

E-Commerce Strategies and Supply Chain Management: Enhancing Marketing Performance and Customer Satisfaction in Competitive Markets

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Abstract

This study examines the interrelationships among e-commerce strategies, supply chain management (SCM) practices, marketing performance, and customer satisfaction within competitive digital markets. Guided by the resource-based view and the service-profit chain framework, the research proposes and tests a conceptual model in which digital marketing, online personalization, and omnichannel integration, together with logistics reliability and inventory coordination, jointly influence marketing performance and, in turn, customer satisfaction. A quantitative, cross-sectional survey design was employed, with data collected from 384 online retail and e-commerce business respondents using a structured, validated questionnaire anchored on a five-point Likert scale. Data were analyzed using descriptive statistics, Pearson correlation, and multiple linear regression. The results indicate that both e-commerce strategy variables and supply chain management practices exert statistically significant positive effects on marketing performance ($\beta = 0.34$ and $\beta = 0.29$, respectively, $p < .001$), and that marketing performance is the strongest predictor of customer satisfaction ($\beta = 0.38$, $p < .001$). Supply chain management practices, particularly delivery reliability, also directly and significantly predict customer satisfaction ($\beta = 0.27$, $p < .001$). These

findings suggest that firms competing in digital markets should treat e-commerce strategy and supply chain capability as complementary, mutually reinforcing levers rather than isolated functions. Theoretical and managerial implications, limitations, and directions for future research are discussed.

Keywords: E-Commerce Strategy, Supply Chain Management, Marketing Performance, Customer Satisfaction, Digital Retail, Omnichannel

Introduction

The rapid expansion of digital commerce has fundamentally reshaped the way firms design marketing strategies and manage the flow of goods from suppliers to end consumers. Global e-commerce sales continue to represent an increasing share of total retail activity, and the competitive intensity within online markets has made it markedly more difficult for firms to differentiate themselves on product offering alone (Laudon & Traver, 2021). In this environment, two organizational capabilities have emerged as central determinants of competitive advantage: the sophistication of a firm's e-commerce strategy and the responsiveness of its supply chain.

The shift toward digital-first commerce has also changed customer expectations in ways that place unprecedented pressure on the coordination between marketing and fulfillment functions. Customers today routinely compare delivery speed, order accuracy, and post-purchase communication across competing platforms before forming an overall judgment of a brand, meaning that a single stock-out, delayed shipment, or mismatched product listing can undo the goodwill generated by an otherwise well-executed marketing campaign. At the same time, firms that under-invest in demand generation, regardless of how efficient their logistics network may be, risk being outcompeted by rivals with a stronger digital presence. This dual pressure has pushed many organizations to reconsider whether marketing and supply chain management should continue to be planned, budgeted, and evaluated as separate functions, or whether a more integrated, cross-functional approach better reflects how value is actually created and perceived by customers in online markets.

E-commerce strategies encompass the deliberate use of digital marketing channels, data-driven personalization, and omnichannel integration to attract, convert, and retain customers (Chaffey & Ellis-Chadwick, 2019). Supply chain management (SCM), meanwhile, concerns the coordination of procurement, inventory, warehousing, and last-mile delivery activities required to fulfil the promises made through marketing communication (Chopra & Meindl, 2016; Mentzer et al., 2001). Although these two domains are traditionally studied separately, in practice they are tightly coupled: a marketing campaign that generates demand a firm cannot fulfil reliably is likely to damage rather than enhance customer relationships, while an efficient supply chain that is not supported by an effective go-to-market strategy may fail to generate sufficient demand to be commercially viable.

Despite growing practitioner interest in aligning marketing and supply chain functions, empirical research that jointly models e-commerce strategy and SCM as antecedents of marketing performance and customer satisfaction remains comparatively limited. Much

of the existing literature treats digital marketing effectiveness and logistics performance as separate streams of inquiry, which constrains the ability of scholars and managers to understand how these capabilities interact to shape customer-facing outcomes (Grewal et al., 2017). This study addresses that gap by proposing an integrated conceptual model and testing it empirically using survey data collected from e-commerce and online retail businesses.

Research Objectives

The study pursues four specific objectives: (1) to assess the effect of e-commerce strategies on marketing performance; (2) to assess the effect of supply chain management practices on marketing performance; (3) to examine the effect of e-commerce strategies and supply chain management on customer satisfaction, both directly and through marketing performance; and (4) to derive practical recommendations for firms seeking to strengthen competitiveness in digital markets through the joint optimization of marketing and supply chain capabilities.

