





"We can't afford to invest in the brand at this point. We really just need to sell these units."

Marketing Director

- Web site full of sales deals + prices
- No communication on what their philosophy was/why them
- No specific target audience focus







WE ARE IN AN EFFICIENCY BUBBLE

Following on from Thomas Wagner's piece on the race to efficiently average 15 seconds ads, it seems marketing as a whole is in an efficiency bubble, writes Will Lion, BBH London's Head of Strategy 2015-2018 and now Head of New Products.



Be careful in the funnel where you focus







WE ARE IN AN EFFICIENCY BUBBLE

Modern marketing is defined by perfection of means and confusion of ends.

We are getting more efficient at delivering average.

Efficiency is relatively easy.

It's cuts, it's short-term, it's rational, it's targeting, it's late funnel, it's low risk. It's 0 to 0.1. It smells like fresh laundry.

Effectiveness is relatively harder.

It's investment, it's focus, it's long-term, it's emotional, it's fame, it's ideas, it's top of funnel, it's bets, guts and risk. It's 0 to 1. It has freakish breath.

An extreme question we might be asking ourselves is: would we rather be wasteful and effective or efficient and impotent?

Many of you will wriggle off one of those horns with, 'I'd like efficient and effective please'.

Of course. And if you're nailing that we salute you. But, real talk, is that really what's happening in a lot of client organisations? Is it busyness or business that's winning?



WE ARE LIVING IN AN AGE WHERE CONSUMERS ARE EMPOWERED MORE THAN EVER TO TAKE CONTROL OF EVERY STEP OF THEIR BRAND PURCHASE DECISIONS

They Have So Many Ways To Connect With A Brand - Online & Offline







RESEARCH - PEOPLE NEED MARKETING THAT HELPS

TOP 5 MOST APPEALING TYPES OF MARKETING

Helps me understand things	48%
Provides info that helps me make decisions	46%
Instructions on how to do things	46%
Gives me new ideas and information	38%
Allows me to personalize the brand	38%

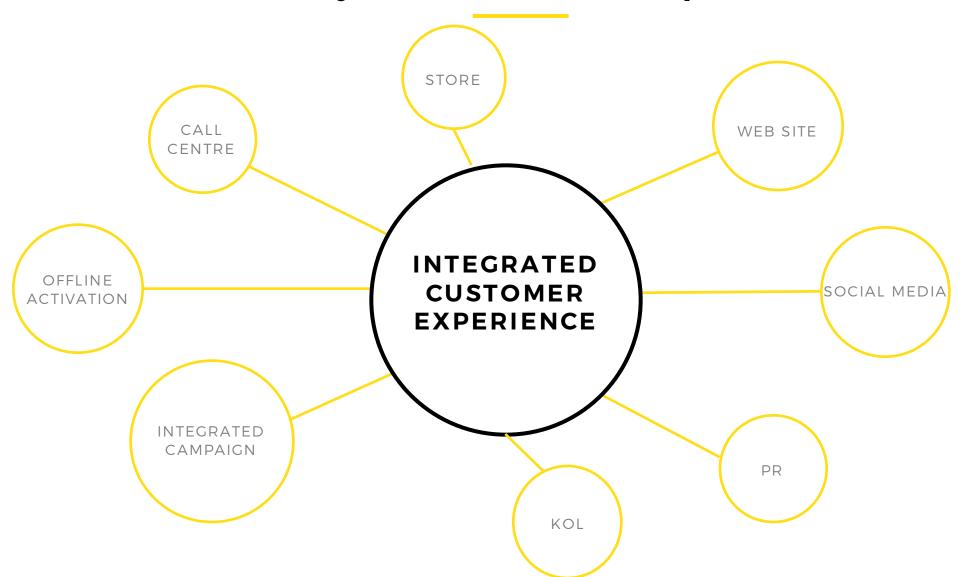








And brands need to deliver on this across every customer touch-point









How To Beat Amazon



Amazon has an Achilles'
heel: emotion. The company
delivers, but its customers
don't feel empathy for the
brand. This vulnerability
offers a path to stealing parts
of the behemoth's business.

Every year, Forrester's <u>Customer Experience Index</u> (CX Index[™]) rates 600 brands around the world. Among US online retailers, Amazon has sunk from seventh place in 2015 to ninth place in 2016 to 12th place (out of 14 brands) in 2017. What's going on?

Consumers perceive Amazon to be a good convenience shopping site that lacks a personal connection. It scores well on "fast shipping," "easy transactions," and "easy website," but lags on "easy to reach a live person," "makes me feel valued," and "rewards my loyalty."

According to the data, customers do not feel as emotionally valued by Amazon as they do by other online players like Etsy, QVC, and Wayfair.





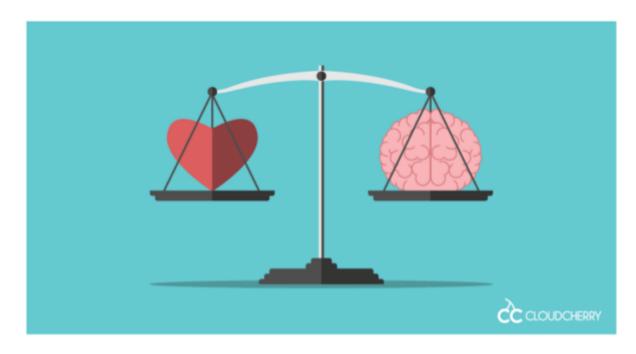
Just because you can use automation to deliver *faster and cheaper* - it doesn't mean this delivers on *all the expectations* of your customers



To be successful brands platforms need to deliver both convenience and connection, delivering more emotional customer experiences

How the best Customer Experience Brands balance Technology with Humanity: MIT Tech Review

Sarah Blackstock | 0 Comments | Read



Monika Schulze, Global Head of Customer & Digital Experience at Zurich Insurance, explains: "Putting technology decisions before customer needs is a common mistake firms make. We need to establish emotional connections to our customers, and more often than not we need humans—not Al—to do this." However, Schulze notes, "every customer expects Amazon-level completion times," and that makes them more willing to choose automated options, like chatbots, to speed things up. She further explains, "technology cannot be looked at as the solution to customer experience challenges, but as an enabler."





The efficiency challenge applies to developing customer digital platforms...



... but also applies *equally* to integrated digital communications

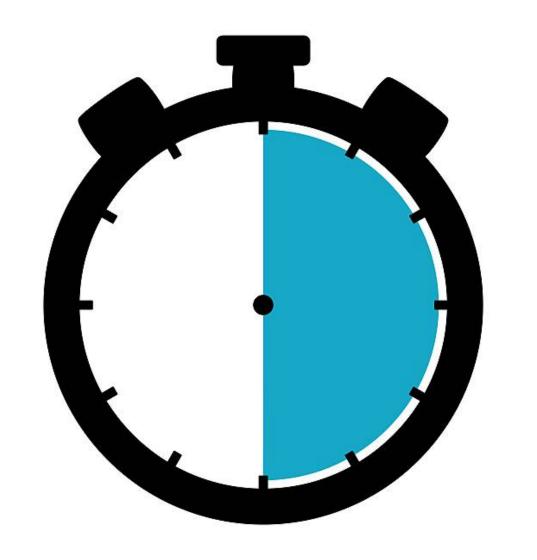




Marketing is under increasing pressure...



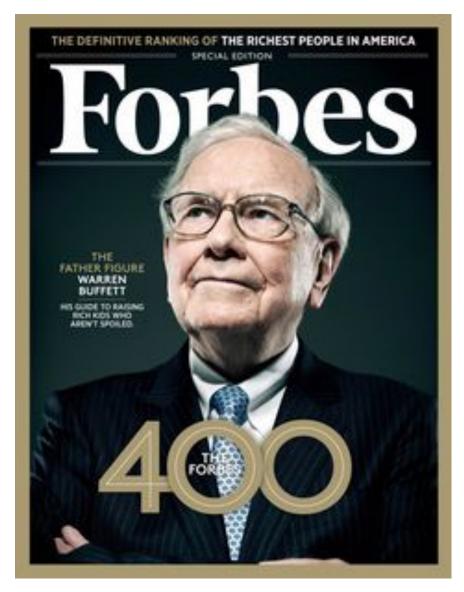
Timelines are getting shorter...

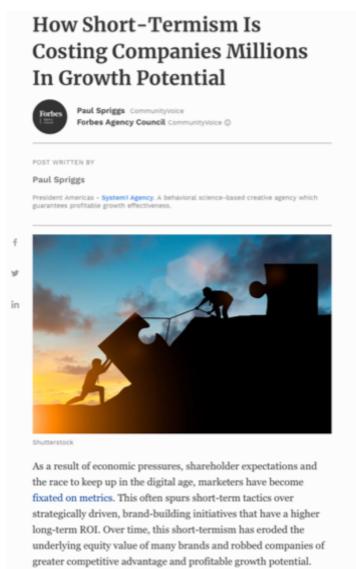


quick fix
digital first
simple/convenient
easy to measure
sales driven
efficient



But this comes at a significant cost...







But at what cost?

As a result of economic pressures, shareholder expectations and the race to keep up in the digital age, marketers have become fixated on metrics. This often spurs short-term tactics over strategically driven, brand-building initiatives that have a higher long-term ROI. Over time, this short-termism has eroded the underlying equity value of many brands and robbed companies of greater competitive advantage and profitable growth potential.



