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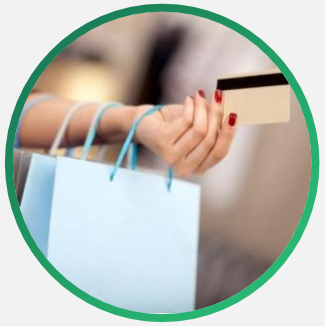
The BCG-Altagamma True-Luxury Global Consumer insight panel in line with 2017



Third Ed. 2016	10,000+ Consumers	€21K+ Average spend	10 Largest worldwide luxury Markets
Fourth Ed. 2017	12,000+ • +1,000 in China • +1,000 in US	~€36K Average spend	=
Fifth Ed. 2018	12,000+ • +1,000 in China • +1,000 in US	~€37K Average spend	=

Source: BCG-Altagamma True-Luxury Global Consumer Insight Survey 2017 (12K + respondents in 10 countries)

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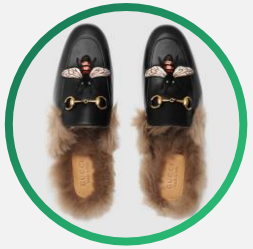
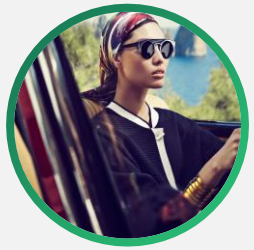
5 lenses to take a closer look at the 2017 - 2024 Luxury Market



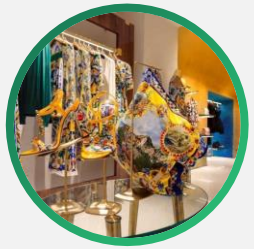
Categories: Personal growing at ~3% driven by accessories & cosmetics; Experiential 2pp faster



Generation: Millennials will grow from 29% to 50% of luxury market

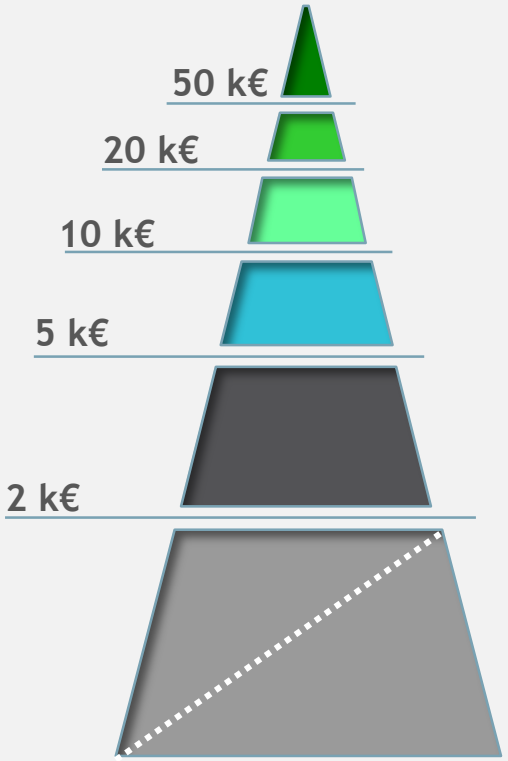
Nationality: Chinese, again the driving force, up from 32% to 40% of luxury market

True-Luxury Behavioral Segments: Megacitier and Rich Upstarter key within Millennials and Chinese, Absolute Luxurer within mature markets and older consumers



Channel: Store-solo stabilizing in an Omnichannel world?

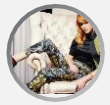
18 M True Luxury Consumers generating ~30% of global market, expected to further polarize in the next years



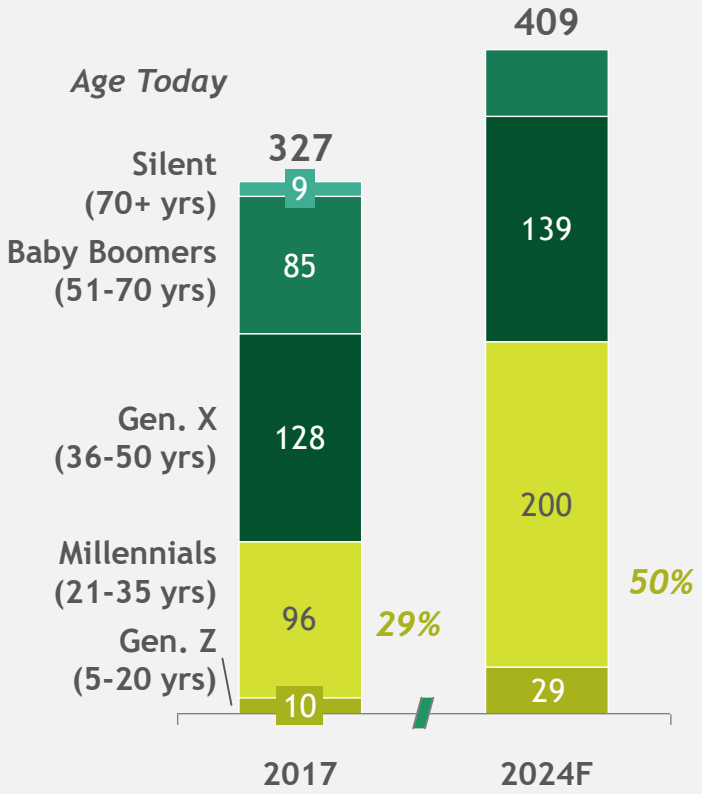
CLUSTER	2017 # (M)	2017 Bn(€)		2024 # (M)	2024 Bn(€)	
Beyond money	0.4	22		0.6	41	
Top Absolute	1.4	33		2.2	54	
Absolute	4.9	98		6.5	145	
Entry Absolute	11.3	115		13.9	155	
Total True-Luxury	18	267	29%	23	395	31%
				+128		
Top Aspirational	21	65		28	93	
Other Aspirational	375	580		445	772	
				+192		
Total Luxury Consumers	~414	~913		~496	~1.260	
				+347		

Note: Including personal and experiential luxury, excluding cars and yachts
Source: BCG Luxury Market Model

2 most relevant avenues of growth for the Personal Luxury market

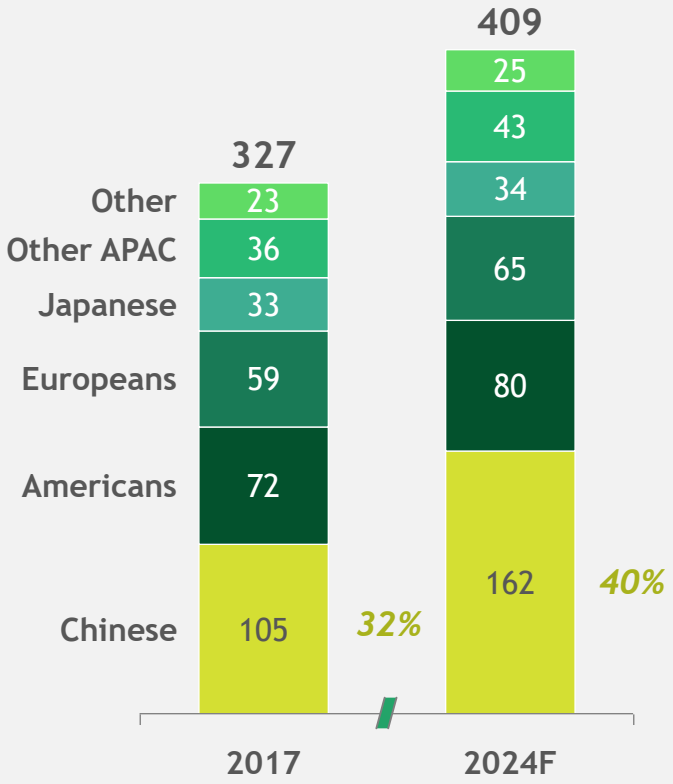


50% of the market made by Millennials by 2024



130% *Of the growth will be driven by Millennials*

40% of the market made by Chinese by 2024

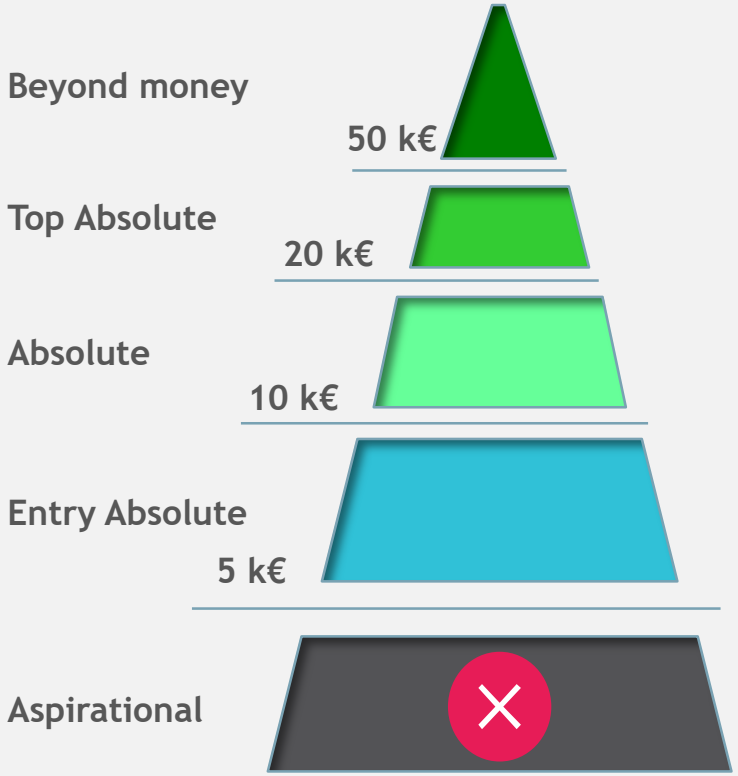


70% *Of the growth will be driven by Chinese*

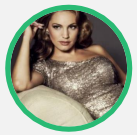
Note: Relative to Personal Luxury
Source: BCG Luxury market model

We have been exploring behavior of Luxury consumers for the last 5 years, focusing on the True-Luxury Consumers

True-Luxury Global Consumers segmentation by spending level



True-Luxury Global Consumers Behavioral segmentation


Absolute Luxurer


Social Wearer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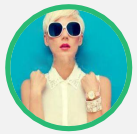
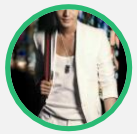
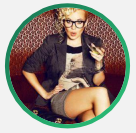
Expe-riencer

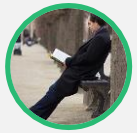

Fashionista


Status Seeker

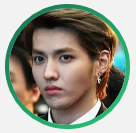

Timeless Proper


Mega-citier


Class-pirational

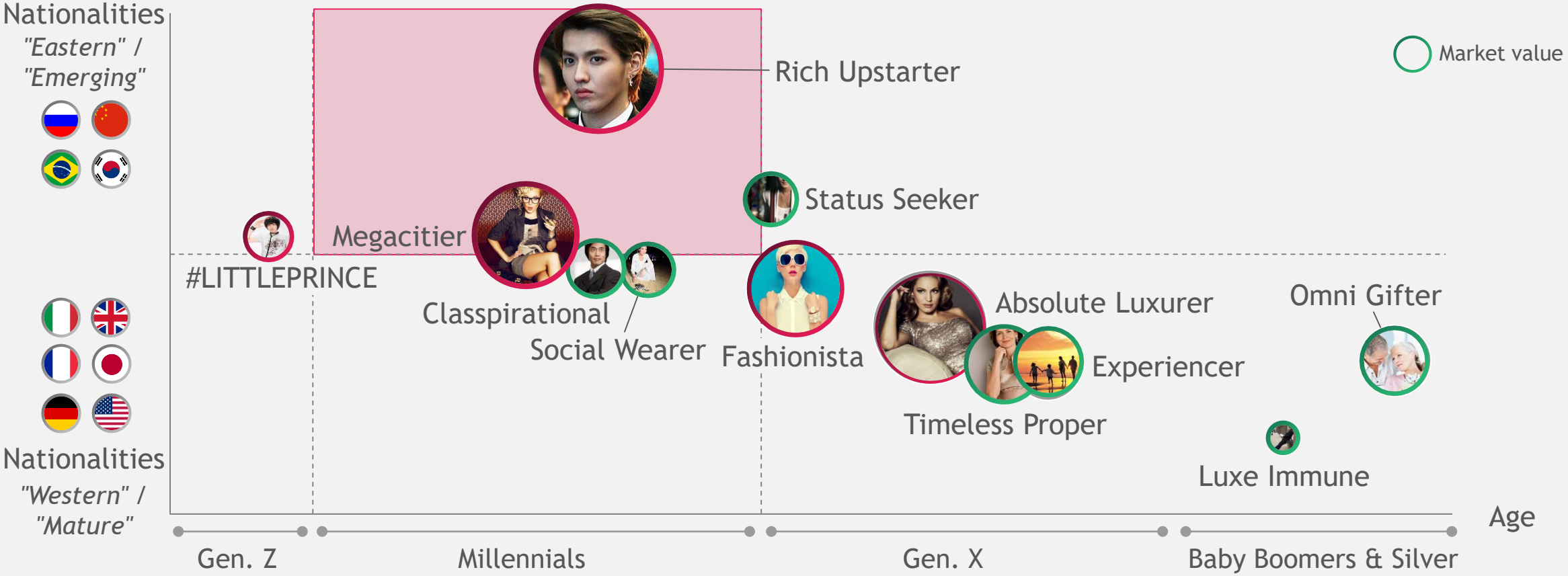

Luxe Immune


Omni-gifter


Rich Upstarter

Source: BCG-Altagamma True-Luxury Global Consumer Insight Survey 2017 (12K + respondents in 10 countries)

