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How to grow your business amidst the cost of living crisis





Real behaviour to unpick how shoppers will respond



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Cost of living pressure is heating up

Grocery inflation at its highest point for at least 30 years



Take Home FMCG – 4 w/e inflation

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What should we expect from shoppers?





Savings are made where they cause least disruption to our lives

Take Home FMCG – Impact of each 'coping strategy' on total market value







We're already seeing the same pattern this time around

Volume reductions can be seen as release of lockdown restrictions not inflation response

Take Home FMCG – Impact of each 'coping strategy' on total market value Size of lifestyle change





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This doesn't mean that every price rise will be rejected by shoppers

Historically shoppers have absorbed ³/₄ of grocery price increases

absorb



* Based on Average CPG Growth versus Food Inflation for 2008-2021 across 9 countries Source: Europanel Barometer 9 countries – 14 years from 2008 to 2021

01

Be prepared to work harder to justify price premiums



Selling at a premium just got tougher

Less than 15% packs (and falling) are sold at a 50% price premium

Take Home FMCG – % packs sold by price index vs. category average (price indices based on price per pack)



12 w/e 12-Jun-22
Share change vs. yr ago

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Continue to invest where you can

Winning vs Losing Brands 2008 to 2011





Innovations = new brands/sub-brands Renovations = new size, flavour, type



Source: Europanel, BG20 - 900 brands in Denmark, Sweden and UK

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The best performing brands continue to be those seeking new shoppers

(not those simply looking to hold what they have)

Top 5 best performing brands (value sales % growth) – 12 w/e 12-Jun-22





Each by pulling one of our established brand growth levers

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02

Communicate value not price



We've been far quicker to return to valued, social occasions post covid

It has been the incidental and functional that we've dropped





Winning categories in the last recession were certainly not basic essentials

Total FMCG – Top 10 Growing Categories – Value Sales CAGR - 2007 to 2014 (filtered to categories worth more than £100m annually)



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Prices viewed objectively can create problems for premium brands

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Shoppers outraged as tub of Lurpak butter goes for £9

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Lurpak security tagged in supermarket as prices rise to an astonishing £9.35





You have the power to change the frame of reference





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Don't overlook the older shopper



Older shoppers are starting from a more comfortable position

The Daily Celegraph Financially comfortable?* Addentified as a serie as picked as a serie a spike driven by the forese' income that used to lag behind working households has seen a spike driven by the forese's scommitment to the triple lock 289% Marker 2002-8604pm Under 35s

Source: Kantar, FMCG Panel, LinkQ study, May 2022

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38%

Over 65s

And we typically under-estimate their importance to the industry

Take Home Groceries - % sales by age of main shopper in the household





There is a traditional slant to many of their choices

Categories with >40% sales from over 65s

Brands with >50% sales from over 65s



Chilled Cakes







Less traditional lines also play a key role if they connect to a relevant need

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Charlie Bigham's



Chilled Prepared Fish Yoghurt Drinks & Juices



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Think small value as well as big



Those under greater financial strain are forced to focus on immediate needs





Does this also influence their decisions when standing at shelf?



Struggling shoppers led by immediate need to manage budgets



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Take an active role in the loyalty battle



Discounters are picking up share from every other channel





Creating even more focus on how retailers can keep their shoppers in store





Suppliers need to demonstrate that they can contribute to that goal

Total FMCG: Spend by loyal shoppers in other stores



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