



The next wave of retail: interpreting the evolving landscape of digitally native brands



Glossary

Term	Definition	
DNB (digitally native brands)	A business that began by selling its products or services online, either through its website or on online marketplaces with a majority of its sales coming through online channels	
DOC (direct online channel)	An online distribution channel in which there are no intermediaries involved between the manufacturer/ brand and the final customer or consumer i.e. the brand's website	
Traditional brands	A traditional business that mainly offers products and services to its customers face-to-face in offline stores, but can even offer its products through its own website/online marketplaces	
Marketplaces	Online retailers that allow brands to sell their products through the platform (Amazon, Flipkart etc.)	
DNB market size	Total market of digitally native brands; includes channels such as DOC, traditional offline stores and online marketplaces	
DOC market size	Total market of the direct online channel; includes sales of traditional brands and DNBs only through their websites	

Growing at a CAGR of ~40%, DNB market is a ~US\$ 12.3B opportunity in FY22 and is expected to reach ~US\$ 61B market by FY27



Digitally native brands (DNB) market is a US\$ ~12B opportunity in FY22; expected to grow at a CAGR of ~40% and reach US\$ ~61B market in FY27



Direct online channel (DOC) market for traditional and DNBs is a US\$ ~4.6B market in FY22; Expected to grow at a CAGR of ~35% reach US\$ 22B by FY27



Grocery and gourmet (38%) holds the largest share in the DNBs market followed by apparel & footwear (26%); Healthcare is projected to be the highest-growing DNB category with a CAGR of 42%



Apparel & footwear (~40%) holds the largest share in the DOC market followed by grocery and gourmet (25%); Apparel & footwear is projected to be the highest-growing DOC category with a CAGR of 43%



DNB brands are witnessing rapid growth and scale; Several brands have crossed INR 100Cr revenue, taking on average 4-5 years to reach this mark



Personalization & customization, natural & high-quality ingredients, subscription models, & sustainable offerings are the key trends across various DNB categories



Improved logistics & online infrastructure, ease of convenience, customization & multiple advertising avenues are factors driving growth for DNBs whereas for DOC, they are low upfront costs, higher margins & leveraging purchase data for repeat orders



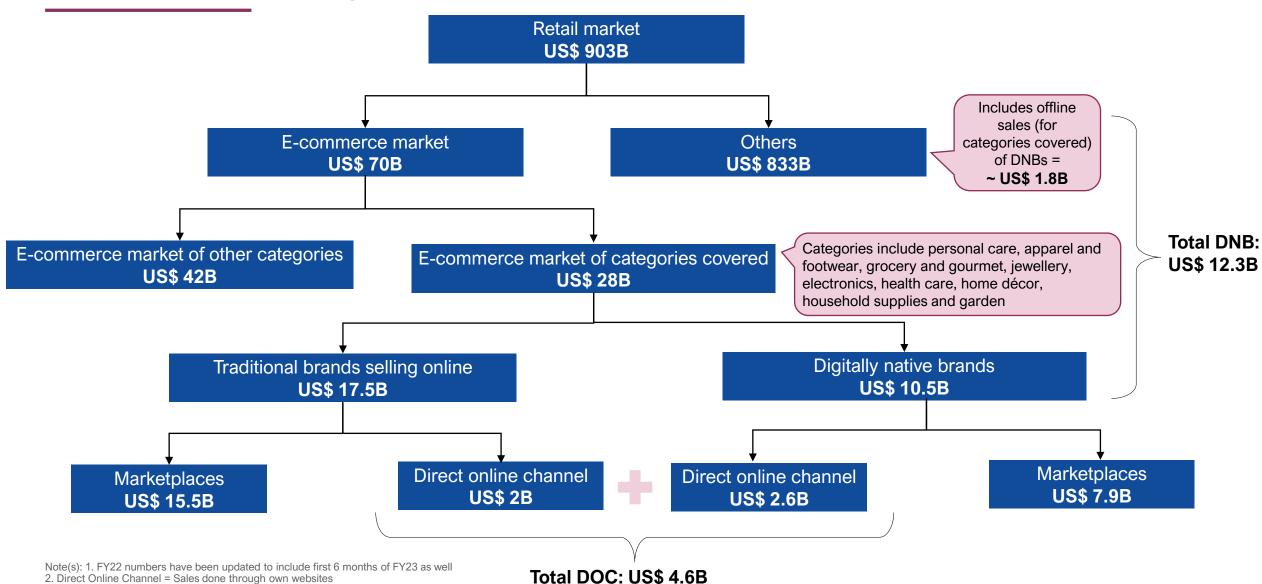
Innovative products/services, omnichannel approach, high-tech and new trends adoption are key differentiating factors and drivers for the success of DNBs



Slower rate of growth post COVID, hyper-competitive market and decline in funding are the major headwinds being faced by DNBs



