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## DM growth outstrips most ATL channels



Media	Q1 2025 year-on- year % change	2025 forecast year-on- year % change	Percentage point (pp) change in 2025 forecast vs April	2026 forecast year-on- year % change	Percentage point (pp) change in 2026 forecast vs April
Search	12.3%	9.4%	1.2pp	7.0%	0.2pp
Online display*	10.1%	9.2%	0.0pp	6.8%	-0.1pp
TV	-2.1%	-0.9%	-1.8pp	4.0%	0.0pp
of which VOD	5.4%	10.1%	-7.0pp	14.1%	0.6pp
Out of home	1.0%	3.1%	0.4pp	4.1%	-0.2pp
of which digital	1.6%	3.7%	0.5pp	5.5%	-0.3pp
Online classified*	-7.6%	-4.7%	-2.5pp	-2.5%	-1.6pp
Direct mail	3.6%	-1.6%	2.1pp	-2.0%	0.2pp
National newsbrands	-8.2%	-5.0%	-1.7pp	-0.7%	0.6pp
of which online	-4.5%	-1.7%	-2.5pp	0.9%	0.2pp
Radio	0.4%	1.2%	-0.6pp	2.1%	-0.2pp
of which online	16.4%	12.2%	7.2pp	5.5%	1.7pp
Magazine brands	-11.1%	-6.8%	-1.5pp	-1.9%	0.5pp
of which online	-13.9%	-6.4%	-1.9pp	-1.2%	0.2pp
Regional newsbrands	-6.8%	-4.4%	-1.0pp	-0.5%	0.6pp
of which online	2.6%	0.8%	-0.1pp	1.6%	0.2pp
Cinema	19.2%	9.0%	1.9pp	2.2%	-1.8pp
TOTAL UK ADSPEND	8.0%	6.8%	0.4pp	5.6%	0.0pp

Note: Video-on-demand (VOD), digital revenues for newsbrands, magazine brands, and radio are also included within online display and classified totals. Online classified also includes revenues for national and regional newsbrands, as well as B2B magazine brands. Care should be taken to avoid double counting these series. Online radio includes targeted in-stream radio/audio advertising sold by UK commercial radio companies, together with online S&P inventory. TV VOD includes broadcaster (BVOD), advertiser-funded (AVOD) and subscription (SVOD) services which include advertising.

