

Roadmap to Growth

Investor Conversation Tools and Tips





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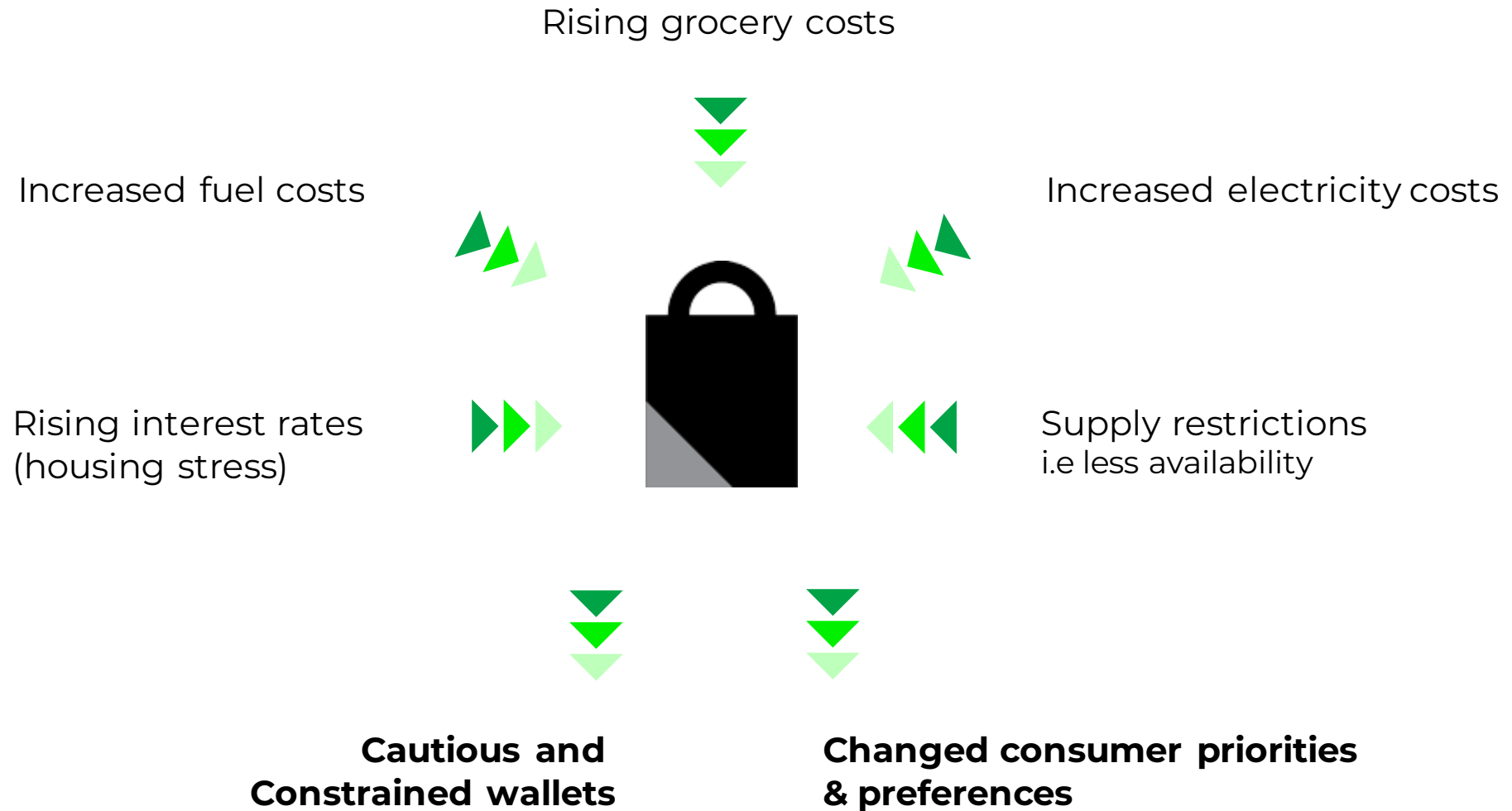


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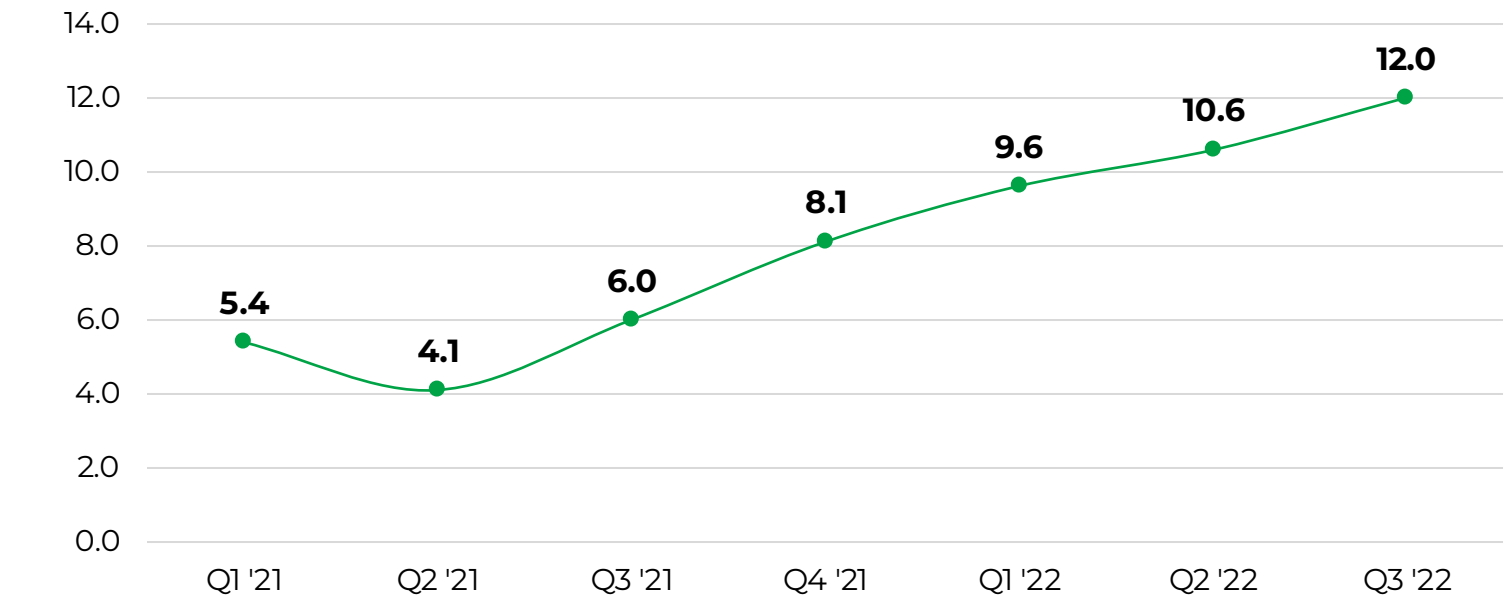
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Pressures are mounting on consumer wallets



U.S. CPG prices continue to rise, now reaching +12% in Q3 '22

Total CPG Average Unit Price Change

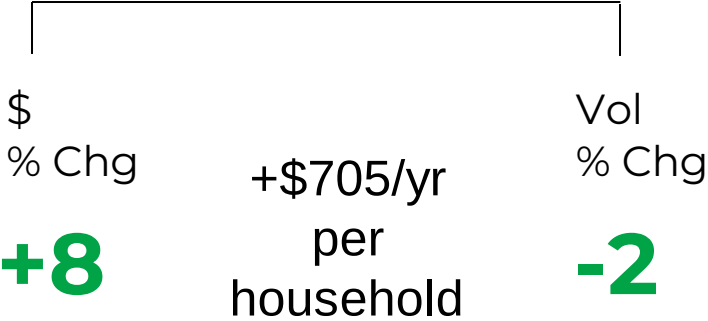


% Chg

Dollars	0	-2	+5	+7	+6	+9	+9
Volume	-5	-6	-1	-2	-3	-2	-3

Annual Average Price Change

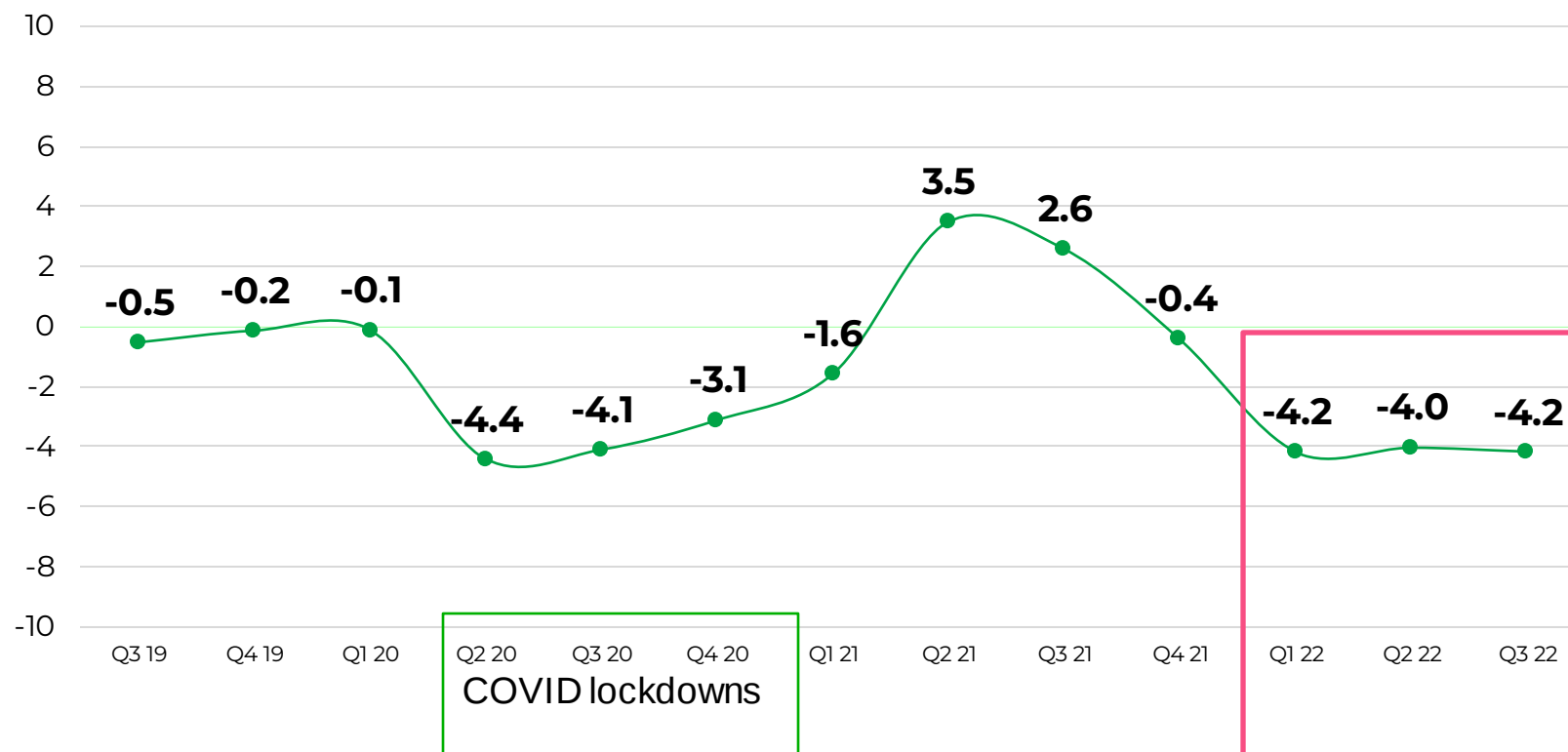
+10%



Overall sales growth is fueled by higher prices while volume contracts

The average number of items carried is trending lower in '22

Average Number of Items Carried % Change



Q3 '22 Department Trend

DELI	1.6
PRODUCE	-0.4
ALCOHOL	-0.4
DAIRY	-1.4
MEAT	-2.1
DRY GROCERY	-2.3
FROZEN	-3.4
SEAFOOD	-3.5
HOUSEHOLD CARE	-4.2
PET CARE	-4.3
HEALTH & BEAUTY CARE	-4.8
BAKERY	-6.1
TOBACCO	-8.8
BABY CARE	-11.0

Source: NielsenIQ, Total US xAOC, Quarterly Periods

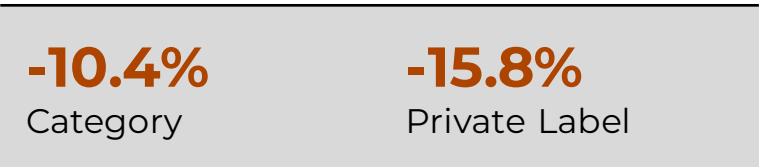
Product innovation overall is down across the board



Total number of innovations – U.S.