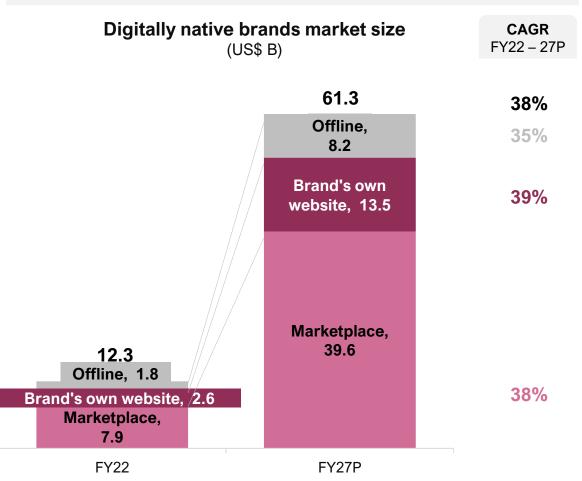
Total DNB market size across 7 major categories is US\$ 12.3B in FY22; DOC market across 7 product categories for traditional and DNBs is US\$ 4.6B in FY22

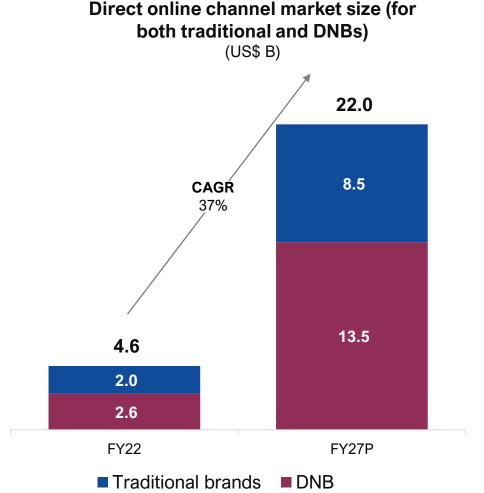


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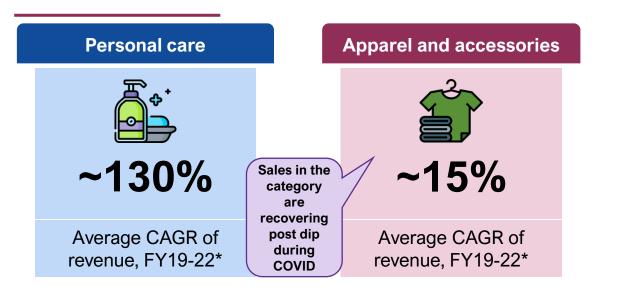


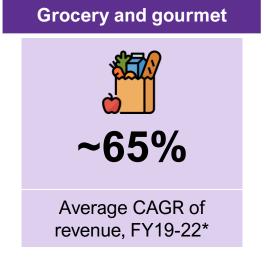


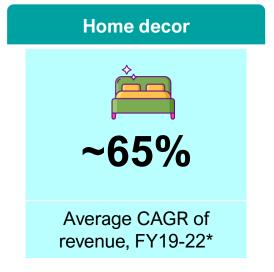
Note(s): FY22 numbers have been updated to include first 6 months of FY23 as well **DOC= Direct Online Channel**

Direct online channel is composed of online sales done via their own website + social media by both traditional and DNB brands. Numbers might not add up due to rounding off

DNB brands operating in 'personal care' and 'electronics' have seen highest growth in terms of revenue since FY'19

