### GEN Z TRAVELLERS

WHERE & WHEN ARE THEY SPENDING THEIR MONEY?

OCTOBER 2022



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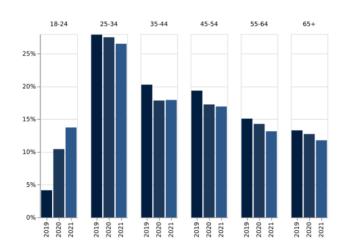
## WHY GEN Z?

## 20% OF HOTELIERS REPORTED A YOUNGER CUSTOMER BASE IN 2021

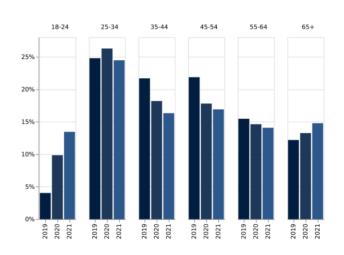
## 25% EXPECTED THAT TREND TO CONTINUE INTO 2022

#### GEN Z & THE PANDEMIC

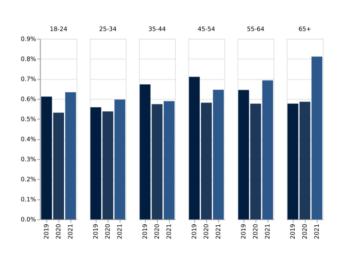
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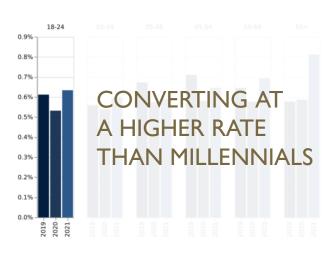
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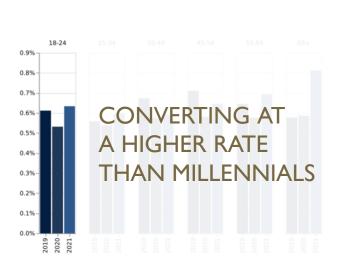


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**TRANSACTIONS** 



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#### HAS THAT MOMENTUM BEEN MAINTAINED?

### WHO ARE GEN Z?

DIGITAL NATIVES IGENERATION

# ZOOMERS

INTERNET GENERATION NET GEN

AGED 10 – 25 (BORN BETWEEN 1997 – 2012)







## 79% OF GEN Z SAY THEY 'CAN'T LIVE' WITHOUT THEIR SMARTPHONE



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HOURS ON THEIR SMARTPHONE EVERY. SINGLE. DAY.



