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# The True-Luxury Global Consumer Insight

4<sup>th</sup> Edition

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# The True-Luxury Global Consumer Insight panel



**12 000+**  
Consumers

**~36 k€**  
Avg. luxury spend

**10**  
Nationalities

**Vs. 2016 Ed.**

- +1 000 in China
- +1 000 in US

- +15 k€

# We push to be relevant on the highest segments of the luxury consumers

True-Luxury Consumers sample distribution (% respondents)















Luxury yearly spend <sup>1</sup> (k€ per consumer)	3 <sup>rd</sup> edition	4 <sup>th</sup> edition	
> 100 k€	1 %	7 %	▲
50 - 100 k€	6 %	18 %	▲
20 - 50 k€	28 %	30 %	▬
10 - 20 k€	35 %	25 %	▼
5 - 10 k€	30 %	20 %	▼
Average Spend for overall sample	~21 k€	~ 36 k€	

▲ ▼ ▬ Clusters size evolution 4<sup>th</sup> vs 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition







1. Expenditure includes personal luxury (e.g. handbags, shoes, sunglasses and other accessories, clothing) and experiential luxury (e.g. hotels, wine and spirits, exclusive vacations). Excluded cars, yachts, smartphones & tablets  
Source: BCG-Altgamma True-Luxury Global Consumer Insight

# We set higher thresholds by category vs previous edition to identify a "True Luxury Consumer"

## Personal Luxury Goods

Category	Threshold Price	vs. '16
Handbags	>1 000 € / each	
Shoes	>300 € / each	
Sunglasses	>180 € / each	
Other accessories <sup>1</sup>	>180 € / each <sup>2</sup>	
Outerwear / Coats	>1 400 € / each	
Dresses for women	>1 200 € / each	
Suits for men	>1 600 € / each	
Sweaters / Knitwear	>400 € / each	
Shirts / Topwear	>200 € / each	
Jeans / Pants / Skirts	>250 € / each	
Fragrances & Cosmetics	>100 € / each	
Watches	>2 000 € / each	
Smart watches	>400 € / each	
Jewelry	>1 200 € / each	

## Experiential Luxury Goods

Category	Threshold Price	vs. '16
Restaurants	>200 € / person	
Wine & Spirits	>100 € / bottle	
Hotels (leisure)	>450 € / night	
Cruise / resort	>4 000 € / pers. / week	
Design furniture	>3 000 € / each	
Lighting	>1 000 € / each	

## Other Luxury Goods

Category	Threshold Price	vs. '16
Cars	>100 000 € / each	
Luxury Boats / Yachts	>750 000 € / each	
Smartphones / Tablets	>1 000 € / each	

**Minimum spent 5 k€ in the past year  
on personal luxury goods**

1. "Other accessories " includes scarves, wallets, belts and ties 2. > 180€/each for Small Leather Goods, >150 €/each for Silk Goods  
Source: BCG-Altgamma True-Luxury Global Consumer Insight; BCG

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## Main Outcomes

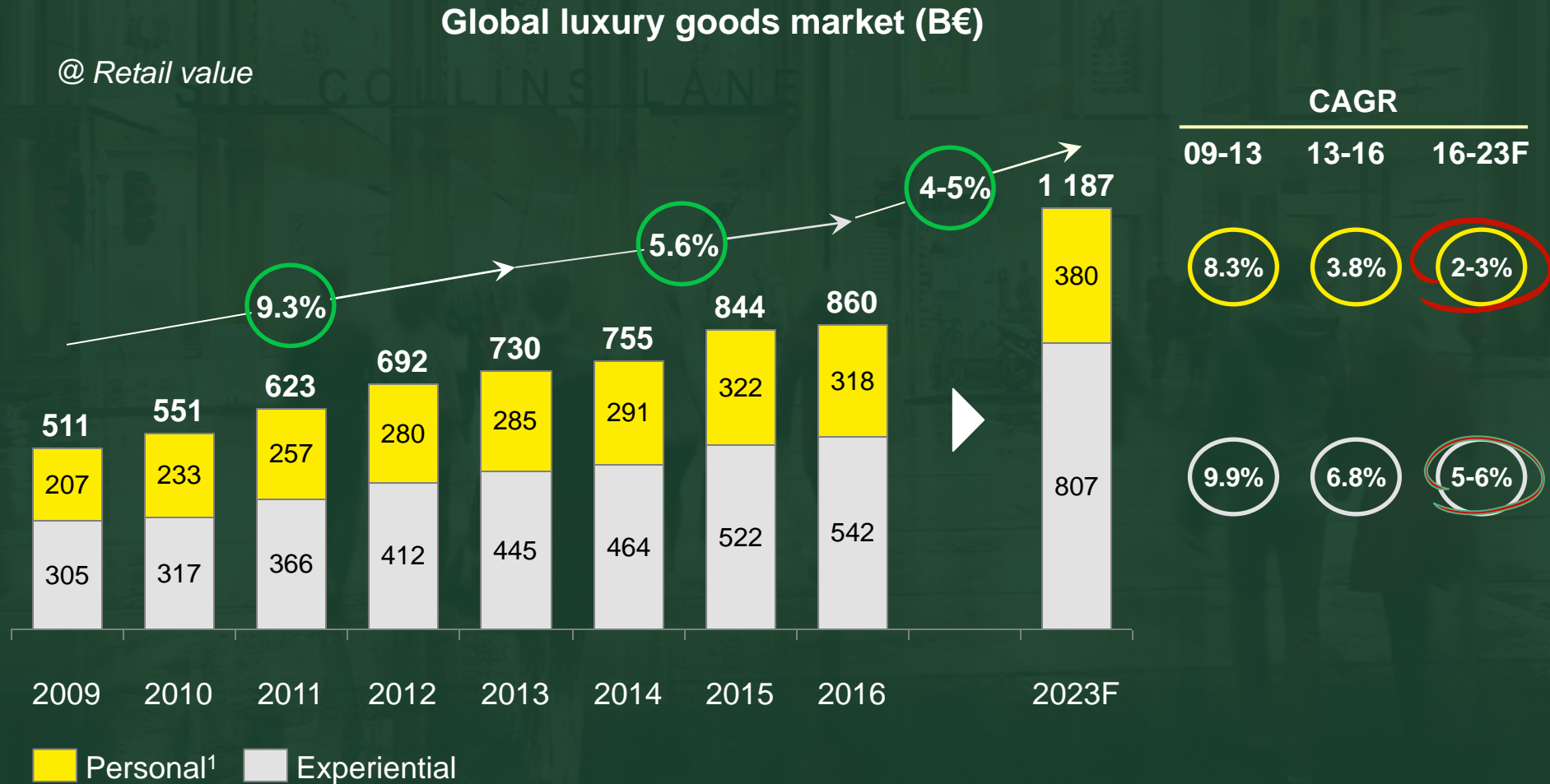
- **Steady market, True luxury consumers growing**
- **A rising perception of price-value misalignment**
- **More casual, more customized!**
- **True luxury consumers buying more at home**
- **Luxury goes omnichannel**
- **Monobrand at the heart of an omnichannel experience**
- **#Luxurygoessocial**
- **Behavioral consumer segment evolution**





**Steady market, True-Luxury Consumers growing**

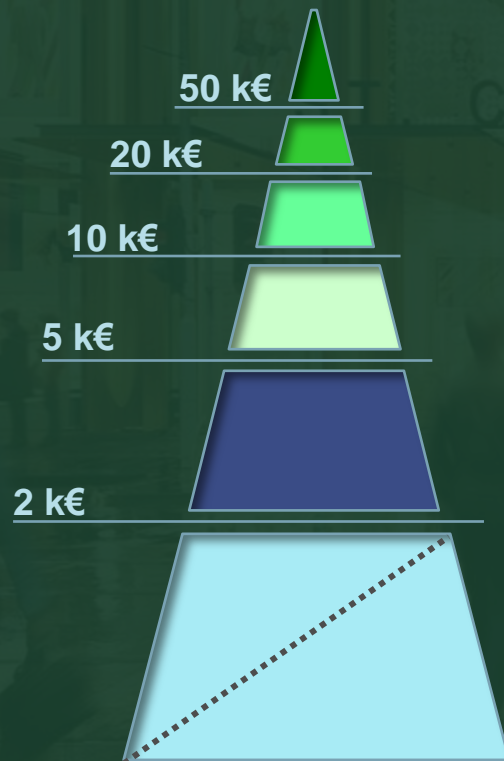
# The global luxury market worth ~860Bn€ in 2016, experiential growing faster than personal luxury



1. Personal goods include accessories, apparel, watches & jewelry, fragrances & cosmetics  
Source: BCG Luxury Market model



# Out of ~400 Mn Luxury Consumers only 17Mn identified as "True-Luxury Consumers"



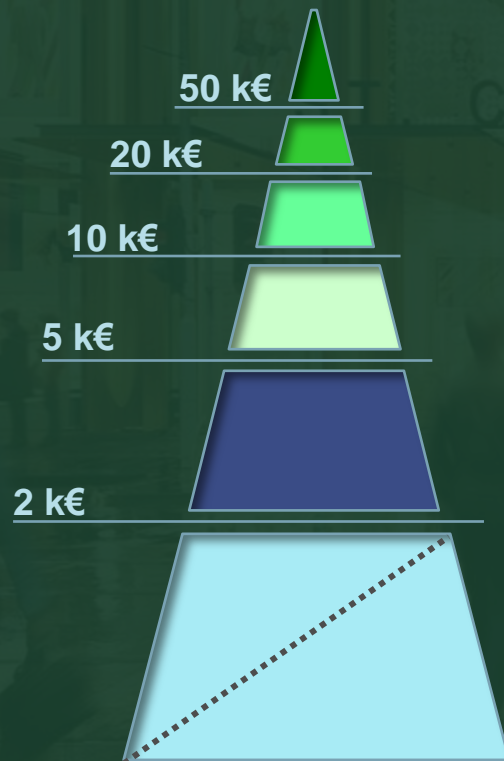
CLUSTER	2016		2023	
	# (M)	Bn(€)	# (M)	Bn(€)
Beyond money	0.4		0.5	
Top Absolute	1.3		2.0	
Absolute	4.5		6	
Entry Absolute	11		14	
<b>Total True-Luxury</b>	<b>17</b>		<b>22</b>	
Top Aspirational	21		28	
Other Aspirational	375		440	
<b>Total Luxury Consumers</b>	<b>~415</b>		<b>~490</b>	

Annotations showing growth in millions:

- True-Luxury growth: +5 (from 17M to 22M)
- Other Aspirational growth: +72 (from 375M to 440M)
- Total Luxury Consumers growth: +75 (from ~415M to ~490M)



# A further polarizing pyramid ahead: True-Luxury Consumers up from ~29% to ~32% of global market



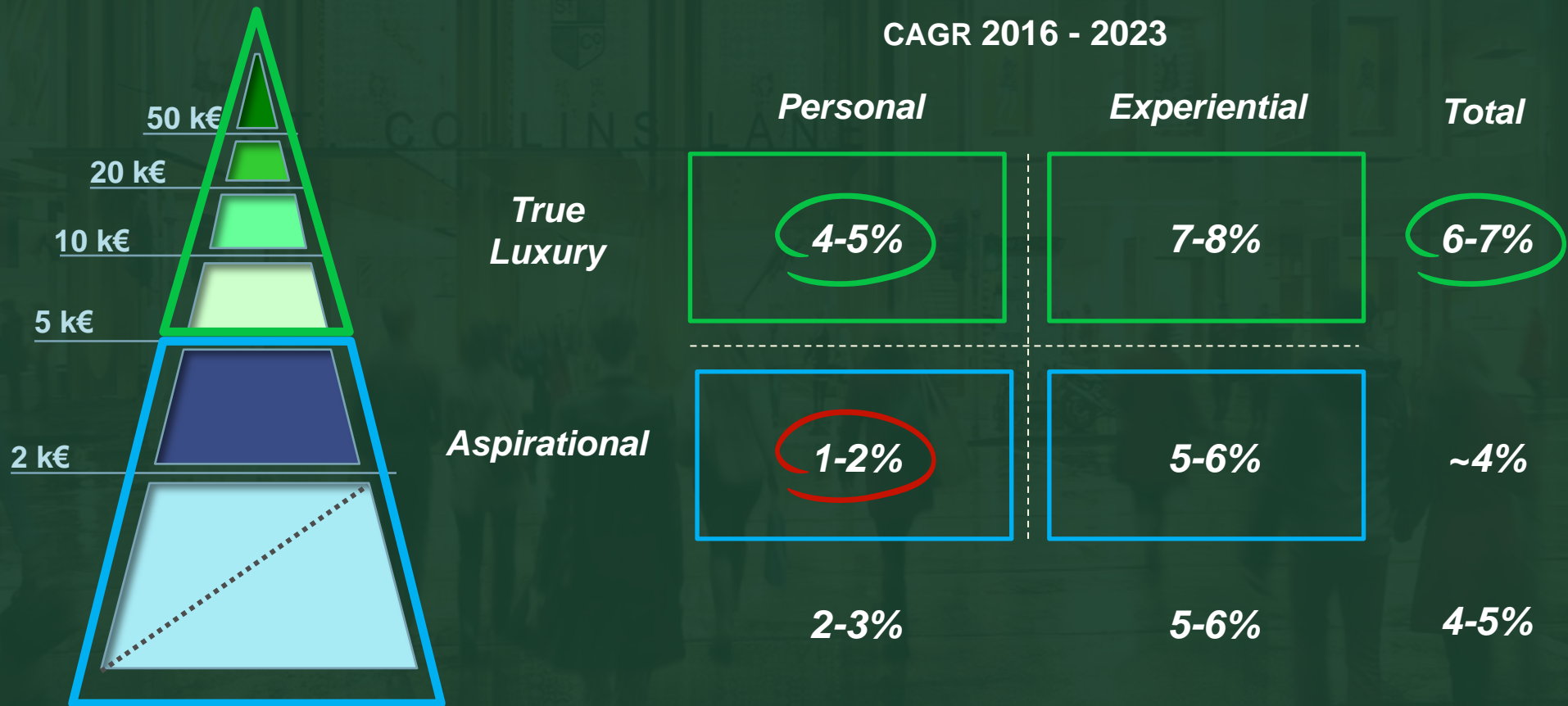
CLUSTER	2016		2023	
	# (M)	Bn(€) <sup>1</sup>	# (M)	Bn(€) <sup>1</sup>
Beyond money	0.4	20	0.5	40
Top Absolute	1.3	30	2.0	53
Absolute	4.5	93	6	141
Entry Absolute	11	107	14	147
<b>Total True-Luxury</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>381</b>
			+131	
Top Aspirational	21	61	28	92
Other Aspirational	375	549	440	715
			+196	
<b>Total Luxury Consumers</b>	<b>~415</b>	<b>~860</b>	<b>~490</b>	<b>~1185</b>
			+325	

