Shopify: High Growth Doesn't Come Without Risks

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Summary

- Shopify has been one of the best performing stocks in 2020.
- Stay at home restrictions have propelled Shopify's growth to new levels, but valuation is looking frothy.
- At these levels, near-term upside potential is minimal, but as e-commerce continues to grow, Shopify will benefit greatly.
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Shares of Shopify Inc. (SHOP) have soared 85% in 2020, making them one of the best performing stocks of the year. This is coming off a year in which *SHOP saw the stock increase 187%* in 2019. To say the stock is firing on all cylinders is an understatement.

The company continued solid growth through the first two months of 2020, with SHOP shares up 16%, but since the time frame market bottomed on March 23rd, shares of SHOP have rocketed 112% in a little over two months.

E-commerce continues to grow at a healthy clip, but the current *pandemic should push that timeline to enhance their online presence* and, making for a growth catalyst for Shopify. *With shares up nearly 400% in the past two years, is the near-term upside worth the risk?*

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Shopify Is A Game Changer For E-Commerce

Shopify has now nearly triple the market cap of eBay (EBAY), making them the *second largest platform in the world in terms of sales volume behind* Amazon (AMZN). Last month the company released Q1 earnings that showed *revenue growth of 47% from prior year*.

The company's Q1 ended March 31, which is around the time stay at home restrictions were put in place in the majority of the country. From March 13 to April 24, the company saw *new store growth of 62% compared to the six weeks prior*. This stat showed the strength of the platform and the priority companies are making to enhance e-commerce.

Many companies have planned to enhance their online offerings, but the COVID-19 pandemic further pushed up those plans. It is no doubt that e-commerce is largely part of many businesses' future plans, but with the majority of businesses forced to move from home, business owners were forced to bring those future e-commerce plans into fruition more quickly than planned. This greatly boosted Shopify and will become evident in the Q2 earnings release.

In late May, the company announced a partnership with Facebook (NASDAQ:FB) called Shops, which is FB's biggest push yet into e-commerce. Shops is intended to help small businesses set up online stores on the platform and utilize Shopify as the back-end technology platform. This is a huge growth driver for both FB and SHOP in a time with many businesses needing the ability to work remotely and enhance online offerings.

This partnership with FB can be a major catalyst for the company moving forward. Revenue growth has slowed over the years, but this partnership could bring growing at an impeccable clip for longer than expected.

Source

E-commerce sales continue to grow at a strong clip, growing 15% from prior year in 2019. E-commerce sales in 2019 "accounted or 56.9% of all gains in the retail market last year, which was the largest share of growth for online sales growing since 2008." In terms of what is considered retail, only recovering a small fraction, 16%, which still poses a large opportunity, one that should increase due to the ongoing pandemic.

Current Valuations Offer More Risk Than Reward In The Near-Term

As I have mentioned, shares of Shopify have been on quite the tear in the past few years, which was put in overdrive the past few months as they have been described as a major winner during the stay at home restrictions. As more and more businesses have been moved remotely, Shopify clearly has much to gain.

As it currently sits, shares of SHOP trade at a P/E of 1,500, which during these growth stages this early is not a very useful metric. As such, let's take a look at Price to Sales. The company currently trades at a P/S of 49x, which has traded close to and average of 20x the past four years. In 2018, a year that saw revenue growth near 50% and shares increase close to 200%, the company traded at a P/S of 31x.

As e-commerce continues to grow, so does the company. Investments are necessary to handle the increased customer base, but paying close to 50x P/S is very pricey in a market that is completely disconnected with the economy, which poses higher risk potential at current levels.

Investor Takeaway

Shopify has been firing on all cylinders the past few years and the current COVID-19 pandemic has continued to fuel these cylinders further. E-commerce continues to grow at a strong clip, but with more companies looking to enhance their online presence combined with the FB partnership, it is a huge growth catalyst for investors.

Though the future prospects are bright for the company, current valuations of 49x P/S make it extremely difficult to initiate a position in the name at such frothy levels. Though I am extremely high on the name moving forward, I am happy to wait for a better entry point.

Note: *I hope you all enjoyed the article and found it informative. As always, I look forward to reading and responding to your comments below and feel free to leave any feedback. Happy Investing!*

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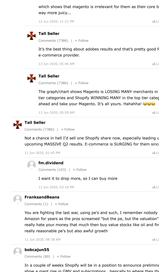

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MASSIVE ACCELERATION in growth for Shopify...

Did you hear Address CEO say YESTERDAY in their earnings call in relation to Magento and e-commerce:

"usage ex certainly gone up, it is almost like you're having Black Friday or Cyber Monday every day"
- seekingalpha.com/...

This PROVES again that Shopify's CTO's statement that Shopify is seeing traffic similar to Black Friday Cyber Monday EVERY DAY now that's soon to see DOUBLE that traffic (here: twitter.com/...), and beyond, it's correlated to GPH.

And, don't forget, Shopify has SIGNIFICANTLY more market share in the top e-commerce sites than Magento (see here: trends.builtwith.com/...), and Shopify is the TOP RATED e-commerce site (see here: www.g2.com/...), Magento doesn't even make the top 20 e-commerce sites.

Therefore, if Magento is seeing such big increases, then Shopify is obviously seeing MASSIVE increases!

BUY AND HOLD!!

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Magento you mean the one with gmo than shopify?

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I mean the Magento with CRASHING merchant count, seen here: trends.builtwith.com/...

Which is in stark contrast to Shopify's ACCELERATING merchant count: trends.builtwith.com/...

It was funny, Adobe did NOT even mention Magento at all in their news release for their earnings call yesterday, they did not even mention Magento in their entire opening statements, and only mentioned them in the at the very end of their earnings call from a question from Bank of Montreal.

With the ACCELERATING in growth from Shopify and with them losing TONS of merchants to Shopify, its understandable that they don't bring up Magento on their own...

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which shows that magento is irrelevant for them as their core business is was more juicy...

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It's the best thing about adobes results and that's pretty good for a shitty e-commerce provider.

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The graphs/chart shows Magento is LOSING MANY merchants in the top tier categories and Shopify WINNING MANY in the top tier categories. Go ahead and take your Magento. It's all yours. Hahahha!

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Not a chance in hell I'd sell one Shopify share now, especially leading up to their upcoming MASSIVE Q2 results. E-commerce is SURGING for them since COVID.

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I want it to drop more, so I can buy more

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You are fighting the last war, using pe's and such, I remember nobody would buy Amazon for years as the pros screamed "but the pe, but the valuation". If you really take your money that much then buy value stocks like oil and financials - really reasonable pe's but also awful growth

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It's a couple of weeks Shopify will be in a position to announce preliminary Q2 that show a giant rise in GMV and subscriptions , they have already shown they'd be in 2021+ PE partnership enders the funnel, more subscriptions, more GMV, and can only boost OTC and B2B.

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So the author's tagline says, "Become a "Passive Landlord" with our 8% Yielding Real Estate Portfolio."

And he's spinning on Shopify?!? Okeayyyy..... I guess anyone can look at SHOP and say "this is really an expensive stock!" Why would one expect to get any meaningful insight on an ecommerce software company from a real estate guy?

Not much ground covered here, just a pitch for the author's expensive subscription. That seems unlikely to commercial real estate investing? This is all so confusing. I guess I should have taken the clickbait.

1 Jun 2020, 09:44 AM | Like 2 | Reply

Mark Rousain (Author) Follow Author | Author Reply
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Author's reply » That tagline is part of the Marketplace I partner with, but that does not mean I only spine on REITs. I maintain 3 well-diversified portfolios. Not sure how the title is click bait, but to each their own.

1 Jun 2020, 07:39 AM | Like 1 | Reply

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I'm a CPA. I think I'll go write an article about HVAC maintenance. Makes about as much sense as real estate and ecommerce.

1 Jun 2020, 10:09 AM | Like 0 | Reply

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I don't mind someone opinion, even if it is not directly related to his field.....especially if it is free....if it makes sense then everybody benefits....

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In MasterCard's B-K filing YESTERDAY (here: www.sec.gov/...), they're Exhibit 99.1 (here: www.sec.gov/...), they say for ex Cross Border Volume, w/Card not present growth (yellow line) has been more resilient than card present (blue line).

w/Me continue to see strong growth in card not present volumes, excluding online travel related spend (green line).

