## NOVEMBER 2021 REPORT



# **GMEdd.com**

### GME Remains Undervalued; Tech Transformation Points to Bull Case Target of \$1069.00

November 16, 2021

GameStop closed on November 15, 2021 at \$209.24, **up more than 7,000%** from an all-time low of \$2.80 on April 3, 2020. Although a persistent narrative is that this rise is unsustainable and related to an ill-informed retail trading frenzy, we believe that GameStop is **rapidly transforming into a technology company**—kicking off with the **launch of an NFT marketplace in Q4 2021**—and that this move will result in **a substantial correction** from severe undervaluation based on where GameStop is quickly heading. We further believe that it currently has **significant remaining upside** in comparison to similar e-commerce and technology names that are just beginning to explore blockchain implementations and lack GameStop's industry and customer relationships in the **fast-growing gaming market**.

GME	HOME	ABOUT US	CULTURE	OUR BRANDS	CAREER AREAS	ALL JOBS	JOIN O	JR TALENT NETWORK
GameStop /	All Jobs /	United States /	Seattle, WA /	Information Technol	ogy/ECommerce Tech	nology		Job Snapshot
GameStop	GameStop is looking for a unique individual who can help accelerate the future of							
gaming and commerce. In this future, games are the places to go, and play is								Seattle. WA
driven by the things you bring. Future creators won't just build games but also the TechnologyECommerce								
components, characters, and equipment. Blockchains will power the commerce								
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Although the years-long short thesis implied a terminal value of zero bankruptcy—we see this outcome as **virtually impossible** given the current state of **GameStop's financials**, **digital-first and fulfillment initiatives**, and proven e-commerce results trajectory. In fact, our analysis clearly shows **3 distinct paths to sustained profitability and growth**:

- A Bear Case (\$304.00) tracking a delayed or thwarted NFT project launch alongside a plunge in the crypto sector due to potential regulation, industry average e-commerce growth with majority of sales deriving from brick-andmortar locations, and a continued market decline in physical games not offset by major business model updates.
- A Base Case (\$498.00) that is similar, but with a material increase in ecommerce revenue contribution, a successful but substandard NFT marketplace plus greater impact from digital revenue sharing with vendors, and some participation in other digital-first businesses.
- A Bull Case (\$1069.00) based on an evolution into the "technology company that delights gamers" hinted at by Ryan Cohen, with earlyadoption of successfully implemented blockchain technology, a significant increase in revenue attributed to e-commerce, new vendor partnerships, meaningful participation in the advertising revenue pool for gaming, and growth acceleration in the overall TAM for gaming.

#### VALUATION

RATING:	UNDERVALUED
PRICE1:	\$209.24
MARKET CAP:	\$15.9B
BEAR CASE PT:	\$304.00
BASE CASE PT:	\$498.00
BULL CASE PT:	\$1069.00

<sup>1</sup> Prior day market close

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**Bear Case:** Delayed or thwarted NFT project launch alongside a plunge in the crypto sector, industry average e-commerce growth with successful footprint rationalization, and a continued market decline in physical games not offset by major business model updates

Our downside scenario **discounts the influence of the company's initiatives** to transform into a technology company, instead operating as a legacy retailer with a gradual sales shift toward e-commerce. It also **discounts potential macro growth drivers** in the overall gaming market, such as the increasing demand for higher-margin merchandise.

In this case, we assume **industry-standard growth in e-commerce**, and GameStop's investments throughout 2021 into fulfillment and customer service do not accelerate results or allow the company to catch-up to e-commerce peers.

