Metaverse Offers Enormous Potential for Retailers to **Grow Customer Base** 

Is it time for you to test the waters of the metaverse?

The metaverse represents a convergence of digital technology to combine and extend the reach and use of:

Cryptocurrency

**Artificial Intelligence (AI)** 

Augmented Reality (AR)

Virtual Reality (VR)

**Spatial computing** 

And more

Ultimately, the full vision of the metaverse will include the following:

Platforms and devices that work seamlessly with each other



The possibility for thousands of people to interact simultaneously

Use cases well beyond gaming

With its potential to generate up to **\$5 trillion** in value by 2030, the metaverse is too big for companies to ignore.

Maintaining loyalty among today's consumers means staying ahead of the curve. **Innovation** is that new kind of loyalty.

Metaverse investments in 2022 alone surpassed

## \$120 billion.

As you evaluate new technology, consider the impact of risk vs. reward. Will you be an early adopter or a laggard?

Companies who are already swimming in the **retail metaverse waters**:

- Amazon
- Walmart
- Home Depot
- Lowes
- Nike

**95%** of business leaders expect the metaverse to have a positive impact on their industry within **5 to 10 years** 

**61%** expect it to change the way their industry operates

### Swim to new sources of revenue, insights and customer engagement with the metaverse

Consider how you can employ the metaverse to your advantage with these potential use cases:



Marketing

HIGH

PRIORITY

LOW

Product placement

Immersive marketing

Product demos

Simulated ethnographic research

NFT-based loyalty programs



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Product testing and try-on

Branded digital product

Digital and physical integration

NFT partnerships and

and licensing



Enhanced ecommerce shopping

Augmented store experience

Planogram and store layout visualization

Metaverse demo/ digital stores



Supply Chain/ Ops

> Manufacturing design, safety and testing

Contact center interactions

Process simulation and refinement

Last-mile delivery and blockchain verification



Talent

Employee collaboration

> Immersive events

Training and hands-on simulation

Future opportunities:



#### Distributors

Create a digital version of your end-to-end supply chain, from raw materials to delivery, in real time



#### **Stores**

Simulate the end-to-end impact of business and market changes

Deliver a true omnichannel experience through improved data tracking

Optimize store layouts by responding to shifting customer preferences

Enhance recommendations with in-store data



# Ready to explore the risks and rewards of the metaverse further?

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Sources: McKinsey & Company, Accenture, National Retail Federation