## ON AVERAGE, GEN Z RECEIVE THEIR FIRST SMARTPHONE AT 12

MILLENNIALS RECEIVED THEIRS AT 17

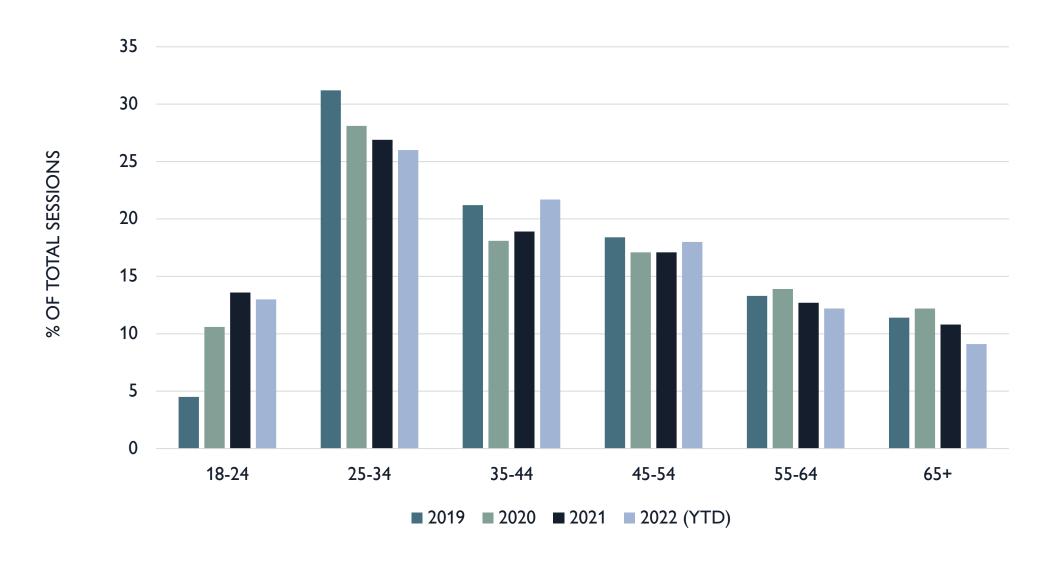
## GEN Z BOOKING TRENDS

#### BEHIND THE DATA

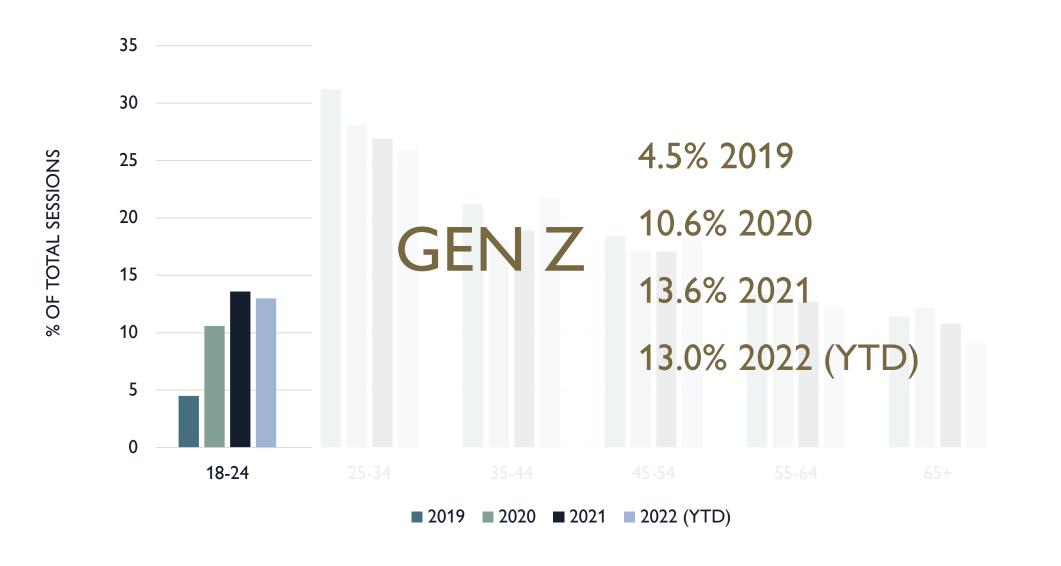
- HOTEL BENCHMARK
- AGE DEMOGRAPHIC DATA FROM GOOGLE ANALYTICS (18 24)
- BASED ON THE DATA FROM NEARLY 200 HOTELS
- SAMPLED DATA TYPICALLY 1/3 OF TRAFFIC
- A GOOD TREND INDICATOR

