

4 Essentials to get your warehouse ready for the future

As companies seek ways to get products closer to their customers—and as real estate gets scarcer and more expensive—the modern warehouse is becoming more than just a storage facility. To stay competitive, you must evaluate your existing fulfillment processes and prepare your warehouse operations for the long haul.



In the US, ecommerce growth will require another **330 million square feet** of warehouse space by 2025.



In the UK, for every extra £1 billion spent online, **775,000 square feet** of warehouse space will be needed to meet the new demand.

01 Distribute anytime and anywhere

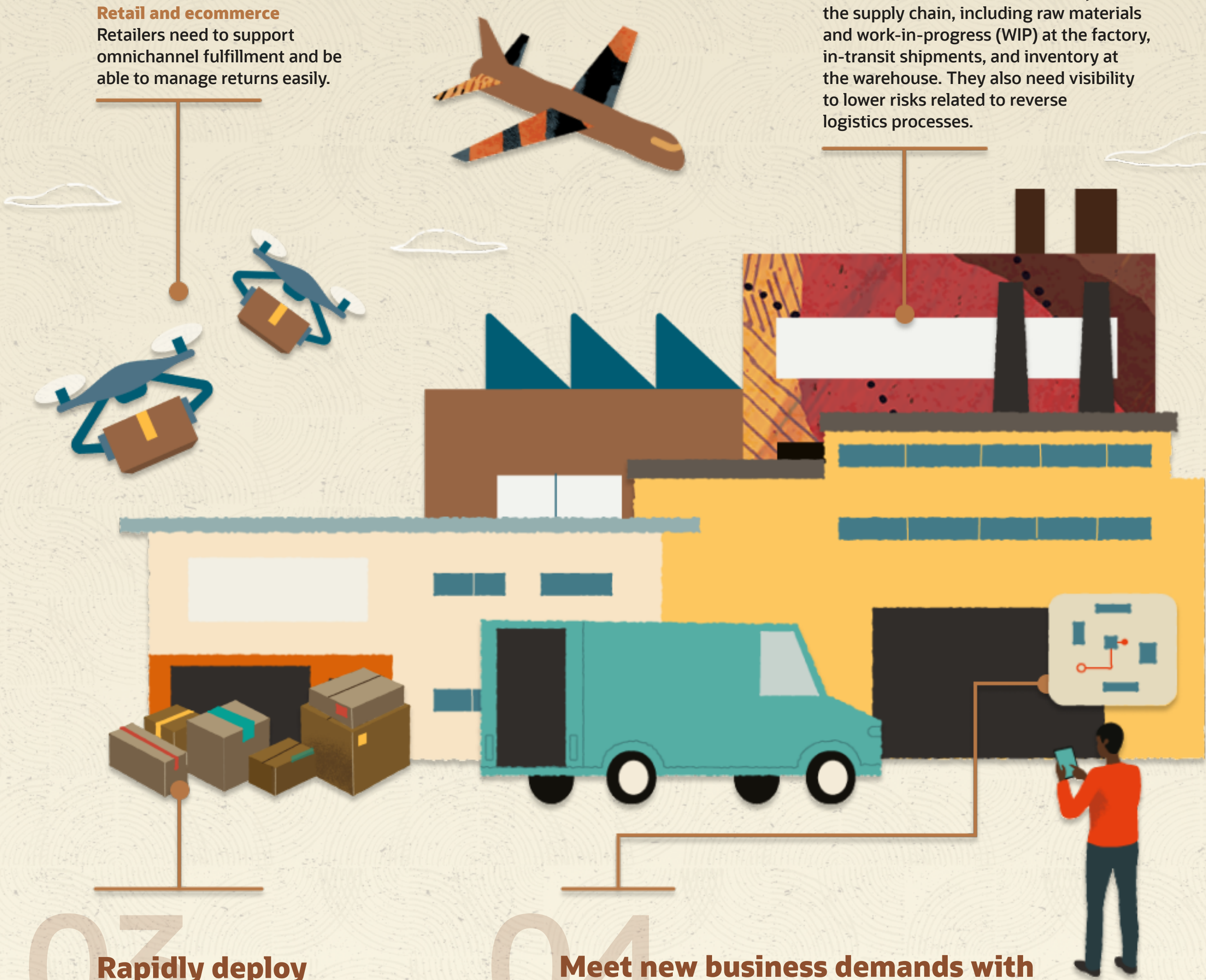
Build efficient and sustainable distribution networks that can adapt—from managing small and more frequent orders, to providing omnichannel fulfillment, and facilitating returns.

Retail and ecommerce
Retailers need to support omnichannel fulfillment and be able to manage returns easily.

02 Achieve perfect visibility

Gain a real-time view of stock across all locations—including goods in transit, in the yard, and other inventory holding sites—to deliver orders quickly and in full.

Consumer goods and manufacturing
Manufacturers must have visibility across the supply chain, including raw materials and work-in-progress (WIP) at the factory, in-transit shipments, and inventory at the warehouse. They also need visibility to lower risks related to reverse logistics processes.



03 Rapidly deploy fulfillment centers

Easily secure requirements to transform any site—be it a warehouse, distribution center, storefront, kiosk, or even a garage—into a robust and seamless fulfillment center.

Wholesale distribution
Wholesalers need to respond by opening new warehouses and making them operational fast, with the ability to manage complex fulfillment processes to support both B2B and B2C fulfillment.

04 Meet new business demands with high availability and performance

Gain the agility to respond to market changes. Stay secure and receive automatic updates to your warehouse management system (WMS), minimizing delays and disruptions with zero downtime.

Logistics service providers
To provide excellent customer service, LSPs need access to the latest warehouse management capabilities. They require their WMS to deliver continuous innovation with zero downtime and minimal need for support.

Prepare your warehouse for the long haul

Read the IndustryWeek business brief to learn about the challenges and technology trends impacting today's evolving warehouse, and how you can start building the groundwork for perfect delivery.

[Read the IndustryWeek brief](#)