Visa also said last week in their B-K filing in the chart at the bottom titled US Payments Volume Growth:
w/US payments volume growth for "card not present, excluding travel" is up FORTY PERCENT between March 8th and the end of May.
- E1B4h3jZ3vm4d.cloudfront.net/...

E-commerce is still SURGING people, even as COVID restrictions ease, and these two sources PROVE this to be FACT!!!

BUY and HOLD Shopify for me. Their next Q2 earnings is going to be MASSIVE. 🚀🚀🚀🚀🚀

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Growth potential outweighs conventional price to sales ratios. This is still a stay at home new normal economy as described.

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Check out this BEHEMOTH # 2 new Shopify merchant:

Bonobos Guide®

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Impossible does between $100-200 million per year in revenue, and has raised around $1.3BILLION in around 12 rounds.

Here is a recent Tech Crunch article about Impossible Foods:
↗ www.google.com/...

Check out the GM of Shopify Plus' announcement today welcoming Impossible Foods to Shopify Plus:
↗ twitter.com/...

Check out their Impossible Foods new Shopify site:
↗ https://impossiblefoods.com/

Impossible Foods will be processing MASSIVE amounts of GMV through Shopify, and paying for all those high margin Shopify solution offerings along the way.

GROW Shopify GROW!
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09 Jun 2020, 10:39 PM

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The direct to consumer trend is taking off for big brands. Expect this to continue way past Covid as brands look to capture meaningful consumer data and fully control their brand experience. I have no doubt that Shopify will deliver an integrated logistics solution to enable a cross-brand shopping cart etc that delivers a differentiated brand and customer experience with consumer convenience compared to Amazon.

10 Jun 2020, 12:59 AM

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Shopify already does so, and they are best in the world at it, with the REAL PARTNERSHIPS that Shopify has with Big Tech channel partners and big box online stores.

It's call direct-to-consumer (and B2B) OMNICHANNEL e-commerce and here is an article that explains how extremely powerful it is for Shopify merchants to use:
↗ www.shopify.com/...

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What is Shopify plus?

10 Jun 2020, 04:55 AM

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Bricks and clicks baby.

10 Jun 2020, 05:16 AM

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Plus is Shopify's PaaS for larger enterprises such as Impossible Foods, Lav's, Heinz.

10 Jun 2020, 05:45 AM

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Article appearing on IBN Canada, for the British reader.

www.bnnbloomberg.ca/...

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No need to over think the investment. SHOP will continue to deliver. No one has ever said it was priced well so go and buy. Sure you can wait for a pull back but really when you have the potential to make 10x your investment from here is a 10% pullback going to matter? Buy and hold - you will be happier in 10 years

09 Jun 2020, 10:43 PM

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Exactly.

And with Shopify's growth significantly ACCELERATING due to COVID, it's going to be even more difficult to get in on the IPO and other extraordinary volatility may or may not occur, as their share price is beginning to SURGE soon enough, at the very least at their next earnings call, and then years/decades beyond that.

09 Jun 2020, 06:02 PM

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ZUCKERBERG can NEVER do OMNICHANNEL like Shopify and WATCH the video below for at the 16:31 mark where he says...

"The reality here is that there is A LOT MORE TO RUNNING A BUSINESS too and while you could run your own business with just our tools, if you wanted, WE THINK THE BETTER STRATEGY is to support a strong open ecosystem of business tools. Now, in some of our earlier efforts to help with commerce, we required small businesses to go all in with our tools and to create a full end to end commerce experience that was entirely within our system. And that can be to some many small businesses at THE SCALE that we would have wanted. So, now we have changed our approach somewhat in order to partner more closely with the other business tool companies in the ECOSYSTEM to make it really easy for small businesses to use the parts of our tools they want and to use other tools for other parts of the value chain that frankly other companies serve better, like INVENTORY MANAGEMENT, openTRANSACTIONS, PRESENCE managing..."

Yes, Facebook/Shopify PARTNERSHIP is going to be HUGE for Shopify! Zuck said they have 150,000,000 businesses in their platform...think how many will use Shopify to achieve OMNICHANNEL/MULTICHANNEL solution with both Facebook and Shopify.

BUY AND HOLD Shopify baby!
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09 Jun 2020, 06:53 PM

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Good company, bloated stock. might never get to the price i would be willing to buy but FOMO is an investors worst enemy.

Consistency is key and my game is to get a hit every day vs a grand slam and many strike outs.

09 Jun 2020, 05:29 PM

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You've been saying that since $50/share though. Kindly explain when is the right time for people to take that advice, as it turned into a 15 BAGGER while you were discouraging people.

And Shopify's growth is ACCELERATING now, since COVID.

09 Jun 2020, 05:46 PM

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Ex-post raw returns are not a very important metric to determine the validity of an investment thesis. A stock one decides not to invest in based on ex ante risk adjusted projection might very well double overnight without this meaning the decision was wrong. Otherwise, every night millions of potential negative expected return bets at a casino that produce one or a couple of big winners within minutes. Does not mean they were sensible investments ex ante.

A few weeks ago I purchased OXY calls and the ex post return has been stellar. Does not change the fact that it was a pretty poor ex-ante proposition on a risk adjusted basis, since it had a significant probability of yielding a negative 100% in a matter of months. The fact that it turned out differently does not change this.

In my opinion SHOP will be higher years from now. It will also incur significant volatility along the path to get there. If the projected return compensates for this volatility is a personal choice, based on the available alternatives and risk preferences.

The "right" moment to pull the trigger on any stock is when its valuation fits one's individual requirements. That will mean that for some investors, for some stocks, that time might be never.

09 Jun 2020, 07:19 PM

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So, few shorts have been saying to hold off Buying Shopify shares since $50 per share. How is that good advice?? NOT!

Shopify's ACCELERATING growth now, since COVID, precision now is the time to buy regardless of any short term volatility that may or may not occur. Shopify is a HYPER-RATING growth, in the future and that will not SKYROCKET, that's their Q3 earnings call, and never look back at this range again then.

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Not being long is not the same as being short.

As I said, it does not matter how well a stock has performed ex post. Investment decisions are taken ex ante. SHOP´s beta is 1.19.

There are a lot of investors who would not consider a stock even just based on this. For others, a high beta might be desirable. It all depends on each individual's strategy, needs, time horizon, portfolio composition, etcetera. No stock is good for all investors indiscriminately. Not a single one. [edited]

09 Jun 2020, 08:18 PM

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Of course. Either way, it's extremely probable to the point it's essentially a foregone conclusion that Shopify has MASSIVE growth coming, barring a nuclear war or the equivalent, where all investments will be toast if that happens anyway, so who cares.

09 Jun 2020, 08:44 PM

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....he should admit that Shop is a good buy (even at these levels) so why he does not do that?.... (I'll suggest? Who would not want to get in on that? It could "rest" for a while, but I see MASSIVE growth ahead.....this aggression from China can still work for us.....

09 Jun 2020, 10:42 PM

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...I understand your way of thinking... and I respect that...I just don't happen to agree...STILL you are MUCH BETTER THAT SOME WHO JUST SAY sell now for no reason.....Even Kenny wants to agree that Shop is stellar ... someday he will come around but only after he misses out....

09 Jun 2020, 10:48 PM

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Check out how UK restaurant chain Leon, who has 61 locations, pivoted during COVID and opened a Shopify site called Feed Britain (HERE: https://feedbritain.com), where they have SKYROCKETED their sales using Shopify:
↗ www.shopify.com/...

Shopify is helping MANY businesses SKYROCKET their sales through COVID.
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Is it really the second largest eCommerce platform by volume in the world? In North America yes but in the world? I've never heard that claim. Ali Baba and JD might have something to say about that. (And I'm a Shopify holder).

09 Jun 2020, 04:29 PM

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Alibaba has over $1 trillion in GMV - shopify is nowhere close to that.

09 Jun 2020, 04:44 PM

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The statement of FACT is: the aggregation of all of Shopify's merchants sales in the USA puts Shopify as the equivalent of the 2nd largest online retailer in the USA!

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By the way, Shopify merchants can integrate everywhere worthwhile online, including Baidu's TMall, JD, and even Wechat.

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US yes world no.

