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# Digital Luxury Experience 2017

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# Experience



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## Digital: THE channel

€20 billion of pure online sales in 2016 to reach **€74 billion by 2025**, with penetration raising from 8 to 19%

## Mobile is the new desktop

By 2018 consumers will spend **4x more time on mobile devices** than on desktops

## Customer journey blown to bits

Up to **15 touch points** in a fragmented journey vs ~9 in 2014

## Business model Darwinism

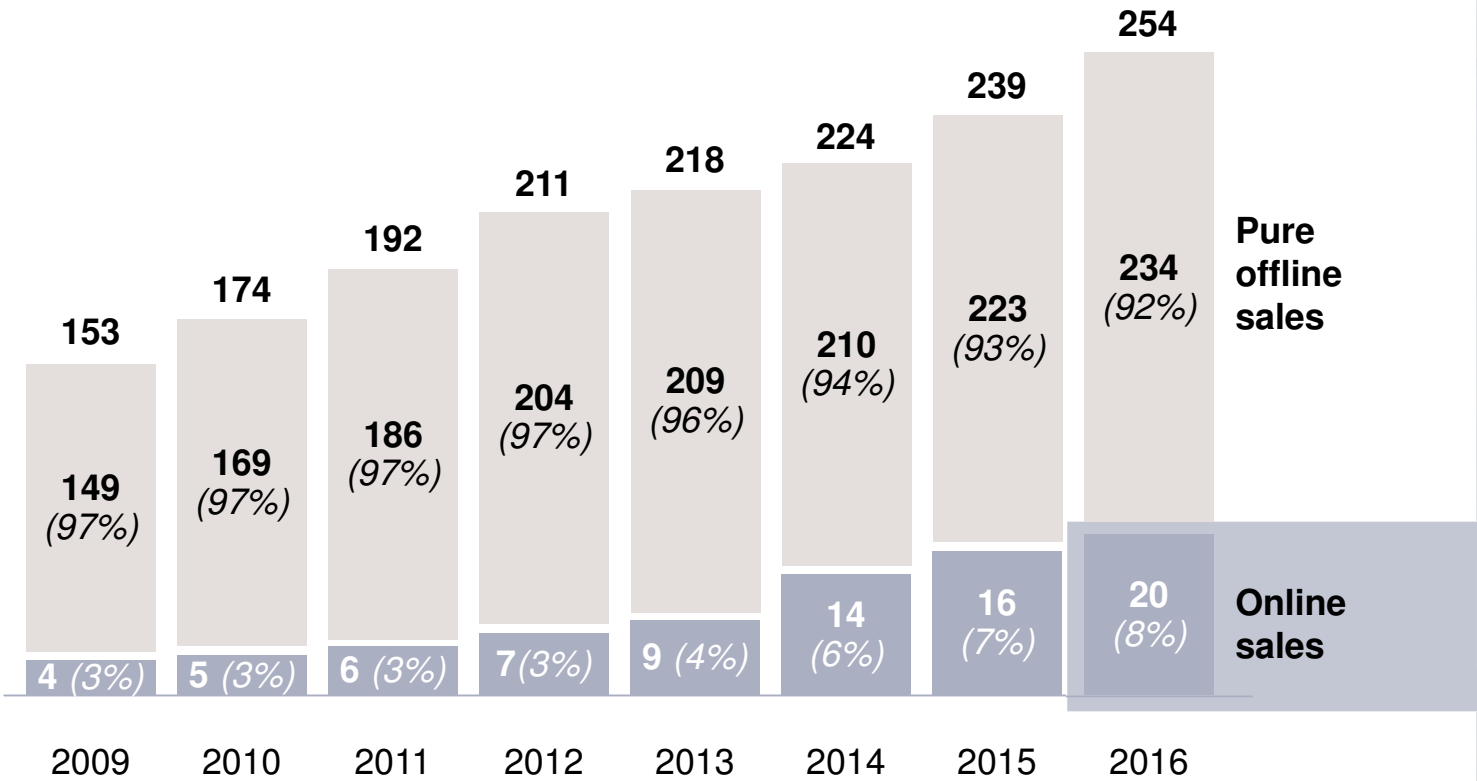
Tomorrow's **winners** are not today **heroes**: more scalable, agile and technology-savvy players are emerging