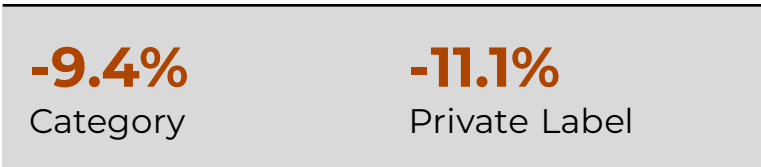
Avg total CPG

% Change in innovations P52W



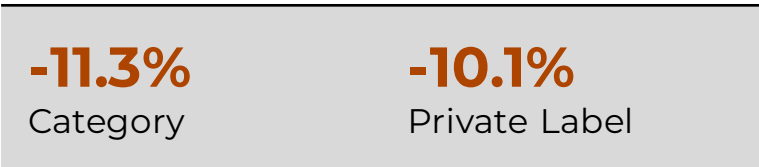
Confectionery & snacks

% Change in innovations P52W



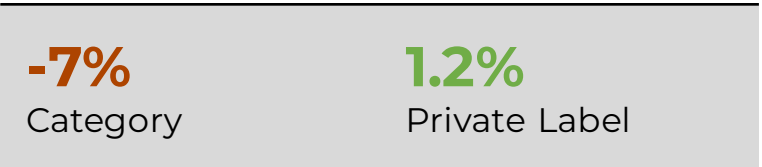
Non-alcoholic beverages

% Change in innovations P52W



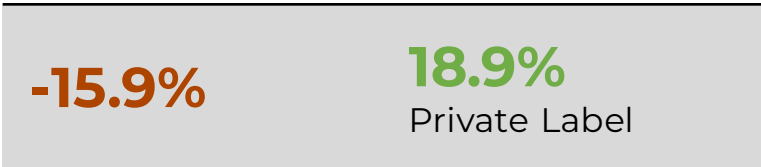
Alcoholic beverages

% Change in innovations P52W



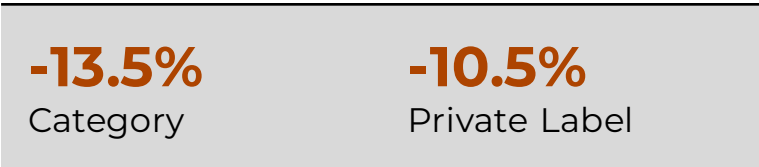
Food

% Change in innovations P52W



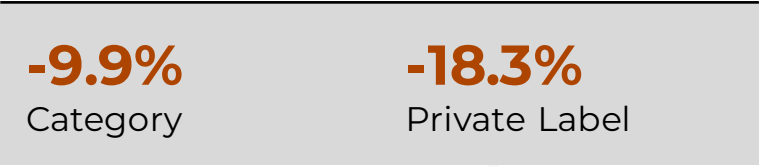
Personal care

% Change in innovations P52W



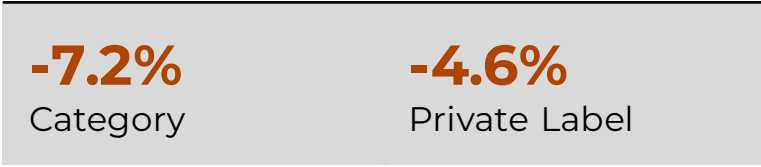
Baby care

% Change in innovations P52W



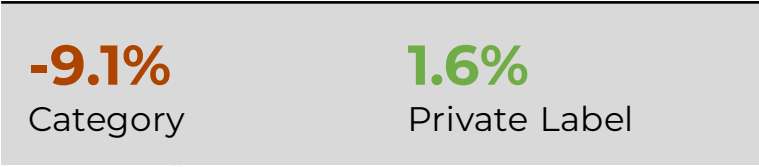
Home care

% Change in innovations P52W



Pet care

% Change in innovations P52W



Source: NielsenIQ BASES Innovation Measurement, Total US xAOC WE 9/15/2022

Innovators Grow Distribution and Command Premium Prices



Aggregate P3YR of Innovation Launches as of Jan 1, 2019 – Jan, 1 2022
Compare 2019 (“Pre-COVID”) vs 2020 vs 2021 (“Endemic-COVID”)

Innovators

Positive % change innovation launches vs 2019

- 94% increased TDPs (avg +9%)
- 88% grew \$ Share (avg +9%)

Non-Innovators

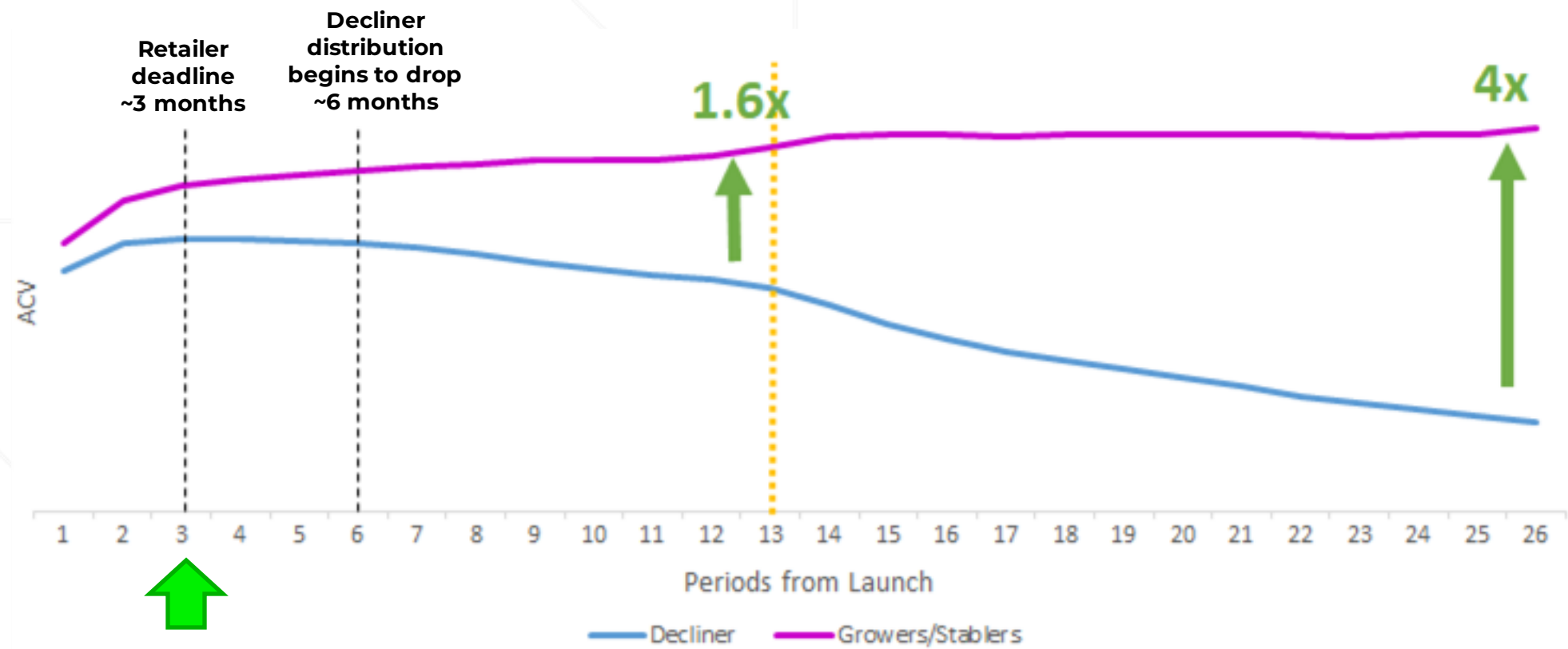
Negative % change innovation launches vs 2019

- 41% lost TDPs (avg -7%)
- 38% lost \$ Share (avg -11%)

Takeaway: Innovators maintain relevance with retailers and shoppers

Once launched, retailer timelines to stay on shelf are shortening

Avoid the tempting but very risky tactic of “launch and learn” to make adjustments after a short time period



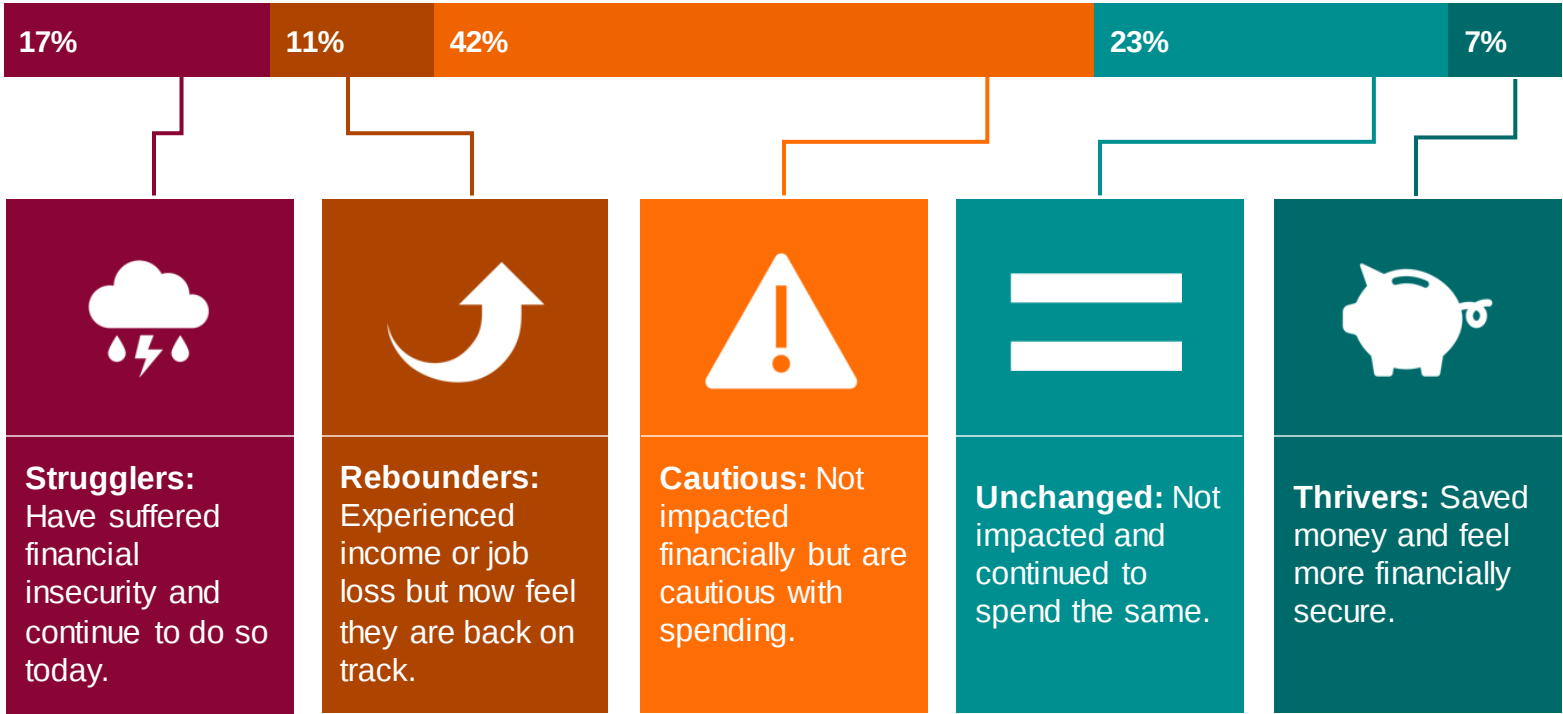
Source: Nielsen US ACV weighted distribution for new products across multiple categories (cold remedy, crackers, dry cat food, facial moisturizer, frozen entrees, laundry, potato chips, shampoo, shelf stable juice or drink, soft drinks, styling aids),