Source: AA/WARC Expenditure Report, July 2025

#### In H1 2025:



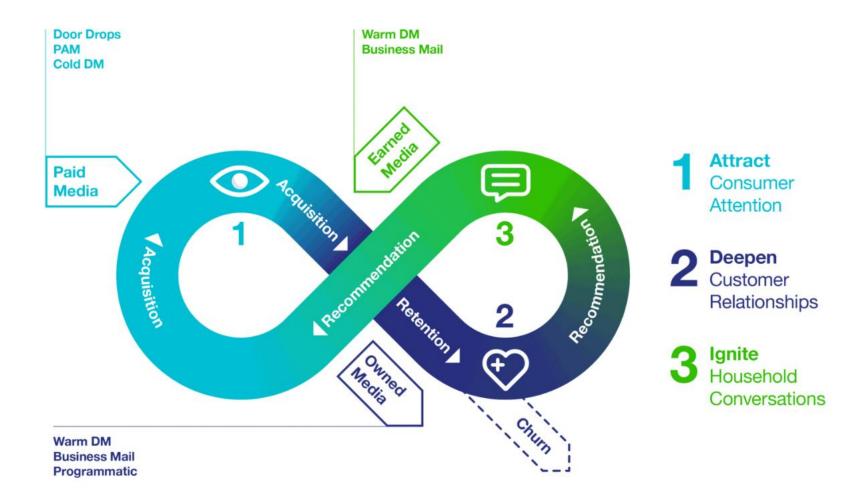
Direct Mail items tracked

Door Drop items tracked

Volume growth for DM and Door Drops year-on-year

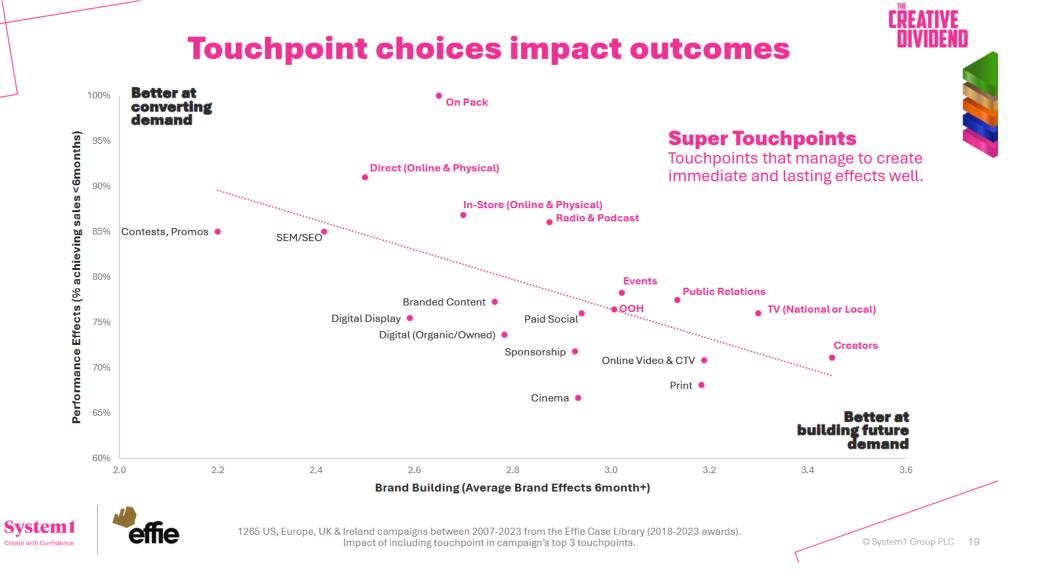


Source: Nielsen Ad Intel Q1-Q2 2025



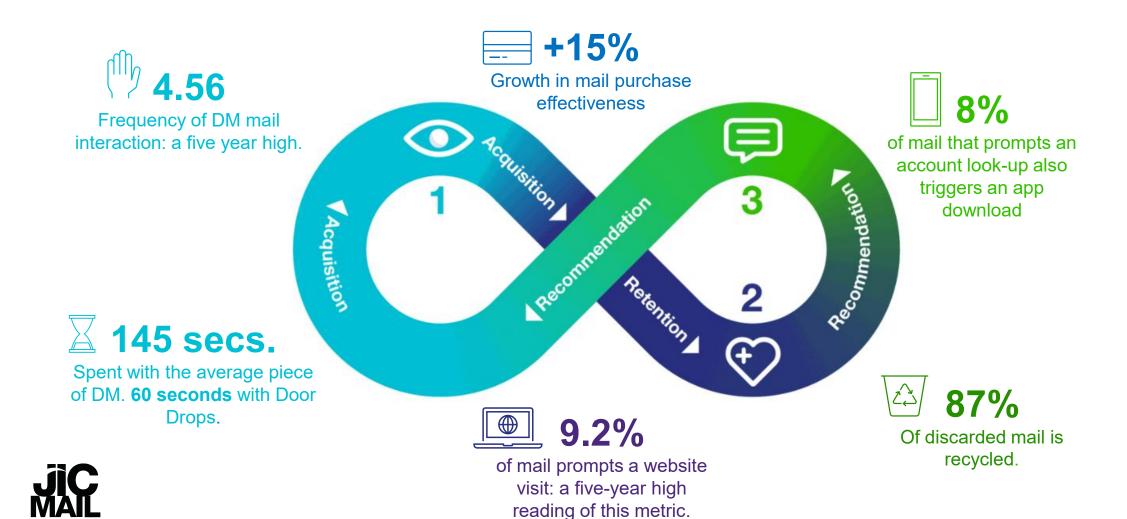


#### The language of Super Touchpoints is catching on



#### Mail's Super Touchpoint Strengths in Q2 2025

Mail Media Metrics



#### **Mail Engagement Q2 2025**

## Reach, Frequency, Lifespan and Attention

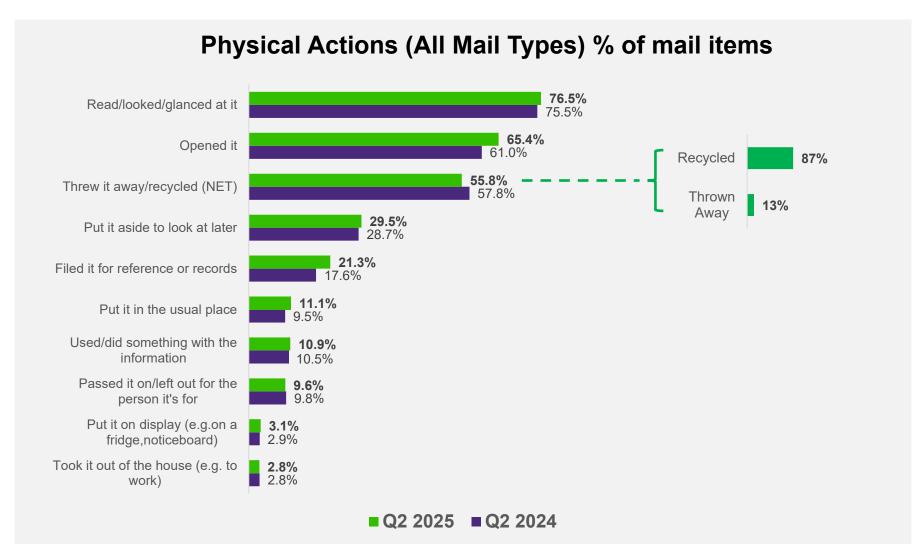


#### Mail read, open and retention rates all up year on year in Q2 2025 <sub>9</sub>

Nearly all key physical actions with mail grew in Q2 2025, with read rates continuing on an upward trajectory and open rates steadily climbing for the last figure quarters.

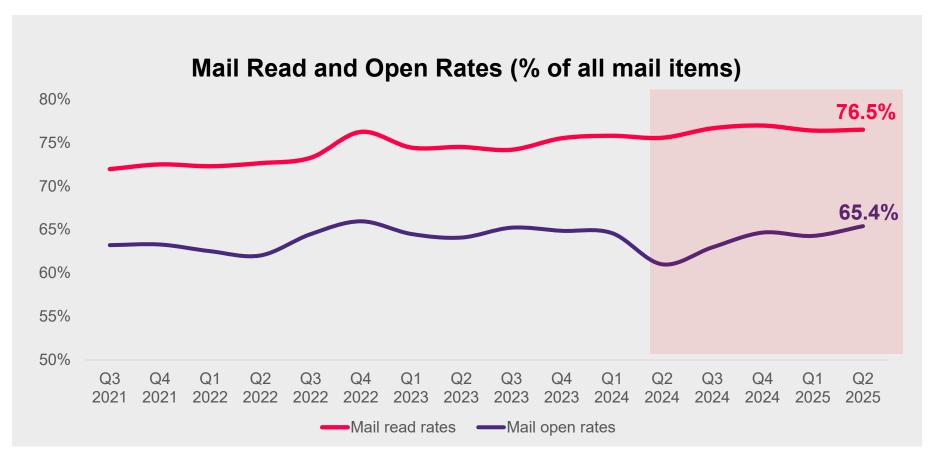
The amount of mail put aside to look at later and filed away, points to the desire among consumers to retain key advertiser comms delivered via the mail channel.





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# Mail read rates continue on a long-term upward trend, while open rates have been steadily increasing across the last year

