

Awin Report 2022

Power 100



Nelcome



Adam Ross CEO, Awin

I've worked in our industry since 2004 and I've never felt as optimistic about its future as I do today.

In 2000, Awin launched into what was effectively a cottage industry. The partner and affiliate marketing sector was small and nascent at that point, but packed with talented and passionate people.

While today's profession bears few similarities, that spirit of creativity and invention remains firmly intact.

A multi-billion-dollar powerhouse of digital marketing, it's now a global industry that is table stakes for any business seeking sustainable online growth.

At its heart remains a **costefficient, highly-adaptive ad model empowering millions** **of consumers** to make better purchasing decisions every day.

Today, you can use it to build your own advertising ecosystem, connecting with a galaxy of partners across almost every conceivable media touchpoint.

That means you can collaborate with a rising TikTok star or niche YouTube creator to promote a new campaign. Or work with an influential glossy magazine or authoritative product review site to boost your brand. You can connect with a sector-leading comparison app or a cutting-edge FinTech pioneer to acquire customers. Or reach massive audiences of savvy shoppers via cashback or coupon communities. In 2022, there are no limits for partnerships. This diversity is the result of a few factors.

First, there is no doubt the pandemic
has fueled interest and investment
into our channel. The performance
heritage of affiliate meant when brands
were hunkering down, unsure of where
to invest ad spend, they sought refuge
in CPA-based campaigns. Affiliates'
abilities to drive steady sales for
retailers without cost risk were a life
raft for many during the disruption.

Second, it's down to the prevailing headwinds the programmatic industry is facing up to. It's been five years since GDPR initiated local attempts at regulating the personal data space. We're still only seeing the early impact of these frameworks, but it's safe to say many **brands are finally recognizing the risks and vanity metrics these ad models have served up and are turning to the more transparent, direct connection to audiences that partnerships offer**.

Third, and connected to those first two points, **more publisher models also saw the benefit of the channel in 2020 and 2021 and have embraced it as a valuable income stream**. We've seen an increased merging of influencer activity within affiliate marketing as creators strike up direct partnerships with brands relevant to their niche. Prominent media houses











that shunned traditional display placements are integrating affiliate into content commerce strategies to better monetize their traffic. The channel is buzzing with FinTech companies that have developed novel ways of delivering tailored deals based on a user's shopping behavior. Technology partners are providing seamless access to cuttingedge marketing tools for publishers and advertisers on a risk-free CPA basis. B2B brand partnerships are in vogue, delivering mutual benefits to complementary businesses and their customers. The list goes on...

And with this influx of new partnerships the industry is getting progressively better at measuring and rewarding them. Attribution is shifting from a blunt, last-click basis to sophisticated, multi-touch, multi-channel solutions. Payments aren't solely fixed to **CPAs** either. A hybrid of CPC, CPL, tenancies and a host of other rewards can be combined to better reflect an individual partner's value.

In making these adjustments, **a** virtuous circle of growth is developing within the industry that points to a far more expansive, kaleidoscopic future.

And that brings me to this year's Awin Report. Those familiar with our annual publication will see we've departed from our usual mix of local market profiles and macro industry trends.

Instead, we wanted to better reflect the increasingly varied partnership opportunities within the channel. And what better way of doing that than boiling down Awin's 240,000 active partners to 100 of our most valuable and innovative?

That sounds an impossible task and, to be honest, it was. This list is by no means definitive – there are thousands we could have included instead of those listed.

But after countless nominations, numerous debates among publisher experts across the business and a lot of coffee, we present our inaugural **Power 100 list**. A first of its kind for **the affiliate industry**, you'll find some of the most interesting, innovative, inimitable partners on Awin globally.

And in curating this list we've struck upon five themes we feel characterize our choices and indicate some of today's industry trends.

The importance of ethics in business has arguably never been more vital. Sustainability, inclusivity, and accessibility are top of the agenda for consumers and companies alike. We are seeing more businesses attempt to confront these issues in the way they operate and the services they offer. Their marketing partnerships are not independent of this, so it seemed appropriate to shine a light on a few of those placing ethical principles at the very heart of their businesses. **Enabling ethical <u>ecommerce</u>** features this selection.

There will always be affiliates

challenging our definition of the word. **<u>Redefining 'affiliate'</u>** contains a small sample of the publishers pushing the boundaries of this label with their unusual and unorthodox offerings.

The new stream of opportunities technology partners are providing to brands in the channel are an offshoot of this evolution, but one we feel deserves its own dedicated chapter. These cutting-edge businesses offer advertisers and publishers new marketing capabilities at speed and on a commercial model that insulates them from the risk of experimentation. **Outsourcing innovation** is the term we use for the value these solutions bring and I think you'll be fascinated by the different partners available on our platform.

The Power 100 also champions the mainstays of our industry, the 'traditional' partners that remain the linchpins of many a successful affiliate program. These businesses have built up enormous, dedicated audiences

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in their local regions that trust their output and recommendations. That quality is invaluable in today's marketplace of infinite choice. **Tapping into local markets** is how we frame this selection and, with representation across 35 countries, these partners provide brands with instant access to new audiences and customers around the world.

Finally, we come to the big fish. The partners as huge, if not bigger than their advertiser counterparts. Let it never be said an affiliate plays the supporting role in any partnership. Publisher businesses can be global brands in their own right, and our **<u>Going global</u>** chapter illustrates this

perfectly. Alongside some of the most high-profile companies in the world, you'll find some lesser known ones that are affiliate powerhouses, connecting advertisers to audiences everywhere thanks to their far-reaching tech and extensive media properties.

In its totality, **the Power 100** represents an industry thriving with **unparalleled prospects**. Consider the Awin platform, its tech and tools, as a gateway to this bounty. The marketing opportunities are limitless.

We offer infinite partnerships via one solution.



Power 100 in numbers



\$4.5bn revenue in 2021

> **Price Comparison** Display

Brand-to-Brand

App Tracking Provider



53m sales last year

7,465 brand partnerships

14:1 average ROI

Display	y Blogger/I	nfluencer	Technology Pa	rtner	Email	Loyalty	Search
Shoppir	ng Directory	FinTech	Coupon/Cas	shback	User	Generated	l Content
der	Buy Now, Pay	Later	Sub Network	CSS	Ma	ass Media/	'Editorial

promotional types

+22%

average additional sales



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"<u>Blah blah blah</u>" was Greta Thunberg's response to politicians' efforts at COP26 last year after failing to phase out coal during climate talks.

Some protesting outside could only see hope in outright revolution, but across everyday life considerate consumption is still an effective means of making an impact. **Better understanding** who you're buying from and finding better alternatives are significant steps in the right direction.

Of course, it's not easy. Buying from more ethical retailers is generally pricier and what constitutes 'ethical' is highly subjective.

Should the retailer be a registered Bcorp? Is it enough to offset carbon footprints by planting trees? Should you only buy local, or is it better you buy from businesses eradicating single-use plastics? These

questions are complicated further by accusations of corporate 'greenwashing.'

Sustainability is one part of a broader discussion on what it means to be 'ethical' today. Environmental concerns coexist with other vital social issues: diverse representation, inclusivity, accessibility.

It's within this context discussions around brand purpose have ignited in recent years. There's no doubting shoppers are more sensitive to the values a retailer purports to associate with. Whether that results in higher sales or improved customer acquisition is still ripe for debate (though Peter Field's work on this does concur).

These subjects and more are resonating across our culture, increasing interest in and demand for guidance, information and inspiration from

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Enabling ethical ecommerce

This is where affiliate partners take on such value, because if these issues matter to you, where you

spend your money matters too.

those with expertise in these spaces.

Loose change can enact big change.

More partners now specialize in these topics, curating recommendations of brands with positive values consumers can trust. And they see in the flexible, controllable nature of the affiliate model a chance to monetize traffic with likeminded advertisers while sticking to their principles.

Some of the publishers you'll see here are doing exactly that. But our selection is not limited to just those with explicit moral positions. We recognize there are many meanings to the term 'ethical ecommerce.'

So, alongside more conventional ecoconscious offerings like the Moral Fibres, Sustainable Jungle and Utopia sites, you'll find **apps incentivizing** electric vehicle adoption or encouraging physical activity. Or a browser aimed at giving users control of their personal data and rewarding them for sharing it. And even closed user groups Blue Light Card or ID.me, both of which make it **easier to reward** society's invaluable key workers.

As you'll see, the range is wide and encompasses more than you'd expect. But all selected businesses share a desire to have a constructive influence on the world.

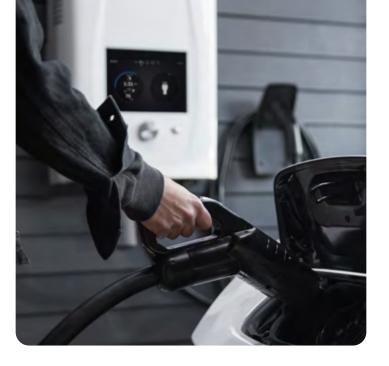
We're proud to spotlight them and eager to unearth more that demonstrate how partner marketing can make ad spend a force for positive change.



&Charge Blue Light Card BOETIEK Brennan Kai Coker easyfundraising <u>Give as you Live</u> HELPFUL ID.me Moral Fibres Prizle refoorest Sustainable Jungle TopCashback <u>Utopia</u> WeWard <u>Gener8</u>









<u>&Charge</u> is the first loyalty program for electric and sustainable urban mobility. Purchases are rewarded with 'kilometers' for free public charging of electric vehicles. Users can also redeem kilometers for car sharing and electric scooters.

Promotional type Loyalty

Sector **Retail & Fashion**

> Market Global

Year joined 2020

Publisher ID 575023

Of course, the cars themselves are only one part of this massive transformation to more sustainable transport. Infrastructure has to change too.

In the US, where Tesla's high-profile innovation has seen its market cap exceed \$1tn (dwarfing the likes of GM and Ford), there are still only around 50,000 public charging stations scattered across the country.

In Germany, things are a little different. It too currently offers around 50,000 charging stations but across a land mass roughly 30 times smaller than America. And it's within this context the unique shopping app & Charge was launched at the start of 2020.

Its co-founder Simon Vogt had been involved in the e-mobility space a decade before and quickly recognized how the fragmented nature of German charging stations

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The electric vehicle (EV) market is booming. Around 130,000 EV cars were sold in 2012. In 2022, that volume is being <u>sold every week</u> according to the International Energy Agency. Thanks to their growing popularity, there are now an **estimated 16m** EVs on the roads worldwide, and almost 10% of all cars sold last year were electric.

> and suppliers brought new layers of complexity to the market. "When it comes to public charging, it's quite different to the refueling which happens at gas stations. **EV charging** happens everywhere and the charger ecosystem is quite complex. You have lots of new players in this value chain meaning that very often the price soon adds up for the consumer, which affects the total cost of EV ownership."

Wanting to find a way of making it simpler to navigate this complex market and to encourage EV adoption by reducing charging costs, Simon and his team sought to **develop** a platform that could make the experience of EV ownership more fun while delivering real savings too.

They quickly landed on the idea of developing a loyalty platform, an affiliate business model that was already hugely popular in Germany and gave them easy access to a ready-made audience

of shoppers. "Really, we were creating something completely new but on a well known and effective model," said Simon. "In effect, we came up with the very first loyalty scheme for free public charging."

& Charge works by offering its users a way of redeeming points (or 'kilometers' as they're referred to) for shopping with its brand partners that can then be used to pay for charging **their EV**. Thus, the app's users are reducing the cost of ownership of their vehicle and extending their vehicle's range simply by shopping online.

More than just being a shopping platform, the &Charge app also serves as means of payment for

EV charging. Thanks to direct connections with all the major charging service providers, redeemed 'kilometers' can be used directly within the app to pay for your charging instead of using a conventional credit card or bank account.