		CAGR			B	ear Case	
Line of Business	Category	Bear	Base	Bull	2021	2022	2023
Brick & Mortar	Retail	-6.00%	3.00%	12.00%	\$3,440,000,000	\$2,939,636,364	\$2,763,258,182
eCommerce	eComm	7.50%	15.00%	30.00%	\$1,860,000,000	\$1,999,500,000	\$2,149,462,500
NFT Marketplace	Web 3.0	82.00%	164.00%	328.00%	\$100,000,000	\$182,000,000	\$331,240,000
Digital Partnerships	Software	5.00%	10.00%	15.00%	\$6,890,000	\$7,234,500	\$7,596,225
eSports	eSports	12.00%	24.00%	48.00%	\$0	\$1,575,000	\$1,764,000
PowerUp & AdTech	Software	0.00%	10.00%	40.00%	\$345,000,000	\$345,000,000	\$345,000,000
			Tot	al Revenue	\$5,751,890,000	\$5,474,945,864	\$5,598,320,907
					2021	2022	2023
	Adjusted Rev	enue Attribu	utable To	Retail	\$3.440.000.000	\$2.672.396.694	\$2,283,684,448
				E-Com	\$1.860.000.000	\$1,817,727,273	\$1,776,415,289
Discount Rate	10.00%			Web 3.0	\$100,000,000	\$165,454,545	\$273,752,066
Shares as-of Nov 12	76,490,000	)		eSports	\$0	\$1,431,818	\$1,457,851
Price as-of Nov 12	\$202.10	)		Software	\$351,890,000	\$320,213,182	\$291,401,839
			Tot	al Adj. Rev	\$5,751,890,000	\$4,977,223,512	\$4,626,711,493
				P/S	2.69	3.11	3.34
SHARE PRICE IMPLIE			OMPS				
	Category	P/S			2021	2022	2023
	Retail	0.95			\$42.72	\$33.19	\$28.36
	eComm	4.05			\$98.48	\$96.25	\$94.06
	Web 3.0	41.5			\$54.26	\$89.77	\$148.53
	eSports	36.08			\$0.00	\$0.68	\$0.69
	Software	8.5			\$39.10	\$35.58	\$32.38
			Implied \$	Share Price	\$235	\$255.46	\$304.02
				mplied P/S	3.12	3.93	5.03

As can be seen, the primary revenue driver in the bear case will **continue to be legacy businesses** including hardware, physical software, limited revenue share of digitally-distributed software, and tepid moves into higher-margin digital businesses such as customer loyalty, adtech, eSports, and NFTs.

#### **OUR TAKE AND PROBABILITIES**

- Our bear case is presented to reflect the existing state of the legacy brick & mortar business and a gradual transition to e-commerce. There is clear profitability for years, even if management's efforts in 2021 do not yield acceleration in e-commerce.
- Based on the recent actions of Ryan Cohen and the CHWY cohort, we do not believe that this case represents a probable outcome at this time.
- In the unlikely event of this case, the current valuation is still meaningfully below fair market value given the legacy businesses and conservative estimates for management's success in digital-first and Web 3.0 efforts.

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**Base Case:** Material increase in e-commerce revenue contribution, a successful but substandard NFT marketplace that grows on-par with the overall industry, greater impact from digital revenue sharing with vendors, improved customer support, fulfillment, and some participation in other digital-first businesses

Our base scenario assumes a reduced but continued rate of growth in e-commerce (web, mobile, and "web-in-store" endless aisle), culminating in a conservative 40% of physical goods revenue by 2025. It also accounts for expansion of private label brands and macro gaming market tailwinds such as the increasing demand for higher-margin items, and enhanced pre-owned inventory velocity & scale through innovative self-service automation.

It also accounts for a **middling NFT Marketplace** – one which grows at a rate similar to the overall market for NFTs, but **does not seize any meaningful market share** from existing platforms or help accelerate NFT adoption among new users.

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NFT Marketplace	Web 3.0	82.00%	164.00%	328.00%	\$100,000,000	\$264,000,000	\$696,960,000
Digital Partnerships	Software	5.00%	10.00%	15.00%	\$6,890,000	\$7,579,000	\$8,336,900
eSports	eSports	12.00%	24.00%	48.00%	\$0	\$3,150,000	\$3,906,000
PowerUp & AdTech	Software	0.00%	10.00%	40.00%	\$345,000,000	\$379,500,000	\$417,450,000
			Tot	al Revenue	\$5,751,890,000	\$6,336,429,000	\$7,235,998,900
					2021	2022	2023
	Adjusted Rev	enue Attrib	utable To	Retail	\$3.440.000.000	\$3,221,090,909	\$3.016.112.39
	Adjusted Her	cinde Paterio		E-Com	\$1,860,000,000	\$1,944,545,455	\$2,032,933,884
Discount Rate	10.00%			Web 3.0	\$100,000,000	\$240,000,000	\$576,000,000
Shares as-of Nov 12	76,490,000			eSports	\$0	\$2,863,636	\$3,228,09
Price as of Nov 12	\$202.10			Software	\$351.890.000	\$351,890,000	\$351.890.00
			Tot	al Adj. Rev	\$5,751,890,000	\$5,760,390,000	\$5,980,164,38
				P/S	2.69	2.68	2.58
SHARE PRICE IMPLIE			MDe				
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	Retail	0.95			\$42.72	\$40.01	\$37.4
	eComm	4.05			\$98.48	\$102.96	\$107.64
	Web 3.0	41.5			\$54.26	\$130.21	\$312.5
	eSports	36.08			\$0.00	\$1.35	\$1.53
	Software	8.5			\$39.10	\$39.10	\$39.10
			Implied \$	Share Price	\$235	\$313.63	\$498.24
				Implied P/S	3.12	4.16	6.3