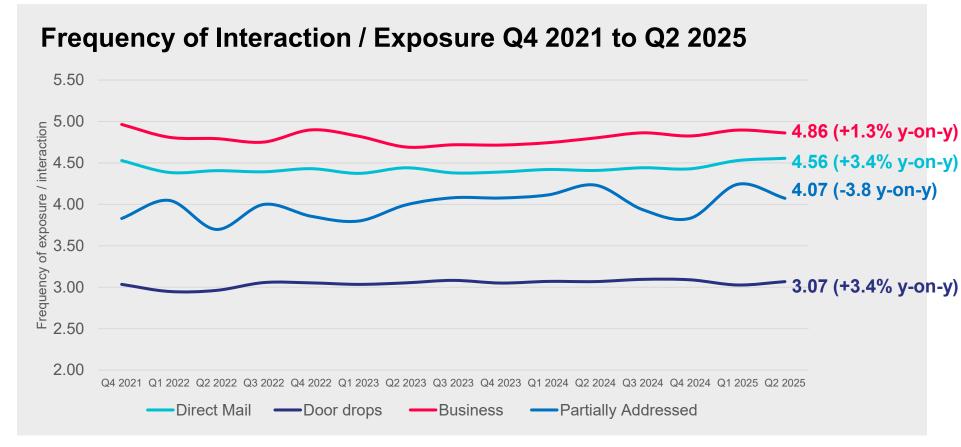




Source: JICMAIL Item Data Q3 2021 to Q2 2025 n=169.620 mail items

## Mail frequency of interaction across 28 days up across all core mail types

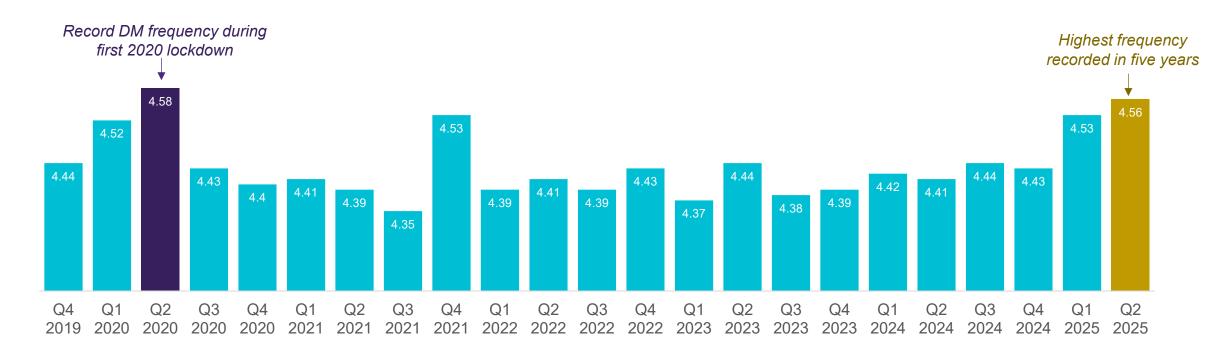
Those who invested in the Direct Mail channel in Q2 2025 saw the rate at which mail items converted into ad impressions increase by 2.6% year. This is the highest interaction rate recorded since the last record set in the covid era in Q2 2020.





Source: JICMAIL Item Data Q4 2021 to Q2 2025 n=159.218 mail items

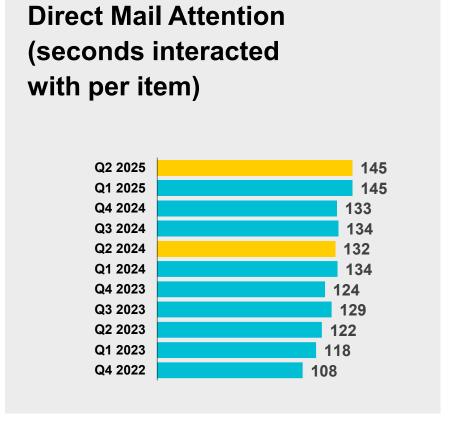
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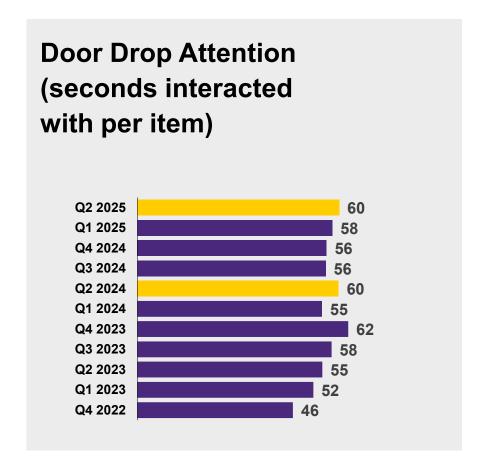




## Direct Mail attention increased by 13 seconds per item year on year in Q2 2025

The average Direct Mail item was interacted with for 145 seconds by anyone in the household across a 28 day period in Q2 2025, and the average Door Drop for one minute.



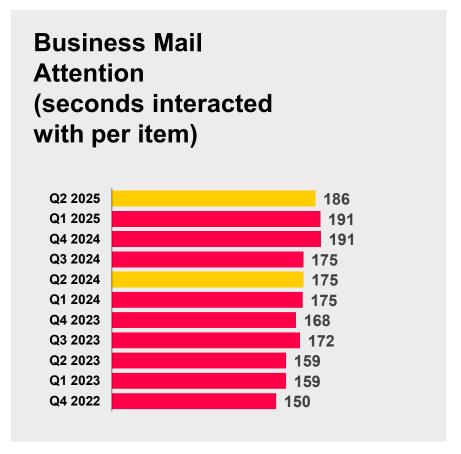




Source: JICMAIL Item Data Q4 2022 to Q2 2025 n=114.492 mail items

## Business Mail attention increased by 11 seconds per item year on year in Q2 2025

The average Business
Mail item was interacted
with for 186 seconds by
anyone in the
household across a 28
day period in Q2 2025.







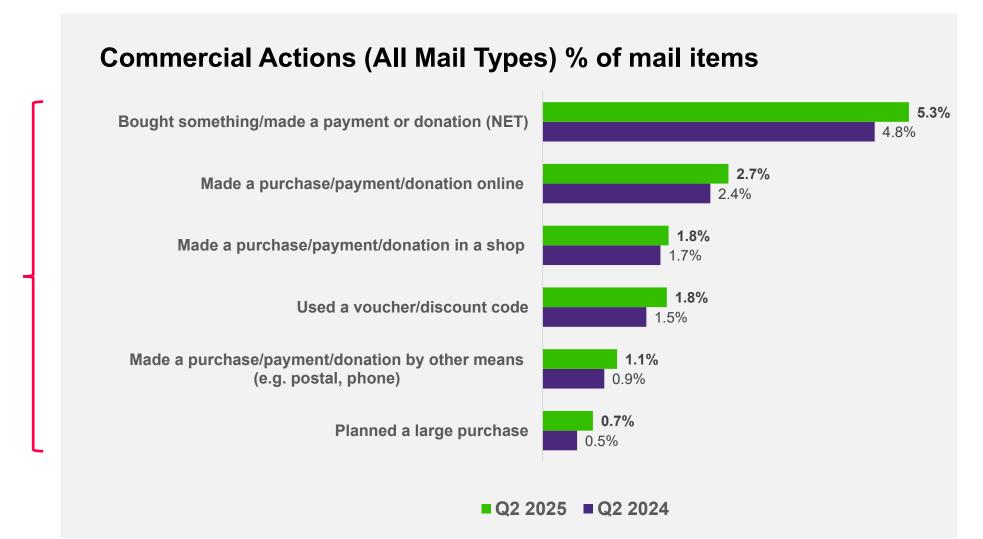
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#### **Mail Effectiveness Q2 2025**

