

### STRATEGY AND BUSINESS MODELLING

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## **Executive Summary**



### GLOBAL LEADER

Founded in 1994 by Jeff Bezos in Seattle, Washington. Initially an online bookstore, Amazon is now one of the largest tech companies globally.

To be the most customer-centric company in the world, offering customers easy access to buy and discover anything they want online.

### • E-COMMERCE

Sales across thousands of product categories Third-party sellers via Amazon Marketplace

### • TECHNOLOGY AND CLOUD COMPUTING

Amazon Web Services: global leader in cloud services

### • ENTERTAINMENT

Amazon Prime Video: streaming content Amazon Music, Twitch, and original productions



How can Amazon maintain its dominant position while addressing regulatory expectations?

### Amazon Overview



## BUSINESS SEGMENT

### E-commerce

- Online stores
- Third-party seller services

#### **Amazon Web Services:**

Cloud computing

### Subscription services:

- Amazon Prime
- Advertising

### Physical stores:

- Whole Foods
- Amazon Go



## GLOBAL PRESENCE

Operations in over 20 countries

### Employee count:

• Over 1.5 million worldwide

### Number of Users:

 Over 200 million Prime subscribers worldwide

### Strong presence:

- North America
- Europe
- Asia

### Investments in emerging markets:

- India
- Latin America



## REVENUE BREAKDOWN

### Online stores:

• \$222.1 billion

### Third-party seller services:

• \$137.4 billion

#### AWS:

• \$85.9 billion

### Subscription services:

• \$38.2 billion

### Advertising:

• \$41.9 billion

### Physical stores:

• \$19.8 billion

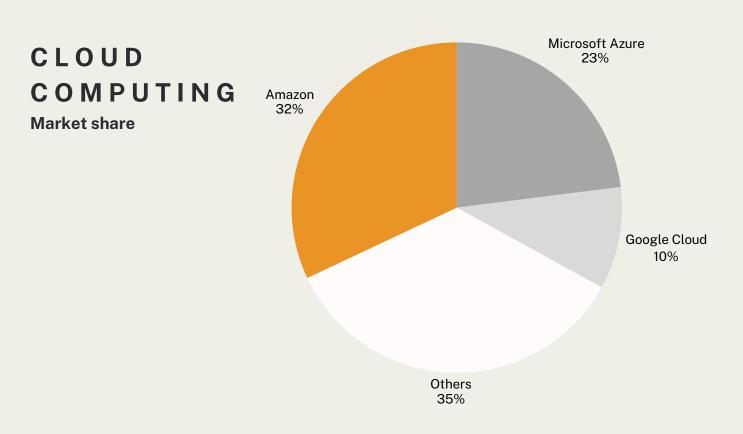
**2023 Revenue = \$545 billion** 

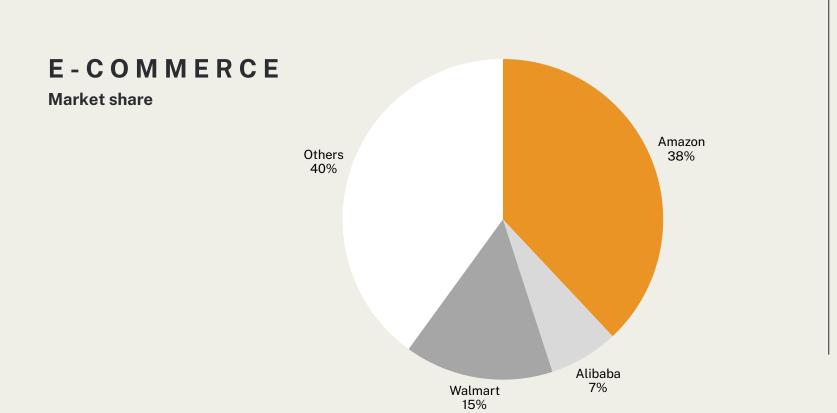
**ROCE (sept 2024) = 18,19%** 



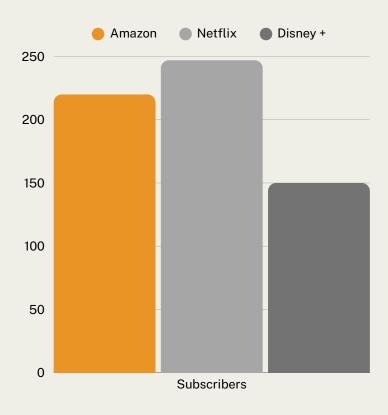
## Competitive Landscape











## Strategic challenge: Regulatory Pressure and Anti-Trust Risk



Amazon faces increasing scrutiny from regulators worldwide, with investigations into anti-competitive practices

### WHAT ARE THE REAL RISKS FOR AMAZON?

- Being found guilty of abusing a dominant position.
- Significant financial penalties and restrictions on business practices.
- Major economic losses in the United States and Europe.