## Run faster than the bullet

**Sustained** value creation requires yearly growth of **>50%**

# Online: 8% of total personal luxury market in 2016

Sales of personal luxury goods<sup>1</sup>, € billions

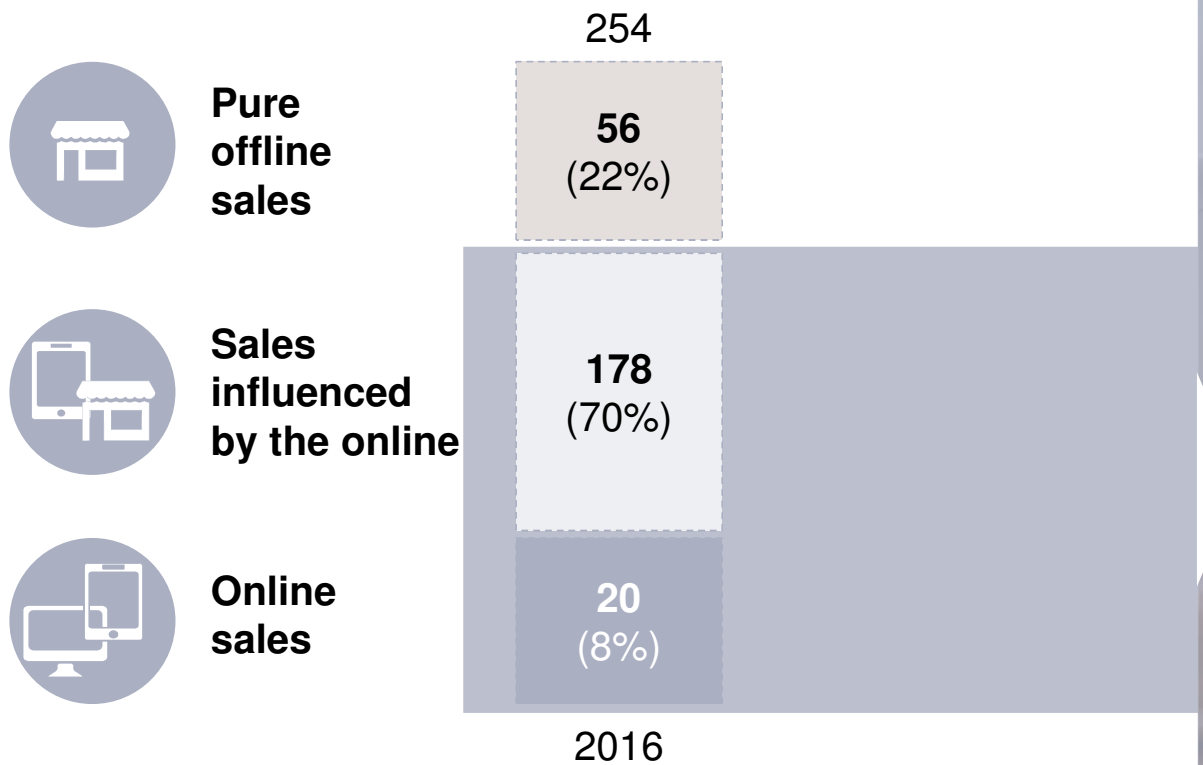


<sup>1</sup> Apparel, Footwear, Accessories, Jewelry & Watches, Leather Goods, Beauty & Perfumes