Significance of the Study

The findings are intended to benefit e-commerce managers, supply chain practitioners, and marketing strategists by clarifying which specific practices most strongly influence performance outcomes, thereby supporting more informed resource allocation. For academic audiences, the study contributes an integrated, empirically tested model that bridges the marketing and operations management literatures, offering a foundation for future cross-disciplinary research.

Organization of the Paper

The remainder of this paper is organized as follows. Section 2 reviews the relevant literature on e-commerce strategy, supply chain management, marketing performance, and customer satisfaction, culminating in the study's hypotheses. Section 3 presents the conceptual framework. Section 4 describes the research methodology, including the research design, sampling procedure, instrumentation, and data analysis technique. Section 5 reports the empirical results, including descriptive, correlation, and regression analyses. Section 6 discusses the findings in relation to prior literature, Section 7 outlines theoretical and managerial implications, Section 8 addresses limitations and future research directions, and Section 9 concludes the paper.

E-commerce strategy refers to the coordinated set of decisions a firm makes regarding its digital storefront, marketing communication, pricing, and customer engagement across online channels (Chaffey & Ellis-Chadwick, 2019). Three dimensions are frequently highlighted in the literature: digital marketing intensity, which reflects the extent to which firms use search engine marketing, social media, and content marketing to generate traffic; online personalization, which concerns the tailoring of product recommendations, pricing, and content to individual customer profiles; and omnichannel integration, which describes the degree to which online and offline touchpoints are unified into a seamless customer experience (Grewal et al., 2017; Zeithaml et al., 2002). Prior work suggests that firms with more mature e-commerce

strategies tend to report stronger customer acquisition, conversion, and retention outcomes, although the mechanisms through which these gains are realized are not always made explicit.

A further stream of literature distinguishes between e-commerce strategy as a set of technological capabilities and e-commerce strategy as a customer experience philosophy. The technological view emphasizes investment in platforms, recommendation engines, and marketing automation tools, while the experiential view emphasizes how consistently a brand's promise is communicated and delivered across every point of contact with the customer. Both perspectives converge on the idea that e-commerce strategy is not simply about having an online storefront, but about using digital channels deliberately to shape how customers discover, evaluate, and repeatedly return to a brand. This distinction is important for the present study because it implies that the benefits of e-commerce strategy on downstream outcomes such as marketing performance are unlikely to be realized unless the strategy is implemented consistently across the full customer journey, rather than concentrated narrowly in customer acquisition activity.

Supply Chain Management in E-Commerce

Supply chain management has been defined as the systemic coordination of business functions within a firm and across firms in the supply chain for the purpose of improving long-term performance (Mentzer et al., 2001). In the e-commerce context, SCM performance is commonly operationalized through logistics and delivery reliability, inventory accuracy, and supplier coordination (Chopra & Meindl, 2016). Lee (2004) argues that supply chains achieving simultaneous agility, adaptability, and alignment are best positioned to sustain competitive advantage, a proposition that is particularly relevant to e-commerce firms, which must fulfil geographically dispersed orders within compressed delivery windows while managing volatile demand.

The growth of same-day and next-day delivery expectations has further elevated the strategic importance of last-mile logistics, which is often the single most visible and most costly component of the e-commerce supply chain. Inventory accuracy is similarly critical in digital retail, since a discrepancy between advertised stock availability and actual warehouse inventory directly undermines the credibility of marketing communication and can result in cancelled orders. Supplier coordination, the third dimension considered in this study, reflects the extent to which upstream partners are integrated into demand forecasting and replenishment planning, allowing firms to respond more quickly to demand spikes generated by marketing campaigns or seasonal promotions. Collectively, these three dimensions position supply chain management not as a purely cost-minimizing back-office function, but as a capability with direct implications for how customers experience a brand

Marketing Performance

Marketing performance is typically conceptualized as a multidimensional construct capturing sales growth, market share, brand engagement, and the overall effectiveness of marketing expenditure (Kotler & Keller, 2016). Because marketing performance sits downstream of both demand-generation activities and the operational capacity to fulfil

that demand, it is well positioned theoretically to mediate the relationship between e-commerce strategy, supply chain management, and customer-facing outcomes such as satisfaction.