## WHAT KIND OF ACTION HAS BEEN TAKEN AGAINST AMAZON?

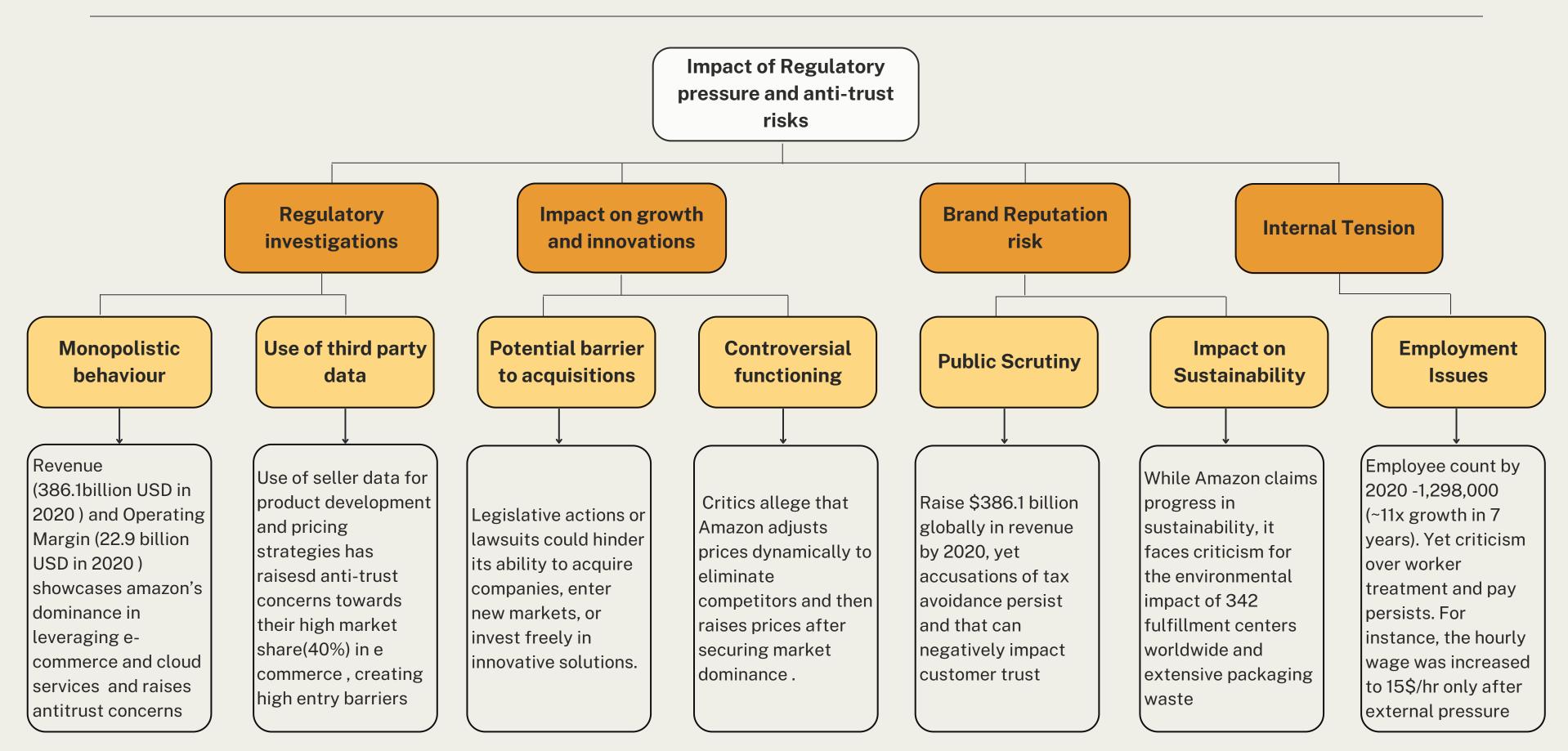
- In 2022, in EU, Amazon could have faced a fine of up to 10% of its global annual revenues, which for Amazon could have been as high as \$47 billion.
- In 2023, in USA, the FTC and 19 states and territories sued Amazon for violating federal and state antitrust laws.