1. Including Experiential and Personal luxury, excluding cars and Yachts

Note: rounded numbers

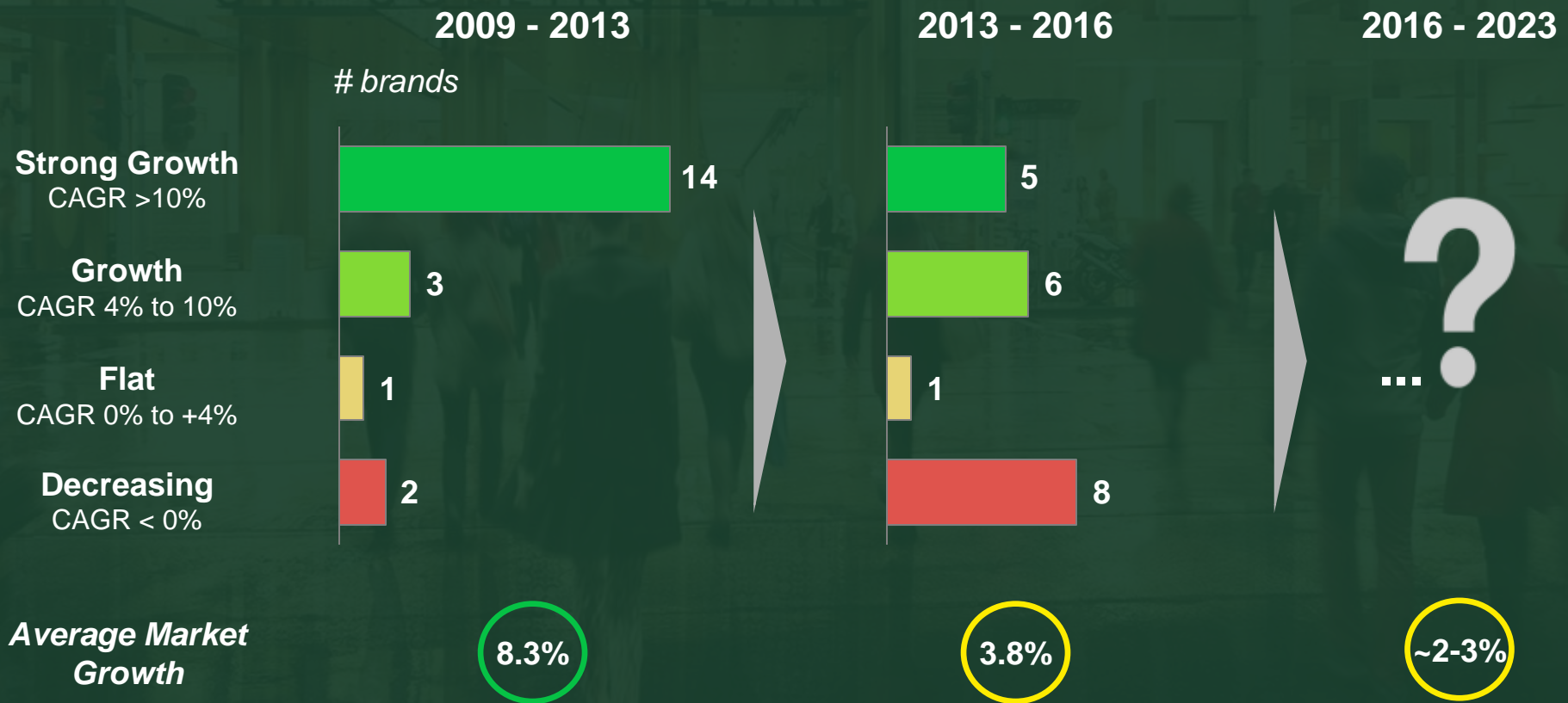
Source: BCG Luxury Market model

# True-Luxury Consumers maintaining a healthier and steadier growth for the future



# In a slower personal luxury market, there will be clear winners and losers among Brands

Turnover growth for 20 leading personal luxury brands<sup>1</sup>



1. Sample of 20 leading brands in personal luxury  
Source: Press Search; BCG Analysis



# In a slower personal luxury market, winners and losers expected also among categories

## True Luxury Consumers net appetite by category<sup>1</sup>

(net appetite = people increasing spend in the future > +20% – people decreasing spend in the future > - 20%)



1. Index calculated as percentage of customers who see growth in spend less the percentage who foresee a decrease in spend on the category (Positive – Negative).

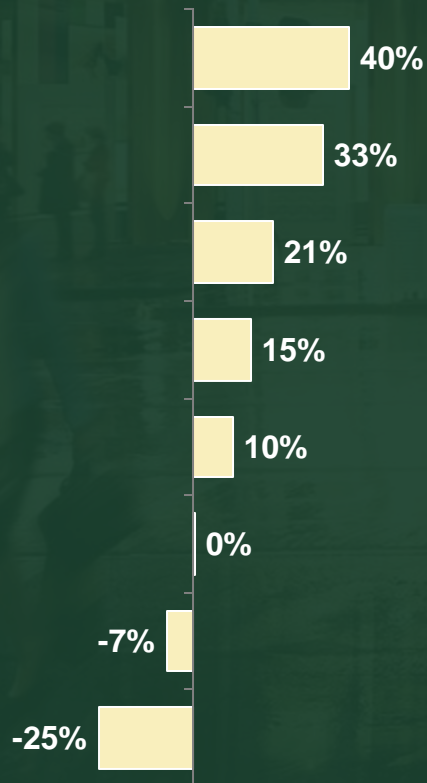
Multiple options answer (up to 5 categories) 2. Including jeans / pants; shirts / topwear; dresses / suits; coats / outerwear; knitwear

Source: BCG 2016 ad hoc study (12,000 luxury consumers in 10 countries)

# Appetite driven by Millennials with shoes and F&C key to recruit them - Handbags polarized

Net appetite by category<sup>1</sup>

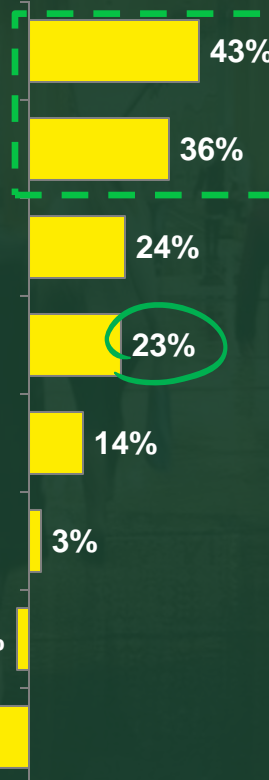
## Overall



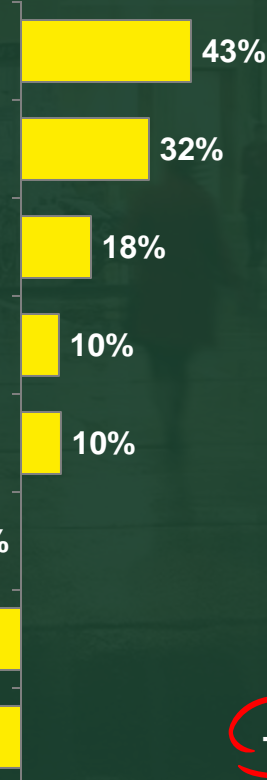
## By generation



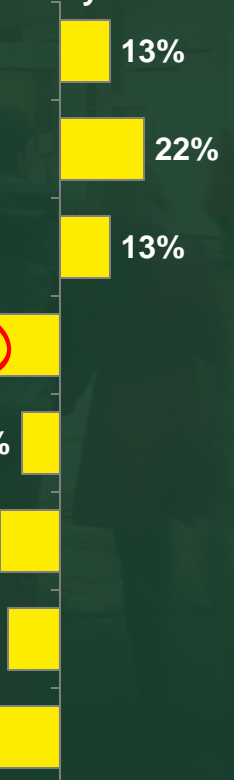
### Millennials



### Gen. X



### Baby B. & Silver

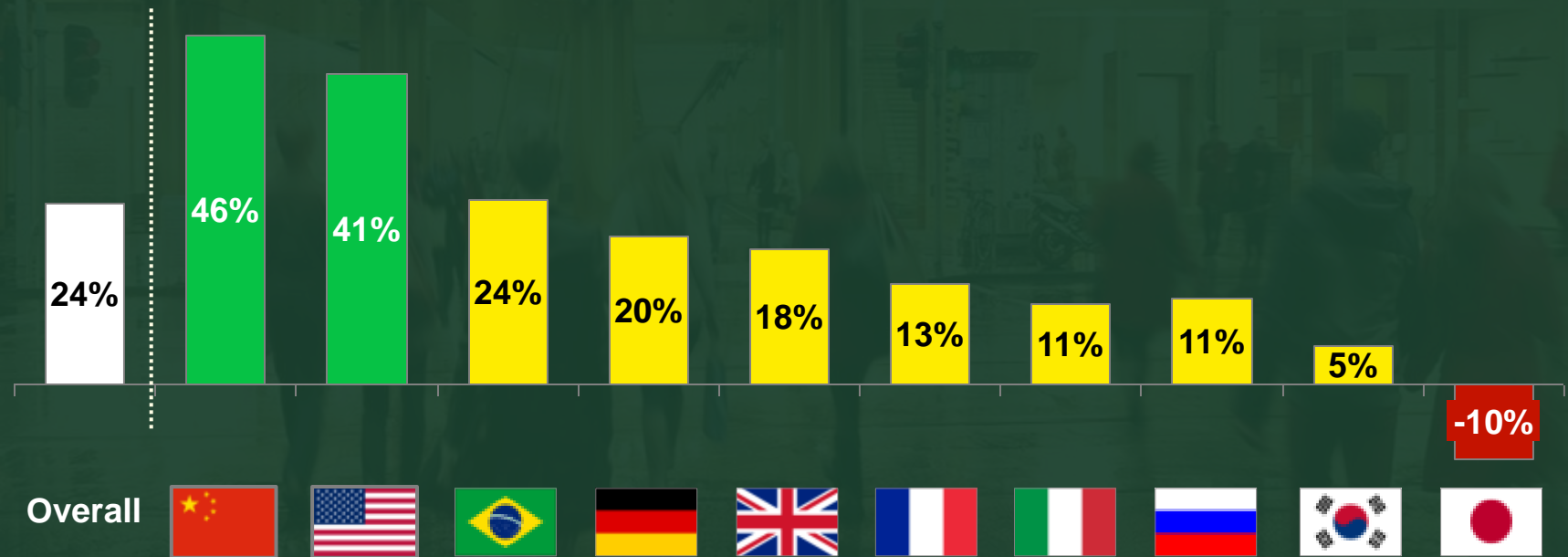


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# Chinese and Americans will continue to drive the appetite for luxury consumption

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2. Share of nationalities in terms of luxury market value

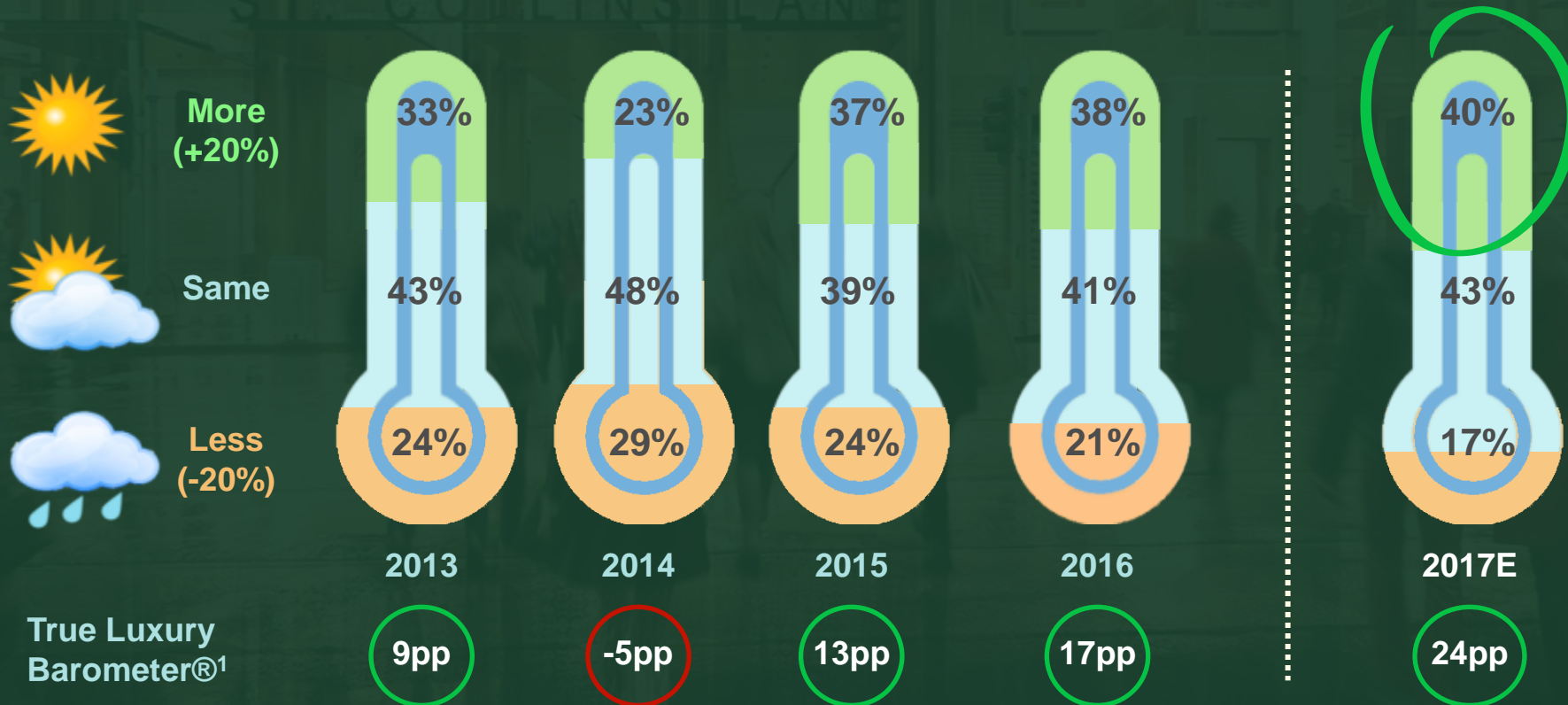
Source: BCG Luxury Market model; BCG 2016 ad hoc study (12,000 luxury consumers respondents in 10 countries)