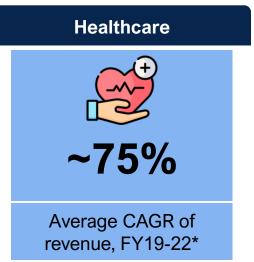




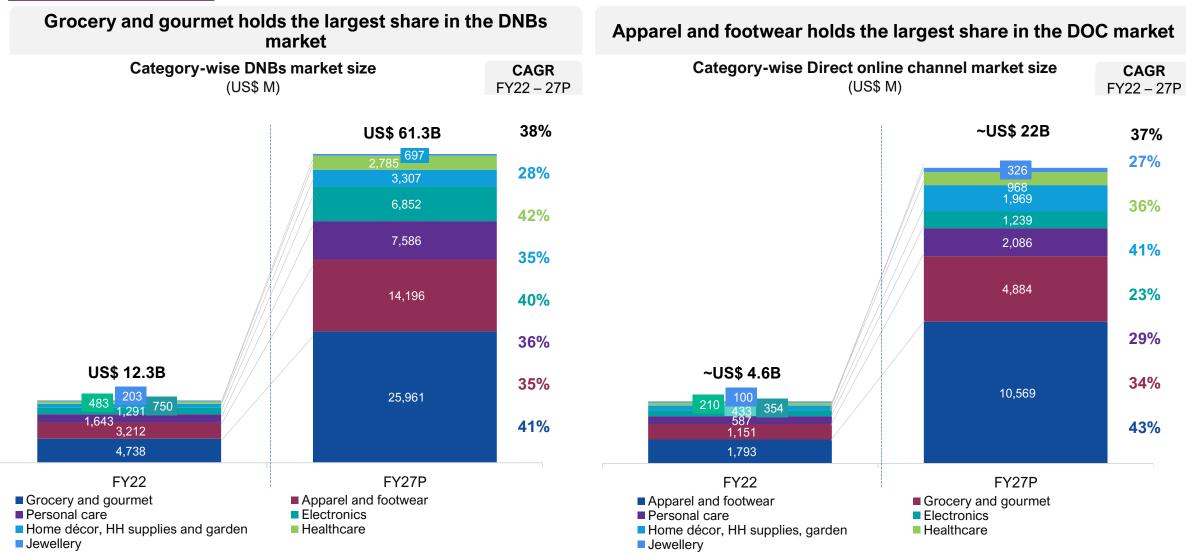






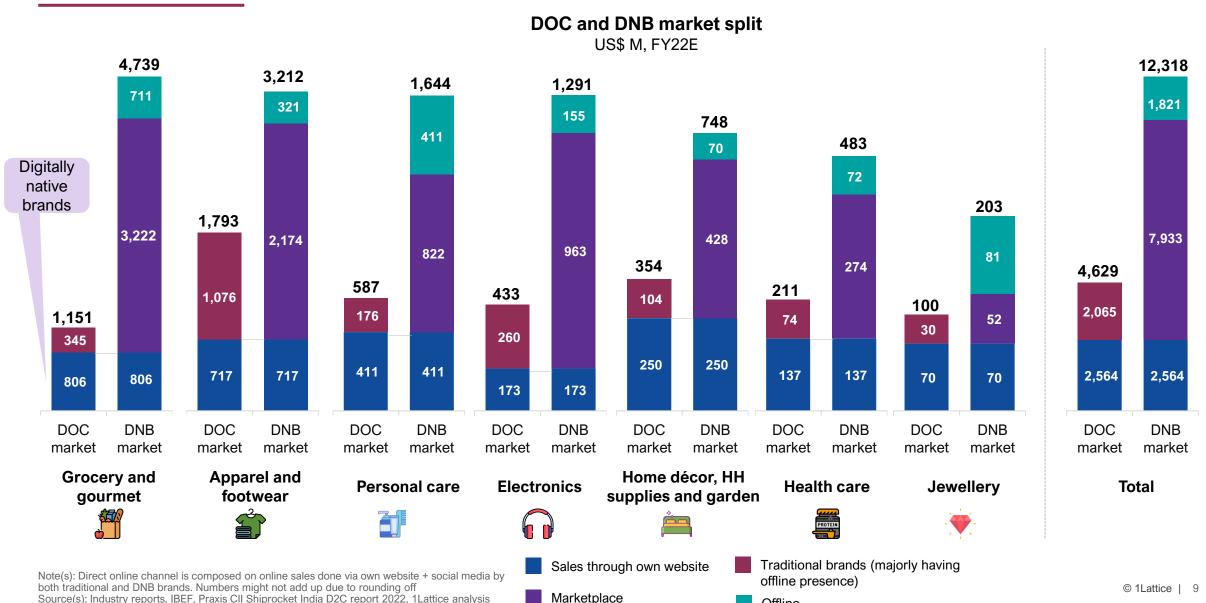


In terms of market size, healthcare and apparel & footwear are projected to be the highest-growing DNB and DOC categories respectively



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Digitally native brands (~US\$ 2.5B) form ~55% of the total DOC market (~US\$ 4.5B); sales through brand's own website, marketplace & offline channels constitute ~20%, ~65% and ~15% respectively in DNB market



Offline

DNB brands are witnessing rapid growth and scale in India; several brands have crossed INR 100Cr revenue (1/2)

Number of years to cross INR 100 Cr revenue*



DNB brands are witnessing rapid growth and scale in India; several brands have crossed INR 100Cr revenue (2/2)

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Number of years to cross INR 100 Cr revenue* Beauty and **Jewellery Electronics** Home decor personal care 11

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The DNB Model offers various channels which include Direct Online Channel (DOC), Marketplace and Exclusive brand outlets



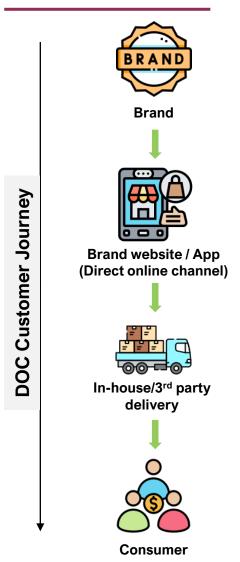




Key parameters	DOC	Marketplace	Native stores / Exclusive brand outlets Offline channels include the usage of exclusive brand outlets for selling products directly to the customer Offline stores are critical in spreading brand awareness	
Overview	 Channel through which customers purchase and receive goods directly from the manufacturer Sales done through company's own websites or apps are included in DOC Marketing of the products is done through mobile applications, websites and social media channels 	Digital platforms that sell multiple brands across different categories Platforms like Amazon & Flipkart are some of the major marketplaces for brands in India Customers may choose from the available options of different brands and product varieties		
Brands utilizing this channel	MYGLAMM Licious Licious Juicy chemistry organic by nature organic by nature	BAREANATOMY Mamaearth™ Re'equil® SHAVING COMPANY Caffeine®	SUGAR SOULFUL delicious millets PEE SAFE	