Along 2 main avenues of growth, Megacitier & Rich Upstarter; Absolute Luxurer key in mature markets & older



Brands will win if they will understand in depth stronger & growing behavioral segments: why they buy, what they like, where they buy, where and how they get influenced…

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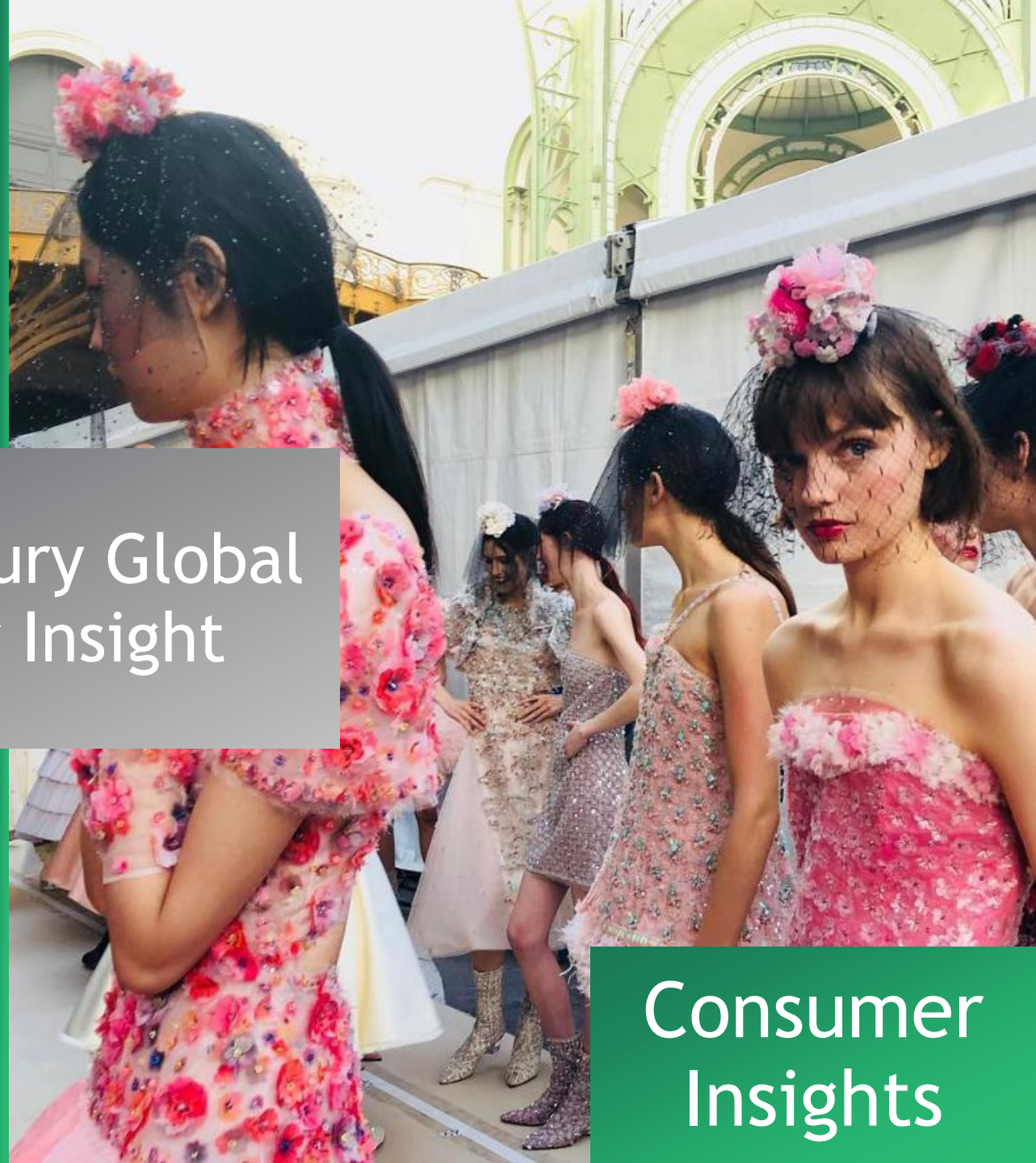

Consumer Insights

10 trends relevant for the True-Luxury Consumers

Product & Branding
"What they want"

1. **Luxury casualwear:** keeps increasing vs formal with 73% appeal, +7pp YoY, also driven by "forever young" behaviors
2. **Luxury product values:** traditional values as quality hold but new values as "extravagance & fun" key to success
3. **Collaborations:** cover demand for newness, give a cool edge, strengthen brand awareness & willingness to buy
4. **Mix and match:** ~55% Millennials partially shift from luxury brands to trade down or mix styles buying niche brands
5. **Brand loyalty:** Millennials the generation with highest brand loyalty across categories - 36% are loyal vs. 30% overall

Communication & Media
"How to reach them"

6. **Social media:** social media keep booming - from 9th in 2013 to 1st lever in 2017 on True-Luxury consumers
7. **Influencers:** within social media, influencer power booming because of perceived authenticity

Sales Channels
"Where they buy"

8. **Omnichannel:** achieved ~50%. Online-solo keeps growing with older consumers. Store-solo shows signs of recovery
9. **Online ecosystem:** evolving with regional differences (brand.com vs multi-brand vs generalist marketplaces shares)
10. **Mono-brand stores:** stabilizing due to luxury brands' efforts –"Special product" offer, in-store experience improvement

Source: BCG-Altagamma True-Luxury Global Consumer Insight Survey 2017 (12K + respondents in 10 countries)

For Millennials particularly relevant "What they want"; for Chinese "Where they buy and how to reach them"

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3. Collaborations
4. Mix and Match
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Communication & Media
"How to reach them"

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7. Influencers

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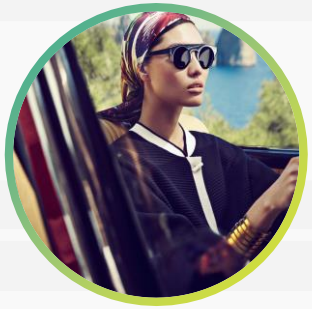

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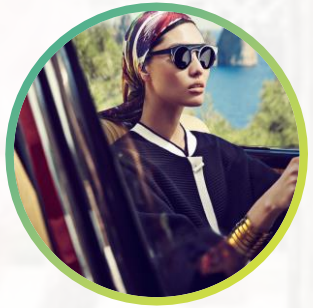
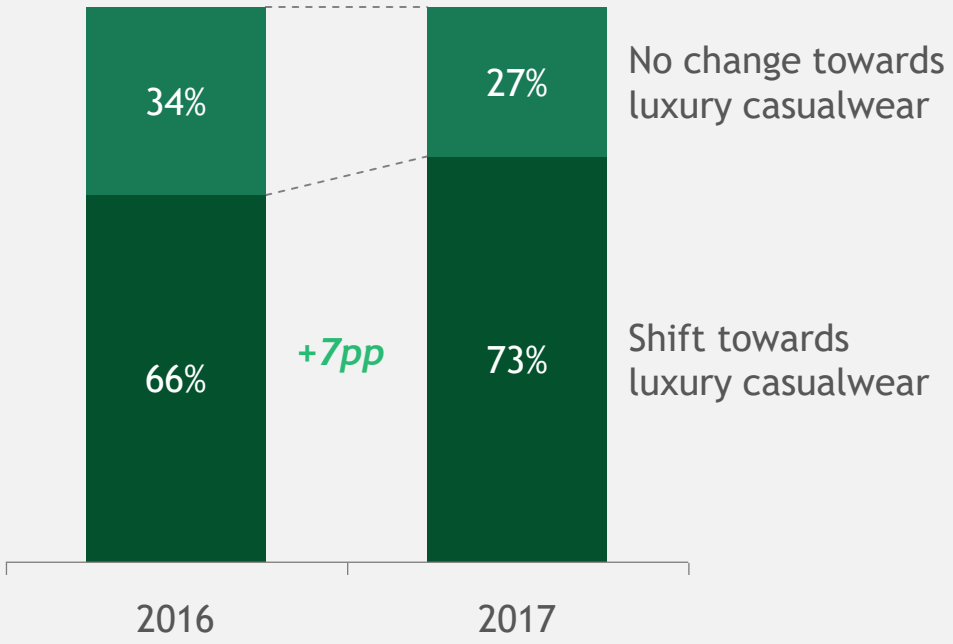
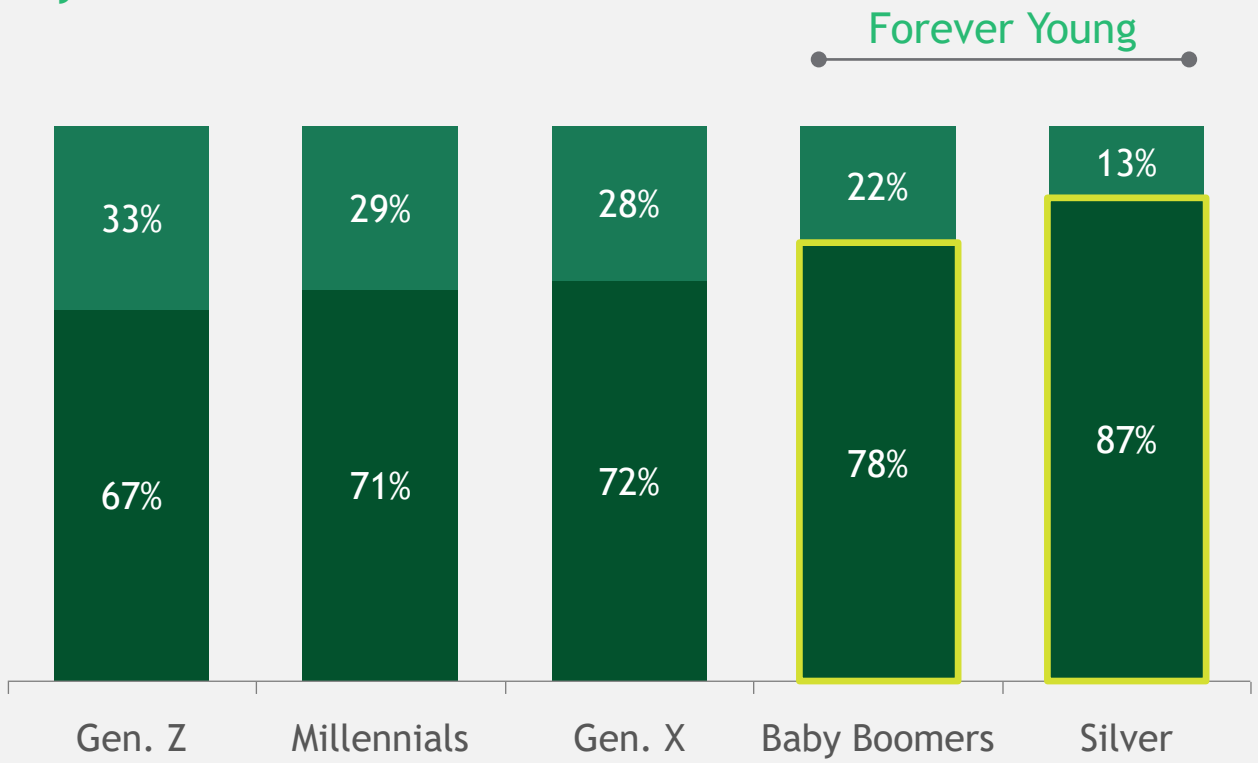


Luxury casualwear confirmed as a major trend, especially for 'Forever Young' generations