Wellness key to all consumer economics

Dec 2021



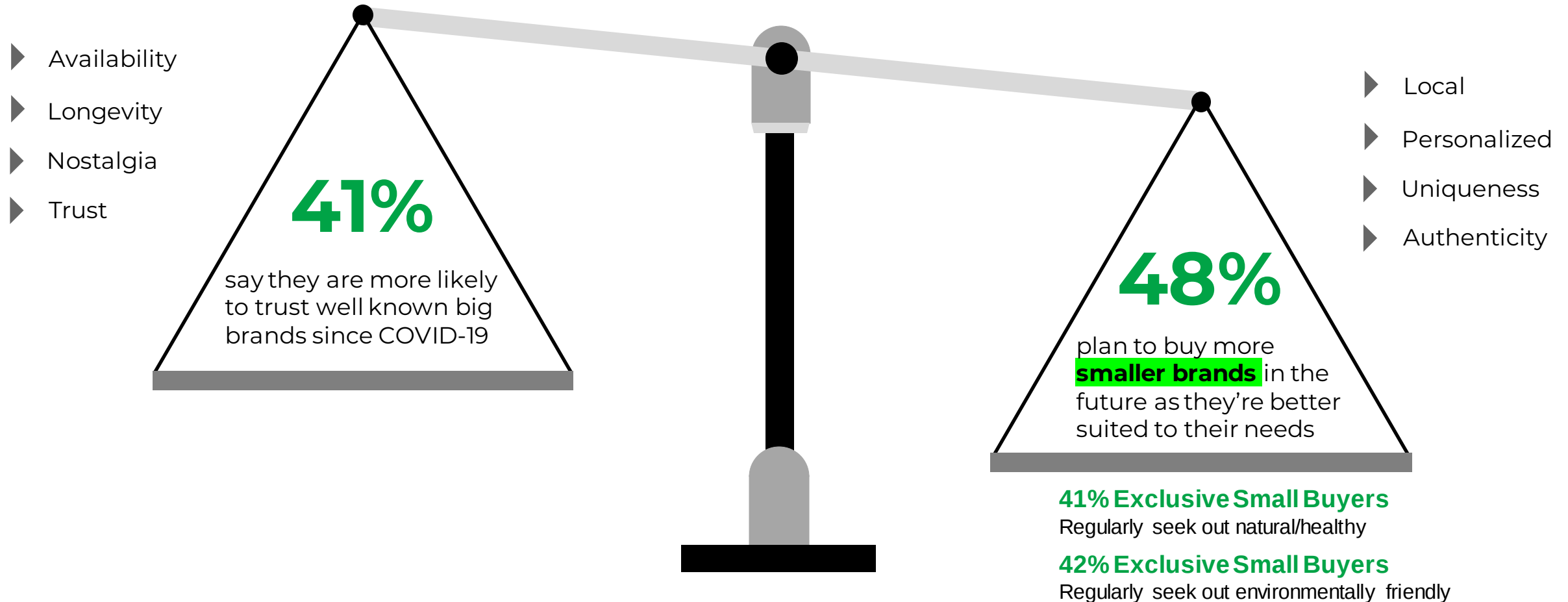
June 2022



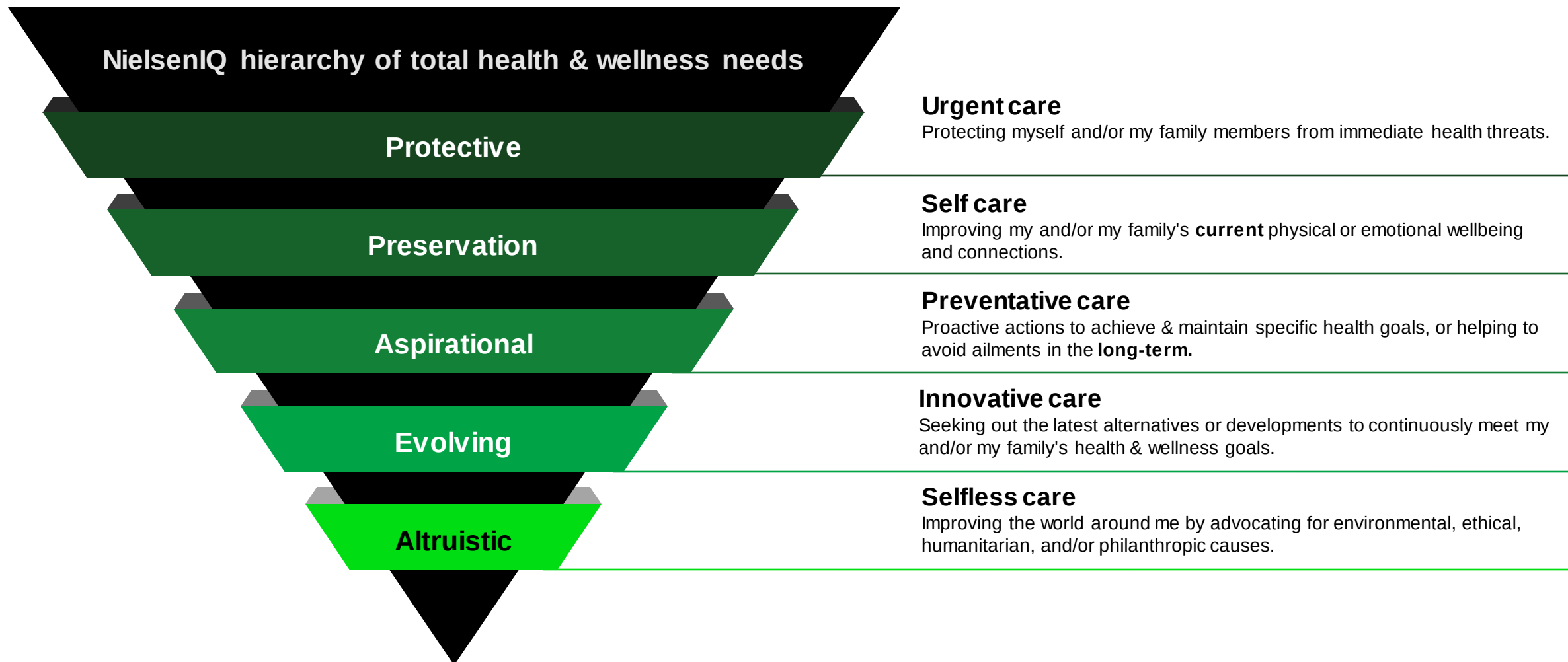
Source: NielsenIQ 2022 Consumer Outlook Survey, Dec 2021 vs June 2022
Q. Which of the following best describes how COVID-19 impacted your overall household financial situation over the last 2 years?

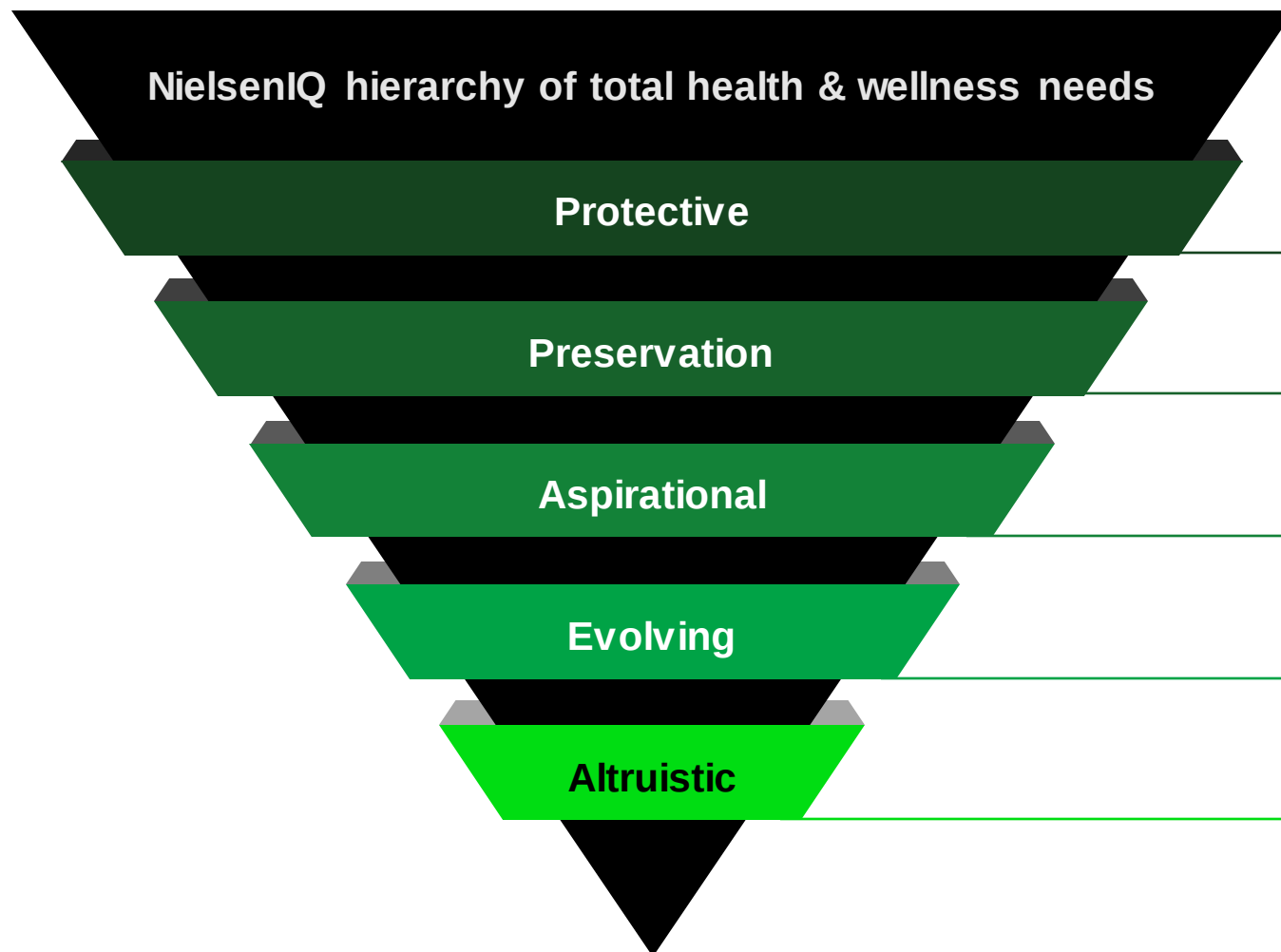
Diverging preferences in brand choice motivators and mindset of consumers

Surveyed consumers are divided in their preferences towards small vs. large brands



Total Wellness is a key growth trend





What to Watch: Key Growth Opportunities

Urgent care

- Increasing urgency to collectively solve key health crises (e.g., diabetes)

▪ **PRODUCT FORMULATIONS: SUGAR, CARBS, SODIUM**

Self care

- Expanded lens of wellness (digestive health, brain health, metabolic)

▪ **FOOD AS MEDICINE, CATEGORY LINES BLURRING**

Preventative care

- Flexitarian approach to wellness: *better, not always best*

▪ **CLEAN LABEL, PLANT-BASED, HEALTHY AGING**

Innovative care

- Customized health, new forms, "Both, and" – ancient wisdom and science

▪ **FUNCTIONAL INGREDIENTS, ADAPTOGENS, SUPERFOODS 2.0**

Selfless care

- Sustainability >> Regeneration for planet and people

▪ **SUSTAINABILITY/REGENERATION, SOCIAL IMPACT, DE&I**



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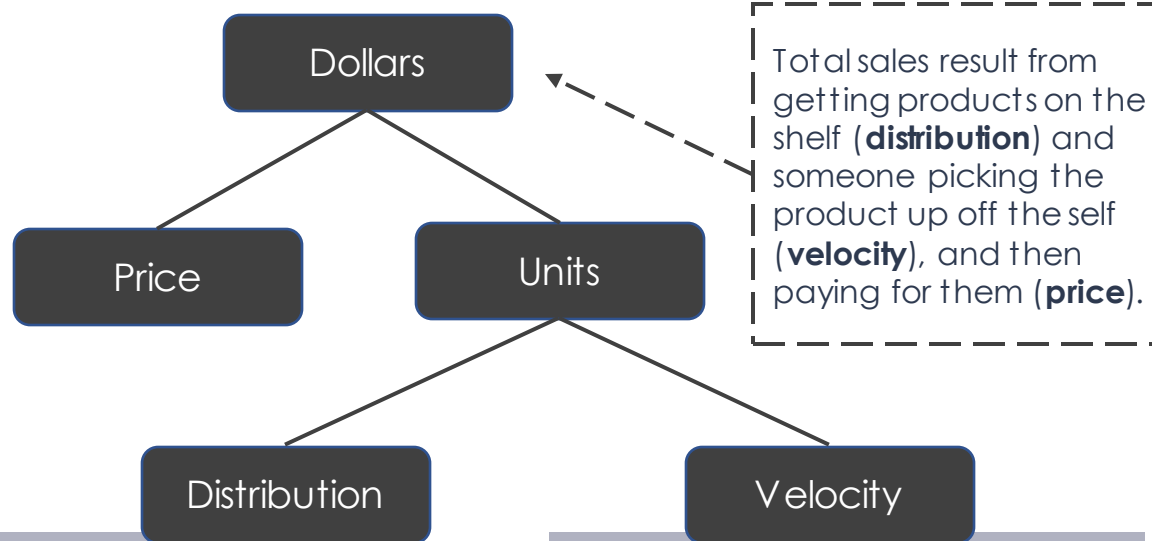
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Valuation Summary: Wide Spectrum of Valuations Possible Based on Brand's Performance in Each Valuation Driver