# True-Luxury Consumers showing a good appetite for 2017

## True Luxury Barometer®

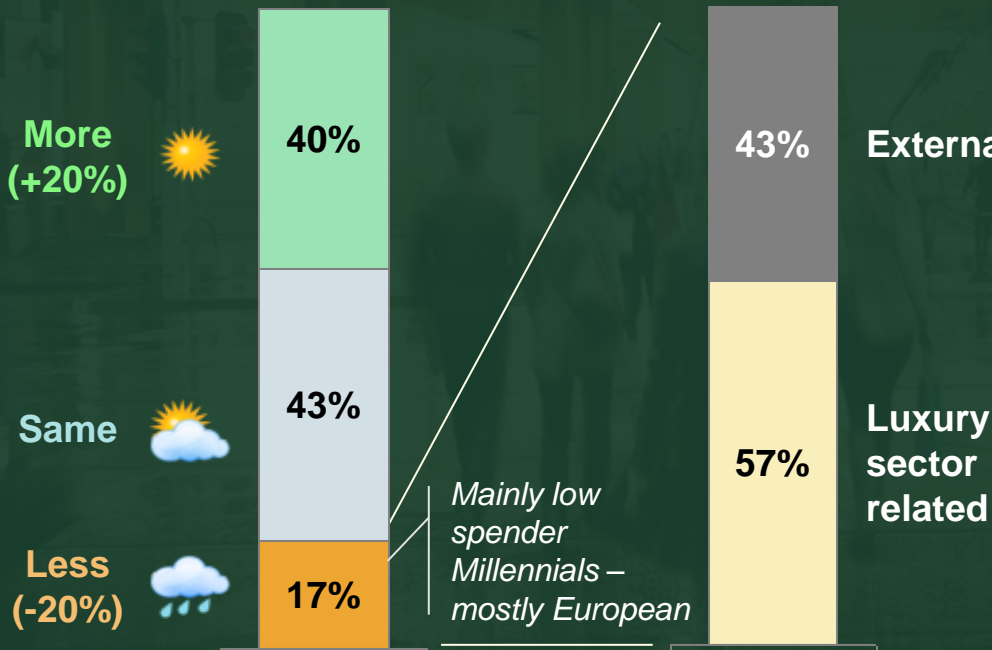
*"Do you expect to spend more or less on luxury products in the next year?"*



1. Index calculated as percentage of customers who see growth in spend less the percentage who foresee a decrease in spend (Positive – Negative).  
The index represents a proxy of the expected growth of spend in Luxury by Top Luxury consumers  
Source: BCG 2016 ad hoc study (12,000 luxury consumers respondents in 10 countries)

# Only 17% of true luxury consumers declare they will spend less in 2017

*"This year have you spent more or less on luxury products vs last year?"*



*"What are the key reasons for which you have spent less?"*

- Economic instability
  - Travel less frequently
  - Lower confidence in future income
  - Fear of terroristic attacks
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- Luxury prices increase
  - Personal luxury saturation
  - Less special occasions to attend
  - Lower interest in luxury brands
  - Partial shift to premium / fast fashion brands
  - Brands selling too much non core categories

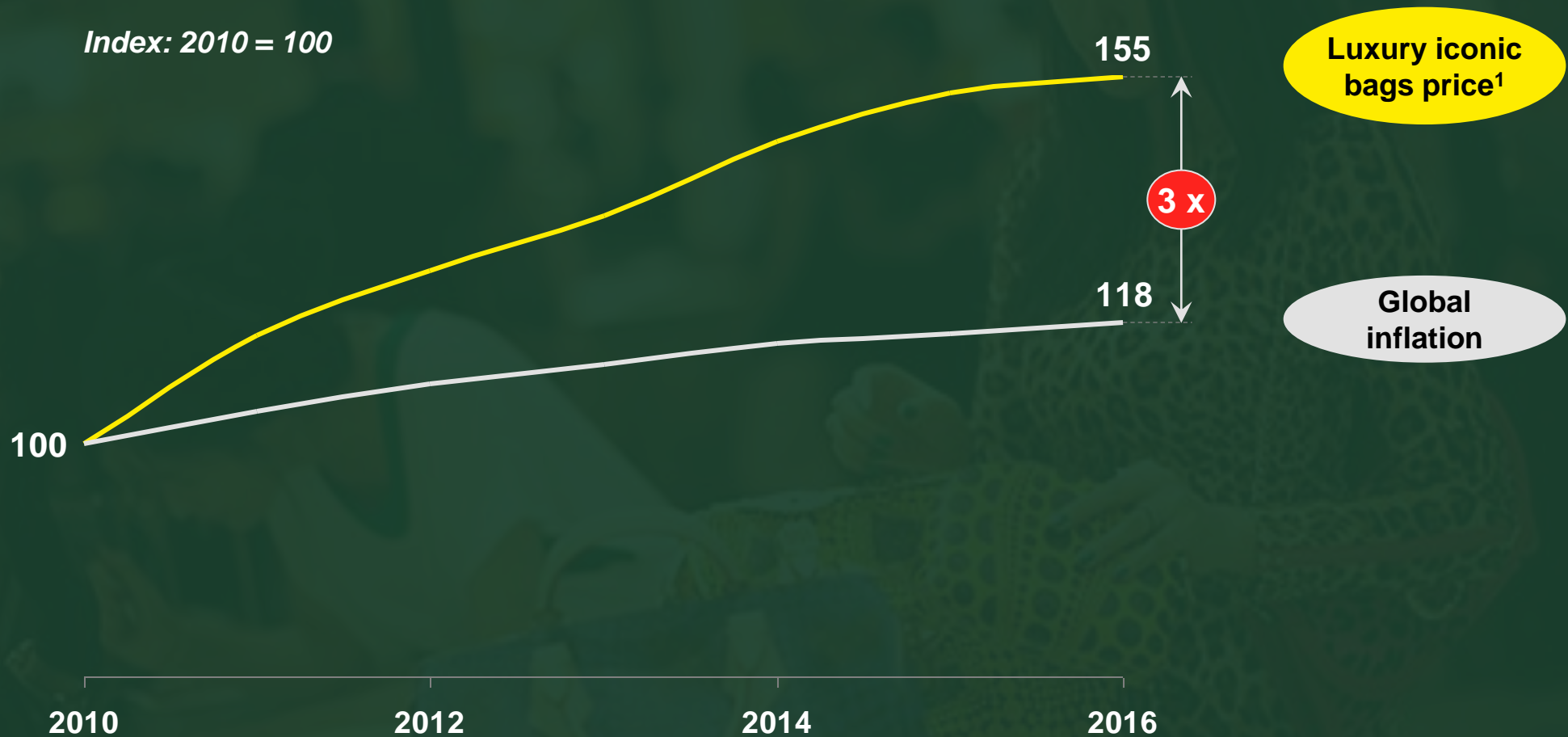


A woman with long dark hair, wearing a leopard print top, is looking down at a yellow bag with a black and white pattern. She is holding a red bag with a leopard print pattern. In the foreground, there is a blue bag with a gold handle. The background is a crowded shopping mall with many people and colorful lights.

**A rising perception of price – value misalignment**



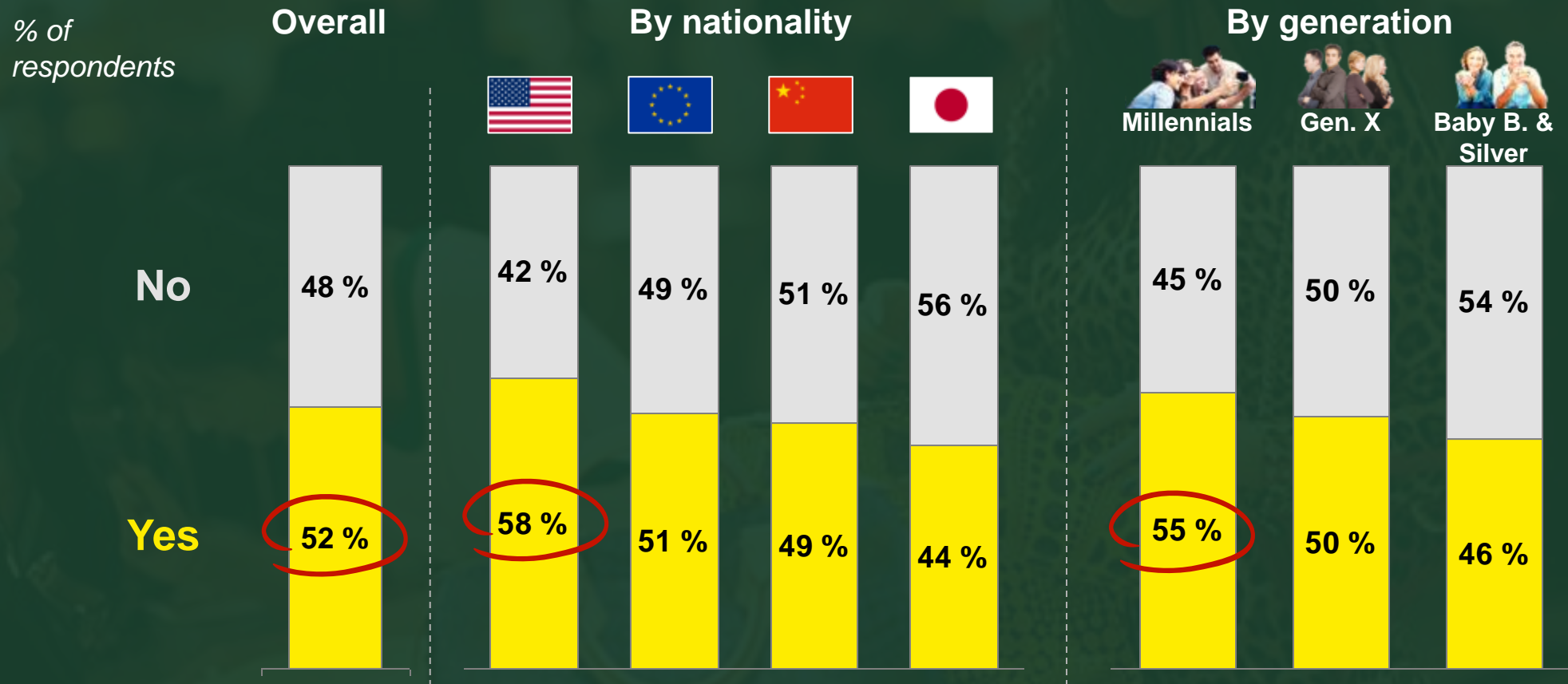
# Over the last years the price of luxury iconic items has increased by far more than inflation



1. Average luxury products price increase calculated based on 2010-2016 list prices of a panel of iconic luxury handbags  
Source: Press search; World Bank; BCG analysis

# >50% of Luxury consumers perceive a price/value misalignment. Americans & Millennials most disappointed

*"Do you feel a progressive separation between overall value of Luxury products and their price?"*



# 2 / 3 of misalignment perception driven by price, 1 / 3 by exclusivity loss and product quality issues

*"Thinking about your favorite luxury brand, you told that you noticed a discrepancy between the overall value and the price. What are the main reasons for this?"*



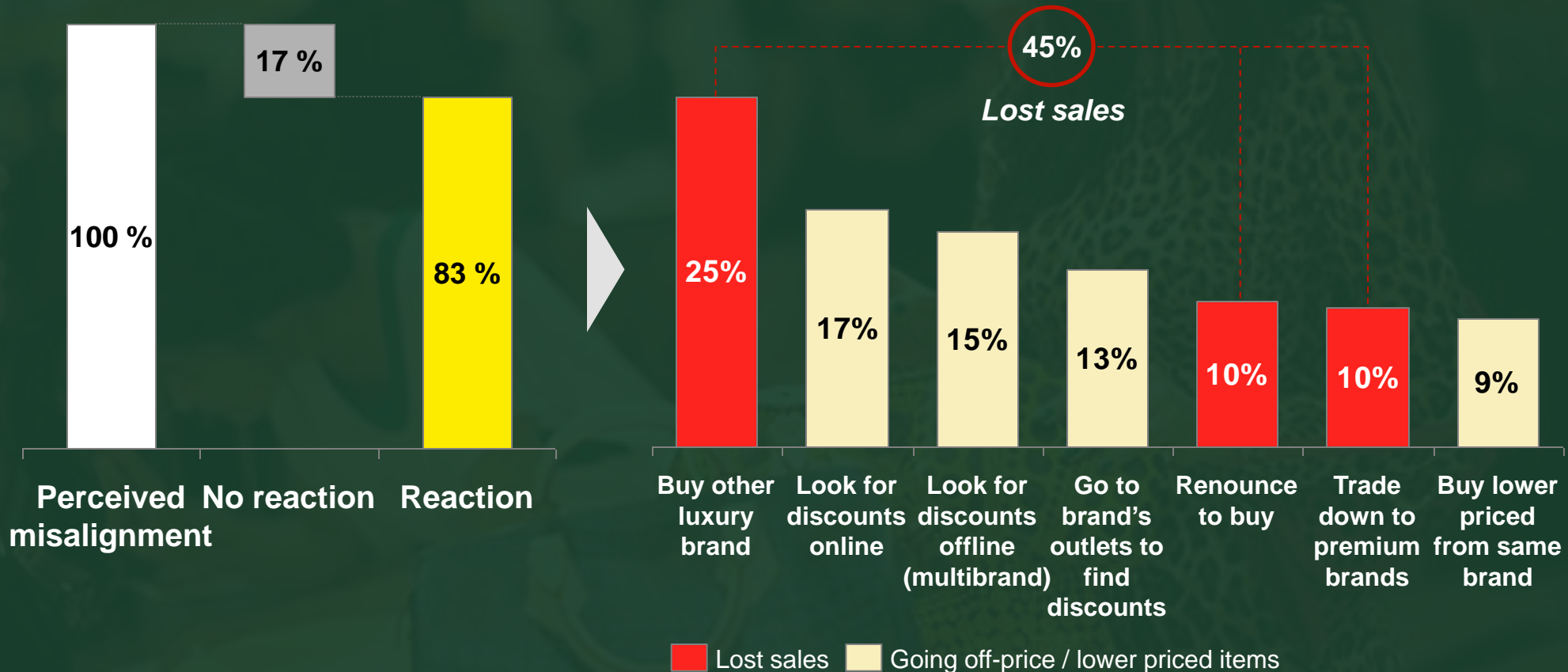
1. Multiple options answer (ranking of three reasons)  
Source: BCG 2016 ad hoc study (12,000 respondents in 10 countries)