73% vs 66% last year moving toward casual luxury



By Generation



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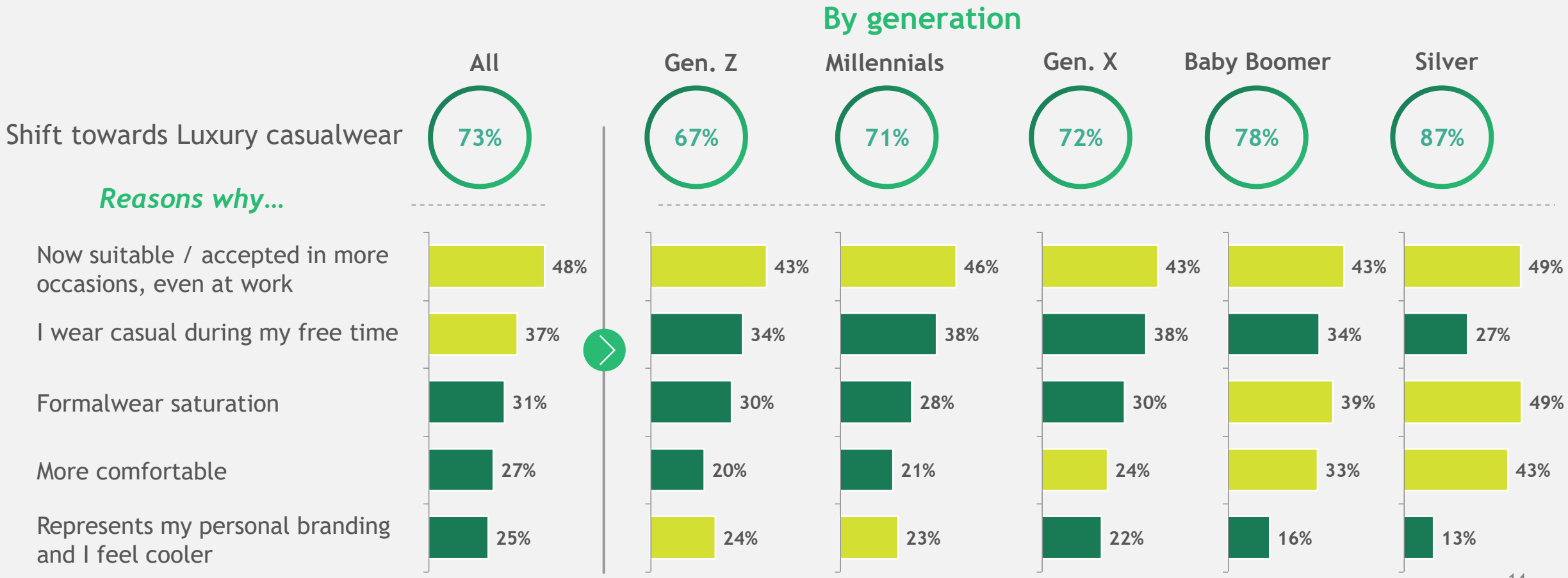
Luxury casualwear the "new normal": driven by formal saturation & comfort for older, by coolness for young

"Thinking about formalwear / casualwear which of the following statements best apply to you?"



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Among top 5 future luxury spending categories True-Luxury Consumers do see 3 casual oriented ones

? *In which categories will your spending on luxury goods be affected the most and in which direction?*

Index: % People expecting to increase spending - % of people expecting to decrease spending in that category

	Balanced Casual & Formal		Biased to Casual		
					
	Pants & Skirts	Shirts	Sneakers	T-Shirt	Jeans
Overall True-Luxury consumers expected spending increase	+39%	+38%	+37%	+35%	+34%

Top 5 categories

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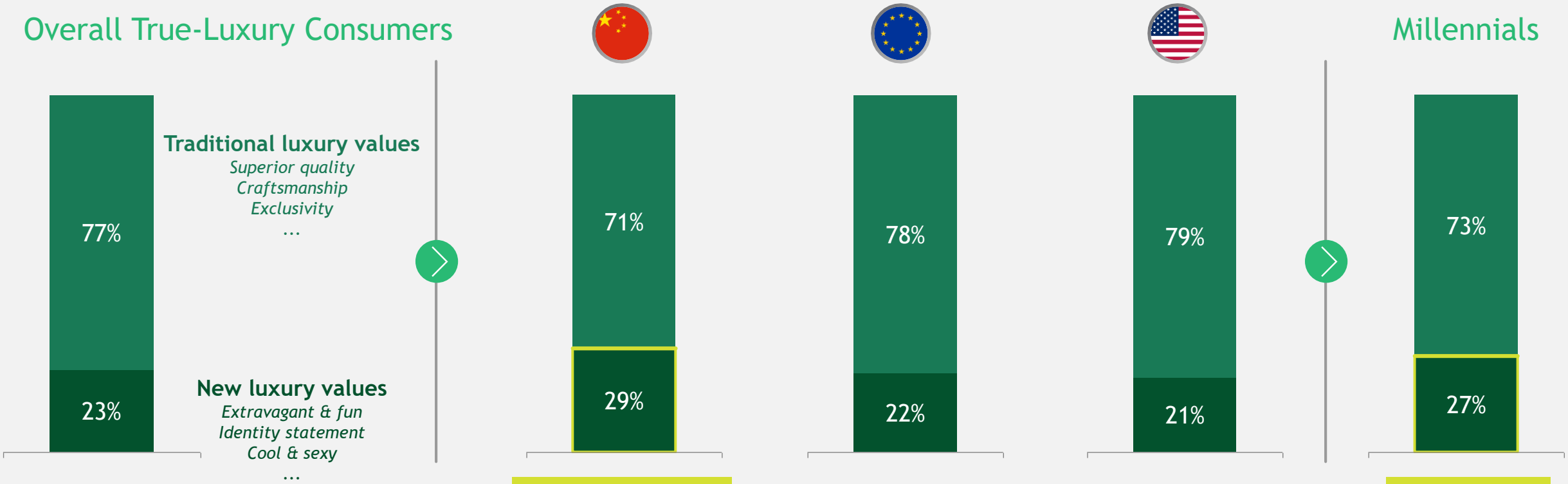
Traditional luxury values still predominant, however new values key for success amongst Chinese & Millennials



Highest positive difference vs. overall	Extravagant & fun An identity statement	Craftsmanship Heritage	Timeless Craftsmanship	Cool & sexy Innovation
Highest negative difference vs overall	Exclusivity Adorned aesthetics	Brand iconic patterns Extravagant & fun	Adorned aesthetics Exclusivity	Craftsmanship Superior quality

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Made-in Italy still leading, fueled by apparel, handbags and shoes

Which country of manufacturing do you consider the best for luxury products?

Respondents preference on made-in[1] (%)

	Overall	Δ 2014-2017 (pp)
Italy	30%	12
France	22%	4
USA	11%	3
Switzerland	10%	0
Germany	7%	-4
UK	5%	-1
...		
China	3%	-2

Drivers (2014-2017)

	Clothing	Handbags & shoes	Cosmetics & perfumes
Italy	+17 pp (19% 2014, 36% 2017)	+18 pp (20% 2014, 38% 2017)	-2 pp (15% 2014, 14% 2017)
France	+3 pp (14% 2014, 17% 2017)	+2 pp (16% 2014, 18% 2017)	+15 pp (35% 2014, 50% 2017)
USA	+2 pp (10% 2014, 12% 2017)	+2 pp (8% 2014, 10% 2017)	+1 pp (8% 2014, 9% 2017)

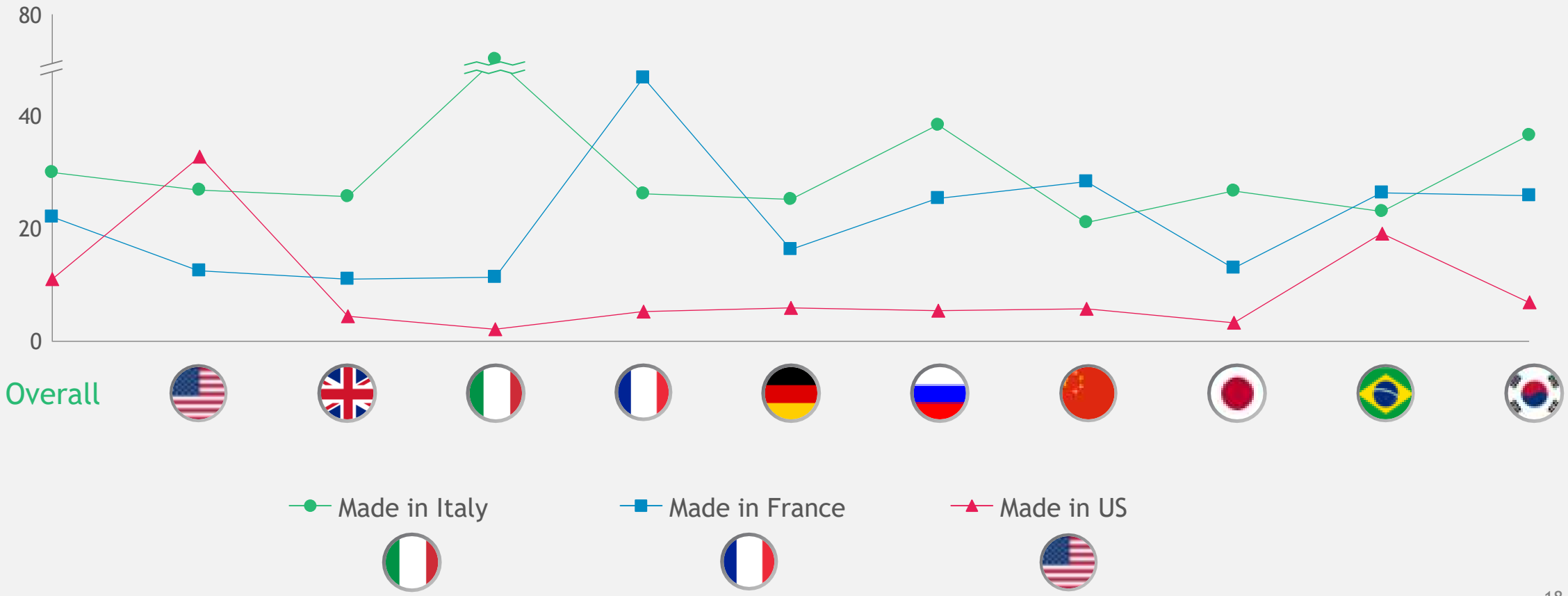
1. Excluding cars, luxury boats, design and lighting

Source: BCG-Altagamma True-Luxury Global Consumer Insight Survey 2017 (12K + respondents in 10 countries)

Made-in Italy recognized worldwide, however Made-in France preferred in China, Brazil & France

Made-in preference by consumer nationality

Focus on personal luxury[1]



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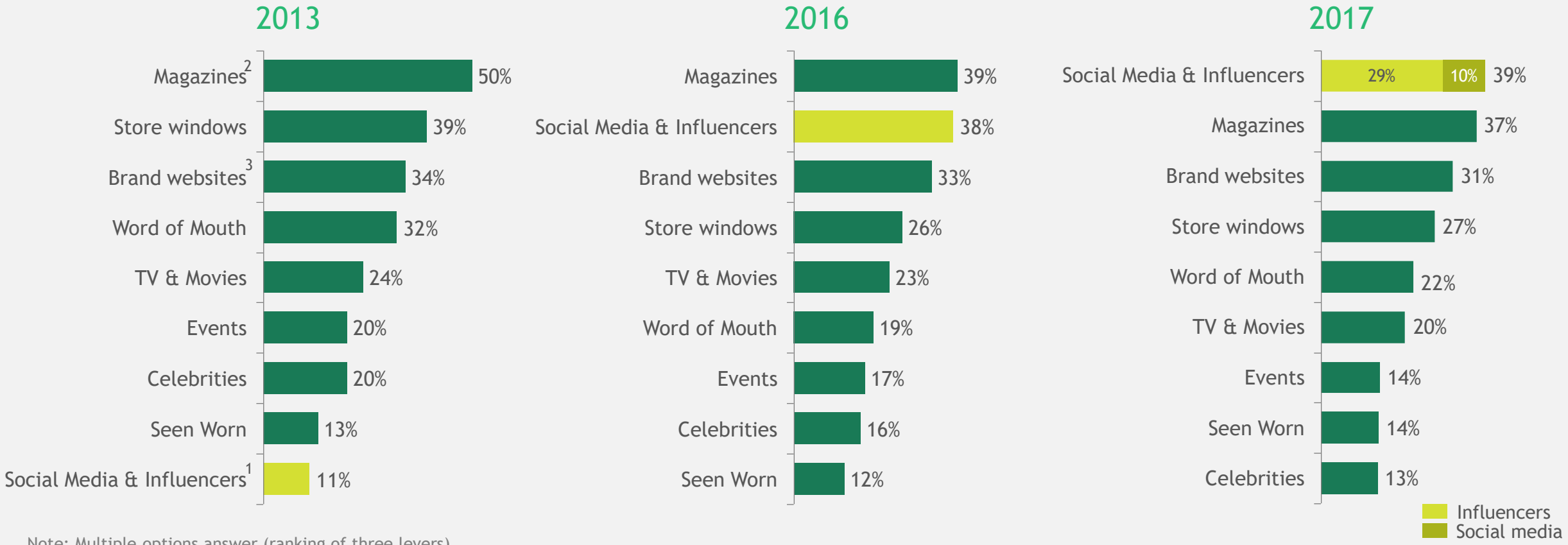
Social Media rank as 1st influence lever on True-Luxury Consumers, +29pp vs 2013 and +1pp vs 2016

"Which of the following online sources of information / channels impact how you develop opinions or make decisions about luxury purchases?"