## TRAFFIC, TRANSACTIONS & CONVERSION

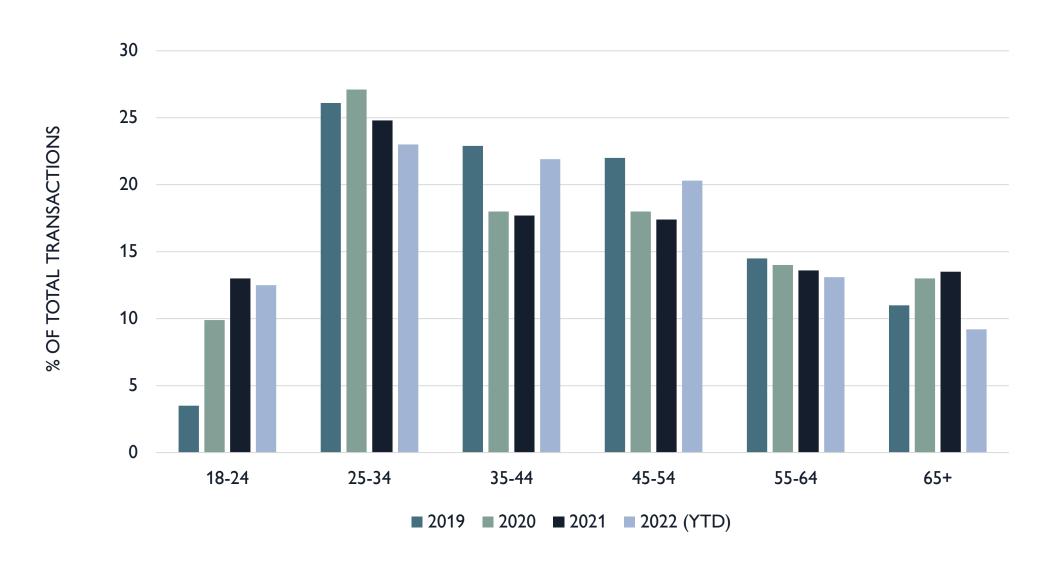
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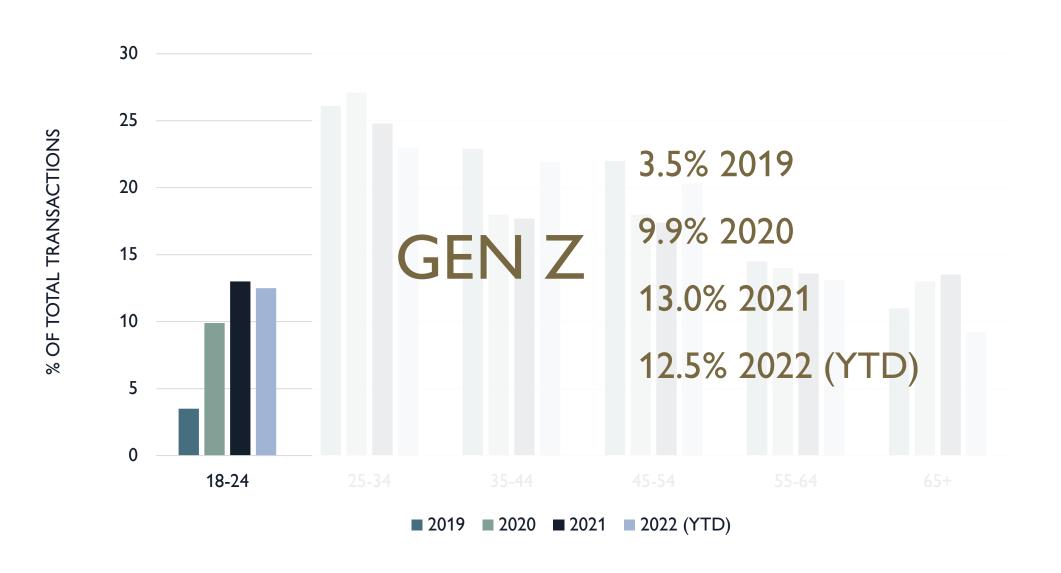
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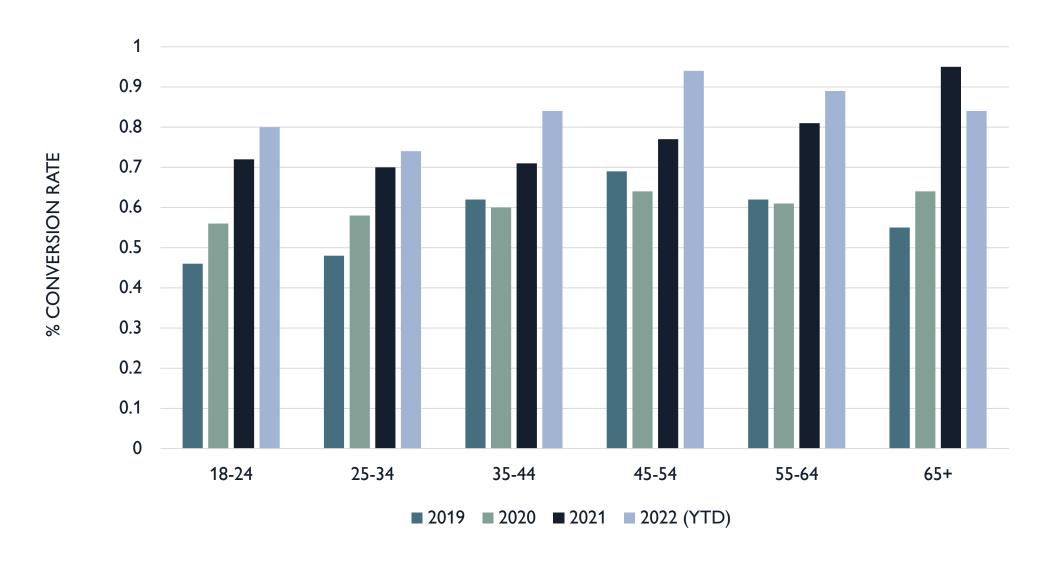
#### **WEBSITE TRANSACTIONS**



