



# POI European Summit

**Successfully Navigating Growth in the New CPG and Retail World**





# How to survive in an era of agile consumer product **challenger brands**

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# Agenda



- Introduction
- Trends, Disruptors & Challenges
  - How are large CPG companies responding & finding new opportunities ?
- Where is the Growth and How to Maximise It?
  - Direct to Consumer (D2C) - the biggest growth opportunity
  - 5 disrupting forces
  - Playbook - how to make a D2C brand
- D2C with next generation AI and continuity commerce
- What Next
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# Trends, disruptions & challenges

In the next decade, **90%** of the growth in the consumer products industry will be driven by companies that engage more deeply with consumers.



You may already know about Bonobos, Warby Parker, Away, Glossier, Beauty Pie<sup>1,2</sup>, Casper, Beer52, Harrys and Dollar Shave Club. These are all brands that were born online selling directly to customers via e-commerce, cutting out the middleman.

These D2C challenger ‘piranhas’ are increasingly taking revenue and market share<sup>3</sup> from established CP companies and their brands.

Year on year existing indirect retail channels have only provided 1-2% growth for most CP Companies – at best, as retailers are increasingly finding their growth from private label products.

CP Companies are responding with their own new brands, D2C innovations and acquisitions. The latest being Edgewell’s acquisition of Harry’s, Unilever’s acquisition of Graze with Kraft Heinz expanding it’s Springboard incubator.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.racked.com/2018/1/9/16862498/beauty-pie-makeup-new-products-marcia-kilgore>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.forbes.com/sites/tiffanyyoung1/2018/12/08/marcia-kilgore-founder-of-beauty-pie-on-disrupting-everyone-from-estee-lauder-to-glossier/#4673df112d45>

<sup>3</sup> <https://www.atkearney.com/consumer-goods/article?/a/swimming-with-the-piranhas-and-reinventing-the-mass-consumer-model>



# Trends, disruptions & challenges

eMarketer has reported that CP Companies have identified direct to consumer competitors as a bigger challenge than Amazon,

## What Is the Biggest Ecommerce Challenge Facing US Brands?

% of respondents, Sep 2018



Note: numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding  
Source: Feedvisor, "Brands & Amazon: Insights, Opportunities, and Concerns in the Age of E-Commerce" conducted by Morning Consult, Jan 23, 2019

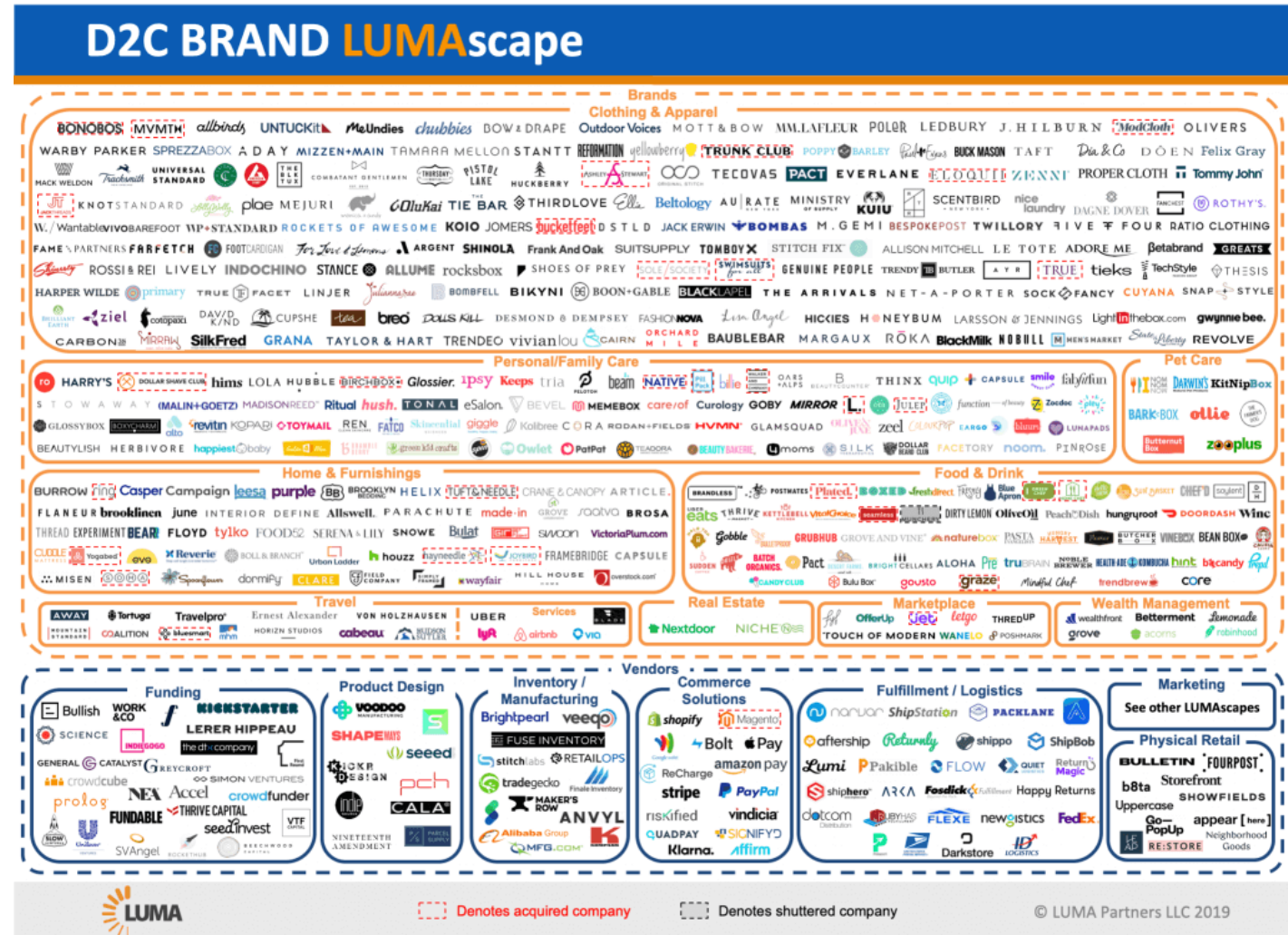
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Which is demonstrated by this analysis from CB Insights showing a mapping of D2C challengers to brands and products from P&G.



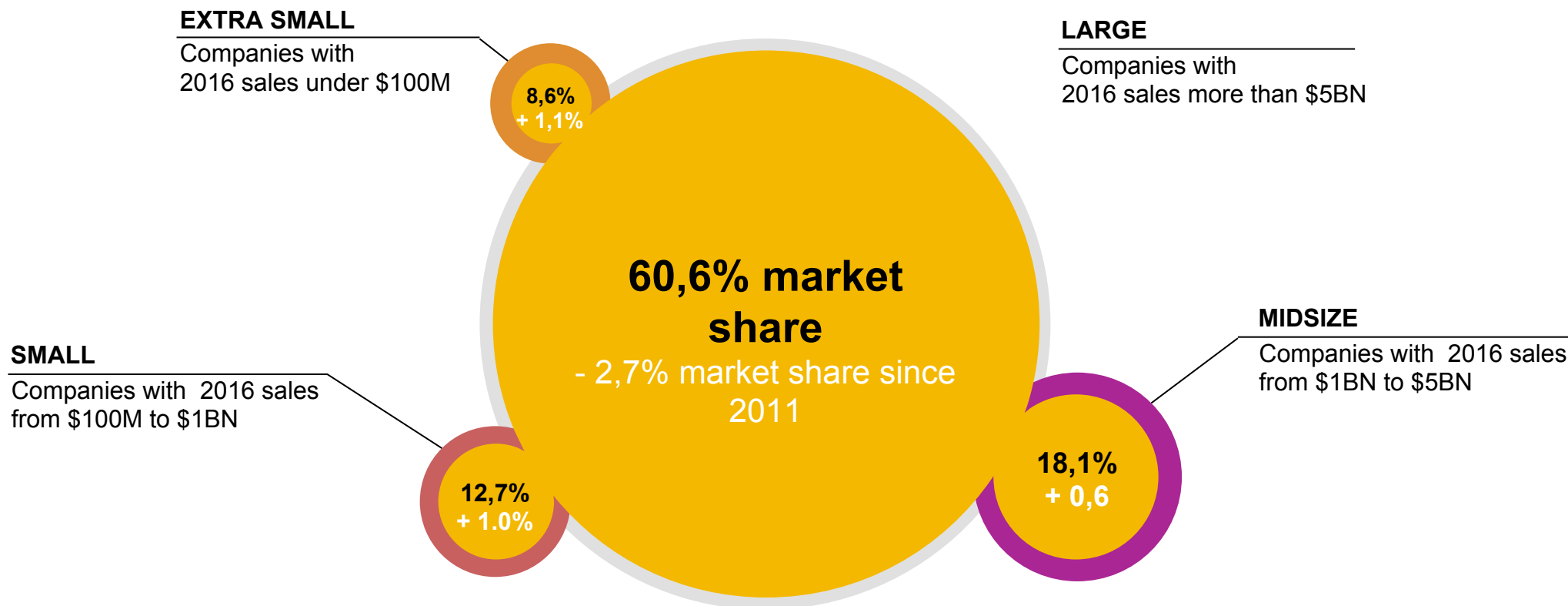
Estimated D2C investments > \$9Bn  
by 2018