# 8 out of 10 disappointed consumers plan to react : In ~50% of cases likely to translate in lost sales

*"In case of a progressive separation between the price and the perceived product value,  
what would you do?"*

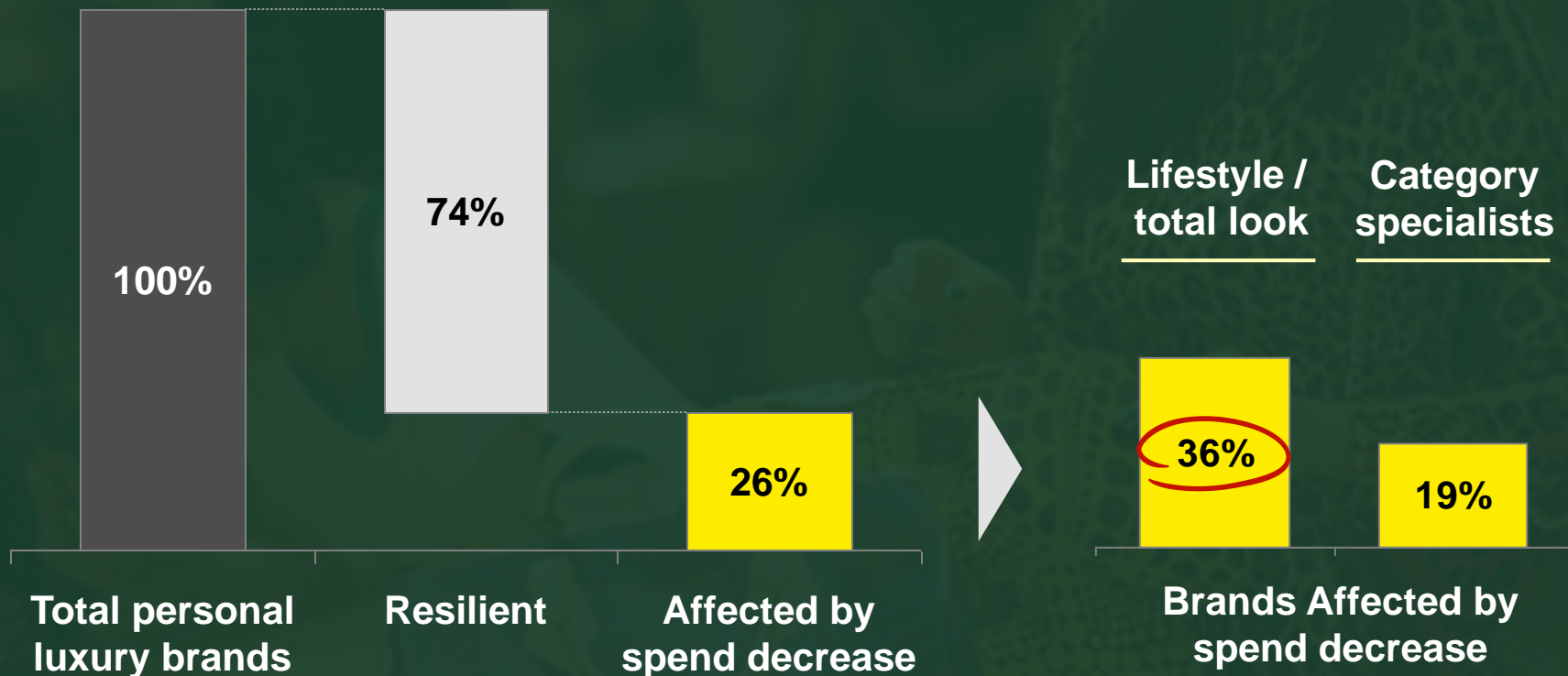
% of respondents perceiving a price discrepancy



# As a result ~60 out of ~230 Brands surveyed losing traction, especially total look ones

*"Is there a brand on which you have the feeling that you have reduced / you will probably reduce your luxury spending?"*

% of brands recalled by respondents



Note: Out of the total 12,000 respondents, 79% mentioned a luxury brand on which they reduced their spend. Total personal luxury brands include 230 brands spontaneously recalled by respondents. Brands affected by spending decrease include those mentioned by more than 50 respondents. Possible to mention only one brand Source: BCG 2016 ad hoc study (12,000 respondents in 10 countries)

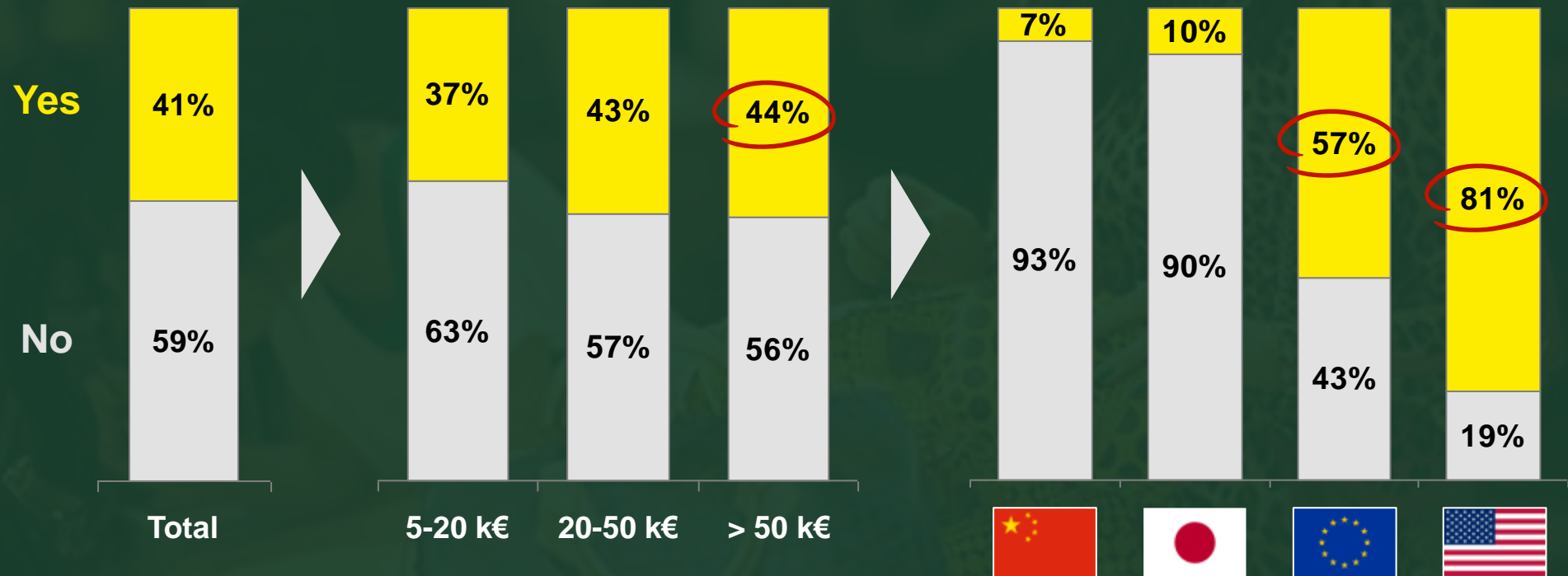
# Trading down is an attitude also for beyond money Luxury consumers . Americans the most active

*"Do you have the feeling that you have partially shifted your spending from luxury brands to premium and / or fast fashion brands?"*

% of respondents

By luxury spend

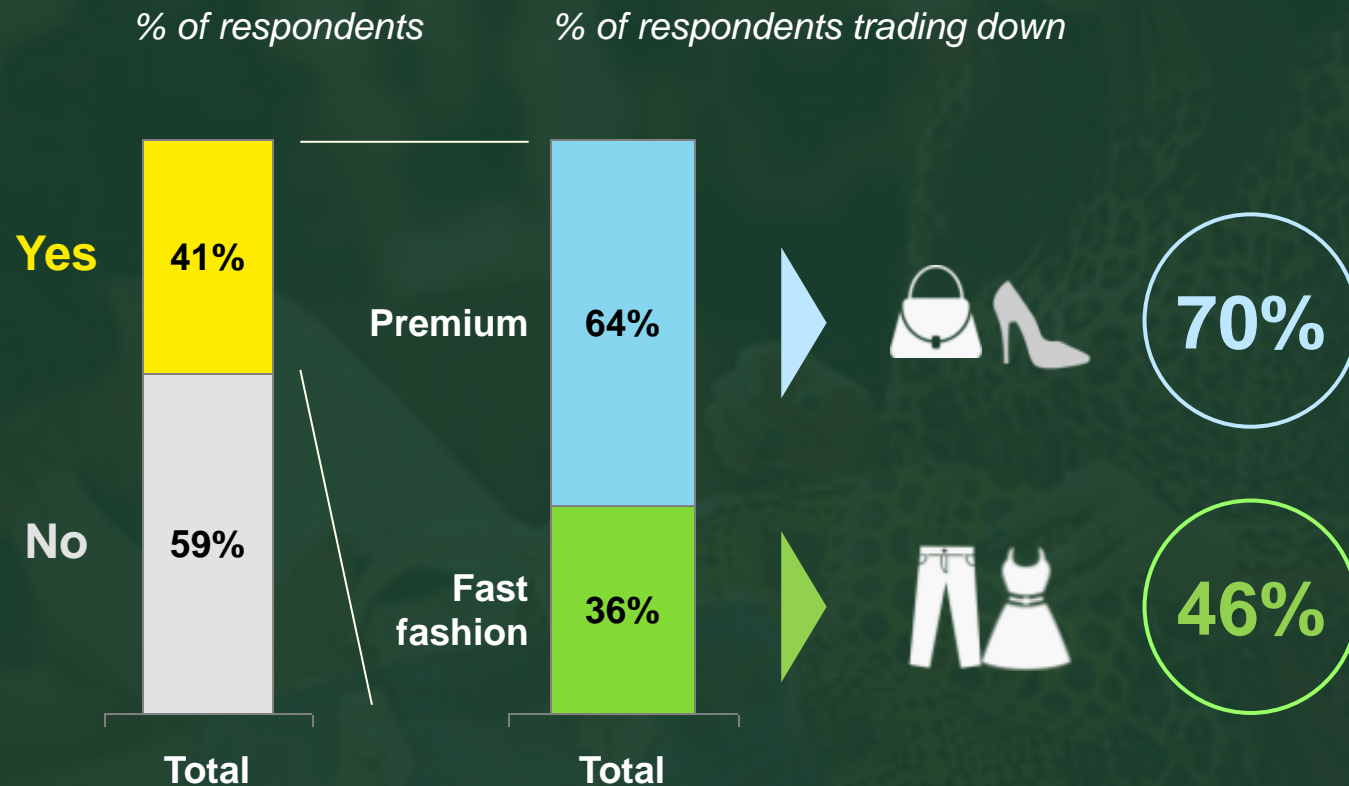
By nationality






# Luxury Consumers trading down to premium brands almost 2x than to fast fashion ones

*"Do you have the feeling that you have partially shifted your spending from luxury brands to premium and / or fast fashion brands?"*



Note: Multiple options answer. In calculating the % of respondents trading down to premium and fast fashion brands, respondents trading down to both premium and fast fashion brands were counted twice  
Source: BCG 2016 ad hoc study (12,000 respondents in 10 countries)