## Mail's Super Touchpoint Strengths



Customer Acquisition



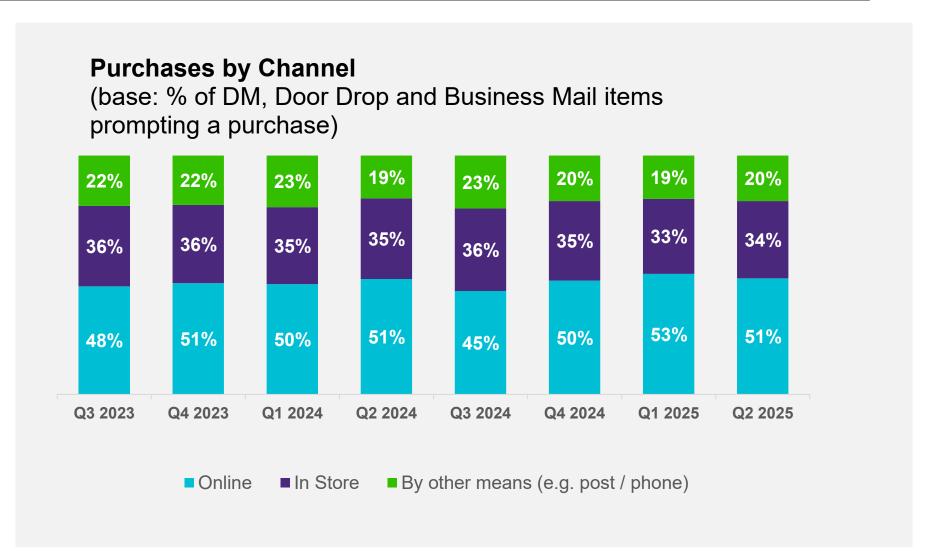


#### The majority of purchases prompted by mail are transacted online

However, the 34% of purchases that are transacted in store continues to demonstrate that mail still has a significant footfall effect for bricks-and-mortar retailers.

In addition, with one fifth of purchases transacted by post or phone, mail continues to prove its impact in driving omni-channel shopping experiences.

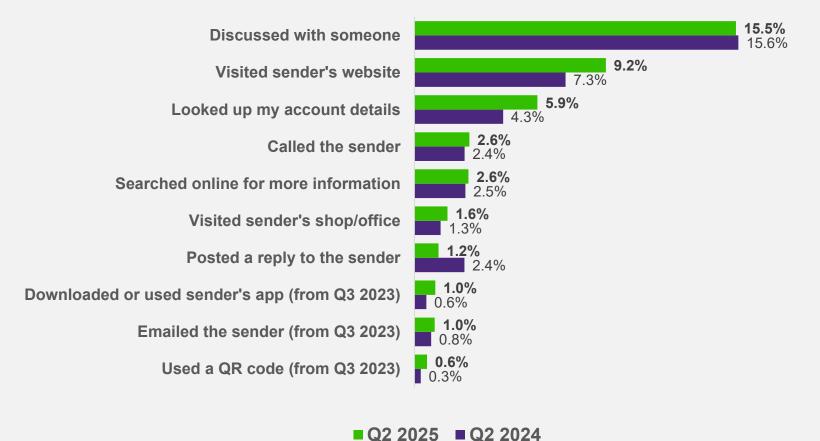




## Significant growth in website visits and account detail look-ups prompted by mail in Q2 2025

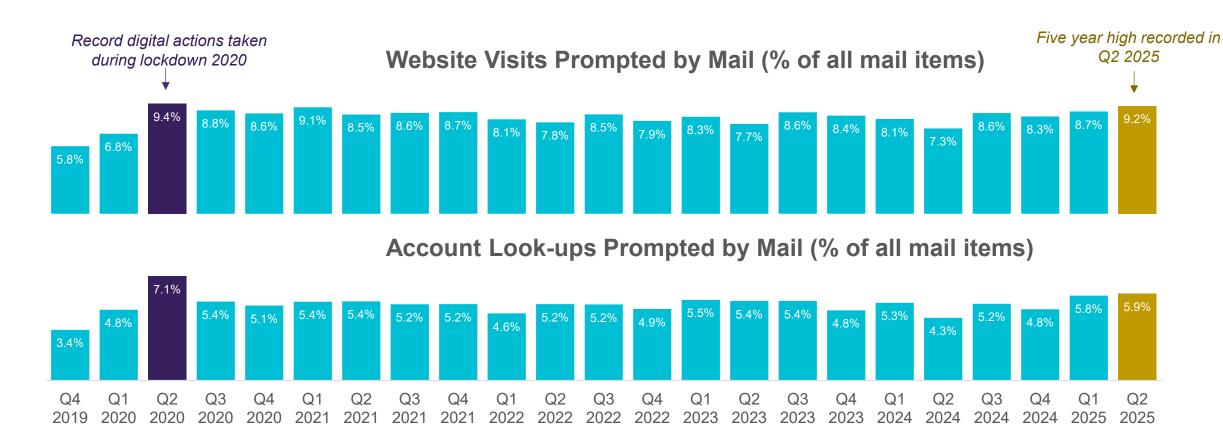
Customer Retention and Recommendation

#### Commercial Actions (All Mail Types) % of mail items





#### Key digital actions driven by mail at a five-year high





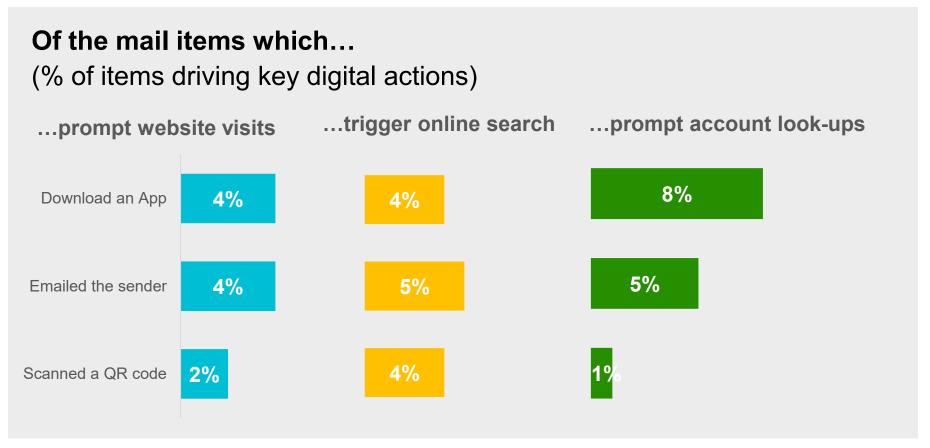
## Website visits and account look-ups are linked to other key digital customer engagement actions

8% of the mail which triggers an account look up also triggers the download of an app.

