Covid and Post covid Analysis of E-Commerce "AMAZON"

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FOUNDER OF AMAZON

Jeff Bezos founded Amazon.com in 1994.

Jeffrey Preston Bezos is an American entrepreneur, media proprietor, investor, and commercial astronaut. He is the founder, executive chairman, and former president and CEO of Amazon.

MISSION AND VISION OF AMAZON

- <u>Amazon's mission statement</u> is to "serve consumers through online and physical stores and focus on selection, price, and convenience."
- <u>Amazon's vision statement</u> is "to be Earth's most customer-centric company, where customers can find and discover anything they might want to buy online, and endeavors to offer its customers the lowest possible prices."

QUALITY POLICY

"Quality is remembered even after the price is forgotten." That's why quality is important; to make a long-lasting impact. People may forget everything about your products, but not the quality. This drives them back to buy more. Buyers prefer quality above anything else, even price.

Big brands can sell the same products at a higher price because they ensure quality. Poor quality products ruin the brand reputation.

MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE OF AMAZON

Amazon management structure can be classified as hierarchical. Senior management team include three CEOs and three senior vice presidents responsible for various vital aspects of the business reporting directly to CEO Andy Jassy.

Amazon management structure has the following four key features:

Hierarchical corporate structure. Hierarchical structure at Amazon has developed due to the immense size of the business. The largest internet retailer in the world by revenue employs more than 1,3 million people worldwide.

Hybrid project groups. Amazon corporate structure integrates hybrid project groups when developing new products and services. Specialists from various departments are attracted according to their skills and competencies required for the project. These employees can be attracted part-time reporting to both, the head of their departments and project leaders, or they can engage in the project full-time reporting to project manager only for the duration of the project. **Flexibility of the business**. It is important to note that despite its large size, unlike many other companies with hierarchical organizational structure, Amazon remains highly flexible to adapt to frequent changes in the external marketplace. Moreover, the online retail giant leads changes in external business environment; it has caused disruptive innovation in e-commerce and currently it is about to cause a disruptive innovation in global logistics industry. Successful organization of hybrid project groups plays an instrumental role in maintaining flexibility of the business.

Stability in the top management. Stability is one of the key features of Amazon. Specifically, the largest internet company by revenue experiences "very little turnover among its most important power players, with many of them having been at the company for years, if not decades." This is rather unusual for contemporary companies, where changes in senior management team have become a frequent phenomenon.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

AMAZON.COM, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (in millions, except per share data)

(in minious, except per sua		ember 31, 2021	March 31, 2022		
	Dec	ember 51, 2021	(unaudited)		
ASSETS			(,		
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	S	36,220 \$	36,393		
Marketable securities		59,829	29,992		
Inventories		32,640	34,987		
Accounts receivable, net and other		32,891	32,504		
Total current assets		161,580	133,876		
Property and equipment, net		160,281	168,468		
Operating leases		56,082	56,161		
Goodwill		15,371	20,229		
Other assets		27,235	32,033		
Total assets	\$	420,549 \$	410,767		
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY					
Current liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$	78,664 \$	68,547		
Accrued expenses and other		51,775	58,141		
Unearned revenue		11,827	12,820		
Total current liabilities		142,266	139,508		
Long-term lease liabilities		67,651	65,731		
Long-term debt		48,744	47,556		
Other long-term liabilities		23,643	23,971		
Commitments and contingencies (Note 4)					
Stockholders' equity:					
Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value:					
Authorized shares 500					
Issued and outstanding shares none		_	_		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value:					
Authorized shares 5,000					
Issued shares 532 and 533					
Outstanding shares - 509 and 509		5	5		
Treasury stock, at cost		(1,837)	(4,503)		
Additional paid-in capital		55,538	58,793		
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)		(1,376)	(2,365)		
Retained earnings		85,915	82,071		
Total stockholders' equity		138,245	134,001		
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$	420,549 \$	410,767		

Supplemental Cash Flow Information

The following table shows supplemental cash flow information (in millions):

		Three Months Ended March 31,			Twelve Months Ended March 31,		
	:	2021	20	22	2021		2022
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION:							
Cash paid for interest on debt	\$	276	\$	279	\$ 902	\$	1,101
Cash paid for operating leases		1,640		2,367	5,086		7,449
Cash paid for interest on finance leases		157		107	601		471
Cash paid for interest on financing obligations		33		58	113		178
Cash paid for income taxes, net of refunds		801		453	2,209		3,340
Assets acquired under operating leases		3,536		2,175	17,345		24,008
Property and equipment acquired under finance leases		2,067		166	11,489		5,160
Property and equipment acquired under build-to-suit lease arrangements		887		1,332	2,775		6,061

SALES FORECASTING AT THE TIME OF COVID

 Amazon said it lost money during the first quarter and gave a forecast that said it may see another loss in the current period. Sales will be as much as \$121 billion in the three months ending in June, missing analysts' average estimate of \$125 billion. SALES DURING COVID AND POST COVID Amazon profits increased nearly 200% since start of covid-19 pandemic.

Before the COVID-19 pandemic rocked the world, small businesses and retailers were already at a disadvantage trying to remain competitive with e-commerce companies that could offer low prices and fast deliveries. Convenience is king.

When COVID-19 forced physical shops to close and consumers to stay home, online shops, specifically Amazon, were in a prime spot to capitalize.

Amazon founder Jeff Bezos has seen his net worth soar. According to numbers from <u>USA Today</u>, Bezos' net worth in March 2020 was US\$113 billion. As of November, the 56-year-old CEO is valued at over US\$203 billion.

Bezos is nearly 80% richer (79.8%) than he was before the pandemic, as his personal wealth increased by US\$90.1 billion since March 2020.

HOW THE COMPANY HANDLED IT'S EMPLOYEES AT THE TIME OF THE COVID?

- The top priority is ensuring the health and safety of employees, which is why Amazon invested over \$11.5 billion in 2020 on COVIDrelated initiatives to keep employees safe and get products to customers.
- This includes investments related to COVID-19 safety measures such as personal protective equipment, enhanced cleaning of our facilities, processes that allow for effective social distancing, higher wages for hourly teams, and developing our own COVID-19 testing capabilities, etc.

Some of the precise numbers so far are: Provided 100 million+ masks to sites Added 2,298 handwashing stations Added 5,765+ janitorial staffers to our typical teams Provided an additional 34 million gloves Added 48 million ounces of hand sanitizer Added 93 million sanitizing spray and wipes Procured more than 31,000 thermometers and 1,115+ thermal cameras They're also spending over \$85 million redeploying team members from their typical roles to perform safety related tasks and audits at sites around the world. This includes team members who are "social distancing ambassadors" helping with temperature checks.