# Trends, disruptions & challenges

Winners have been small and mid-sized challengers



# Direct to consumer - Trends

## Competing with direct to consumer challenger brands.

- New direct to consumer startups typically have data insight and direct marketing advantages over established brands with competing product categories<sup>1</sup>
- Existing CP companies are adopting a number of strategies to preserve revenue impacted from challenger brands, which includes<sup>2</sup>:



### Develop own D2C<sup>4</sup>

Establish own competitive direct to consumer products, selections & fulfilment capabilities (e.g. Nestle's Nespresso)



### Acquire D2C<sup>3</sup>

Acquire challenger brands (e.g. Unilever's \$1Bn acquisition of Dollar Shave Club and Graze & now, Edgewell \$1.4bn for Harry's<sup>6</sup>)



### Partner for D2C

Partner with retailers for fulfilment of subscription orders (e.g. P&G's Gillette Club)



### Optimise all routes<sup>5</sup>

Optimise all other routes with REX, Trade Management, B2B & Account Based Marketing

<sup>1</sup> <https://fuelbymckinsey.com/article/the-new-rules-of-food-and-beverage-innovation>

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.mckinsey.com/industries/consumer-packaged-goods/our-insights/should-cpg-manufacturers-go-direct-to-consumer-and-if-so-how>

<sup>3</sup> Advertising Week: Why Unilever is smart to 'Graze' on the potential of direct to consumer

<sup>4</sup> Unilever wants to double direct to consumer sales

<sup>5</sup> Unilever isn't relying on ad agencies to build direct relationships with 1bn consumers

<sup>6</sup> <https://www.digitalcommerce360.com/2019/05/09/schicks-parent-to-buy-harrys-for-1-37-billion>



# Consumer Product Company Preparedness

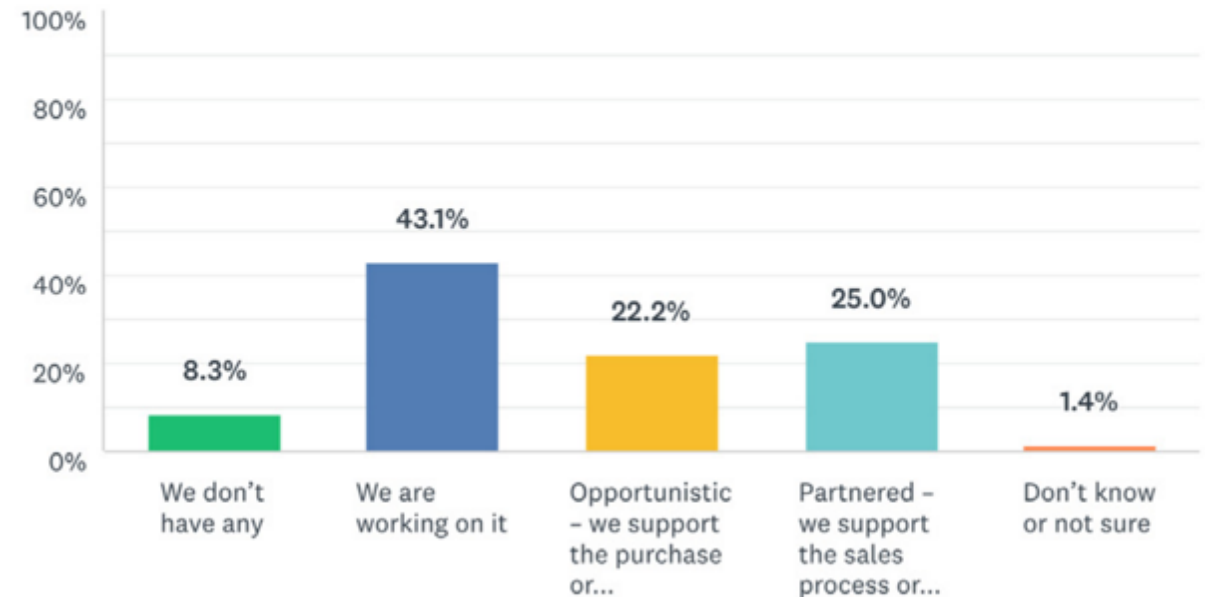
A POI survey of CPG companies published in the 2019 State Of The Industry report found companies are at very different stages of having eCommerce capabilities – and by extension, preparedness for executing a Direct To Consumer strategy ...

More than 50% of companies either didn't know or didn't have an eCommerce capability or were still working on it.

22% of those that did have a strategy were opportunistic in their approach, indicating further development of capability would be required.

**Only a quarter of respondents would be near having a capability to truly enable a D2C channel.**

## Describe Your Organization's eCommerce Capabilities:

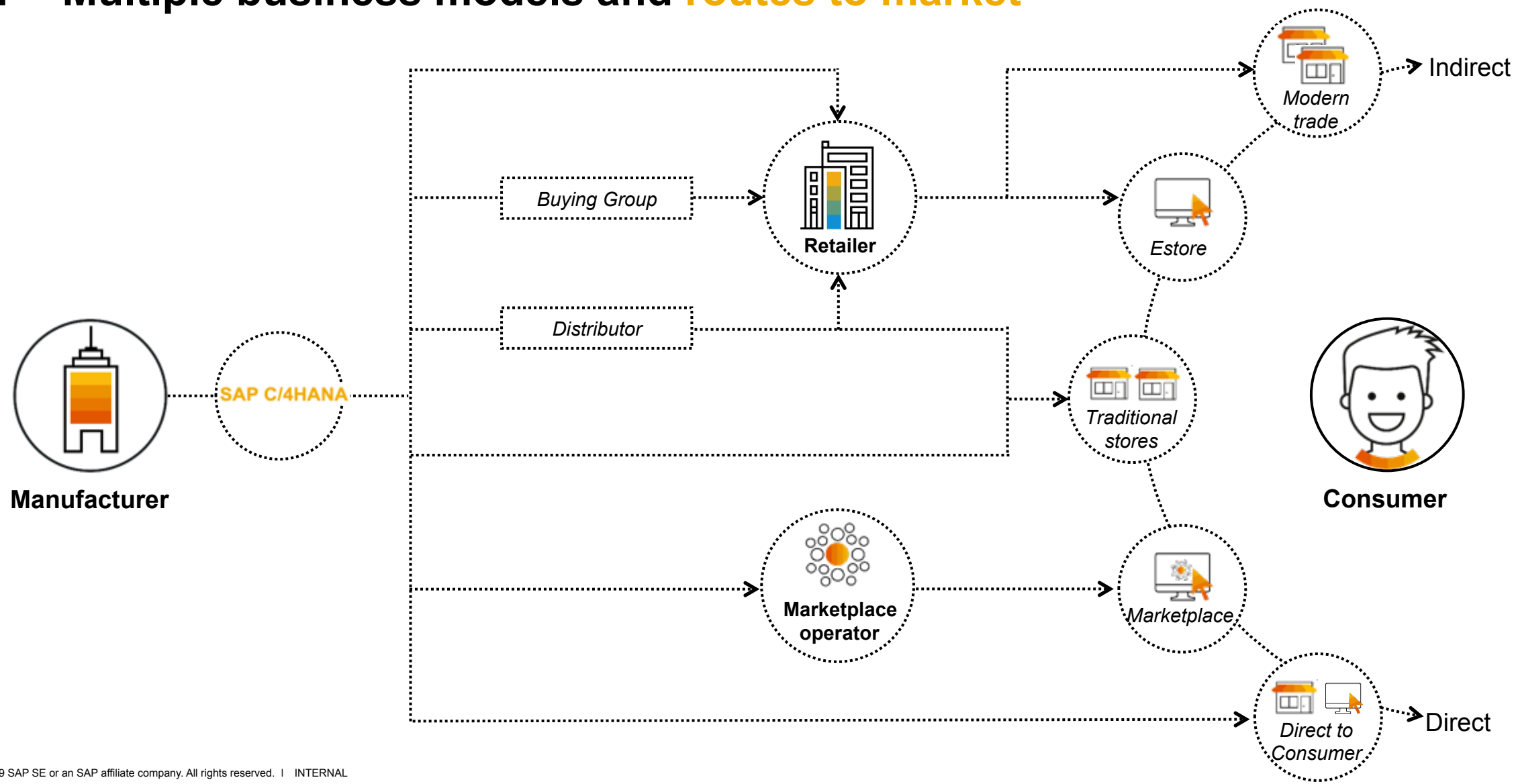


Where is the growth & how to **maximise it** ?