4% of mail that prompts a website visit also prompts an email to the sender.

Online searches are particularly effective at driving emails to the sender and QR code scans.



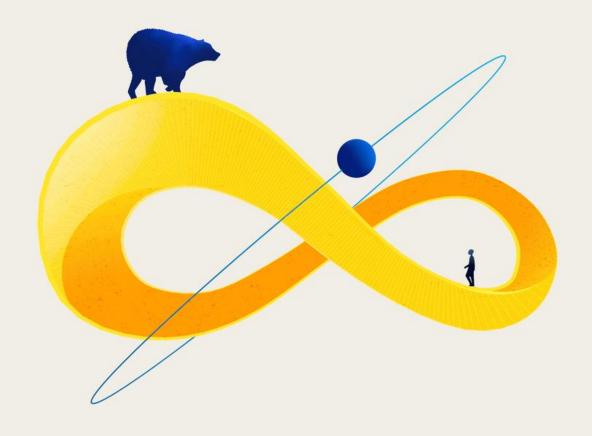


Source: JICMAIL Item Data Q3 2023 to Q2 2025 n=10,011 Direct Mail, Door Drop and Business Mail items which drive website visits, searches or account look-ups





# THE LONG AND SHORT OF LOYALTY







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#### **Transactional Loyalty**

Short term effects

# The Power of Loyalty



#### **Emotional Loyalty**

Long term effects

### It only works if it all works



### Can we put a value on it?



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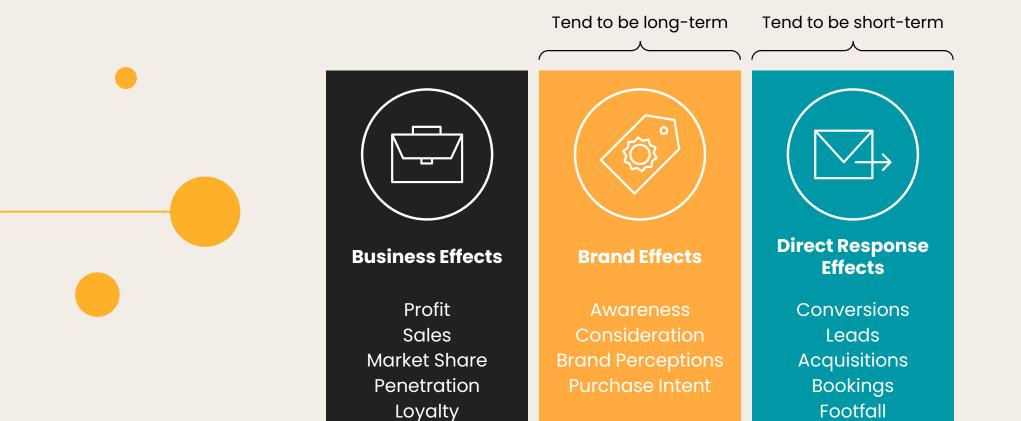
#### OBJECTIVE

## How does loyalty contribute to overall marketing effectiveness?

The source for this analysis is the DMA Effectiveness Databank – a database built on 1,720 DMA award entering campaigns running from 2017 to 2024.

A cohort of 100 awards entries which specifically cite the usage of loyalty data in their campaigns have been used as a proxy for loyalty.

### What effect do you want from loyalty?

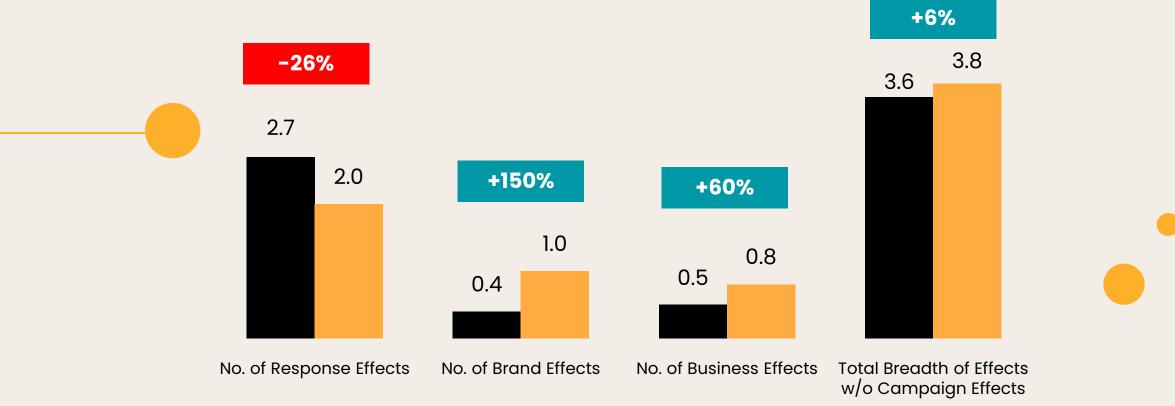


**Price Sensitivity** 

VCCP

# The loyalty pivot from short to long is real

Effectiveness of loyalty centric campaigns over time (Number of effects per campaign)



2017-20212022-2024

VCCP X DMA THE LONG AND SHORT OF LOYALTY

# SO WHAT DOES LOYALTY DATA BRING TO THE BRAND-BUILDING PARTY?





# In a simplified world, brand building works though...

Upper Funnel Effects

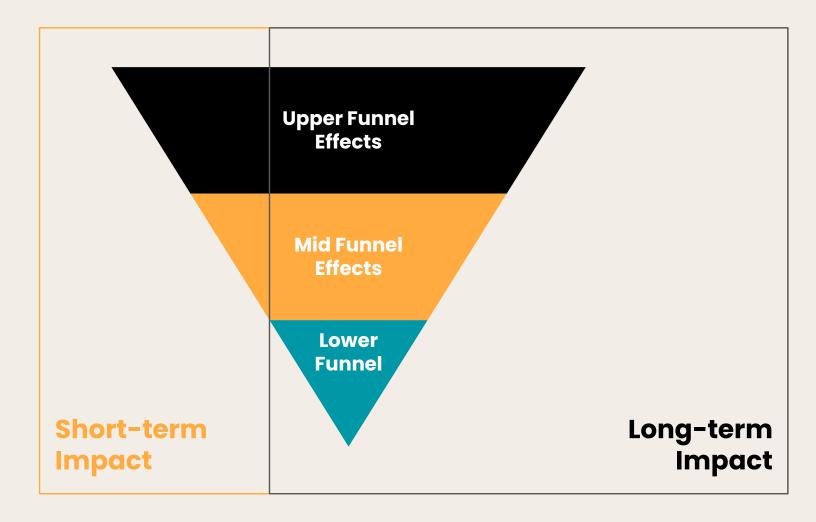
Brand Awareness, Mental Availability:
Getting more potential buyers in the top
of the funnel