The Long and the Short of It



Balancing Short and Long-Term Marketing Strategies

Les Binet, Head of Effectiveness, adam&eve DDB Peter Field, Marketing Consultant



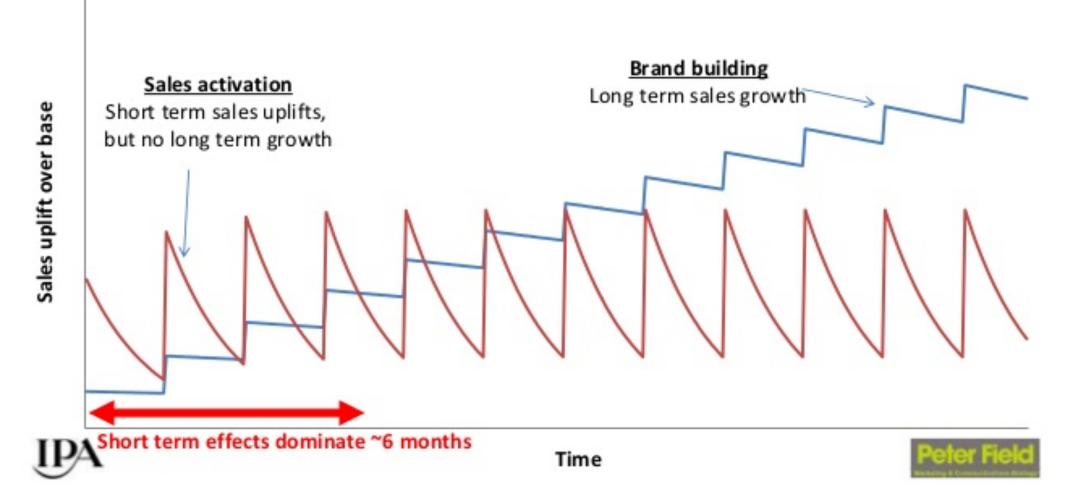
The Truth About Brand Growth

"Les Binet and Peter Field are Godfathers of advertising effectiveness. Their studies with the IPA have re-shaped the industry's understanding of how advertising works." Lindsey Clay, Managing Director, Thinkbox

The data that Binet and Field have analysed is derived from the IPA Effectiveness Databank - the product of 30 years of the IPA Effectiveness Awards covering more than 700 brands in over 80 categories. At the time of the analysis, the Databank held data from 996 campaigns entered into the biennial national and international effectiveness competitions from 1980 to 2016.



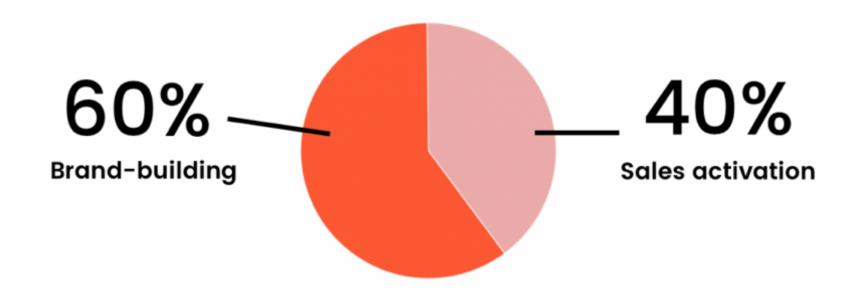
Brand building drives long-term growth





The 60/40 Split

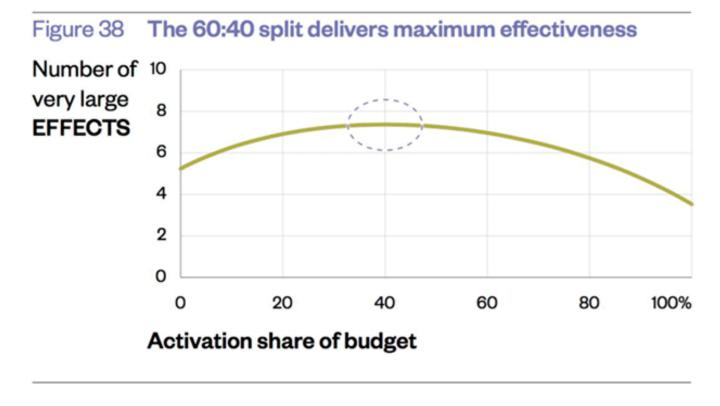
Research suggests that the optimum split in investment between brand-building and sales activation is, on average, 60% brand-building and 40% activation.





60/40

Brands should spend around 60% of their budget on brand-building activity and 40% on activation for maximum effectiveness. Too little brand activity and the brand equity needed to drive sales in future will not accumulate. Too little activation and the brand will not be exploiting the sales potential of brand equity as it accumulates.





Summary of 60:40 recommendations

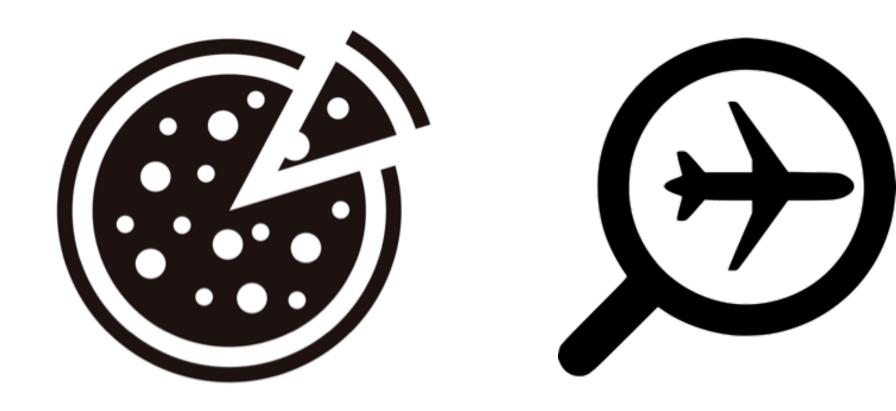
Category/Context	Ideal brand-building share of budget
Highly rational category	74%
Highly emotional category	65%
No innovation	55%
Line extension	60%
Brand extension	70%
New category	67%
Mature category	79%
Declining category	46%
Small brand	43%
Strong challenger	76%
Brand leader	57%

Category/Context	Ideal brand-building share of budget
Premium/super-premium	69%
Value/mid-market	48%
Low research	62%
High research	78%
Off-line only	60%
Online	57%
Subscription	71%
Series	57%
Financial services	77%
Non-financial services	37%
Retail	53%



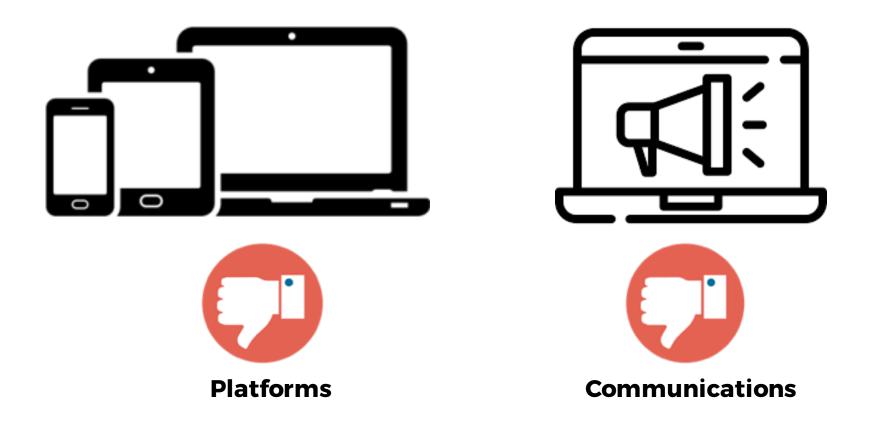


Focus on short-term activation vs brand growth





Efficiency is damaging CX across both...







2 Important Annual Studies







What Makes Brands Meaningful?







2018 was a bad year for trust

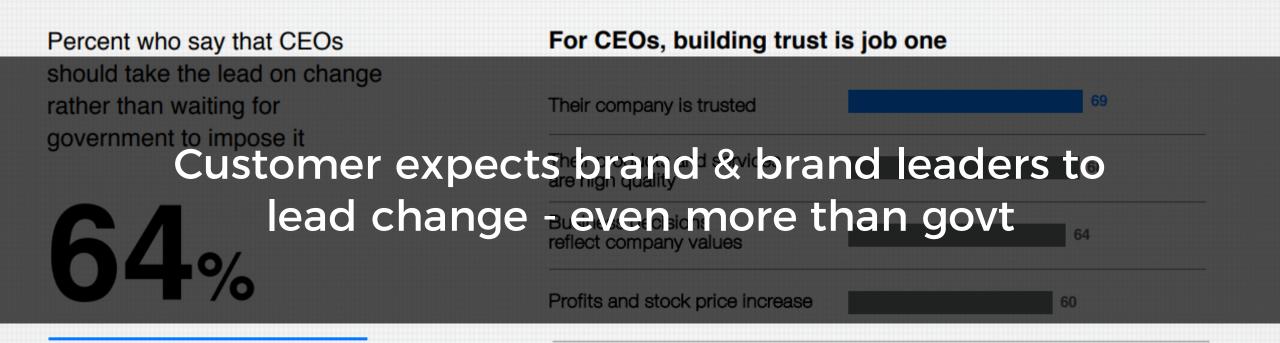






Business Is Expected to Lead

Percent who agree and percent who say each is one of the most important expectations they have for a CEO



Source: 2018 Edelman Trust Barometer. CEO_AGR. Thinking about CEOs, how strongly do you agree or disagree with the following statements? (Top 4 Box, Agree), question asked of half of the sample. CEO_EXP. Below is a list of potential expectations that you might have for a company CEO. Thinking about CEOs in general, whether they are global CEOs or a CEO who oversees a particular country, how would you characterize each using the following three-point scale? (Most important responsibility, code 3), question asked of half of the sample. General population, 28-country global total.

