



Asia (ex-China) Retail & E-commerce

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Asia at a glance

[Beauty and personal care: Bobbi Brown partners with Lazada to further expand in Asia](#)

Bobbi Brown has recently launched on Lazada Malaysia, Thailand and Singapore; the move marks the brand's first e-commerce foray into Malaysia

Japan

[E-commerce: Amazon partners with Japan's supermarket chain to sell grocery online](#)

Amazon has tied up with Japan's major supermarket chain Life to sell fresh food online in Japan starting later this year, targeting elderly and busy customers

[Beauty and personal care: Lush opens largest Asia store in Tokyo](#)

U.K. cosmetics retailer Lush has recently opened a 1,240-sqm flagship store in Shinjuku, Tokyo; the new store is also the retailer's largest store in Asia

South Korea

[E-commerce: South Korea's online grocery startup Kurly raises US\\$113 million](#)

Kurly, a South Korean online grocery delivery service provider, has completed an upsized series D funding round of US\$113 million; the funding will be used to strengthen the company's cold-chain fulfillment infrastructure and expand its product offerings

Singapore

[E-commerce: Singapore's online food store Grain secures new funding](#)

Grain, a Singapore-based online food store, has raised US\$10 million in a series B funding round; the new capital will be used to accelerate the company's growth in Singapore and its expansion into Thailand

[Beauty and personal care: SK-II launches Future X Smart store in Singapore](#)

Japan's cosmetic brand SK-II has teamed up with The Shilla Duty-Free to bring its Future X Smart Store to Changi airport; integrating the latest digital tools – smart product scan and 'Skincare GPS', the store aims to provide a convenient and pressure-free shopping experience for customers

Malaysia

[Shopping malls: Aeon Malaysia plans new openings and mall renovations](#)

Aeon Malaysia will earmark around US\$119.2 million this fiscal year on mall renovations and new mall openings; the retailer currently operates 28 Aeon malls and 34 outlets in Malaysia

India

[E-commerce: Amazon expands Amazon Pantry to over 110 Indian cities](#)

Amazon has expanded its Amazon Pantry service to over 110 Indian cities; with Amazon Pantry, customers can get access to about 5,000 products from 500-plus brands across categories including staples, household supplies and personal care products

[E-commerce: Amazon expands packaging-free shipment program to more Indian cities](#)

Amazon is expanding its packaging-free shipment program to nine Indian cities, including Delhi, Mumbai, Ahmedabad and Nagpur; under the program, orders are shipped in their original packaging without any secondary or additional packaging

[E-commerce: Paytm reportedly in talks to buy local insurance marketplace Coverfox](#)

India's digital payment company Paytm is reportedly in talks to acquire Mumbai-based insurance marketplace Coverfox for US\$100-US\$120 million, aiming to tap local financial services segment

[Apparel and footwear: Lulu Group's retail arm Tablez plans 150-plus stores in India](#)

Abu Dhabi-based Lulu Group's retail unit Tablez plans to invest US\$75 million to open over 150 stores in India by the end of 2020, introducing more fashion brands to the country, including Desigual, GoSport, YOYOSO and OshKosh

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