Note: Multiple options answer (ranking of three levers)
1. Includes Social Media, Online blogs & Influencers; 2. Editorials and Commercial in Magazines. Includes both traditional & digital magazines; 3. Includes also Brand's App
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Instagram gaining space vs. Facebook and Youtube in the West; Wechat, Weibo and QQ leading among Chinese

How would you rank the social media you use when interacting with luxury brands, fashion bloggers?

	Western world[1]	2017	Vs. 2016	Chinese world	2017	Vs. 2016
1	facebook	65%	↓	Tencent - Wechat	70%	=
2		53%	↑	Weibo	55%	=
3	YouTube	48%	↓	Tencent - QQ	40%	↓

1. Includes: US, UK, Italy, France, Germany and Brazil
Source: BCG-Altagamma True-Luxury Global Consumer Insight Survey 2017 (12K + respondents in 10 countries)

Who is your favorite Influencer

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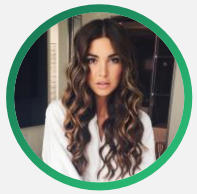
West


Chiara Ferragni


Danielle Bernstein


Aimee Song


Sincerely Jules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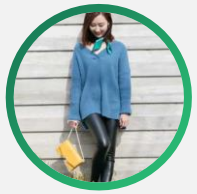
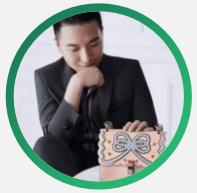

Becky's Fantasy


Mr. Bags

The power of influencers does not lie in their follower count, but in their ability to influence through perceived authenticity, a unique point of view and storytelling

Will Influencer-led content creation and power represent a challenge for luxury brands?

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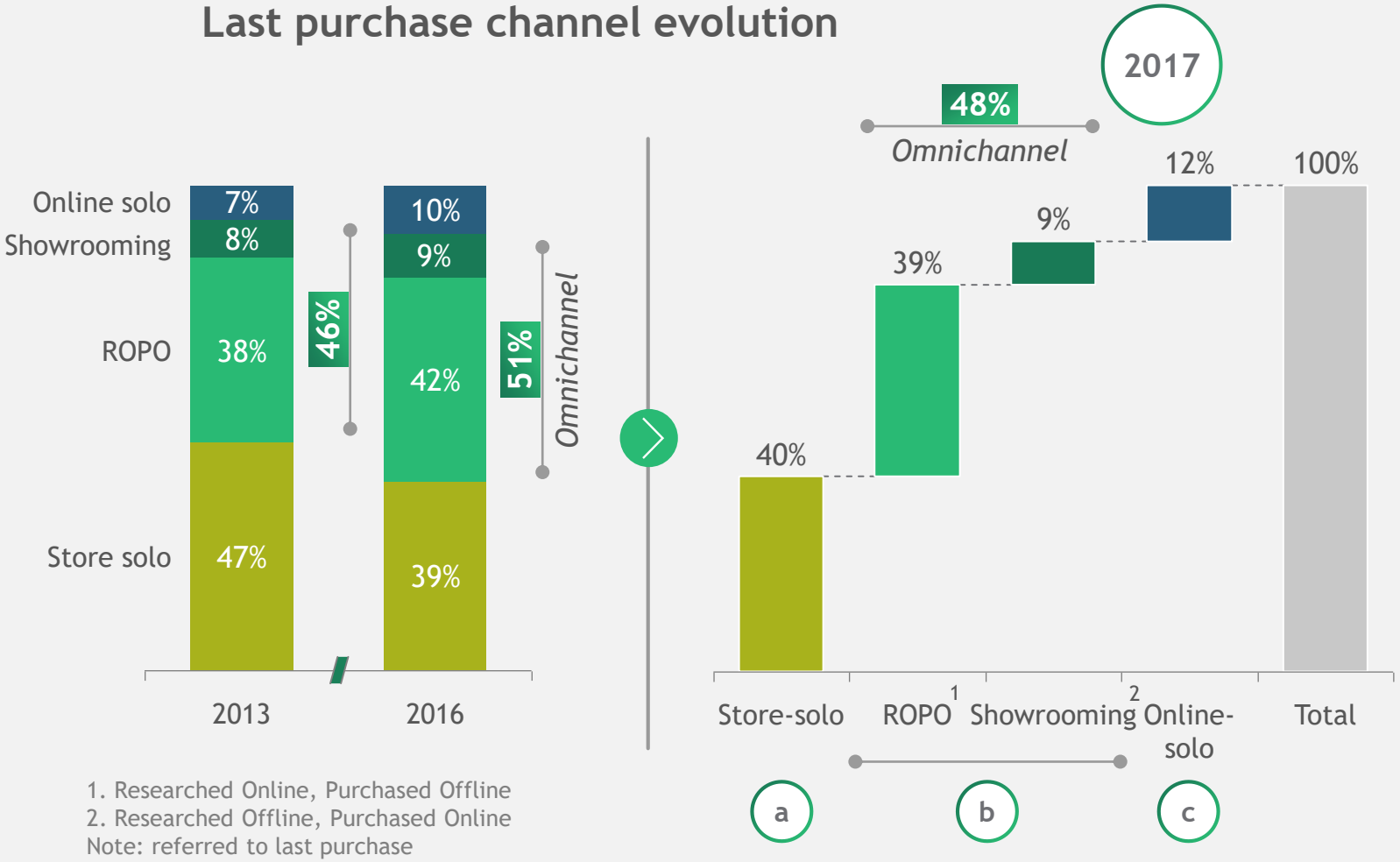
Omnichannel stabilizing, Online-solo up with senior, signs of store recovery

Last purchase channel evolution



1. Researched Online, Purchased Offline
2. Researched Offline, Purchased Online
Note: referred to last purchase
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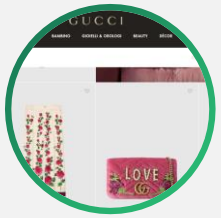
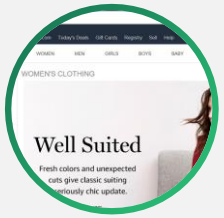
- **a** Signs of Store-solo stabilization driven by US True Luxury Consumers & younger generations
- **b** Omnichannel stabilizing for the 1st year, however future growth expected to come from Millennials 'Omni' attitude
- **c** Online-solo continues to grow driven mainly by older generations in mature countries

3 channels dominate True-Luxury online ecosystem, counting for ~90%



33%
Mono-brand website
(e.g. Brand.com)

32%
Full price multi-brand
(e.g. NAP, Farfetch)



23%
Generalist marketplaces
(e.g. Amazon, T-mall, Alibaba, JD)

6%
Off price e-tailers
(e.g Yoox)

4%
Online flash sales
(e.g. Vente-privee, VIP)

2%
Social Media linked sales
(e.g. WeChat, C2C)

Luxury online ecosystem dominated by Mono-brand online, Full price multi-brand & Generalist marketplaces (~90% of the last purchases online)

Mono-brand online preferred in mature markets & by older generations, Generalist strong in China and Multi-brand amongst Millennials

Online ecosystem varies broadly across luxury categories

Note: referred to last purchase
Source: BCG-Altagamma True-Luxury Global Consumer Insight Survey 2017 (12K + respondents in 10 countries)

~60% of purchases perceived to be additional to physical retail purchases; peak in China at ~70%

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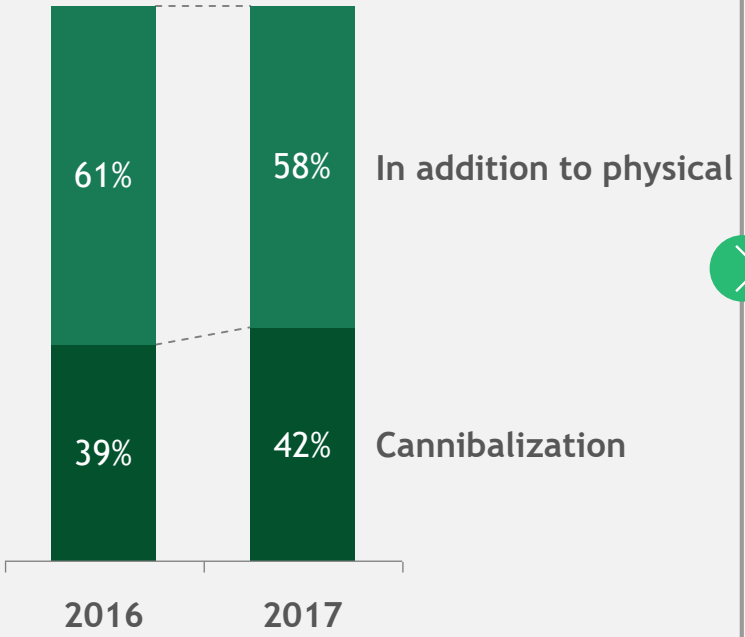
"Do you have the feeling that your spending online is in addition to or cannibalizing your luxury spending in physical stores?"

True-Luxury Global Consumers



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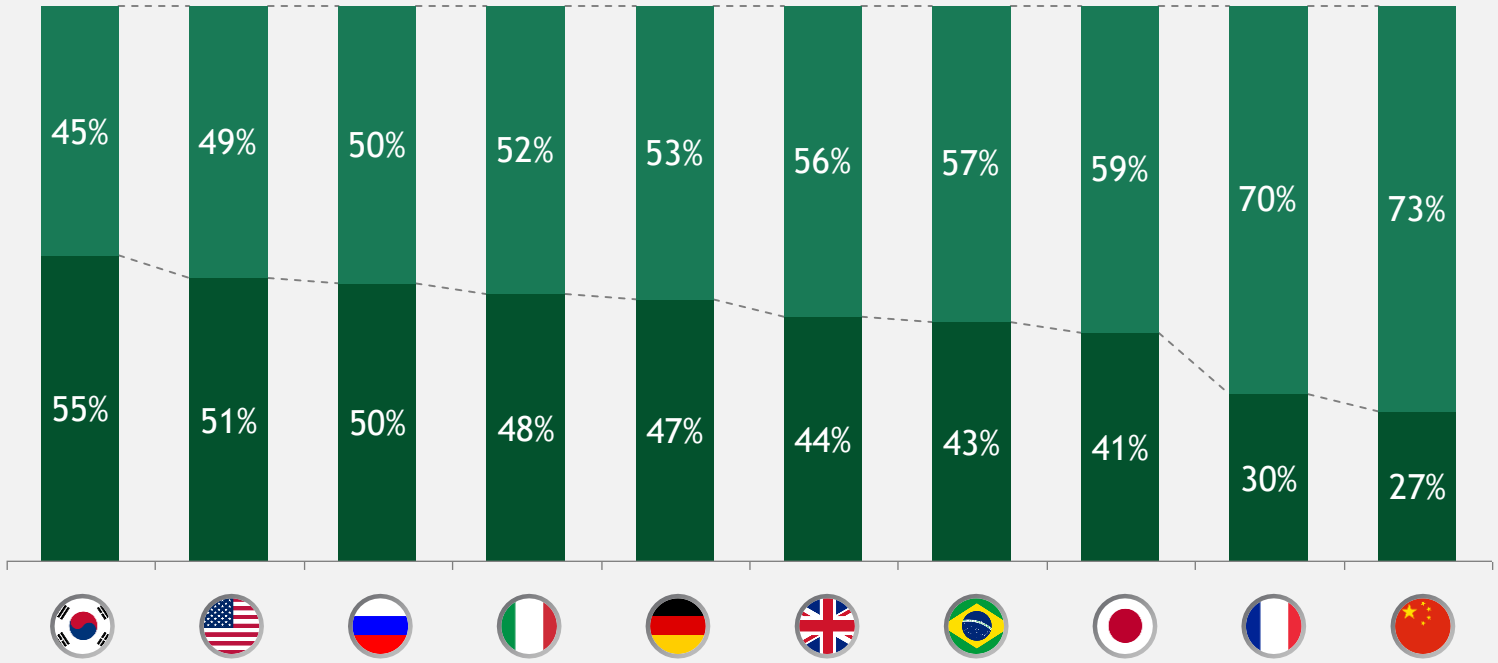