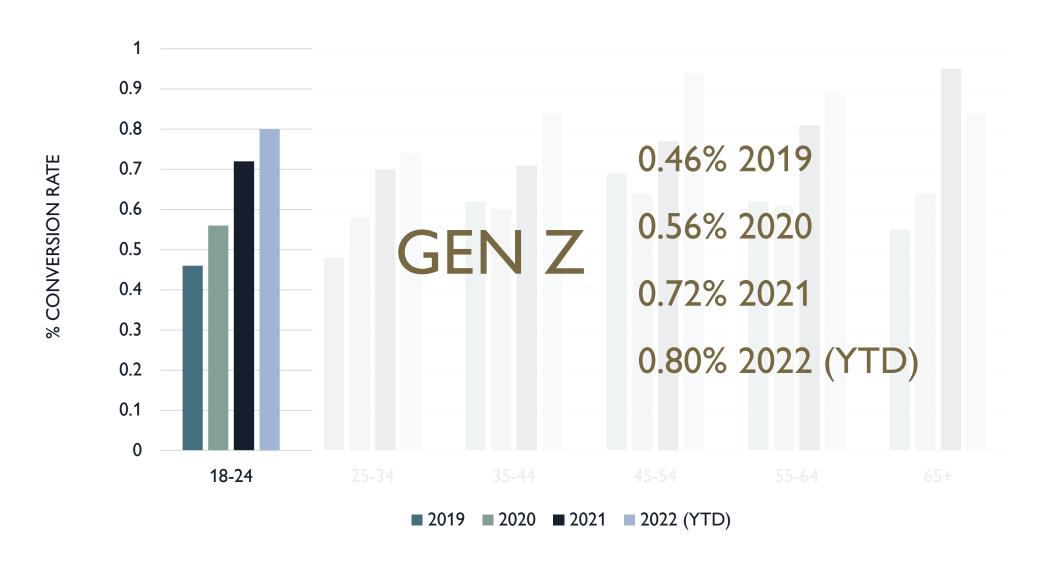
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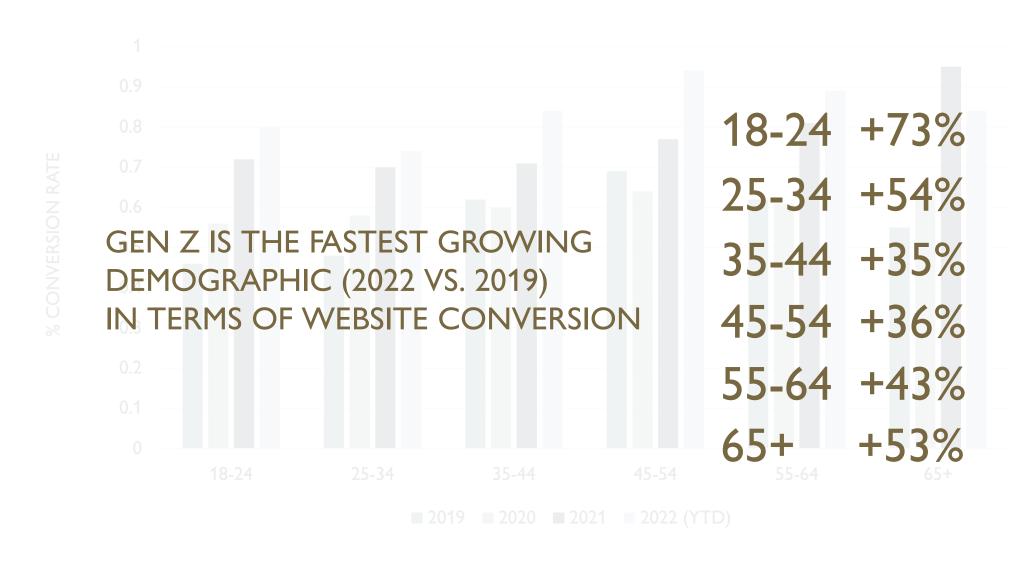
#### WEBSITE CONVERSION RATE



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#### IN 2022

**OF SESSIONS** 

**OF TRANSACTIONS** 

13.0% 12.5% 0.80%

**CONVERSION RATE** 

### BY STAR RATING

#### BY STAR RATING - 2/3 STARS

AGE RANGE	TRAFFIC	TRANSACTIONS	CONVERSION RATE
18-24	12%	11%	0.88%
25-34	29%	30%	0.92%
35-44	25%	24%	0.85%
45-54	17%	17%	0.92%
55-64	10%	11%	0.96%
65+	7%	7%	0.92%

#### **GEN Z ACCOUNT FOR:**

- 4<sup>TH</sup> HIGHEST TRAFFIC
- 4<sup>TH</sup> HIGHEST TRANSACTIONS
- 3RD HIGHEST CONVERSION RATE

#### BY STAR RATING - 4 STARS

AGE RANGE	TRAFFIC	TRANSACTIONS	CONVERSION RATE
18-24	13%	13%	1.05%
25-34	24%	22%	0.93%
35-44	22%	22%	1.01%
45-54	18%	20%	1.11%
55-64	13%	13%	1.04%
65+	10%	10%	0.98%

#### **GEN Z ACCOUNT FOR:**

- 4<sup>TH</sup> HIGHEST TRAFFIC
- 3<sup>RD</sup> HIGHEST TRANSACTIONS
- 2<sup>ND</sup> HIGHEST CONVERSION RATE