0-1x Net Revenue Multiple +3x		
	Low Multiple Brand	High Multiple Brand
 Brand Position	- Undifferentiated - Off-trend offering	- One-of-one product - Aligned with key consumer trends
 Historical Performance	- Plateauing growth / in decline - Little mainstream traction - Uncompetitive velocities	- Sustained 20%+ growth - Multi-channel success - Strong and growing velocities
 Growth Runway	- Small TAM; limited consumer demand - Unclear path for distribution gains	- Large TAM; high consumer loyalty - Obvious path to increase ACV and SKUs / door
 Operations/ MGMT Quality	- Short-term thinking focused on optimizing exit - Competitor-first decision making	- Long-term thinking focused on creating brand longevity/durability - Customer-first decision making
 Financial Profile	- Gross margin below 30% - EBITDA margin upside capped at 10% - Lack capital efficiency	- 40%+ gross margin - Breakeven; path to 20%+ EBITDA margin - Proven capital efficiency

Sell Through Data Components – The Foundation

Components of Sales



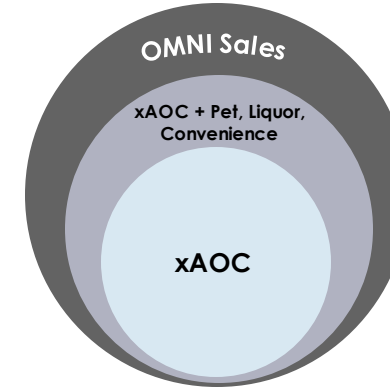
Measure distribution using:

1. **ACV: All Commodity Volume**
 - % of stores a product is in weighted by store revenue
 - Max 100-point scale
2. **TDP: Total Distribution Points**
 - # of points of sale across all stores selling

Measure velocity using:

1. **\$/TDP: Dollars per TDP**
 - Identifies which products are getting the most out of their shelf placement
 - Compares velocity of a set of items in the same geography

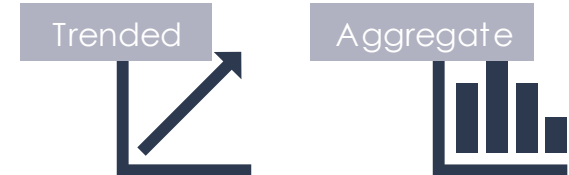
Other Data Attributes



xAOC: Food, Grocery, Drug, Mass, Club + Dollar Stores + Military DECA

OMNI: xAOC + Pet, Liquor, Convenience + Amazon and other.com

Time Period:



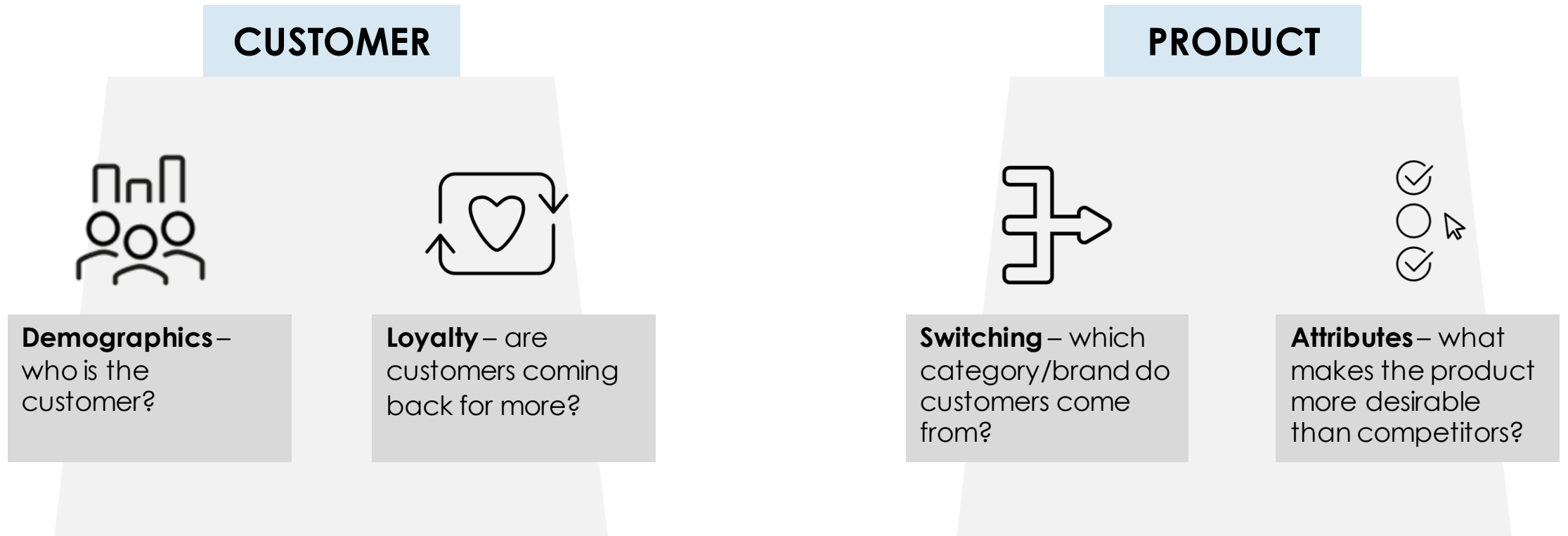
Marketing:



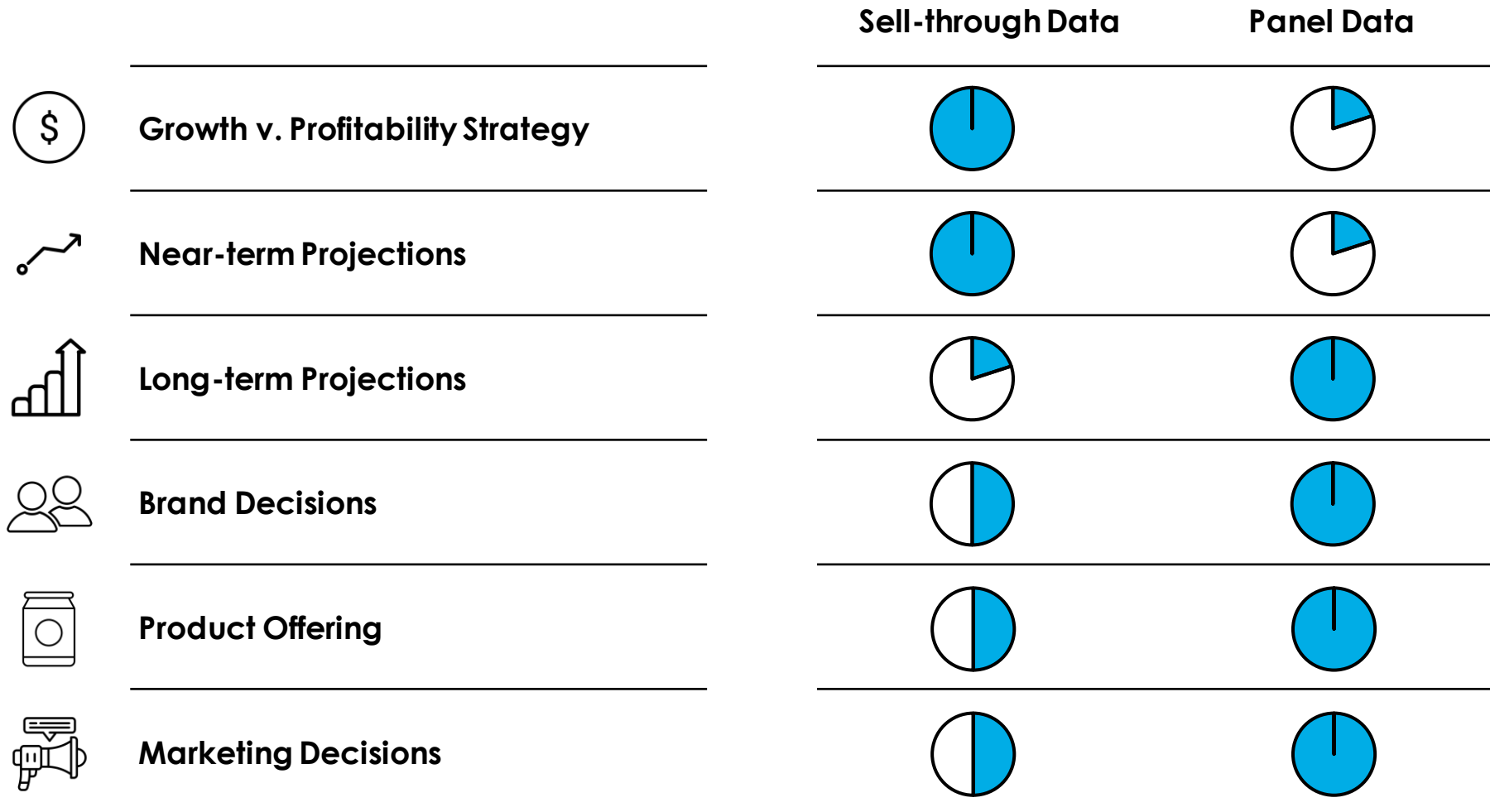
\$ Promo:

- Temporary price reduction to boost base sales long-term
- Ex: Feature ad, in-store display, or special pack