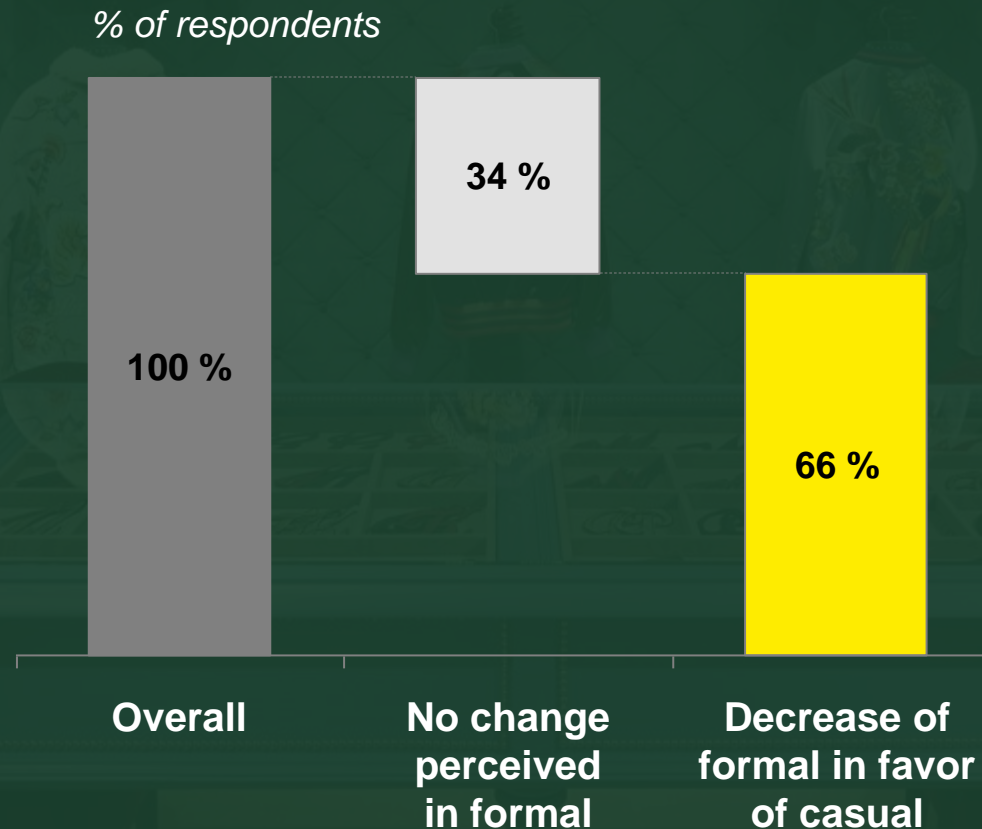


**More Casual, more Customized!**



# Casualwear with increasing appeal vs. formal for 2 / 3<sup>rd</sup> of True-Luxury Consumers

*"Has your attitude towards formal wear changed?"*



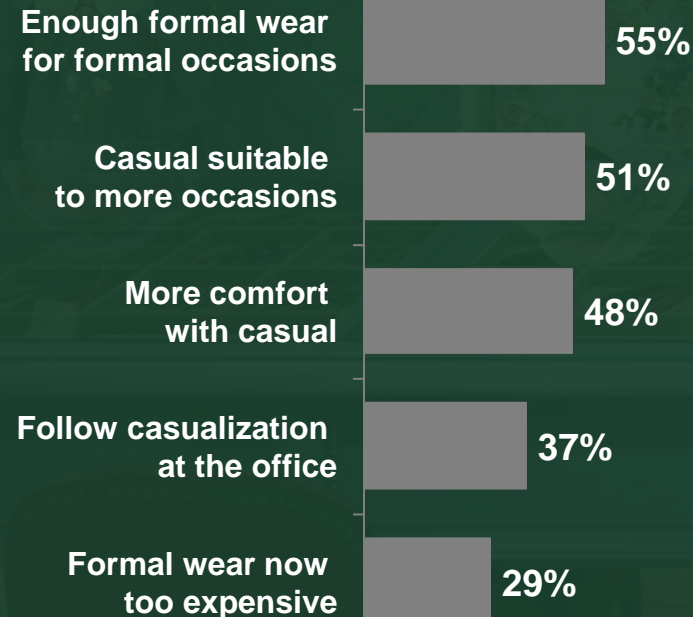


# Casualwear fuelled by wardrobe saturation for the eldest, higher appeal and acceptance for the youngest

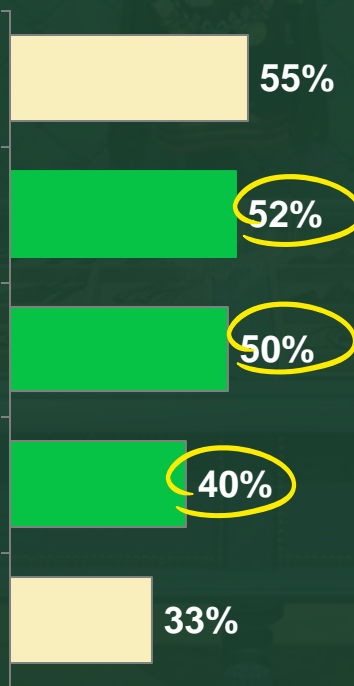
*"What are the key reasons driving the lower appeal for formal wear in your mind?"*

% of respondents  
with lower appeal  
for formal wear

Overall



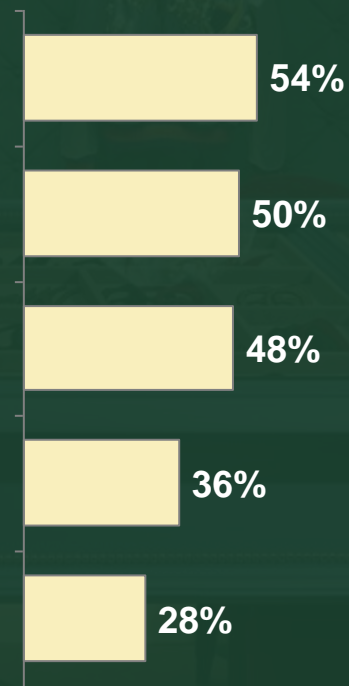
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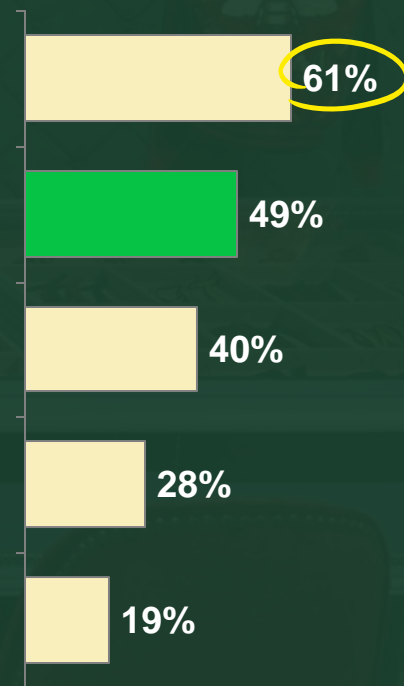
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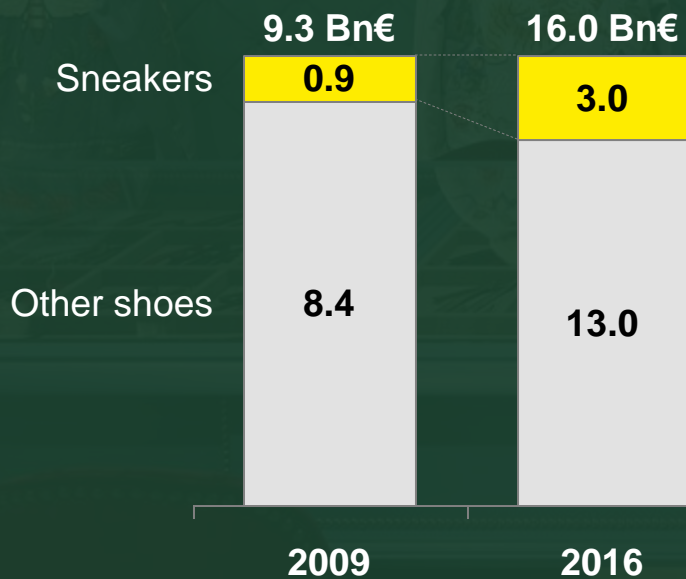
Note: multiple options answer (up to three reasons)  
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# The Luxurization of the Casualwear



## Luxury sneakers

Market @ Retail value (Bn€)



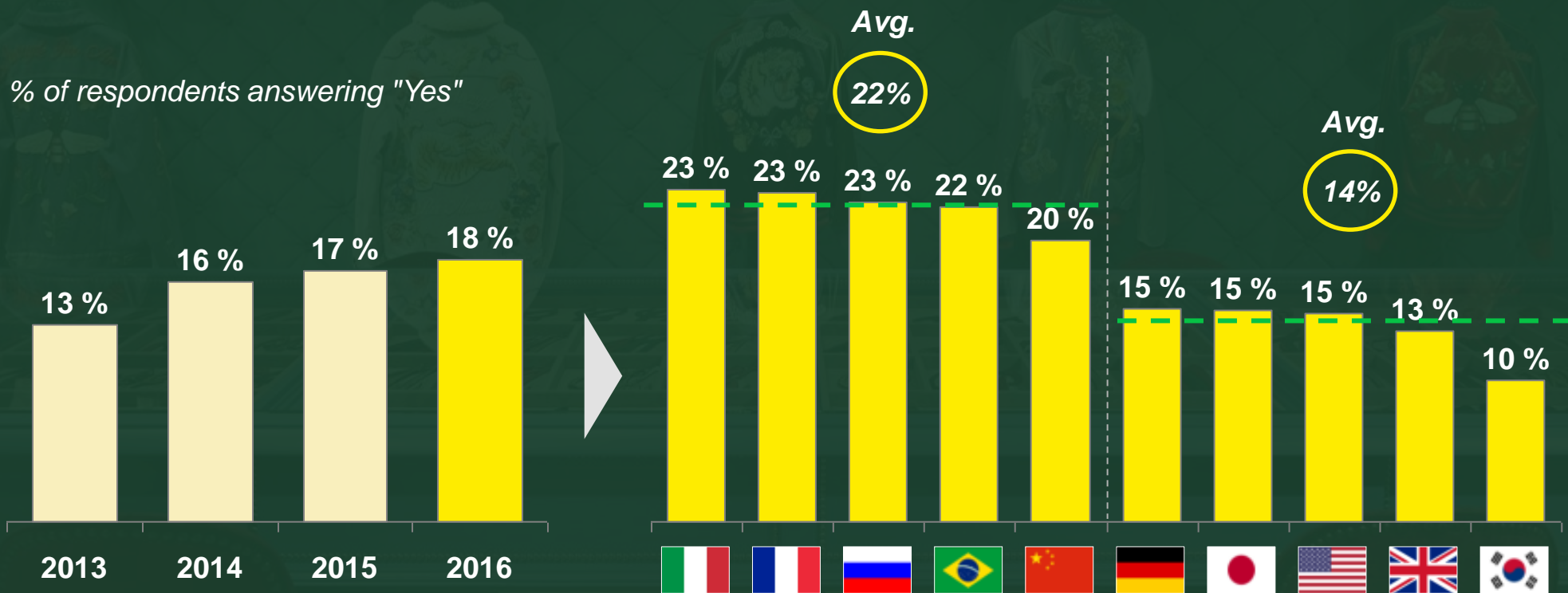
## Luxury down jackets

Market @ Retail value (Bn€)



# Growing demand for customization

*"Is customization relevant for you when purchase luxury?"*



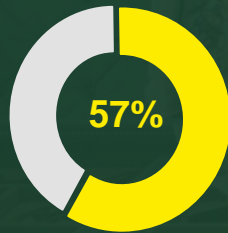


# Bespoke is the most desired feature; different customization priorities by product category

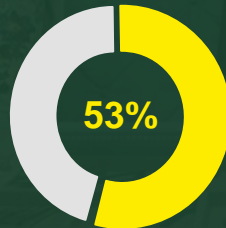
*"Which are the elements of customization that you value the most?"*

% of respondents considering each customization aspect relevant

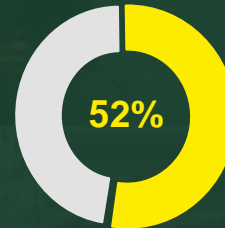
**#1** | Bespoke products



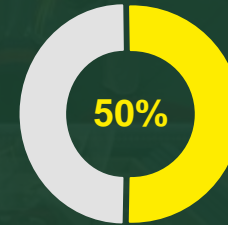
**#2** | Product configuration



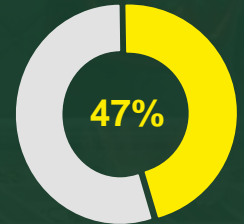
**#3** | Service



**#4** | Made to measure



**#5** | Initials or writings



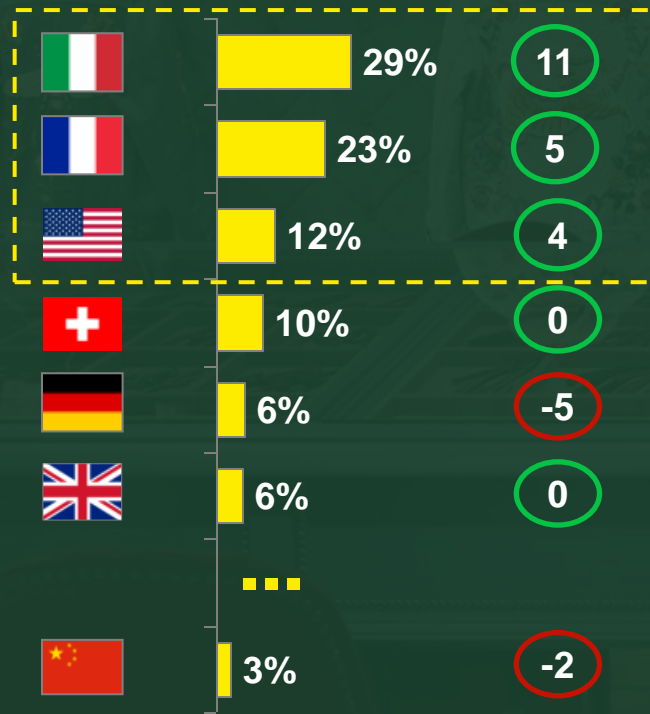
1<sup>st</sup> category  
by relevance



# Made-in Italy still leading, fuelled by Apparel, Bags and Shoes

*"Which country of manufacturing do you consider the best for luxury products?"*

% of respondents that check Made-in<sup>1</sup>    Δ 2014-2016 (pp)