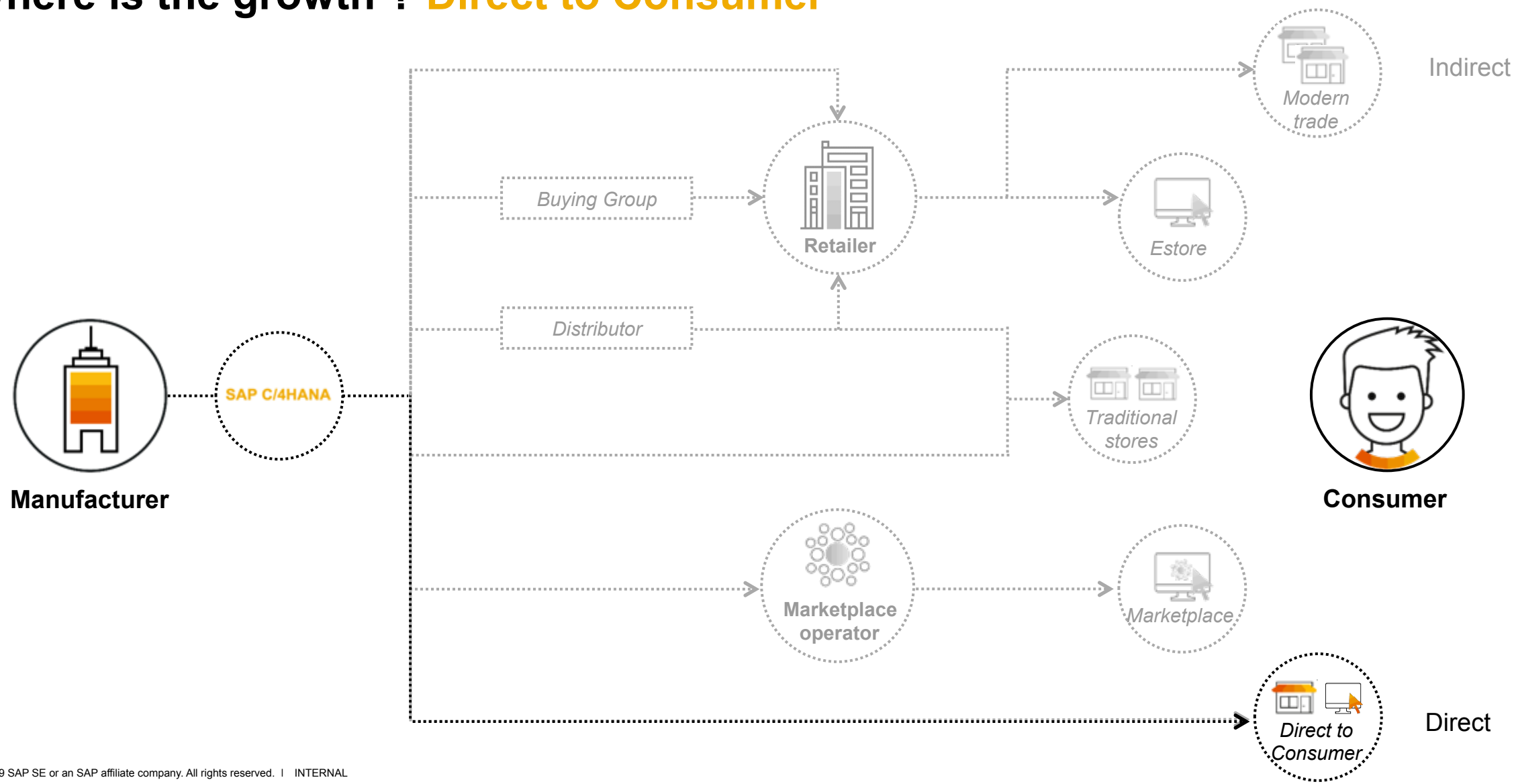




# CP - Multiple business models and routes to market



# Where is the growth ? **Direct to Consumer**



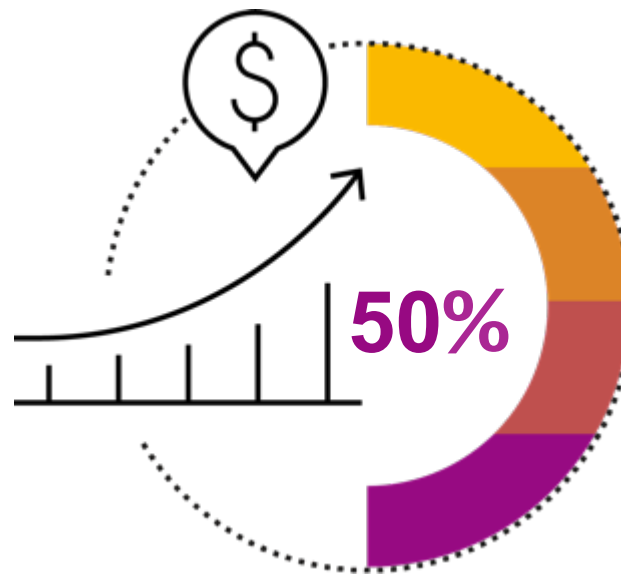


## Reason to invest in **Direct to Consumer?**

Direct to Consumer model - key facts that matter



**Revenues  
generated through  
direct channel**



**Contribution to  
future revenue growth**

# Direct to consumer - Trends

## Sustained growth of Direct to consumer subscription services<sup>1</sup>

- The subscription eCommerce market **has grown more than 100% every year for the past five years** & the largest D2C brands generated > \$2.6bn of revenue
- 15 percent of online shoppers have signed up for one or more subscriptions to receive products on a recurring basis
- E-commerce subscribers tend to be younger urbanites with money
- There are three broad types of subscriptions: replenishment, curation, and access. Curation services, are by far the most popular (55% of total subscriptions), suggesting a strong desire for personalized services.
- Replenishment services have particularly high long-term subscription rates: 45 percent of members have subscribed for at least one year.
- Providing and selling a service is different to selling a product. Customer service is essential as is offering service flexibility and options to meet consumers needs - including changes, pausing, cancelling and also researching & understanding why consumers change services & subscriptions are essential capabilities

E-commerce subscriptions, %		Key consumer value	Description	Example companies
Subscribe for replenishment	32	Save time and money	Replenish the same or similar items  Primary categories are commodity items such as razors, vitamins	Amazon Subscribe & Save, Dollar Shave Club, and Ritual
Subscribe for curation	55	Be surprised by product variety	Receive a curated selection of different items, with varying levels of consumer decision making required  Primary categories are apparel, food, beauty products	Birchbox, Blue Apron, and Stitch Fix
Subscribe for access	13	Gain exclusive access	Membership provides access and can convey additional "VIP" perks  Primary categories are apparel, food	JustFab, NatureBox, and Thrive Market
100%				

McKinsey&Company | Source: McKinsey analysis

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.mckinsey.com/industries/high-tech/our-insights/thinking-inside-the-subscription-box-new-research-on-e-commerce-consumers>.

# Focus on the customer - Five forces transforming the **customer experience**

**Digital First**  
Global scale and adoption of new digital businesses



**Customers for Life**  
From selling products to subscription services



**Single View of Customer**  
Customer at center of the business

**Trusted Data**  
Data needed for personalization, but not at all cost



**Holistic Customer Experience**  
Requires connecting front- and back office



# What is required to create a D2C brand ? **A brief D2C playbook:**

## Product Proposition



- Serves unmet needs
- Resolves customer pains
- Ultra convenient
- Clear value proposition
- Purposeful brand story
- Aligned to customer values
- Product provenance
- Supply transparency
- Company ethics
- Detailed product data

## Marketing



- 'Chief Growth Officer'
- Digital first / only
- Authentic
- Very targeted
- Data driven
- Content & story focused
- Respects consent
- Leverages advocates
- Focus on earned media
- YouTube & video media
- Uses influencers
- Focus on social & wom
- Paid placement
- Podcasts
- Email to continue story
- Personalised

## Direct Sales Channel



- Legacy free eCommerce
- Rapid deployment
- Mobile first or app based
- PWA
- Strong brand story content
- Great product imagery
- Subscription capability
- Continuity selling
- Bundling & Membership
- Social registration & login
- Chat & chat-bot service
- Customer service responsive
- Repeat purchase incentives
- Plan for market expansion

## Fulfilment & Continuity



- Fulfilment partners
- Fulfilment flexibility
- Need to fulfil single units
- Fulfil kits / bundles
- Return of single units
- Warehouse impact
- Pick and pack operations
- Use D2C focused 3PL
- Customer defined replen
- Surprise & delight