As EV adoption has surged across the continent, &Charge has grown beyond its own domestic market, expanding to Austria, Switzerland, Belgium, the Netherlands and the UK. And with newer markets like the Nordics, France and Italy on the horizon, & Charge looks set to make owning electric vehicles ever easier and more enjoyable for Europe's drivers.

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<u>Blue Light Card</u> is the largest closed discount service that puts the UK's National Health Service and emergency services first. Using a data-led approach, it can target the right members with the right offers. Blue Light Card is also selective about the brands it works with to not overpopulate the website and allow partners to gain the best ROI possible.

Promotional type
Loyalty

Sector Retail & Fashion

> Market **UK**

Year joined **2009**

Publisher ID 63136

BOETIEK.NL

On <u>BOETIEK.NL</u>, users can navigate through different sustainable choices - from organic materials to vegan options - to make it easier to discover sustainable products online. In addition to its comparison site, BOETIEK creates engaging content that delivers high-quality traffic by integrating trends and products into articles and social posts that maximize visibility.

> Promotional type Search

Sector Retail & Fashion

Market Netherlands

Year joined **2020**

Publisher ID **373737**

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Brennan is a popular TikTok creator providing tips and recommendations to her community of 50k followers - covering everything from climate justice resources, to sustainable brand features and recipes formulated to combat food waste. New to Awin in 2022 and noted as 'one to watch,' her motivation lies in seeking sustainable solutions to common problems that always prioritize people and planet.

Promotional type
Blogger / Influencer

Sectors Retail & Fashion Travel & Entertainment

Market

Year joined **New for 2022**

Publisher ID **925573**



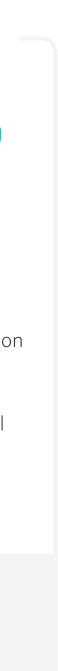
easyfundraising is the UK's biggest charity shopping fundraising site, having generated \$2.5 billion advertiser sales and \$50 million donations since 2005. With easyfundraising, brands can reach an affluent base of loyal shoppers to drive sales and create social impact for over 192,000 causes.

Promotional type
Loyalty

Sectors Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

> Market **Global**

Year joined **2006**





Give as you Live Online engages shoppers and retains customers by converting a percentage of commissions into free donations on purchases made. Its members are loyal, typically shopping several times a month to support their chosen charities. To date, Give as you Live has raised over \$22 million for UK charities, and its member base continues to grow daily.

Promotional type Loyalty

Sectors Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

> Market **UK**

Year joined **2010**

Publisher ID 103381



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HELPFUL

HELPFUL believes that by empowering sustainable business it can help consumers make responsible choices while offering a seamless experience. Businesses can choose to use HELPFUL's customerbranded wallets at checkout to get green, secure and fast payments as well as offer rewards, creating a network effect of sustainable growth.

Promotional type FinTech

Sectors Finance Retail Travel

Market **UK**

Year joined **2021**

Publisher ID **793149**



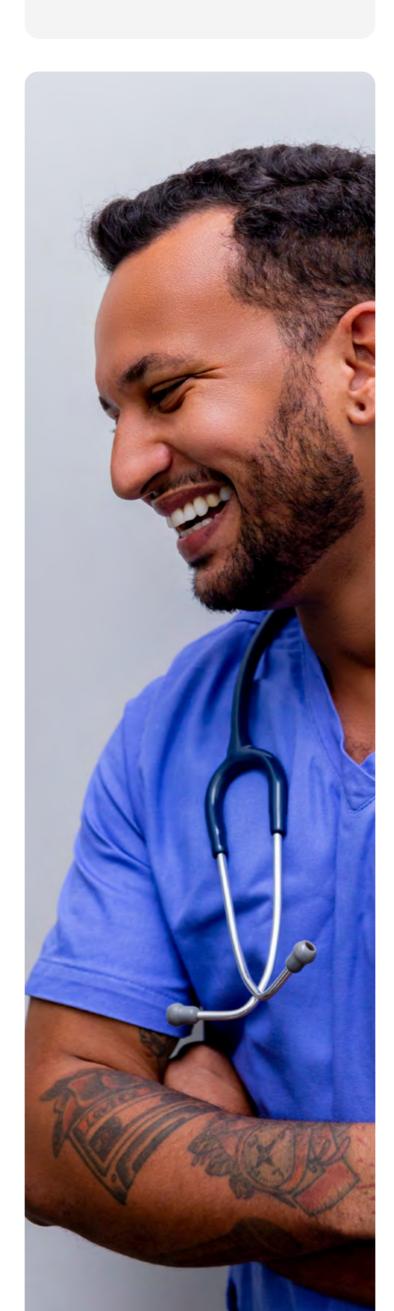
ID.me enables advertisers to offer exclusive promotions to members of the military, first responders, students, teachers, government employees, medical professionals and nurses. And through its proprietary identity technology, ID.me can verify customer eligibility in realtime, offering protection against fraud and abuse.

Promotional type Coupon / Cashback

Sectors Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

> Markets Canada, US

Year joined **2014**



M O R A L 👹 F I B R E S 🍟

Moral Fibres is a UK eco blog that seeks to make sustainability simple. In 2020, Moral Fibres' author was named one of Forbes 100 Leading UK Environmentalists and was ranked by Vuelio as the UK's top green blog. Attracting 100k monthly visitors, the site has become a trusted resource for readers since launching in 2013.

Promotional type
Blogger / Influencer

Sector Retail & Fashion

> Market **UK**

Year joined **2014**

Publisher ID 185557

Prizle

Prizle's goal is simple: to allow web stores and online services to easily support associations, foundations and non-government organizations selected by their customers. In doing so, retailers can improve their impact and ecommerce performance.

Promotional type
Coupon / Cashback

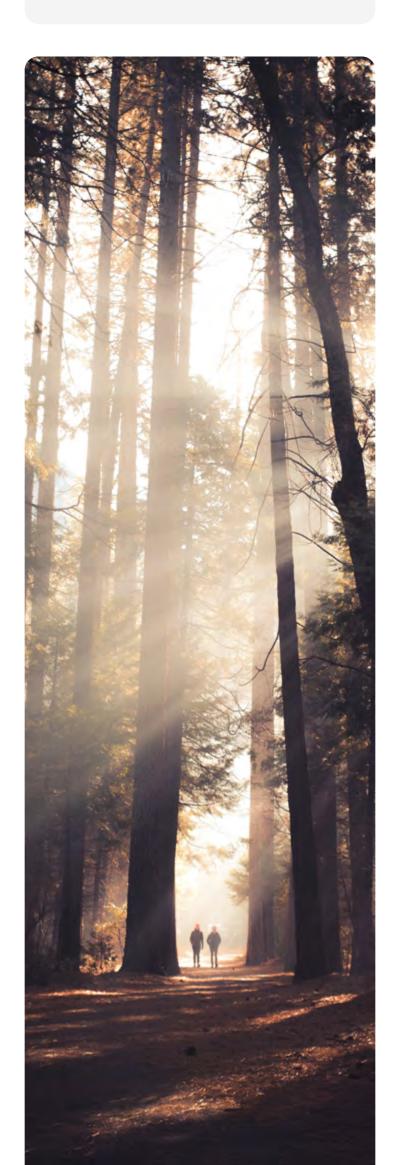
Sectors Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

> Markets France, Germany, Italy, UK

> > Year joined **2019**

Publisher ID **458417**

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refoorest

refoorest is a browser extension that uses commissions earned from partnerships to fund tree-planting efforts. Users simply need to add refoorest to their browser to help fight global warming, offset their carbon footprint and plant trees while they shop online.

Promotional type Loyalty

Sectors Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

> Market **Global**

Year joined **2020**

Publisher ID 716289

-SUSTAINABLE jungle

Sustainable Jungle shares tips, tricks, hacks, brands and products for a more sustainable life, combining SEO-focused content with an environmental lens to drive results for the most sustainable companies. What underpins Sustainable Jungle's success is the belief we all can positively shape our environment through what we support.

Promotional type
Blogger / Influencer

Sector Retail & Fashion

> Market **Global**

Year joined **2018**







<u>TopCashback</u> is always looking for ways to reduce impact and do better, and now can with 'Green Cashback.' This industry-first initiative makes it easier for shoppers to discover brands committed to ethical or sustainable choices in some aspect of their business, while helping them earn cashback too.

Promotional type
Coupon / Cashback

Sectors Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

> Market Global

Year joined **2006**

Publisher ID 57697





Since 2007, <u>Utopia.de</u> has been informing and inspiring millions of consumers to consciously shape their consumption with recommendations that create ecological, economic and social change.

Promotional type Blogger / Influencer

Sectors Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

Markets Austria, Germany, Switzerland

Year joined **2017**

Publisher ID **398925**

Sustainable consumption has long been a trend and will continue to be increasingly relevant. For affiliate advertisers aware of this, partnering with **Utopia** is a must. What I appreciate about Utopia is not only the target group relevance and reach, but the high-quality and independentlyresearched articles.

Tina Ramge Senior Digital Marketing Manager *DB Vertrieb GmbH*



WeWard is a free mobile app with over 6 million users that rewards users for walking down the street and buying quality products. Each step is converted into points, redeemable for offers, donations or cash. The app also recommends wellness products and rewards shoppers for their purchases.

> Promotional type Loyalty

Sector Retail & Fashion

Markets Belgium, France, Germany, Italy, Spain

Year joined **2020**

Publisher ID 723093 rn ed s rs



GENER8

Gener8 is a browser empowering people to control and earn from their data. It lets users choose a company's level of access to their data and earn rewards based on preference, including exclusive offers, vouchers, products and donations to charity.

Promotional type Display

Sector **Retail & Fashion**

> Market Global

Year joined 2020

Publisher ID 712781

<u>Gener8</u> founder Sam Jones came to national attention in the UK following his appearance on the popular BBC show <u>Dragons' Den</u>. After impressing the Dragons with a slick pitch for the innovative internet browser that gives users control of their personal data, four out of five vied to finance the company.

But, as he explained, success was by no means guaranteed. "You never know what's going to happen when you walk out of those lift doors...I was so relieved when the Dragons instantly got what I was telling them about Gener8, and what we're doing with our mission."

That mission is to **create technology** that empowers people to control and earn from their own data,

instead of it being opaquely monetized by the world's biggest tech giants. It says something about the growing awareness of the value of personal data that Gener8 was such a successful pitch.

In his previous role as brand manager at Red Bull, where he was Anticipating growing consumer responsible for around a third of demand for choice around how the company's global ad budget, personal data is used and who earns from it, Gener8 is well positioned Jones recognized a distinct lack of knowledge around how consumers' to thrive. Users are given a choice online behavior was tracked and between two modes when using monetized without informed consent. the browser: privacy or rewards.

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That awareness has improved immeasurably today - with local data regulations like GDPR and CCPA gradually seeping into public consciousness - but Jones considers the landscape to still be something of a Wild West. Companies continue to make it **incredibly difficult for** individuals to control how their data

is used. "If you use the world's largest search engine and you want to stop them from tracking you, it takes 17 clicks." Publisher sites can be equally guilty in their quest for ad revenue. "Go to the UK's most popular news site, and it takes just one click to allow them to drop a cookie that then shares your information with 1,436 different companies."

Choosing **privacy mode blocks** all companies from tracking you online. While rewards mode means you share your data with Gener8 in exchange for points that can be redeemed in the form of **products**, **promotions** or even **charity donations**, all via the Gener8 marketplace.

Working with brands via Awin, Gener8 can offer users highly relevant and valuable products and deals - and this is key to making rewards mode so compelling. "If I stop a 25 year old on the street and tell him he can have £7.99 this month," says Jones, "then he won't really care. But if I tell him he

can have a month of Netflix for free. then all of a sudden he's really excited. The monetary cost is the same, but the perceived value is very high."