09 Jun 2020, 05:18 PM

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Tell me how any REAL BUSINESS who chooses to sell on one lonely channel will ever succeed more than Shopify merchants who use Shopify's industry leading OMNICHANNEL e-commerce (and their other such competitor CRUSHING solutions), than this Shopify merchant who uses Shopify's OMNICHANNEL.....

HOW does one channel ever win against OMNICHANNELS? HOW?!

Shopify merchant Flow Alkaline Hydration (https://flowhydration.ca) closed a $4 million round, largely because it has a group of investors that includes pop star Post Malone (twitter.com/...) and former MLB champion Chase Utley (instagram.com/...) to scale distribution/production, and DOUBLE its consumer base.

DOUBLE!
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↗ www.bevnet.com/...
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Shopify's OMNICHANNEL (www.shopify.com/...) is helping them SKYROCKET...during Covid!!!

These are some of their Shopify channel profiles I could find and there are many more merchants leveraging Shopify channels that see (google them):

- Facebook: www.facebook.com/...
- Twitter: twitter.com/...
- Pinterest: www.pinterest.ca/...
- Instagram: www.instagram.com/...
- YouTube: www.youtube.com/...
- Microsoft: www.linkedin.com/...
- Amazon: www.amazon.com/...
- Costco: www.costco.ca/...
- Loblaws: www.realcanadiansuperstore.ca/...
- Staples: www.staples.ca/...
- Walmart: www.google.com/...
- MANY MORE!

Even "Gwyneth Paltrow Wants People To Start Drinking 'Flow' Alkaline Water"😉
↗ www.google.com/...

Shopify's OMNICHANNEL is what helps businesses SUCCEED MOST!! One channel is a LOSER strategy for real businesses.

Shopify's growth is ACCELERATING since COVID.
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09 Jun 2020, 05:45 PM

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a.k.a. Finally got it:

So, FB will allow merchants from BigCommerce, Shopify and the other "partners" (software providers) to create the FB Shop and list their products for free. This would be equivalent to placing an ad with FB, except that there will be no advertising fees. Instead, these merchants will be paying an extra 5% to FB for completed sales.

I think this is brilliant from FB.

However, I see a major risk for the software providers. If these merchants sales are mostly with FB and not with their marketplace (say Amazon), it would be more economical for them to quit e-commerce software provider, and list their products directly with FB and Amazon. This way, they would cut out the monthly subscription and avoid the additional 2% they pay the software providers.

I am still really confused how some people consider this as a positive thing for the software providers.

09 Jun 2020, 06:10 PM

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NO it DOES NOT cost anything for Shopify merchants to integrate and sell on Facebook Shops. Zuckerberg said it's FREE!

At the 8:00 Mark Zuckerberg says:

"Now it's [Facebook Shop] FREE and it's simple to set up a Shop. Our business model here is ads, so rather than charge businesses for Shops, we know if Shops are valuable for businesses, they are in general going to want to pay for more ads and so we're going to eventually make money that way."

IT'S FREE, just like Shopify's first-to-PARTNER with Google Shopping partner, who offered free product listing for Shopify merchants recently, is FREE too, here: blog.google/...

Zuckerberg said it's FREE for Shopify merchants to integrate and sell. FREE!!!!!!

SEE HERE: news.shopify.com/...

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"NO it DOES NOT cost anything for Shopify merchants to integrate and sell on Facebook Shops. Zuckerberg said it's FREE!"

My understanding is that it is free to post, but still FB gets 5% on every sale.

I could be wrong, and would really like to know. Can someone provide a reference that FB receives nothing upon the execution of the sale? I've the link that @Tall Seller provided does not clarify that. Everything that I have read so far confirms that, but I have been wrong before, and I might be wrong here as well.

Please help!

09 Jun 2020, 08:39 PM

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Why don't you just listen to the video where I quoted Zuckerberg VERBATIM above. He said it's FREE, and he says his ONLY INTEREST is charging for ads...where he says "eventually".

It's FREE, like Zuckerberg said, here:
↗ www.shopify.com/...

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Of course, it is free to post... No argument here.

Where does he say that FB will not get its 5% cut from the e-commerce partners sales? I could not hear it, and can find no link to it.

09 Jun 2020, 09:45 PM

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Zuckerberg said livestream that it's FREE for Shopify merchants to integrate and use the service....

WATCH THE VIDEO: news.shopify.com/...

He said ALL HE WANTS IS "eventually" get ad revenue from successful merchants.

09 Jun 2020, 09:48 PM

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Confirmed via Goldman Sachs research that Facebook Shops is offered free of charge although has a sales fee of 5% per shipment ($0.40 flat fee for shipments of $8 or less). I can not post their research due to previous reasons.

09 Jun 2020, 06:52 AM

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@tommyfmu , is this 5% regardless of whether the user is a Shopify customer or not?

10 Jun 2020, 12:20 AM

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It's FREE for Shopify merchants to integrate onto Facebook Shops and to make sales there. Why don't you actually ask Shopify and do your own research on this???

I double checked AGAIN, and they confirmed what I'm saying. Shopify merchants can SELL on Facebook $1 or any amount to integrate and make sales there.

10 Jun 2020, 01:02 AM

3% FREE!!! 🤯🤯

15 Jun 2021, 02:32 PM

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Three changes that Tommy mentioned are for Facebook:
Shops users who set up on their own directly on Facebook Shops. Shopify merchants integrate onto Facebook Shops and make sales their FOR FREE!!!!

15 Jun 2021, 02:32 PM

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If this is the case, and e-commerce software users can set up their shops on FB and Instagram, and run ads, advertisements, and not pay FB anything, then I should turn bullish on these software providers, including Shopify.

Thanks @Tait Seller for clarifying this. I just hope you are correct. Can anyone who has a shop of FB collaborate what Tait is saying?

15 Jun 2021, 02:39 PM

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It's NOT FREE for businesses to set up on Facebook Shops themself directly.

It is FREE for Shopify merchants to integrate onto Facebook Shops and it is FREE for Shopify merchants to make every sale there.

• Zuckerberg said livestream is FREE for Shopify integrators

• all the Shopify and Facebook documentation I see do not show any fees at all in any way for Shopify integrators to make integrate and make sales

• I asked Shopify questions around this a couple different ways where this is quoted from part of our conversation:

ME: "Thanks. So, just to confirm/clarify, if I have a paid for Shopify e-commerce plan, and I want to integrate into Facebook Shops from Shopify, and I sell things there, Facebook will NOT charge me anything to be integrated there, nor will they ask for a percentage of my sales?"

Shopify: "Yes, that is correct. - Aria"

Facebook Shops is FREE for Shopify merchants to integrate and to sell there. FREE!

15 Jun 2021, 02:40 PM

Ramy Tarabulsi, CFA
Community (1835) · + Follow

Holy Shit! Bullish! It's a miracle! 🐮

3% FREE! So, Shopify gets all the same fees for merchant solutions and subscription solutions as if Facebook doesn't exist. This should answer your question about what Facebook will get out of it.

如果我 BELOW!!

At the 8:30 Pete Zuckerberg says:

"Now it's (Facebook Shop) FREE and it's simple to set up a Shop. Our business model here is ads, so rather than charge businesses for Shops, we know if Shops are valuable for businesses, they are in general going to want to PAY FOR MORE ADS and we are going to EVENTUALLY make money that way."

↗ news.shopify.com/...

Why would any business integrate directly to Facebook then, when they can integrate to Shopify OMNICHANNEL solutions to be everywhere and get Facebook for FREE while doing so!?!? RIGHT?

Shopify is going to SKYROCKET!

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15 Jun 2021, 02:39 PM

Ramy Tarabulsi, CFA
Community (1835) · + Follow

Of course. Miracles do happen. All we have to do is believe. Prayer and fasting would not hurt either...

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If it is executed on the FB Shop, I am still missing the logistics of how the credit card fees that FB will charge would be transferred to Shopify to record on its top line. Can you please help me understand?

I am getting more and more positive on the prospects of FB Shop for the e-commerce software vendors, including Shopify... Thanks again (and again, please no fanfare)...

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fm.dividend
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@Tait Seller Yes have officially converted @Ramy Tarabulsi, CFA from a bear to a puppy bull (not quite a green-$SS but yet)

15 Jun 2021, 02:41 PM

elemarcapital2
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ads is where the money is....