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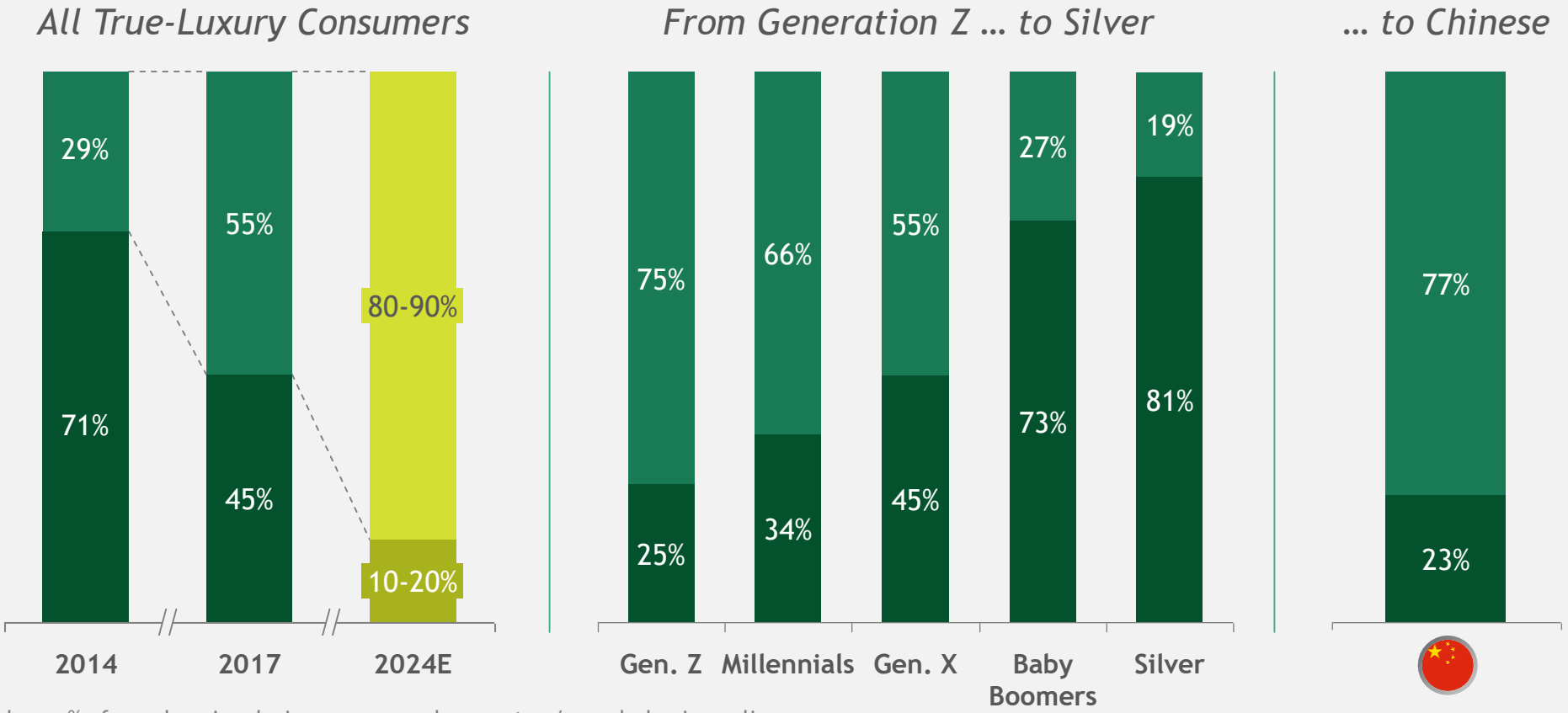
Mobile prevailing over PC for online shopping, driven by Chinese and youth; further increases expected

"Which device did you use to buy this item online?"

Device (smartphone, tablet)

Personal computer (laptop)



Note: Referred to last purchase; % of people using device vs. personal computer / people buying online
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Mono-brand still the most used channel by True-Luxury Consumers, gaining back some ground vs Dept. Stores

? *"Which kind of store did you buy the product from?"*

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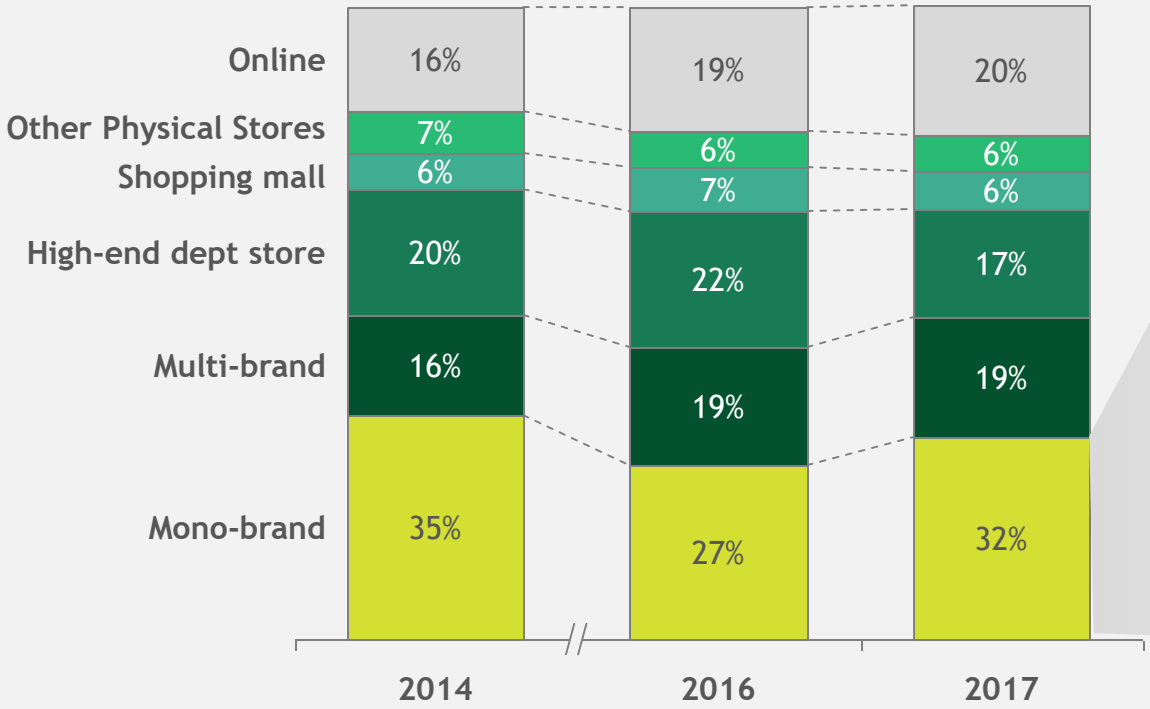

Reasons to purchase in mono-brand stores

- #1 Try & touch the product
- #2 Offer range of the brand
- #3 Intimate and relaxed environment
- #4 Convenient location, easy reach
- #5 Personal relationship with sales associate

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Brands efforts to offer special editions & new experiences in store drive consumers to increase visits to mono-brands

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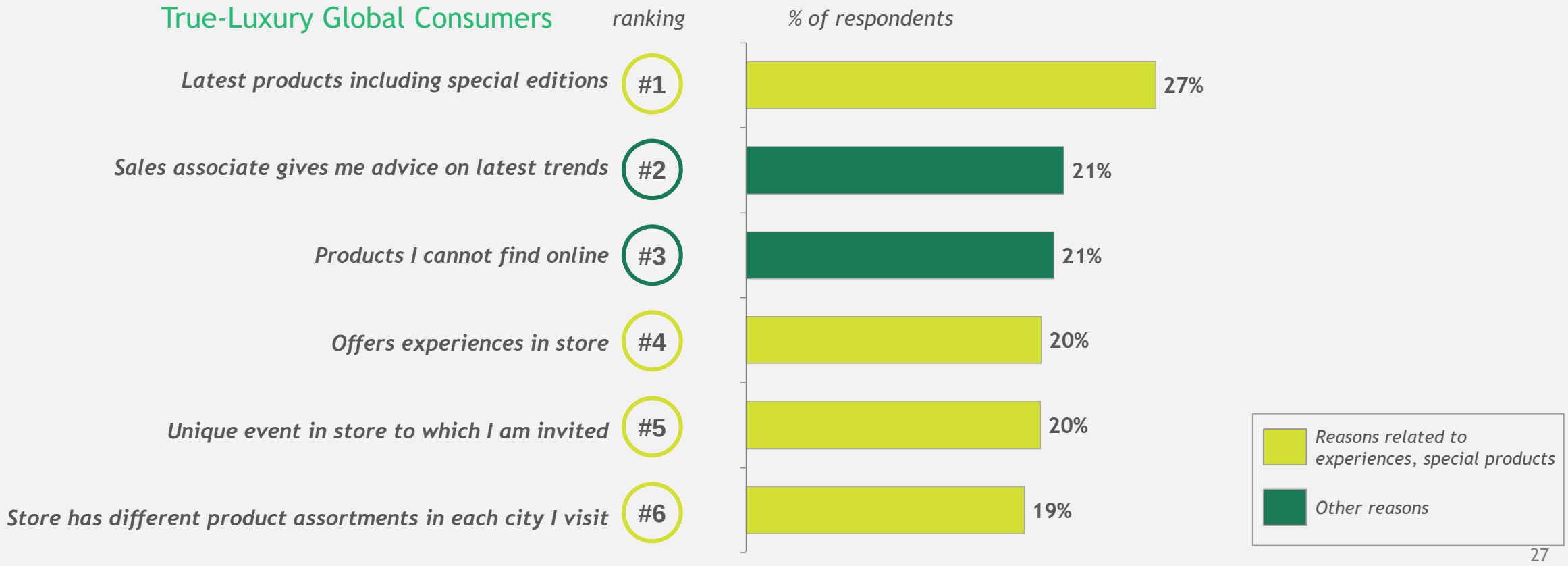
Which are the reasons for which you are and would purchase more frequently in a mono-brand physical store?



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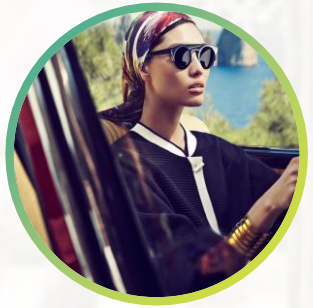

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Megacitiers have an international imprinting

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Young and rich, luxury is "natural" to them

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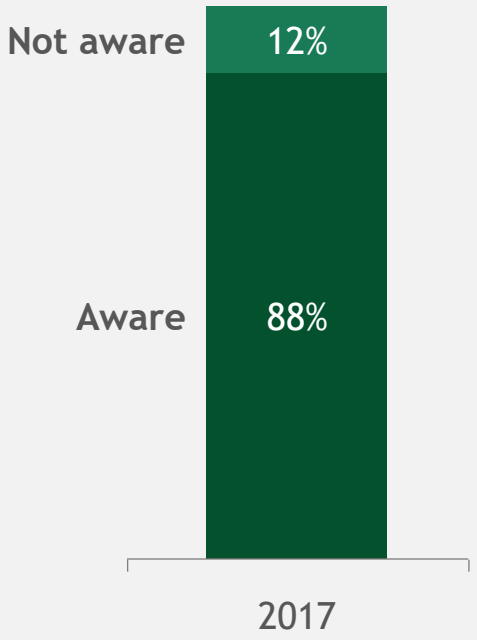
The "true" high spending Luxury Consumer

88% of True-Luxury Consumers aware of collaborations, Generation Z and Millennials reaching ~94%