Mid Funnel Effects **Brand Persuasion, Consideration, Favourability, Perceptions:** Changing how people think and feel about the brand

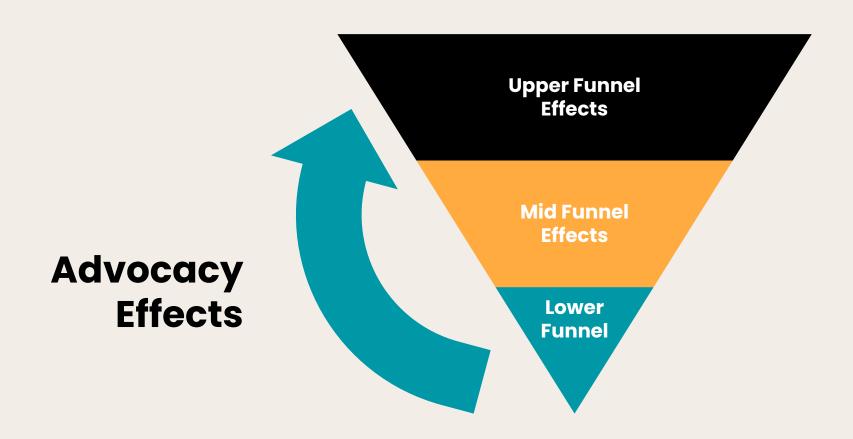
Lower Funnel

**Purchase Intent, Usage Intent:** Getting people to say that they are more likely to buy the brand next time around

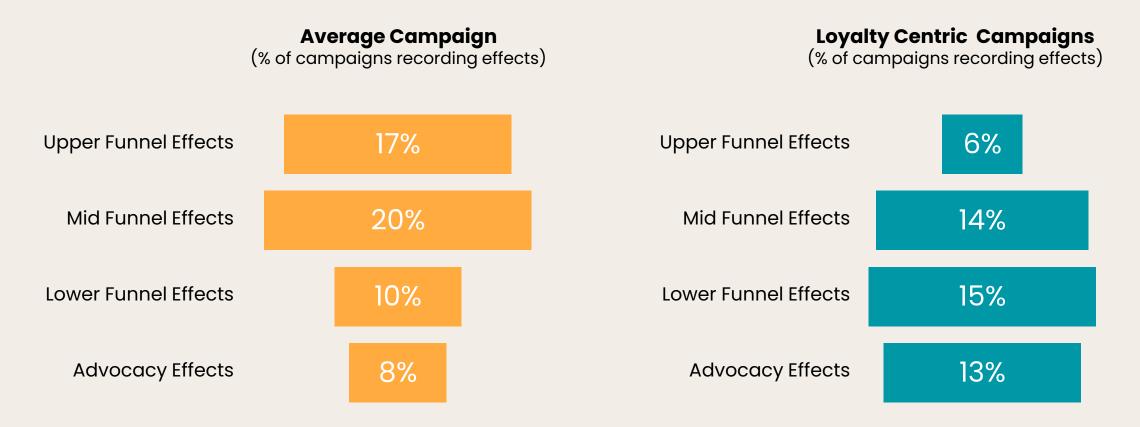
### A lot of brand building is about stimulating future demand



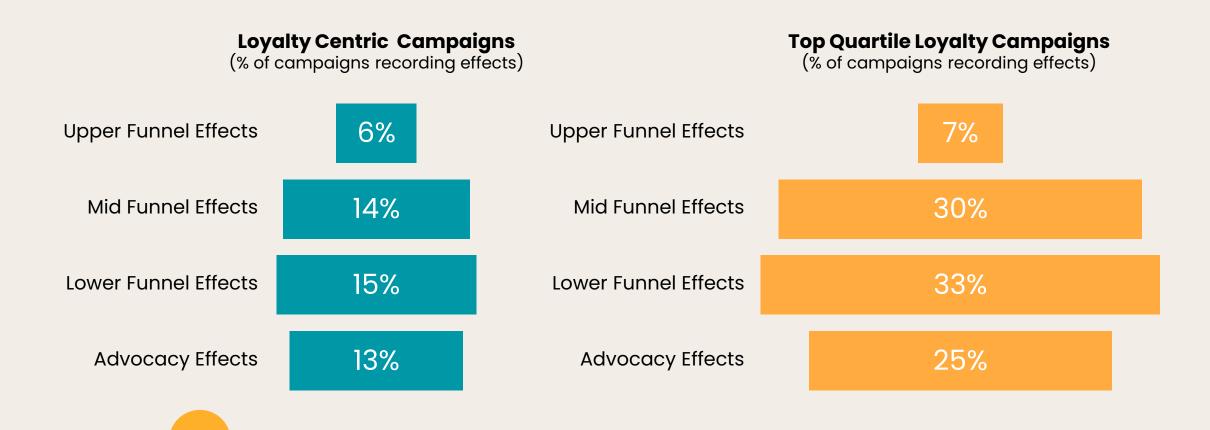
#### If you get brand building right, buyers will become advocates and contribute to upper funnel objectives



# Loyalty campaigns show significant mid and lower funnel brand impact



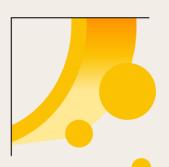
#### Loyalty superbrands work even harder