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Lower upfront costs and higher margins are key drivers of DOC; key challenges include logistics delays, high competition & low brand visibility



Tailwinds





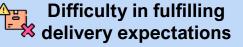
Higher margins

Requires minimal expenditure because of low overheads and no commissions to middlemen resulting in higher margins



 Helps refine customer **experience** and understand their needs & wants by analyzing their purchase trends

Headwinds



• **Infrastructure** requirements

Lower-risk option because

are limited

of low overheads

 In an era of rising delivery standards and reducing TAT, unavailability of adequate order fulfilment systems & warehousing spaces are a major roadblock



High competition due to low entry barriers

Minimal entry barriers to launching a DOC channel encourages new players to join the market resulting in fierce competition

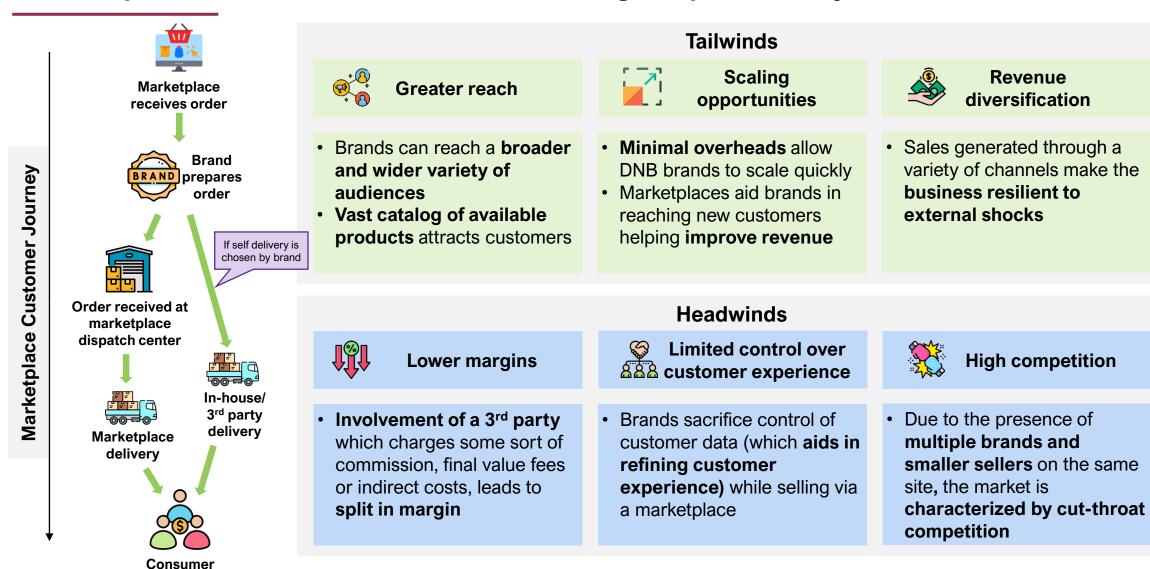


Low brand visibility

- Difficult to reach out to the targeted customers due to limited online presence
- Smaller brands are overshadowed by larger brands

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Marketplaces offer DNB brands greater reach and scaling opportunities but due to the competitive environment and lower margins, profitability can reduce



Note(s): DNB=Digitally Native Brands Source(s): 1Lattice analysis

Offline stores benefit from higher trust and visibility but face challenges such as high overheads and higher inventory requirement

Offline Customer Journey





Delivery to self owned stores



Offline stores



Higher trust

Useful in establishing trust for high-value purchases especially in industries like jewellery, furniture, and expensive electronics

Tailwinds



Higher visibility

- Helps in providing a live **experience** of their products which improves visibility
- Brands can strategically place SKUs to catch customers' attention



In-person experience

- Allows customers to carefully examine products to determine their suitability
- The salesperson can push customers to make an informed decision

Headwinds



Supply chain management

Requires a carefully planned and managed supply chain since overhead costs are higher



Higher inventory requirement

- Brands must always maintain a steady stock of inventory to meet customer demand
- Requirement for huge storage space leads to additional costs

 Fixed and sunk costs, rent, and lease payments are among some of the factors that are a major issue for DNB brands going the offline route

High overheads

Note(s): SKU=Stock Keeping Unit, COCO=Company owned company operated Source(s): 1Lattice analysis

Agenda

Market size and potential of DNB brands

DNB models

Category themes

Personal care

Grocery and gourmet

Apparel and footwear

Jewelry

Electronics

Healthcare

Home décor, household supplies & garden

Growth drivers & challenges

Clean, sustainable and premium offerings with personalization are the key emerging trends in the DNB personal care landscape

Clean beauty

- Customers demanding chemical-free products with natural ingredients
- Premium ayurvedic products in high demand

Natural, toxinfree skincare products by The Moms Co.