88% are aware of collaborations



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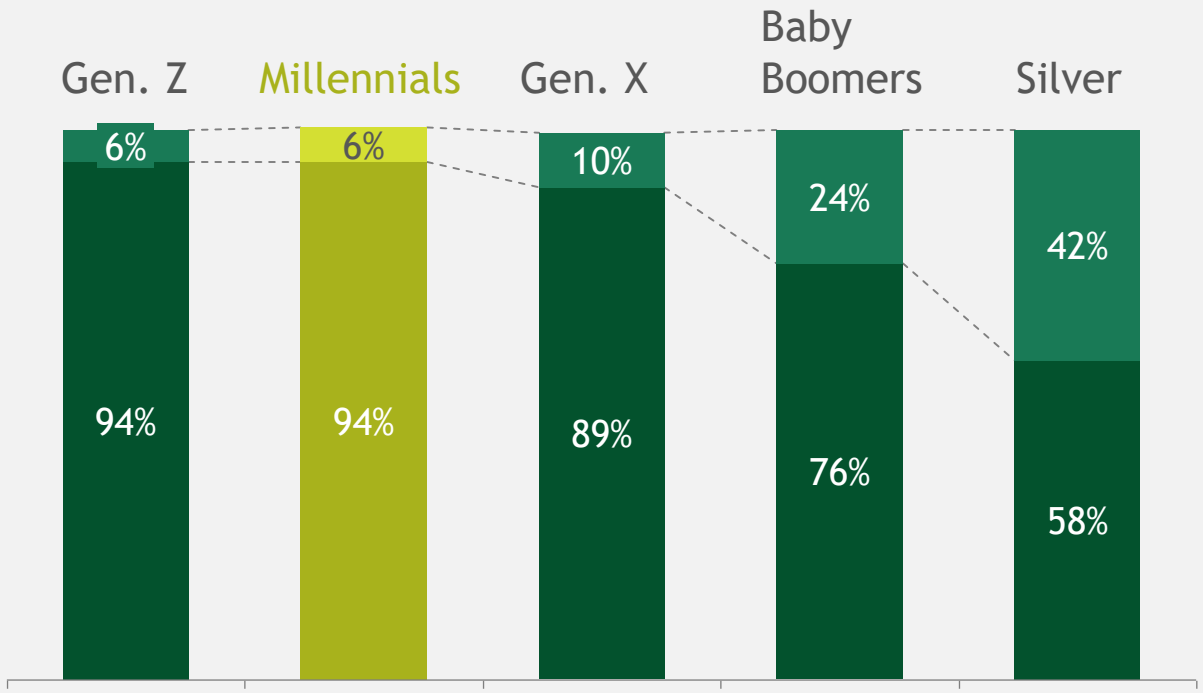

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Collaborations with streetwear & artists have a positive impact on young generations and no impact on older ones

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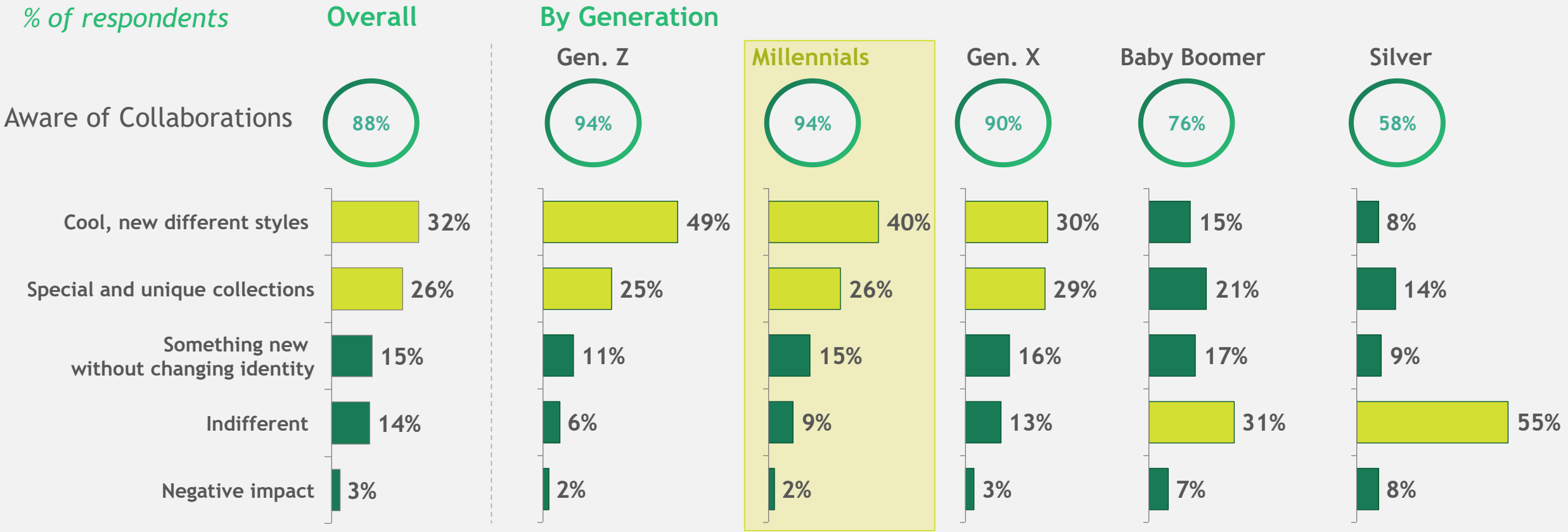
"Thinking about special editions realized in collaboration with different brands / artists, which of the following statements best applies to you?"



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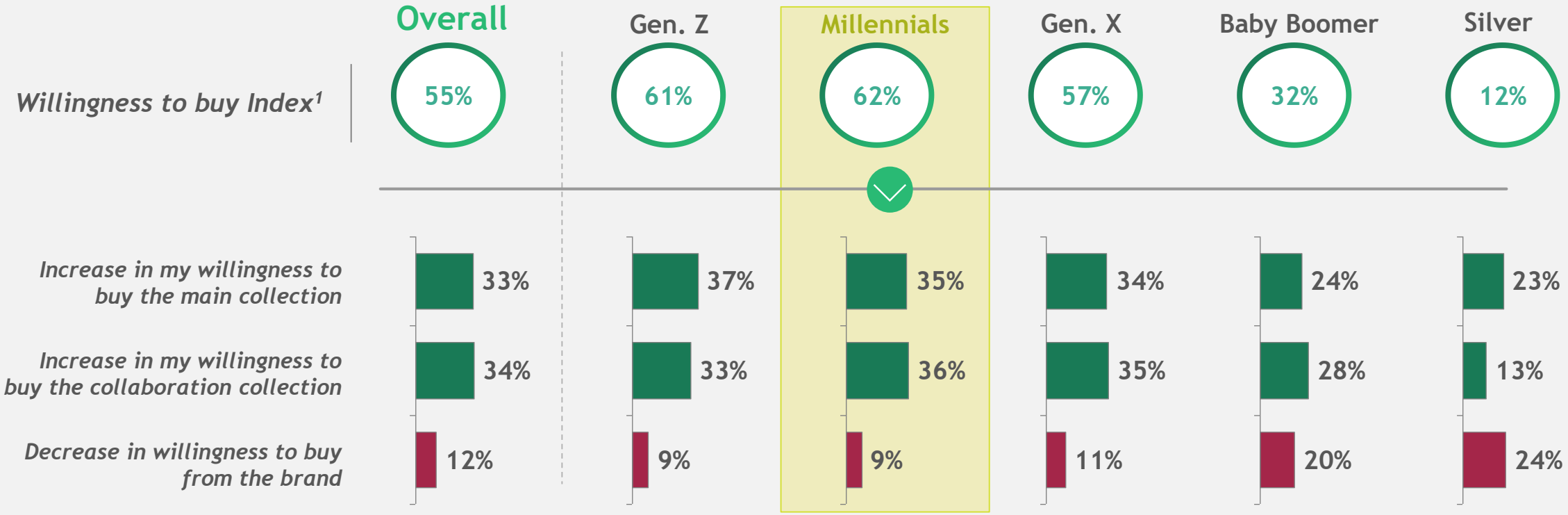
Additionally, collaborations have a positive impact on the willingness to buy for ~55% of True-Luxury Consumers

? *What is the impact of collaborations in your willingness to buy from the brand?*



1. % "Positive influence on my willingness to buy repeatedly from the collaboration's collection" + %"Positive influence on my willingness to buy from the brand's main collection" - %"Negative impact on long-term customers like myself: I do not recognize the brand or want to buy from it anymore"
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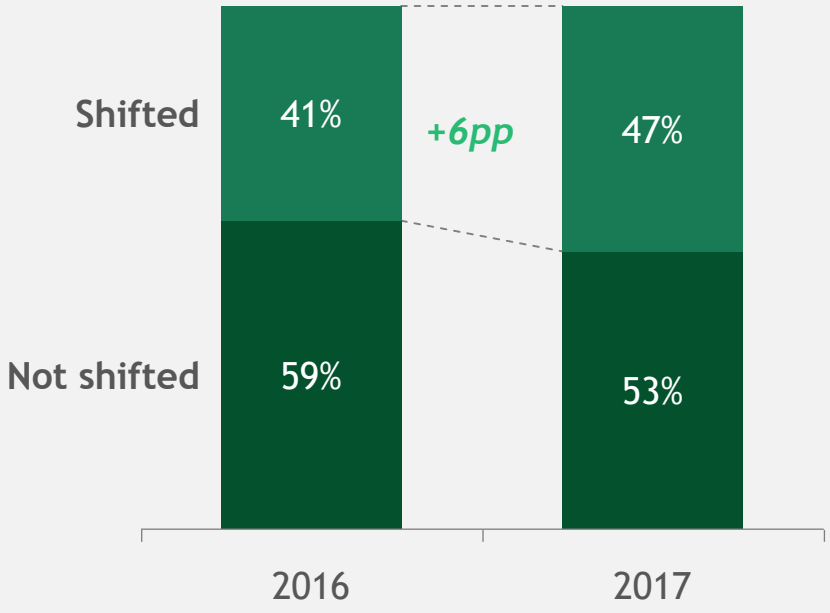
The mix & match trend attains ~54% for millennials

? *"Thinking about your spending of 2/3 years ago and that of the last 12 months, do you have the feeling that you have partially shifted your spending from luxury brands to premium / fast fashion / niche or sports brands?*

47% of respondents have shifted from top luxury brands



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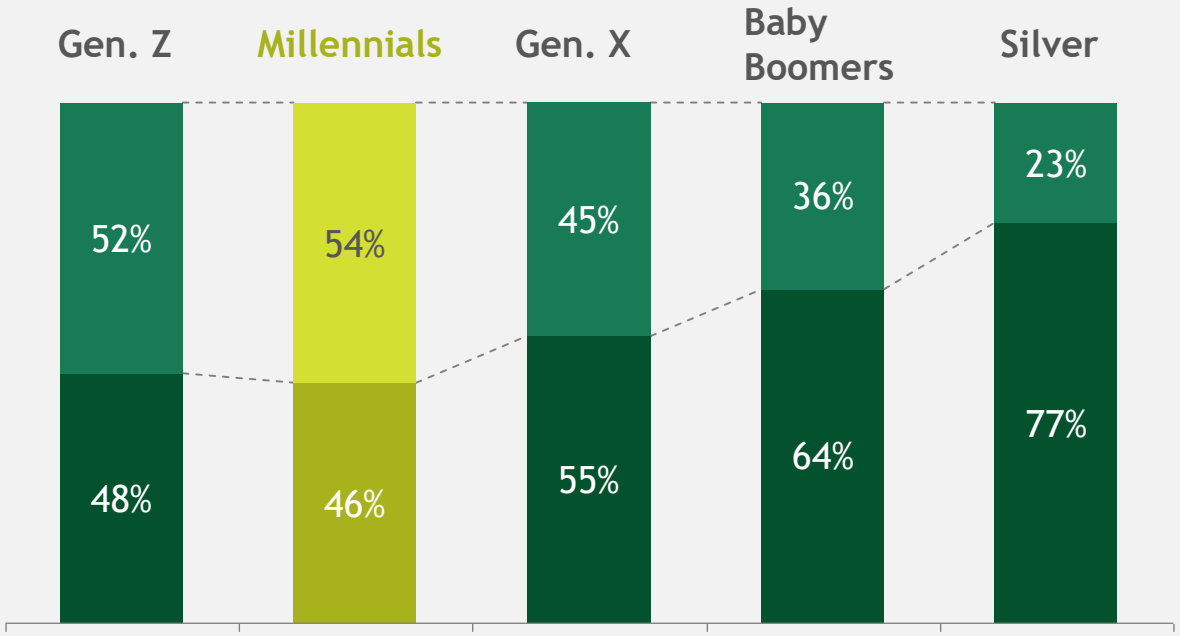

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~54% of Millennials shift from luxury brands; they trade down or mix styles buying niche brands

~54% of Millennials shift from top luxury brands

Relevant categories

- Sneakers, Backpacks, T-shirts
- Formal shoes, Sunglasses, Perfumes
- T-Shirts, Shirts, Jeans
- Handbags, Perfumes, Watches