Panel Data is Complementary to Sell Through Data

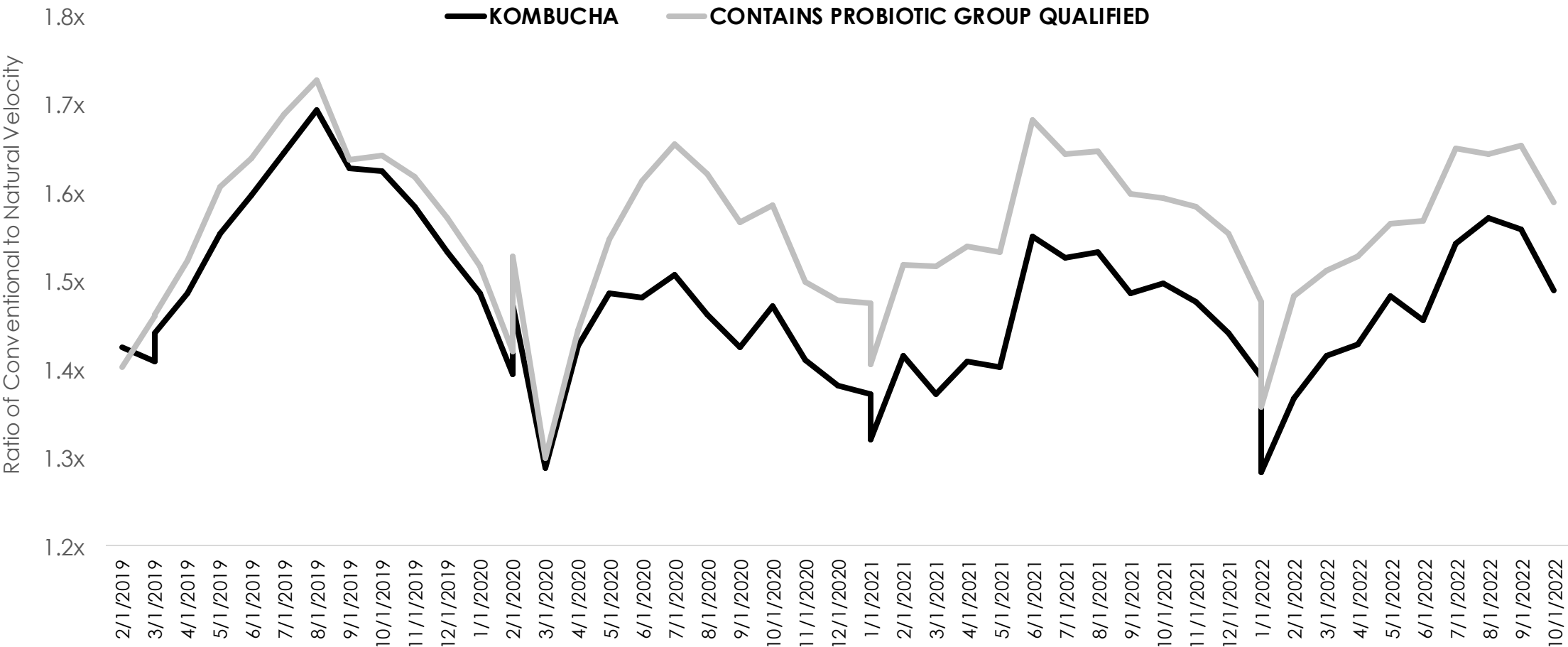


Data Enhances Valuation - Better Strategic Decisions and Projection Validation



Relative Velocity – A Tool to Measure Brand/Category Potential by Channel

Conventional to xAOC Ratio Can Reveal Brand Potential Beyond AOC



1. Nielsen IQ, \$/TDP of 4 Products in Total US xAOC, Total US Conv during 4 w/e 02/02/19 to 4 w/e 10/08/22

Alignment with Rising Tides Optimizes Growth, Capital Efficiency and Innovation

Rising tides are a powerful force for driving success in brands

#1

“Free” revenue growth

#2

Increased capital efficiency = more revenue = more margin and less capital

#3

Investors who align with rising tides get more capital from limited partners

#4

Large strategics have more confidence buying brands with secular growth

#5

More white space for innovation

Sustainability



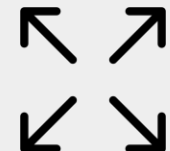
Diversity



Consumer Self Awareness

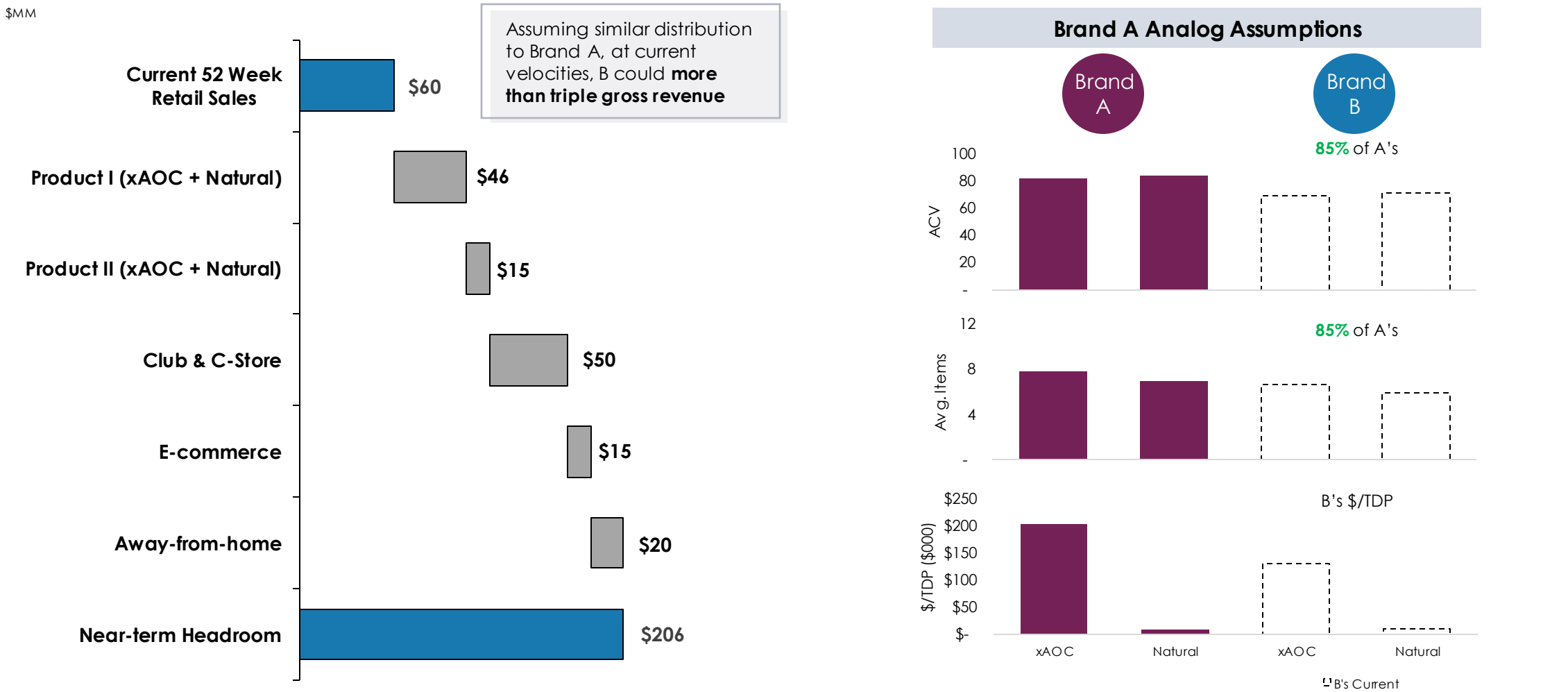


Broadening Consumer Base



Brand Headroom – How Large Can Your Brand Practically Be?

Brand B Possesses Near-term Runway to Become a \$200MM+ Brand¹



Key Insights from Sell-through Data Can Help Guide Business Decisions

Insight I:

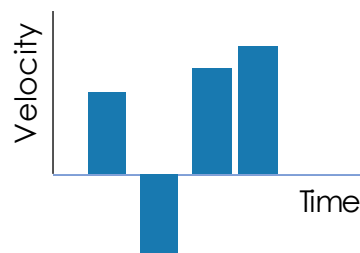


There is an inverse relationship between velocity gains and distribution gains

Double-click:

Growth in distribution needs to be balanced with investment in velocity growth

Insight II:



Increased brand block has a vastly different effect on velocity short-term v. long-term

Double-click:

In the short-term, one year post brand block, velocity declines; after one year, velocity grows and whole brand is lifted

Insight III:



Increases in brand block almost always lead to significant velocity gains for top SKUs

Double-click:

Brand block is a marketing engine - bigger shelf presence results in growth of awareness and sales

Insight IV:



Velocity dilution naturally occurs when brands reach 30-50% ACV – i.e. Company is now entering lower velocity retailers

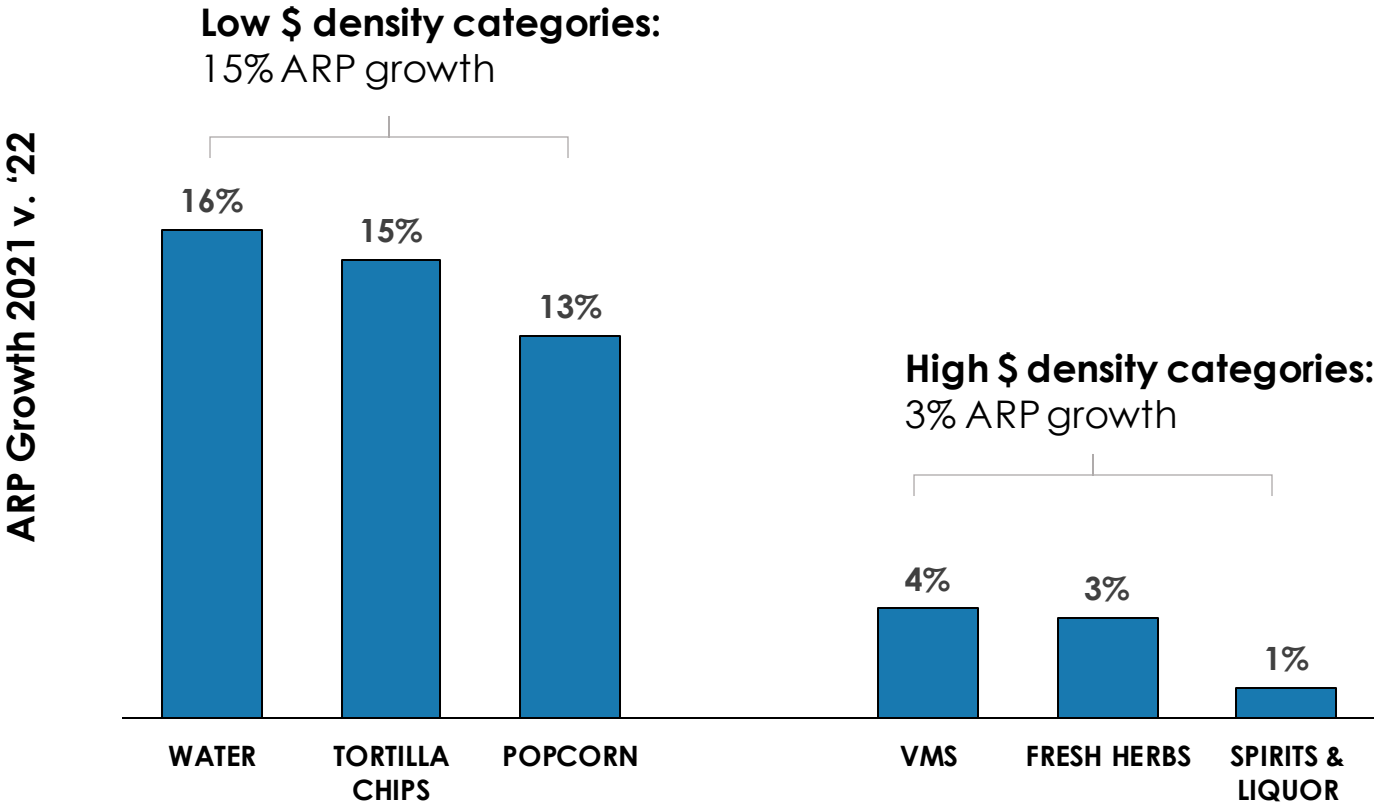
Double-click:

Brands require broader based marketing at higher ACVs to grow velocity

Inflation is Higher for Low Dollar Dense Brands

Brands with More Complex Supply Chains Likely to Experience Higher Inflation¹

■ YTD '21 v. '22



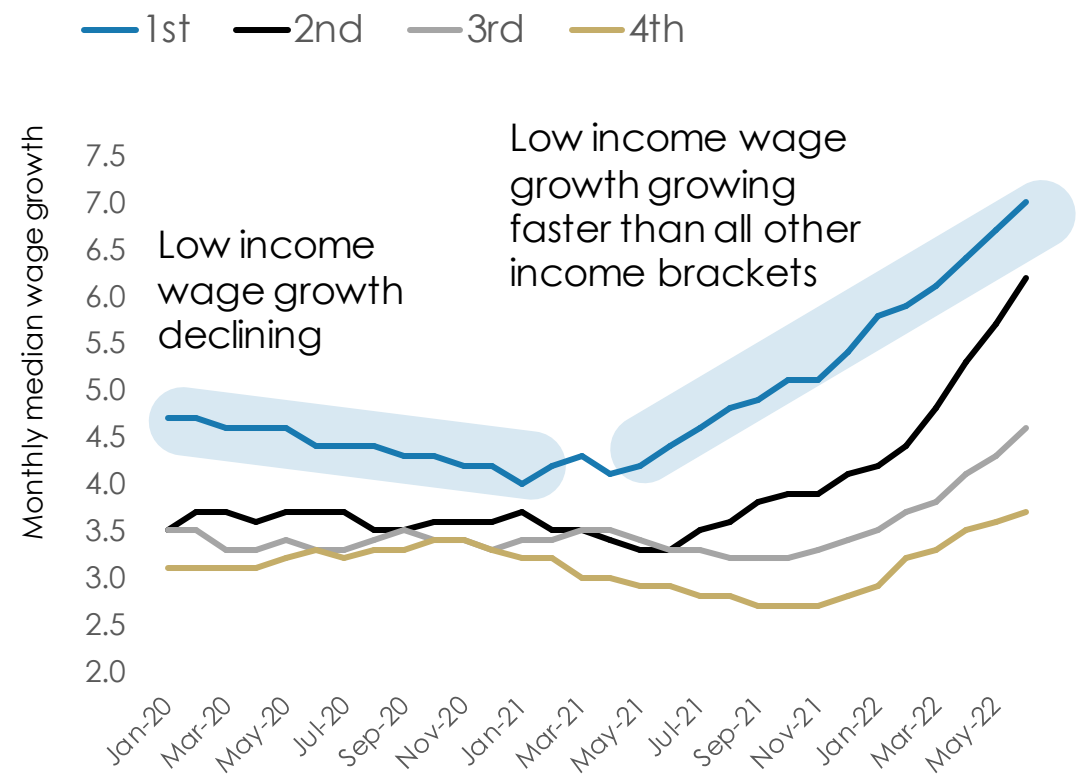
Inflation impacts low \$ density categories more than high \$ density ones due to supply chain inefficiencies