Over 90% of Gener8's nearly 500,000 users opt into rewards

mode currently, so these partnerships are clearly working. And with a newly-launched product called Gener8 Genie providing users with coupon codes as they shop online and the browser witnessing an enormous amount of organic growth and adoption, Gener8 looks well set to continue its mission of empowering individuals to take control of their data.

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Redefining

If you're feeling particularly meta (not the Facebook kind), look up the word 'definition' and the dictionary will describe 'a statement expressing the essential nature of something.' So, what statement expresses the essential nature of an affiliate partner?

As recently as five years ago, that might not have seemed difficult. Essentially, you're describing a business that will promote your brand to its own audience for a commission. That covers the gamut from blogger to cashback community, comparison site to influencer. But the recent explosion of partner types and technologies in the channel has made that task a whole lot harder.

A slew of companies offering completely new ways to connect with audiences, technologies that help coordinate non-traditional marketing campaigns on a CPA model, those that require performance-based incentives beyond the traditional CPA and strategic partners with expertise in unconventional online spaces have **altered the perception of what's possible in the channel**.

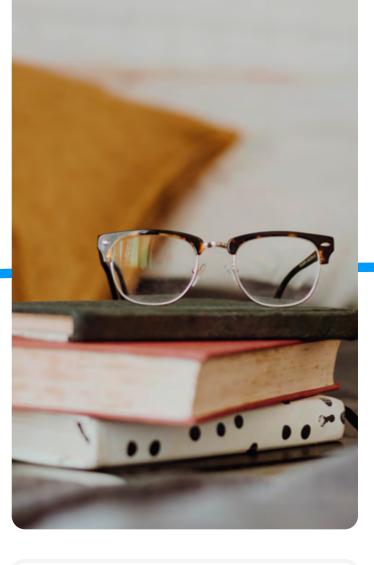
The industry has always prided itself on being a jack-of-all-trades. From its earliest days, an affiliate account manager would be expected to know a little about a lot: PPC, search, incentive, loyalty, display. These were, at the time, all relatively new modes of marketing. An account manager needed to explain each one's merit to a client and then find a way of making them work in tandem towards a collective brand goal.

If anything, this **multi-disciplinary expertise is far more complex today**. Alongside those established methods, you can now find FinTech apps and

Buy Now, Pay Later partners, influencer marketing platforms, connected commerce solutions, unique code technologies, on-site optimization solutions and much, much more. An effective account manager today is the marketing equivalent of an overworked orchestral conductor. They oversee an array of diversely different instruments and players, guiding them toward some shared harmony but are constantly having to adapt as new players, new instruments suddenly emerge and join their ensemble.

One of their primary dilemmas is measuring these disparate melodies. Continuing to track and reward these varied partners using one-dimensional models like last-click isn't feasible. **Today's affiliate marketer needs a new approach to accommodate added layers of complexity**. If you want a diverse, multi-dimensional partner program with an array of different marketing modes, a shift in mindset is needed. Our inclusion of SingleView, Awin's multi-touch attribution solution, is indicative of this new outlook.

The affiliate channel has always been a world full of experimenters and edge cases. That's part of the industry's appeal for so many of us. It's a space where startups first launch, test ideas in the real world and receive real-time feedback. The proximity to consumer demand via the performance model makes it the perfect laboratory for seeing how compelling a business idea really is. Does your company provide enough consumer value that a person will buy through it? It's the ultimate litmus test for any commercial venture. Our selection of partners here are passing that test every day and, in doing so, **expanding** the scope of what 'affiliate' means.



Sellers Alley Affirm **APPRL** Banco Inter <u>Bnext</u> Giftomatic Klarna Mateusz Zaleski Mavrck Myprotein Peoople Raiz Revolut Shop My Influence **SingleView** stylink Tagger Tipser Toro Tocho Reviews <u>Uniqodo</u> Ziff Media Group <u>Zilch</u>



sellers alley

Sellers Alley is an official TikTok marketing partner that can deploy ad strategies on behalf of Awin advertisers and at no additional service cost, letting them leverage short-form video and influencer content efficiently within TikTok on an agreed campaign rate.

Promotional type **Blogger/Influencer**

Sector **Retail & Fashion**

> Market Global

Year joined **New for 2022**

Publisher ID 933997

TikTok has taken the world by storm, boasting over 1 billion monthly active users at the start of 2022. With more than an eighth of the world's population active on the app each month, the potential reach for brands is monumental. Whether through the platform's ad units or influencer activity via its Creators' Marketplace, advertisers can tap into an audience of highly-engaged consumers.

Sellers Alley has positioned itself at the forefront of this marketing **space**, providing retailers with the tailored strategies needed to excel and the confidence to invest in a new, exciting platform. What started off as a one-man show headed up by Founder and CEO Lazar Žepinić, has rapidly grown into a 140-strong outfit with offices in the US and Serbia.

A self-professed "online advertising nerd" with over a decade's worth of experience in the industry, Žepinić expanded Sellers Alley to cover multiple disciplines from PPC to display, earning Google and Amazon partner status along the way in the space of three years. Given its marketing pedigree, it's no surprise Sellers Alley's latest endeavors with TikTok have been equally, if not more, successful.

For many brands, **TikTok may seem** like an untried and untested channel

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its unique culture and skew towards Gen Z and millennials, executing a profitable campaign may present some challenges for advertisers seeking to appeal to its younger and potentially unfamiliar demographic. In fact, you're likely to be marketing to a completely new audience according to Sellers Alley's own data, as **40% of TikTok's** users aren't active on Facebook or **Instagram** at all. Such an untapped pool of potential customers presents a fantastic acquisition opportunity, but also a massively squandered one if your content fails to engage. With almost two thirds of users stating advertising on TikTok feels fresh and unique compared to other platforms, taking a generic approach to marketing in this space could see a brand perceived as out-of-touch or, worse, irrelevant.

compared to other stalwarts. With

As a certified TikTok marketing partner, Sellers Alley has the credentials to tackle these potential

hurdles. Its results are vetted by TikTok itself, with expertise across a number of specialities from campaign measurement and management to the creative needed to get the platform's stamp of approval. Earning this status comes with a number of benefits too. Sellers Alley and its clients gain privileged access to exclusive features ranging from early previews of new tools and boosted posts based off social listening data, as well as direct integration with TikTok's marketing API.

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These relationships also benefit

TikTok as its partners' data and feedback aid in optimizing the tools and algorithm, creating a two-way **dialog that grows the platform** in a collaborative way. Now, via a strategic partnership with Awin, Sellers Alley can further optimize campaigns with affiliate tracking alongside the suite of powerful tools and reporting the Awin interface provides. Although measurable performance is still key, it's Sellers Alley's knowledge and understanding of TikTok's platform and audience that sets the agency apart. Žepinić and his team have managed to pioneer a winning formula in a market that's still in its relative infancy, free from the oversaturation of more traditional channels. Through the Awin partnership, it presents a chance for brands to jump on an opportunity that's quickly scaling and connect with audiences in a completely new way.

affirm

The <u>Affirm Marketplace</u> was built as a powerful discovery and performance marketing tool for brands. Millions of customers visit the Affirm app, and in 2021 it drove billions in revenue for merchants. Advertisers working with Affirm can leverage consumer growth levers, including access to promotions, premium placements and incentives, to enhance customer engagement and meet growth goals.

> Promotional type Buy Now, Pay Later

Sectors Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Travel & Entertainment

Market

Year joined 2019

Publisher ID 301841

A P P R L

APPRL is an influencer network, software and agency helping online brands measure ROI and scale influencer marketing efforts. Through APPRL's software, advertisers can find high-performing influencers and reach out via a messaging functionality. In addition, brands working with APPRL gain access to assistance from its experienced team.

Promotional type
Blogger/Influencer

Sector Retail & Fashion

> Markets Nordics, UK

Year joined **2012**

Publisher ID 115076

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Inter

As Brazil's first 100% digital FinTech bank, <u>Banco Inter</u> was launched in 2017 as the digital offshoot of the 25-yearold traditional bank, Banco Intermedium. In that short period, the company has acquired five million customers across Brazil and established itself as an ecommerce innovator in the country.

Promotional type FinTech

Sectors Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

> Markets Brazil, US

Year joined **2019**

Publisher ID 689223

🛠 bnext

As one of the leading Spanish FinTech partners with more than 200,000 customers and \$50 million transacted per month, <u>Bnext</u> offers consumers the opportunity to connect with leading retailers by earning cashback on purchases made via its app.

> Promotional type FinTech

Sectors Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

> Market Spain

Year joined

Publisher ID 702641



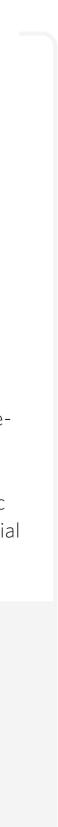
Around \$600 billion is spent annually on gift cards worldwide. By offering personalized spending suggestions, <u>Giftomatic</u> helps consumers spend their cards online via redemption partners. And thanks to whitelabel solutions like a product search engine and product recommendations, Giftomatic matches thousands of potential buyers and purchases.

Promotional type
User Generated Content

Sector Retail & Fashion

> Markets Global

Year joined **2019**



Klarna.

Klarna is a leading global payments provider and shopping publisher. Known for its Buy Now, Pay Later technology, Klarna offers brands an innovative publishing solution and diversified promotional placements across its website and app for increased website traffic, new customer acquisition and more sales.

Promotional type
Buy Now, Pay Later

Sectors Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

> Market Global

Year joined **2021**

Publisher ID 696205



Mateusz Zaleski is a streetwear influencer who runs a popular Facebook page, YouTube channel and mobile app for his highly-engaged audience. And with content selectively tailored to their preferences, Mateusz can ensure everything effectively captures his audience's interests and has very high conversions for brand partners.

> Promotional type Blogger/Influencer

Sector Retail & Fashion

Market
Eastern Europe

Year joined **2018**

Publisher ID 346651

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Mavrck is an all-in-one, advanced influencer marketing platform enabling consumer brands to harness the power of social proof that's so valued by today's consumers. Marketers use Mavrck to discover and collaborate with influencers, advocates, referrers and loyalists creating trusted content and gathering insights throughout the customer journey.

Promotional type
Blogger/Influencer

Sectors Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

> Markets Canada, US

Year joined **2021**

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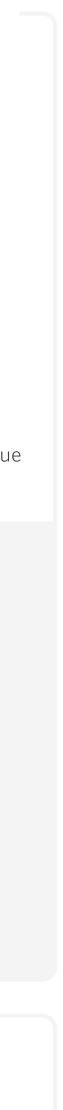
As a global advertiser operating a traditional affiliate program, <u>Myprotein</u> now utilizes Awin's brand partnership proposition. Under this unique model, Myprotein partners with non-competing retailers to endorse rewards and offers, driving more sales and revenue without eroding margins.

> Promotional type Brand-to-Brand

Sectors Retail & Fashion

> Markets Global

Year joined **2021**



peoople

Peoople makes online purchasing decisions easier. The platform transforms social media content posted by friends and influencers into an accessible, searchable format for consumers.

> Promotional type **User Generated Content**

Sectors Finance & Insurance **Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment**

> Market Global

Year joined 2018

Publisher ID 424279



Raiz is an industry-first rewards provider channeling cashback via in-app shopping and card-linked round ups into investments across stocks, superannuation and cryptocurrency.

> Promotional type Coupon/Cashback

Sectors Finance & Insurance **Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment**

> Market APAC

Year joined 2017

Publisher ID 438917

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Revolut

<u>Revolut</u> is a financial super-app with over 13 million customers worldwide, including three million in the UK alone. Revolut Rewards is its acquisition and engagement program, through which partners can push their tailored cashback and discount offers to an ever-growing user base.