1. e.g. Lululemon or Sweaty Betty 2. e.g. Acne Studios, Mr & Mrs Italy, Aquazurra ecc
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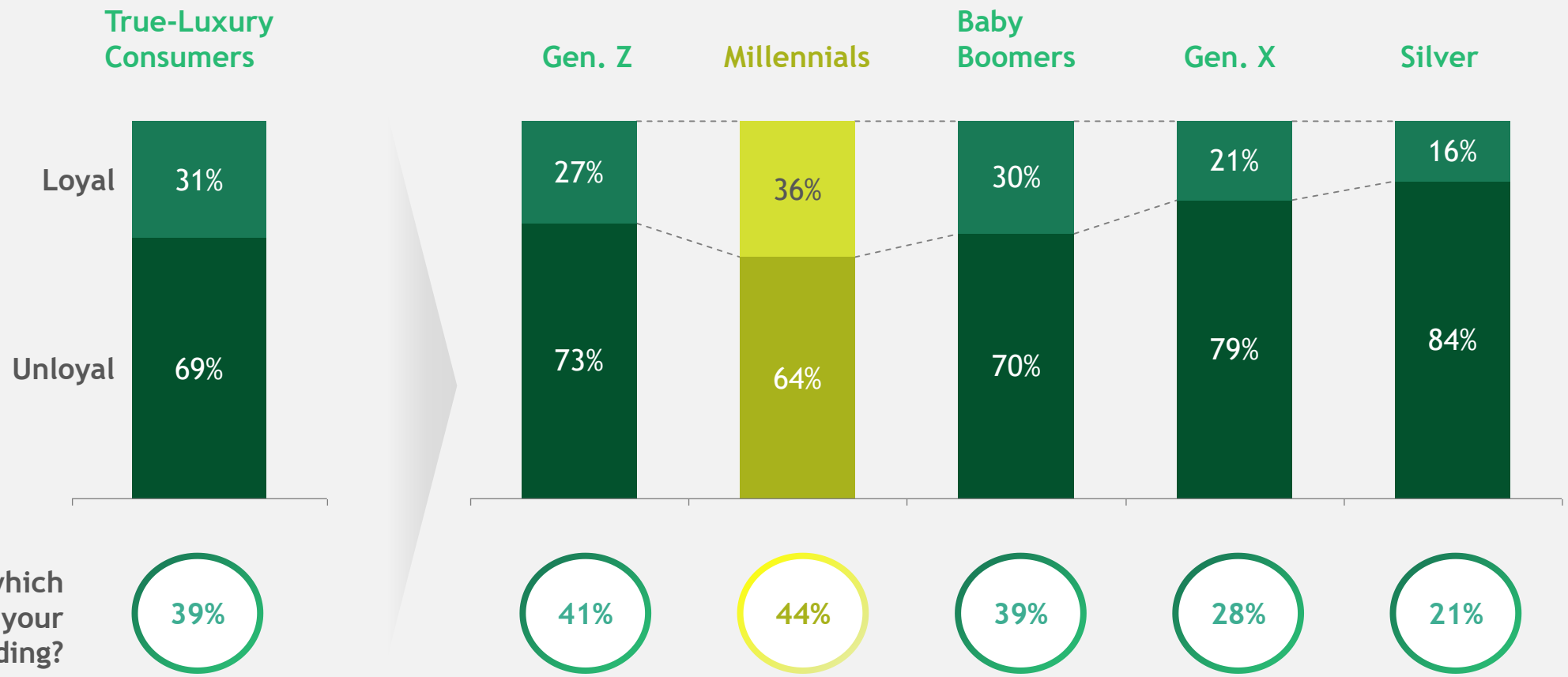
Although they mix & match, Millennials are the most loyal generation across luxury brand categories



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Millennials: some luxury brands know them and reach them better

~25 brands included in the analysis[1]

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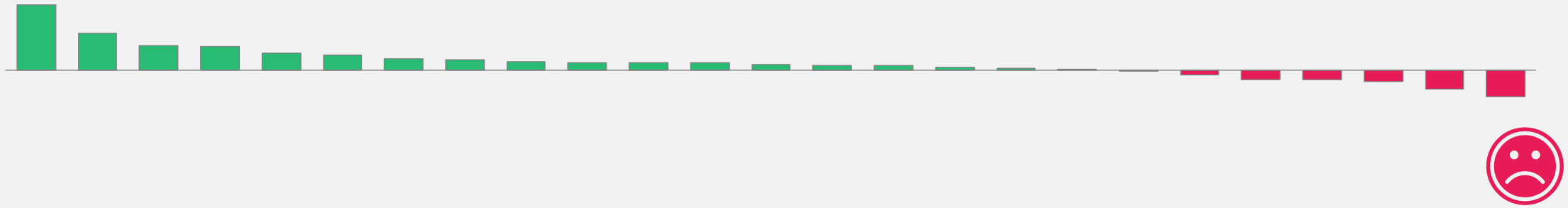

Millennials

True Luxury Consumers rank

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The new Chinese consumers, more fashionable

China's digital ecosystem is highly integrated and dominated by two players

Tencent — Connectivity & Content focused

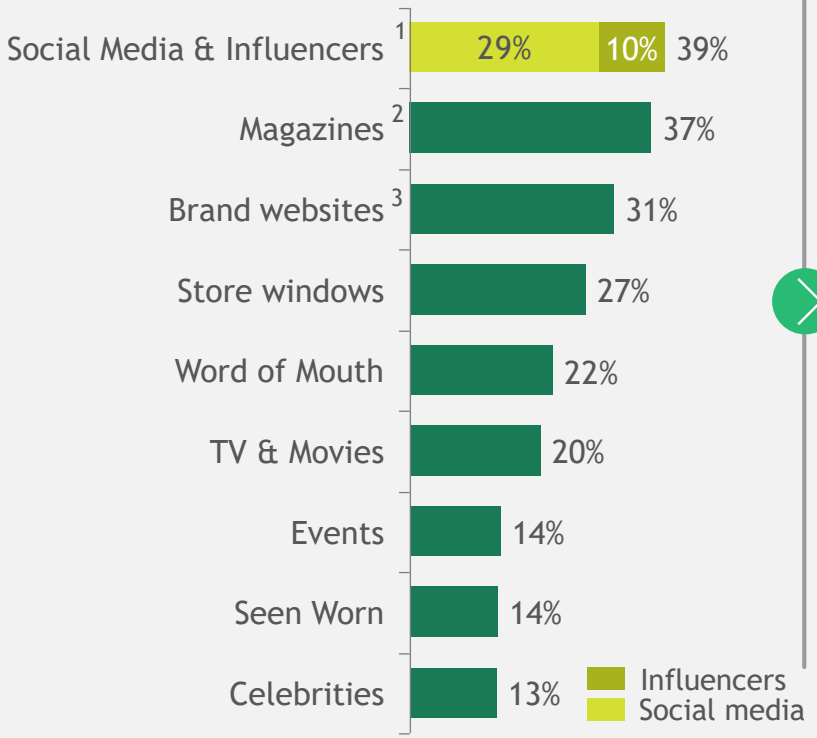
Alibaba Group — Digital commerce focused

Source: BCG Analysis

Social Media rank as the 1st influence lever, followed by Word of Mouth & Brands websites

"Which of the following online sources of information / channels impact how you develop opinions or make decisions about luxury purchases?"

True-Luxury Consumers 2017



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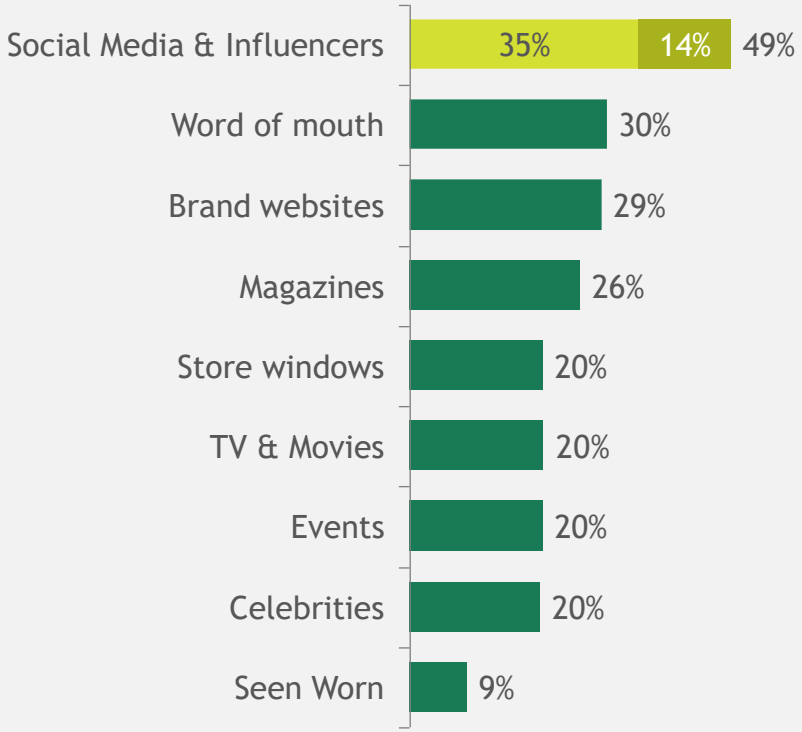

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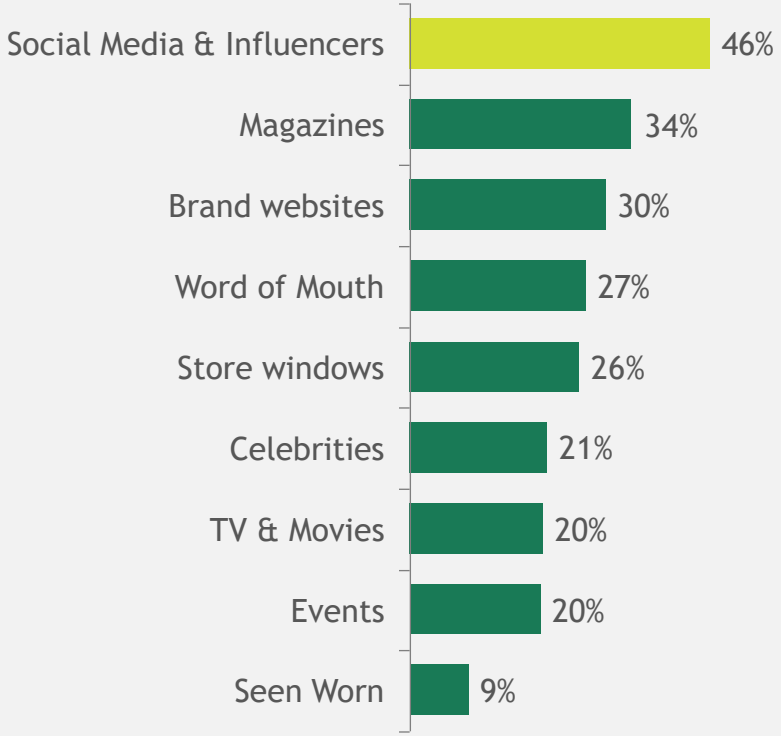

Note: Multiple options answer (ranking of five levers) 1. Includes Social Media, Online blogs & Influencers; 2. Editorials and Commercial in Magazines. Includes both traditional & digital magazines; 3. Includes also Brand's App
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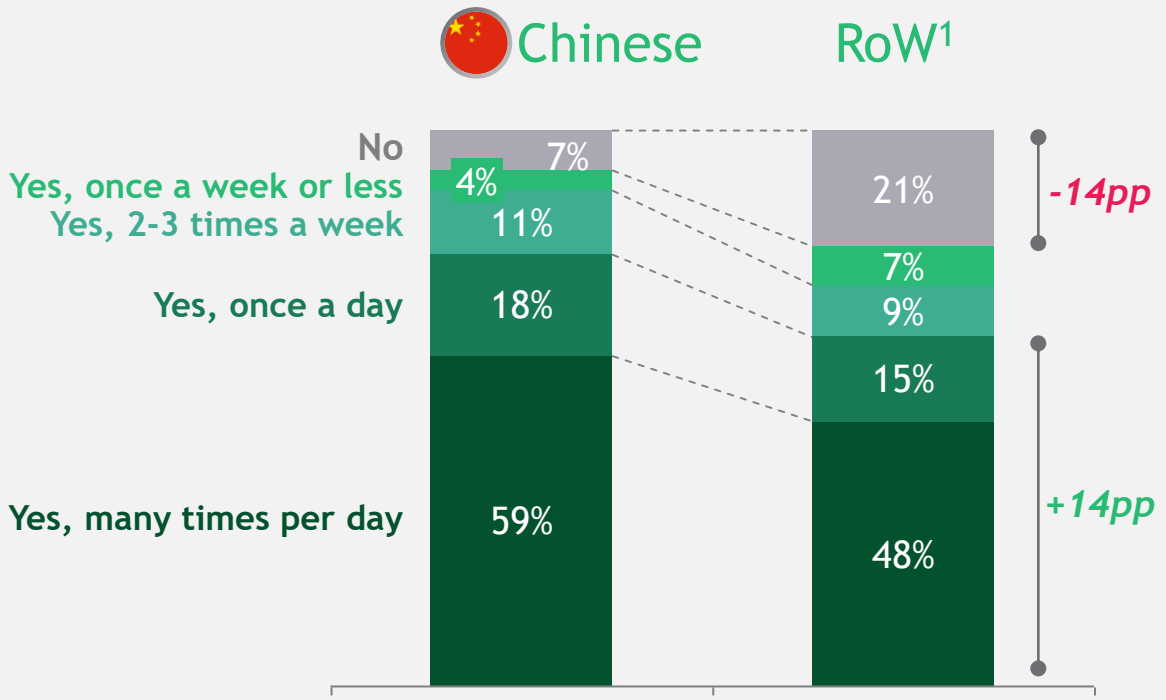
Chinese True-Luxury Consumers increasingly use Social Media