Rust et al. (2000) further argue that marketing performance should ultimately be evaluated in terms of its contribution to customer equity, understood as the total combined customer lifetime value of a firm's entire customer base, rather than short-term sales figures alone. This customer-equity perspective is useful for the present study because it reframes marketing performance not as an end in itself, but as an intermediate outcome that should, if the underlying strategy is sound, translate into stronger long-term customer relationships, consistent with the mediating role assigned to marketing performance in the conceptual framework proposed in Section 3.

Customer Satisfaction

Customer satisfaction is widely understood, following the expectancy-disconfirmation paradigm, as the outcome of a comparison between a customer's pre-purchase expectations and their post-purchase perceptions of value and service quality (Oliver, 1980). In digital retail settings, the SERVQUAL and E-S-QUAL frameworks extend this logic to online service encounters, emphasizing dimensions such as reliability, responsiveness, and fulfilment (Parasuraman et al., 1988; Zeithaml et al., 2002). Because fulfilment reliability is a supply chain outcome, customer satisfaction in e-commerce is inherently shaped by both marketing-driven expectation formation and operational delivery performance.

It is worth noting that expectations themselves are partly a product of marketing communication: promotional messaging that overstates delivery speed or product availability can raise expectations to a level that even a well-functioning supply chain struggles to meet, producing dissatisfaction despite objectively adequate operational performance. This interdependence between expectation-setting and expectation-fulfilment is a further reason why e-commerce strategy and supply chain management should be studied jointly rather than in isolation when the outcome of interest is customer satisfaction.

Research Gap

While the marketing literature has extensively examined the antecedents of customer satisfaction from a service-quality and brand-experience perspective, and the operations management literature has separately examined the antecedents of logistics performance and fulfilment reliability, comparatively few studies have empirically tested a combined model in which e-commerce strategy and supply chain management are simultaneously estimated as predictors of both marketing performance and customer satisfaction within a single sample. This study addresses that gap by proposing and testing an integrated model, described in Section 3, using primary survey data from e-commerce businesses.

Hypotheses Development

Based on the foregoing review, the study proposes the following hypotheses:

- H1: E-commerce strategies have a significant positive effect on marketing performance.
H2: Supply chain management practices have a significant positive effect on marketing performance.
H3: E-commerce strategies have a significant positive effect on customer satisfaction.
H4: Supply chain management practices have a significant positive effect on customer satisfaction.
H5: Marketing performance has a significant positive effect on customer satisfaction.

Conceptual Framework

Figure 1 presents the conceptual framework guiding the study. E-commerce strategies and supply chain management are modeled as exogenous predictors of marketing performance, which in turn is hypothesized to influence customer satisfaction alongside the direct effects of e-commerce strategy and supply chain management. This framework positions marketing performance as a partial mediating mechanism, consistent with the service-profit chain logic in which operational and marketing capabilities jointly translate into customer value.

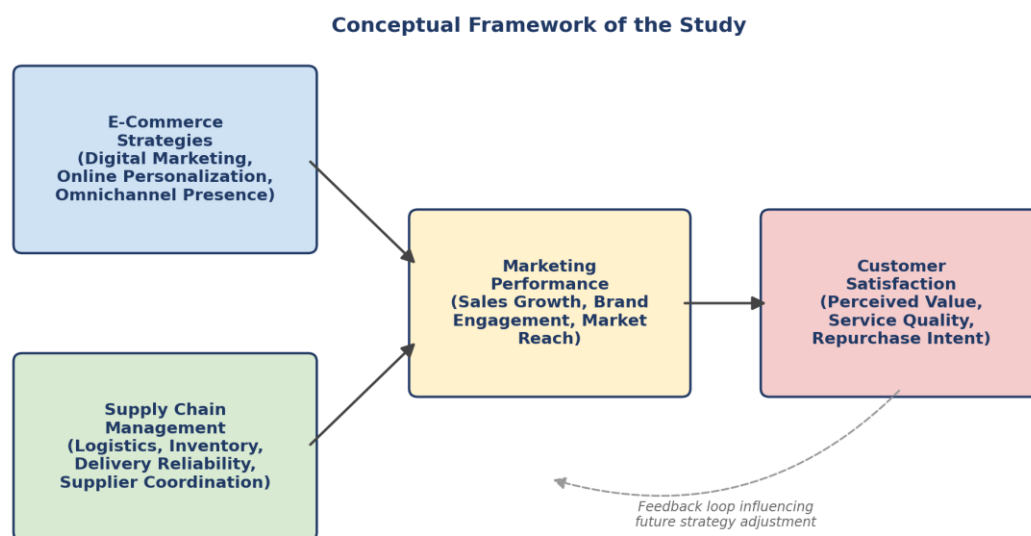


Figure 1. Conceptual framework linking e-commerce strategies and supply chain management to marketing performance and customer satisfaction.