Natural ingredients. free of harsh chemicals by WOW





Products with clinically tested avurvedic ingredients by Soultree

Personalization

- Addresses individual **need** of a customer as per unique profile
- Personalization helps create customer stickiness as customer gets used to the product



Quiz to find suitable products for skin types by Bare anatomy









vēdix

Customized products by SkinKraft and Vedix

Premiumization & subscription models

DNB brands offer premium products at more affordable prices than premium brands



Mass brands (Clinic Plus, Dove, etc.) INR 450 -

(Mamaearth, Wow, etc.) INR 900 -1,000 700 Sulphate free

brands (L'Oreal Seri Expert, etc.) INR 2,200+ Sulphate free

Subscription models to build customer loyalty



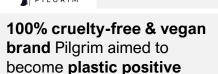
Subscription model by Nua and Vedix resulting in higher retention rate

Sustainability

- Stance on sustainability important for attracting demand
- Products marketed as cruelty-free, vegan, eco-friendly packaged are getting popular









Earth Rhythm uses only recycled material for packaging

Ingredient specific products

- **DNB brands** are focusing on products with specific ingredients for different skin needs
- Product categories like onion-based shampoos, charcoal facewash and caffeine products are some examples of this trend



Caffeinebased personal care products from **MCaffeine**

Charcoal based facewash by **Bombay** Shaving Company



Note(s): These trends are not basis the frequency of occurrence but on the prominence Gen Z= Generation Z

Source(s): Company websites, Industry reports, Secondary research, 1Lattice analysis

mCaffeine is the first homegrown DNB start-up brand to create caffeine-infused (single-ingredient) personal care products for a premium millennial audience



Founded 2015





Total funding ~US\$ 41M





Key product categories



Body care





Hair care **Face care**

Key highlights

- · Caffeine-infused, 100% vegan, cruelty-free, natural brand, serving the needs of an active millennial lifestyle
- Successfully achieved more than 100% YoY growth and plans to acquire small brands from the beauty industry
- Focusing on launching 15-20 SKUs by the end of 2023, expanding the reach to 12 countries across the globe in the next 3 years and to 100,000 stores in the next 5 years

Marketing & brand building



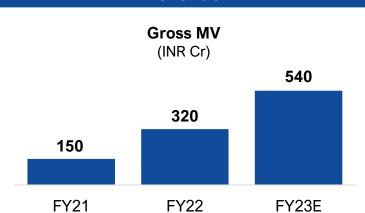
429K+ followers 2.470+ posts





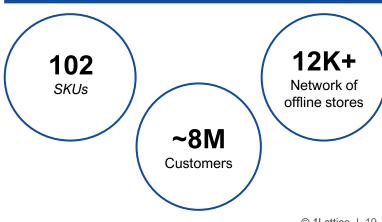
- Associated with **Alia Bhatt** for their **biggest** marketing campaign, garnered 100 million+ impressions across media channels
- #GetNaked became one of their most popular campaigns for their body care launch

DNB channels Revenue



- **Channel split** (%) Offline, 10% DOC, 40% Marketplace, 50%
- · Among the online portals, ~45% sales comes from their own website and the rest ~55% from eCommerce platforms
- While online remains the core focus of the brand, they are expanding their offline portals
- Operates from 12,000 stores in general and modern trade, including Wellness Forever and Health & Glow

Business Facts



Healthy product offerings and the emergence of disease-specific products are the key emerging trends in the grocery & gourmet DNB landscape

Healthy offering

Emergence of diseasespecific products













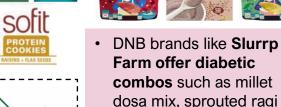








 Since COVID-19. consumer preferences have changed to favour healthier options across different food categories



great immunity boosters Minus Thirty is an ice cream brand that has sugar-free and vegan options with no preservatives or artificial flavors

powder, etc. which are also

High-quality ingredients & clean labelling







- With every trial order, Country Delight includes a self-test kit
- Presence of natural and high-quality ingredients is assured by various brands e.g. The Whole Truth promises 100% clean ingredients

Subscription and customization models



Subscription model → repeat customers and higher purchase frequency



True Elements, Beyond Water offer customization option

Consultations / diet plans







- Ketofy offers personalized diet plans, where the users can consult with the certified experts
- Fitmeals offers meal plans for different goals including weight loss, athletic meals, etc.