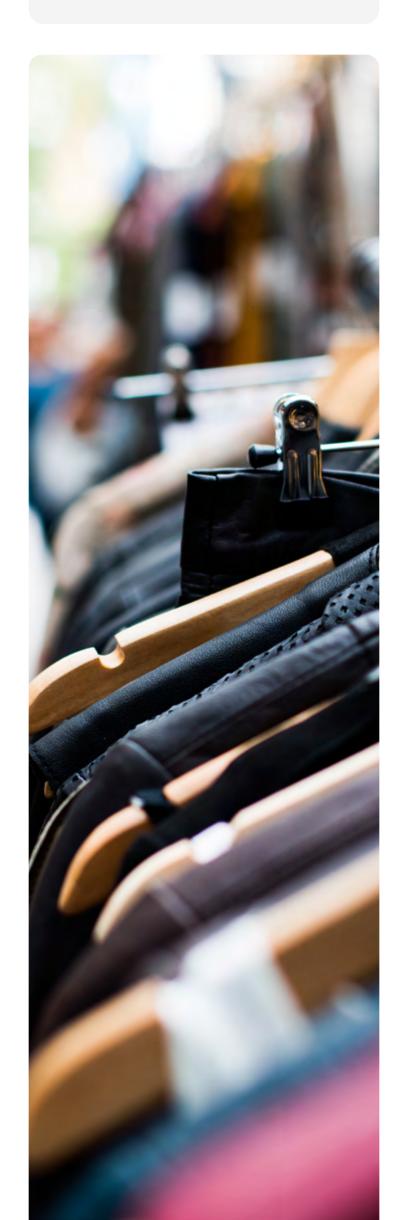
Promotional type FinTech

Sectors Finance & Insurance **Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment**

> Market Global

Year joined 2020

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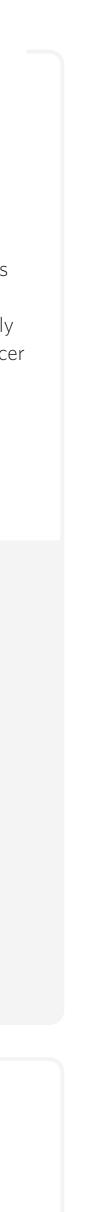
smartphone app that provides brands and creators alike the necessary tools to successfully manage and optimize influencer activity. Its platform easily generates affiliate links across a catalog of more than 500 brands and shares performance in real time.

Promotional type Sub Network

Sector **Retail & Fashion**

Markets Eastern Europe, France, Spain

> Year joined 2020



SingleView Part of Awin

Awin's impartial attribution technology <u>SingleView</u> enables brands to confidently invest and maximize ROI. Gathering data in an unbiased way, it measures each individual consumer interaction in both converting and nonconverting journeys, analyzing activity for unique insights that optimize performance. SingleView can be activated via Awin's MasterTag, requiring no complex integration.

Promotional type
Technology Partner

Sectors Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

> Markets APAC, UK, US

> > Year joined 2019



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stylink

stylink is one of the largest endto-end content monetization platforms, giving followers the possibility to browse partner shops and make product recommendations directly to their community. With its unique revenue model based on a CPA-collaboration between the platform and partner shops, and a CPCremuneration for users, stylink stands out from competitors.

Promotional type
Blogger/Influencer

Sector Retail & Fashion

> Market Global

Year joined **2018**

Publisher ID 444911

T tagger

Tagger's team is comprised of highly-motivated experts deeply invested in advancing every facet of the influencer marketing industry. They believe in making impactful technological advances and driving industry progress with meaningful thought leadership. With offices around the world and availability in 11+ different languages, Tagger is truly a global enterprise solution.

Promotional type
Blogger/Influencer

Sectors Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

> Market <mark>Global</mark>

Year joined **2019**

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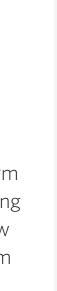
Tipser is the enterprise platform for embedded commerce, giving brands the power to reach new sales channels across premium publisher sites, marketplaces and social media networks. By selling directly at the point of inspiration, Tipser aims to increase conversions by 2.5+ times the normal rates.

Promotional type
Technology Partner

Sector Retail & Fashion

> Market Global

Year joined **2021**





Toro Tocho Reviews is one of the most popular hardwarerelated YouTube channels in Spain - leveraging the reach of Twitch, Instagram and Twitter to help drive traffic to its channel and increase conversions for brand partners.

Promotional type **Blogger/Influencer**

Sectors **Retail & Fashion Telco & Services**

> Market Spain

Year joined 2021

Publisher ID 534797



<u>Uniqodo</u> is the promotion experience platform, delivering the best possible brand experience by combining incentives that motivate with experiences that drive action to supercharge conversion and engagement. The major areas Uniqodo can help advertisers with are: controlling promotions to protect margins, increasing conversions of discount codes. and delivering enhanced cashback experiences.

Promotional type **Technology Partner**

Sectors **Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment**

> Market Global

Year joined 2014

Publisher ID 211509

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Working collaboratively with **Uniqodo** enabled

us to deliver an engaging and unique campaign over a highlycompetitive period. The work allowed us to create a custom journey, not only driving an increase in sales but ensuring new customers experienced our very best.

Nick White **Online Director** Samsung



Ziff Media Group is a leading portfolio of trusted service journalism and shopping content, including RetailMeNot, Mashable.com, PCMag.com, BlackFriday.com and AskMen. com. It super-serves consumers toward action, allowing brands to maximize reach and engage a qualified audience.

> Promotional type Mass Media/Editorial

Sectors **Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment**

> Markets US, UK

Year joined 2012



Zilch is a different kind of Buy Now, Pay Later company created from the ground up to help customers have, do and be whatever they want, responsibly. Zilch's MasterCard can be leveraged by and for advertisers online or in store to drive sales and increase AOVs without any API integration. Additionally, Zilch is one of the first Buy Now, Pay Later providers in the UK to be FCA licensed.

> Promotional type Buy Now, Pay Later

Sectors **Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment**

> Markets UK, US

Year joined 2020

Outsourcing innovation

The '<u>Clock Model</u>' is a visual metaphor Pivot podcast host and NYU marketing professor Scott Galloway uses to illustrate how customers interact with brands. But it's also a powerful illustration of how technology partners are bringing new value to the affiliate channel right now.

Think of a clockface.

From 12 – 4 is the 'Pre-Purchase' phase, when audiences first become aware of your brand, usually via marketing and advertising in all its varied forms.

From 4 – 8 is the 'Purchase' phase. This is when the customer first comes into direct contact with your brand itself, visiting a physical store or its online equivalent.

And finally, 8 - 12 is the 'Post-Purchase' phase, which consists of everything after the sale occurs. This might include your customer service, loyalty program, CRM... any post-sale interaction.

When we think of the channel's historic value, it's **primarily centered on the 'Pre-Purchase' phase**, competing with all forms of advertising. An affiliate partner is generally one that directs its own traffic to an advertiser where, with a bit of luck, it will go on to convert a sale.

That fairly simple relationship has served the industry well for over 20 years. It's the backbone of the flourishing industry we have today.

But the slew of technology partners now entering the channel are disrupting that status quo. Thanks to these innovators, the value of affiliate partnerships is extending way beyond that narrow **12 - 4 slot** into completely new spaces generating value for businesses outside of 'simple' advertising. Instead, we have AI chat bots providing

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intelligent answers to customer questions on site, deal personalization tech tailoring offers to users based on browsing behavior, automated upselling solutions building dynamic bundles of related products based on a shopper's existing basket, and social referral technology encouraging converted shoppers to become brand advocates among their own peers.

All these solutions **enable businesses to** further optimize customer experiences across a wider range of touchpoints

than traditional partnerships might have previously offered. And the beauty of working with these cuttingedge solutions via the affiliate channel is they're available to experiment with on a performance basis and without the upfront costs usually associated with accessing them.

Many businesses today face the daunting prospect of having to

constantly keep up with tech's warp speed progress and change. To do so normally involves huge investments of capital and time in developing expertise and tech in-house, or acquiring and then assimilating it into your existing stack.

The affiliate channel offers the perfect space to experiment with new technologies risk free

And with Awin's MasterTag, you get immediate access to many of these solutions through our core tracking setup and can switch them on instantly, skipping your internal dev queue to quickly understand whether it works.

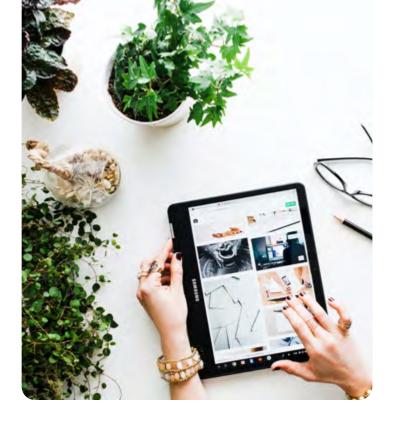
This chapter highlights just a few of these innovative partners currently available to work with via Awin. But there are many more in the pipeline. So, rest assured that whatever the next tech trend in marketing is likely to be, there'll be an Awin partner ready to solve it.



Intent.ly Billionhands <u>Branch</u> Button <u>Constant.Co</u> Envolve Tech <u>Fidel</u> Geniuslink Increasingly MikMak <u>RevLifter</u> <u>Soreto</u> <u>Upsellit</u>

<u>Twenga</u>





Tintent.ly

Intent.ly is a conversion optimization expert, unlocking audiences' potential through seamless, personalized engagement tools that turn customer journeys into success stories.

Promotional type Technology Partner

Sectors Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

> Market Global

Year joined **2014**

Publisher ID 80338 intent.ly's meteoric rise within the channel began as Smarter Click, a name that may already be familiar to veterans of the UK's affiliate space. Launched in 2013 with just three employees, they oversaw the growth and rebrand of the business into what it is today – experts in converting customers across 20 international markets with multiple industry awards to its name.

Throughout the past eight years, intent.ly has helped brands leverage the potential of their most-valuable asset: their own customers. On average, a staggering 96% of traffic bounces without converting and 85% abandon purchases despite having items in their baskets. intent.ly reengages these customers to buy via cutting-edge marketing solutions, ranging from personalized overlays and emails to perfectly timed notifications, all powered by its proprietary behavioral insights and performance data. Recent developments push the envelope further with the implementation of machine learning – essentially allowing automatic personalization to tailor the approach and strategy

for each individual customer. In fact, intent.ly's tech has the ability to look beyond the singular definition of 'customer.' By analyzing individual shopping behaviors on a brand's site – including the pages they browse and the

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cursor movements they make – intent. ly seeks to define consumers in terms of 'buyers' or 'clickers.' Or, to put it bluntly, those that know what they want and those that don't. intent.ly's solutions aim to reinforce 'buyer' behavior in shoppers whose interest may be waning by giving them the nudge to purchase, boosting conversion rates across the board.

With over 500 advertisers already live as of this year (including many of the largest global brands), intent.ly has set its eyes on making its proposition accessible to businesses of every shape and size. In Partnerships Director James Boden's own words, "The size of a brand should not dictate their access to the best technology in the market." For many grassroots advertisers, the prospect of implementing specialized marketing tech can be daunting. Whether that's because of frontended integration costs or the need for continued investment (both time and money) in optimizing campaigns,

the risks are often perceived as outweighing the potential benefits.

However, intent.ly has sought to eliminate many of these obstacles, proving to brands that **working with industry-leading solutions isn't an exclusive benefit for big businesses**

only. Boden acknowledges the integration process is often one of the biggest barriers to entry, so this became a core issue to tackle. As a result of Awin's push to make outsourcing innovation as seamless as possible, intent.ly's tech now sits directly within the Awin MasterTag – reducing integration to just a few clicks, with a one-click activation solution soon to launch.