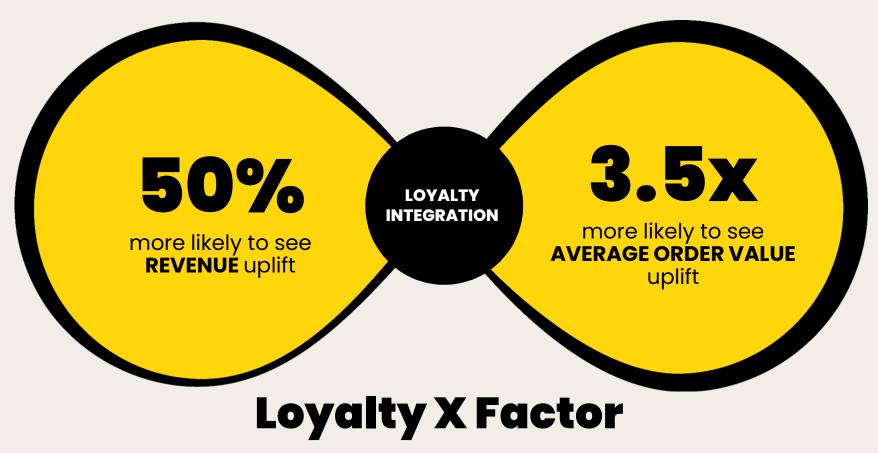


### We see a significant multiplier effect for loyalty integration





# Accompanied by important revenue effects



# Top 20 Brands with the Loyalty X Factor







































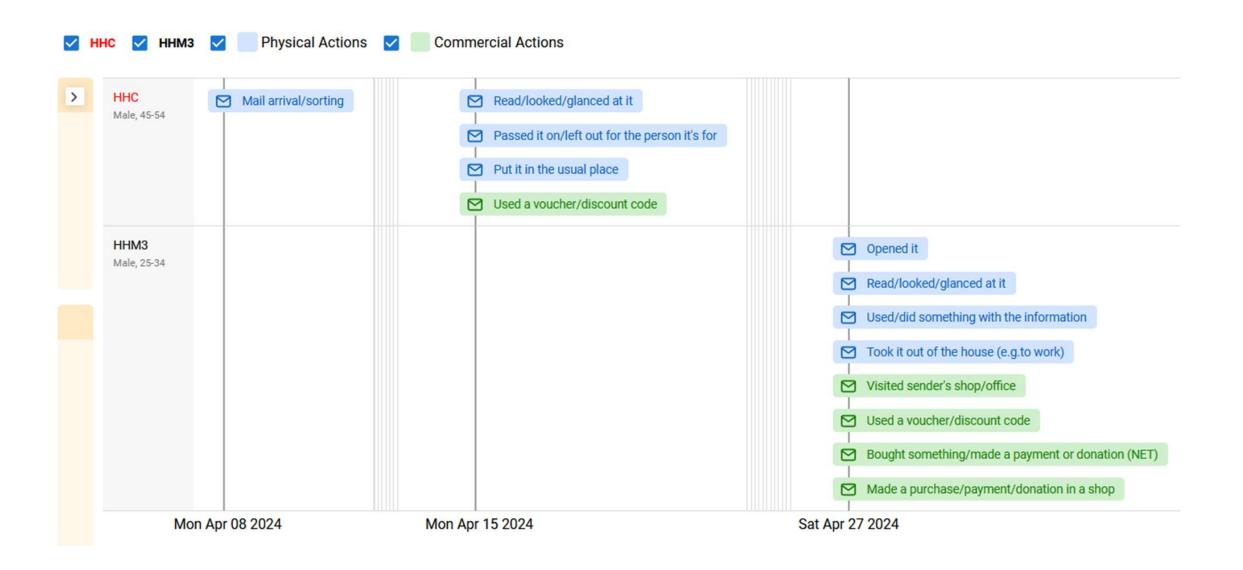


#### Many of these brands have used mail to grow loyalty





#### Loyalty mail that is shared in home and prompts purchase

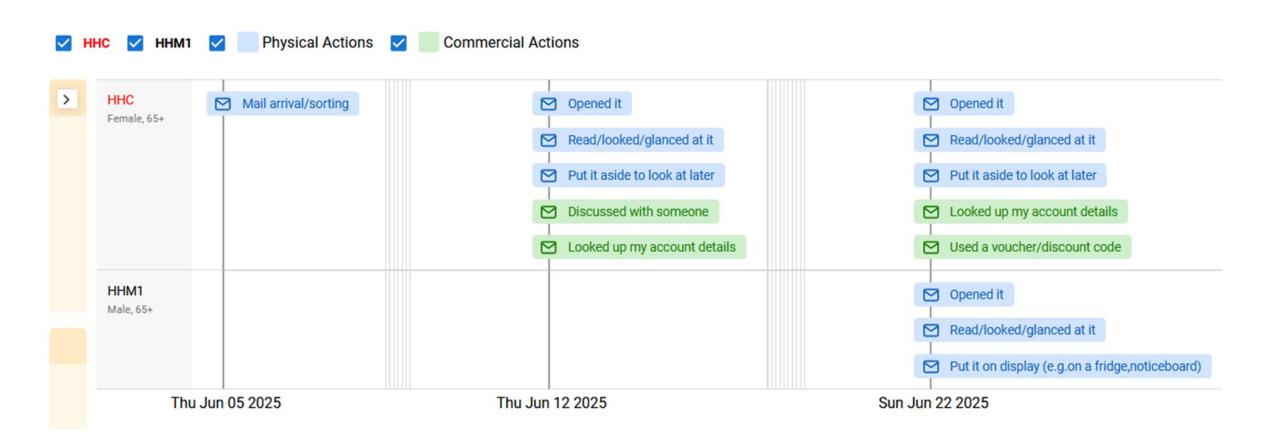


#### Loyalty schemes become brands in their own right





#### Loyalty mail that prompts discussion



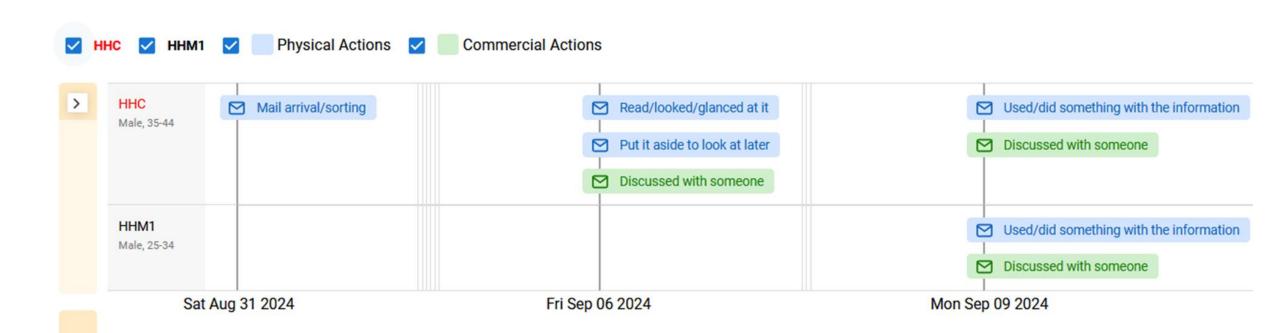


#### Where synergies exist....





#### Mail appeals to younger audiences too



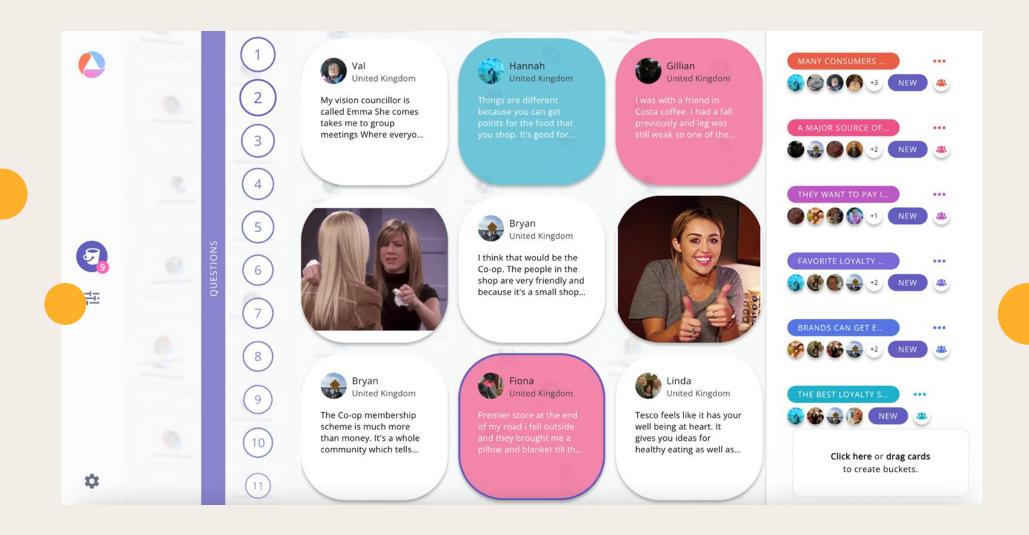


## WHAT GIVES BRANDS THE LOYALTY X FACTOR?



#### Let's hear it from the humans





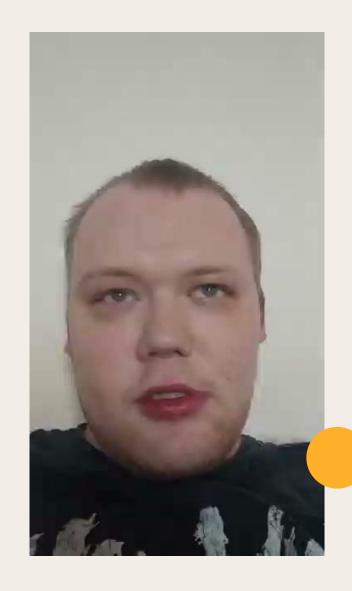
#### **Superior Proposition**



The Co-op membership scheme is much more than money. It's a whole community which tells you how to get involved with not just the store but the local community and does activities to bring people together all the time.



I would explain it like having an online family that you can choose. Having people who understand you as well as constructively criticize you. Being part of a community is great for mental health and improving your socializing so has great benefits