15 Jun 2021, 02:42 PM

Tait Seller
Community (7386) · + Follow

Shopify and Facebook have been partners for 5 years and their integrations through this time until today still work the same way. The transaction gets processed through Shopify, when a merchant integrated onto Facebook through their Shopify account.

15 Jun 2021, 02:43 PM

Tait Seller
Community (7386) · + Follow

Alernar

Add revenue may be lucrative but OMNICHANNEL helps businesses succeed MOST by allowing them many benefits of being EVERYWHERE worthwhile online, which also gives them the ability to PIVOT if one channel has issues or becomes more expensive. It's LUDICROUS for a business to set up on one channel and be at the mercy of that one channel.

OMNICHANNEL gives merchants POWER and Zuckerberg is allowing them to have that POWER still because he knows OMNICHANNEL is best for businesses which is the kind of business he wants on his platform, as OMNICHANNEL businesses most ones who are more likely to pay for ads. He SAID THIS (in effect) livestream in the link above.

15 Jun 2021, 02:43 PM

Ramy Tarabulsi, CFA
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Still waiting for your answer @Tait Seller ; Please help me here... I need to make a decision on whether I will sell some put options on Shopify or not...

15 Jun 2021, 02:50 PM

Tait Seller
Community (7386) · + Follow

I already answered. When a Shopify merchants INTEGRATES from their Shopify site to Facebook Shops FOR FREE, of course all transactions on Facebook Shops get processed through their Shopify site and Shopify apps.

15 Jun 2021, 02:52 PM

elemarcapital2
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I am talking about making money here...thats what matters. valuation is not based on omnichannel multiple...

I dont care about omni channel, I care about business model and margins

15 Jun 2021, 03:13 PM

Tait Seller
Community (7386) · + Follow

Shopify has EXTREMELY high margins that range from 30-90% for their different solutions. And they can monetize their SKYROCKET merchant cohorts a hell of a lot more than just a one channel ad platform can.

I'll take EVERY DAY the solution that EMPOWERS businesses to be SKYROCKET everywhere online, and how that will cause a TIDAL WAVE of merchants to flood to using Shopify's platform for years, decades, and more over a one wholesale/ad channel.

Facebook NEEDS Shopify and that's EXACTLY what Zuckerberg ceded to livestream. He said they had to change their approach because OMNICHANNEL and Shopify-kinfed/assisted tools are BEST FOR BUSINESSES.

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Watch Zuckerberg say it yourself as his words are INDISPUTABLE, no matter how much anyone hates it:
↗ news.shopify.com/...

👆

15 Jun 2021, 03:42 PM

Ramy Tarabulsi, CFA
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"When a Shopify merchants INTEGRATES from their Shopify site to Facebook Shops FOR FREE, of course all transactions on Facebook Shops get processed through their Shopify site and Shopify apps."

I am missing something here Tait. FB would then allow Shopify merchants to post their products on FB Shops for free instead of buying advertisements from FB.

Are you 100% sure that the transactions through FB Shops are processed through Shopify?

If this is the case, then it looks like FB is really stupid with this business model, as they are providing free instead of paid advertisements to Shopify merchants with the "hope" that it would get more advertisements in the future.

Is FB this stupid?

15 Jun 2021, 03:51 PM

Tait Seller
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It is NOT stupid. Zuckeberg wants the most successful merchants in his platform and those will ALWAYS be the merchants who choose Shopify's OMNICHANNEL e-commerce solutions (and other backend solutions). Those are the MOST SUCCESSFUL brands. Look at Shopify GLOBAL market share of its most biggest competitor in the TOP 100K e-commerce sites. It's Brisbane Shopify helps businesses SUCCEED MOST. Same with on Amazon; amazons 3rd party integrators (aka Shopify merchants) are the most successful businesses on Amazon. That's why you think Google also lets Shopify merchants post listings for FREE!

My new conversation with Shopify for you TODAY:

Me: Hi there,
Another question on this topic please:

When a transaction is done through FB Shops (from a Shopify merchant who has integrated from their Shopify account to Facebook Shops), is it directed back to Shopify site, or is it executed on FB Shops?

Shopify: Hey, there. That's a great question! The transactions from a Facebook Shops will be directed to Shopify's checkout. If you'd like more information on the customer experience using Facebook Shops, we have a guide for that right over here (https://bit.ly/2ylYaQv). Let me know if this is what you're looking for! -Elias

Are you LONG YET? 🤯🤯

Shopify is going up 10-20 TIMES in value for many reasons, with this being one.

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15 Jun 2021, 03:55 PM

Ramy Tarabulsi, CFA
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Thanks @Tait Seller ; You objectively answered my question. I still believe that FB is not smart with this approach. It is good for Shopify though...

So, my understanding is that the FB Shop is basically the same as creating a FB page that is automatically populated from the e-commerce software provider site. They still need to buy advertisement to point the buyers to these pages. Unless FB is providing a marketplace.

Is FB providing a free directory or marketplace to these products on FB Shop?

"Are you LONG YET"

I am currently investing using Options that give me both long and short positions at the same time. The only time I would lose is if the stock remains stagnant for a very long time, which is not likely with cult stocks like Shopify.

So, to answer your question, yes, I have a long position on Shopify in addition to my short position...

15 Jun 2021, 04:16 PM

Tait Seller
Community (7386) · + Follow

Well... MANY Shopify merchants who have follower counts that are tens of thousands, hundreds of thousands, millions, tens of millions and even hundreds of millions may NEVER need to spend $1 advertising there.

When you have a million followers there, for example, and you post a photo with an item for sale in it and use an e-commerce tag to direct people to your Facebook Shop and Shopify e-commerce site, you could get, for example 100,000 people click on it and maybe 25,000 sales instantly, without spending $1 advertising.

For this FREE Facebook Shops integration/partnership, and for many other reasons, Shopify is going to SKYROCKET!!

15 Jun 2021, 04:19 PM

tackie
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Ramy, good to hear from you that you are turning bullish on Shopify! Good job Tait

15 Jun 2021, 12:49 AM

New reply

Tait Seller
Community (7386) · + Follow

My Shopify SCREAMING BUY signals list trashing into their Q2 earnings call.

🚀🚀🚀

"Google, President of Commerce said "With physical stores shuttered, digital commerce has become a lifeline for retailers. And as consumers increasingly shop online..." In this press release here for Shopify merchants to see Google Shopping FOR FREE:
↗ blog.google/...

✔Nilay Roberts is the CEO of DS Smith, who offers a broad range of packaging to all major e-commerce companies, said on Bloomberg things like:
↗ "We are seeing a huge increase in e-commerce"
↗ "Orders sales have grown substantially"
↗ "E-commerce is DOUBLE in some markets."

✔Shopify's LTO said they are seeing traffic near DOUBLE their normally busiest weekend of the year (Black Friday Cyber Monday) now EVERY DAY:
↗ mobile.twitter.com/...

Do the math on this, if "traffic" correlates to GMV, it suggests between a 350%-750% in growth quarter over quarter = GROWTH ACCELERATION🚀🚀.

✔The CEO of UPS said there are now "more e-commerce deliveries across the industry."
↗ www.bloomberg.com/...

✔Amazon Execs. during their recent earnings call said their 3rd party sellers (aka Shopify merchants) are seeing SURGING sales since COVID:
↗ seekingalpha.com/...

✔Facebook Execs. during their recent earnings call said their 3rd party advertisers (aka Shopify merchants) are seeing SURGING sales and that their advertisers looking for sales conversions are seeing cheaper ad costs and SURGING sales. Zuckerberg even used the word "INFLECTION" referring to e-commerce:
↗ seekingalpha.com/...

✔Shopify's CEO was RECENTLY quoted by Fortune Magazine saying:
"Shopify chief executive Tobi Lütke says his company's clients have experienced a SURGE in e-commerce orders..."
"In the six weeks between the start of lockdowns and April 24, the number of new stores using Shopify's e-commerce platform rose 62% compared with the six prior weeks."
↗ fortune.com/...

✔ Loren Padelford, GM of Shopify Plus, has had a SURGE in inquiries from PLUS sized enterprises RECENTLY:
↗ "We've been dealing with large retailer executives using Shopify Payments in the last 4 weeks than I've had in the last 4 years. Retailers need better partners and better outcomes. The end is nigh for the old enterprise mafia, it's time to upgrade."
↗ twitter.com/...