Furthermore, intent.ly now provides an **entry-level plug-and-play solution that effectively offers little to no initial outlay**, opening up the proposition to a greater number and variety of smaller brands. For start ups and micro-SMEs, this presents the perfect opportunity – affordable, lowrisk ecommerce innovation that can be easily scaled up to more custom solutions as their business grows. With this strategic pivot it's clear

With this strategic pivot it's clear intent.ly is invested in making its technology as accessible as possible to all, dispelling the myth only established brands should have the privilege of working with cuttingedge marketing technologies.

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billionhands

The <u>Billionhands</u> app helps users find and buy any fashion accessory or decor product under the sun. Through a fast and simple visual or semantic search that is supported by AI, users can discover millions of products and trends via the streets, influencers and their own friends.

Promotional type Technology Partner

Sector Retail & Fashion

> Market Spain

Year joined 2021

Publisher ID 722679





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brancĥ

Branch provides the industry's leading mobile linking and measurement platforms, offering solutions that unify user experience and attribution across devices and channels. Branch has been selected by over 100,000 apps since 2014, improving experiences for more than three billion monthly users across the globe.

Promotional type App Tracking Provider

Sectors Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

> Market Global

Year joined **2020**

Button[®]

Button's PostTap product suite is the only mobile and app technology built specifically for affiliation and commerce-based outcomes. Its technology is backed by machine learning that routes consumers to the bestconverting destination and can be used to improve performance of all paid media traffic.

Promotional type App Tracking Provider

Sectors Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

> Market Global

Year joined **2018**

Constant.Co

Constant.Co powers highperformance, immersive digital campaigns for brands, by letting them quickly create a seamless, shoppable landing page that showcases campaigns and products to audiences across every digital channel. Constant. Co recognizes shoppers to automatically send them to engage and shop with a retailer they trust, so that partners benefit from highintent traffic, enhanced shopper loyalty and greater insights.

Promotional type
Technology Partner

Sector Retail & Fashion

> Markets **UK, US**

Year joined **New for 2022**





Envolve's award-winning Virtual Shopping Assistant uses AI to automatically answer consumer questions via a widget on a retailer's site, providing relevant answers and contextual product recommendations for up to a 17% conversion rate. Envolve typically increases an advertiser's AOV by 10-15% and reduces customer service queries by up to 55%.

> Promotional type **Technology Partner**

Sectors Finance & Insurance **Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment**

> Market Global

Year joined 2020

Publisher ID 531021

FIDEL API

Fidel API's mission is to unlock the full potential of payment cards. Its tools and solutions enable startups through global enterprises to reimagine user experiences, unlock untapped value within payment events and transform the way they interact with customers.

> Promotional type FinTech

Sectors **Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment**

> Market Global

Year joined 2020

Publisher ID 626209

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gen/uslink

Geniuslink helps seamlessly send consumers to the correct item in their local storefront for improved conversions, sales and commissions. It uses a patented process that quickly and accurately matches across (and between) ecommerce ecosystems to ensure both the ideal shopper journey and that your affiliate tracking still works.

Promotional type **Technology Partner**

Sectors Finance & Insurance **Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment**

> Market Global

Year joined 2019

Publisher ID 577649





Award-winning AI platform Increasingly was built with one simple goal: increase basket revenue for retailers. Its technology sells product bundles on-site and in Google Shopping, Facebook and Instagram to help customers buy and discover more. With Increasingly's 'Frequently Bought Together' product bundling, retailers achieve those higher AOVs as shopping experiences are powered by convenience and personalization.

> Promotional type **Technology Partner**

Sectors **Retail & Fashion Travel & Entertainment**

> Market Global

Year joined 2017



MikMak

MikMak is an ecommerce marketing analytics and enablement software. It helps consumer product companies - including grocery, alcohol and CPG brands - understand and perfect their consumers' online journeys, drive online sales and optimize media and marketing spend.

Promotional type Technology Partner

Sector Retail & Fashion

> Market Global

Year joined **2021**

Publisher ID 825961

RevLifter

RevLifter is on a mission to make every ecommerce deal intelligent across the entire customer journey. Its marketleading platform delivers average performance boosts of +20% AOV and +30% CVR by enabling brands to serve real-time, hyper-personalized offers and content that exceed goals for revenue, sales, conversions, acquisition, retention and more.

Promotional type
Technology Partner

Sectors Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

Market Global

Year joined **2018**

Publisher ID 489725

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Since partnering with **RevLifter**

we've built an Al algorithm that goes through millions of data points to find a customer's best deal and better margin for us in real time; a genuine win-win. It's brought something totally different to our program and website, and I'd encourage other brands to see how personalization can solve their biggest challenges.

Jay Karsandas Digital Marketing Manager *Carphone Warehouse*

soreto

Soreto is a referral marketing and social sharing technology that leverages the power of a retailer's existing customers to acquire new ones. It enables brands to incentivize customers to recommend their site to friends and family via social media and messaging platforms. Win new customers, drive repeat purchases and increase organic social reach with Soreto.

Promotional type
Technology Partner

Sectors Retail & Fashion Travel & Entertainment

> Market Global

Year joined 2018

Publisher ID 427813

C UpSellit

UpSellit specializes in designing, developing and optimizing personalized conversion experiences that help increase online profitability for clients, building strategies that address specific pain points across the whole conversion funnel. UpSellit's goal is always to provide the largest possible increase in brand revenue with the smallest possible impact on customer experience.

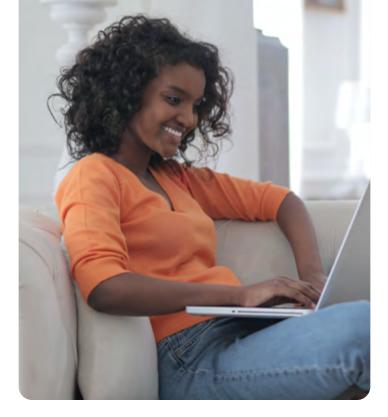
Promotional type
Technology Partner

Sector Retail & Fashion

> Market Global

Year joined **2018**





Twenga

Twenga is a CSS shopping ads provider offering a unique in-market machine learning platform that specializes in long-tail product exposure.

Promotional type **Technology Partner**

Sectors Finance & Insurance **Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment**

> Market Global

Year joined 2020

Publisher ID 624709

In 2017, the EU fined Google \$2.6bn (the second biggest it's ever issued) for antitrust practices on Google's Shopping Ads space. When that happened, the EU subsequently opened up a completely new avenue for Google competitors. Other comparison partners now had access to the auction-based ad model on a level playing field, giving brands a choice on partners and pricing models.

As this ecosystem opened, many of these companies quickly recognized the affiliate channel offered a valuable means of coordinating this activity on a performance basis and so **a new partner** type was born: the CSS affiliate.

Twenga is one such company. Founded in 2006 with deep expertise in the comparison search space (CSS), the French company quickly scaled its solution across the globe. Its focus on supplementing advertisers' existing product search on Google Shopping, Bing and Petal Shopping Ads, has seen them partner with nearly 1,500 clients across Europe, the US and Australia.

Over 200 of those partnerships are managed via Awin, and for Twenga, the attraction of working with platforms comes in part from access to the tracking and reporting tech, helping to fuel its machine learning platform to better optimize clients' CSS campaigns.

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Speaking of Twenga's tech, **the** proprietary pixel its developed allows Twenga to fine-tune campaigns with data gathered from **multiple sources**, enhancing both the returns and costs via intelligent and accurate bidding. Compared to campaigns not using the pixel, Twenga boasts a potential two-fold increase in performance. And thanks to its integration within the Awin MasterTag, access to this improved solution is incredibly simple to set up.

Of course, one of the common dilemmas that frequently crops up in the CSS affiliate space is how this activity works in tandem with existing CSS activity, either inhouse or with other partners. Brand anxieties around bid cannibalization are common but misplaced.

As Twenga's Head of Business Development Jose Lorenze explained, its algorithm focuses bids on a brand's

long-tail inventory, promoting products that aren't covered by existing bids. "A brand might be focused more on promoting a set of products that are strategically important for them, and we supplement this primary campaign by ensuring the rest of their catalog is covered too."

Twenga's algorithm is **smartly designed** to identify undiscovered products in the auction and provide wider coverage on terms that may have untapped value. With the most important products already part of a client's paid strategy, Twenga can generate returns from

areas retailers may have deemed less profitable or not worth considering.

This **intelligent use of affiliate**

expertise in a new marketing field is another example of how the channel can help outsource innovation. Brands taking their first foray into CSS can experiment using experts like Twenga to find out what does and doesn't work without risking capital up front. And for those already running such activity, supplementing it with the enhanced coverage a partner like Twenga offers provides a completely new source of incremental sales.

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Tapping into local markets

In his 2004 book The Paradox of Choice - Why More is Less, psychologist Barry Schwartz crystalized a challenge we face as consumers today: "Learning to choose is hard. Learning to choose well is harder. And learning to choose well in a world of unlimited possibilities is harder still, perhaps too hard."

Whether it's a broadband package, city break or vacuum cleaner, we need help navigating the plethora of choices online. Affiliates have known this for years and it explains why their growth **mirrored that of ecommerce**. You might not realize, but in choosing one product over another, you've probably interacted with affiliate content (possibly at every stage of your purchasing journey.)

This epitomizes the partners you'll discover in this section - industry stalwarts, specialists and content

heavyweights, empowering consumers with their content and business models. Their laser focus on guiding and advising helped build fiercely loyal local audiences and shape offerings to reflect changing consumer habits.

In an age of declining brand loyalty, many retailers are attaching themselves to the stickiness of affiliate content and business models.

This is exemplified by some of the niches publishers now represent amid nuances in local markets. Brands recognize affiliates like Sole Supplier are a trusted go-to for someone choosing their next footwear. Likewise, Humbird for the great annual health insurance switch in the Netherlands, or Mecenat to tap into a Nordic student audience.

Several featured partners can be broadly categorized as incentive sites. These are the mainstays of the

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affiliate channel, be it established cashback portals like Germany's Shoop or new entrant Capital One in the US. In taking a marketing cost and turning it into a consumer incentive, they share customer loyalty with the brands they partner with.

But the publishers featured here are more complex. MoneySupermarket Group makes our shortlist, and with its recent acquisition of UK cashback site Quidco, now offers a glimpse of affiliate marketing's future. By merging different models - product discovery and price comparison alongside the conversion tactics of coupons or cash rewards – the group can help consumers make sense of the myriad options available.

The recent trend of local media houses embracing affiliate is also well represented. Whether it's Forbes,

The New York Times' Wirecutter or EL PAÍS, affiliate ecommerce has become a credible and fullyfledged income source in place of traditional display placements.

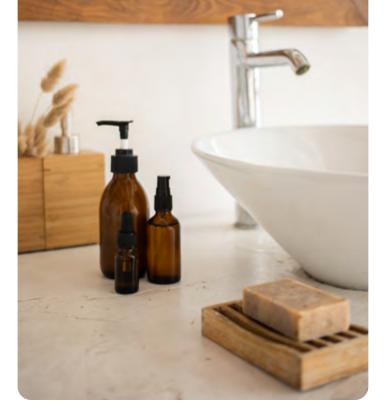
Critically, these businesses shifted measurement from page views to content creation and conversion, meaning they are better served by advertising while building longerterm loyalty with readers.

Regardless of size, all selected partners here are regional powerhouses in their subject authority and excel at what they do in its purest form: affiliate and **partner marketing**. They epitomize that holy grail of quality content allied to high conversions, often with the bonus of an incentive. As such, they represent the bedrock of affiliate programs across the world.