1. Nielsen, Total US xAOC, 52 WE 10/8/22

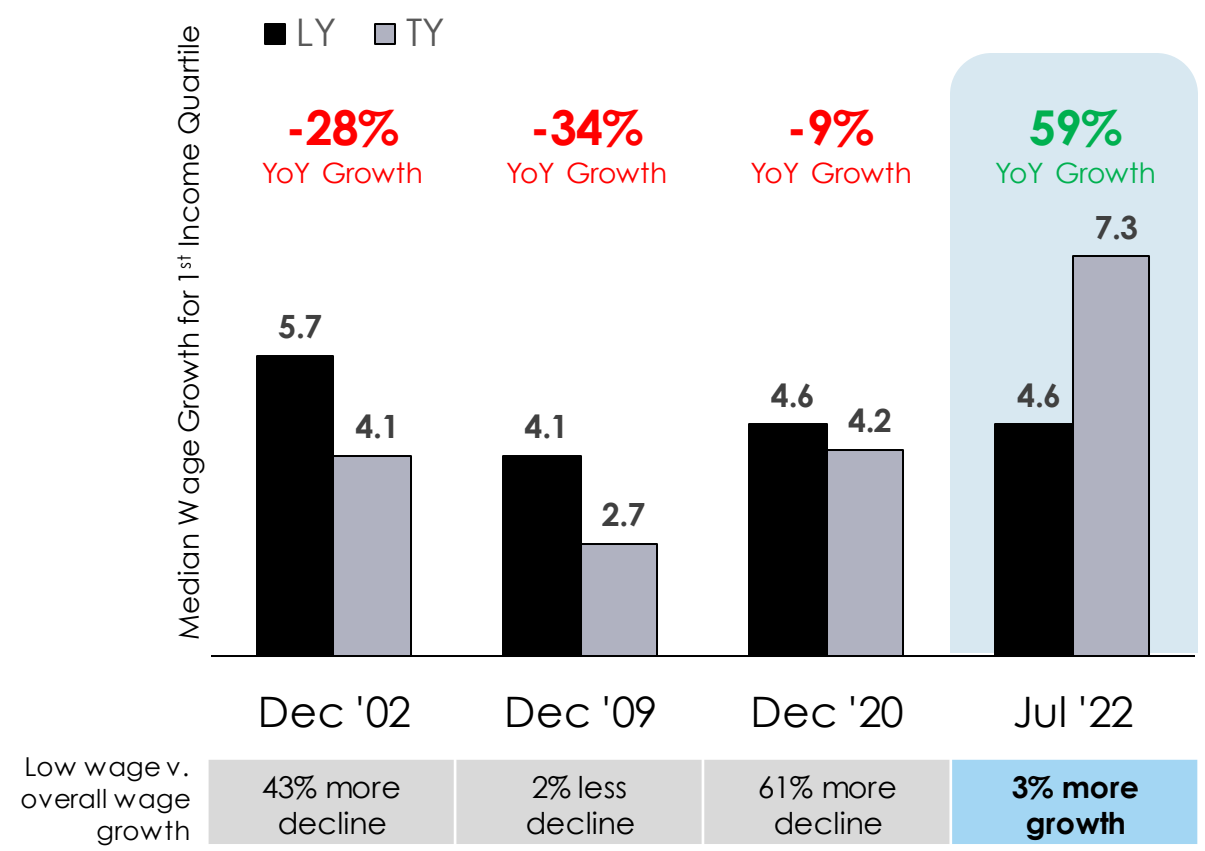
Low Income Wage Gains Provide a Unique Opportunity to Accelerate the Democratization of Wellness

Growth in Low Income Wages is Unique to this Recession

Monthly Median Wage Growth by Avg. Wage Quartile¹



Low Income Wage Growth Relative to Recession²



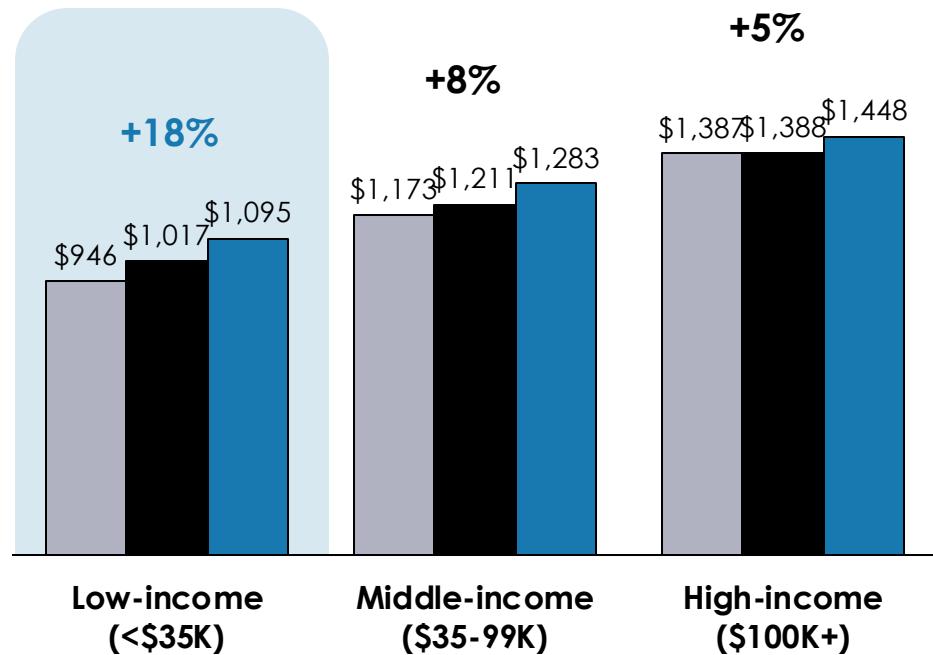
1. Bureau of Labor Statistics
2. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Low Income Spending on Food Has Increased with Wage Gains

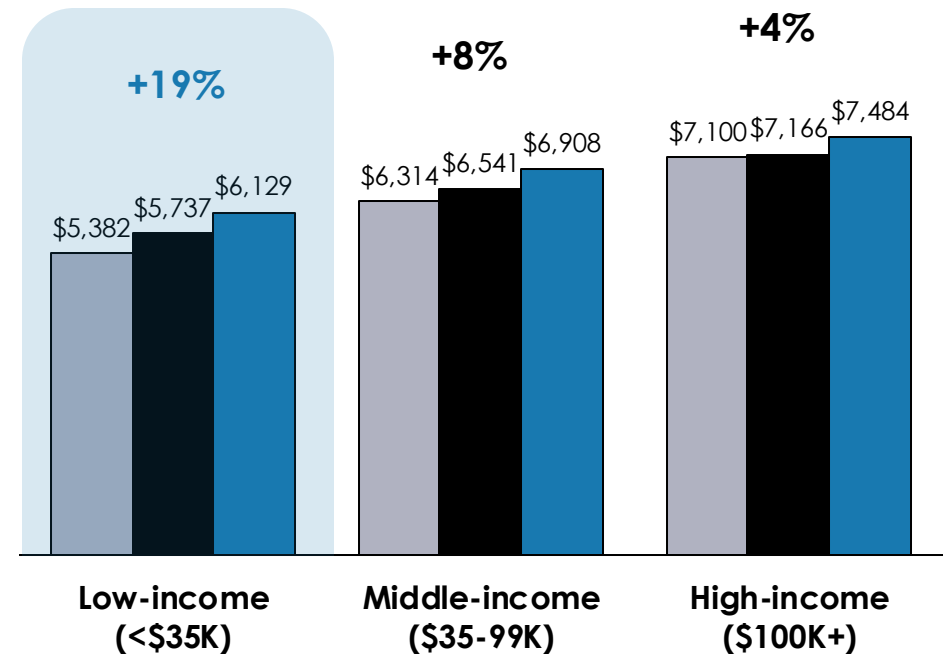
Opportunity to Advance the Democratization of Wellness by Capturing White Space

Total Sustainability Attribute Sales by Income:

■ 52 WE 10/24/20
■ 52 WE 10/23/21
■ 52 WE 10/22/22



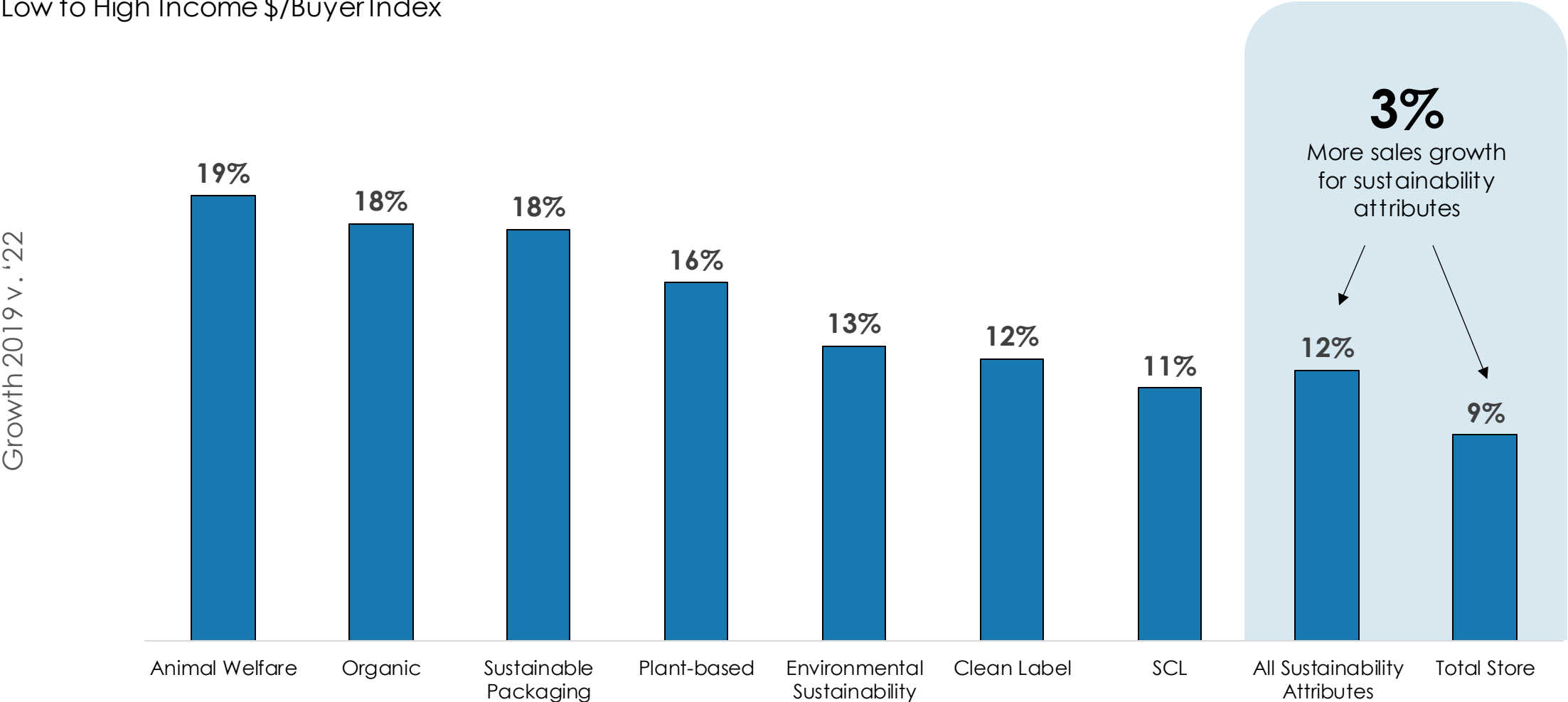
Total Store (by NPI) Sales by Income:



