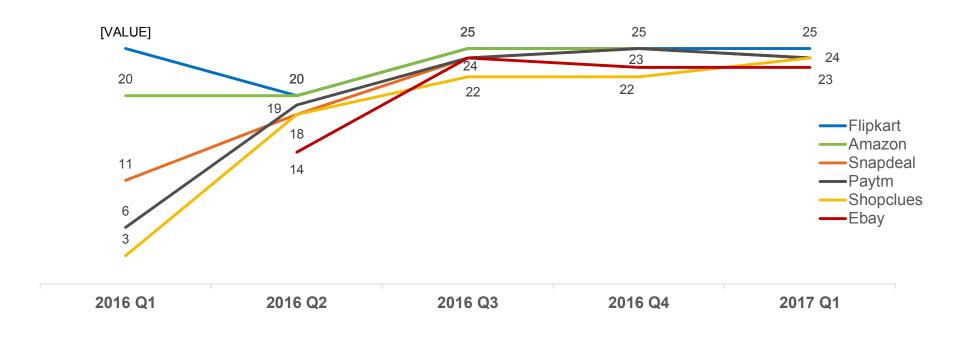


Key Industry Insights

- The industry has reduced its overall marketing spend from the Q1'2016, which reflects in a downward trend in Brand Trust for most players
- 2. Amazon has been a steady gainer on Flipkart's lead and has finally caught up this quarter
- 3. Paytm is constantly moving upwards on Brand Trust which is primarily driven by their wallets business



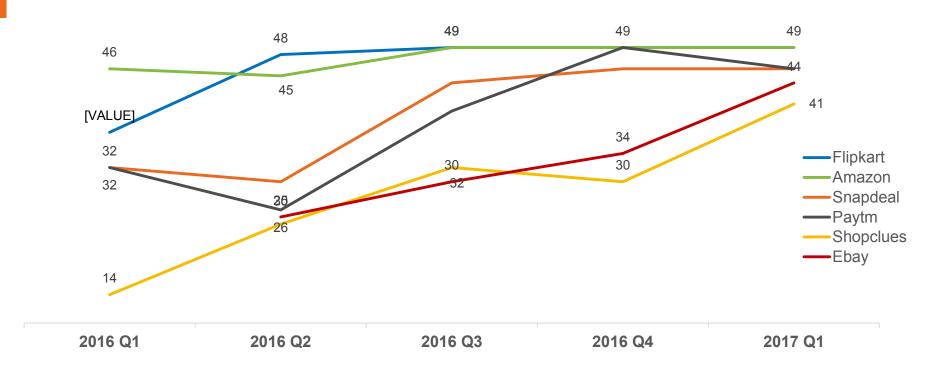
Best Value Proposition Trends: Q1'16 to Q1'17



Key Industry Insights

- The overall value proposition by a maturing e-tailing industry has converged as players have built up a significant assortment of products being sold at comparable prices
- It is expected that business delivery excellence will become the sole differentiator between players in the industry

☐ Great Experience Trends: Q1'16 to Q1'17



Key Industry Insights

- 1. As the industry has shifted focus from customer acquisition to customer retention, focus has increased on service delivery which is visible across players
- 2. However, key players have difficulty servicing the operational load generated by sales campaigns, leading to a decline in overall experience after every sales event

Player-wise key developments in Q1'2017

Key Development Impact on ELI Paytm shifts its wallet into the newly incorporated payments banking Web/App experience got affected **Paytm** After much anticipation, Paytm launched its banking division in January negatively due to 2017, and has incorporated all its existing wallets and their amounts with disruption of service their banking division during the shift Promotion of new divisions sees Amazon gain momentum **Brand Recall** amazon increased due to Amazon doubled down on its ancillary businesses like Amazon Now and higher top of mind Amazon Prime, which saw an increased visibility of the overall brand recall Snapdeal lays off 600 employees as it cuts on costs Delivery performance took a hit due to snapdeal Snapdeal, in an attempt to cut costs and manage operations, laid off 600 increased operational employees in the month of February, with talks of a merger ongoing, load on the reduced temporarily disrupting existing service quality work-force Shopclues launches quality check programme "Surety" Value proposition of Shopclues saw an In March, Shopclues launched an audit and quality assurance programme increase due to called Surety which provides a five-point quality check for the products

sold on the website

improved quality

assurance

Notes

Notes:

- 1. Only the horizontal e-tailers have been considered for this study
- 2. For Pillar A Higher weightage has been given to "Top of the Mind Recall" over the "Unaided Recall"
- 3. For Pillar B Price Competitiveness has higher weightage than Product Variety and Availability
- 4. For Pillar C App has been given higher weightage when compared to App given that a larger customer base buys using the App

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