Wirecutter 20 minutes a360media Affiliate Port Black Friday Nederland Bravokupony Capital One Shopping <u>Cashrewards</u> CFC Services Cuponomia Discoup <u>EL PAÍS</u> Forbes <u>Grupo NZN</u> Humbird Ideel Knasta Mecenat <u>Méliuz</u> Moneysupermarket Group Nettavisen Qual Notebook Comprar <u>Schibsted</u> Shareight Shoop ShopBack Slickdeals Sole Supplier <u>Tiscali</u> Tom's Hardware <u>Viking Deals</u> **Urlaubstracker**





The New Hork Times Wirecutter

Wirecutter has set the standard for unparalleled and unbiased product reviews and recommendations for over a decade. As a New York Times company, it puts readers first, building trust before driving valuable customers to partners.

Promotional type Mass Media/Editorial

Sector **Retail & Fashion**

> Market US

Year joined 2015

Publisher ID 256015

Founded in 2011 by Brian Lam, the product review and recommendation site <u>Wirecutter</u> has since grown to become one of the most-trusted consumer review sites in the US. So trusted, in fact, that the so-called 'Wirecutter' effect' describes the sudden surge in sales retailers face when one of their products is spotlighted by the team's editors as a Wirecutter Pick.

That kind of influence over such a huge audience of shoppers doesn't just happen overnight. It's something earned over years of rigorous product testing by an impartial team of **experts focused** on finding and vetting the very best across more than 1,000 products and sharing that information as transparently as possible.

As Leilani Han, Wirecutter's executive director of commerce, explained, "Our founder really instilled from the very beginning that, if you were doing right by the reader and putting them at the center of everything, then the rest will follow."

For Han, the monetization of the site via affiliate was therefore a completely natural strategy. "It's so perfectly matched up from the perspective of being compensated for performance - performance is such a strong indicator of the reader's trust."

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Of course, balancing that commercial aspect with the editorial integrity

of its reviewers was crucial for establishing this trust. So, Han's team operates completely

independently from editorial, with the journalists unaware of any commercial agreements in place.

While affiliate has been a cornerstone source of revenue for Wirecutter since its inception, the site's acquisition by the New York Times in 2016 for more than \$30m subsequently saw the erection of a paywall on its content for the first time last year. This aligned Wirecutter with the subscription model its parent has successfully pioneered for years now, and though Han acknowledges the concerns around how this might impact its reach were not surprising, the shift to a subscription model really signified to Wirecutter's audience that proper journalism is worth paying for.

This isn't to suggest the business is abandoning its affiliate roots though. Partnerships with brands remain **incredibly important** to Wirecutter, not just as a commercial concern but as a means of gauging the quality of its output. "It's this huge indicator of whether or not our readers are actually taking our advice and trusting us - that feedback loop is never going to go away for us in terms of its importance."

And thanks to the comprehensive nature of its reviews, Wirecutter's status as a trusted resource is likely to remain that way for years to come. It's not just about taking into account the quality of the individual product itself and how a person uses it in their daily life, but considering the entire customer experience associated with it. Everything from how easy it is to buy on site, the quality of the customer service, the warranties offered and the inventory levels available, along with

a host of other factors that could impact the buying experience.

Looking to the future, Han suggests there are new aspects becoming increasingly important for consumers to be aware of that Wirecutter is factoring in more and more. "We've been expanding the scope of our advice so that it's not just about a product we recommend, but other helpful advice like 'how do you make sure it lasts?', 'how do you take care of it?' and a variety of other considerations which might be important to you, such as topics around sustainability and accessibility."

With today's shoppers increasingly overwhelmed by information when researching a new product, sites like Wirecutter are playing a uniquely important role for them and one that will inevitably contribute to their continued growth and success.





20 minutes is one of the largest media publications in France, recognized for its tone, responsiveness and live broadcasts around key events. Aiming to provide commuters with free, daily news in real time, 20 minutes operates with the ethos of 'inform without boring, entertain without getting lost.'

> Promotional type Mass Media/Editorial

Sectors Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

> Market France

Year joined **2020**

Publisher ID 777431



a360media owns and operates the leading celebrity and health & fitness media brands in the country, reaching a total of 60+ million unique visitors and 762+ million page views every month. Its sites including leading publications US Weekly and Men's Journal - cut through the noise to help brands reach a highly-coveted audience of consumers.

> Promotional type Mass Media/Editorial

Sectors Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

Market

Year joined **2019**

Publisher ID 139772

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Affiliate Port is one of the largest sub-networks in the Czech Republic and Slovakia, offering professional services and high return on investment for both advertisers and publishers.

Promotional type Sub Network

Sector Retail & Fashion

Market
Eastern Europe

Year joined **2020**

Publisher ID 550503



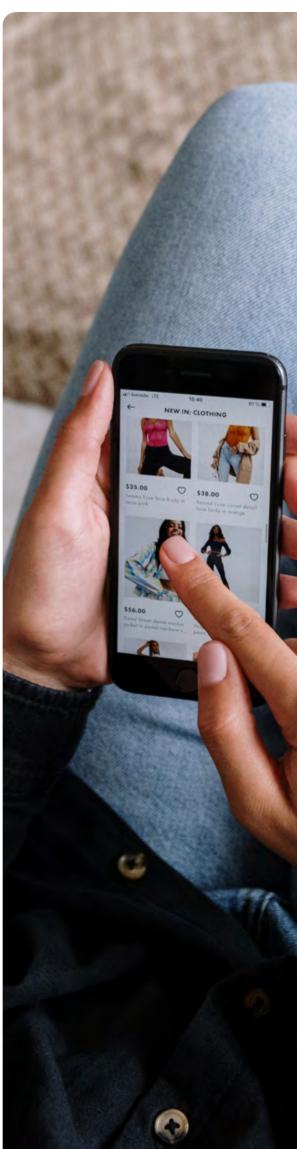
Since 2015, <u>Black Friday</u> <u>Nederland</u> has been maximizing site visitor conversion rates during the Black Friday and Cyber Week period. In total, its websites reach more than five million visitors each November helping it to become one of the largest Black Friday publishers in Europe.

Promotional type Coupon/Cashback

Sectors Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

> Market Netherlands

> > Year joined **2017**







Since launching in 2020, Bravokupony has become one of the top five discount partners in Eastern Europe, thanks to a dedicated team of local experts. As part of the wider Bravo Savings Network its goal is to elevate the online shopping experience and become a consumer's main point of reference for saving online, thereby providing great ROI for its advertisers.

> Promotional type Coupon/Cashback

Sector Retail & Fashion

Market
Eastern Europe

Year joined **2020**

Publisher ID 678237



Capital One Shopping uses best-in-class technology to help users in finding the best deals online. The technology works by looking for better offers, instantly searching for and applying available coupon codes at checkout and letting the consumer know when prices drop on products they've viewed and purchased, alongside sharing any special cardholder offers.

> Promotional type Coupon/Cashback

Sectors Retail & Fashion Travel & Entertainment

Market

Year joined **2017**

Publisher ID 301377

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CASHREWARDS[®]

Australian-owned and operated <u>Cashrewards</u> is the leading Australian cashback ecosystem. Its unique platform unites 1.1 million Australian members and 1,800+ of the world's top retailers to turn wasted advertising spend into compelling discounts and cashback.

Promotional type Coupon/Cashback

Sectors Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

> Market Australia

Year joined **2014**

Publisher ID 211491



<u>CFC Services</u>' Le Cashback Société Générale lets members earn cashback on online purchases with more than 1,000 partner brands. Users can also earn rewards on instore and in-app purchases when using their Société Générale card.

> Promotional type Coupon/Cashback

Sector Retail & Fashion

Markets France, Germany

Year joined **2015**

Publisher ID 268933

CUPONOMIA (S)

As the largest coupon partner in Brazil, <u>Cuponomia</u>'s unique model of mixing discount code and cashback strategies allows it to deliver maximum results for retailers without sacrificing any consumer benefits.

> Promotional type Coupon/Cashback

Sectors Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

> Markets Brazil, LATAM

> > Year joined **2013**

Publisher ID 402367 e /s g



Thanks to its years in the industry and extensive expertise in discount promotions, Discoup's network represents both a reference point for shoppers looking to save money and a means for advertisers to drive new customer acquisition, sales and revenue.

> Promotional type Coupon/Cashback

Sectors Finance & Insurance **Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment**

Markets Italy, Spain, UK, US

> Year joined 2013

Publisher ID 331853

EL PAIS

EL PAÍS is the world's leading Spanish-language newspaper. As the ecommerce section of elpais.com, Escaparate offers consumers access to experts' and journalists' analyses and recommendations of the best products online. Main topics of interest include beauty, home, technology, lifestyle and deals.

> Promotional type Mass Media/Editorial

Sectors **Retail & Fashion Travel & Entertainment**

> Market Spain

Year joined 2017

Publisher ID 415635

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Forbes

<u>Forbes</u> is the premier destination for definitive shopping content, powered by the reach and scale of the world's largest business media brand. Forbes' product and service recommendations are the result of careful, thorough research by its team of writers, experienced consumer advocates and subject matter experts.

> Promotional type Mass Media/Editorial

Sectors Finance & Insurance **Retail & Fashion**

> Market US

Year joined 2018

Publisher ID 467079



NZN 🚸 With over 20 years' experience, <u>Grupo NZN</u> is a leading provider of advertising solutions and digital content production in Brazil. Its portfolio of websites - including TecMundo, Voxel, Minha Série, The Brief, Mega Curioso, Baixaki and Click Jogos - generates more than 22 million unique views every month and are accessed by one in five Brazilian internet users.

> Promotional type Mass Media/Editorial

> > Sectors **Retail & Fashion Telco & Services**

> > > Market Brazil

Year joined 2017



Humbird's comparison tool helps users find the most suitable and affordable healthcare plan from the top providers in the Netherlands.

> Promotional type Price Comparison

Sector Finance & Insurance

> Market Netherlands

Year joined 2017

Publisher ID 329509

ideel

Ideel is a website and smartphone app that allows individuals to manage all invoices and subscriptions in a few clicks. Launched in 2018, the platform already has more than 100,000 users and a satisfaction level of 4.9/5.

> Promotional type Price Comparison

Sectors Finance & Insurance Telco & Services

> Market France

Year joined **2020**

Publisher ID 641711

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Knasta is a Chilean-born price comparison interface that enables users to examine products and view historical price trends so they're confident they're making the smartest purchase possible.

Promotional type Price Comparison

Sectors Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

> Market **LATAM**

Year joined 2021

Publisher ID 729799





<u>Mecenat</u> is the market-leading student portal in the Nordics with over 1.3 million users, which represents 13% of the Swedish population. It's an ideal partner for advertisers wanting to target this niche demographic of young consumers, establish early brand loyalty and develop a lifelong customer base.

Promotional type Coupon/Cashback

Sectors Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

> Market Nordics

Year joined **2012**



Méliuz

Méliuz is a cashback pioneer in Brazil known for its 'winwin-win' model. On Méliuz, shoppers can find and activate discounts and cashback at hundreds of online stores with one click using its Chrome extension. And for advertisers, they can partner with Méliuz to leverage its userbase of 10 million customers to drive sales.

> Promotional type Coupon/Cashback

Sectors Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

> Market Brazil

Year joined **2011**

Publisher ID 197989

Moneysupermarket Group

<u>Moneysupermarket.com</u>

operates leading UK price comparison sites for insurance, money, home services and other products. The group's purpose is to help households save money on bills by giving them access to free online buying and switching tools. In 2020 alone, Moneysupermarket.com helped users save an estimated \$2.6 billion on their household bills.