## Analysis & Insights

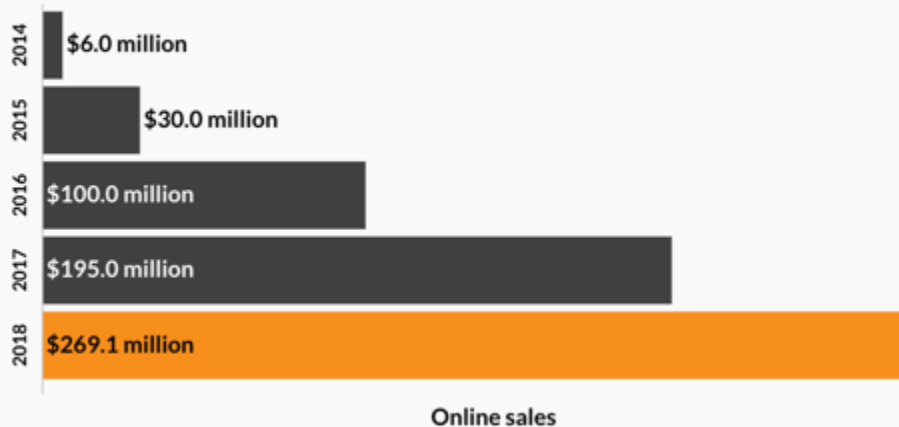


- Data obsessed
- Test & Learn led
- Average order value
- Customer lifetime value
- Performance & conversion
- Surveys for experience
- CSAT & NPS
- Track CX trends
- Uses sentiment analysis
- Builds detailed profiles
- Predicts subscription churn
- Social engagement
- Influencer identification

## What is required to create a D2C brand? **Not just eCommerce....**

### Harry's web sales soar in the past five years

Harry's Inc.'s 5-year web sales CAGR is 195.2%



Source: Internet Retailer Research 2019

"Selling directly to consumers is something large CPG companies have struggled with," Tripp says. "Large CPG brands that want to survive—and thrive—will need to upend the existing engagement model, tapping into the established relationships DTC brands have built with consumers."

### Top online grooming retailers ranked Dollar Shave Club grabs the most 2018 web sales



Source: Internet Retailer Research 2019

\*Sales via Gillette.com redirect to this URL

The big difference between the two big D2C shaving product startups and the incumbent approaches ? **The playbook** – even with an ecommerce channel, technology investments and fulfilment in place – **the focus needs to also be on customer acquisition, customer data, targeted marketing, insight and service.**

# SAP CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE FOR YOUR DIRECT BUSINESS MODEL



## MARKETPLACE: BECOME THE ONE-STOP-SHOP FOR YOUR CONSUMERS

You want to be relevant and offer to your consumer a complete shopping experience: start selling them your products, your partners' products and services.



## SELL DIRECTLY TO YOUR CONSUMERS THROUGH A DIGITAL OR EVEN PHYSICAL STORE

It's about knowing directly your consumers, providing what they want and how they want: is a shopping experience that moves from carts to hearts reinventing your business model



### B2C Commerce & Marketplaces

Provide consumers a fast and personalized shopping experience that looks great and works across channels



### B2C Marketing

Understand your B2C customers and engage with them intelligently. Use AI algorithms to increase effectiveness



### Service

Give consumers an excellent omni-channel customer service experience and proactive services using AI.



### Subscription

Provide subscription based commerce building a closer relation with consumers



### Consumer Identity

Build the consumer profile across properties with security, transparency and in compliance with personal data regulations.



### Product Content

Get the right products information in front of the right customers across channels. Syndicate product catalogs to online retailers and marketplaces



# SAP CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE FOR YOUR INDIRECT BUSINESS MODEL



## MODERN TRADE: TRADE MANAGEMENT AND RETAIL EXECUTION EXCELLENCE

Modern trade continues to represent a key route to market. You want to efficiently monitor and optimize your trade activities while implementing a perfect store strategy to improve trade ROI.



## TRADITIONAL TRADE: SCALE SALES PROCESSES WITH AN INTEGRATED SOLUTION

Profitably serve your fragmented trade: leverage self service ordering processes still providing high personalized experiences and reduce the overall cost of serving your B2B customers.



### Trade Management

Improve trade investments and enable a new level of collaboration with your modern trade leveraging in imbedded AI technology



### Retail Execution / Perfect Store

Enable perfect store initiatives to guarantee product availability and compliance within each store and every time



### B2B Commerce

Manage your traditional trade in an very efficient way and providing consumers' like hyper-personalized experiences



### B2B Marketing

Leverage analytical capabilities to manage at scale your trade partners and support your field. Use AI scoring to trigger customer specific initiatives



### Service

Give your customers an excellent omni-channel service and deliver seamless service in the field.

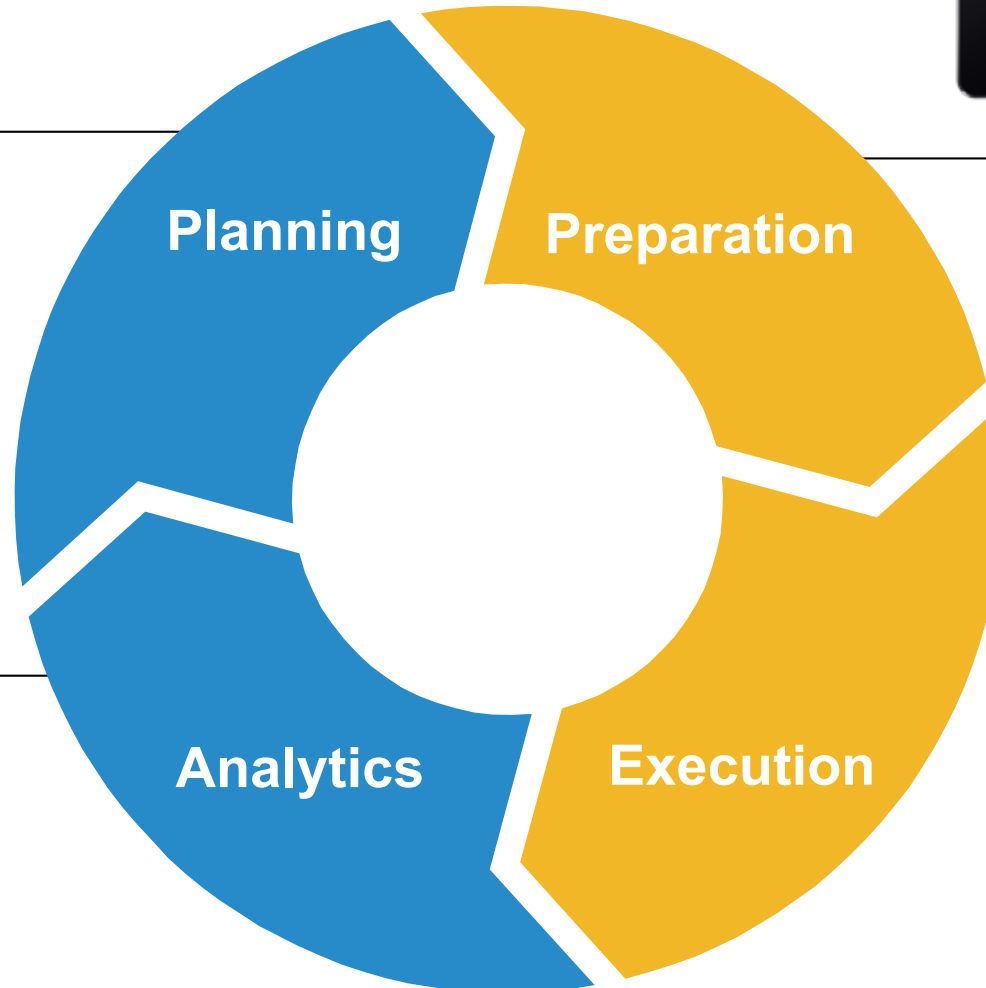
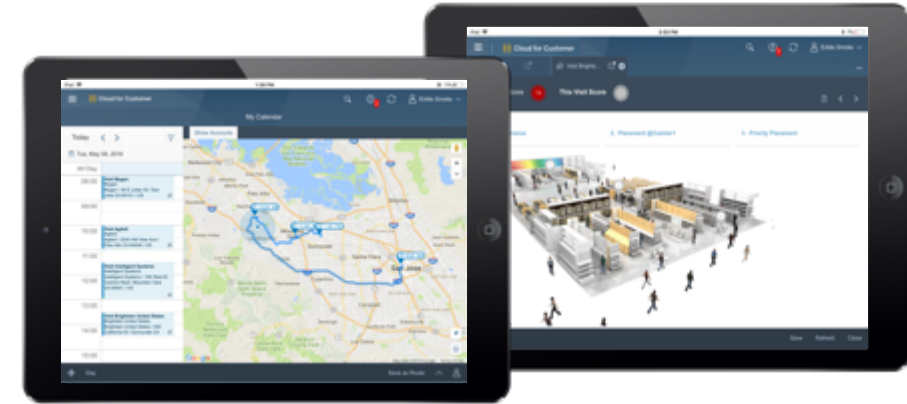
# SAP CLOUD FOR CUSTOMER

## Retail Execution / Perfect Store

### PERSONAS:

Sales Operations, Sales Management, Key Account Management (KAM)

Sales Representative/Merchandiser or KAM



- **Route optimization with maihero partner solution 'maiTour'**
- Territory planning
- Survey and priority planning
- Headquarter route and visit planning
- Content and picture Assignment

- Audit analytics
- Survey results and scoring metrics
- Perfect store analytics

- **All back-end customer data available to sales rep in one UI**
- 360-degree store view
- Order history
- Visit task and audit preparation
- Check past notes and results
- Check content and pictures
- Check store performance

- **Imaging Intelligence, AI recognition**
- **Guided perfect store execution**
- Drive priorities in store
- Product-/ competitor product audit
- Store-/ shelf checks
- Promotional activities and documents
- Manage and install POSM
- Orders management (Including Pricing)
- Asset check and service
- Collections
- Visit summary and next visit planning

# Welcome to SAP REX Demo

Select user of the SAP REX app so that they can manage their Dashboard



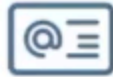
Merchandiser / Retail Sales Representative



VISIT EXECUTION



OPTIMISED VISIT  
PLANNING



AD-HOC VISIT  
PLANNING



PERFECT STORE  
EXECUTION



ANALYTICS



IMAGE  
RECOGNITION





What if you  
could enable  
D2C in **days**?



