

Lesson 4: Neobanks

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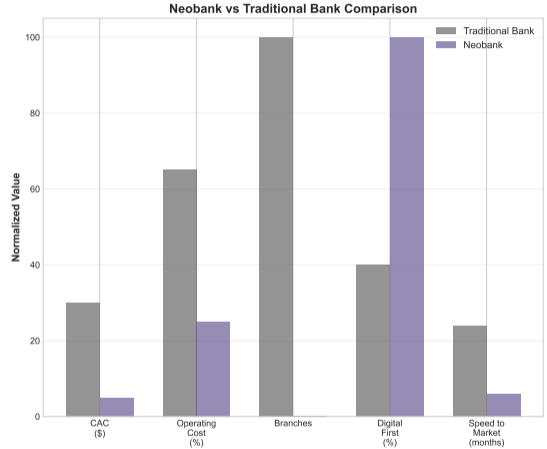
Digital Finance

Learning Objectives: Understand key concepts and applications

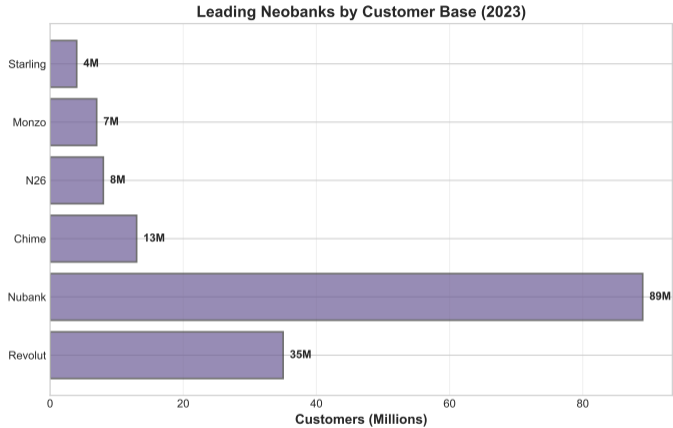
Neobank Definition

Digital-First Banking

- No physical branches
- Mobile app primary interface
- Cloud-native architecture
- Lower operating costs



Understanding this definition is foundational for Neobanks.



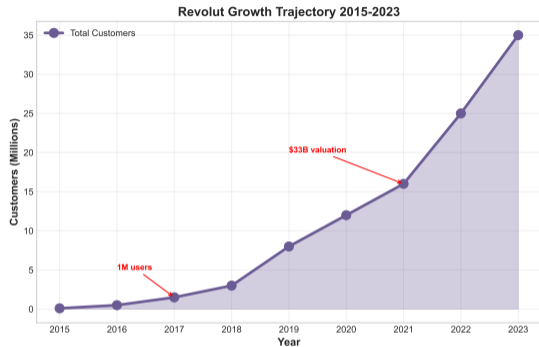
48+ countries (2025)

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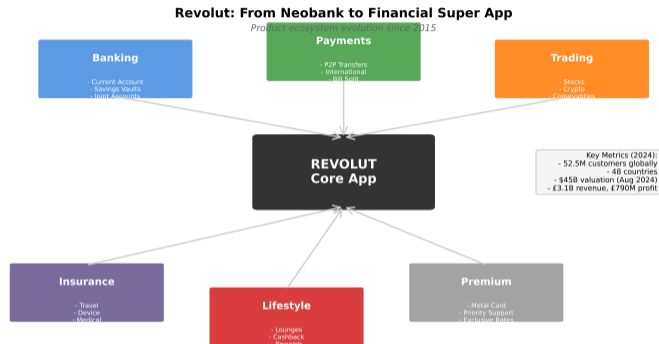
Revolut: Case Study

Growth Trajectory

- Founded: 2015 (UK) 65-70M users globally \$75B valuation (127)
- 38 countries operational



Real-world examples demonstrate Neobanks applications.



