

# **Getting the** experience right: eCommerce consumer preferences 2021.

When our world changes, so too does the world of eCommerce. In the past two years we have seen online shopping grow, and with it new opportunities for retailers to grow too. But to do so, retailers need to know what today's consumers really want.

Adobe Commerce carried out a survey of 9,565 consumers across Europe, the Middle East and Africa, to provide a deeper insight into how shopping behaviours have changed in the last 12 months.

To discover how to meet new consumer expectations, check out the key takeaways below.



# **Online shopping frequency is rising.**

In the next 12 months:



44% Expect to shop more online.

6% Expect to shop online less.

## Behaviours continue to evolve fast.

Are more likely to shop online or equally online/in-store for expensive items.

Have bought something online from a retailer they hadn't used before.

Have ordered products online and picked up in store using Click & Collect.

Have used a new payment method or type they hadn't used before



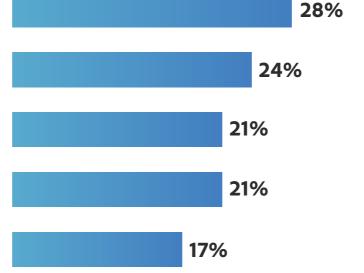
(e-wallets, buy now pay later).

Have purchased products or services through social media.

Have returned products ordered online to a store.

Have joined a loyalty programme for an online retailer.

Have used new website features they hadn't used before (video, virtual reality).



### With so much choice online, consumers expect more personalisation.



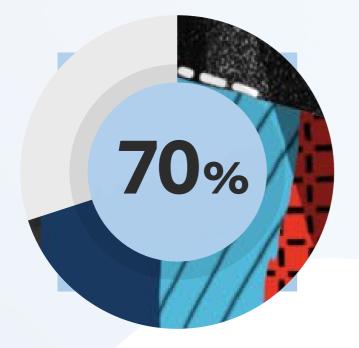
Want a more personalised online shopping experience based on their online preferences and behaviours.

The urgency for exceptional shopping experiences: consumers are making more website visits before purchase.



Say they are revisiting websites more frequently before purchase than last year.

### The demand for virtual is booming.





Say they would like more virtual reality

in their online shopping experiences.

### Mindful shopping: the types of brands consumers seek out.



Sustainable and/or environmentally responsible.



Full supply chain transparency.



Prioritises employee welfare, mental health, and wellbeing.



Charitable.





Financially trustworthy.



Diverse and inclusive.

**29**%

Use organic ingredients.





More likely to switch brands if they go against important values.

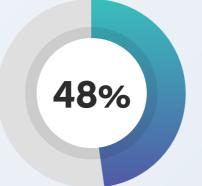


#### And direct benefits for brands that step up.

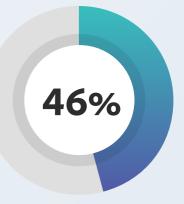


58%

Repeat purchases.



Recommendations.



Trust in brand.

#### About the research

This research was carried out in October and November 2021. We interviewed 9,565 consumers, aged 18 and over, to find out how online shopping behaviours have changed in the last 12 months. Respondents were from 12 EMEA regions and had shopped online in the last 3 months.

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