# Three truths in delivering experiences:

## Experience defines the brand

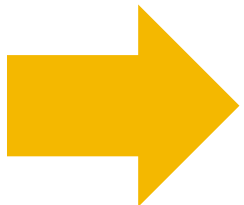
The brand is the sum of collective experience, shared.

## Customers don't see channels

Shopping is a seamless activity crossing channels and devices.

## Convenience is king

Products become services; services become bundles.



To deliver a better brand experience for the consumer, and profitability for the brand, Direct-to-Consumer has to be part of every CPG's omni-channel go-to-market strategy

## Mobile is the device

# ~70%

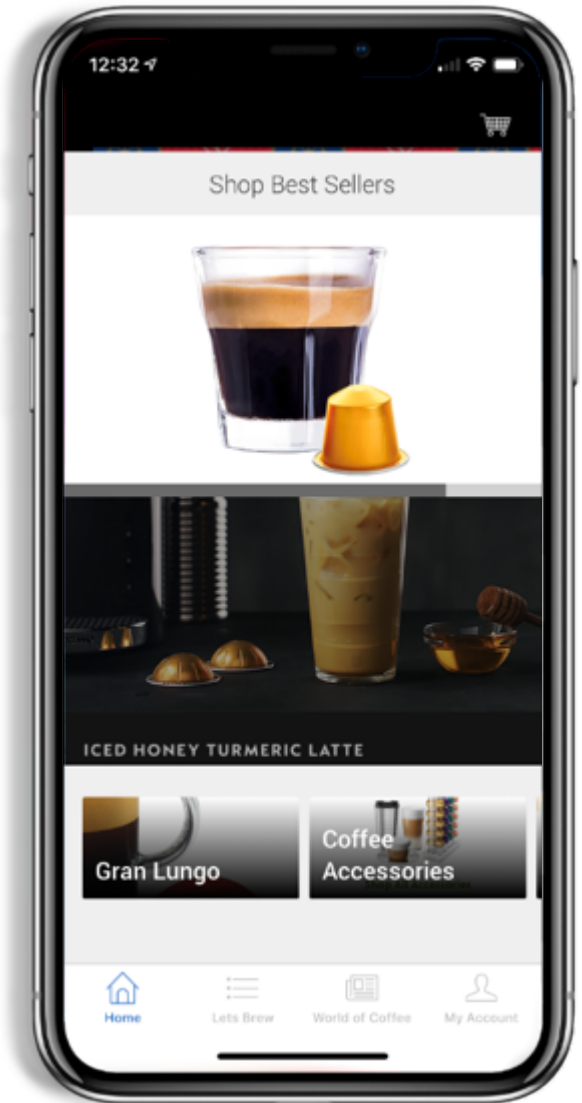
of traffic is on mobile.

# Mobile

is always within reach. Perfect for consumable & household replenishment.

# Apps

connected to devices for richer experiences





## But mobile experience is ripe for reinvention

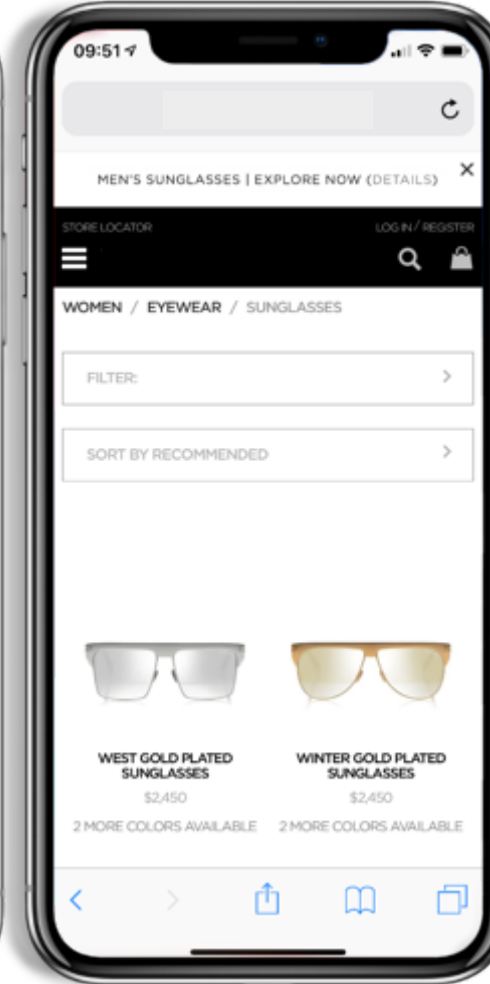
Many standard commerce features were built for desktop & need rethinking for mobile.

Why build today for yesterday's platform?

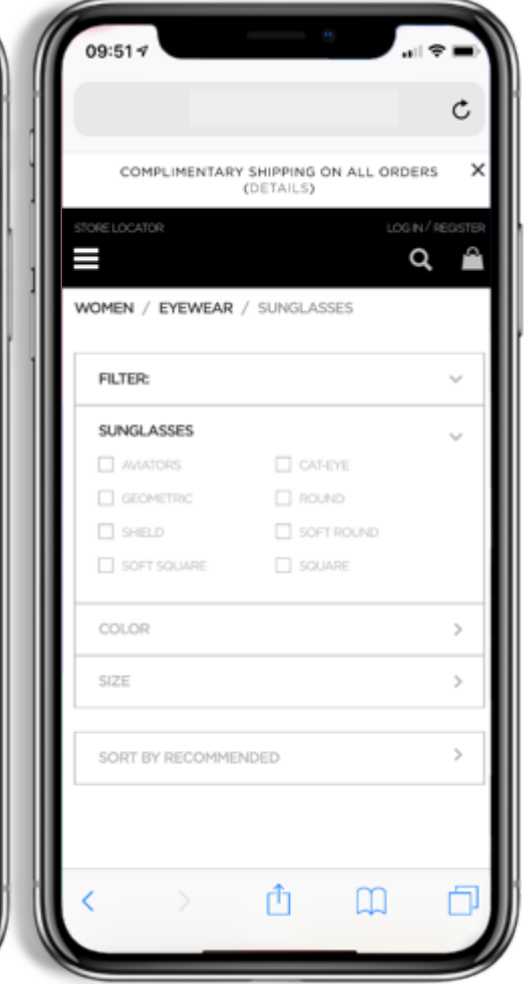
Data entry or checkout

A mobile app screenshot of a 'CREATE ACCOUNT' form. The form includes fields for Title (a dropdown menu), First Name, Last Name, Email, Confirm Email, Password (with a character count of 8-255), and Confirm Password. An 'APPLY' button is at the bottom. A footer note states: 'CREATING AN ACCOUNT YOU'RE AGREEING TO OUR PRIVACY POLICY' with a checkbox for 'YES, PLEASE ADD ME TO THE MAILING LIST'.

Use of limited real estate



Facets, filters, drop downs, check boxes are all designed for a mouse, not fingers



# Don't build for desktop. Build Progressive Web Apps

App like experiences delivered in a browser, but without the download

- Finger based navigation
- Tap, pinch, swipe etc

Runs anywhere a browser runs

- Mobile, tablet, desktop, kiosk, TV, in car...