Celebrity-owned labels, customizable offerings, AI/ML based product designs, sustainable fashion and quirky designs are key emerging trends in the industry

Celebrity & influencer

Artificial intelligence & machine learning

FABALLEY

Customizable offerings

Sustainable fashion Funky & quirky designs









Dapper Shoes



no nasties +







Bewak●€F







Celebrities are either launching their own labels or investing in brands as opposed to merely endorsing a brand

Brands are leveraging Alpowered recommendation & product development engines to create new designs that best meet the customer's needs.

Bombay Shirt Company & Dapper Shoes Co. are some of the brands offering customization option

Brands such as No Nasties & 11.11 provide sustainable clothing items along with a zero-exploitation policy, aiming towards the betterment of the lives of the farmers





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Jewellery DNBs are moving towards an omnichannel strategy; key trends emerging in the space are fast fashion, AR tech, and personalization

Fast fashion

Augmented reality

Personalization

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Omnichannel

Celebrities endorsing jewellery







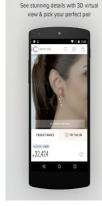






The concept of **fast fashion** i.e., trendy & lightweight products at affordable prices is fast gaining traction in the Indian DNB jewellery landscape due to changing customer behaviour, especially among millennials & Gen Z





Wear the now

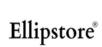














DNBs are focusing on customization because it helps to address unique customer demands & preferences







"Companies should now strive to create an omni channel strategy to leverage the strengths from both channels to provide the best shopping experience. Soon companies can strive to adopt Al technologies to personalize customer experience on digital platforms.."

> - Co-founder. DNB focused jewellery brand







Influencers and celebrities are endorsing various jewellery brands like Melorra and Caratlane, discussing the confidence that needs to be felt by the women

Fast-moving affordable products and a shift towards branded & Indian products are the key trends in the electronics DNB space

Shift towards local / Indian manufacturers

- **Indian brands** have captured significant market share as consumers are preferring to buy Indian brands over foreign ones
- Further schemes like **PLI** and Make in India will reduce cost and increase penetration

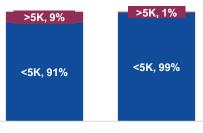
Marketing by boAt, with emphasis on 'Made in India'



Fast moving affordable products

- Electronics brands are launching good quality products at an affordable price in a segment that was dominated by mid and high-end products
- Moreover, they are democratizing tech resulting in higher repurchases as users wish to upgrade to the latest tech

Earwear market by Avg Selling Price (ASP) 2021

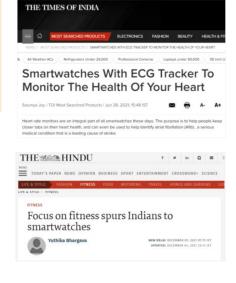


TWS

Earwear (excluding TWS)

Increased health awareness

Increased demand for smartwatches with health / fitness tracking features such as HR. SpO₂, steps especially after the pandemic



Shift to branded products

- India's hearables' market was earlier dominated by unbranded products. In the past few years, there has been a shift towards branded hearables, due to growing brand affinity especially for internet first brands
- **Brand reputation** has become one of the top **KPCs** for user buying hearables & wearables

Unbranded



Branded







Switch to wireless

- Wireless technology has been gaining prominence in the market across devices. especially hearables
- **Comfort and simplicity** are the **key factors** creating demand for wireless products
- Improving wireless tech has made the adoption of several devices such as wearables, smart assistants & computer accessories possible

Note(s): These trends are not basis the frequency of occurrence but on the prominence TWS=True Wireless Stereo, PLI= Production Linked Incentive, HR= Heart Rate Monitoring SpO2 = Blood oxygen monitoring, KPC= Key Purchasing Criteria Source(s): BOAT DRHP, Industry reports, Secondary research, 1Lattice analysis

Increased demand for ayurvedic remedies and health supplements are key trends driving the DNB healthcare market

Increased usage of health supplements

- The main goals include weight management, balanced nutrition and muscle development
- Due to the growing health consciousness among consumers post-COVID, the industry is expanding

Shift towards digital healthcare

- Focus on increasing online accessibility of high-quality and lowcost healthcare services to patients
- reduces the need of going to a hospital
- Post-COVID, people are giving priority to their health and getting regular checkups done

Demand for natural & ayurvedic remedies

- Customers are increasingly looking for alternatives to chemical options
- The pandemic has led to a significant shift in consumer behavior towards herbal and the natural health markets

Increased awareness for mental health

- CHC firms have supported mental health services and are helping normalize mental health interactions on social media platforms
- New technology and digital behavioral health applications also contribute to improving mental health

Varied mode of consumption

- Supplements are not restricted to traditional tablets or powders
- They are increasingly being chosen by consumers as shots, gummies, blended teas, etc.