SOURCE: Euromonitor; Forrester

# In 2016, 78% of sales influenced by the online

Sales of personal luxury goods<sup>1</sup>, € billions



~€200 billion of sales influenced by the online in 2016

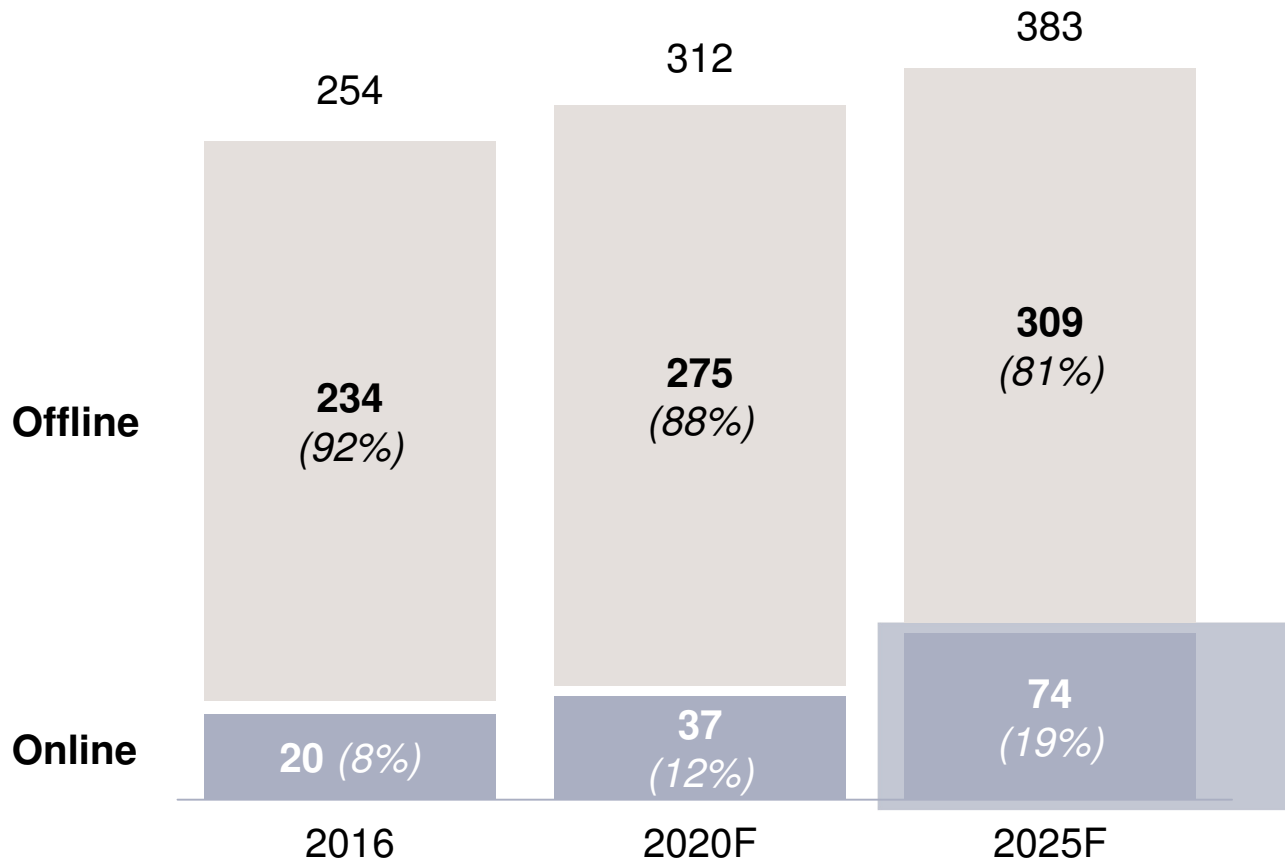
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# 1/5 of the luxury market will go online by 2025