People have a far broader expectation of what defines their customer experience...



... and a much greater expectation of brand leaders to deliver on meaningful change



Understanding the movement from...

customer-centric

efficiency

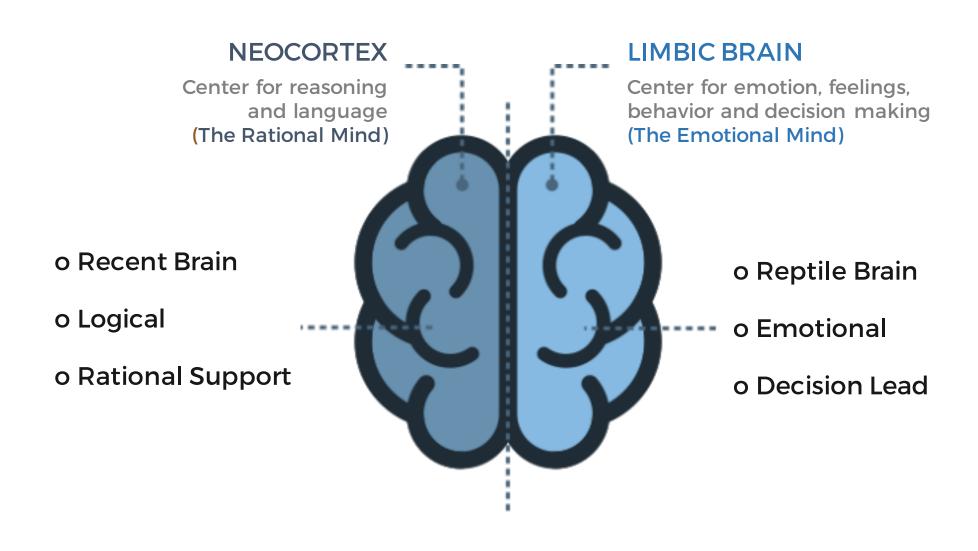
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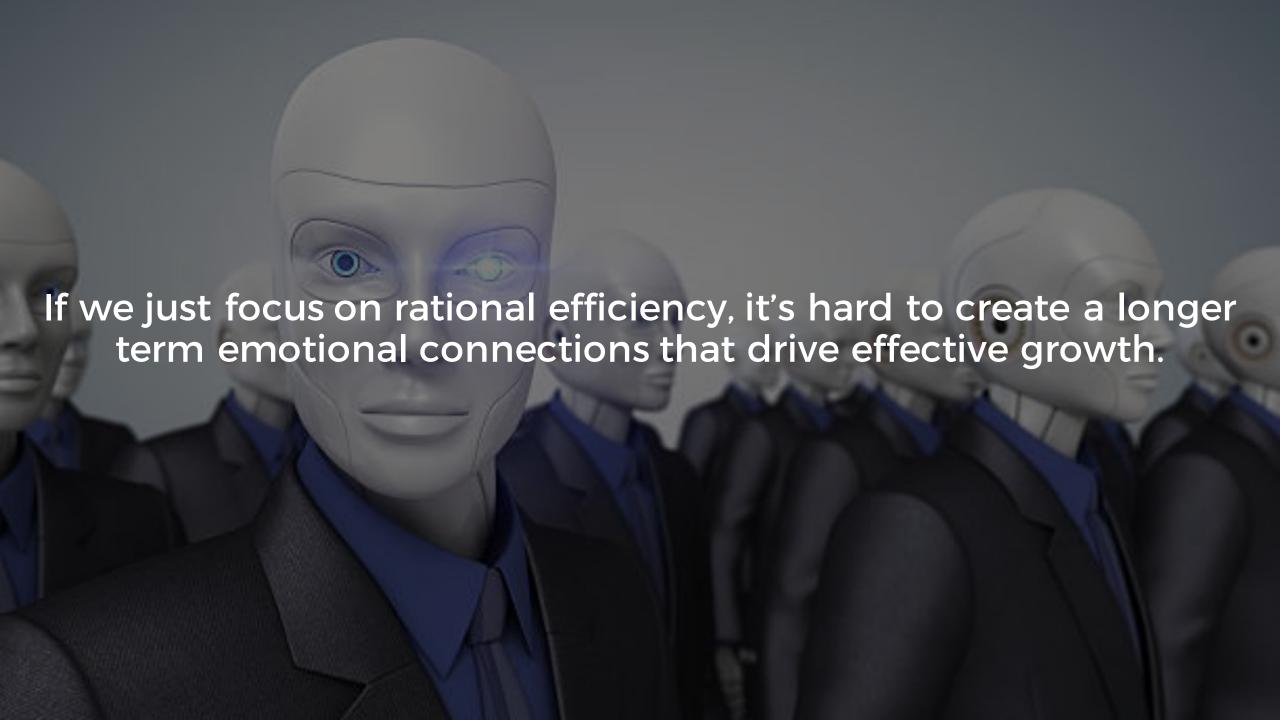
effectiveness





This reflects how human beings are wired









"People may think that the thinking part of themselves is in charge, but it's mostly the limbic system that's in charge. And the cortex is just trying to make the limbic system happy."

Elon Musk, Tesla



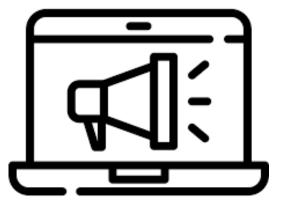


Applying The Human-Centric Brand Approach



Customer Platform Development

How we use technology to show more humanity



Integrated Digital Communication

How communication can create better human connection





Some lingo ...



UX

"Human Approach"

platforms

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An explanation ...

- What are Platforms?
- What is this UX, UI, CX jibberish!?
- What does "Human Approach" mean?
- Why is this important

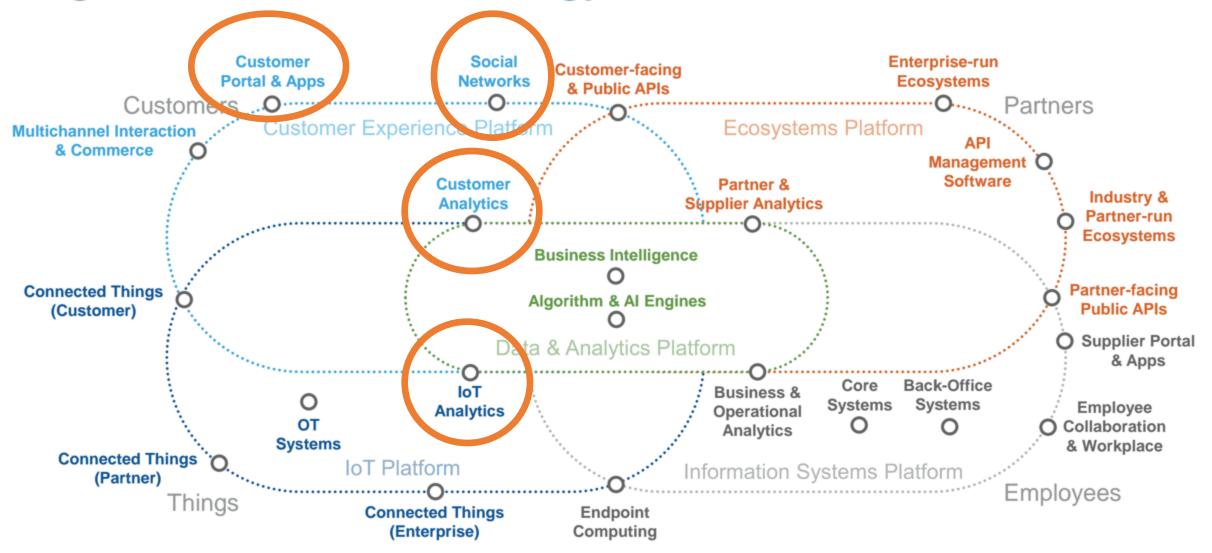


Platforms





Digital Business Technology Platform





UX (User Experience)

"User experience (UX) refers to a person's emotions and attitudes about using a particular <u>product</u>, <u>system</u> or service."

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/User_experience



UI (User Interface) aka Visual Design

"Visual design (UI = User Interface) aims to shape and improve the user experience through considering the effects of illustrations, photography, typography, space, layouts, and colour on the usability of products and on their aesthetic appeal."