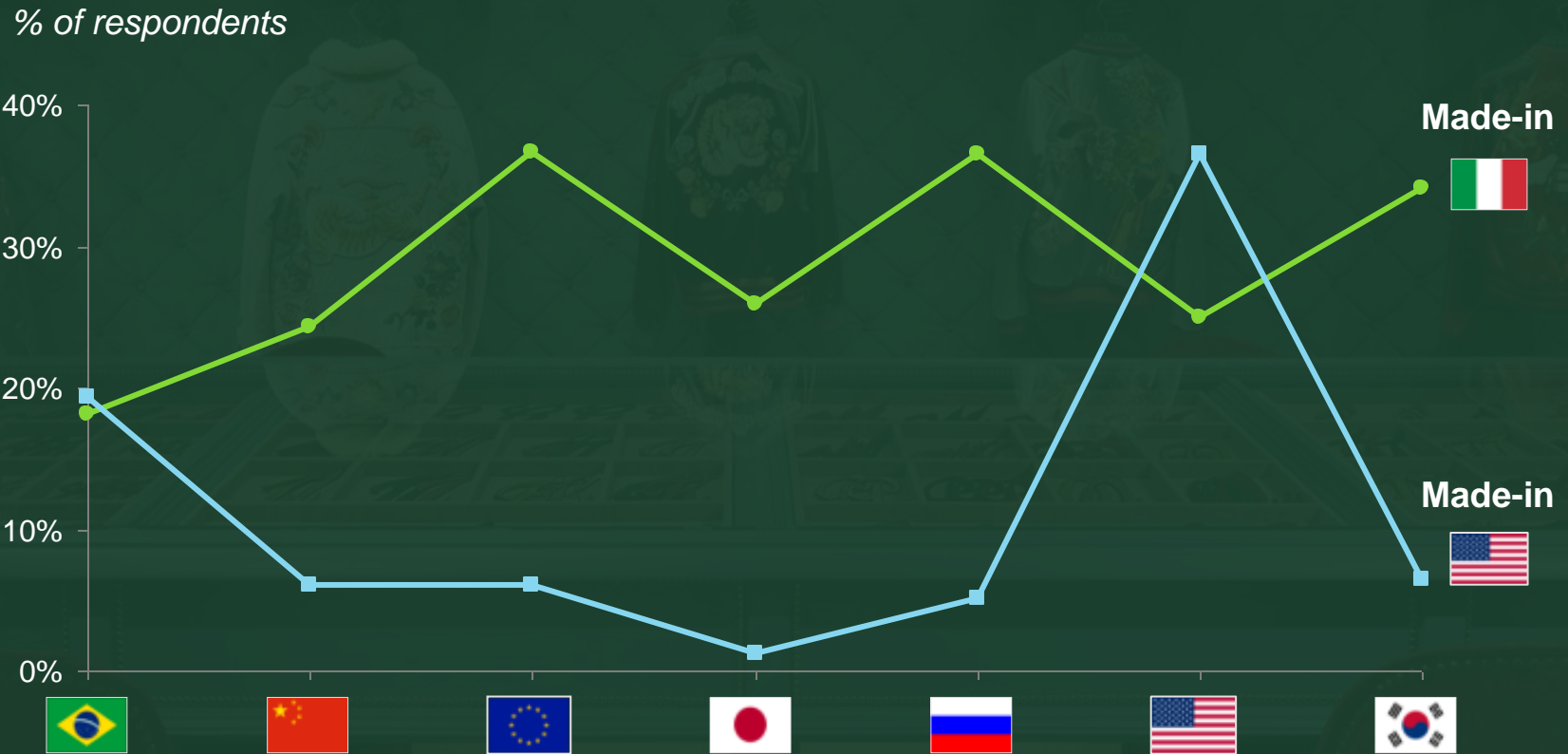
*Drivers of the increase (2014-2016)*



1. Excluding cars, luxury boats, design and lightening  
Source: BCG 2016 ad hoc study (12,000 respondents in 10 countries)

# Made-in Italy recognized worldwide, while Made-in U.S. mainly appreciated by Americans

*Made-in preference (Italy vs. US) by consumer nationality*  
*Focus on Personal Luxury<sup>1</sup>*



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**True Luxury Consumers buying more at home**

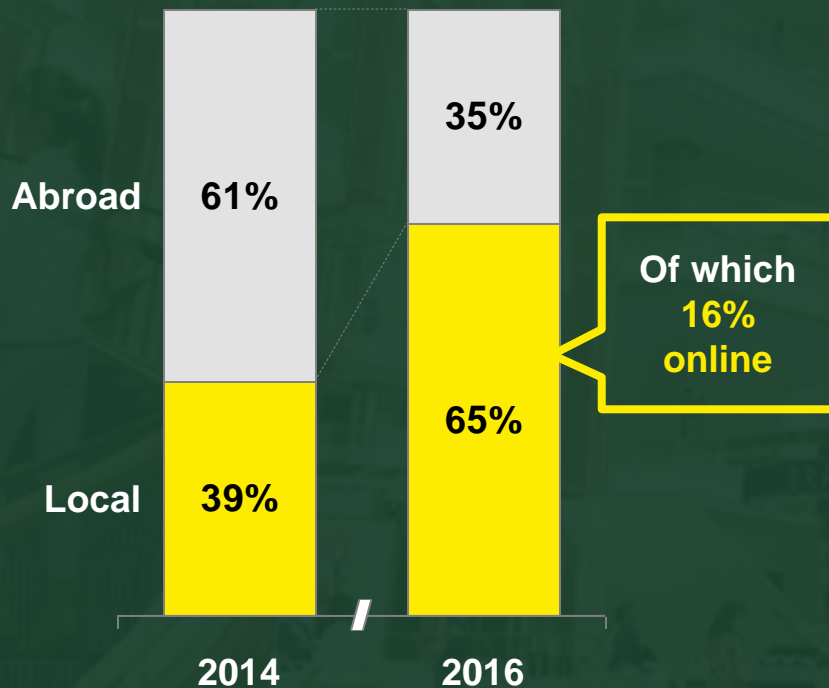


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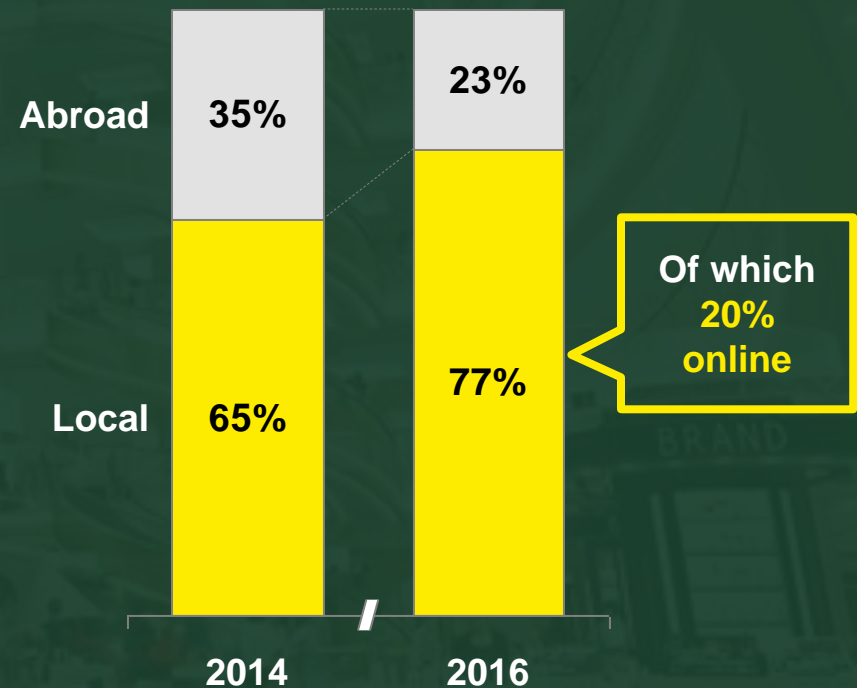
*"Where did you buy your last luxury item?"<sup>1</sup>*

% of Chinese respondents



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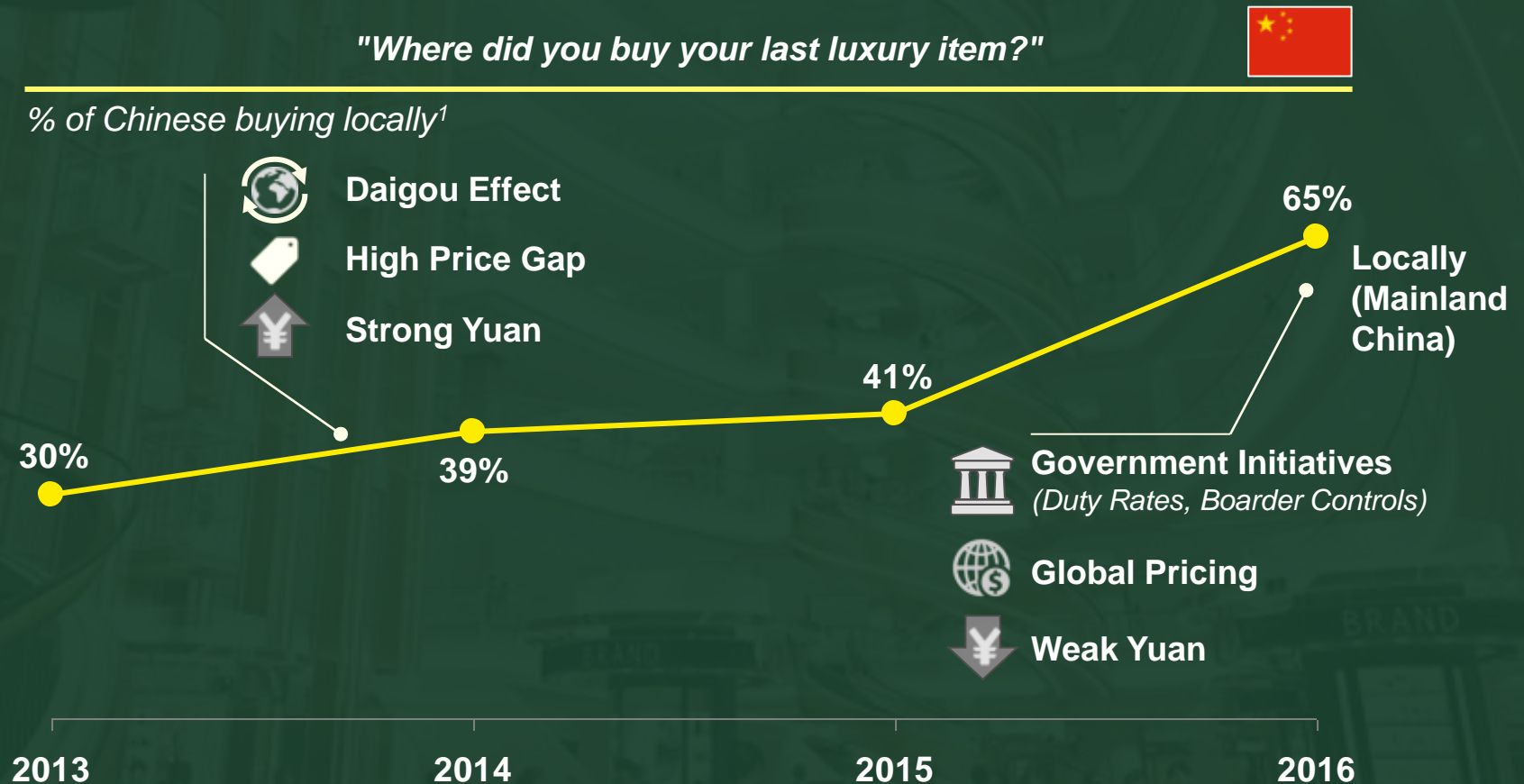
% of American respondents



1. For Top 4 EU nationalities (French, German, Italian, British) local purchases from 48% in 2014 to 79% in 2016. For Japanese local purchases from 71% in 2014 to 82% in 2016. 2. Includes both cities where respondents bought in the last 12 months and plan to buy in the next 12 months. Multiple options answer (all cities that apply) Note: Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macau included in "Abroad" Source: BCG 2016 ad hoc study (12,000 respondents in 10 countries)



# Chinese increasingly back home to buy luxury



1. Hong Kong, Macau, Taiwan excluded  
Source: BCG 2016 ad hoc study (12,000 respondents in 10 countries)



# True Luxury Consumers are buying more in their home country



"Where did you buy your last luxury item?"<sup>1</sup>

*Top destinations for luxury shopping<sup>2</sup>*

% of Chinese respondents



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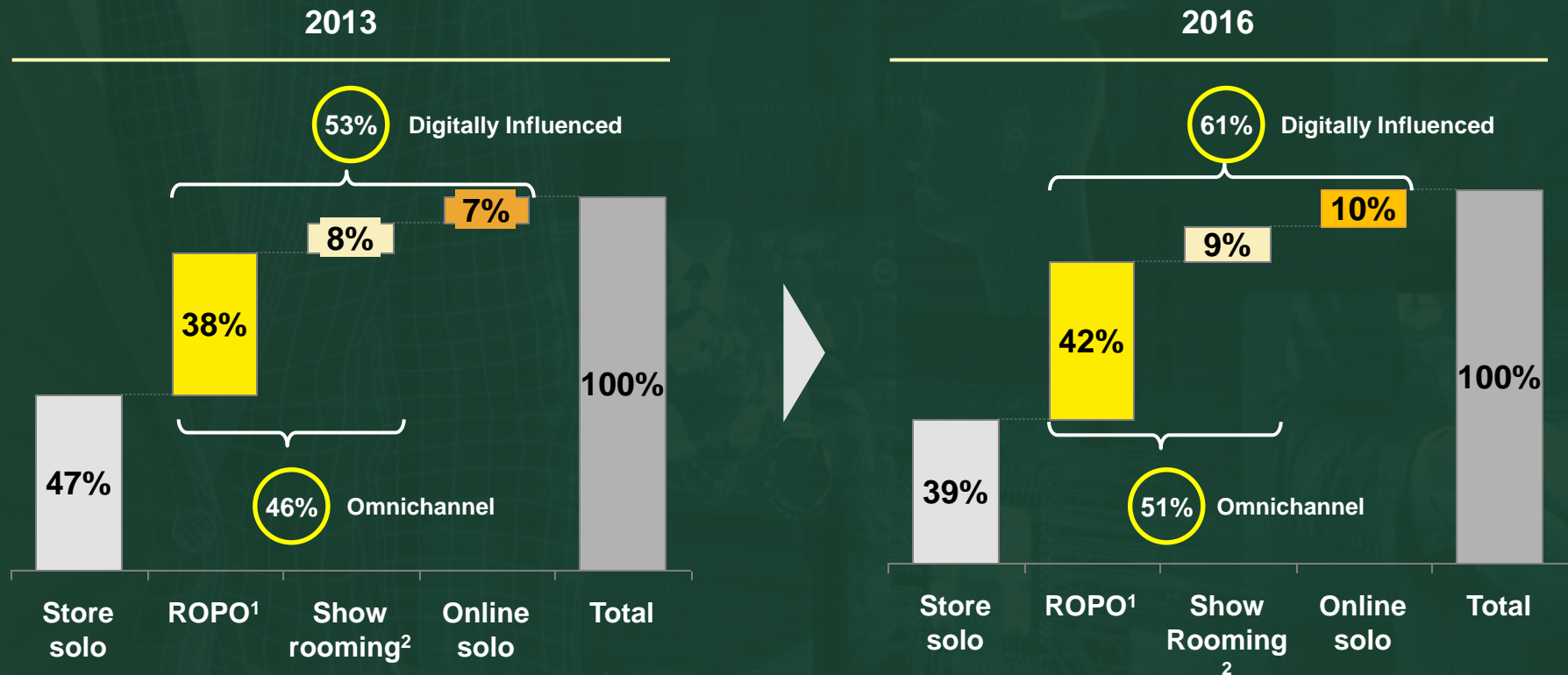
# Luxury goes Omnichannel