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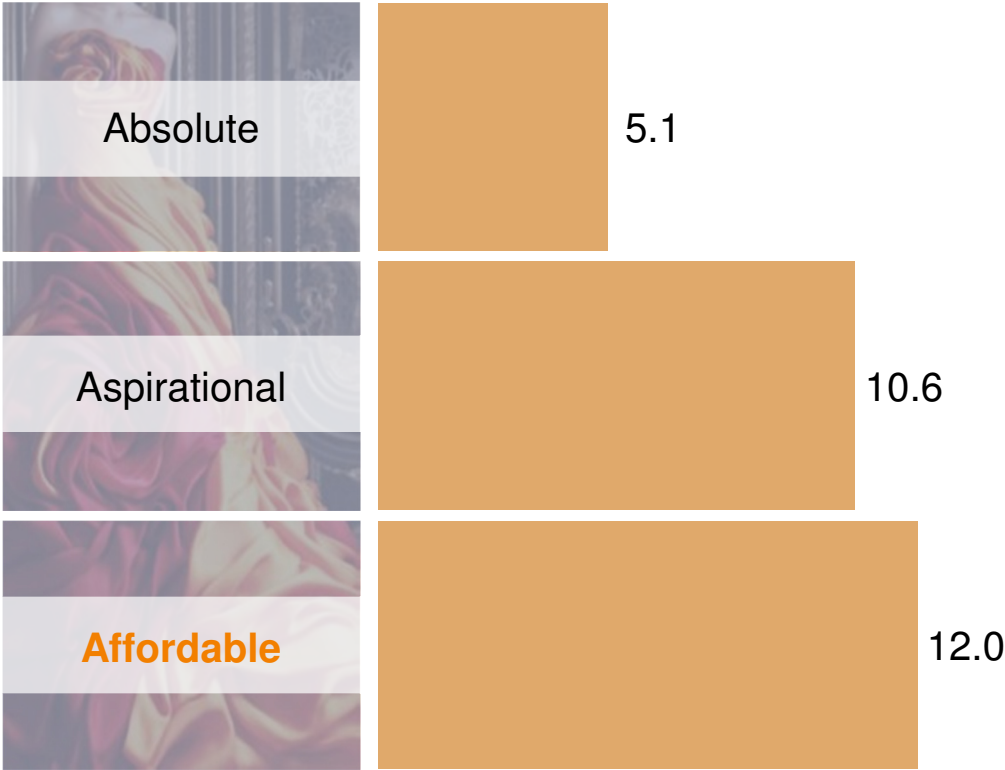
# Affordable segment and beauty products are driving online luxury sales...

Online luxury sales penetration, Percent



2016

## Price points



## Categories



# ...and are also the segments with the highest growth

Online luxury sales penetration, Percent



2014 Delta 2014-2016

## Pricepoints



## Categories



# Mobile is the new desktop...

Luxury consumers are more smartphone-oriented than other consumers



98%

luxury consumers smartphones equipped

*vs an average of 65%<sup>1</sup>*



77%

luxury consumers owning multiple devices

*vs an average of 35%<sup>1</sup>*

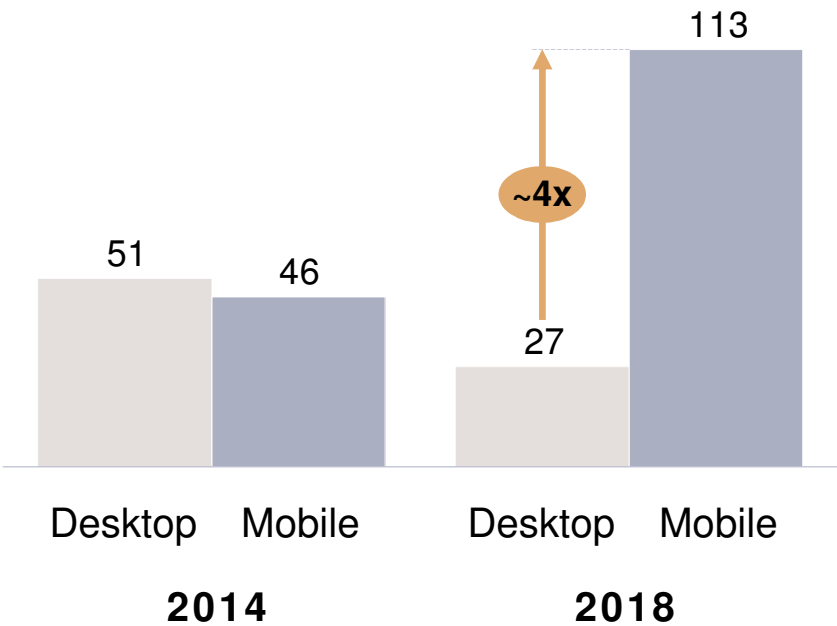
<sup>1</sup> Average based on USA figures