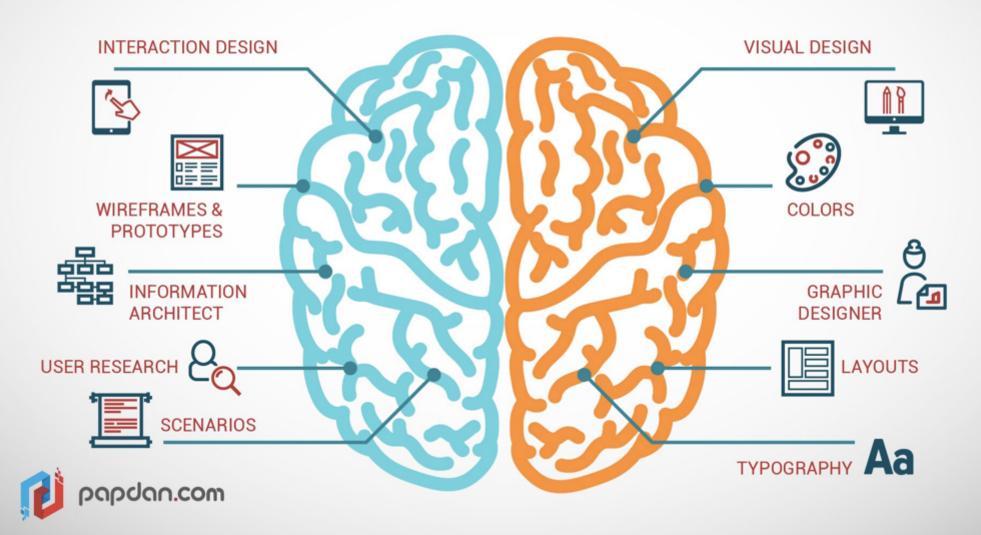
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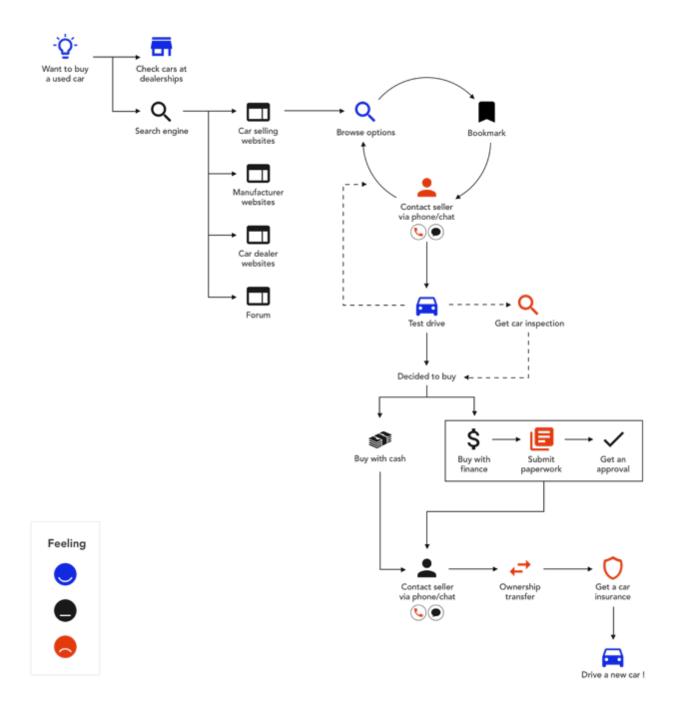


CX (Customer Experience)

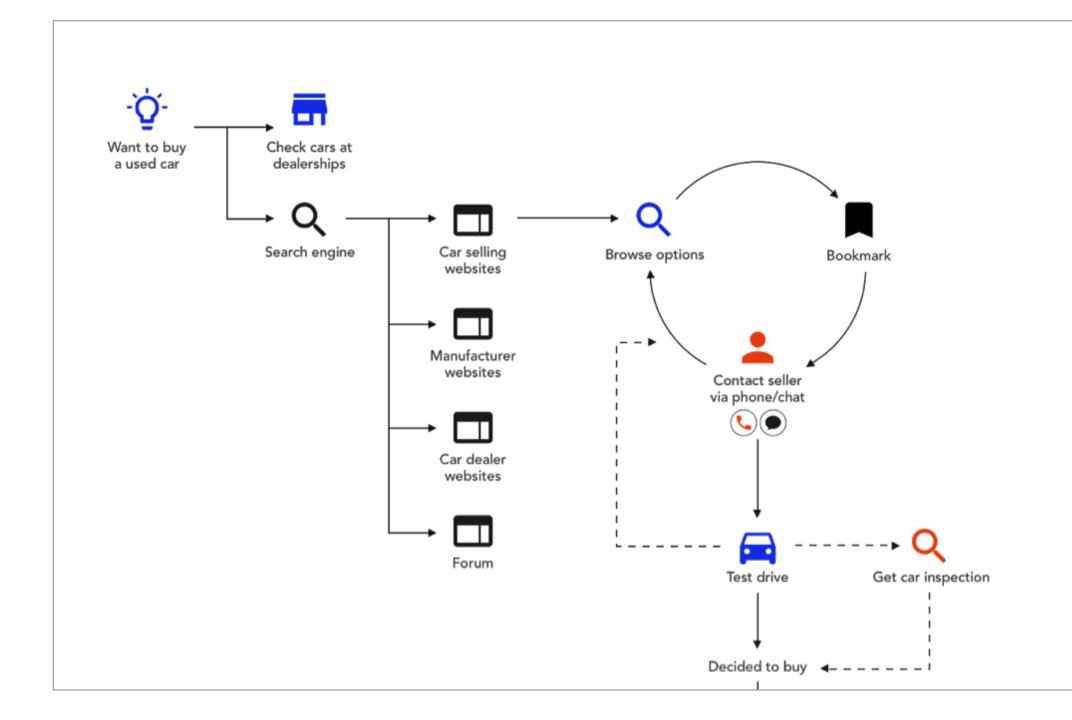
"The perception that customers have of their interactions with an organization."

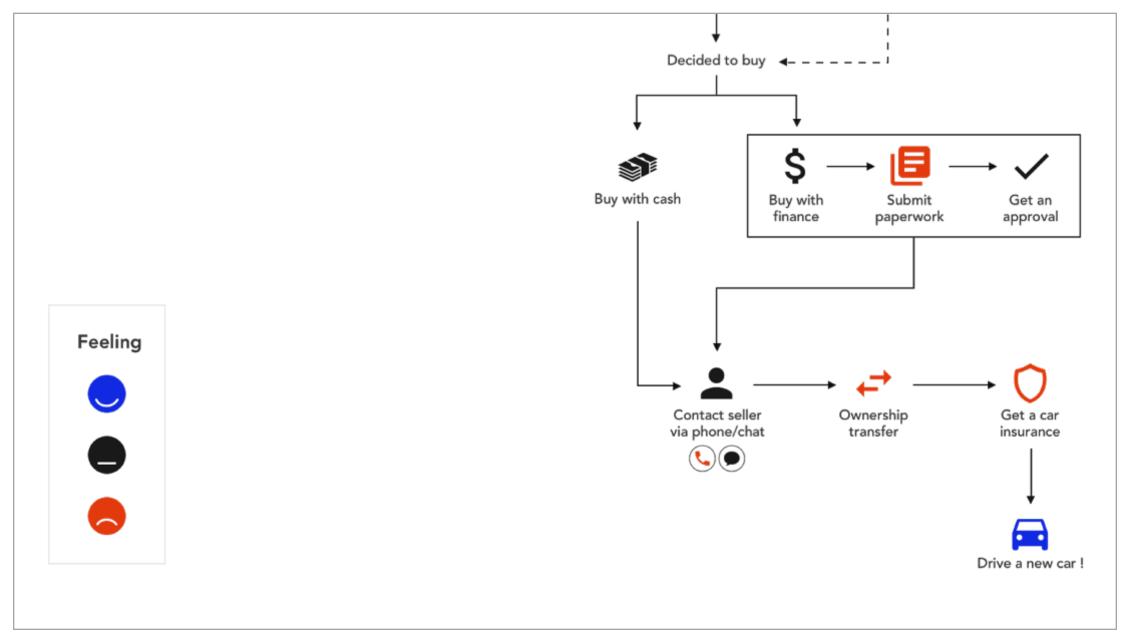
Bruce Temkin- Chair of the Customer Experience Professionals Association (CXPA.org)

















Importance of Human Approach

- Customers mention:
 - positive experience to an average of 9 people
 - negative experience to an average of 16 people :-/
- Customers with positive experiences...
 - Spend 140% more
 - They are likely to remain a customer for 5 years longer
- Positive experiences can reduce costs by up to 33%



Tech trends in brands 2018

- CRMs to consolidate customer data
- Chatbots Al / NLP Powered, Voice Recognition (Google, Amazon etc)
- Improved Experience Design (UX)
- Augmented Reality (Ecommerce)
- Digital Integration