✔ Even Salesforce's CEO said recently on their earnings call that their weekly order volume for their Commerce Cloud is UP 150% since February 1st, at the 10:13 mark here :
↗ event.on24.com/...

✔UPS and FedEx are as insanely busy with e-commerce they added holiday surcharges for Amazon and other big box stores for the first time ever outside of a real hoodie season:
↗ www.foxbusiness.com/...

✔ Visa just filed an 8-K with the SEC, where one of the charts at the bottom titled "US Payments Volume Growth", where this chart says US payments volume growth for "card not present, excluding travel" is UP FORTY PERCENT since COVID:
↗ d18rn0p25nwr6d.cloudfront.net/...

Visa's CFO says:
"E-Tail GAAPs of e-commerce are significant on multiple fronts and this is a LONG TERM SECULAR TREND, as you know, that is being ACCELERATED by what we are seeing. So for example, if you look at our numbers that we just released, in the U.S., card-not-present are at trend in the last week of May was approaching almost 40% growth. And the growth trajectory has CONTINUED TO IMPROVE even as card-present has improved."
↗ seekingalpha.com/...

Visa's CEO said LAST WEEK:
"The last point I'd make Chris's it wouldn't surprise me if we have seen PEAK YEARS, or we will see three to four years of ACCELERATION of e-commerce penetration. That's the opportunity that we're looking at over the next 3 years, we've seen PEAK INCREASES and the number of first time e-commerce users around the world, we had 1.5 million people in Latin America, activate an e-commerce transaction for the first time last quarter. We have seen 30% increase in the United States in terms of people who are active in e-commerce.
So it's a very exciting development that I think has got some PERMANENCE to it in terms of upside for the industry and for Visa."
↗ seekingalpha.com/...

BUY AND HOLD Shopify. Massive growth happening!
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15 Jun 2021, 01:45 PM

Like 4

XueQue
Community (17) · + Follow

Hey Tait Seller. You might as well contact Shopify to become their 3PI representative haha you're doing a fabulous job informing us of current events of Shop!

15 Jun 2021, 02:06 PM

Mark Bucelin
Community (1749) · + Follow

Author's reply · Wow @Tait Seller that is quite the response. Like @XueQu mentioned, you are a dream associate for SHOPs IR team. Best of luck!

15 Jun 2021, 02:10 PM

Rambay
Community (26) · + Follow

Tait Seller
What percentage of Shopify sales are coming from Facebook?
Because the problem with Facebook shop is that it is taking a big part of Shopify revenue (merchant solutions) away and keeping it for itself by controlling the payments on Facebook

15 Jun 2021, 11:43 AM

Rambay
Community (26) · + Follow

So by doing this Shopify is no longer benefiting from the upside of the businesses on their platform that are most successful. Facebook is taking the upside for themselves

15 Jun 2021, 12:45 PM

Tait Seller
Community (7386) · + Follow

Facebook shops is FREE for Shopify merchants to integrate to and to sell there.

Users who set up directly themself on Facebook Shops have to PAY.

And Shopify's OMNICHANNEL is a tactic that REAL BUSINESSES with real sales and REVENUE choose first because they have to be HERE from to EVERYWHERE worthwhile online, to sell more, to build their brand better, to have more interaction with customers better, attain higher margins, and

If you don't understand how extremely POWERFUL Shopify's OMNICHANNEL e-commerce is, you should READ THIS: www.shopify.com/...

No real business will choose to sell only on Facebook when they can be EVERYWHERE with Shopify. Zuckerberg even admits this headstream HERE: www.shopify.com/...

19 Jun 2020, 02:44 PM ukLisa 0 Reply

StatQuo
Comments (17) | + Follow

Wealth doesn't come without risk

19 Jun 2020, 02:44 PM ukLisa 3 Reply

Mark Rousain
Comments (1786) | + Follow

Author's reply • It is best to maintain a well balanced portfolio with high growth/high risk and lower risk more stable dividend payers. All the best, Mark!

19 Jun 2020, 02:19 PM ukLisa 1 Reply

tim.dividend
Comments (165) | + Follow

Completely agree with Mark. I have some growth stocks while leaning more heavily towards dividend stocks.

While growth stocks are glamorous, I don't want to be facing retirement and it turns out my picks are the GEs of the world, the Fords, or the Hertz's.

19 Jun 2020, 02:22 PM ukLisa 0 Reply

StatQuo
Comments (17) | + Follow

You just listed three non high growth stocks? I am too young to think about retirement :)

19 Jun 2020, 02:25 PM ukLisa 0 Reply

StatQuo
Comments (17) | + Follow

I do agree an optimal balance is ideal as Mark mentioned

19 Jun 2020, 02:26 PM ukLisa 0 Reply

hawk007
Comments (1365) | + Follow

all in all a very balanced piece....good job!....but what you lack is the one thing you can't see....but you do not hint at it!!!....I will wait for a better entry point (paraphrase) BUT YOU NEVER TOLD US WHAT THAT WAS!!!!.....or even a range....thanks!

19 Jun 2020, 02:26 PM ukLisa 0 Reply

Mark Rousain
Comments (1786) | + Follow

Author's reply • @tim.dividend the rebound traders like those stocks, for now haha :) They are earning! The tactic that trading helps to ease." Once I started getting random text messages for investing advice, I knew the time was near to begin trimming.

19 Jun 2020, 02:30 PM ukLisa 2 Reply

Mark Rousain
Comments (1786) | + Follow

Author's reply • Thank you @hawk007 for the comment. From a technical standpoint, it seems like $650/$660 would provide some strong support. From a more fundamental standpoint, P/S multiples would be 40x+, P/E would be 100x+. I'm not sure if I would be willing to pay that, but it would love to see those levels or lower, but not sure we will considering the momentum the stock continues to see. Best of luck and stay safe!

19 Jun 2020, 02:34 PM ukLisa 1 Reply

Tall Seller
Comments (738) | + Follow

What happens when it the indicators and statements of FACTS that I posted above from CEO's, CTO's, CFO's, Execs, etc. from 3 FAANG and other companies including Shopify are confirmed at Shopify's upcoming Q2, where those Q2 results say Shopify's merchant uptake and merchants sales of have very significantly SURGED since COVID?

It's easy to deduce from those quotes and data sources that Shopify's merchant count may easily DOUBLE this year and their merchants sales could DOUBLE/TRIPLE/QUADRUPLE.

If anything in this range proves true at Shopify's Q2, what do you think their share price will do then??? DOUBLE this year? TRIPLE? y/y!

19 Jun 2020, 02:34 PM ukLisa 0 Reply

Nicho197
Comments (1) | + Follow

So you think stock will drop even with increased sales and revenue moving forward AND the increase due to Facebook Shops? Is this going to happen soon you think (shopping)? And what kind of drop do you believe will happen?

19 Jun 2020, 02:38 PM ukLisa 0 Reply

Mark Rousain
Comments (1786) | + Follow

Author's reply • @Nicho197 I do not have a crystal ball and your guess is as good as mine. I believe SHOP is a long term hold, but I also believe that SHOP is not the ONLY platform to be used, instead they are an option, but a good one at that. No doubt revenues are growing at a strong clip, but valuation wise has gotten way ahead of itself for me right now. I am hoping to buy in the mid $600s, but may not get the opportunity, we will certainly see.

19 Jun 2020, 02:18 PM ukLisa 2 Reply

mdn
Comments (296) | + Follow

@Mark Rousain do you see any potential conflict given FB are effectively replicating Shopify's storefront offering for merchants?

19 Jun 2020, 02:55 PM ukLisa 0 Reply

hawk007
Comments (1365) | + Follow

...Ah, thank you I did not read all the posts just what you wrote....mid 600's that gives me a guideline.....so why that figure? Why not high 500's .....Shine up your crystal ball.....

19 Jun 2020, 02:56 PM ukLisa 0 Reply

Tall Seller
Comments (738) | + Follow

Facebook can NEVER offer Shopify's OMNICHANNEL e-commerce solutions which helps businesses SUCCEED MOST (read why here: www.shopify.com/...).

It's a quandary that Facebook can't get around because REAL BUSINESSES sell ALWAYS choose the tactic that helps them succeed most and differentiates them from their competition.

Shopify's OMNICHANNEL will always be BETTER for businesses that any business who chooses just one lonely channel (which is a LOSER/LOSING e-commerce strategy).