SOURCE: Zenith, "Digital inside: Get wired for the ultimate luxury experience", 2015 (eight countries surveyed: USA, China, Italy, Japan, Brazil, United Kingdom, France, South Korea)



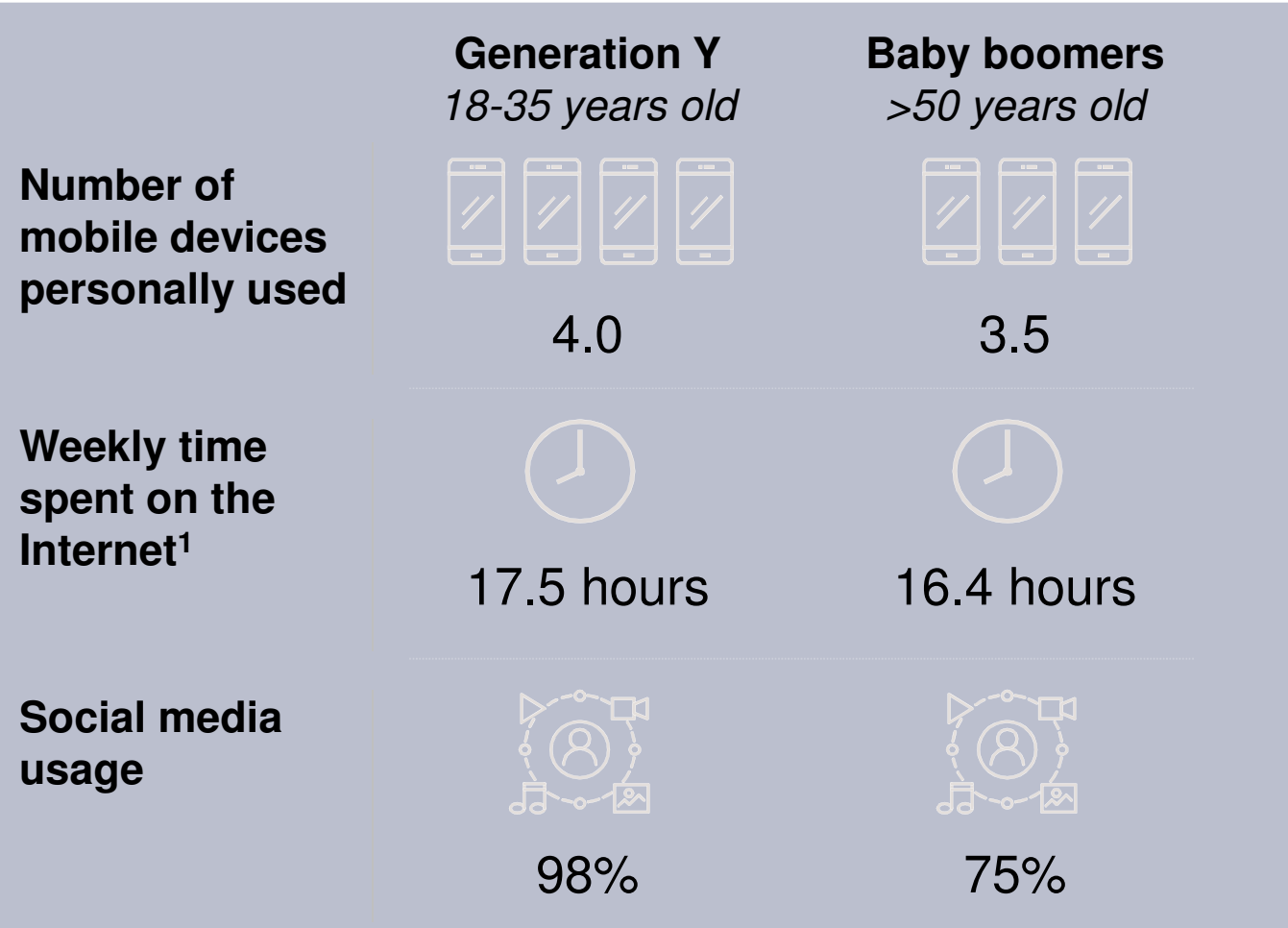
By 2018, time spent by consumers on mobile 4x higher than on desktops