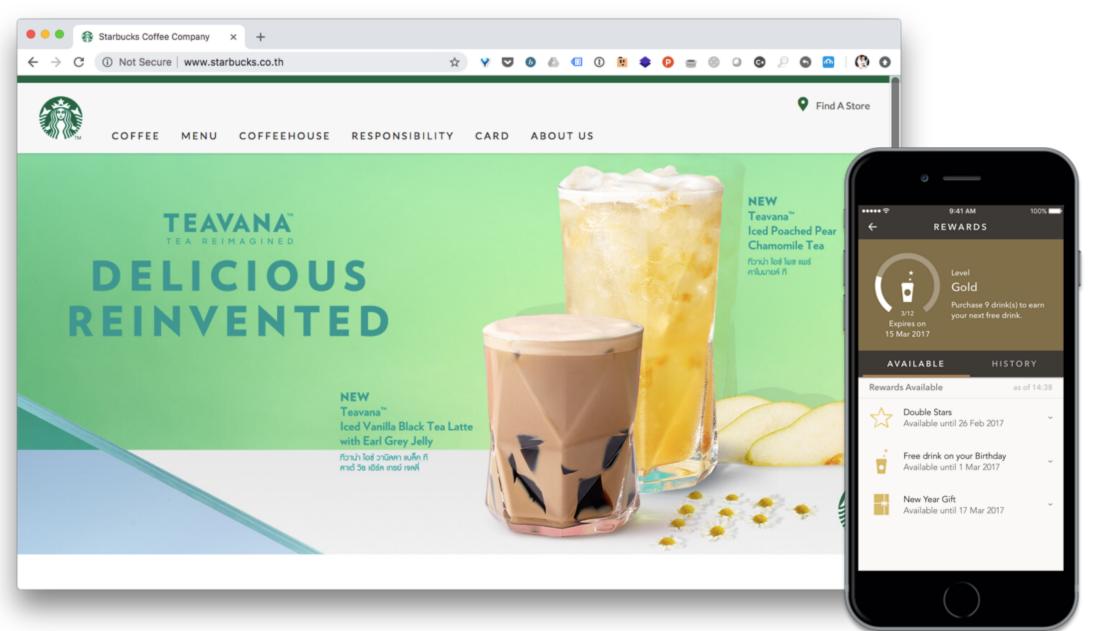


Challenges for CX

- Not everyone knows how to collect data
- Regulations (Data and privacy policies)
- Management does not understand the benefits
- Requires cross dept collaboration
- Some tech still in early stages

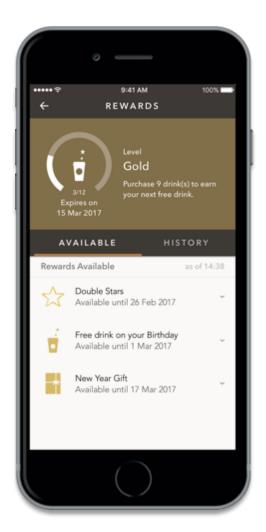






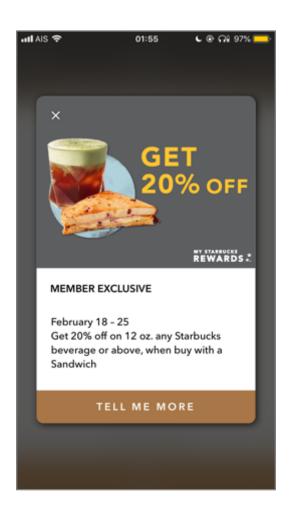


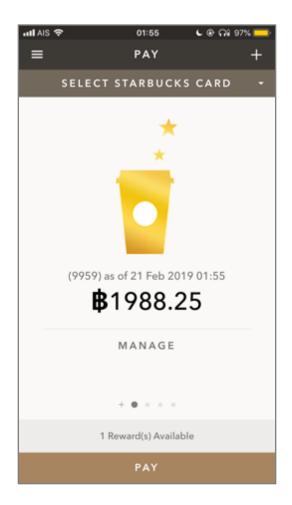
- Online website with product information
- Member login/registration for Starbucks card (Tiered membership)
- Top-up card online
- Mobile app
- Continuous promotions
- SMS/Email reminders
- Great customer experience in-store

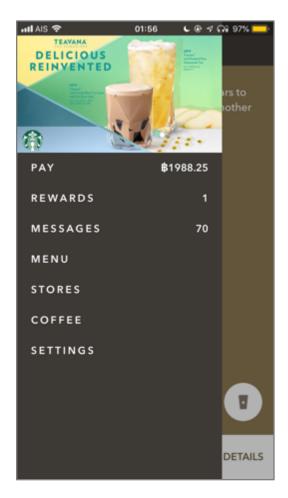








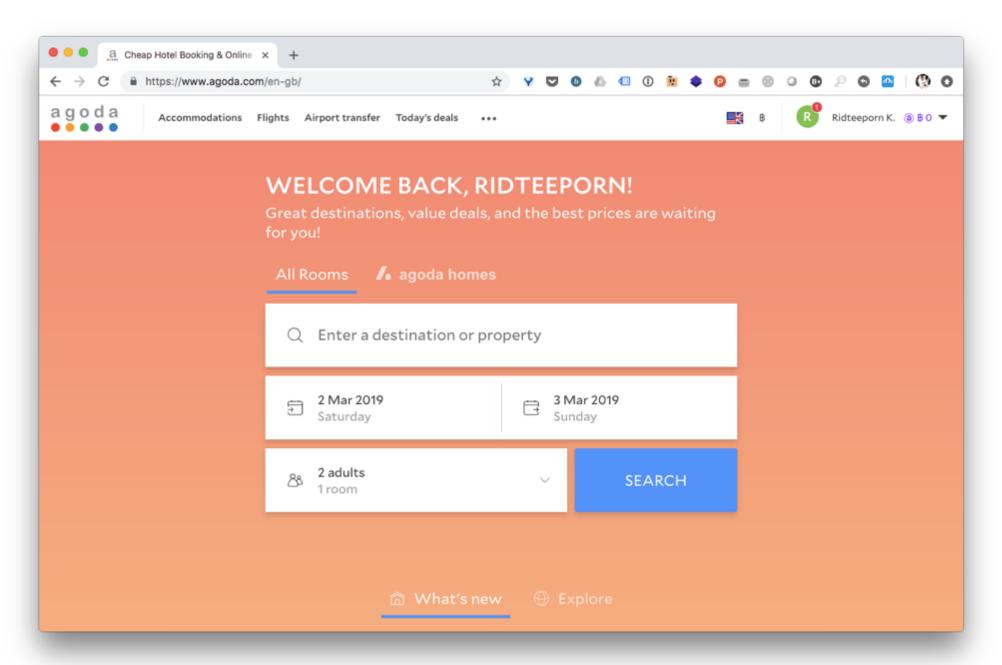




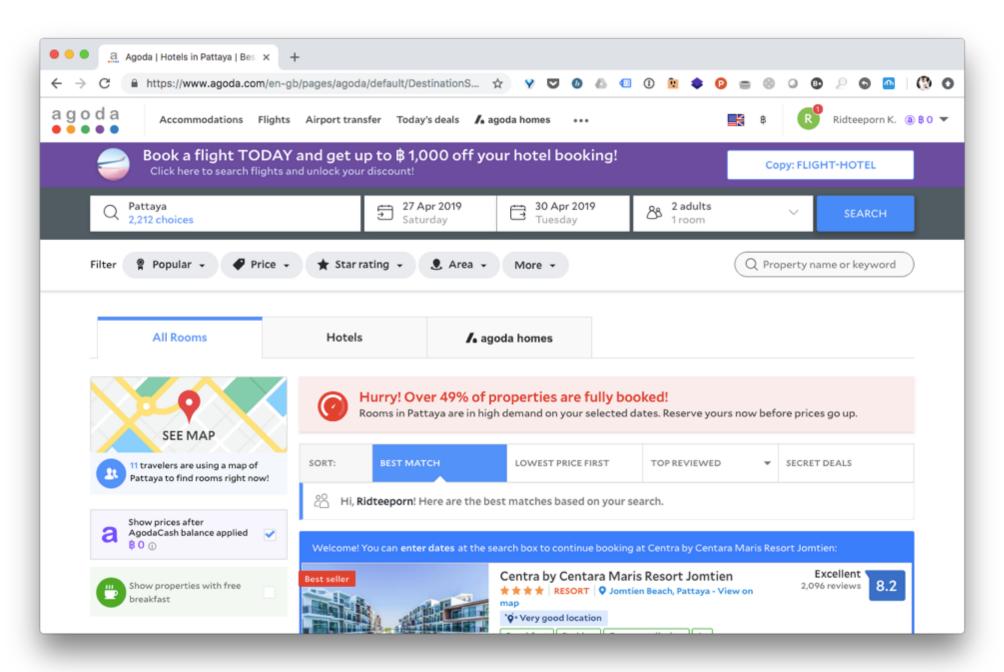














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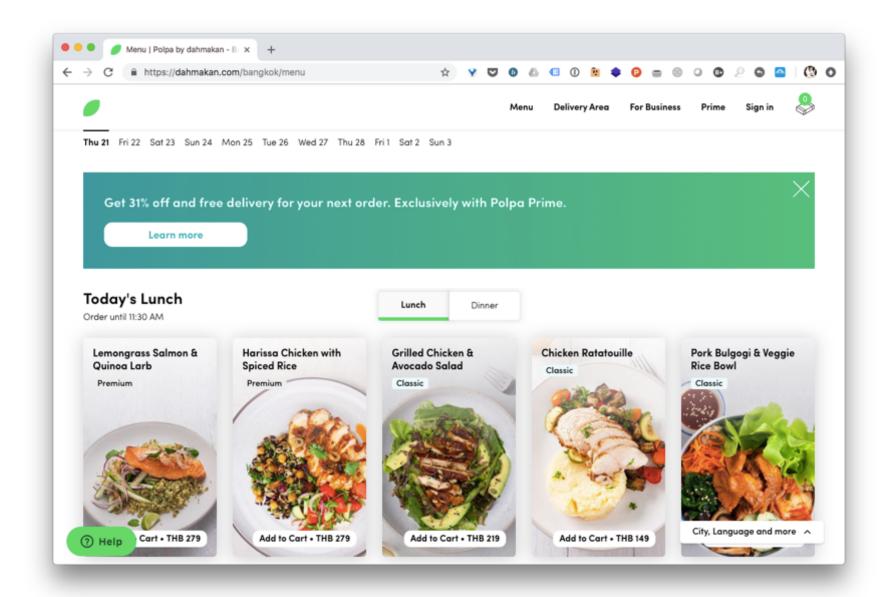