#### BY STAR RATING - 5 STARS

AGE RANGE	TRAFFIC	TRANSACTIONS	CONVERSION RATE
18-24	14%	12%	0.56%
25-34	27%	24%	0.55%
35-44	22%	22%	0.64%
45-54	18%	21%	0.75%
55-64	11%	12%	0.71%
65+	8%	9%	0.66%

#### **GEN Z ACCOUNT FOR:**

- 4<sup>TH</sup> HIGHEST TRAFFIC
- 4<sup>TH</sup> HIGHEST TRANSACTIONS
- 5<sup>TH</sup> HIGHEST CONVERSION RATE

#### IN 2022

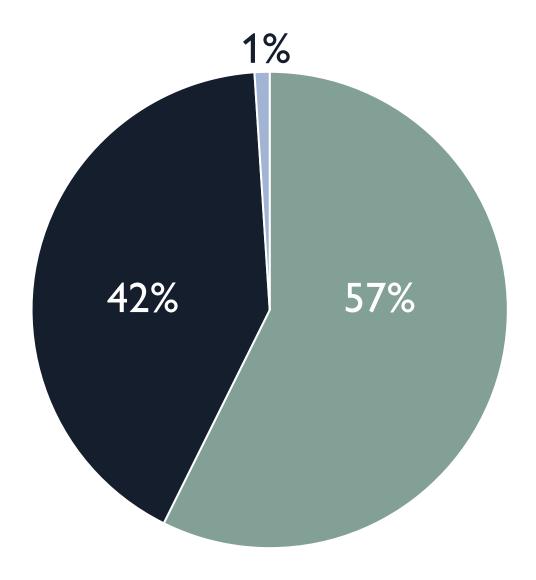
# GEN Z

STAR RATING	TRAFFIC	TRANSACTIONS	CONVERSION RATE
2/3 STAR	12%	11%	0.88%
4 STAR	13%	13%	1.05%
5 STAR	14%	12%	0.56%

- APPEAR TO BE LESS PRICE SENSITIVE BOOKING MORE 4-STAR THAN 2/3-STAR
- ARE MOST LIKELY TO CONVERT FOR 4-STAR PROPERTIES
- ACCOUNT FOR A HIGHER % OF TRAFFIC TO 5-STAR PROPERTIES THAN 45-54 AND 65+
- BUT ARE LESS LIKELY TO CONVERT FOR A 5-STAR PROPERTY

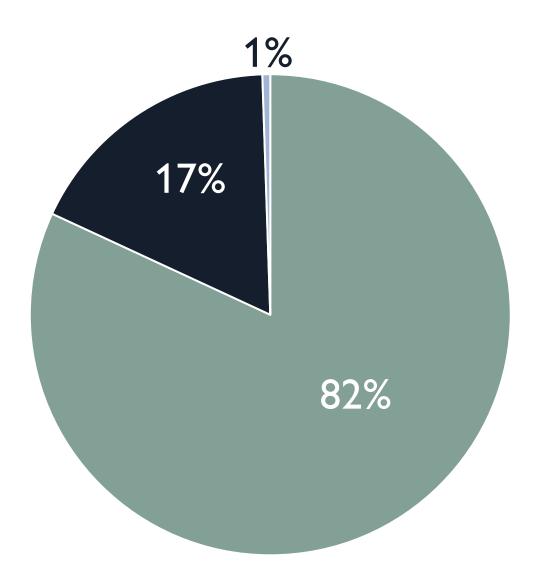
## BY DEVICE

#### BY DEVICE - SESSIONS



	Desktop	Mobile	Tablet
18-24	57%	42%	1%
25-34	51%	48%	1%
35-44	48%	50%	2%
45-54	53%	43%	4%
55-64	49%	44%	8%
65+	49%	34%	17%

#### BY DEVICE - TRANSACTIONS



	Desktop	Mobile	Tablet
18-24	82%	17%	1%
25-34	78%	21%	1%
35-44	80%	19%	1%
45-54	86%	12%	2%
55-64	85%	12%	3%
65+	85%	9%	6%

#### BY DEVICE - CONVERSION RATE

	Desktop	Mobile	Tablet
18-24	1.14%	0.34%	0.41%
25-34	1.13%	0.33%	0.44%
35-44	1.39%	0.32%	0.47%
45-54	1.52%	0.26%	0.48%
55-64	1.55%	0.25%	0.33%
65+	1.46%	0.21%	0.31%



