

Physical but automated



Start from nothing, grow on other people's effort

These touch the real world but run on automation, partners or contractors, so your own time stays low once they are set up. Most need some money to start.

How it earns: where the money comes from. **Who grows it:** the people whose effort brings the next customer. **Build:** Low is days, Medium is weeks, High is months.

NO.	BUSINESS	HOW IT EARNS	WHO GROWS IT	BUILD
93	Print-on-demand shop with automatic fulfilment	Margin per order	Marketplace search and social sharing	Low
94	Online shop for one narrow niche, shipped by the supplier	Margin per order	Ads run by a contractor, and influencers	Medium
95	Vending or self-service kiosks (coffee, bait, ice)	Sales margin	Passing trade at the host site	Medium
96	Electric car charger or parking space rental	Fee per use	Booking apps listing the space	Medium
97	Self-storage or container units	Monthly rent	Search traffic and online booking	High
98	Equipment hire from keyless lockers (kayaks, paddleboards, bikes)	Hire fees	Holiday sites and booking platforms	Medium
99	Holiday let run by a management company	Nightly rate less fees	Booking platforms and the agent	High
100	Buying small online businesses and putting in a manager	Profit after the manager's pay	The manager you hire	High

Where to start

- Test demand small: one locker, one unit, one machine, before buying ten.
- Automate the booking, payment and reminders, so nobody has to answer the phone.
- Budget for maintenance, insurance and the occasional call-out. They are the hidden costs.

Thinking of building one?

Most of these ideas are, at heart, a well-built website: a directory, a booking system, a membership site, a course platform or an online shop. That is the part we build. Tell us what you have in mind and we will give you an honest view of what the first version should do.

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Ideas to think with, not financial advice. What any business earns depends on the market, the work put in and many things outside anyone's control.