- Website UX constantly improved
- Supporting mobile app
- Easy to use interface
- Pricing updated continuously
- Promotions
- Flash sales
- Product suggestions
- Good customer service (Call centre)
- Strong UX/Design team
- 20+ Data Scientists

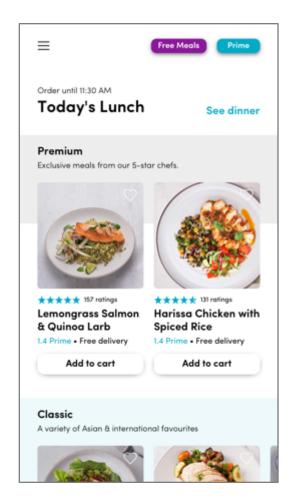


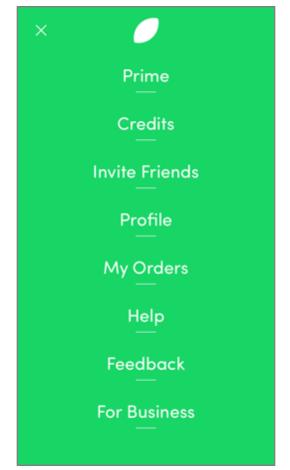


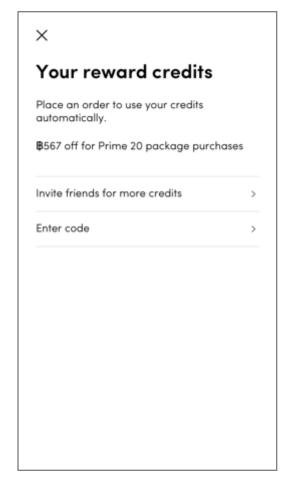
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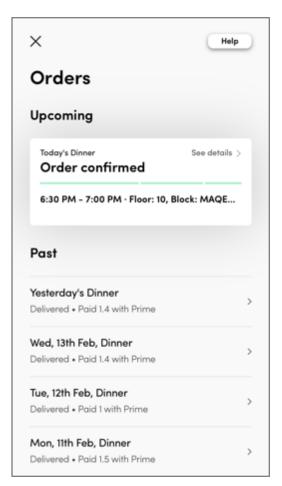




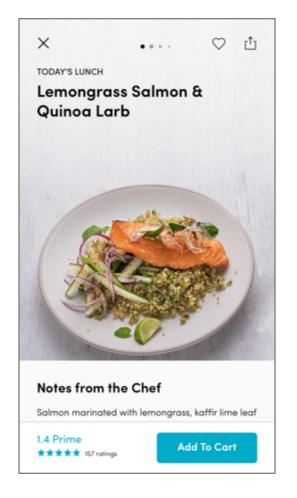


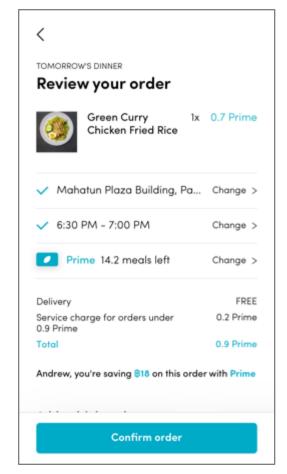


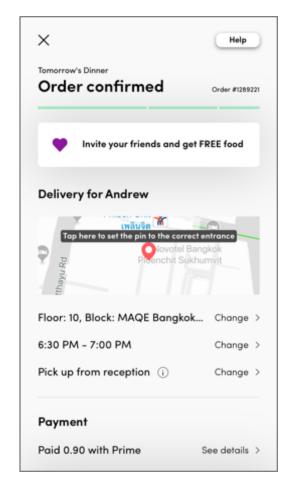


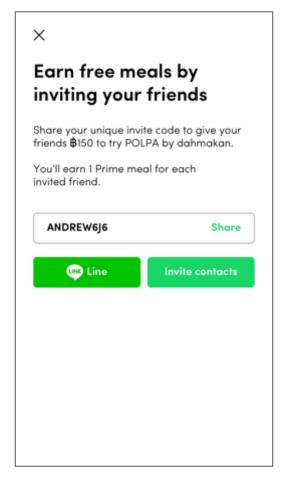






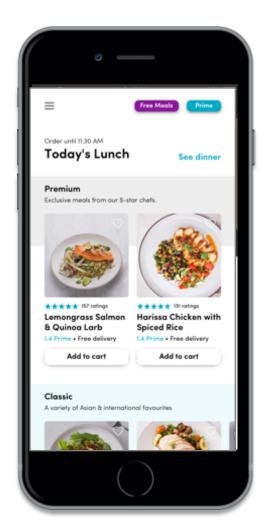








- Excellent UX
- Desktop and Mobile
- Informative, online chat
- Pricing is clear
- Easy to order and set delivery times
- SMS/In-App notifications (delivery, late, etc)
- SMS instant discount if delivery is late





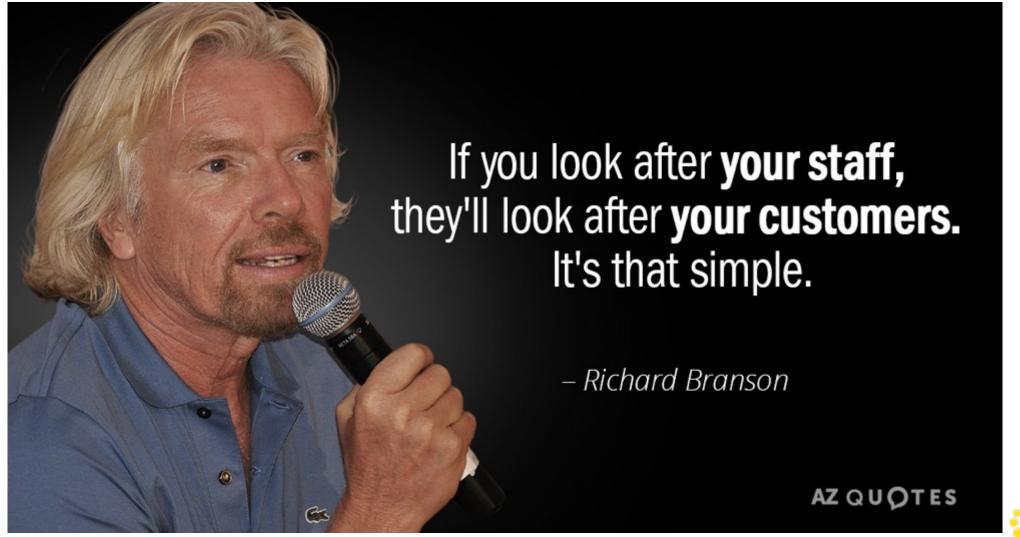
Food for thought

- Audience = everyone!
- Ethics
 - US Elections = Cambridge Analytica
- Small business? No problem
- Bake brand into your culture





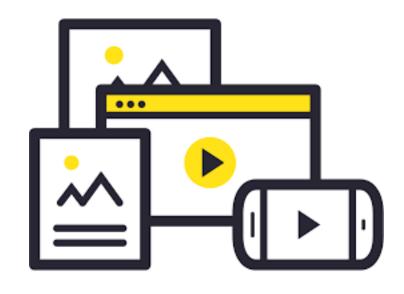
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Two Questions to Ask

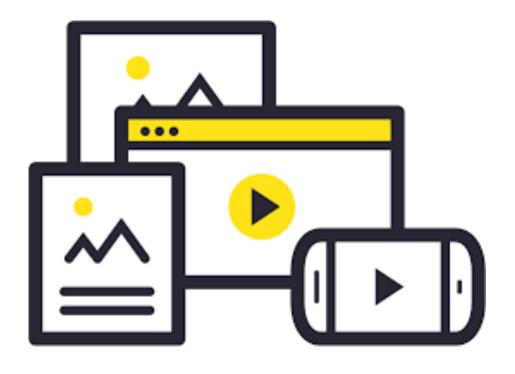


1. What is the right mix of **brand vs activation** content?



2. What sort of **human outcomes** do we want?

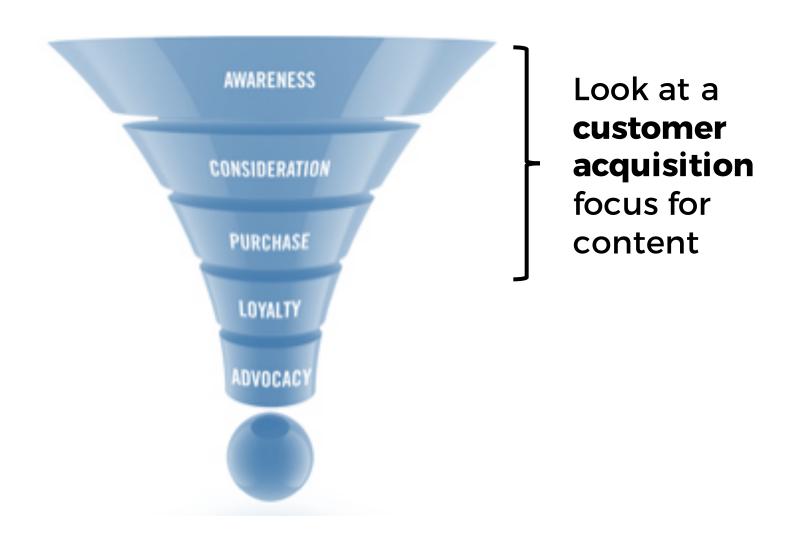




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1. What Content? Sales Funnel Approach