Methodology

Research Design

This study adopted a quantitative, cross-sectional, explanatory research design, appropriate for testing hypothesized relationships among latent constructs using statistical inference (Hair et al., 2019). A structured survey instrument was used as the primary data collection tool, allowing for standardized measurement across a large sample of respondents.

Population and Sampling

The target population comprised managers, owners, and marketing or operations personnel of small, medium, and large enterprises engaged in online retail or e-commerce activity. A stratified random sampling technique was used to ensure proportional representation across retail, wholesale, manufacturing, and service-oriented e-commerce businesses. Using Cochran's formula for an infinite population with a 95% confidence level and a 5% margin of error, a minimum sample size of 384 was determined and subsequently achieved, with all questionnaires screened for completeness prior to analysis.

Eligibility criteria required that respondents hold a role with direct visibility into either the marketing or supply chain operations of their organization, and that their organization had conducted online sales activity for a minimum of twelve months prior to participation, ensuring that respondents had sufficient experience to answer questions about established practices rather than early-stage or exploratory initiatives. A total of 412 questionnaires were initially collected; after removing responses with excessive missing data or straight-line answering patterns identified through attention-check items, 384 valid responses remained for analysis, yielding a usable response rate of approximately 93 percent.

Instrumentation

The questionnaire was organized into five sections: respondent demographics; e-commerce strategy (digital marketing intensity, online personalization, and omnichannel integration); supply chain management (logistics and delivery reliability, inventory management, and supplier coordination); marketing performance (sales growth, brand engagement, and market reach); and customer satisfaction (perceived value, service quality, and repurchase intent). With the exception of the demographic section, all items were measured on a five-point Likert scale ranging from 1 (strongly disagree) to 5 (strongly agree). Items were adapted from established scales in the marketing and operations management literature, including SERVQUAL (Parasuraman et al., 1988) and E-S-QUAL (Zeithaml et al., 2002), and refined through a pilot test with 30 respondents prior to full-scale administration.

Reliability and Validity

Internal consistency reliability was assessed using Cronbach's alpha, with all constructs exceeding the conventional threshold of 0.70 (Table 1). Convergent validity was evaluated using average variance extracted (AVE), and discriminant validity was assessed following the Fornell and Larcker (1981) criterion, with all constructs meeting recommended thresholds.

Construct	Items	Cronbach's α	AVE	Composite Reliability
E-Commerce Strategy	9	0.86	0.61	0.89

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Supply Chain Management	9	0.84	0.58	0.87
Marketing Performance	6	0.81	0.60	0.86
Customer Satisfaction	6	0.88	0.64	0.90

Table 1. Reliability and validity statistics for study constructs.

Data Collection Procedure

Data were collected over a six-week period through a combination of an online survey platform and in-person administration at industry networking events, to maximize response diversity. Participation was voluntary and anonymous, and respondents were informed of the academic purpose of the study prior to consent.

Data Analysis Technique

Data were analyzed using IBM SPSS Statistics. Descriptive statistics (means and standard deviations) were computed to characterize the sample and construct-level responses. Pearson product-moment correlation was used to examine bivariate relationships among constructs, and multiple linear regression analysis was used to test the hypothesized causal paths, with marketing performance and customer satisfaction modeled as dependent variables in separate regression equations. Statistical significance was evaluated at the 0.05 and 0.01 levels.

Ethical Considerations

The study adhered to standard ethical research practices. Respondents were informed of the purpose of the study, the voluntary nature of participation, and their right to withdraw at any point without penalty. No personally identifying information was collected, and all responses were aggregated prior to analysis to ensure anonymity. Data were stored securely and used exclusively for the purposes described in this study.

Results

Respondent Profile

Of the 384 valid responses analyzed, 54% were female and 46% were male. The largest age group was 25-34 years (39%), followed by 35-44 years (26%). In terms of business sector, retail represented the largest share of respondent organizations (42%), followed by wholesale (21%), manufacturing (19%), and service-based businesses (18%). The demographic composition is summarized in Figure 2.