Source: businessofapps.com/data/revolut-statistics/

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N26: European Challenger

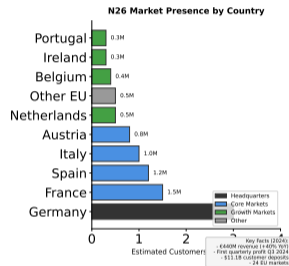
German Banking License

- Founded: 2013 (Berlin)
- 8M customers
- EU passporting rights
- Premium tier focus

N26: European Digital Banking Leader



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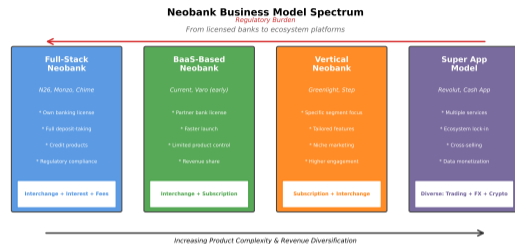


Addressing these challenges is critical for Neobanks success.

Neobank Business Models

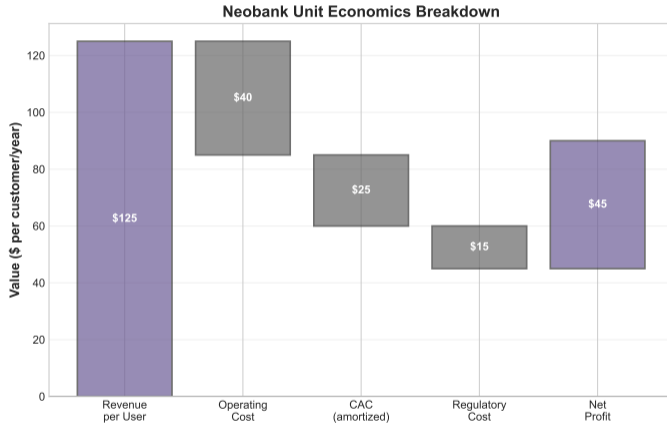
Three Archetypes

- Freemium (Revolut)
- Subscription (N26 Metal)
- Transaction-based (Chime)
- Hybrid approaches



Source: cbinsights.com/research (Neobank Business Models)

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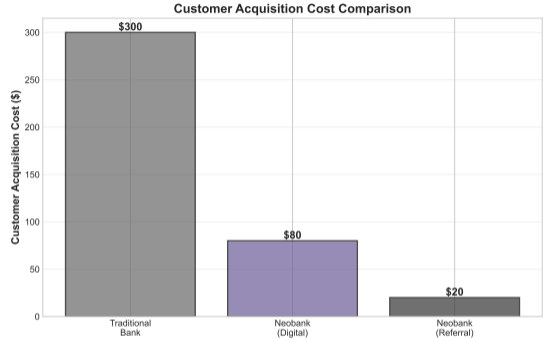


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Customer Acquisition Cost (CAC)

Acquisition Metrics

- Traditional bank: \$200-400
- Neobank: \$20-80
- Viral coefficient: 0.3-0.7
- Payback period: 6-18 months



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Key Takeaways

- ① No physical branches
- ② Mobile app primary interface
- ③ Cloud-native architecture
- ④ Lower operating costs

Bottom Line: Neobanks is transforming how financial services operate and compete.

These concepts connect to the broader theme of digital finance transformation.

Neobanks in Visual Perspective



Technology view



Application view



Future view

Visual representations help reinforce key concepts of neobanks.

Concrete Examples: Making It Real

Technical Examples

- Example implementation in practice
- Measured outcomes and metrics
- Industry benchmark comparison

Case Study

- Real-world deployment scenario
- Quantifiable results achieved

Industry Leaders

- Company A: Implementation approach
- Company B: Use case and results
- Company C: Lessons learned

Market Data

- Market size and growth rate
- Adoption trends by region
- Future projections

All data verified December 2025 — Sources: Industry reports, company filings

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