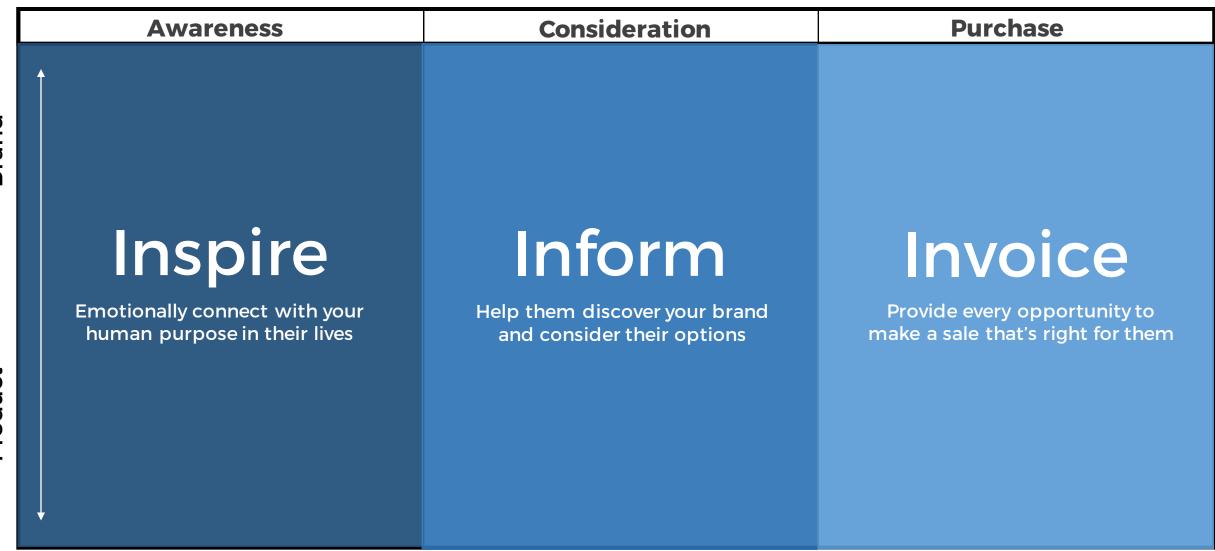


Inspire Inform Invoice



1. What Content? Brand vs Activation Content Matrix

Consumer Purchase Journey ————





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	Awareness	Consideration	Purchase
Brand	Brand Hero • Purpose: Establish main consumer benefit (emotional/rational) of product • Example: Brand Video/TVC/Commercial Advertorial/Social Content	 Purpose: Active 360 customer understanding of the brand Brand Voice: Blog, Podcast, Social Brand Content, etc. Brand Hub: Related brand content for different audiences Brand Community: Engage with brand via Customer & Fan Communities Brand Connect: Connect with brand customer service on all channels 	Brand Help Purpose: Provide brand help during sales process Brand Connection: Connect with brand via Customer Service, connect with partners
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Product	Product Hero • Purpose: Establish/re-enforce what product is, how it works, key benefits • Example: Product Video/TVC/Commercial + Outdoor Event/Trial + PR	Product DNA Purpose: Active 350 customer understanding of the product/service Product Talk: How-to videos, product comparison Product Review: 3rd party & Community reviews Customer Direct: Direct contact for products with current customers and prospects Re-Target Direct: Connect with brand via Customer Service, connect with partners	Product Sale Purpose: Provide every option to make the sale Digital Activation Campaign: Across all digital channels/media Online Sales Platform: Brand Directed E-commerce via web site, mobile app, social media platforms, etc Partner Commerce: Product sales through all partner and social platforms



Emotionally connect with your human purpose in their lives



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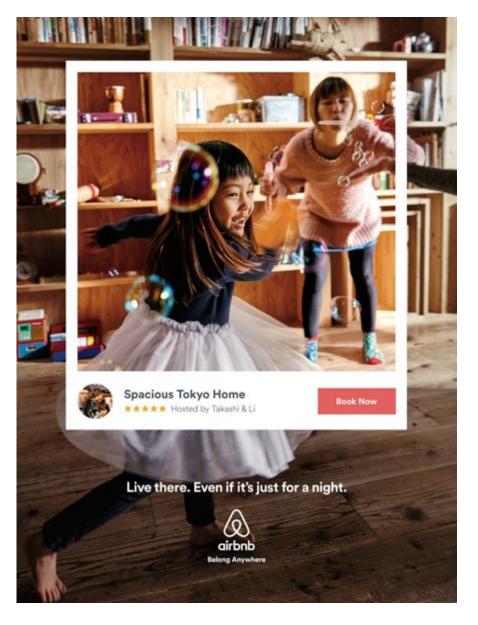


Common (Q) airbnb





Product Hero



Brand Hero







INSPIRE - BRAND HERO CAMPAIGN





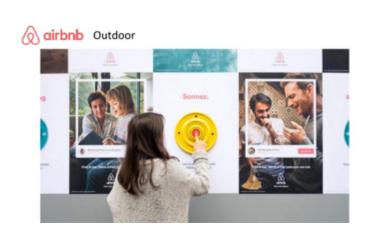
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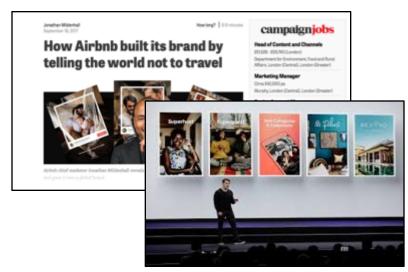
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PR

Print/Online Ads

Activation

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INSPIRE - OTHER PRODUCT HERO CAMPAIGNS





Volvo Mercedes-Benz











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Help people discover your brand and consider their options

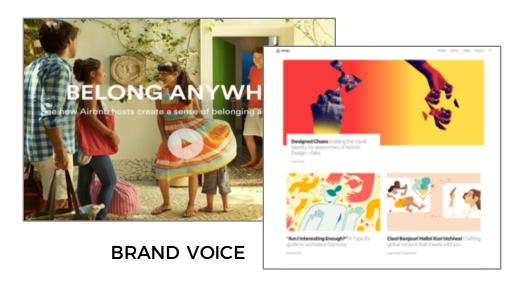


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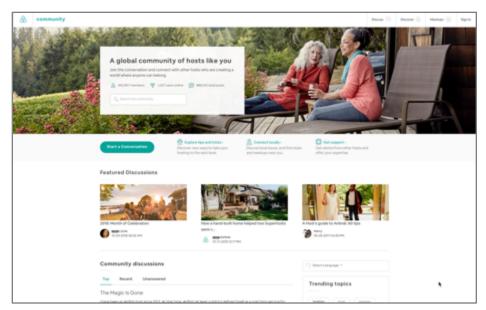
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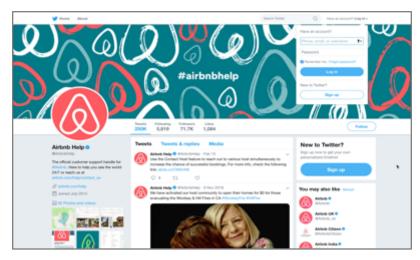




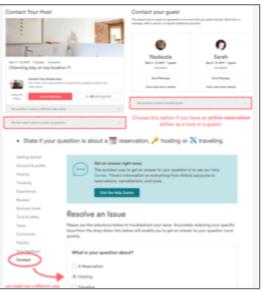


BRAND HUB/SOCIAL SHARING





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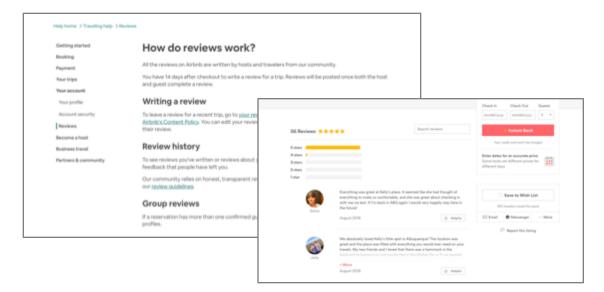


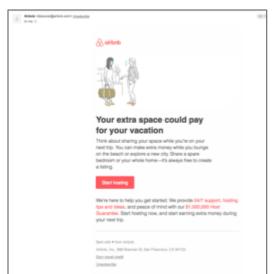
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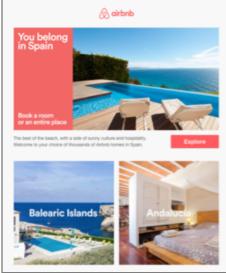
INFORM - PRODUCT DNA CONTENT



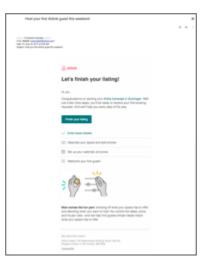


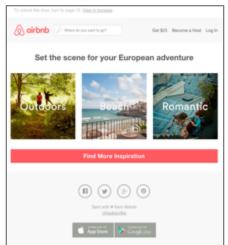






CUSTOMER DIRECT





RE-TARGETED DIRECT



PRODUCT REVIEWS

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Provide every opportunity to make a sale that's right for them