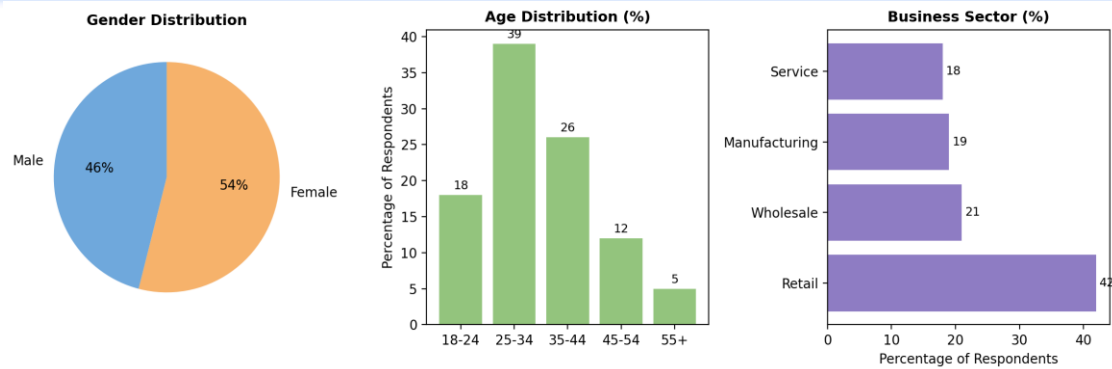


Figure 2. Demographic and organizational profile of survey respondents.

Descriptive Statistics

Table 2 and Figure 3 present the descriptive statistics for the seven key study constructs. Digital marketing use recorded the highest mean score ($M = 4.12$, $SD = 0.58$), followed by customer satisfaction ($M = 4.08$, $SD = 0.52$) and logistics and delivery reliability ($M = 4.05$, $SD = 0.60$). Omnichannel integration recorded the lowest mean score ($M = 3.65$, $SD = 0.71$), suggesting that, relative to other e-commerce practices, full integration of online and offline channels remains comparatively underdeveloped among the sampled firms.

The relatively high standard deviation associated with omnichannel integration ($SD = 0.71$), the largest of any construct measured, further indicates substantial variability in maturity across the sampled organizations: while some firms reported well-developed integration between online and offline customer touchpoints, a meaningful subset reported minimal integration, pointing to an uneven pattern of digital transformation across the sector rather than a uniformly emerging practice. By contrast, customer satisfaction showed the lowest standard deviation ($SD = 0.52$) among all constructs, suggesting a comparatively more consistent customer experience across the sampled firms despite the wider variation observed in their underlying strategic and operational practices.

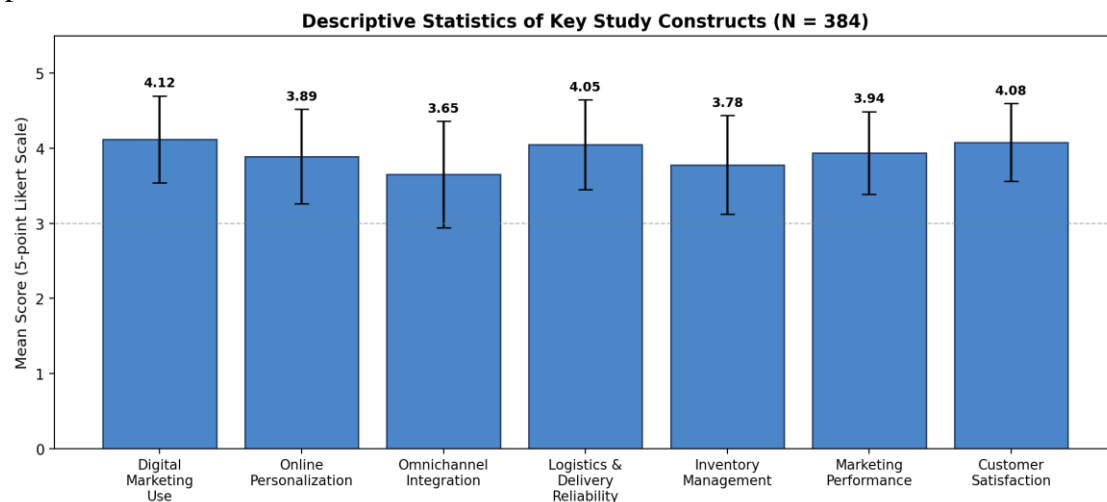


Figure 3. Mean scores and standard deviations of key study constructs (N = 384).