### BY CHANNEL

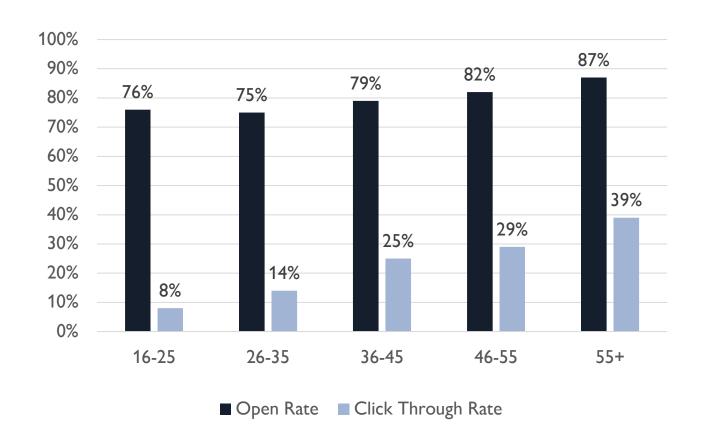
#### BY CHANNEL - ORGANIC & PPC

	ORGANIC		PPC			
	SESSIONS	TRANSACTIONS	CONVERSION	SESSIONS	TRANSACTIONS	CONVERSION
18-24	41.01%	39.71%	0.77%	19.88%	22.06%	0.88%
25-34	40.10%	40.06%	0.74%	21.44%	22.64%	0.78%
35-44	36.99%	39.35%	0.89%	21.88%	20.98%	0.80%
45-54	35.48%	37.76%	1.00%	22.48%	20.41%	0.85%
55-64	34.35%	37.71%	0.98%	23.40%	19.64%	0.75%
65+	33.96%	37.91%	0.94%	23.81%	20.66%	0.73%

#### BY CHANNEL - EMAIL & SOCIAL

	EMAIL			SOCIAL		
	SESSIONS	TRANSACTIONS	CONVERSION	SESSIONS	TRANSACTIONS	CONVERSION
18-24	0.97%	0.91%	0.75%	2.24%	0.46%	0.17%
25-34	0.83%	0.67%	0.60%	2.78%	0.42%	0.11%
35-44	1.05%	0.91%	0.73%	4.35%	0.36%	0.07%
45-54	1.27%	0.65%	0.48%	4.76%	0.39%	0.08%
55-64	1.53%	0.47%	0.28%	4.20%	0.44%	0.09%
65+	1.89%	0.65%	0.29%	3.70%	0.50%	0.11%

#### BY CHANNEL - EMAIL



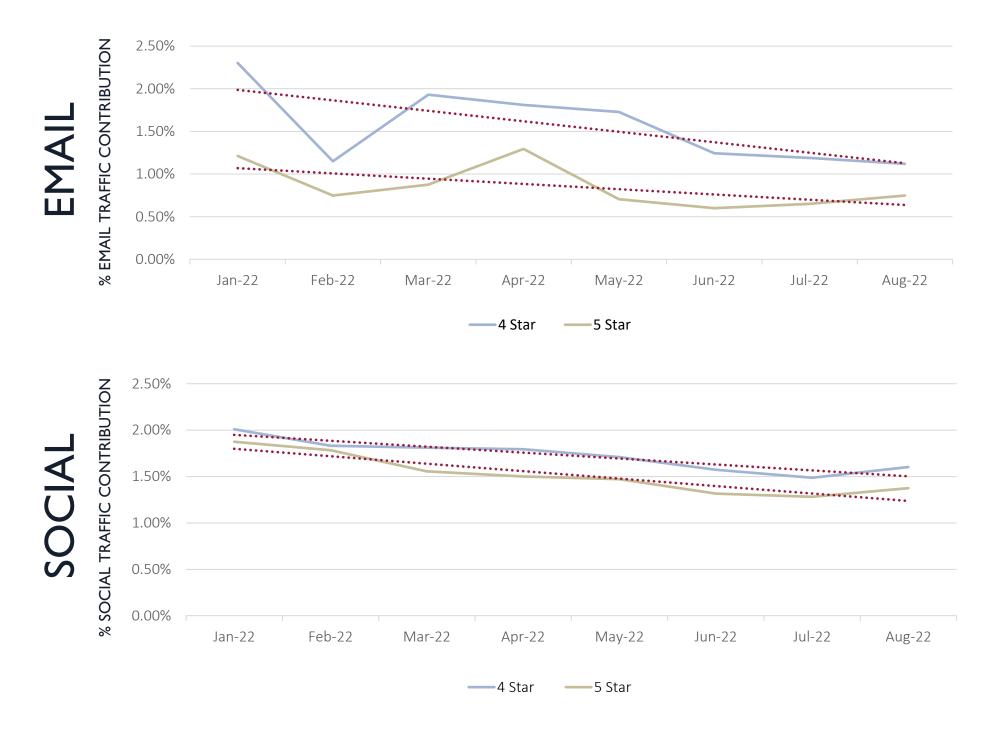
"Messaging and personalisation are clearly working well with the more mature demographics, but it would appear that there's value in segmenting your database and refining your messaging to speak to the unique needs and wants of the younger demographics, like Gen Z"