Global Internet consumption, Minutes





# ...and this is not just a millennials story



<sup>1</sup> Excluding professional usage  
SOURCE: McKinsey & Company analysis

# Consumers are becoming the new marketing channel



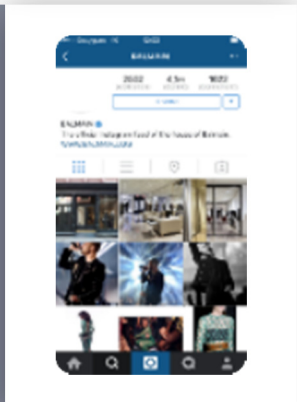
**Chanel**  
700 official posts  
48,800,000 #<sup>1</sup>

**Valentino**  
4,890 official posts  
24,140,000 #<sup>1</sup>



**Vuitton**  
1,970 official posts  
25,380,000 #<sup>1</sup>

**Balmain**  
3,660 official posts  
5,690,000 #<sup>1</sup>



<sup>1</sup> Hashtags, i.e., number of user generated content with the brand's name

SOURCE: Instagram, May 2017



# Experience – Key takeaways

## The online race in Luxury continues...78% of sales is digitally influenced

- 'Pure' online sales today account for “only” 8% but is expected to grow to 20% by 2025

China: if brands could manage to **win the “authenticity challenge”**, digital could become a real overdrive to secure growth in a complex market

Catch me if you can: the **journey** of luxury consumers is becoming **more articulated and unpredictable**. Brands will need to be more flexible and inclusive to secure and measure results

Story telling 10x6cm: what happens when the **smartphone** screen becomes **your communication channel and store window?**

Online is increasingly a **C2C economy**: the consumer is central from advocacy to sales (market place)

Competition to conquer the luxury e-shopper **is fierce**: new heroes with a tech-based value proposition are emerging

- Brands will need to distinguish their friends and enemies in a much more articulated ecosystems

Run faster than the bullet: value creation in digital implies **CAGRs** higher than **50%**

# Enterprise







**Luxury 4.0**

**Tomorrow's winners** are transforming **today** their business models using technologies and data

**Customer intimacy**

**Big Data and machine learning** to bring back authenticity and relevance in customer relationship

**Luxury ecosystem**

**Partnerships** to upgrade and maintain relevant the set of competences needed to succeed



# Industry 4.0 is enabled by disruptive technologies

## Data, computational power, connectivity

- Sensors
- Machine-to-machine
- Cloud technology



## Analytics and intelligence

- Automation of knowledge work
- Big Data and advanced analytics



## Human-machine interaction

- Touch interfaces and next-level graphical user interfaces
- Virtual and augmented reality



## Conversion to physical world

- Industrial automation (e.g., collaborative robots, AGVs<sup>1</sup>)
- Additive manufacturing (e.g., 3-D printing)



Industry 4.0

<sup>1</sup> Automated Guided Vehicles



# The new customer intimacy relies on four pillars

## INTIMACY TO MANY

- Comprehensive customer information
- Enriched database



## CONTEXTUAL MARKETING

- From many, to “segment of one”, to YOU in the moment



## MADE TO DESIRE

- Personalization of product and services



## PROACTIVE LOYALTY

- Interpretation of desires and needs at an early stage



The new  
Customer  
Intimacy

E-future







**Reverse omnichannel**

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**Instagram becomes the new store window:** brands to ensure digital compliance in all directions

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**Spotification of fashion**

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**The end of luxury as we know it?** Drexcode, Rent the Runway, etc. are the vanguards of something bigger?