Correlation Analysis

Pearson correlation coefficients among the four primary study variables are presented in Figure 4. All correlations were positive and statistically significant at the 0.01 level. Marketing performance and customer satisfaction showed the strongest bivariate association ($r = 0.67, p < .01$), while e-commerce strategy and customer satisfaction showed the weakest, though still significant, association ($r = 0.49, p < .01$). These results provide preliminary support for the proposed conceptual model and indicate no evidence of multicollinearity severe enough to compromise subsequent regression analysis.

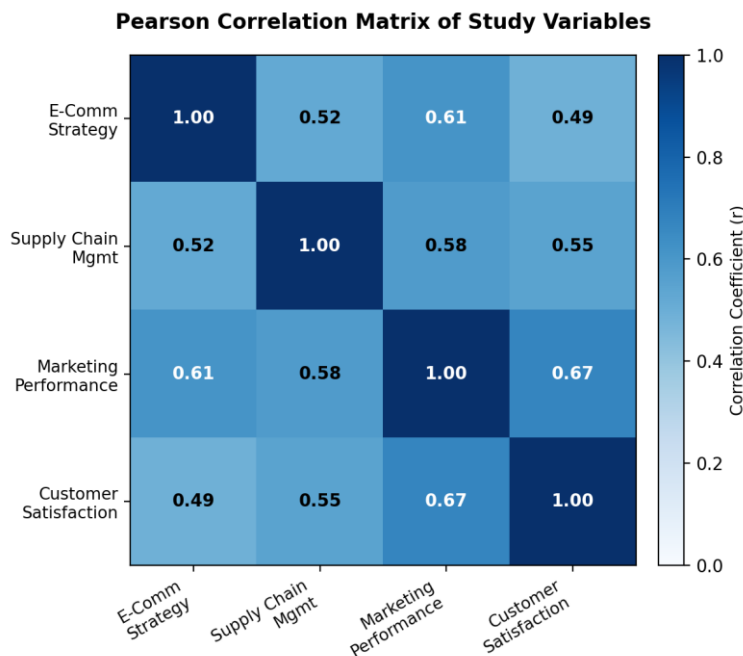


Figure 4. Pearson correlation matrix among e-commerce strategy, supply chain management, marketing performance, and customer satisfaction.

Regression Analysis and Hypothesis Testing

Two multiple regression models were estimated. In Model 1, e-commerce strategy and supply chain management were regressed on marketing performance; the model was statistically significant, $F(2, 381) = 148.62, p < .001$, and explained 43.8% of the variance in marketing performance ($R^2 = 0.438, \text{Adjusted } R^2 = 0.435$). In Model 2, e-commerce strategy, supply chain management, and marketing performance were regressed on customer satisfaction; this model was also statistically significant, $F(3, 380) = 121.07, p < .001$, and explained 48.9% of the variance in customer satisfaction ($R^2 = 0.489, \text{Adjusted } R^2 = 0.485$). Standardized path coefficients for both models are presented in Figure 5 and summarized alongside hypothesis testing outcomes in Table 3.