2019 Rank	Company	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
1	Amazon.com Inc	17.0	23.4	25.9	26.8	25.0	26.0	29.2	32.4	33.9	35.6
2	eBay Inc	8.4	8.3	8.6	9.1	9.3	8.7	7.8	7.3	6.6	5.5
3	Walmart Inc	2.5	2.5	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.0	3.1	3.9	4.5	5.2
4	Apple Inc	3.3	3.7	4.5	4.8	4.6	4.4	3.7	3.6	3.5	4.0
5	Macys Inc	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.6	1.9	2.1	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.8
6	Best Buy Co Inc	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.5
7	Wayfair LLC	-	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.5
8	Target Corp	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	8.0	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.4
9	Qurate Retail Inc			-				-	-	1.5	1.3
10	Home Depot Inc, The	0.6	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.3
11	Costco Wholesale Corp	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.1
12	Kroger Co	-	-	-	-	0.1	0.4	0.5	8.0	0.9	1.1
13	Nordstrom Inc	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.1
14	Kohl's Corp	0.5	0.6	0.8	0.8	8.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
15	PetSmart Inc								0.5	0.8	0.9
16	Wish	-	-	-	-	0.1	0.4	0.7	8.0	0.9	0.9
17	Gap Inc, The	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
18	L Brands Inc	-	-	-	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5
19	Williams- Sonoma Inc	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	8.0	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5
20	JC Penney Co Inc	1.1	1.0	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5

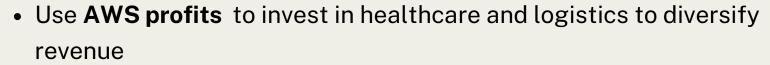
Market Share of E-Commerce in the United States, 2010-2019 (%)

## Pertinence of the strategic challenge: Issue Tree



### **Strengths**

### **Offensive Priorities**



- Expand Prime memberships in emerging markets like India, leveraging logistics
- Invest in sustainability initiatives like **green delivery** to counter scrutiny

### **Counter attacks**

- Use \$84.4B cash reserves for compliance programs and legal defenses to mitigate fines or breakup risks
- Improve **relations with 3P sellers** to reduce accusations of exploiting 50% marketplace share
- Expand worker benefits to counter reputational risks and unionization threats

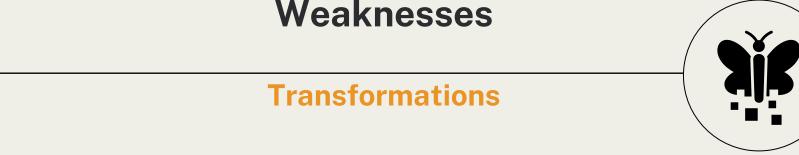
### Weaknesses



- **Diversify revenue** with acquisitions like PillPack and Whole Foods to reduce dependency on AWS and e-commerce
- Tailor operations to comply with regional regulations

### **Disruptive actions**

- De-risk AWS by exploring partnerships or spin-offs to reduce regulatory scrutiny on its 30% global cloud share
- Increase marketplace transparency to preempt antitrust action
- Invest in compliance systems for global laws and taxes





## Restructuration: Recommendations

### SHORT-TERM 1-2 YEARS

### 1. Improve employee satisfaction:

- Expand upskilling programs and improve workplace conditions.
- Introduce transparent feedback mechanisms.

### 2. Enhance customer trust:

 Strengthen policies for thirdparty sellers to address counterfeit concerns.

### MEDIUM-TERM 3-5 YEARS

### 1. Diversify growth areas:

- Invest further in healthcare (e.g., expand Amazon Pharmacy).
- Scale autonomous driving tech to optimize last-mile delivery.

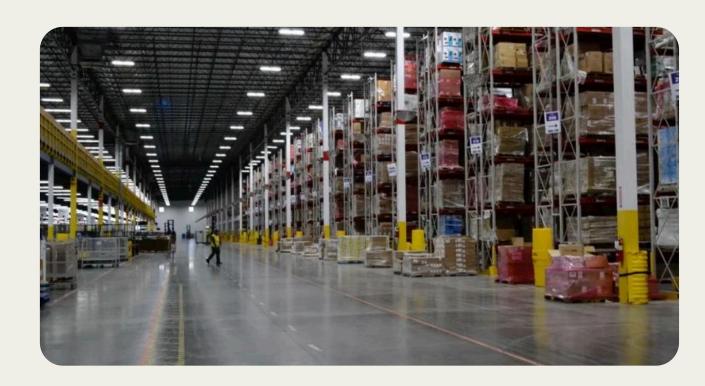
### 2. Sustain AWS leadership:

 Introduce tailored solutions for SMEs and emerging markets.

### LONG-TERM >5 YEARS

### 1. Mitigate regulatory risks:

- Proactively engage with policymakers.
- Consider breaking into semi-autonomous entities to pre-empt forced breakups.





## Conclusion

# Amazon's leadership in e-commerce and cloud computing brings great opportunities but also regulatory challenges.

Our analysis highlights the need for a dual strategy:









Improve compliance

Stenghten employee relations

**Diversify its business model** 

Mitigate regulations risks

SHORT TERM ACTIONS

By improving trust with regulators, employees, and customers, these actions will address current risks while ensuring Amazon's competitiveness, innovation, and long-term success in a dynamic market.

LONG TERM INITIATIVES





### THANK YOU

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