? *Do you use Social Media to interact with luxury brands?*



Chinese's interaction with luxury brands through Social Media is increasing and already higher if compared with other countries consumers' interaction

1. Rest of the World
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Within online sources, Brand Social Media 1st, influencers 3rd

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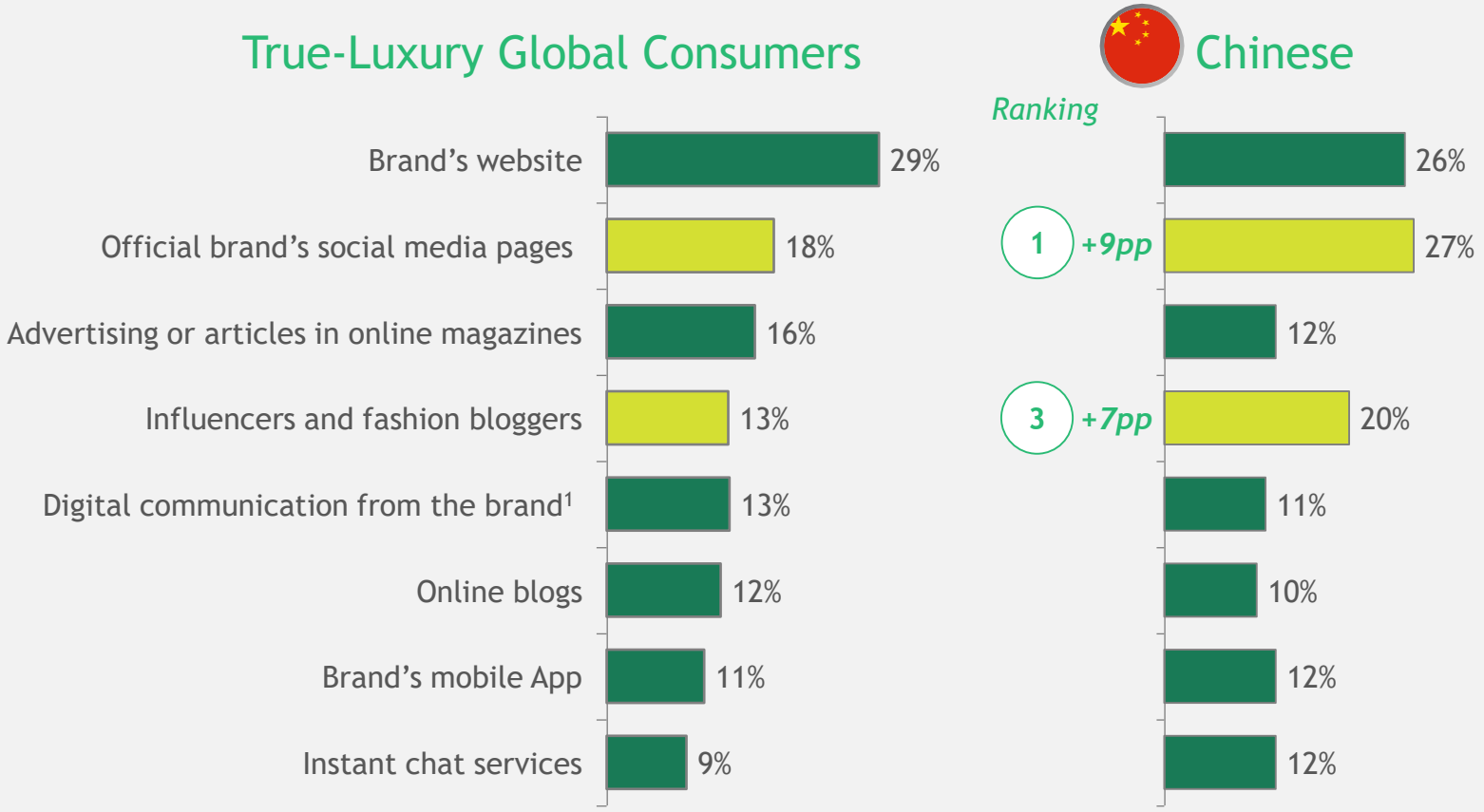

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Social Media & Influencers' relevance driven not only by consumers but also by the ecosystem and by investments from platforms

It will be key for Luxury brands to partner with Social Media platform

Social media: Tencent's WeChat helps brands influence consumers along the entire shopping journey

	Reach	Engage	Convert	Transaction	After-sales & CRM
Moments Ads	**Fan recruitment:** target audience through user tags	**"@ brand" feature:** engage with fans in the ad's comment box	**WeChat Pay:** direct in-place payment option		
Official Accounts	**3rd party accounts:** Native, tailor-made ads	**Own account:** engage fans with self-generated content			
Omni-channel enhancement			**Mini programs:** link customers to brand O2O experience, both in-store and for after-sale service		
WeCard			**WeChat Pay:** attracts users to go from online to offline		**Customized deals & gift cards**
WeChat Index		**Insights into user interests** to help brands communicate useful content on "social hotspots". Keyword trends, article-reading habits, and word-of-mouth monitoring analytics			

Source: BCG Analysis

Moments Ads: engage with fans and potential customers on China's most widely used social sharing platform

'@brand' feature: interact with loyal fans

Integrate into EC campaign with WeChat Pay

'Fans Recruit': reach potential customers

Special Event Campaign

Customized purchase experience

Digital content: Tencent's content ecosystem reaches and engages a wide range of potential customers

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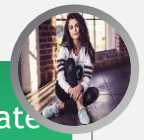
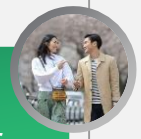
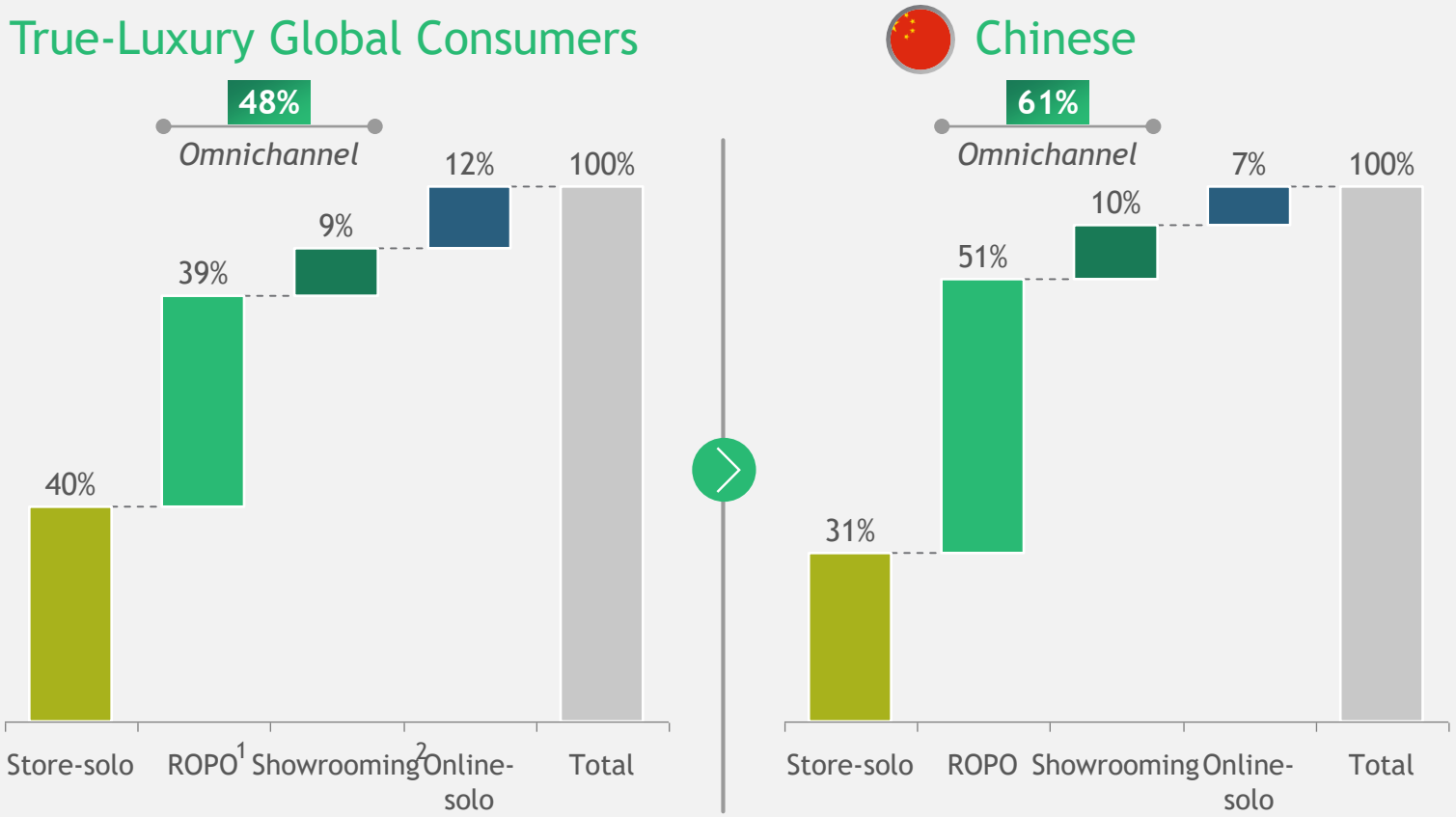
Tencent News Room	**Penguin Media Platform/Online Media Group:** co-create and distribute branded, social-native content)				
Live Broadcasting	**Social apps:** immersive social, entertainment and news event live broadcasting, with KOL and celebrity network		Push product reservation opportunities to customers		
Music Platform	**QQ Music:** banner + native ads for target listeners				
IP Co-Operation	**Content ecosystem:** embed innovative ads into Tencent's hottest games and movies/shows, incorporating celebrities and scenario relevance for social buzz				
Online TV	**Penguin TV:** engage with high-income TA on the big screen, enhancing interaction and exposure				

Source: BCG Analysis

Chinese ROPO over indexed due to online struggles



Chinese consumers more 'Omni' than True Luxury Consumers (~61% vs 48%)

Omnichannel relevance driven by higher ROPO & by not yet attractive Online Solo alternative

Online Solo struggle to emerge due to counterfeit products' fear & the lack of a worthy luxury experience on the mass market platforms

1. Researched Online, Purchased Offline
2. Researched Offline, Purchased Online
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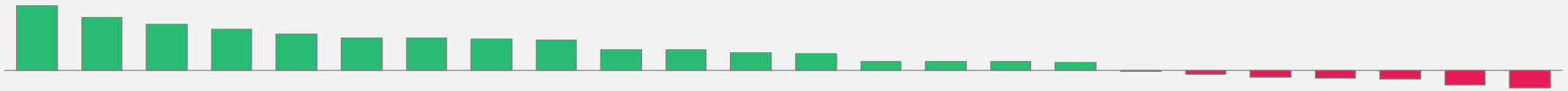

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Brand Equity to support sales boost

Launch an ad hoc survey on True Luxury Consumer of the brand to bring insight to the next level on key topics relevant for the business

- e.g. Categories, Geographical Markets, Consumer generations
- e.g. Digital, retail execution, megacities penetration,
- ....

Voice of consumers to inform key decisions

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- e.g. Possible merge / demerge of two lines
- ...

Actionable consumer segmentation

Develop a tailored and proprietary consumer behavioral segmentation for the brand, applying BCG behavioral segmentation to Brand CRM data

- To capture future organic growth and boost LFL retail sales
  - Inform key decisions in merchandising, assortment, CRM, marketing,...
  - Define and launch pilots
  - Measure and scale up

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