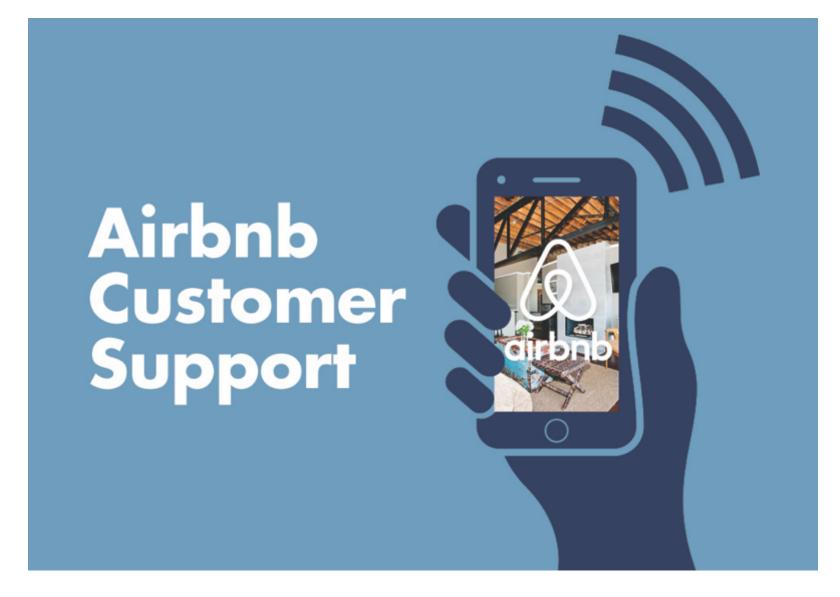


1. What Content? Brand vs Activation Content Matrix

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INVOICE - BRAND HELP (REALITY)





of the people who had a problem with their Airbnb stay

mentioned customer service as a problem



said it was their primary complaint

Customer Service Problems (82%)

- No support in emergencies
- Unreachable or very rude
- Denies refunds unfairly
- Only offers partial refunds
- · Policies unfairly favor hosts
- Deactivates guest account
- · Disorganized, chaotic team
- Provides wrong answers
- Promises but never delivers
- Hangs up on customer





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Notes:

This research was conducted using 839 online reviews posted by dissatisfied Airbnb customers from Oct. 2016 through Oct. 2017. The study was designed to find the most common causes of problems with Airbnb. Given this selection bias, it's important to remember that this study may not represent how many people experience these problems on Airbnb. However, it is useful to tell us which problems people have when they do have a problem they are willing to share. The main researchers were Asher Fergusson, MBA, Sheana Ahlqvist, PhD, & Erin Smith. The study was funded by Asher Fergusson for use in his article, "Is Airbnb Safe, We Analyzed 1021 Airbnb Horror Stories to Find Out". You are free to use the results of this study with credit to the below URL via a link.

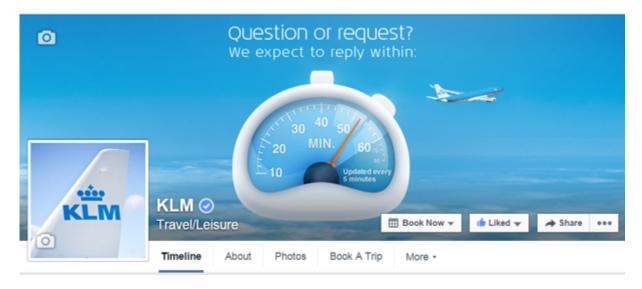
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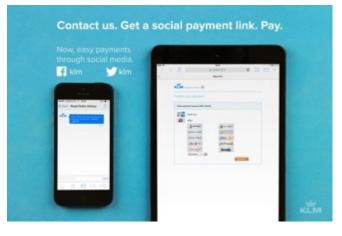
INVOICE - BRAND HELP















INVOICE - PRODUCT SALE

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Sales Campaign





Sales Activation Campaign



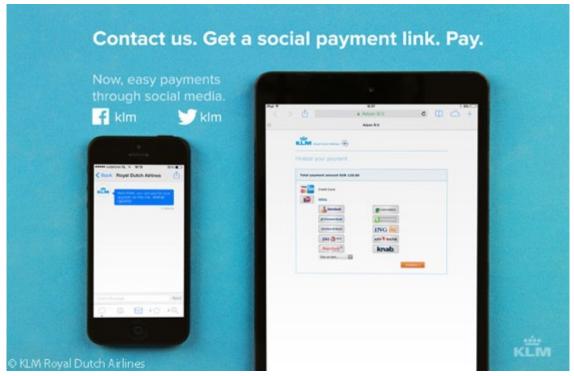




INVOICE - PRODUCT SALE (omni-channel sales promotion)









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Human-Centric Brands

Brand	Score out of 10	Position 2017
First Direct	8.21	3
Metro Bank	8.09	NEW
Lush	8.02	5
John Lewis Finance	7.96	2
John Lewis	7.95	4
Ocado	7.88	8
Boden	7.84	45
Marks & Spencer	7.83	9
M&S Food	7.83	14
Emirates	7.82	6



Strong link between External CX and Internal Culture.

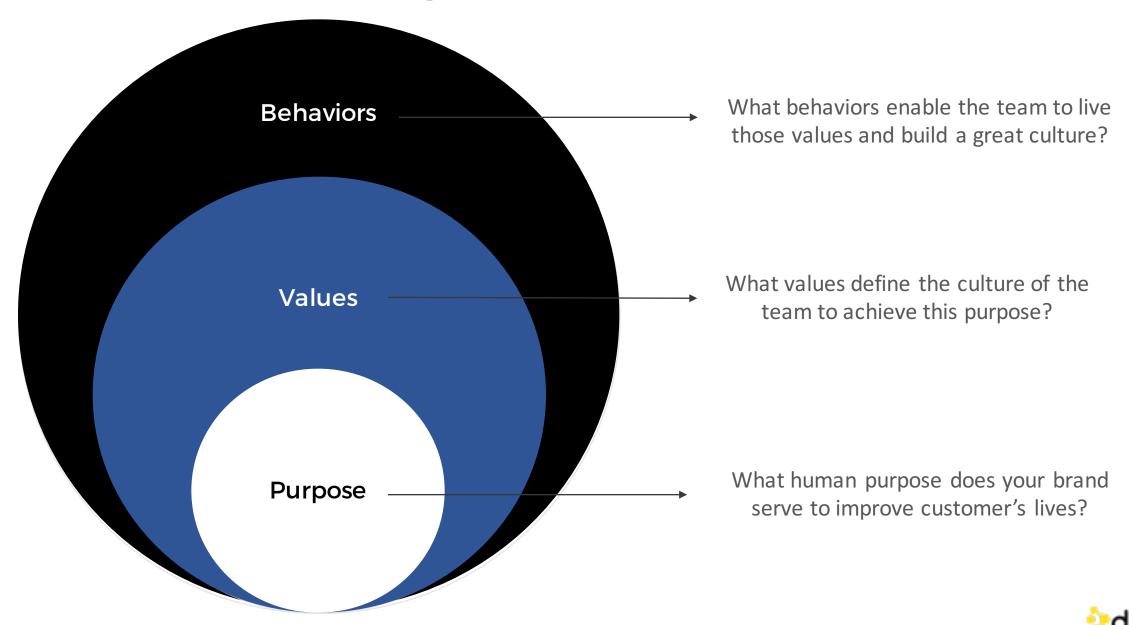
Purpose Matters.







Purpose, Values & Behaviors



Human-Centric Brands - Purpose





Source: the brandgym 3rd Edition

Human-Centric Brands - Values



Champion the Mission



We're united with our community to create a world where anyone can belong anywhere.

Be a Host

We're caring, open, and encouraging to everyone we work with.

Embrace the Adventure

We're driven by curiosity, optimism, and the belief that every person can grow.

Be a Cereal Entrepreneur

We're determined and creative in transforming our bold ambitions into reality.



Human-Centric Brands - Behaviors



A simple guide to a successful Airbnb experience.

Six simple rules

As Airbnb is a community marketplace, the participation of each member can greatly impact the experience of others. To ensure a successful trip or hosting experience for all, we ask that our community stand by these golden rules.

Travelers



Communicate

Confirm check-in times & key exchange after booking. Contact Airbnb within 24 hours of arrival if you encounter something unexpected.



Be neighborly

Be respectful of your surroundings, and the neighbors next door.



Guests

Your reservation is confirmed for a set number of people. Check with your host before inviting additional visitors.



Respect the space

Treat the dwelling as if it were your own home. Whether it is an entire apartment or private room, be considerate & respectful.



Notify

Should any problems arise during your stay, immediately notify your host so they have a chance to correct it. They aren't psychic (most of them).



Review

Leave feedback for your host. They appreciate it and so do we!

Hosts



Be transparent

Accurately represent your listing. Be upfront about pricing, amenities, and expectations.



Update your calendar

Save time for yourself, and guests, by keeping your calendar availability up-to-date.



Respond

Promptly reply to messages & reservation requests. Your response rate will thank you.



Check-in

Coordinate check-in time & key exchange well in advance of the actual date. Welcome your guests with a big smile!



Uphold reservations

A reservation is a commitment. Your guests depend on you for an important part of their travels, so honor that. In emergencies, contact Airbnb.



Address concerns

If something goes wrong unexpectedly, be accessible to help remedy the situation. Be a hero to your guest!



It takes a inspired and motivated team of human beings to deliver a brilliant human experience.





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