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**The dark side of the Internet**

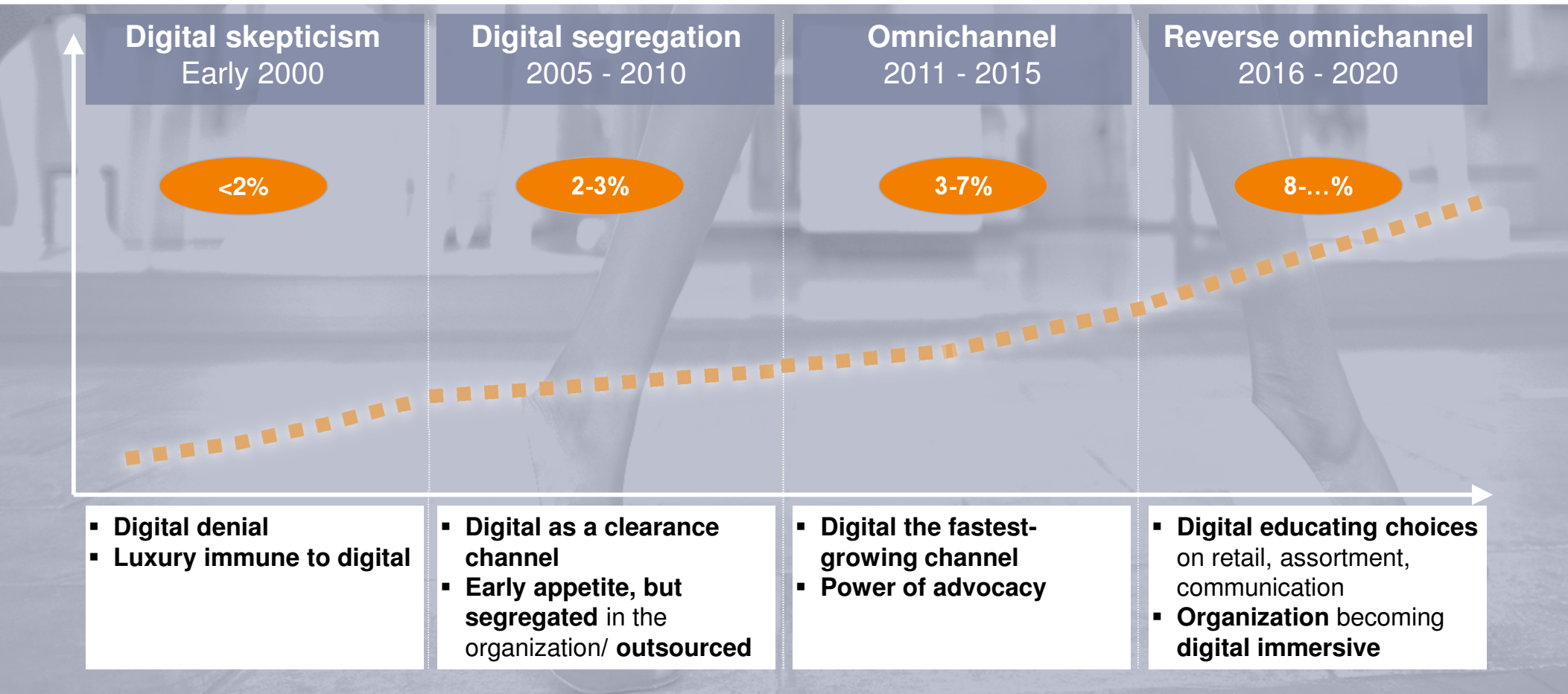
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Can **a lower degree of control** undermine the brand experience in luxury?



# From omnichannel to “reverse-omnichannel”

Online sales, Percent





# Enterprise and E-future – Key takeaways

**Digital** is penetrating the **business model of brands and retailers**

- Being able to master internally, or through the creation of ecosystems, the needed capabilities will be a key source of competitive advantage

**It is not a matter of efficiency only:** digital can support brands to become more relevant and authentic in their customer relationships

**Advanced analytics and Big Data** are the key to **secure organic growth** in a more selective market. An additional **competitive advantage** for multibrand luxury groups?

**Reverse omnichannel: inspire and ensure digital coherency** of key choices and investments of a brand in the “real” world (stores, collection, etc.)

**Spotification of fashion:** from brands to products, from owning to using

The **dark side of the Internet** lies still: how to **protect brand magic and coherency** in an uncontrollable environment?

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