In this case, **digital shifts contribute meaningfully** to margin and CLV improvements, while more successful entries into new digital-first and Web 3.0 business segments **more than double the potential valuation**.

#### **OUR TAKE AND PROBABILITIES**

- Our base case is presented to model a conservative transformation of GameStop into an e-commerce retailer with some exposure to new markets.
- Assumes growth in NFT & Web 3.0 on-par with the broader NFT market and no accretive benefit from existing industry or customer relationships.
- Although we believe this case is far more likely than the bear scenario, the entrepreneurial history of Ryan Cohen and experience of the Matthew
  Finestone-led blockchain team still indicates that our bull case is the most likely at this time.

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**Bull Case:** Evolution into a technology company that delights gamers, early-adoption in Web 3.0 technologies benefit from industry and customer relationships, significant growth in gaming TAM, and a majority of revenue derived from digital channels

Our final scenario weighs the significant impact of the new board and senior executive hiring frenzy on Cohen's vision of transforming GameStop into a "technology-driven sector leader".

In our bull case, e-commerce revenues will grow above industry average as GameStop's investments in fulfillment and customer service help accrue market share from competitors. However, physical goods retailing in both brick & mortar and e-commerce channels represent only 25% of total revenues by 2025, as fully-evolved digital businesses become GameStop's principal focus. This case assumes that GameStop's industry relationships and 55 million PowerUp members are successfully leveraged to grow Web 3.0, eSports, and digital businesses above industry trend, and produce cross-selling synergies with its traditional retailing businesses.

					2021	2022	2023
	Adjusted Rev	enue Attribu	table To	Retail	\$3,440,000,000	\$3,502,545,455	\$3,566,228,099
				E-Com	\$1,860,000,000	\$2,198,181,818	\$2,597,851,240
Discount Rate	10.00%			Web 3.0	\$100,000,000	\$389,090,909	\$1,513,917,355
Shares as-of Nov 12	76,490,000			eSports	\$0	\$5,727,273	\$7,705,78
Price as-of Nov 12	\$202.10			Software	\$351,890,000	\$446,294,091	\$566,373,574
			Tot	al Adj. Rev	\$5,751,890,000	\$6,541,839,545	\$8,252,076,054
				P/S	2.69	2.36	1.87
SHARE PRICE IMPLIE	D BY LINE-OF-B	JSINESS CO	MPS				
	Category	P/S			2021	2022	2023
	Retail	0.95			\$42.72	\$43.50	\$44.25
	eComm	4.05			\$98.48	\$116.39	\$137.55
	Web 3.0	41.5			\$54.26	\$211.10	\$821.38
	eSports	36.08			\$0.00	\$2.70	\$3.63
	Software	8.5			\$39.10	\$49.59	\$62.94
			Implied \$	Share Price	\$235	\$423.29	\$1,069.8
			1	Implied P/S	3.12	4.95	9.93

Based on GameStop moves toward higher-margin technology businesses, and CEO Matt Furlong's remarks on Q2 2021 earnings call reflecting **net sales as the relevant metric for company success**, we believe a valuation multiple of 9.5x P/S is reasonable in comparison to other technology companies experimenting with Web 3.0. **This does not include a full "first-mover" scenario**, where GameStop's early entrance into the space and centrality in the gaming market allows it to **create a durable competitive advantage and its own NFT gaming ecosystem** – which would justify a still-higher valuation ratio.

#### **OUR TAKE AND PROBABILITIES**

- This case models the **most likely outcome and business trajectory** given **management's observed actions** throughout 2021.
- Forecasts are based on evolution of the existing business using known elements of Cohen's business history and potential plans, as well as prevailing trends in the e-commerce, gaming, and Web 3.0 technology industries.
- Based on the hiring of 270+ e-commerce and technology executives / engineers throughout 2021, and Ryan Cohen's tenure as Board Chairman, we firmly believe this case is the most likely outcome at this junctures.

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