

Where Consumers Shop for Home and Garden

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Demand for wellness products keeps the sector relevant, amid inflationary challenges Increased focus on creating a calming habitat aids the demand for gardening products Rise in urbanisation and gardening activities aids sales in major countries across the globe

CHANNEL SHIFTS

Increased investment in marketplaces and omnichannel strategies aid retail e-commerce Retail online is gaining significant traction on the back of e-commerce initiatives from brands Marketplaces: A way to improve the consumer purchasing experience Mathis Marketplace: Offering home and garden products seamlessly Nitori's aggressive e-commerce investments to expand its presence across major countries Nitori plans to exponentially increase its foothold on a global level Global brands explore new markets through store launches to widen presence Tramontina targets the aspirational consumer class in India, along with the horeca segment

STORE-BASED CHANNELS

Store-based snapshot in 2023

Warehouse clubs sees strong CAGR in 2018-2023, driven by expansion and loyalty programmes Market saturation and rising cost of living affect home improvement and gardening stores Majority of consumers visit stores to see, try and touch products before making a purchase Home Depot's innovative measures help it maintain the top position over the period Homewares with a vegan touch see strong demand, driven by change in dietary preferences Ashley Furniture sales affected as a result of data breach and store closures in major regions Private label brand launches aid the value market for homewares and home furnishings Importance of private label by region in home and garden

Rise in retailer activities aids value sales of private label in countries such as Argentina Fiskars increasingly invests in DTC segment to increase consumer base across the globe B&Q revamps its "You Can Do It" campaign to support women's involvement in DIY projects B&Q plans to inspire confidence among women to take on home improvement initiatives Global players expand across markets to improve presence and increase consumer base IKEA's new store format offers design consultations and pick-up solutions in the US XXXLutz pursues acquisitions to improve its consumer base, particularly across Europe

NON-STORE CHANNELS

Non-store snapshot in 2023

Innovative initiatives from brands and e-commerce platforms aid online value sales Pinterest and B&Q partner to help consumers improve their homes by taking up DIY projects E-commerce by category in home and garden

Market saturation and reopening of physical stores hampers growth of retail e-commerce Retail e-commerce more prevalent in regions with internet access among consumers Innovation and partnerships with major brands enable top players to maintain their positions Majority of global consumers perceive that they will get best prices when buying online Top brands such as IKEA focus on generative AI to improve consumer experience IKEA and OpenAI partner up to provide consumers with an AI design assistant Brands invest in augmented reality and e-commerce platforms to increase consumer base

FUTURE DEVELOPMENTS

Brand innovations and rising urbanisation set to aid sales in home and garden E-commerce expected to witness similar growth to homewares and home furnishing stores Home improvement and gardening stores set to see growth, along with e-commerce Consumer focus on minimalistic furniture is set to be a driver for home and garden IKEA launches innovative ad to help consumers understand multifunctional furniture benefits Increased focus on child-specific furniture drives brands to launch innovative products Key takeaways

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