Leverages capabilities of the device

- One tap-buy (e.g. Apple Pay, Google Pay)

Faster than mobile web

- Progressively downloads frequently used items and caches locally for a faster app-like experience

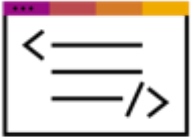


Progressive Web



Native App

# For CPG's eCommerce optimization is especially hard



## Rules are too rigid

- Many merchandising rules are 'set and forget' and do not adapt to changes
- Rules are fundamentally simplistic and ignore individual customer contexts



## Merchandising is manual

- CPG companies aren't traditional retailers – they may not have dedicated merchandisers
- Most merchandisers find there are not enough hours in the day to optimize all products and categories
- Prominent exposure and / or promotions cause partial or full stockouts
- Incorrect products or categories exposures and positioning causes significant loss of profit



## Site optimization is hard

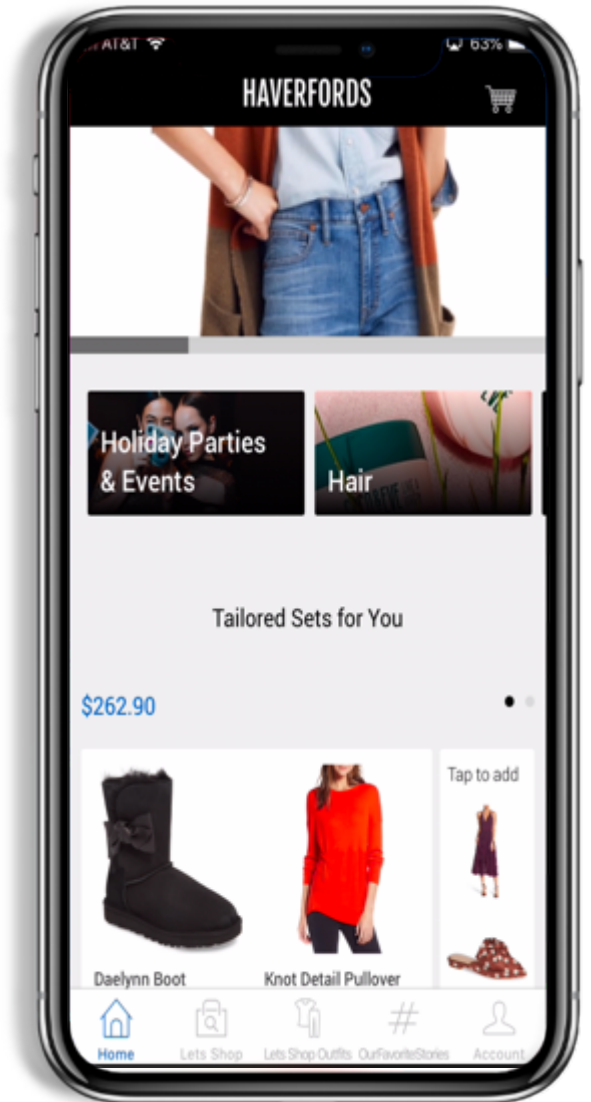
- A/B & multivariate testing is time intensive, and only measures a point in time
- Lift can be transitory as customers get used to new changes or customers change behavior.

## Introducing the Mobigram

# The AI mobile store

Automatically created,  
uniquely for **each individual**

Automatically **optimizes**  
**profit** for the brand or retailer

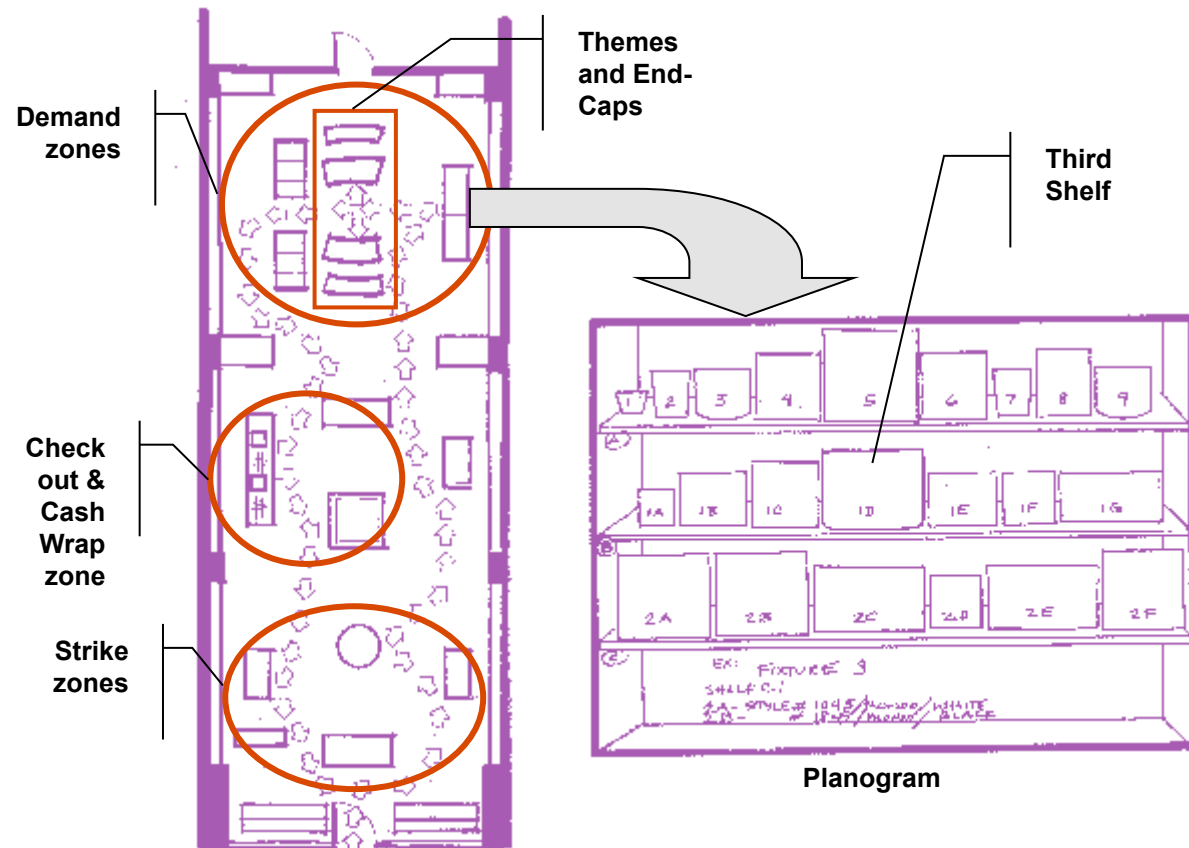




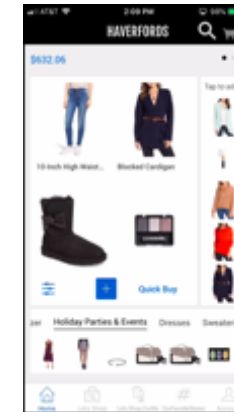
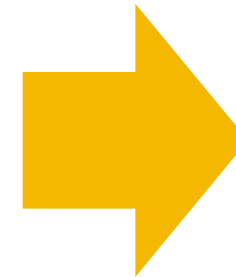
# How to revolutionize planograms in the digital world

In the physical world we use planograms to optimize how and where retail products should be displayed, usually on a store shelf in order to increase customer profit

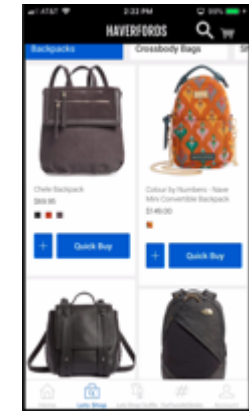
## Old world



## New world



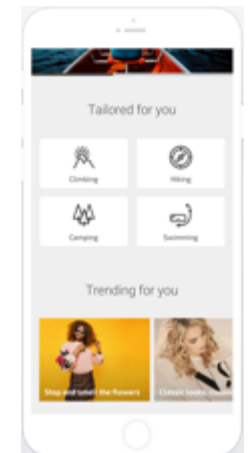
Themes / End Caps are **now** Tailored Sets



Third Shelf is **now** Mobigram Category Browse



Cash Wrap Zones are **now** AI Next Sells



Strike Zones are **now** AI Tailored Categories

## Science of Retail



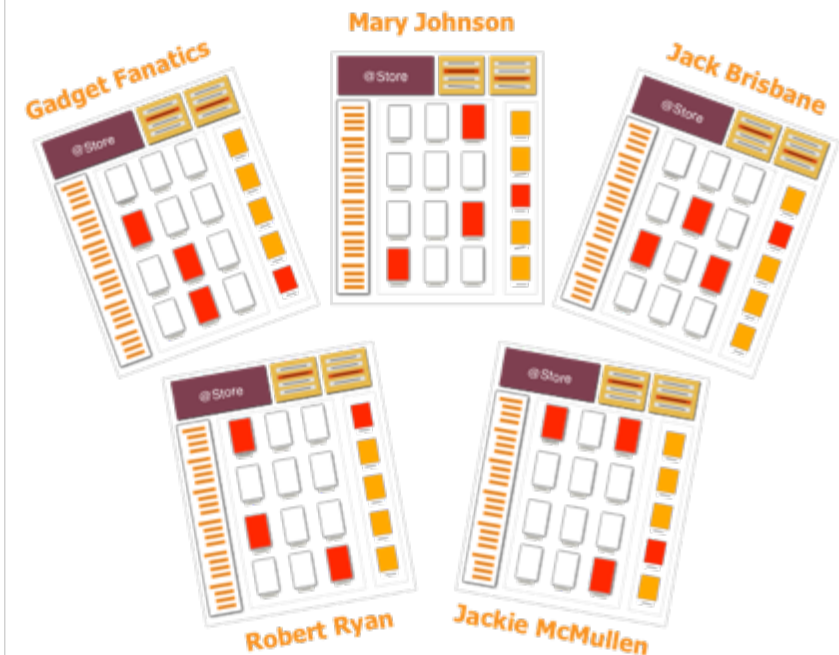
Designed  
and modified 4-6 times per year  
based on buyer data



If a store could  
modify the  
planogram  
for every  
customer  
they would



## Future of Commerce



Mobigram experience  
individualized  
based on category management

# How the Mobigram works: Real-time Digital Category Management

This grid has been re-ordered to move higher velocity, higher margin products to the top to max profit.