19 Jun 2020, 03:01 PM ukLisa 0 Reply

Mark Rousain
Comments (1786) | + Follow

Author's reply • Currently trying to dust off the crystal ball for you, haha

19 Jun 2020, 03:02 PM ukLisa 0 Reply

fashboy
Comments (26) | + Follow

Yes. But my question was isn't most of the Shopify omni channel sales due to Facebook anyway. And if Facebook takes payments away from Shopify then Shopify misses out on the growth of the Facebook channel

19 Jun 2020, 03:04 PM ukLisa 0 Reply

stemarcapital2
Comments (766) | + Follow

facebook capturing growth with even lower risk. when merchants advertise they pay and there is no risk in sales... shopify does not have to sell for fb to make money...

11 Jun 2020, 12:12 PM ukLisa 0 Reply

Tall Seller
Comments (738) | + Follow

Facebook Shops is FREE for Shopify merchants to integrate to and to sell on. Who benefits most from FREE? 🤷‍♂️

Shopify and Shopify's merchants benefit most!!!

Facebook only benefits when ultra-successful Shopify merchants start to pay for ads on Facebook different platforms and a big part of those platforms do NOT needs ads at all for merchants to be able to make sales. Many Shopify businesses who integrate onto Facebook and Instagram have many thousand and even many millions of followers where those businesses don't have to spend $1 advertising to their followers to make sales. NOT $1 in ads.

Shopify is going to SKYROCKET from this partnership and for many other reasons.

11 Jun 2020, 12:57 PM ukLisa 0 Reply

stemarcapital2
Comments (766) | + Follow

Counterintuitive.

If I am a well known business that doesn't need to spend on ads, what is the value of facebook shop if customers know my brand and can go to my website??? Facebook shops targets small businesses, not large ones that are known and people know where to get the stuff.

Most of shopify's merchants are SMALL... which means that most need to spend ad money, facebook knows this. This will bring a lot of additional ad revenue to facebook.

Shopify's base is mostly small merchants with unknown brand....

11 Jun 2020, 12:43 PM ukLisa 1 Reply

Tall Seller
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Do you use Instagram? 🤷‍♂️

I guess NOT!!!

Because, if you did, You wouldn't need to ask that question and you'd already know the answer.

MANY MANY MANY MANY businesses have tens of thousandsof followers there, hundreds of thousand, millions, tens of millions, ETC., where that channel is an effective part of Shopify's OMNICHANNEL solutions, where it's FREE for Shopify merchants to integrate there, just like it's FREE for Shopify merchants to post product listing on Google, where each of those such channels, AND MANY MORE, become a part of a great Shopify OMNICHANNEL strategy.

And when you have millions of followers on Instagram (aka your target market FOLLOWS YOU), you can set TONS to your followers for just posting photos FOR FREE.

🤷‍♂️🤷‍♂️🤷‍♂️

11 Jun 2020, 01:14 PM ukLisa 1 Reply

Tall Seller
Comments (738) | + Follow

And Shopify has MANY MANY MANY MANY MANY merchants of ALL SIZES. They have DOUBLE the market share of the top 100K e-commerce sites because THEY ARE BEST IN THE WORLD FOR REAL BUSINESSES...BIG BUSINESSES...ENTERPRISE businesses. 🤷‍♂️🤷‍♂️

It just so happens that they are also best for small and medium businesses too.

About 90% of the businesses I follow on Instagram are Shopify merchants and MANY MANY MANY of them of tens of thousands of followers, to tens of millions of followers.....

↙️ www.instagram.com/...

11 Jun 2020, 01:49 PM ukLisa 1 Reply

stemarcapital2
Comments (766) | + Follow

of course but this applies to well known brands only like I said. The majority of Shopify's merchants are paying for the cheapest tiered plan. The majority of shopify's merchants have very little n sales...

11 Jun 2020, 06:43 AM ukLisa 0 Reply

stemarcapital2
Comments (766) | + Follow

But % wise, less than 10% of their merchants are large established brands.

Do you follow the millions of merchants in shopify?? no. so it is anecdotal evidence.....

Most shopify merchants have to spend on Ads to get recognized this is a fact. ....

Out of the 1m merchants about 100k are relevant, there rest is irrelavent and this large portion will spend on ads.

11 Jun 2020, 06:50 AM ukLisa 0 Reply

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trends.builtwith.com/...

Look how many are in the top 1M, 2M.....

where are the rest??? they need to spend on ads

11 Jun 2020, 07:01 AM ukLisa 0 Reply

Tall Seller
Comments (738) | + Follow

WRONG!!!! There are TONS of lesser known brands that still have BIG followings on Instagram you obviously don't use Instagram. And don't use e-commerce.

11 Jun 2020, 12:24 PM ukLisa 0 Reply

Tall Seller
Comments (738) | + Follow

That's TOTALLY incorrect. MANY small/medium Shopify brands and businesses can still have big followings on Instagram and the big brands/businesses can have massive following.

The point is, each businesses TARGET MARKET chooses to follow them there, and so any photos they post can lead to many many sales FREE of ad charges. 🤷‍♂️

🤷‍♂️FREE🤷‍♂️

11 Jun 2020, 12:29 PM ukLisa 0 Reply

stemarcapital2
Comments (766) | + Follow

and they spend a lot of money on ads....

11 Jun 2020, 12:43 PM ukLisa 0 Reply

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Comments (766) | + Follow

still, they spend money on ads!! this is where the money is...

11 Jun 2020, 12:46 PM ukLisa 0 Reply

stemarcapital2
Comments (766) | + Follow

There are always sales free of charge this is obvious... so how does facebook generate 70b in revenue??? about 35x what shopify does?

does it come from the sky

11 Jun 2020, 12:51 PM ukLisa 0 Reply

stemarcapital2
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please learn about facebook business model and come back with better answer.

Ads include post boosting.

11 Jun 2020, 12:58 PM ukLisa 0 Reply

Tall Seller
Comments (738) | + Follow

NOT TRUE. I follow many small, medium and large Shopify businesses/brands and 90% of the posts I see in my timeline are NOT paid for.

Shopify merchants can post there for FREE and make many sales their for FREE because of it.

🤷‍♂️🤷‍♂️

11 Jun 2020, 12:59 PM ukLisa 0 Reply

stemarcapital2
Comments (766) | + Follow

there are tons. tons is not the majority...

same as your comment of 30-90% margins....

the majority of shopify merchants need to spend on ads to make money. MAJORITY

11 Jun 2020, 12:51 PM ukLisa 0 Reply

Tall Seller
Comments (738) | + Follow

Unsubstantiated assertion.

🤷‍♂️

The reality is, I follow 90-95% Shopify merchants OF ALL SIZES...in only 10% of the posts I see in my timeline are ads. And the rest are FREE.

🤷‍♂️FREE🤷‍♂️

11 Jun 2020, 12:59 PM ukLisa 0 Reply

Tall Seller
Comments (738) | + Follow

Boosted posts with show as "sponsored" and therefore its easy to track paid for versus not paid for posts.

90% of the posts in my timeline are from Shopify merchants (as I follow almost entirely Shopify merchants), and those posts are FREE for them.

🤷‍♂️FREE🤷‍♂️

11 Jun 2020, 01:00 PM ukLisa 0 Reply

Ramy Tarabousi, CFA
Comments (1655) | + Follow

"I follow 90-95% Shopify merchants OF ALL SIZES"

Wow @Tall Seller ; Despite all the respect that I have for you I cannot let this go by: You are following 900,000 merchants? I assume that you spend ~7 just 3 second/* on each one of them every month; anything less than that would not be reasonable.

You will then end up spending 750 hours a month, or 25 hours per day...

The only way to do that is to eliminate the gravitational force and slow down the rotation of the earth around itself, thereby getting more than 24 hours in a day.

Hmmmm.... Don't think you can do that. Good as you might be you are not God to change the gravitational constant...

Love pulling your leg Tall...

11 Jun 2020, 01:43 PM ukLisa 0 Reply

stemarcapital2
Comments (766) | + Follow

and how does facebook generate 70b in revenue...

exactly, the ones you see? what about all the posts you don't seen?

they post a lot of things that will not show up.

11 Jun 2020, 01:51 PM ukLisa 0 Reply

stemarcapital2
Comments (766) | + Follow

your evidence is anecdotal... my evidence is based on financial statements, facebook generates 70b of revenue a year...