Low Income Consumers are Over Indexing in Major Sustainability Attributes

Sustainability-oriented Brands Are Winning Amongst Low Income Consumers

Low to High Income \$/Buyer Index

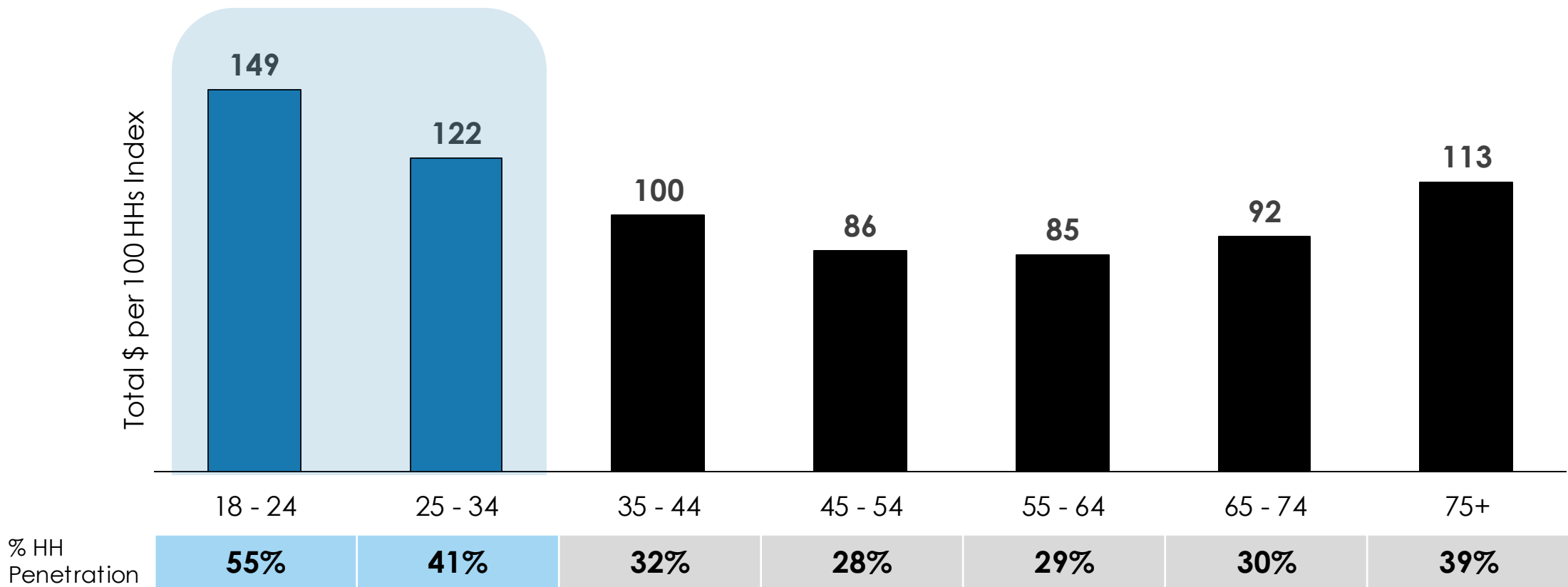


1. Nielsen Consumer Profiles, 3 ME Nov '19 v. Aug '22, Dollar Sales

The Youngest Consumers Are A Powerful Force for Sustainability in the Future

of Environmentally-conscience Low Income 18-34-year-olds is Greater Than All Other Age Groups – Currently Income-Limited Demographic On the Rise with Power to Shift Market In Upcoming Years

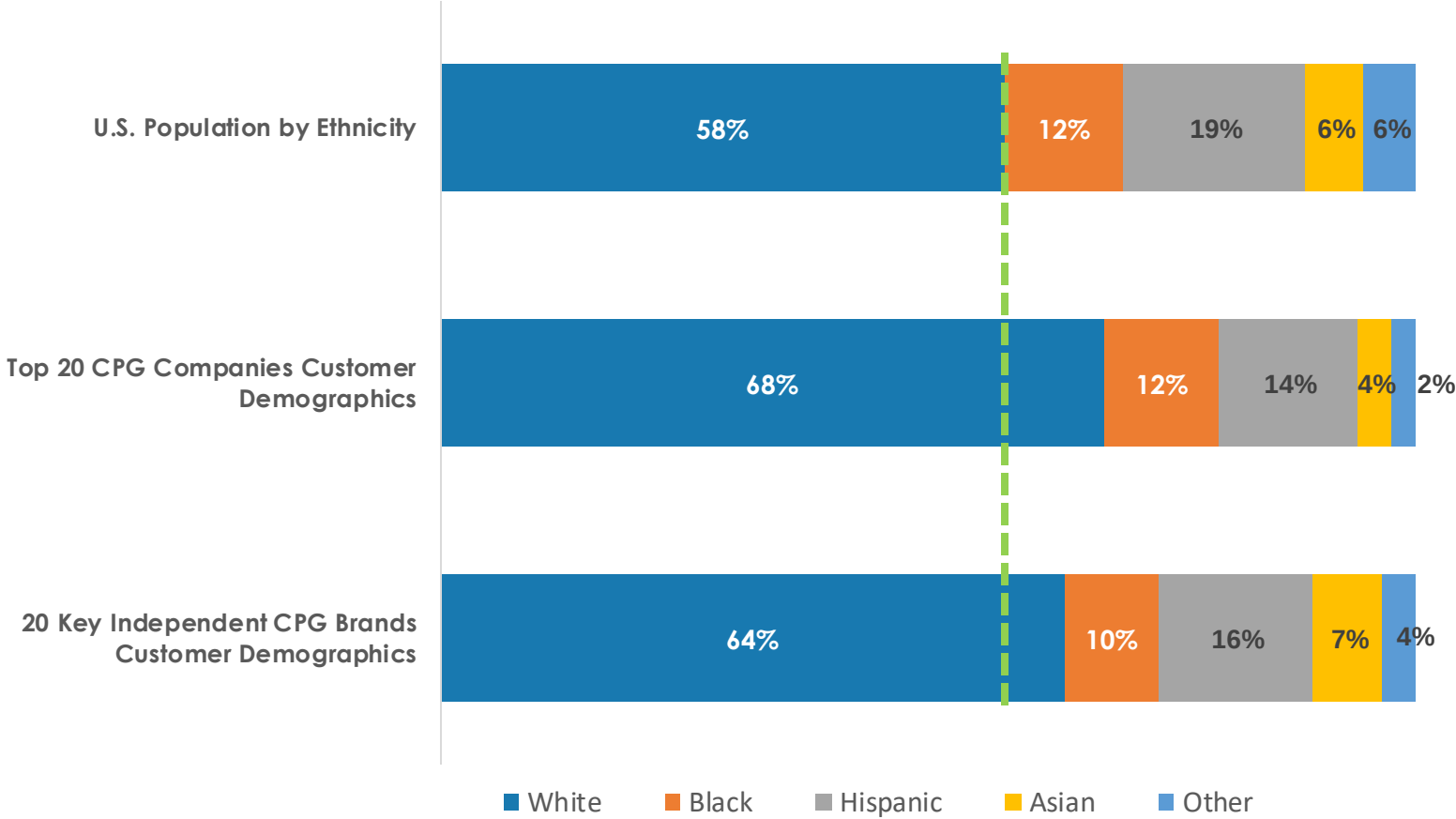
All Environmental Attribute Purchases by Low Usage Households



1. NielsenIQ, Total \$ per 100 HHs Index – Consumer Profile by Demographics May 2022 YTD Sales and 2021 Census

CPG Companies that Embrace Diversity of Thought Have Greater Growth

There is an Incremental Growth Opportunity By Aligning Customer Base with U.S. Population^{1,2}



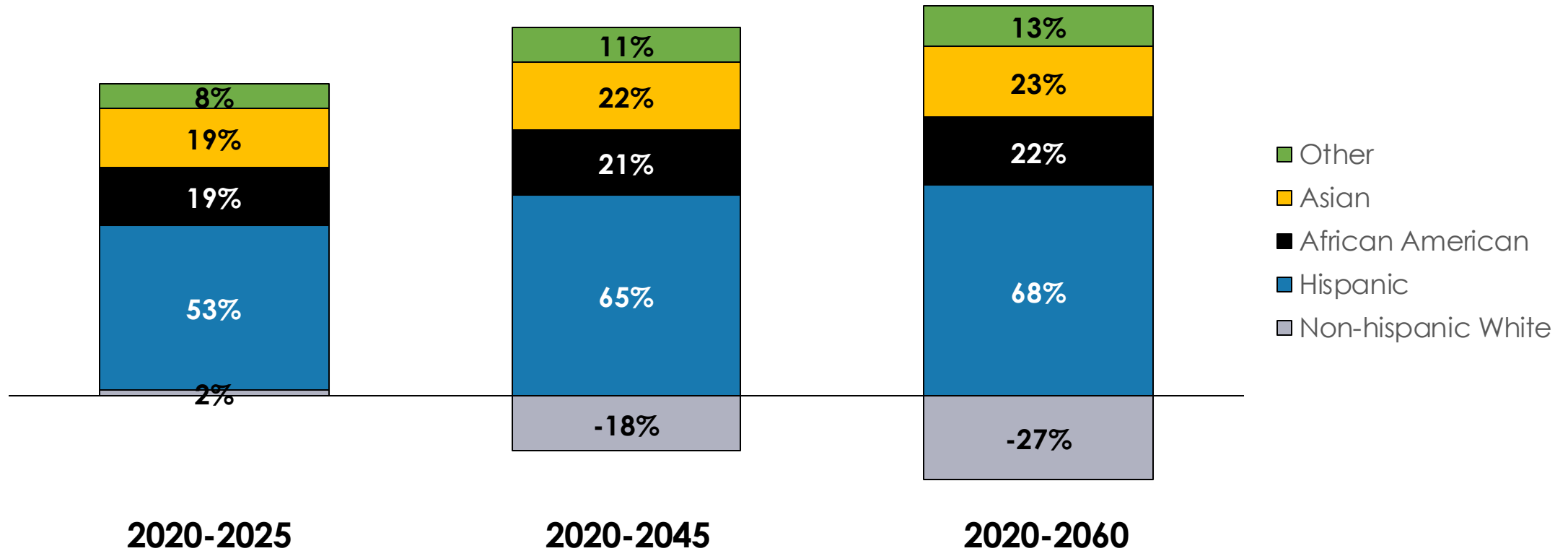
+13 pts
Faster growth for independent CPG companies with stronger consumer diversity¹

1. U.S. Census, 2020
2. NielsenIQ Retail Measurement Services, NielsenIQ Product Insight, powered by Label Insight, Total Store; Total US xAOC; 52 weeks W/E 08/27/22 vs 2YA

Population Growth Increasingly Driven by Non-White Ethnicities

Majority of Future Population Growth Driven by Hispanic Population with Asian and African American Following

% Contribution to Total Population Growth by Race/Ethnicity¹



¹) NielsenIQ, 2018 American Community Survey



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Actionable Data for Emerging Brands

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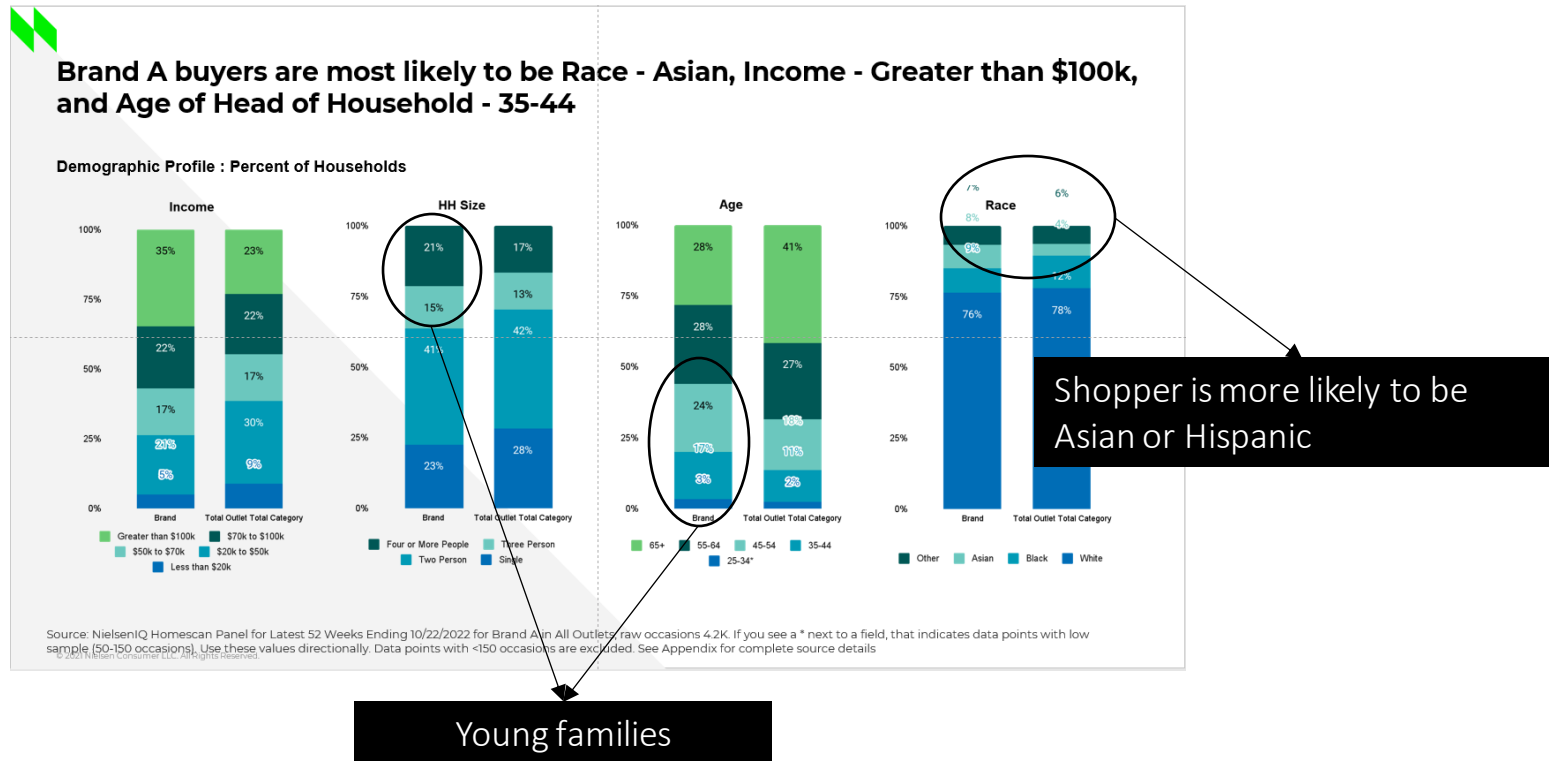
Are you ready for your next investor meeting?