This product should not be on the home page carousel in the 2PM to 4PM EST time slot.

Targeted lifestyle categories will drive up to 8% more profit in these category. See AI Trend Category component for new category to launch.

Your sales in this category dominate the site, see detail to entice customers to purchase from new categories to max profit.

You should add another color variation to this product to maximize profit

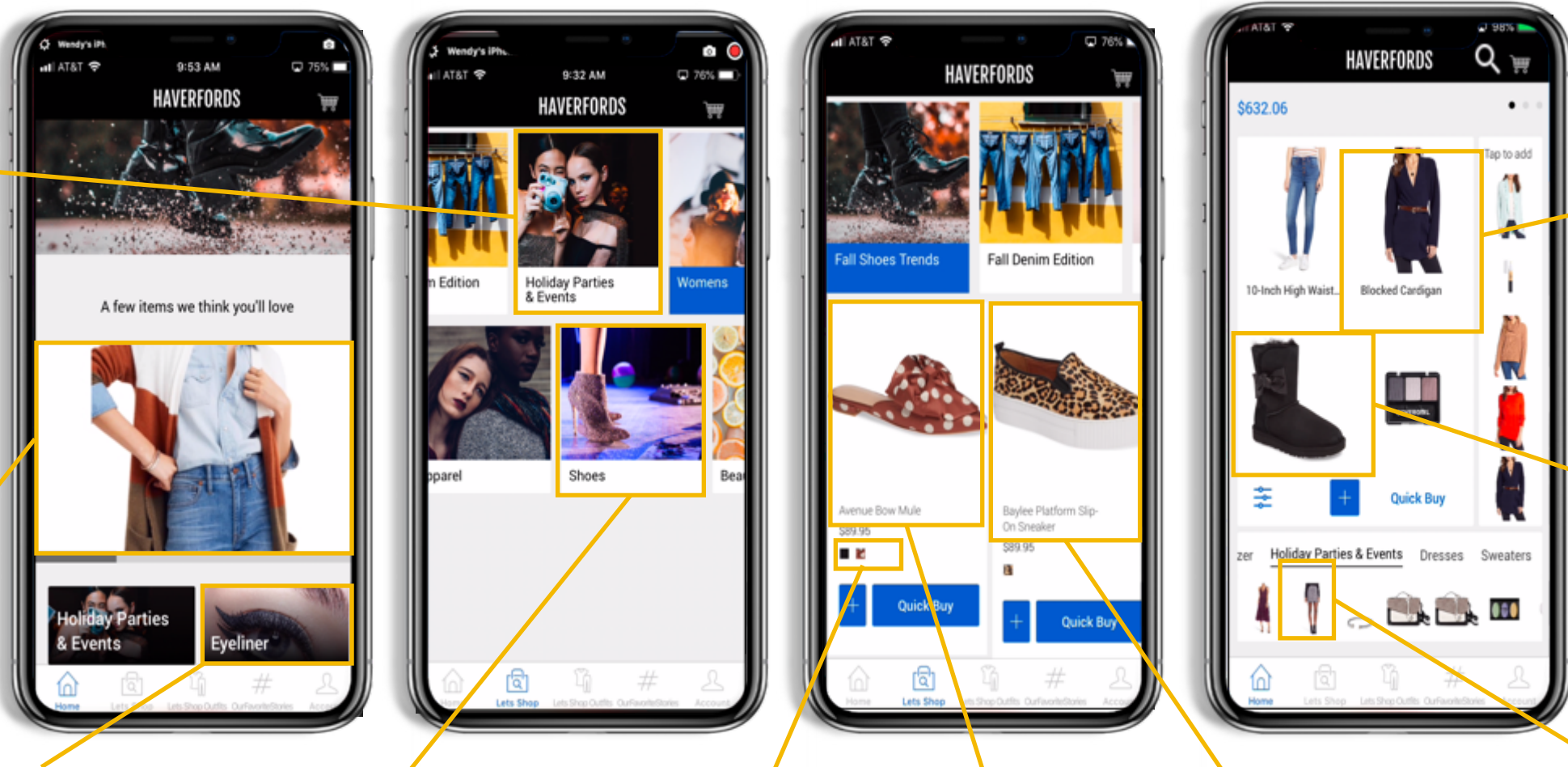
This product has the highest velocity - Our AI will increase its exposure across the channels

This product is being featured in your physical stores, you should leverage exposure here.

This product has an unseen negative gross margin. It should be delisted

This product's sales velocity indicates an immediate reorder to max profit

This product is near sell out, don't remove from site, start tracking shadow demand immediately.



# How the Mobigram works: Real-time Digital Category Management

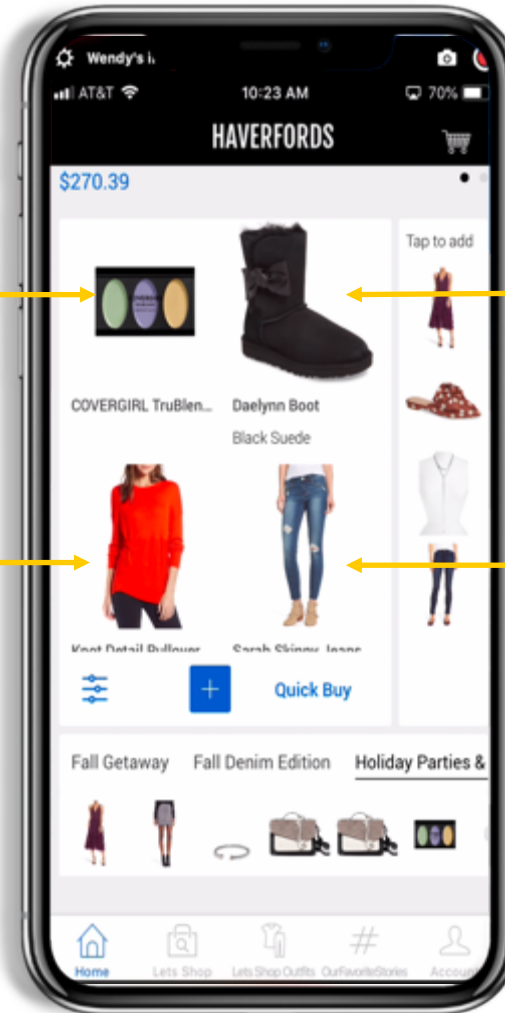
Individual products featured in the Tailored Set are dynamically adjusted based on the customers' real time context & inventory levels

## Cash Machine

Proven high volume and high conversion.

## Underexposed Hidden Gem

Given increased exposure due to high margin and inventory position.



## Traffic generator

Proven link to profitable order.

## Fast rising inventory

Inventory rising faster than sales, so product is given more exposure that usual.



# Continuity commerce



Generate recurring revenue streams and high order profitability with auto-replenish orders



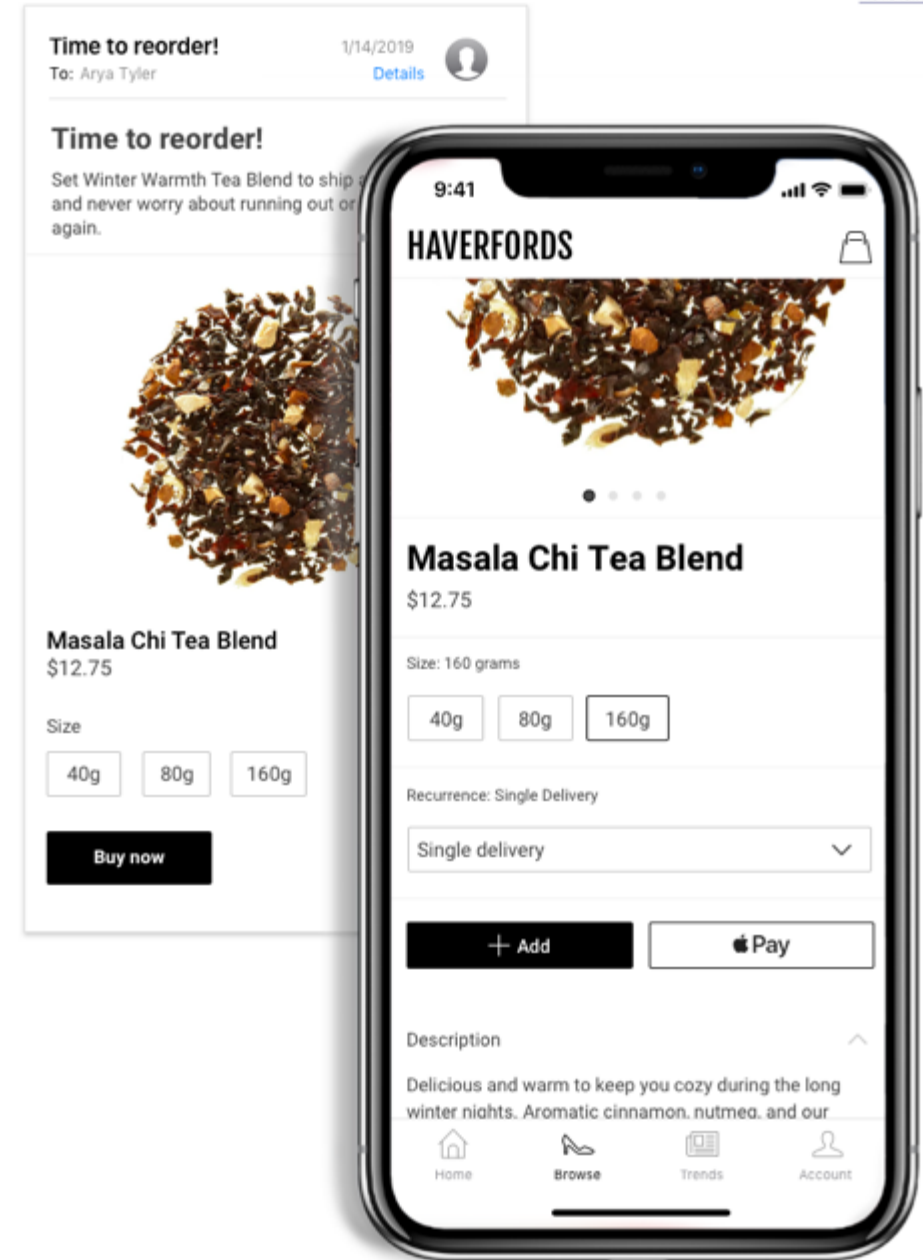
Make it easy to buy with beautifully simple experiences