Brands such as MuscleBlaze, Kapiva and NutraBay offer nutrition supplements

KAPIVA

Apps like MediBuddy, Visit and Navia Life Care are providing digital healthcare

Amrutam, Oziva offer herbal / ayurvedic medicines and a variety of plant-based products for daily fitness

Nature's Bounty has introduced 'Anxiety and Stress Relief', to protect the brain's mood center Supplements are available from Akiva and Power Gummies in the shot and gummy forms

Power Gummies is a nutraceutical DNB selling crafted vitamin gummies with an aim to make health regime simple and fun



Founded 2018





Total funding ~US\$ 7M





Key product categories





INR 999/ month



INR 1200/ month .







INR 1300/ month

Key highlights

- Successfully launched 6 SKUs and have future plans to launch 40+ SKUs with new additions to their portfolio every few months (recently launched hair & beard gummies aimed at men)
- Increased focus on offline stores specially in high ticket value areas like airports, highstreets and malls to increase brand presence
- Focus area remains metro and T1 cities but plans to enter T2+ markets with generalised SKUs (multivitamins etc.) soon

Marketing & brand building



314K+ followers **541+** posts



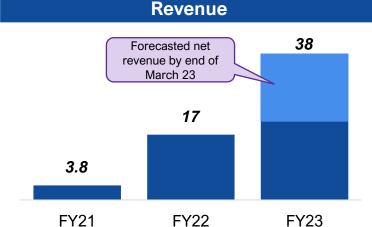
376K+ subscribers 80+ videos

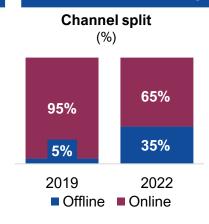


24K+ followers

- Increasing reliance on short form content like Insta Reels and Snapchat
- Higher engagement with smaller influencers to target niche audiences
- Low focus on offline marketing due to their low ROI

DNB channels





- Offline channels are creating high brand presence
- Share of marketplace channel reducing due to higher CAC
- **DOC channel** generating 32% revenue, driven by the brand's digital presence and unique site-only offers

Business Facts



SKUs (Stock Keeping

Units)

~4.3cr Monthly turnover as of Oct 22

Note(s): CAC=Customer Acquisition Cost Source(s): Tracxn, Industry reports, Company websites, Secondary research, 1Lattice analysis

Trends like furniture rentals, sustainability and Indian handicrafts are prevalent in the DNB home décor industry

Furniture rentals







pepperfry

- Rental services offer a cost-effective alternative for users
- The concept is especially popular among Gen Z and Millennials

Sustainability



kraftinn



nestasia

 Consciousness for sustainability is rising among consumers as they want to opt for products which do not have toxic materials or are unhealthy for people and the planet

Augmented reality assisted experience







 In case of products like furniture and home decor placement & aesthetics matter a lot hence brands are focusing on giving users live experience of their products through experience centers or augmented reality

Indian handicrafts







Rare Planet

- Indian handicrafts & designs have witnessed a resurgence as people move towards "Make in India"
- DNB brands are playing a vital role in promoting export of Indian handicraft

Buy & try





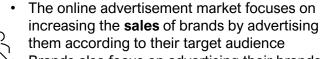


- Many brands in the home décor & furniture space are offering customers extended trial periods
- This helps customers to get a proper experience before making a longterm commitment to their purchase



Improved logistics and online infrastructure, untapped markets and increasing technological penetration are driving growth for major DNB brands

Growth drivers for DNB brands in India



Brands also focus on advertising their brands through influencers on social media

 Presence of multiple avenues for promotion has massively boosted the reach of brands

 The demands of the customers are evolving as they are preferring customized products over 'one for all' products

DNB brands are utilizing this opportunity by analysing **customer's data** and their preferences to customize products

Untapped markets

Multiple avenues for advertising & promotion

Customization & personalization

Ease of convenience

Innovative DNB brands are identifying market prospects in India's tier II & III regions to target untapped audiences & scale up their business



Increased technological penetration

- With ~825 million internet subscribers in 2021, India is becoming one of the largest and fast-growing markets for digital consumers
 This digital revolution is acting as a catalyst for growth for DNB brands as a majority of their sales are online
- Various **government schemes** to help promote tech usage

Improved logistics & online infrastructure

- An evolving online infrastructure is driving the growth of DNB firms
- Availability of various logistics & distribution partners, technological advancements and easy payment services, is helping in the smooth functioning of DNB firms



 Consumers find online shopping more convenient than visiting physical retail outlets due to the availability of multiple products, discounts, etc.