- ❑ Who is your consumer?
- ❑ How is inflation impacting your category?
- ❑ What is the relationship between your growth in distribution and velocity?
- ❑ What is your brand's headroom?



Understand your consumer

Panel data showcases consumer purchase trends and demographics



Shopper Snapshot Story

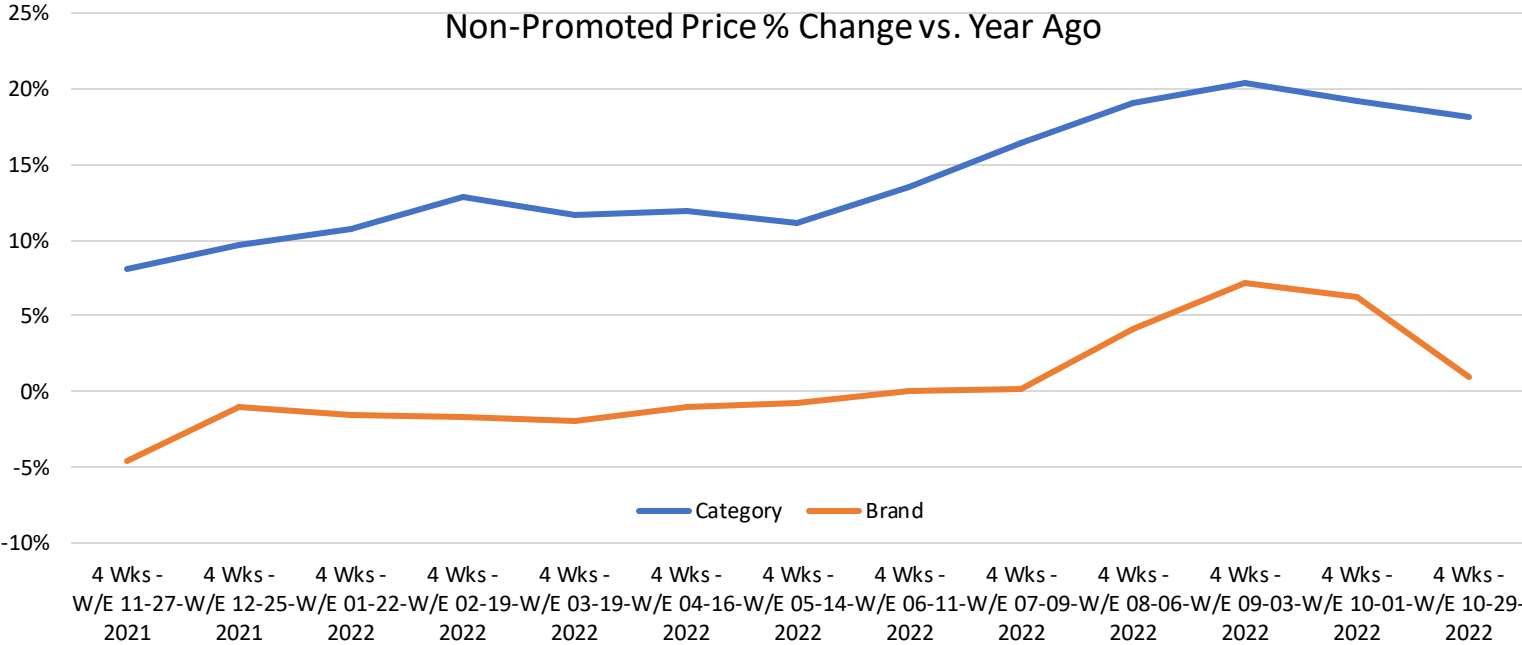
Stories are PowerPoint presentations generated in minutes on the product, market and period of your selection.

Understand your shoppers or prepare for your next category review minute with automated insights. Save hours creating slides and analyze data.

How price is changing for your brand and the category

Benchmark price to the category

Market Name	Focus Product Price	Focus Product Price % Change vs. Year-Ago	Category Average Price	Category Average Price % Change vs. Year-Ago
South Region FMCG Retailers	\$4.39	2.0%	\$3.15	14.3%
West Region FMCG Retailers	\$4.59	1.3%	\$3.45	14.1%
Northeast Region FMCG Retailers	\$4.35	0.2%	\$3.48	13.7%
Midwest Region FMCG Retailers	\$4.52	3.1%	\$3.28	15.1%



Market Performance

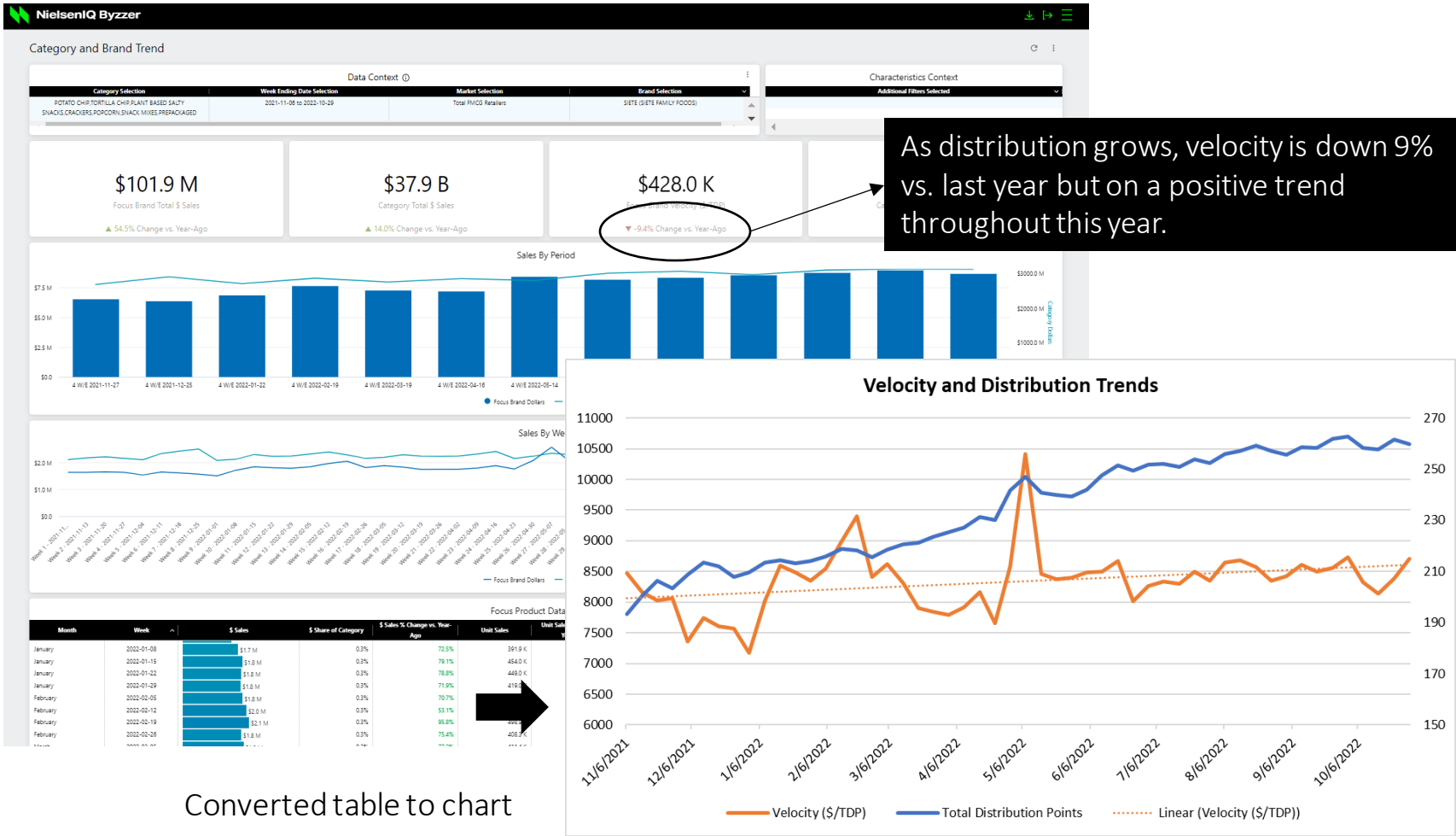
The Market Performance report compares your product's performance in key retailers and geographies to overall category performance, revealing trends

Data On Demand

Extract to excel the exact products, markets, time periods and facts you need to measure the market

Clarify the how distribution growth is slowing your velocity

Identify if you are at a critical mass in distribution or have room to grow



Category & Brand Trend

The Category and Brand Trend Report helps CPG brands compare their product's weekly sales volume and distribution levels to their category's

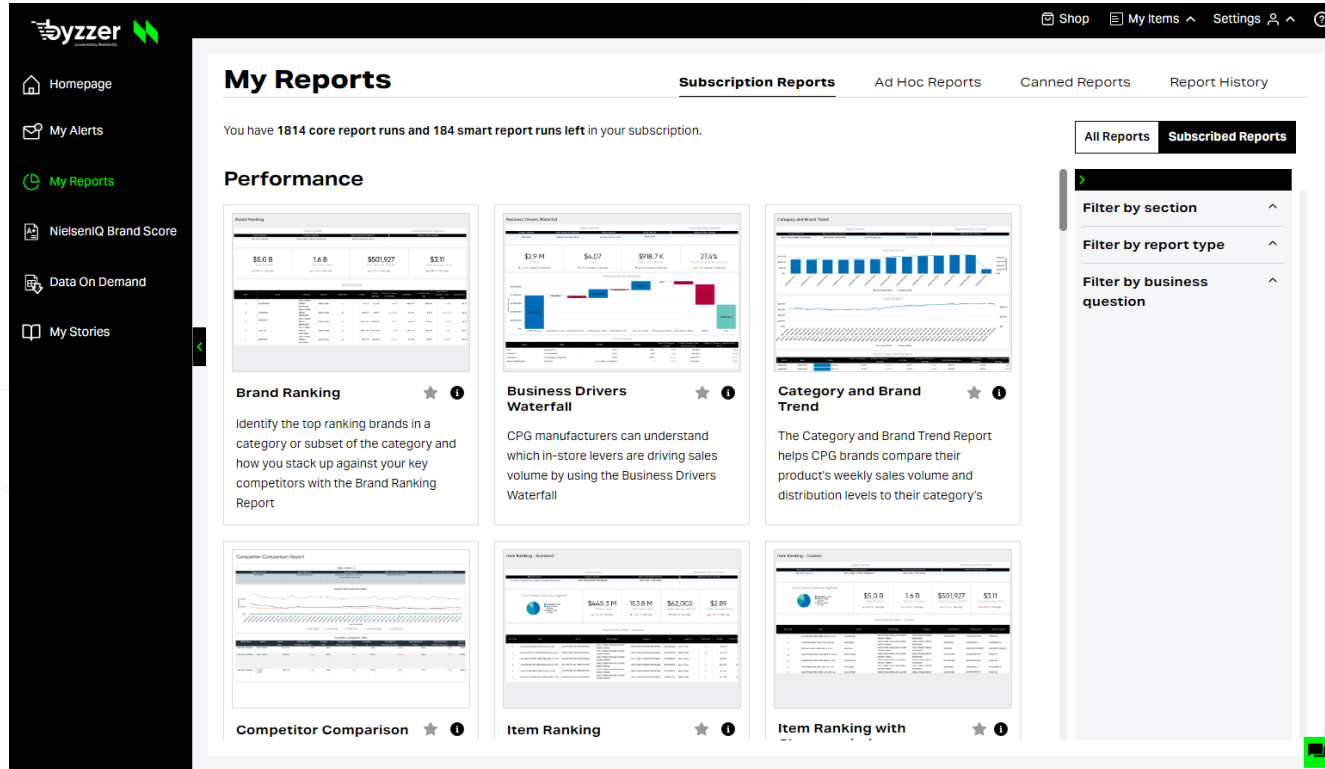
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Grounding your headroom in facts

Headroom	How to use	Report
Distribution	Where can you expand to increase your sales? What are the expected sales at those new retailers?	Market Opportunity
E-Commerce	How are your competitors doing online and therefore what is your potential?	Omni Sales Performance*
Competitors	What are other brands like you doing that if you increase your distribution, velocity, or to new categories you could match their performance?	Brand Ranking

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