JAMIE MCBRIDE HEAD OF MARKETING



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Source: For-Sight Data eighty-days.com

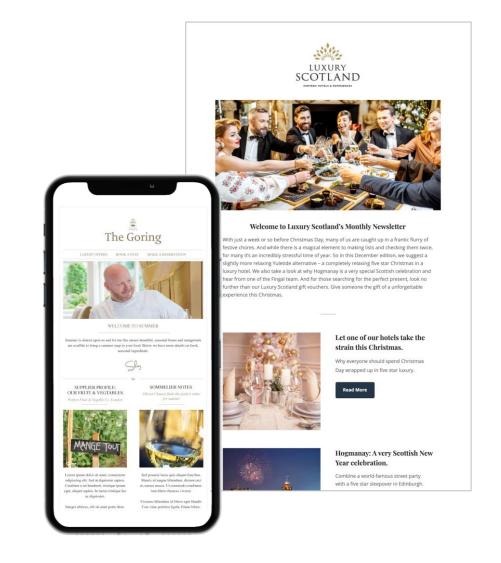


#### **KEEP COMMUNICATING!**

During the height of the pandemic in Spring 2020 we saw the average traffic to hotel websites drop by 84%.

However, those who continued to engage with their audiences saw a vastly reduced drop off, down between 40 and 55%.

The learning here is perhaps obvious: **continued communication with your audience is absolutely vital during challenging market conditions.** 



## MARKETING TO GEN Z



## 50%

## MORE LIKELY TO BUY WHEN A BRAND DEMONSTRATES AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THEY NEED AND WANT

SOURCE: SPROUT SOCIAL

How do you do, fellow kids?

## IT STARTS WITH KNOWING YOUR AUDIENCE...

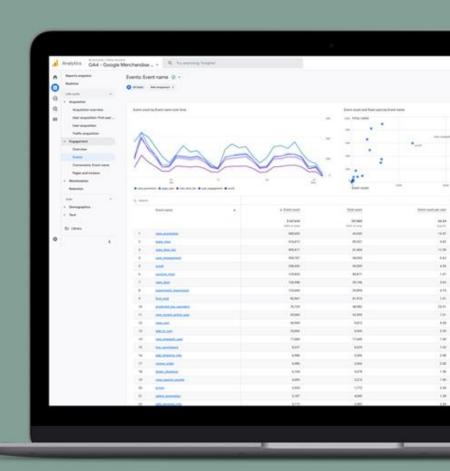
#### WELCOME TO THE 'NEW FRONTIER'

- A FIRST PARTY FUTURE
- AUDIT YOUR DATA COLLECTION
- ENSURE GDPR COMPLIANCY
- AUDIT YOUR SYSTEMS
- PLAN AHEAD
- SET UP GOOGLE ANALYTICS 4, YESTERDAY

#### GOOGLE ANALYTICS 4



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### SUSTAINABILITY

OF GEN Z FIND THEIR FUTURE TO BE WORRISOME OR FRIGHTENING

SOURCE: ULSTER UNIVERSITY STUDY

OF TRAVELLERS RATE SUSTAINABLE TRAVEL AS IMPORTANT TO THEM

SOURCE: BOOKING.COM STUDY

OF TRAVELLERS FEEL OVERWHELMED WHI
STARTING THE PROCESS OF BECOMING A
MORE SLISTAINIABLE TRAVELLER OF TRAVELLERS FEEL OVERWHELMED WHEN MORE SUSTAINABLE TRAVELLER

