## JUST LEARNING FROM OUR COMPETITION...

### **Top 10 Conventional Furniture Stores**

Ranked by sales of furniture, bedding & accessories

Estimated furniture, bedding accessory sales in \$ millions						Number of Units	
Rank	Company	2023	2022	% Change	2023	2022	
1	Ashley Stores	\$5,949.4	\$6,102.4	-2.5%	830	828	
5	Rooms to Go	\$3,540.0	\$3,810.0	-7.1%	152	152	
8	Berkshire Hathaway	\$2,059.7	\$2,324.6	-11.4%	33	32	
9	Bob's Discount Furn.	\$2,030.0	\$2,125.0	-4.5%	171	163	

## **Top 10 Specialty Stores**

Ranked by sales of furniture, bedding & accessories

	Estimated furniture, bedding accessory sales in \$ millions					
Rank	Company	2023	2022	% Change	2023	2022
2	William Sonoma	\$4,262.9	\$4,770.9	-10.6%	518	530
3	Ikea	\$4,232.0	\$3,994.0	+6.0%	54	52
4	Mattress Firm	\$3,720.7	\$3,953.1	-5.9%	2,331	2,342
6	RH	\$2,817.1	\$3.338.7	-15.6%	111	104
7	Crate & Barrel	\$2,157.3	\$1,940.0	+11.2%	94	98
10	Sleep Number	\$1,887.5	\$2,114.3	-10.7%	672	670

Source: Strategic Insights, 2023 Furniture Today Survey of Top 100 U.S. Furniture Stores

## Crate & Barrel Takes A Purposeful Turn As Home Furnishing Demand Drops

Its strategy is to fill in the gaps after the big purchases have been made with multifunction, practical and flexible home items that serve a utilitarian need, like cookware and other kitchen tools, area rugs, outdoor kitchens and storage solutions.

And to engage early with young couples as they begin furnishing their first home - and hopefully to extend the relationship at each subsequent stage of their life together - the company is leaning into bridal registry services with special in-store events to personalize their bridal registry experience.

Services are getting special emphasis too. Through expanded complimentary design services, its clients can ensure their existing and new furnishings play well together.

While Crate & Barrel president Alicia Waters describes the company as a digital-first brand, its stores are "designed with purpose" to meet the customers anywhere along their shopping journey.

The company is seeing huge growth in its design services with its mindful approach to design, described as a "less is more" philosophy that puts quality before quantity.

"The home has to do more, a lot of it is around multifunction and versatility because many people are still working from home. And kids spaces must be multifunction too serving as bedroom and study space. We are still seeing growth in these areas:"

- Kitchen Offerings
- Area Rugs
- Outdoor Kitchens

Rooms to Go

- New Home Organization
- Outdoor Entertaining

"We are one of the **few retailers** in the industry that **actually** serves the whole home. We serve outdoor spaces, the living room, the bedroom, kitchen and dining room, kids rooms. That's our competitive advantage."

"We can make the **whole house feel cohesive** to bring people peace and tranquility. It's through mindfulness and thoughtful, intentional purchasing.

Source: Forbes.com Pamela N. Danziger 2023

## How Ikea Innovates to Keep Up with an Expanding Ecommerce Market

#### What is Ikea doing well?

First Mover: Ikea has been a pioneer for low-price furniture. "They brought this Scandinavian design to the masses at a really affordable price point."

Store Innovation: by combing curated showrooms with a shoppable warehouse, Ikea reinvented furniture shopping.

Sustainability: Ikea boasted a 12% reduction in its climate footprint last year. The company puts eco-consciousness at the core of its business, selling minimalism and sustainability as a lifestyle.

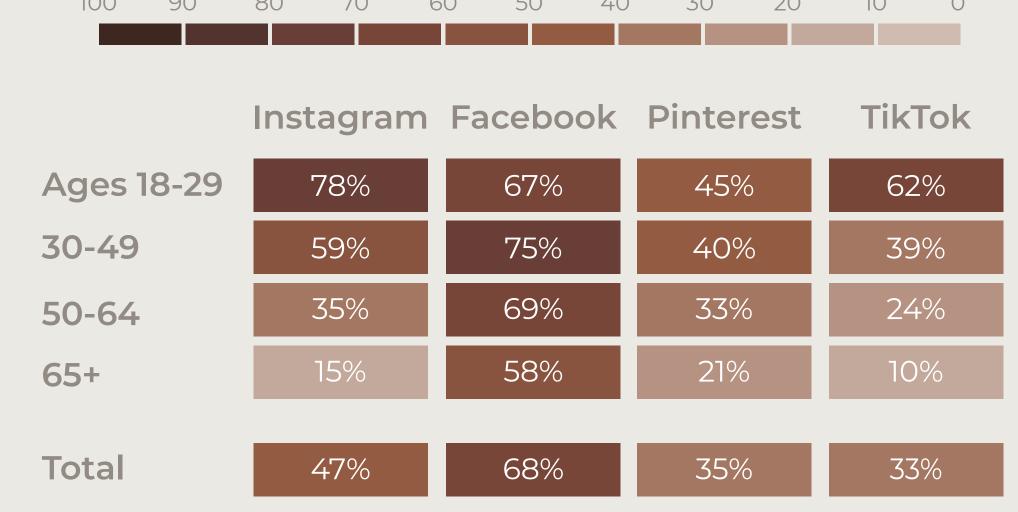
#### Where is there room to improve?

Ecommerce: Over 50% of US furniture sales will occur online by 2027, according to our forecast. Ikea reported an 18.8% growth in ecommerce sales last year.

#### How is Ikea innovating?

Store Formats: With smaller store and planning studios, consumers no longer need to drive and visit massive showrooms in some cities.

# % of US Adults who use Social Media



Source: Pewresearch.org Jeffrey Gottfried 2024

## Furniture Today's Top 10 - Social Media Presence

Facebook **Pinterest** TikTok Pinterest Facebook TikTok Instagram Instagram (Followers) (Followers) (Followers) (Followers) (Followers) (Followers) (Followers) (Followers) RH Ashley (11.2k) (1.8M) (173.9k) (227.9k) Crate & Williams-Barrel Sonoma (88.4k) (88.4k) (600.9k) (600.9k) (1.8M) (2.7M)Berkshire (64.1k) Ikea USA Hathaway (32M) (752.8k) (2.5M)Bob's (98.2k) (4.7k) Mattress Discount Firm (84.1k) (256k) (85.5k) (84.1k)

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