> Promotional type Price Comparison

Sectors Finance & Insurance Telco & Services

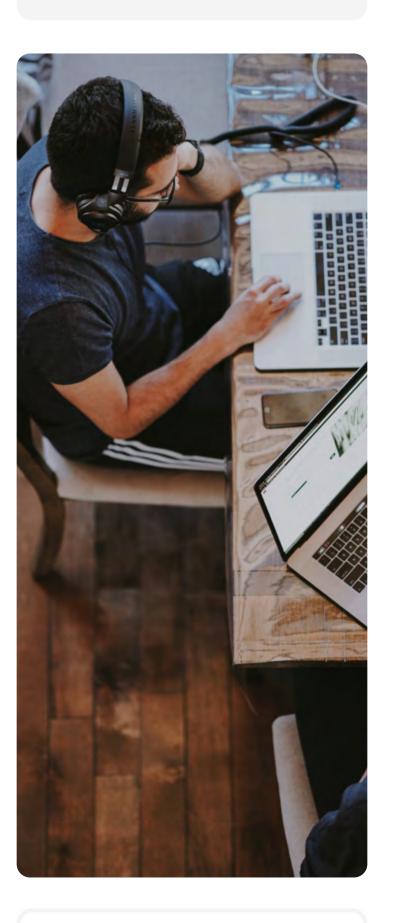
Market

Year joined **2006**

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Nettavisen.

As one of the first editorial sites to monetize its content in the Nordics, <u>Nettavisen</u> is a pioneer media house. And now 10 years later, Nettavisen's affiliate activity continues to drive value for brands by attracting new customers and inspiring them to make a purchase.

> Promotional type Mass Media/Editorial

Sectors Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

> Market Nordics

Year joined **2012**

Publisher ID 322671



Qual Notebook Comprar began as a small blog in Brazil helping consumers understand the types, configurations and costs of laptops. Today through its website, YouTube channel, and social media, Qual Notebook Comprar is a leading reference point for Brazilians seeking laptop tips and a valuable resource for retailers hoping to reach these consumers.

> Promotional type Blogger/Influencer

Sector Retail & Fashion

> Market Brazil

Year joined **2017**



Schibsted

Schibsted is a Nordicsbased publishing house with a wide-reaching consumer base. Having acquired the Kickback Group, it can now offer Kickback's pioneering white-label integrations like Aftonbladet alongside access to the biggest digital news outlets in the region.

> Promotional type Coupon/Cashback

Sectors **Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment**

Markets **Eastern Europe, Nordics**

> Year joined 2016

SHAREIGHT

Shareight specializes in the often-overlooked middle segment of the customer journey, attracting and engaging customers during the consideration phase. With the help of highquality content, Shareight's premium CSS, shopping portal and content solutions consistently deliver traffic, revenue and new customer acquisition for advertisers.

> Promotional type **Shopping Directory**

Sectors **Retail & Fashion Telco & Services**

> Market UK

Year joined 2014

Publisher ID 863943

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Sho^op

Shoop started as a small player on the cashback scene in 2010, but has since grown into a market leader in Germany with 1.6 million registered users and more than 2,200 active advertisers. Driving substantial value for both its community and business partners, Shoop believes in going the extra mile to help customers save big.

Promotional type Coupon/Cashback

Sectors **Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment**

> Market Germany

Year joined 2011

Publisher ID 320119

SHOPBACK

<u>ShopBack</u> is the largest rewards and discovery platform in the Asia-Pacific region, with over 33 million users transacting over 30 times per second. It's the first stop of a consumer's journey, helping them make better purchasing decisions 'The Smarter Way.' ShopBack delivers cashback to its users and performancebased marketing with high, measurable ROI to its retailers.

> Promotional type Coupon/Cashback

Sectors **Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment**

> Market APAC

Year joined 2016

Publisher ID 228811

Shopback has gone from strength to strength since arriving in Australia. Its flash cashback events create real customer urgency and drive serious volume for advertiser programs.

Angus Waters Publisher Manager Awin APAC



Sol slick**deals**.

<u>Slickdeals</u> is the original social shopping partner, where over 12 million monthly shoppers chat, browse and buy with its browser extension, website and app. Slickdeals' highly-engaged community relies on the platform at every stage of their shopping journey, which means higher conversion rates and enhanced data and attribution.

Promotional type Coupon/Cashback

Sectors **Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment**

> Market US

Year joined 2013

Publisher ID 166580

Sole

Sole Supplier is one of the UK's most influential sneaker and streetwear publishers, driving more than 52,000 orders monthly for key partners through highly captivating and unique content.

> Promotional type Mass Media/Editorial

> > Sector **Retail & Fashion**

> > > Market UK

Year joined 2012

Publisher ID 125701

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With an audience of 10 million unique browsers, <u>Tiscali</u> works with content marketing specialists to develop brand projects that drive value. Tiscali's online magazine portfolio together with its shopping section shopping.tiscali.it involves millions of readers on topics including women, technology, sport, lifestyle, video games and food.

Promotional type Mass Media/Editorial

Sectors **Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment**

> Market Italy

Year joined 2020

Publisher ID 707125

Zlabs

Published by 3labs s.r.l., <u>Tom's Hardware</u> specializes in content creation and project management in IT and entertainment. Its ability to influence makes Tom's Hardware a different and unique platform compared to other agencies or publishers operating in this sector.

> Promotional type Mass Media/Editorial

> > Sector **Retail & Fashion Telco & Services**

> > > Market Italy

Year joined 2017

Publisher ID 334259



<u>Viking Deals</u> is a loyalty platform and marketplace offering customers free mobile phone bills in exchange for making purchases with retail partners. Its growing customer base of 300,000+ Vikings offers brands access to an engaged community of young, loyal value seekers that frequently shop online.

> Promotional type Coupon/Cashback

Sectors **Retail & Fashion Travel & Entertainment**

> Market Belgium

Year joined 2017







Urlaubstracker's mission is to make it possible for everyone to travel the world. Its authentic community of bloggers finds readers the best deals, ensuring they remain loyal and engaged with all content and brand partnerships.

> Promotional type **Blogger/Influencer**

Sector **Travel & Entertainment**

> Markets Austria, Germany

> > Year joined 2013

Publisher ID 321967

With the goal of making travel cost-effective and accessible, Urlaubstracker's deal team hunts down the best travel offers available. It then shares the information in blog format and distributes its best blogs via social media, allowing users to easily view dates, hotel details, and all relevant trip information in one place.

Since Urlaubstracker's humble beginnings, the blog has grown to cover travel tips, inspiration, and news. It's also mindful of the changing nature of its audience, shifting to accommodate emerging travel trends and expanding its social media outreach to encompass platforms like TikTok and Instagram, in addition to Facebook.

Affiliate marketing has also played a big role in Urlaubstracker's success. With the help of affiliate partnerships, the company can turn a profit while

staying authentic to its core values

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<u>Urlaubstracker</u> entered the travel blogging scene in 2013, with founder Jonas Schulze Dieckhoff at its helm. As an avid budget traveler himself, Dieckhoff wanted to bring affordable, action-packed travel to the masses. It's safe to say he's succeeded. Urlaubstracker (in English: 'holiday tracker') is now one of the largest travel blogs in Germany and Austria, boasting pre-pandemic audiences of up to 3.5 million site visitors a month.

> — after all, Urlaubstracker is a travel blog at heart and always has been.

Without its own booking engine or products, the site relies on these affiliate partnerships to continue finding deals and producing valuable content. The company's Senior Key Account Manager Anke Mesloh explained that, "[having] a wide range of partners helps us to stay flexible and offer the best quality offers to our community."

An emphasis on affiliate marketing has allowed Urlaubstracker to better adapt to COVID-19, an event that hit the travel industry particularly hard. "The biggest lesson from the pandemic has been that even the best plans can be completely turned upside down," said Mesloh. "The most important thing is to stay flexible, innovative, and open-minded and not miss any of the emerging trends."

Urlaubstracker has done just that, finding the silver lining in otherwise trying times. The site took advantage of travel disruptions to work on new verticals, developing its mobile application and improving its overall user experience.

Urlaubstracker's quick adaptation to pandemic-related trends has meant catering to a new kind of audience, one with an increased demand for exotic travel destinations. last-minute bookings, and local travel. These trends go handin-hand with innovation and timing, two of the hallmarks of Urlaubstracker's business philosophy.

The pivot has proved fruitful for the company. Creative solutions like stayat-home cooking guides allowed it to continue growing and working with affiliate platforms, while the rest of the travel industry remained at a standstill. And "now that travel is picking up

again, we're much stronger than we ever were before," said Mesloh.

Looking ahead, the team hopes to expand its offerings to include virtual reality and eventually even **hyperloop travel** — the travel of the future. But it doesn't plan to walk this road alone. Urlaubstracker values its advertiser relationships, which are built on a foundation of trust, honesty and good communication. "To ensure we can offer the best value we need to know what the partner provides and what its unique selling propositions are so we can create the best possible content."

Together with its advertisers, Urlaubstracker is poised to take the German-speaking travel market by storm as the industry seeks to reestablish itself. With a focus on versatility and strategic timing, Urlaubstracker is staying true to its mission to make travel affordable and accessible to all, no matter what the future of travel holds.

Going globall

From small acorns grow mighty oaks. One common theme in many of the tech sector's biggest success stories is that of humble beginnings. <u>HP</u>'s game-changing contributions to the computing industry started with a coin flip in a Palo Alto garage. <u>Google</u> began life as a Stanford dorm room research project called Backrub, eventually launching on a server made of Legos. And anyone who's seen <u>The</u> Social Network knows the similarly modest foundations of Facebook.

Bedrooms, dorms and garages all feature widely in these origin stories, and for affiliate marketing it's a familiar pattern. Over 20 years ago – with the industry in its infancy - many of its pioneers were internet hobbyists, applying the performance-based model to a variety of business ideas and grassroot advertising ventures.

As the model flourished, some of these forerunners saw their own companies take off too. Their success fed the success of the broader industry, and vice versa. And over the course of two decades, many of these affiliate businesses have not simply spearheaded innovation in the channel, but their growing profile and stature helped legitimize the **C-suite perception** of the wider industry.

Some of the business models and online services we now take for granted as consumers were first created and popularized by these companies via affiliate partnerships. Comparison sites, employee reward platforms, coupon, cashback and loyalty programs. Content aggregators, browser plugins, micro-influencer brand partnerships, CSS and content commerce.

In 2021, there were over 30 partners that generated more than

\$100m in revenue for brands via the Awin platform. Many of these partners feature in this chapter; longstanding industry veterans that have evolved and grown with it and are now global powerhouses with access to audiences across every continent on the planet.

For advertisers seeking scale, these partners are a vital component of that marketing machine. Not simply because of their reach, but because many offer such varied solutions at scale. Their expertise and success in one area of digital marketing has, through investment or strategic acquisition, established similar expertise in other areas. Many global publisher businesses act as multidisciplinary, multi-region specialists, aiding brands in their desire to reach international audiences across a spectrum of digital touchpoints.

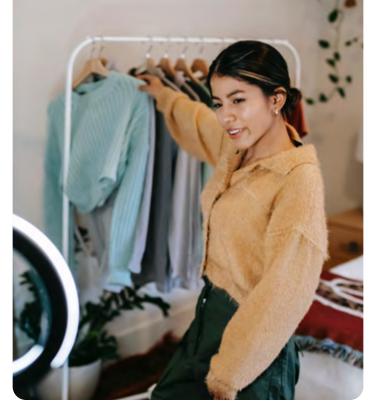
But our focus here isn't solely on these established giants. We also make room for newer entrants to the affiliate scene; those with credentials that further enhance the stature of affiliate marketing and publishers everywhere.

The likes of Yahoo! and Microsoft Bing Shopping recently launching into the channel to monetize their enormous global traffic sends a clear signal. These massive publishers don't just signify the industry's increased professionalization, or simply speak to the heightened prominence our ad model plays in the fortunes of some of the biggest businesses in the world. Their entrance further expands the scope of what affiliate and partner marketing constitutes giving brands access to truly global platforms and their vast audiences.