Members feel closer to the brand through personal human connection and a feeling of belonging valued in a society plagued by loneliness.

#### Superior Intelligence



I had a great moment with them when my mate was going thou a hard time and I payed his car



I want to book



People's favourite loyalty programmes go beyond a transactional relationship, and motivate them with 'emotional credit'.

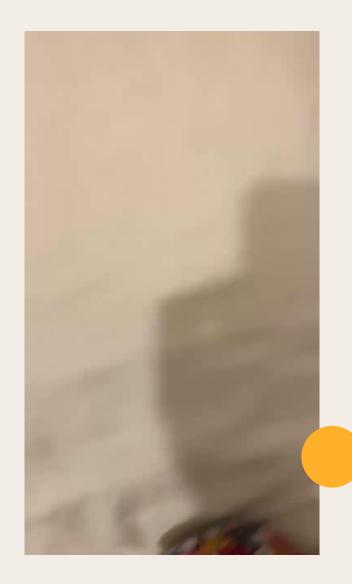
#### Superior Experience



I like my Tesco club card as I feel that they help me personally, not just generally. Not only does it save me money, but their site is full of ideas for meals, days out money saving tips and seasonal ideas



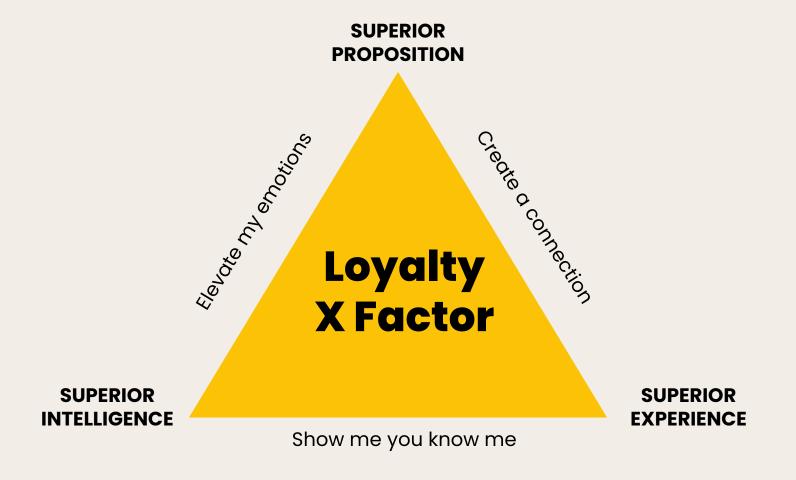
I like Lidl as it recognises your shopping habits and enticed you with various discounts on products you have already bought previously



People love it when loyalty programmes enhance discovery at an individual level, get personalization right and feel this across online/offline touchpoints.



### A model for creating the Loyalty X Factor



### Don't get left behind, create the Loyalty X Factor

Loyalty campaigns

32%

more effective overall

**DOUBLE** 

brand effects postcovid Loyalty campaigns

80%

more likely to ACQUIRE

Loyalty campaigns

**8**x

more likely to RETAIN



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### Q&A











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