# Store solo sales decreasing but omnichannel the real trend vs. online solo sales

*"Where have you bought your last luxury item? Where have you researched it?"*

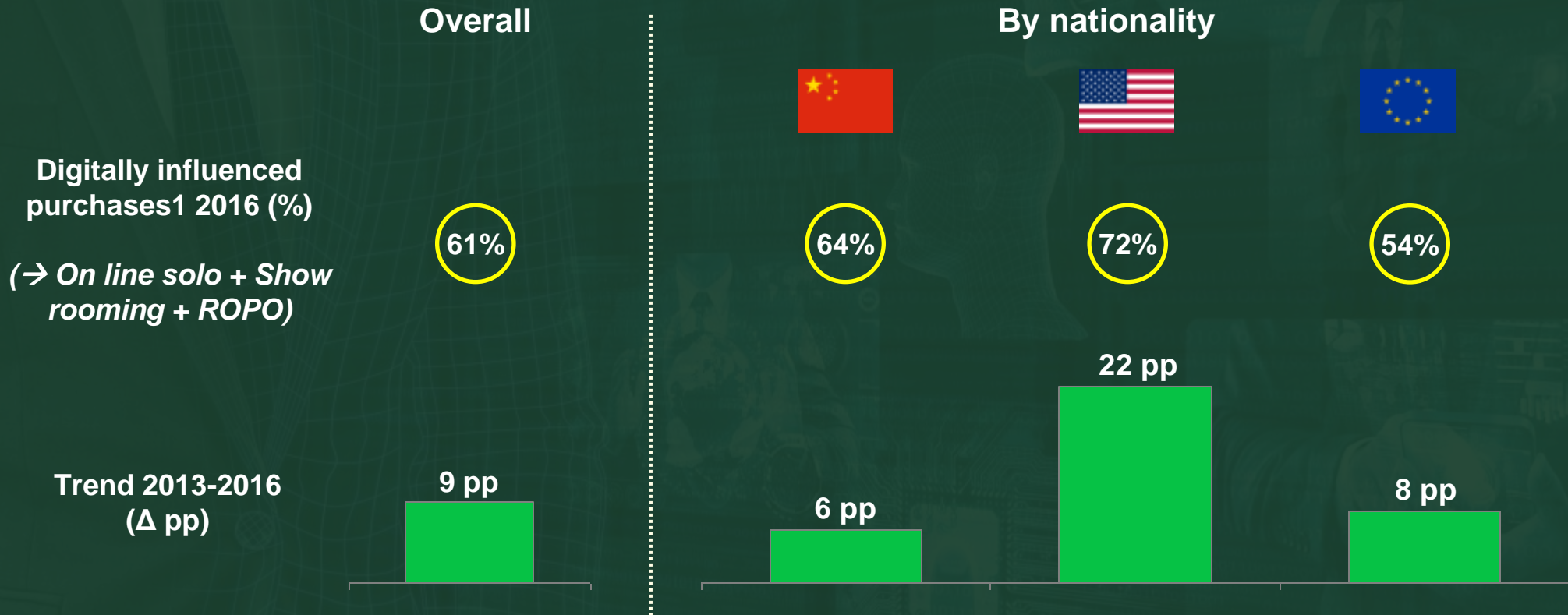
% of respondents on last purchase





# Digital influence growth fuelled by Americans

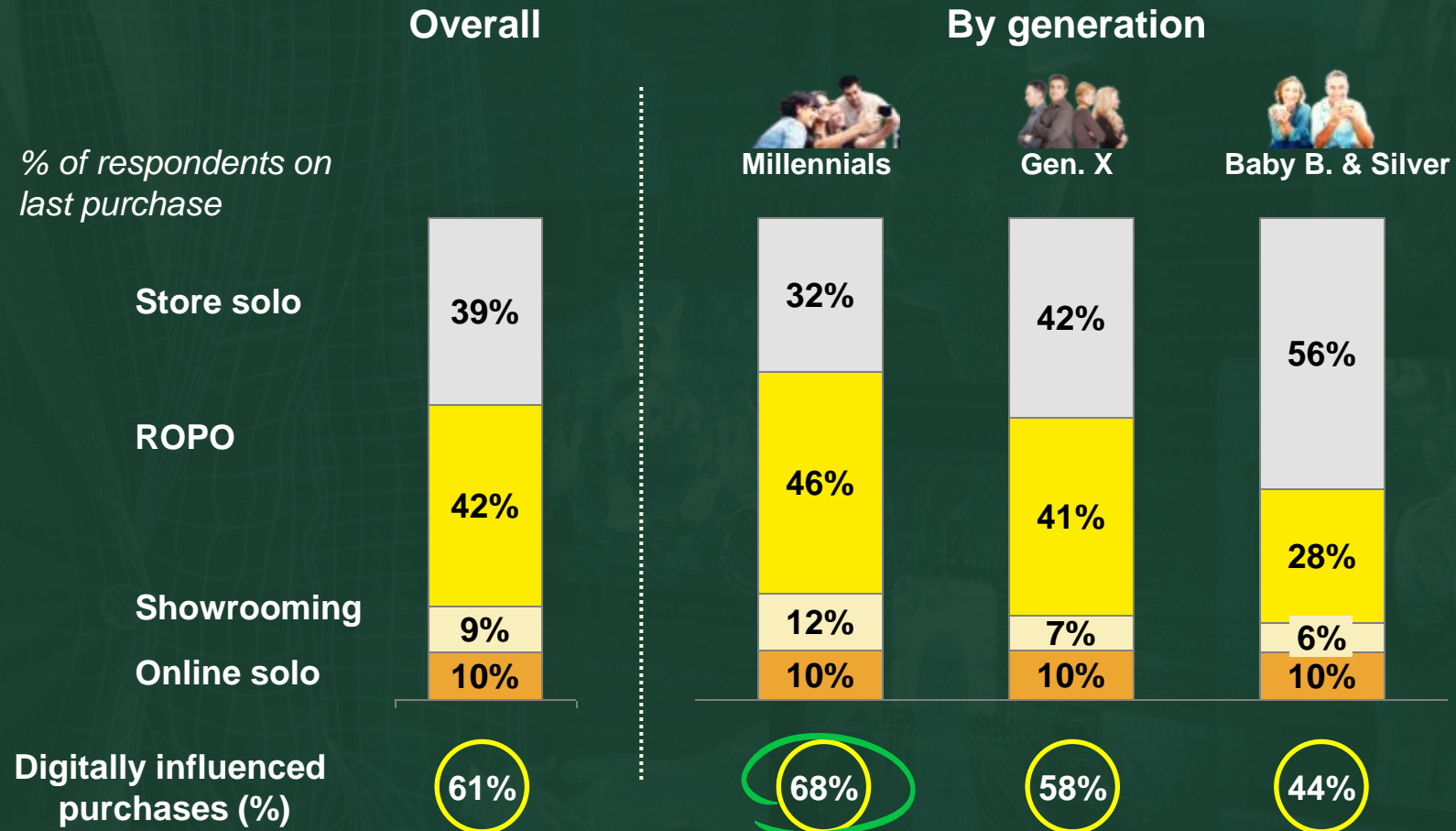
*"Where have you bought the last item purchased? Where have you researched it?"*



1. Considering the last luxury purchase  
Source: BCG 2016 ad hoc study (12,000 respondents in 10 countries)

# Millennials the most digitally influenced

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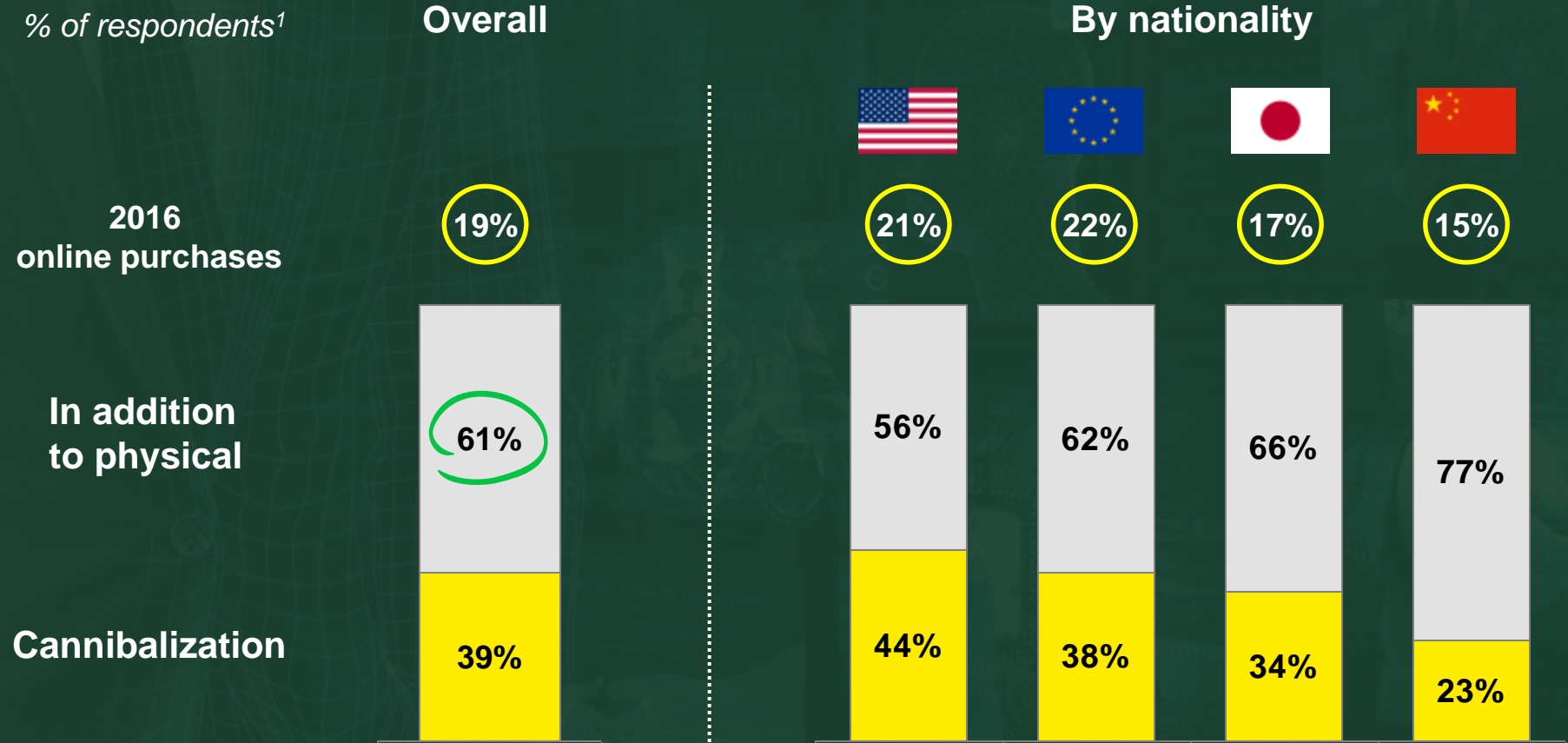


1. Mainly personal items (~90%), among experiential includes wine & spirits, furniture, smartphones,...

Source: BCG 2016 ad hoc study (12,000 respondents in 10 countries)

# 60% of online purchases are perceived to be additional to physical retail purchases

*"Do you have the feeling that your spending online is in addition to or cannibalizing your luxury spending in physical stores?"*