LTK BuzzFeed Future Genie Ventures **Global Savings Group** Honey Idealo Love Savings Group Microsoft Bing Shopping PAYBACK PriceRunner Redbrain **Reward Gateway** <u>Savings United</u> <u>Stylight</u> <u>Yahoo!</u>





LTK drives billions in annual brand sales from the largest curated community of 150,000+ creators in 200+ countries. It's a pioneer of the creator economy and founder of the first full-service influencer marketing platform, including a creator-powered shopping app that reaches millions of shoppers.

Promotional type Sub Network

Sector **Retail & Fashion**

> Market Global

Year joined 2012

Publisher ID 136348

Born in a small Dallas, Texas, apartment in 2011, <u>LTK</u> (formerly known as rewardStyle and LIKEtoKNOW.it) is one of the largest global influencer marketing platforms today in the world. LTK currently drives over \$3 billion annually for its brand partners, working with over 150,000 diverse creators and over one million retailers from all four corners of the globe.

After over a decade in the business, co-founders Amber Venz Box and Baxter Box remain true to their original mission: empowering lifestyle creators to achieve economic success. That's no easy feat in today's constantly changing economic landscape. But backed by a distributed global salesforce and a high-value consumer platform, **LTK has taken advantage** of the ongoing shift toward a more personable, partner-driven economy.

According to Head of European Sales Robin Ward, "We exist to find the right creators that convert for our brands." LTK also "helps brands rationalize their investment, rationalize what they're doing in the creator marketplace with influencer collaborations, and provide that end-to-end opportunity to work with creators."

LTK's digital shopping application is a prime example of how the

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company has capitalized on the shift away from traditional consumerbrand touchpoints. Its app boasts a conversion rate four times that of the largest social media platforms. In part, LTK's success is due to its global reach, its holistic approach to shopping and its ability to deliver measurable sales metrics down to each individual transaction.

But that's not the full picture. "Brands today very much recognize that content creators have got loyal, long-term followers who connect with every aspect of their life; these include audiences difficult to reach via other channels," Ward explained.

Working with niche, branded creators of all kinds, LTK places a high value on humanizing products and maintaining the trusting relationships creators have **cultivated** with their audiences. The company sees the future of shopping as collaborative, which is where affiliate partnerships come into play.

"The affiliate channel is important for our long-term strategy," said Ward. "It helps drive high-intent shoppers down the funnel, strengthens LTK's offering and helps build successful next-generation campaigns."

LTK has always been a forwardthinking company, but in response to a pandemic-driven uptick in creatorguided shopping the company has kicked into high gear. One of the main challenges of creator-guided shopping, also known as Creative Commerce 2.0, is centralizing it — where is the virtual creative storefront that hosts this new economy? That's where LTK comes in, as a platform that focuses on making creators' lives shoppable in context.

In addition, **LTK is bridging the** gap between in-person retail and fully-fledged online shopping.

Recently, the company even took over a vacant storefront in London, creating a 100% shoppable conceptual installation "to highlight the paradigm shift in how people are now shopping through creatives."

A recent \$300 million investment by SoftBank's Vision Fund 2 has also spurred the company onward, helping LTK fully flesh out its threepronged approach to creative commerce. Fueled by the investment, LTK plans to focus on scaling its team, building its international presence and enhancing the shopping experience for consumers worldwide.

As LTK's resources and reach grow, its revenue and value proposition will also snowball. The perfect marriage between brands, creators and shoppers, LTK is spearheading a global movement toward a creative economy that is mutually beneficial for all.

BuzzFeed

BuzzFeed, Inc. is home to the best of the Internet. Across food, news, pop culture and commerce, BuzzFeed brands drive conversation and inspire what audiences watch, read, buy and obsess over next.

Promotional type Mass Media/Editorial

Sector **Retail & Fashion**

> Market Global

Year joined 2017

Publisher ID 304459

FUTURE п. г

Future is the name behind some of the world's market-leading brands and most popular titles. Its content reaches one-inthree people in the UK and US through category-leading brands and events that span specialist interests across B2C and B2B, connecting consumers worldwide with their passions and giving them a place that meets their needs.

> Promotional type Mass Media/Editorial

Sectors **Retail & Fashion Travel & Entertainment Telco & Services**

> Market Global

Year joined 2010

Publisher ID 103504

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GV Genie Ventures

Genie Ventures is a fastgrowing digital marketing and publishing company that owns and operates successful affiliate partners Broadband Genie and Genie Shopping. Established in 2004, Broadband Genie is the first dedicated UK broadband comparison website. Genie Shopping is one of the world's leading shopping ad technology innovators, working with over 1,300 advertisers to drive incremental sales and revenue.

Promotional type **Price Comparison**

Sectors **Retail & Fashion Telco & Services**

> Market Global

Year joined 2010

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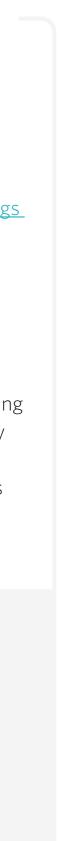
Founded in 2012, Global Savings <u>Group</u> is Europe's largest shopping rewards company with an international footprint in 20+ markets. It provides access to the best savings, cashback, deals, product inspiration and reviews - offering the opportunity to save money while enjoying usual shopping experiences. GSG's platform is free and easy-to-use, helping millions shop with confidence.

> Promotional type Coupon/Cashback

Sectors Finance & Insurance **Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment**

> Market Global

Year joined 2017



honey

Honey is here to help consumers find the best savings, perks and all around value online. They simply need to download its free Chrome extension to start earning cashback and use coupon codes across 30,000+ advertiser partner sites.

Promotional type Coupon/Cashback

Sectors **Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment**

> Market Global

Year joined 2017

Publisher ID 214459



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idealo

Born in Germany and currently expanding throughout Europe, idealo takes shopping comparison platforms to the next level for over 50,000 retailers. With 20+ years of ecommerce experience under its belt, Idealo offers price range, price data, reports and more for over 30 million monthly users.

Promotional type **Price Comparison**

Sectors **Retail & Fashion Travel & Entertainment**

Markets France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Spain, UK

> Year joined 2006

Publisher ID 331661

Love Savings Group helps advertisers drive new sales and consumers save money through its global portfolio of coupon websites and exclusive white-label partnerships.

Promotional type Coupon/Cashback

Sectors **Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment**

> Market Global

Year joined 2019

Publisher ID 96290

Love Savings **Group** is a key coupon partner for Awin. Its partnerships with leading local media publications, including 7 News,

provides wide exposure and reach to a local audience.

Angus Waters Publisher Manager Awin APAC







Microsoft Bing Shopping's

intelligent search helps users make the best online shopping decisions, letting them find their favorite shops in one place alongside deals and comparing prices. It saves customers time and money while offering a vast product selection that includes shoes, clothing, homeware, phones, laptops, tablets and cameras.

> Promotional type Coupon/Cashback

Sectors Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

> Market Global

Year joined 2021

Publisher ID 881403



PAYBACK is a leading multipartner loyalty program and multichannel marketing platform, providing brands with an enhanced combination of coverage and personalization for integrated affiliate campaigns. Campaigns are supported by communications on PAYBACK's proprietary channels like email, inapp and on its website.

> Promotional type Loyalty

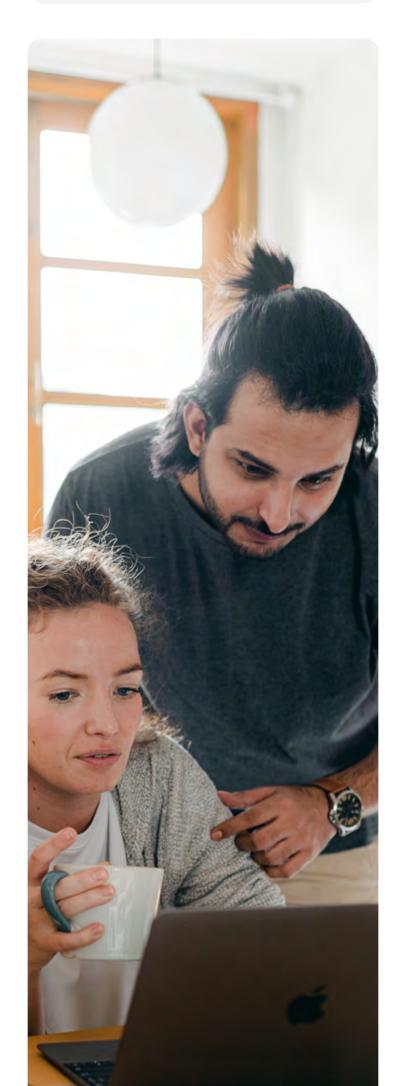
Sectors Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

Markets Austria, Germany, Italy, Poland

Year joined **2014**

Publisher ID 331887

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PriceRunner

PriceRunner is one of the top comparison shopping services in Europe, with more than 22k retailers taking advantage of its high-converting, quality traffic. At PriceRunner, users can compare and search more than 3.5 million products and read tests and guides to be sure they're finding the best deals.

Promotional type Price Comparison

Sectors Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

> Markets Nordics, UK

Year joined **2013**

Publisher ID 161810

redbrain

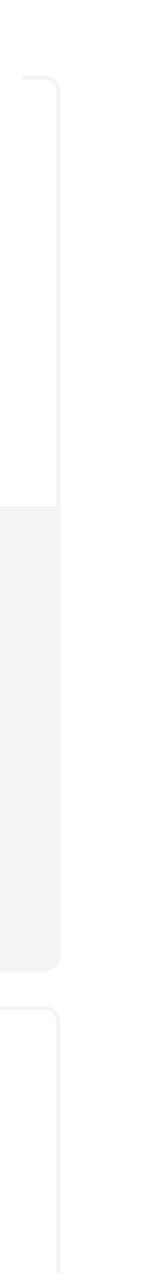
Redbrain is a strategic online shopping partner that uses cutting-edge technology and creative people to deliver incremental sales for retailers, helping them hit their goals without impacting in-house efforts.

> Promotional type Search

Sector Retail & Fashion

> Market Global

Year joined **2012**



Reward Gateway

Reward Gateway is a topperforming loyalty and employee benefits platform that is culture- and clientdriven. It's obsessed with putting the 'human' in HR, and since 2007 has been right by the side of the world's most innovative HR leaders to give them the beautiful products and tools needed to attract, engage and retain their people.

Promotional type Loyalty

Sectors Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

> Market Global

Year joined **2007**

Publisher ID 46407







A leading couponing partner of premium media companies, <u>Savings United</u> connects brands with savvy shoppers in 13 territories. Its trustworthy content and couponing solutions help advertisers meet their objectives and increase brand awareness.

Promotional type Coupon/Cashback

Sectors Finance & Insurance Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

> Market Global

Year joined 2012

Publisher ID 413377

Stylight

Stylight is one of the world's leading aggregation platforms for the fashion and lifestyle industry. Its mission is to bring users the widest array of fashion and home & living products from over 1,000 brands around the globe.

Promotional type Price Comparison

Sector Retail & Fashion

> Market <mark>Global</mark>

Year joined **2015**

Publisher ID 197535



Yahoo! offers partnerships across its Yahoo! Lifestyle and Yahoo! Mail. This combination of editorial content and personalized mail advertisements provides a unique opportunity to advertisers to engage with a diverse group of consumers, supplying commercial value and brand awareness throughout multiple consumer touchpoints.

Promotional type Mass Media/Editorial

Sectors Retail & Fashion Telco & Services Travel & Entertainment

> Market Global

Year joined **2018**

Publisher ID 580847 ınd ts.

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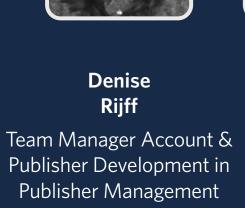
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