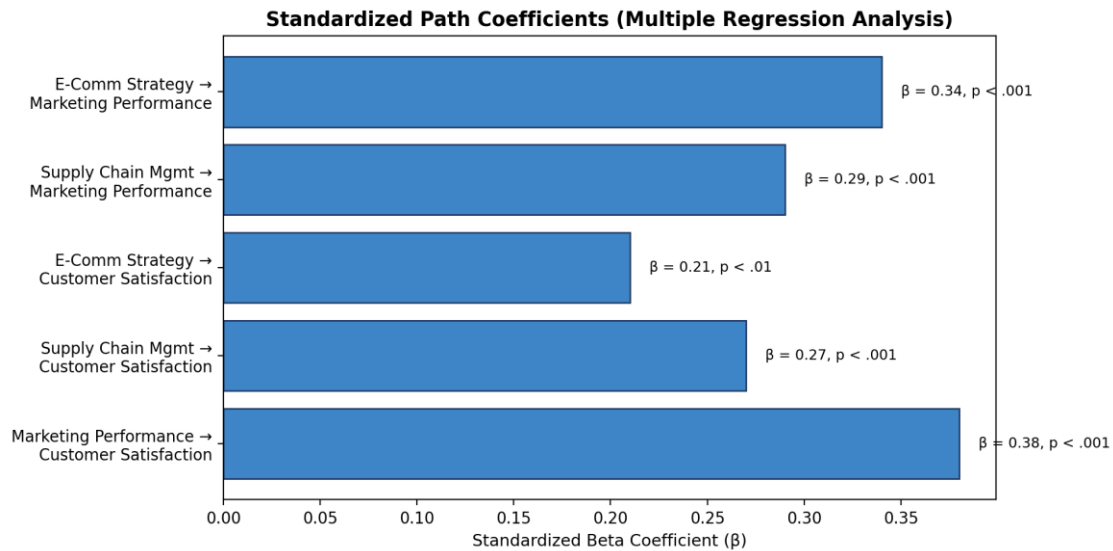


Figure 5. Standardized regression (path) coefficients for the hypothesized model.

Hypothesis	Path	β	t	p	Result
H1	E-Comm Strategy → Marketing Performance	0.34	7.82	< .001	Supported
H2	Supply Chain Mgmt → Marketing Performance	0.29	6.65	< .001	Supported
H3	E-Comm Strategy → Customer Satisfaction	0.21	4.35	< .01	Supported
H4	Supply Chain Mgmt → Customer Satisfaction	0.27	5.71	< .001	Supported
H5	Marketing Performance → Customer Satisfaction	0.38	8.09	< .001	Supported

Table 3. Summary of hypothesis testing results.

All five hypotheses were supported. Marketing performance emerged as the strongest predictor of customer satisfaction ($\beta = 0.38$), followed by e-commerce strategy's effect on marketing performance ($\beta = 0.34$) and supply chain management's direct effect on customer satisfaction ($\beta = 0.27$). These results confirm that marketing performance partially mediates the relationship between the two capability domains and customer satisfaction, since both e-commerce strategy and supply chain management retained significant direct effects on satisfaction even after accounting for marketing performance.

Summary of Key Findings

Across both regression models, the overall pattern of results indicates that no single capability dominates the prediction of customer outcomes; rather, e-commerce strategy,

supply chain management, and marketing performance function as an interconnected system. Marketing performance emerged as the single strongest proximate predictor of customer satisfaction, while supply chain management contributed both indirectly, through marketing performance, and directly, through its own significant path to satisfaction. E-commerce strategy showed a comparatively larger effect on marketing performance than on customer satisfaction directly, suggesting that its influence on customer outcomes operates substantially, though not exclusively, through improved marketing performance. These patterns collectively support the integrated conceptual framework proposed in Section 3 and provide a statistical basis for the managerial recommendations discussed in Section 7.

Discussion

The results of this study reinforce the proposition that e-commerce strategy and supply chain management are complementary rather than independent drivers of competitive performance in digital markets. The significant positive effect of e-commerce strategy on marketing performance (H1) is consistent with prior findings that digital marketing intensity and personalization enhance customer acquisition and engagement (Chaffey & Ellis-Chadwick, 2019; Grewal et al., 2017). Similarly, the significant effect of supply chain management on marketing performance (H2) suggests that reliable fulfilment capacity is not merely a back-end operational concern but a factor that materially shapes market-facing outcomes such as repeat purchase behavior and word-of-mouth, both of which feed into aggregate marketing performance metrics.

The direct effects of both e-commerce strategy (H3) and supply chain management (H4) on customer satisfaction, independent of marketing performance, align with the expectancy-disconfirmation paradigm (Oliver, 1980): customers form satisfaction judgments not only from the outcomes of marketing communication but also from the lived experience of the online interface and the reliability of order fulfilment. The particularly strong effect of marketing performance on customer satisfaction (H5) suggests that firms achieving stronger overall market performance are also those most able to consistently meet or exceed customer expectations, potentially through greater resources available for service quality investment, more sophisticated customer relationship management systems, or stronger brand equity that buffers isolated service failures.

Taken together, the comparatively lower mean score observed for omnichannel integration (Figure 3) suggests an area of underinvestment relative to its demonstrated importance in the literature (Grewal et al., 2017). Firms seeking to strengthen customer satisfaction may therefore realize disproportionate gains by prioritizing investment in unifying online and offline customer touchpoints, alongside continued investment in delivery reliability.