Launch in days with built-in Distributed Order Management



Leverage built-in AI to drive automated reorder prompts and next products to sell each customer



## AI : Which products to sell on Continuity (and which to avoid)



### Replenishment Push

Identifies which products to put onto continuity, e.g. high margin consumable products which customers need, but don't usually buy.

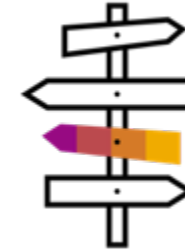
➡ Increase sales, and profit through buying economies



### Reduce predicted excess inventory

Identifies products where inventory is rising faster than sales, suitable for temporary continuity programs to reduce excess stock.

➡ Reduce excess inventory without price markdowns



### Prevents cannibalization and substitution

Automatically monitors for cannibalization to prevent substitution of lower margin products.

➡ Preserve profitability

## AI : Automatically optimizes continuity to maximize profit



### Inventory optimization

Ensures that products required for continuity programs are automatically reserved from inventory to avoid out of stocks.



### Shipment timing optimization

Automatically determines the optimal timing for each product delivery to maximize stickiness and inventory turns.



### Surprise and delight

Automates the timing and delivery of surprises and trial products to maximize inventory turns and create stickiness.

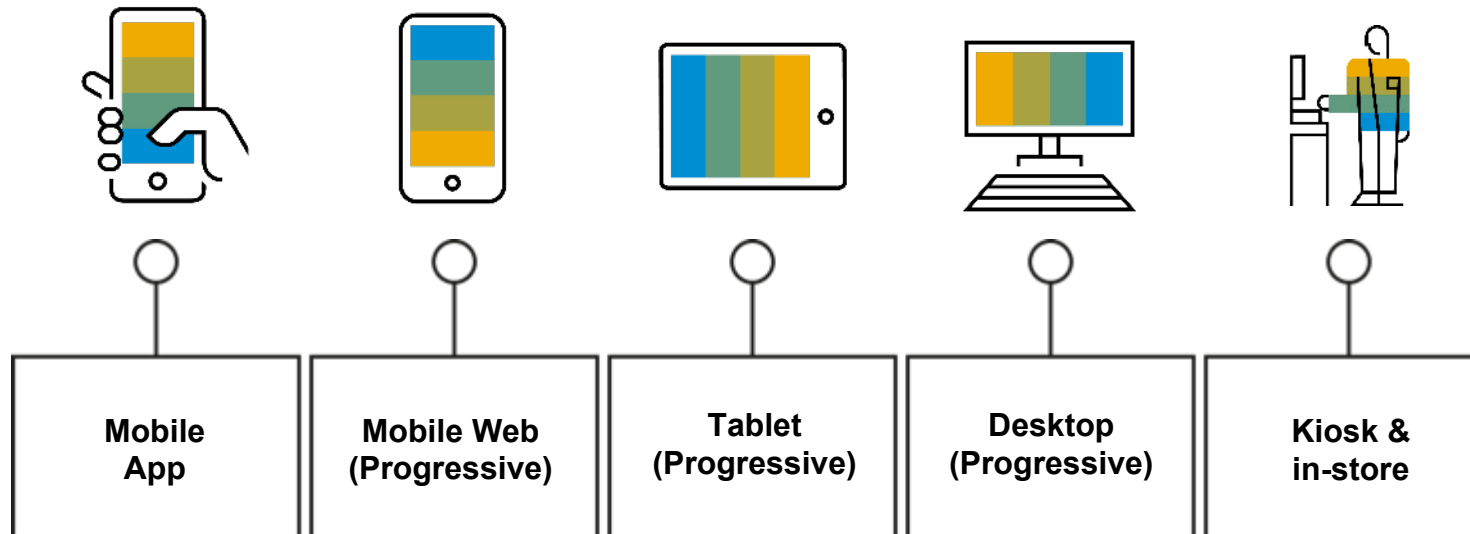


### Payment collection optimization

Optimizes when to collect payments and number of retries to minimize write-offs and bad debt. Payment schedules are separated from product shipments.

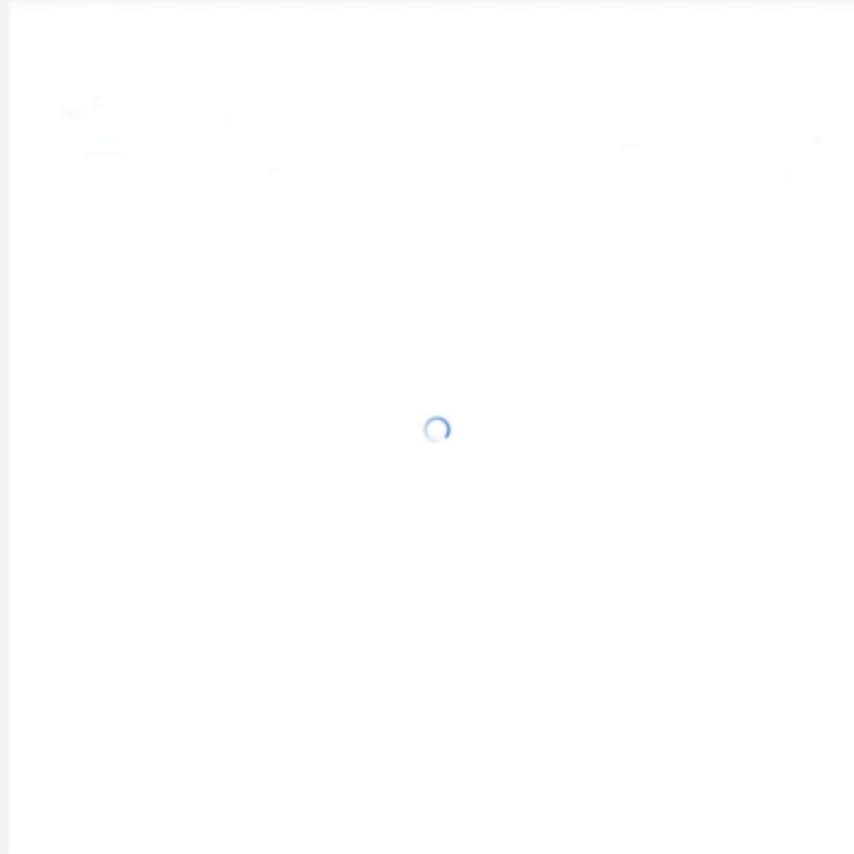
# SAP Upscale Commerce

- **Next generation** B2C commerce platform designed specifically for Direct to Consumer and retail industries
- Can also extend your existing commerce system with **rich mobile, cross-channel and in-store experiences**
- Flexible deployment – **Go live in 7-14 days**
- **Intelligent AI** merchandising and digital category management built in
- Distributed Order management and **continuity commerce** built in
- **Native experiences** across a wide range of devices, starting with mobile



**Build beautiful experiences in days**

## Welcome to Coffeefy





## Key takeaways



- Largest single area of growth - direct to consumer
- Opportunity for CP companies – grow, acquire, partner and optimize
- Focus on 5 key areas – Digital First, Single View of the customer, Customer for Life, Trusted Customer Relationships, Holistic CX front to back
- Supporting solutions – B2C Marketing, Transactional Commerce, Customer data management, product content syndication, customer services & qualitative customer experience analytics
- Rapid enablement of D2C for CP companies with SAP Upscale Commerce .... 'This is going to change the world.'





Thank You





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