Marketplaces allow users to view multiple brands at once



Source(s): Secondary research, 1Lattice analysis © 1Lattice | 28

Creating a unique product / service, focusing on a multi-channel approach and online brand presence are a few major success factors for DNB brands

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Innovation – bridging gaps across consumer needs



- Focus on innovation & creating a unique product/service to make the brand stand out
- Identifying the gaps in different product categories and bridging them
- Quick to integrate customer feedback in products/services

4

High-tech adoption



- **Data-led** targeting of existing and potential customers
- Al adoption to enhance:
- Customer relationship management
- Personalized shopper journey

2

Omnichannel approach



- Focus on a multi-channel approach to provide multiple touch points:
 - Own platform to get access to customer data and insights
 - Marketplace to increase brand recognition and reduce customer acquisition cost
 - Physical stores for the touch and feel of products

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Adapting to new trends



- Keeping up with **up-and-coming trends** and **customer spending habits**
- Personalization, health-conscious products, and sustainable packaging are some trends DNB brands are focusing on

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Brand awareness



- Creating brand presence & visibility online through appealing marketing, customer interaction & social media engagement
- High focus on quality content-oriented marketing, SEO services and digital advertisements
- Influencers helping to humanize the new DNB brands on social media

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UI / UX and content



- Appealing website UI / UX to attract more prospects
- Compelling taglines and description
- **Usage of tech tools** (website building, etc.)
- Promo codes with brand name/campaign to drive recall

Stagnating growth, hyper competitive market and sharp decline in funding are the key challenges being faced by DNB brands

Factor	Importance	Description
Slower pace of growth post-covid		 Post-covid, with customers spending lesser on impulse purchases, the growth rates have stagnated for various DNB brands owing to the current market correction Consumers increasingly venturing out after Covid, looking for offline options, and spending lesser screen time are other reasons that have led to flat growth for DNB brands
Hyper competitive and diverse market	•	 Limited entry barriers in the DNB market leading to the rapid formation of new brands and higher competition for brand visibility and product differentiation Difficulty in mass-scale adoption of products in the consumer market owing to the diverse demographics of the country
 Decline in funding Decline in funding public market uncertainties and fear of recession has investments, lower valuations and an overall dry spell for the specific properties. Sharp decline in funding and increasing volatility in the specific properties. 		 Dull investor sentiment owing to factors such as US Fed increasing interest rates, public market uncertainties and fear of recession has led to limited strategic investments, lower valuations and an overall dry spell for the start-up environment Sharp decline in funding and increasing volatility in the DNB market has forced companies to focus on profitability instead of raising funds and utilizing cash to fuel growth

Increasing CAC, lack of a sustainable marketing strategy & difficulty in logistic & supply chain management are a few other challenges being faced by DNB brands

Factor	Importance	Description
Increasing customer acquisition and marketing cost		 Emerging customer acquisition challenges due to increasing marketing and advertising costs; Platforms such as Google and Facebook have increased their fees Post Covid, increasing need and pressure to opt for an omnichannel market presence instead of restricting themselves to online channels have led to a significant increase in costs
Need for a sustainable marketing strategy		 With growth being driven not only by metro and tier 1 cities, but DNB brands are also looking for marketing strategies to specifically target the T2+ market Increasing need for DNB brands to go beyond social media and focus on offline marketing and brand presence; Influencers advertising multiple brands have decreased customer trust Low brand stickiness and loyalty of Gen Z and millennials leading to DNB brands competing for limited attention spans To maintain a competitive edge, giving customers a unique experience and creating a brand story that personally connects with the audience need to be prioritized
Logistic & supply chain management	• High RIO (return to origin) rates due to C.O.O.O.O.O.O.O.O.O.O.O.O.O.O.O.O.O.O.O	

With a major chunk of DNB growth being driven by Tier 2 and rural markets, DNB brands are revamping their marketing strategies

"The real growth which the DNB brands are seeing is from the **smaller towns and cities.** It is getting increasingly important for brands to revamp their marketing strategies in today's age."

-Founder, Tech Brand

"The infrastructure is allowing small brands to compete with bigger brands. COD has always been an issue, but this is being resolved by digital payments such as **UPI**. But since most of the sales come from rural areas so cash payments can never be ignored"

-Founder, DNB Brand

"I think **GST simplification** was the major step taken by the government. The present policies and regulations can be simplified more as it slows down the overall process."

-Founder, Skincare Brand

"Retention & repeat customers should be baked into the customer model. Brands need to figure out how to create brand stickiness which would be crucial."

- Founder, Tech brand

"The challenges faced are **brand loyalty** and **price sensitivity**. A DNB brand needs to acquire the customer and then their loyalty needs to be in check. The biggest challenge is how to make the customer loyal to the brand"

-Founder, Tech Brand

"Logistics is very mature in India. The challenge will be in **unit economics** and the **privacy of customers**, especially in tier-1 & tier-2 cities."

-Founder, DNB Brand

"The real growth which the brands are seeing is from the smaller towns and cities. The brand needs to look upon the 4 Cs - Content, Collaboration, Community, and Capital."

- Founder, Tech brand

"There is less capital in the market, but I feel it was long due. There are always highs and lows in every sector, I consider this as a small correction. I am personally very bullish on the market this might be a rough patch, but I believe we will get past this phase soon."

-Founder, Retail Brand

"Nowadays, venture capital firms are very selective. I also believe that the best startups are being built in these times as it is a **test of resilience**, **character**, **and how further can you go.**"

-Founder, DNB Brand

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