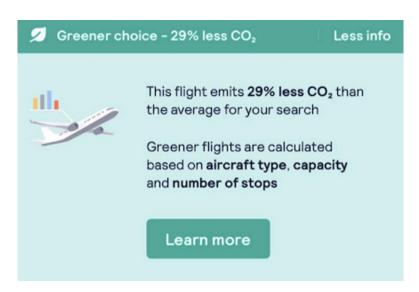
**SOURCE: EXPEDIA STUDY** 

#### SUSTAINABILITY ACCREDITATION



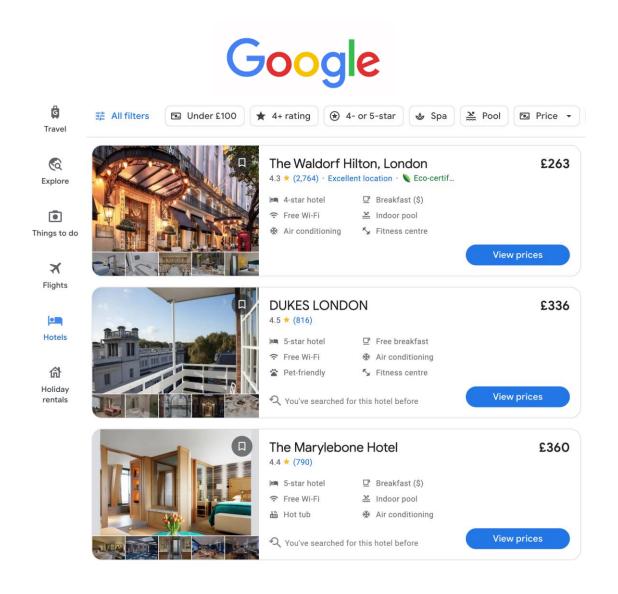




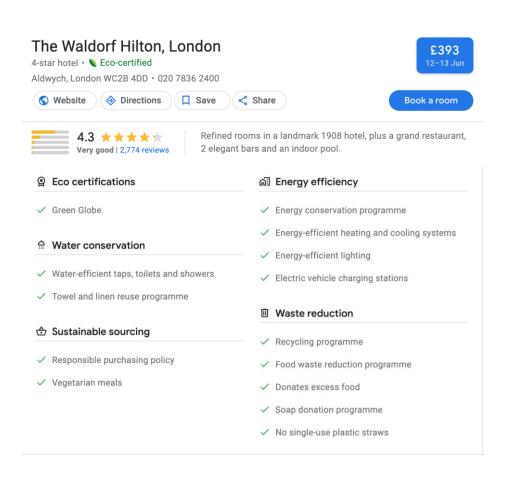




#### STAND-OUT SUSTAINABILITY



#### MANAGE YOUR GOOGLE LISTINGS



Energy Efficiency	Response	Comments
Energy conservation programme	·····	
Energy use audited by an independent organisation		
Energy from carbon-free sources		
Energy-efficient heating and cooling systems		<b></b>
Energy-efficient lighting		<b>*</b>
Energy-saving thermostats		<b>†</b>
Water Conservation	Response	
Water use audited by an independent organisation	_	
Water-efficient taps		<b>†</b>
Water-efficient toilets	▼	<b>†</b>
Water-efficient showers	▼	<b>†</b>
Towel reuse programme	▼	<b>†</b>
Linen reuse programme	······································	
Waste Reduction	Response	
Recycling programme	response. ▼	
Food waste reduction programme	······································	
Donates excess food	······································	
Composts excess food	·	<del> </del>
Soap donation programme	·	+
Toiletry donation programme	······	<b>†</b>
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Safely handles hazardous substances	<u>_</u>	
Safely disposes of electronics		
Safely disposes of batteries	······································	
Safely disposes of lightbulbs	······································	ļ
Refillable toiletry containers		ļ
Water bottle filling stations		
Compostable food containers and cutlery	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
polystyrene food containers	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	ļ
single-use plastic water bottles	······································	
single-use plastic straws	*	
Sustainable Sourcing	Response	
Responsible purchasing policy	······································	
Organic food and beverages	······································	ļ
Locally sourced food and beverages	······	<b>_</b>
Responsibly sourced seafood	······	ļ
Organic cage-free eggs	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Vegetarian meals	▼	<u> </u>
Vegan meals	▼	
Eco-friendly toiletries	▼	

### **VIBRANT VISUALS**

OF GEN Z SAY INSTAGRAM & YOUTUBE ARE THEIR PREFERRED SOCIAL NETWORKS

SOURCE: SPROUT SOCIAL

OF GEN Z & MILLENNIALS WANT TO SEE BRANDS USING TIKTOK MORE

**SOURCE: SPROUT SOCIAL** 

WATCH LONGER VERSIONS OF VIDEOS THAT WATCH LONGER VERSIONS OF VIDEOS THAT THEY DISCOVER ON SHORT-FORM VIDEO APPS

**SOURCE: GOOGLE** 

### INFLUENCE & LOYALTY

## OF GEN Z WOULD PURCHASE AFTER READING REVIEWS FROM ANOTHER CUSTOMER ON SOCIAL MEDIA

SOURCE: SPROUT SOCIAL

SOMEONE THEY TRUST RECOMMENDS A PRODUCT OR SERVICE OF GEN Z WOULD PURCHASE AFTER

SOURCE: SPROUT SOCIAL

"Gen Z tend to be more driven by one-time experiences. This can mean gaining their loyalty is more challenging. Belonging to a 'grab and go' culture, they expect instant and dynamic rewards."

STEVE RISK **CEO & FOUNDER INSPIRE LOYALTY** 

### METAVERSE & NFT'S









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