Comparison with Prior Studies

The magnitude of the path coefficients observed in this study is broadly consistent with prior research examining related constructs in adjacent contexts, although direct comparison is limited by the relative scarcity of studies modeling e-commerce strategy

and supply chain management simultaneously. The relatively larger effect of marketing performance on customer satisfaction compared to the direct effects of e-commerce strategy and supply chain management on satisfaction supports the partial mediation logic embedded in the conceptual framework, and suggests that firms may achieve more durable satisfaction gains by strengthening the intermediate marketing performance outcomes that stem from strategy and supply chain investment, rather than expecting either domain to influence satisfaction in isolation. This pattern is consistent with the service-profit chain literature, which similarly positions operational and marketing capabilities as inputs that must be converted into perceived value before translating into customer loyalty (Rust et al., 2000).

Implications

Theoretical Implications

This study contributes to the literature by empirically integrating constructs from the marketing and supply chain management disciplines within a single explanatory model, addressing calls for more cross-functional theorizing about the drivers of customer satisfaction in digital markets. The finding that marketing performance partially mediates the effects of both e-commerce strategy and supply chain management on customer satisfaction extends the service-profit chain logic to the e-commerce context.

Managerial Implications

For practitioners, the findings suggest that marketing and supply chain functions should not be managed in isolation. Managers are encouraged to: (1) invest jointly in digital marketing capability and delivery reliability rather than prioritizing one at the expense of the other; (2) treat omnichannel integration as a priority investment area given its comparatively lower current maturity; and (3) use marketing performance metrics as an early indicator of downstream customer satisfaction risk, enabling more proactive service recovery.

Illustrative Application

To translate these findings into practice, consider a mid-sized online retailer preparing for a seasonal promotional campaign. Under a siloed approach, the marketing team would design and launch the campaign independently, with logistics and inventory teams informed only after demand materializes. The results of this study suggest a more integrated sequence: forecasted demand uplift from the campaign should be shared with supply chain planners in advance so that inventory buffers and courier capacity can be adjusted proactively; delivery-time commitments communicated in marketing messaging should be validated against current fulfilment capacity rather than set independently by the marketing team; and post-campaign customer satisfaction data should be reviewed jointly by both functions to identify whether any dissatisfaction stemmed from unmet expectations, fulfilment delays, or a combination of the two. This coordinated sequence operationalizes the statistical relationships identified in the regression models and illustrates how the conceptual framework in Figure 1 can inform

day-to-day cross-functional planning rather than remaining a purely academic abstraction.

Limitations and Future Research

This study is subject to several limitations. First, the cross-sectional design precludes strong causal inference; longitudinal or experimental designs would strengthen causal claims by allowing researchers to observe how changes in e-commerce strategy or supply chain investment translate into subsequent shifts in marketing performance and customer satisfaction over time. Second, the sample, while adequately powered, was drawn from a specific set of industry sectors and geographic contexts, which may limit generalizability to markets with different regulatory, infrastructural, or competitive characteristics. Third, the study relies on self-reported perceptual measures rather than objective performance data such as verified sales figures or independently logged delivery-time records, which may be subject to common-method bias despite the use of validated scales.

Future research could address these limitations in several ways: by incorporating objective operational data obtained directly from enterprise resource planning or logistics tracking systems; by testing the proposed model across additional industry sectors and geographic markets to assess boundary conditions; and by examining potential moderating variables such as firm size, product category, and market maturity, any of which could plausibly strengthen or weaken the relationships identified here. Qualitative or mixed-methods follow-up work could also usefully explore the specific organizational mechanisms through which firms achieve, or fail to achieve, integration between their marketing and supply chain functions.

Conclusion

This study set out to examine how e-commerce strategies and supply chain management jointly influence marketing performance and customer satisfaction in competitive digital markets. Using survey data from 384 e-commerce businesses and multiple regression analysis, all five hypothesized relationships were supported, confirming that both digital marketing capability and supply chain reliability are significant, complementary drivers of marketing performance, and that marketing performance in turn strongly predicts customer satisfaction. The findings underscore the strategic imperative for firms to align marketing and supply chain investments rather than treating them as separate operational silos, offering a practical roadmap for strengthening competitiveness in increasingly saturated online markets.

More broadly, the study illustrates the value of examining marketing and operations capabilities within a single integrated model rather than as parallel, independently studied domains. As digital markets continue to mature and customer expectations around both experience and fulfilment continue to rise, the ability of firms to coordinate strategy across traditionally separate functions is likely to become an increasingly important, and increasingly measurable, source of sustainable competitive advantage.

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