35x that of shopify..... higher margin business...

11 Jun 2020, 01:51 PM ukLisa 0 Reply

Tall Seller
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It's NOT the point.

The POINT is how Instagram works. It's FREE for Shopify merchants to post pictures with images that simply remind their FOLLOWERS of them and their brand, and also with e-commerce tags in them wherever they want too. And 90% of a users timeline shows NOT PAID FOR posts like that. Therefore, MANY MANY MANY sales show up as "Sponsored" so this STATEMENT IS FACT. It is easy to track.

Therefore, MANY MANY MANY businesses and brands can stir up a lot of business (sales) and build their brands further for FREE with Instagram through Shopify's industry leading OMNICHANNEL solutions.

🤷‍♂️FREE🤷‍♂️

11 Jun 2020, 01:58 PM ukLisa 0 Reply

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always anecdotal....

He follows some and then uses the small sample size .... but it is not a random sample....

he says margins are 30-90%..... what does this even mean...

This is like saying the company generates margin doesnt even make sense.

Sell seller sell before it dumps more

11 Jun 2020, 02:18 PM ukLisa 0 Reply

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11 Jun 2020, 02:18 PM

90% of YOUR timeline!!!! Most merchants do spend on ads!!! and that is a fact!!

.... The fact is that Facebook Stores will help increase facebook user base (eyeballs) = increase ad revenue.....

so this is a win for facebook.

13 Jun 2020, 02:55 PM

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Why don't you do your homework.😉

"When you boost a post, it'll show up in your audience's Facebook News Feed as an ad."

SEE HERE from Facebook: www.facebook.com/...

Instagram is FREE for Shopify merchants to make TONS TONS TONS TONS of sales. 🤑🤑🤑

13 Jun 2020, 02:47 PM

shemercashtal2
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This is not what I am saying of course it is fine. What I am saying is that the shops wil generate them a significant amount of revenue, more than the incremental GPM it will generate shopify merchants.

Facebook revenue is more than the shopify gPM per year.....

Think about that.

13 Jun 2020, 02:21 PM

Tall Seller
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Who cares? That's not what we were talking about.

We were talking about Instagram being FREE for Shopify merchants and IT IS set up that posts will organically shops up in followers feeds. You imply users see 100% ads in their timelines which is NOT TRUE; only a small percentage of ads show up on a users timeline. Which means Shopify merchants of all sizes get FREE exposure and therefore FREE sales on their Shopify Instagram channel integration.

🎉FREE!!

And Shopify's OMNICHANNEL solutions (plus other solutions) that ZUCKERBERG PERSONALLY MENTIONED (should I repeat them?) help REAL BUSINESSES succeed most (hence their have double the market share in the top 100K e-commerce sites than their next biggest competitor), so Facebook/Instagram are important channels but they are JUST ONE CHANEL of Many for Shopify merchants.

IT take the businesses who attracts all the businesses EVERY DAY versus any one set channel.

Zuckerberg's literally said OMNICHANNEL is best for businesses, and he can't EVEN offer that kind of solution. REAL BUSINESSES will therefore ALWAYS start/choose Shopify first and integrate to Facebook/Instagram and/or wherever else that's best at any point in time, where tomorrow regulators could SMASH Facebook/Instagram, where Shopify merchants can simply/easily pivot to the flavor of the day.

🎉BUY AND HOLD Shopify🎉

13 Jun 2020, 02:54 PM

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only a small percentage of ads show up on a users timeline, which means Shopify merchants of all sizes get FREE exposure and therefore FREE sales on their Shopify Instagram channel integration.

they get free exposure but most will pay for adds....

IT take a business that makes 70b a year and is still growing at 24% per year with a blended gross margin of 80%.

8 x Sales

vs one with 2b growing at 40% with a blended gross margin of 50%...

with 50x Sales.....

another buyer discovered.....

Facebook stores is a huge win for FACEBOOK, think of all the ad bidding there will be from all new business selling there!

Huge for Facebook

13 Jun 2020, 02:53 PM

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That's an unsubstantiated assertion. You have NO WAY TO PROVE THAT.

Many brands will attract lots of users because people LOVE THOSE BRANDS, and love those local businesses. And those companies do not necessarily need to do a lot of advertising or any.

Either way, once brands have thousands and millions of followers, they can post FOR FREE, and make sales for FREE on Instagram.

🎉FREE!!

13 Jun 2020, 02:50 PM

shemercashtal2
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I have a way to prove that, how does facebook generate 70b in ad revenue every year..... 30x what shopify generates.....

who pays for those ads?? a ghost??

13 Jun 2020, 02:35 PM

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If you listened to their last earnings call, they said a MASSIVE part of their ad revenue from brand focused advertisers was down but they also said e-commerce sales in their platform was SURGING where Zuckerberg used the word "SPIKED" even when referring to e-commerce sales from integrators (aka Shopify merchants).

Either way, once a business has many thousand and millions of followers, they can simple post photos for FREE to further build their brand, as those photos will organically show in their FOLLOWERS timelines, and therefore make sales for FREE from an advertising perspective.

🎉FREE!!

Example, do you really think Shopify merchant SOH spends tons on advertising on Instagram? They have hundreds of thousands of FOLLOWERS in a bunch of different profiles there, which extremely likely MOSTLY came from people simply knowing their brand. They can post photos on each of their profiles there for FREE to build their brand further with their followers and also make sales for FREE from an advertising perspective.

🔗 https://allblackfibers.ca

🔗 https://shop.allhl.co.uk

🎉FREE!!

I can show you tons of businesses and brands of every size and shape that get FREE sales and advertising on Instagram.

I don't care about what money Facebook makes anyway. At this point, e-commerce is in its infancy globally (ZERO of max confirmed this yesterday), and this FREE integration for Shopify unequivocally equates to contributing to Shopify's MASSIVE and very long term growth.

Shopify is going to SKYROCKET from here and that's all that matters with this conversation.

13 Jun 2020, 02:28 PM

shemercashtal2
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I can show you tons of businesses and brands of every size and shape that get FREE sales and advertising on Instagram.

There are people that use ads and people that dont use ads. Overall more business use than they don't...

The point is that this Facebook Shop is going to be huge for Facebook and small for Shopify.

13 Jun 2020, 04:37 PM

Tall Seller
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LOL. 🤣🤣🤣

Shopify has higher market share in the top 100K sites than any other e-commerce provider and those REAL BUSINESSES with REAL GPM can advertise and sell for FREE on Facebook/Instagram.

IT take the e-commerce enabler that helps businesses SUCCEED MOST across every worthwhile Big Tech channel and big box online store than one lonely and proportionally TINY channel. It's a good channel of course but it's ONE, and REAL BUSINESSES start with Shopify and have the POWER to pivot if Instagram becomes problematic or becomes less desirable for some reasons.

It's the flavor of the day today but doesn't mean it will tomorrow and, in the meantime, Shopify is attracting all the REAL BUSINESS with REAL GPM to enable them wherever and wherever.

We can agree to disagree on this one but, in my opinion, Shopify's going to go up 10-20 TIMES IN VALUE from here for many reasons including this FREE integration for their merchants on Facebook/Instagram.

BUY AND HOLD baby.

13 Jun 2020, 03:31 PM

extrawalnut
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I agree except I think there's a lot of risk in the future growth projections as well. This is becoming a crowded market and there's no guarantee that SHOP will continue to outperform. Plus, I think that the FB shop will be a threat to SHOP. FB just has everything (well almost) built in that it takes a user to get their customers choice. What if FB decides to acquire one of these smaller providers and then provide an integrated offering themselves. This would cut SHOP out of the picture. Not saying this is happening but it's just one of the many risks out there which is not being factored into the stock price at 4% sales. Given that the growth rate has slowed down from the 90s to the high 40s, and the risk profile has increased, I think 25-30x sales is more appropriate, which equates to a stock price in the 300's. That's where I would be looking to initiate a new long position.

13 Jun 2020, 02:56 PM

Up and Away
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How many said this about Amazon? Where are they now? They are a competitor of Amazon's even if not as well known. Amazon is the 800 lb gorilla but there is always room for competition. I think they made a mistake going with FB but that is just me. As a stand alone they were doing just fine and while they were 'resting' they jumped the gun imo. Online shopping keeps growing and they will also. Give it time and don't miss the boat.

13 Jun 2020, 02:25 PM

Niche197
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how is making a deal with FB a mistake? It only adds to their revenue. It doesnt limit them from getting revenue from elsewhere.

13 Jun 2020, 02:41 PM

Up and Away
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Anyone can open shop on FB so why pay Shopify to open shop? It may draw more customer to FB but, in the end FB would still get a cut of the business. (I know, 5%. Still better than nothing.)

13 Jun 2020, 02:43 PM

Tall Seller
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Because businesses who choose Shopify's OMNICHANNEL e-commerce solutions (Seen here: www.shopify.com/...) and other such competitor crushing solutions, DOMINICATE AND DECIMATE those that don't.

Do you think businesses are going to magically not want an e-commerce website any more and not want to migrate all over the place?

Facebook NEEDS Shopify. 🤣🤣🤣

13 Jun 2020, 02:49 PM

Tall Seller
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Even if Facebook acquires one of the other integrators, Facebook can NEVER NEVER NEVER become an OMNICHANNEL leader because other Big Tech will NEVER let them integrate and have access to data like they allow Shopify, and REGULATORS will never allow it either. It costs oligopolies instantly.

Shopify is protected, as they are a politically correct agnostic hub connector between all big tech with the sole objective of helping as many businesses as possible navigate, survive, and dominate between all Big Tech.

13 Jun 2020, 02:56 PM

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Yes, but Amazon grew to it's current valuation over 30 years and they were truly the first multi-category eCommerce company on earth. But if you want to compare the two, AMZN's EV/Sales multiple is 4 while SHOP's is 50. This just shows how grossly overvalued SHOP is. And AMZN is profitable and has a more diversified business model with AWS, etc. This is not rocket science, it's simple math - SHOP is wildly overvalued and at some point in the future (5-10 years maybe) it will trade more in line (if not its basis) due to the law of larger numbers, the multiples will contract and it has a long way to drop when this starts happening because the multiples are so high. Again, I'm not saying anything bad about the company, it's great, it's well positioned, ecommerce is growing, blah, blah, blah... But, the stock price has gotten so far ahead of itself that, as an investment, it just doesn't make sense. It's probably a great stock to day trade because it's so volatile but I'm not a day trader so I'll leave those trades. One piece of bad news and it could drop 10-20 points in a day.

Oh, and by the way, I didn't miss the boat. I bought SHOP at $42 (1500 shares) and sold at $780. So I got out before the boat sank. [edited]

13 Jun 2020, 03:06 PM

Mark Rosekin
Comments (1178) | + Follow

Author's reply + @extrawalnut

I certainly would not complain about a 25-30x sales multiple, but may not see that for awhile given the current market and the strong growth they are showing. Great input on the FB partnership. All the best, Mark!

13 Jun 2020, 03:19 PM

Mark Rosekin
Comments (1178) | + Follow

Author's reply + @Up and Away

there are very few AMZN type stores. Don't think ever ultra-growth tech stock will be AMZN.

13 Jun 2020, 03:17 PM

Mark Rosekin
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Author's reply + @extrawalnut

GREAT profits right there!

13 Jun 2020, 02:22 PM

Tall Seller
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Amazon is one TINY channel of many for Shopify to integrate to. Do you think it's better for a business to integrate into one TINY channel like Facebook or amazon...or use ALL/MANY of Shopify's OMNICHANNEL channels, like these:

- amazon
- Google products
- facebook
- Instagram
- Pinterest
- Snapchat
- Kik
- Wish
- Polyvore
- Houzz
- Catch
- Tophatter
- Rakuten
- Sophie
- Sears
- Newegg
- Jet
- Walmart
- Xero
- DPD
- PowerBuy
- Buy Button
- Oshocart
- MyDeal
- eBay
- Messenger
- GOTA
- Joybuy
- Intr
- Lyst
- Apple chat
- Facebook products
- Best Buy
- Walmart
- TikTok
- JD
- Tmall
- wechat
- Etsy
- Bing
- Ebay
- Houzz
- buzzfeed
- some video games
- ETC ETC

13 Jun 2020, 02:19 PM

hawk007
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true, except Shop is best of the breed and facebook know that!

13 Jun 2020, 02:39 PM

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....well said

13 Jun 2020, 02:42 PM

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...the boat is not even leaking let alone sinking.....really!

13 Jun 2020, 02:54 PM

flashboy
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It does not necessarily add to their revenue. Merchant service revenue is mainly from payments. Payments are being siphoned by Facebook in this deal. How is this good for Shopify?

13 Jun 2020, 12:49 AM

appleberry
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I have both Amazon and shopify. Same product same prices. Amazon is 99 percent and shop is 1 percent. I wish shop was the 99 percent because shop takes 1 percent and Amazon takes 40 percent. Problem is shop is no more the e-transitional web pay provider. It's doesn't actually help grow your sales. I could have done the same thing myself but for 5000 a year I don't bother. Shop does everything. I just don't think it's worth anything more than 20 billion. That's the problem.

Tell seller thinks that shop is the next amazon. It never will be. They don't sell or even help sell your product. I know I have both

13 Jun 2020, 06:14 AM

Tall Seller
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NO ITS NOT!!!

It's FREE for Shopify merchants to integrate onto Facebook Shops and to make sales there. It's FREE!!!

Facebook only charges businesses who set up themself directly. For Shopify merchants, Facebook Shops is FREE!!!!

13 Jun 2020, 02:37 PM

Tall Seller
Comments (7386) | + Follow

@appleberry

Are you saying that a company who only uses amazon or only uses Facebook, will do better than this company who effectively uses Shopify's OMNICHANNEL e-commerce solutions!!!!

• Staples: www.staples.ca/...
• Kroger: www.kroger.com/...
• MANY MORE!

Even "Gwyneth Paltrow Wants People To Start Drinking 'Flow' Alkaline Water"😂
💥 www.google.com/...

There is NO WAY a company would chooses just amazon to sell on or just Facebook to sell on would ever be able to compete with Flow. Shopify's OMNICHANNEL helps businesses CRUSH their competitors and SUCCEED most.

Shopify is just getting started.
📈📈📈📈

10 Jun 2020, 02:58 PM Like 0 Reply

Legal McCloud
PREMIUM
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Agree, great company but overpriced in the 700s. Waiting for drop to 550 to start nibbling.

09 Jun 2020, 10:05 AM Like 1 Reply

Rainer-63
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I don't think you'll get this chance once more. Every time Shop slides 4-5% they go back up in a few days. That means a lot.

09 Jun 2020, 11:39 AM Like 3 Reply

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Who cares if Shopify is over priced today, which it's not. It's Growth has significantly ACCELERATED since COVID, and we all know what it's share price will do when this FACT is revealed at their Q2 earnings call.
📈📈📈📈🚀🚀🚀

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@Rainer-63 is right. Every time there is a decent slide, people jump into it, and it just goes back up the next day.

Shop can't really go down.

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djrmp
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SHOP can really go down but based on precedent it is quick to rebound. In the past 11 trading days there has been some consolidation with declining volumes. There is support in and around the $700USD level and I think we're ready to see the next pop back to $800 sooner than later.

09 Jun 2020, 02:08 PM Like 3 Reply

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With all the massive indicators from FAANG and other Big Tech that says e-commerce and Shopify specificity is SURGING, Shopify's share price is extremely likely going to SKYROCKET at their next Q2 earnings call.

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Author's reply » $700 has proved to be a strong support level.

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....and stay down? I agree, but it can and will go down....but going up is the normal and their growth is and will continue to be MASSIVE....(I do like that word) LOL

09 Jun 2020, 03:13 PM Like 1 Reply

flashboy
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I think it depends on how truly omni channel Shopify is today. If Facebook is their dominant channel then Facebook shop is a concern

10 Jun 2020, 12:51 AM Like 0 Reply

Tall Seller
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How is it a concern? Facebook Shops is FREE for Shopify merchants to integrate to and FREE for Shopify merchants to make sales there.

10 Jun 2020, 03:07 PM Like 0 Reply

teckie
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Hey Tall, just curious to know if you sell on Shop. If you do, I would like to know a few things if you don't mind (edited)

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But it's not free. FB is taking the payments in house and charging for payment
That's not free.

13 Jun 2020, 02:57 PM Like 0 Reply

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