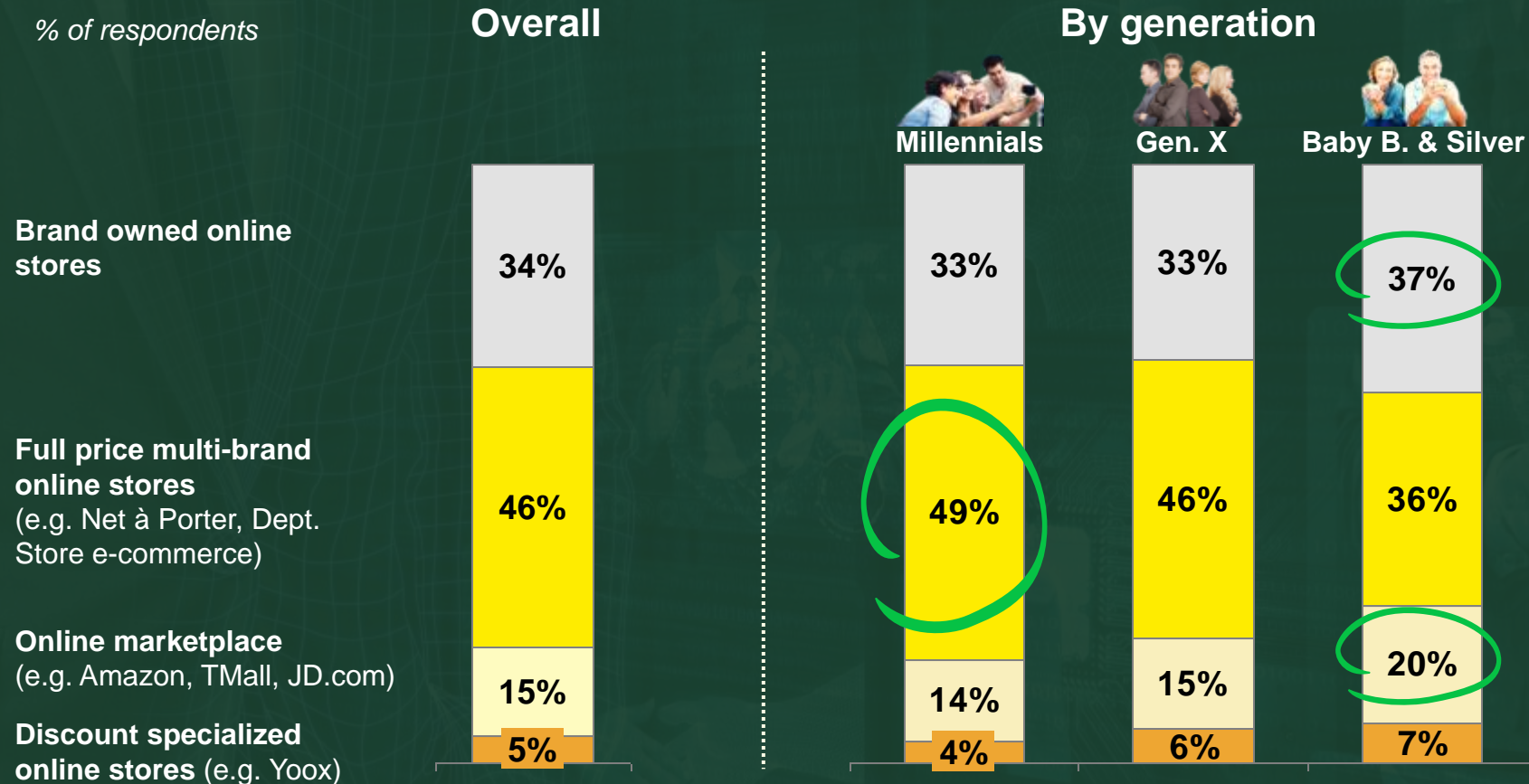


1. Considering the online channel among the top 3 channels used over the last 12 months  
Source: BCG 2016 ad hoc study (12,000 respondents in 10 countries)



# Full price multibrand eShops key for Millennials : Brands' websites and Marketplaces for the eldest

*"Which kind of online store did you buy the product from?"*



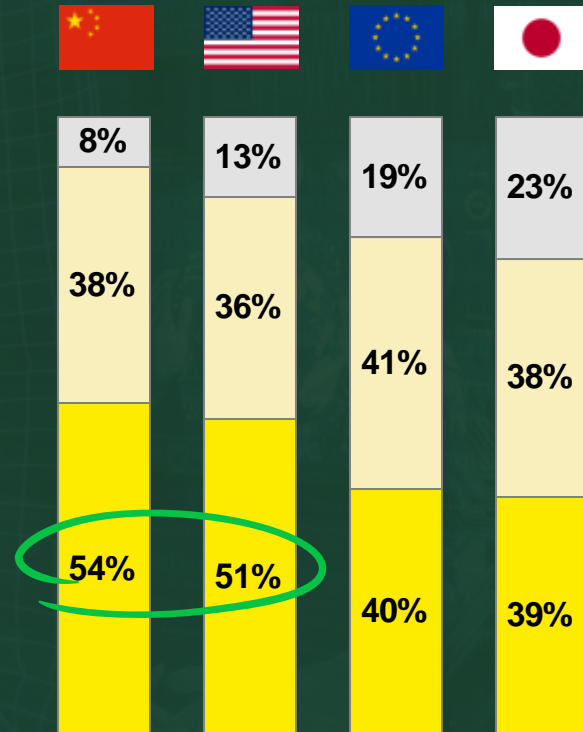
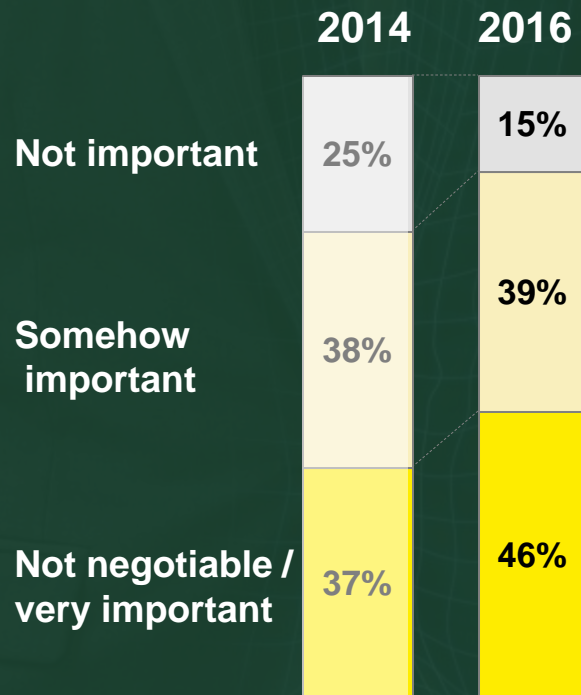
# Demand for an omnichannel experience is growing fast , driven by Chinese and Americans

*"How important is it for you that a brand can be reached through different channels?"*

Overall

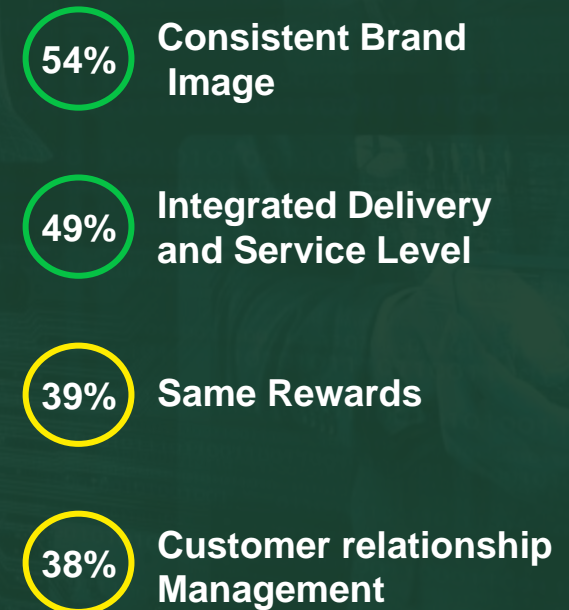
By nationality (2016)

% of respondents



*"What you would expect when interacting with your preferred luxury brand through multiple channels?"<sup>1</sup>*

% of respondents considering omni-channel not negotiable/very important



1. Multiple options answer (ranking of three reasons)  
Source: BCG 2016 ad hoc study (12,000 respondents in 10 countries)

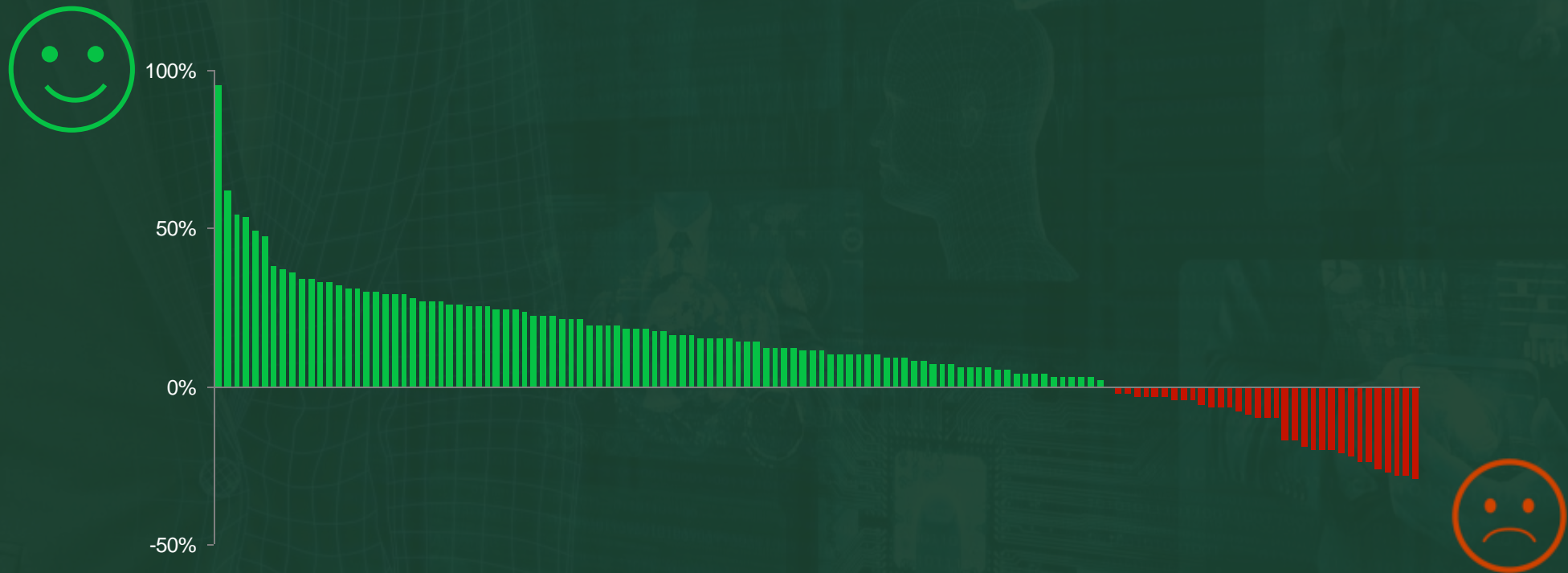


# How effectively are Luxury Brands responding to the omnichannel expectations? (I)

~100 brands included  
in the analysis<sup>1</sup>

## Brands' satisfaction distribution (2016)

*Omnichannel Satisfaction Index = (People mentioning as the best brand – people mentioning as the worse brand)*



1. Only personal luxury goods, Included only brands with statistical significant observations in total satisfaction  
Source: BCG 2016 ad hoc study (12,000 respondents in 10 countries)



# How effectively are Luxury Brands responding to the omnichannel expectations? (II)

~100 brands included  
in the analysis<sup>1</sup>



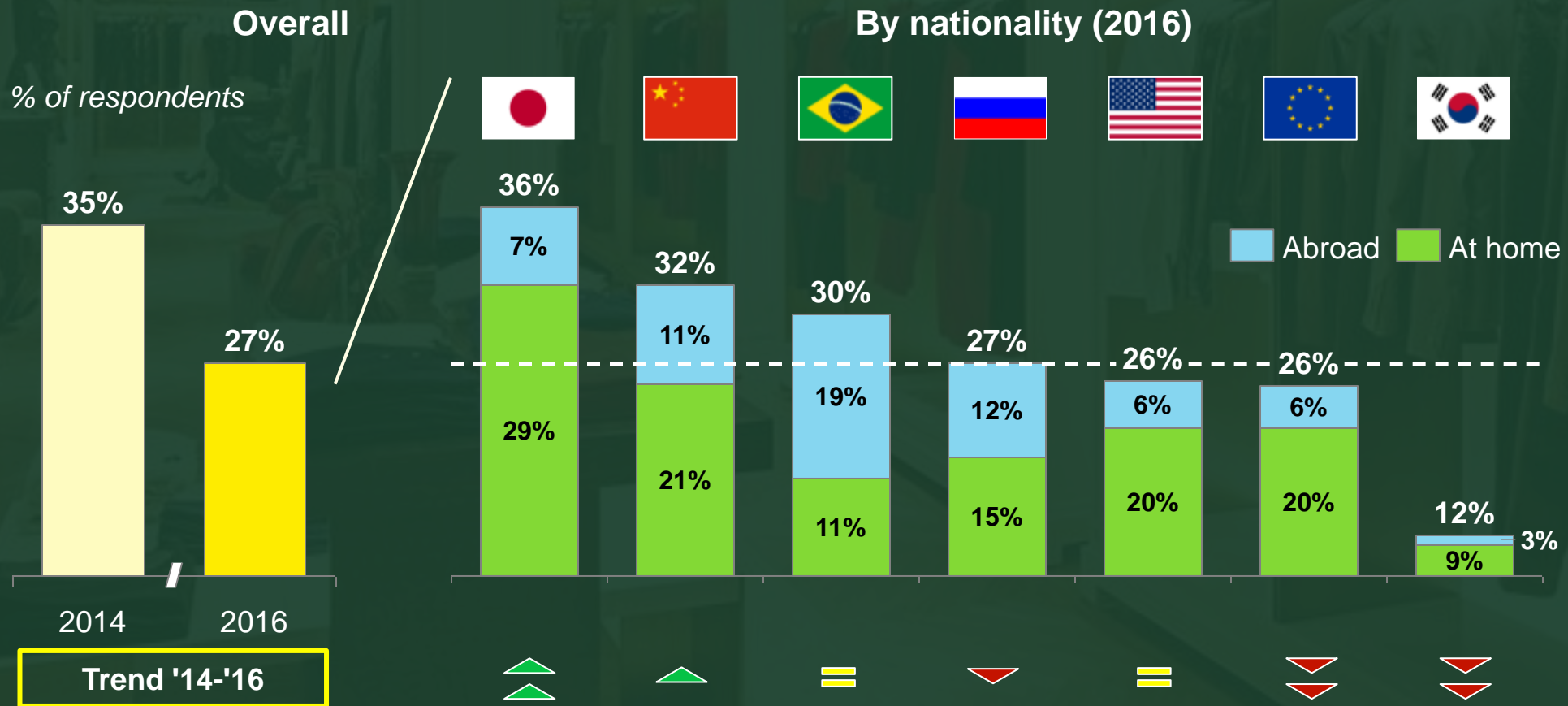
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A photograph of a modern clothing store interior. The space features light-colored wooden floors and white shelving units. In the foreground, a dark wooden table holds several folded items of clothing in blue, red, and white. To the right, a rack displays various garments, including a red jacket and a white shirt. In the background, more clothing is visible on shelves and racks, and a brown leather bag hangs from a shelf. The overall atmosphere is clean and minimalist.

**Monobrand at the heart of an omnichannel experience**

# Monobrand stores losing traffic and sales; Japan and China more resilient

*"Have you bought your last luxury item from a monobrand store?"*

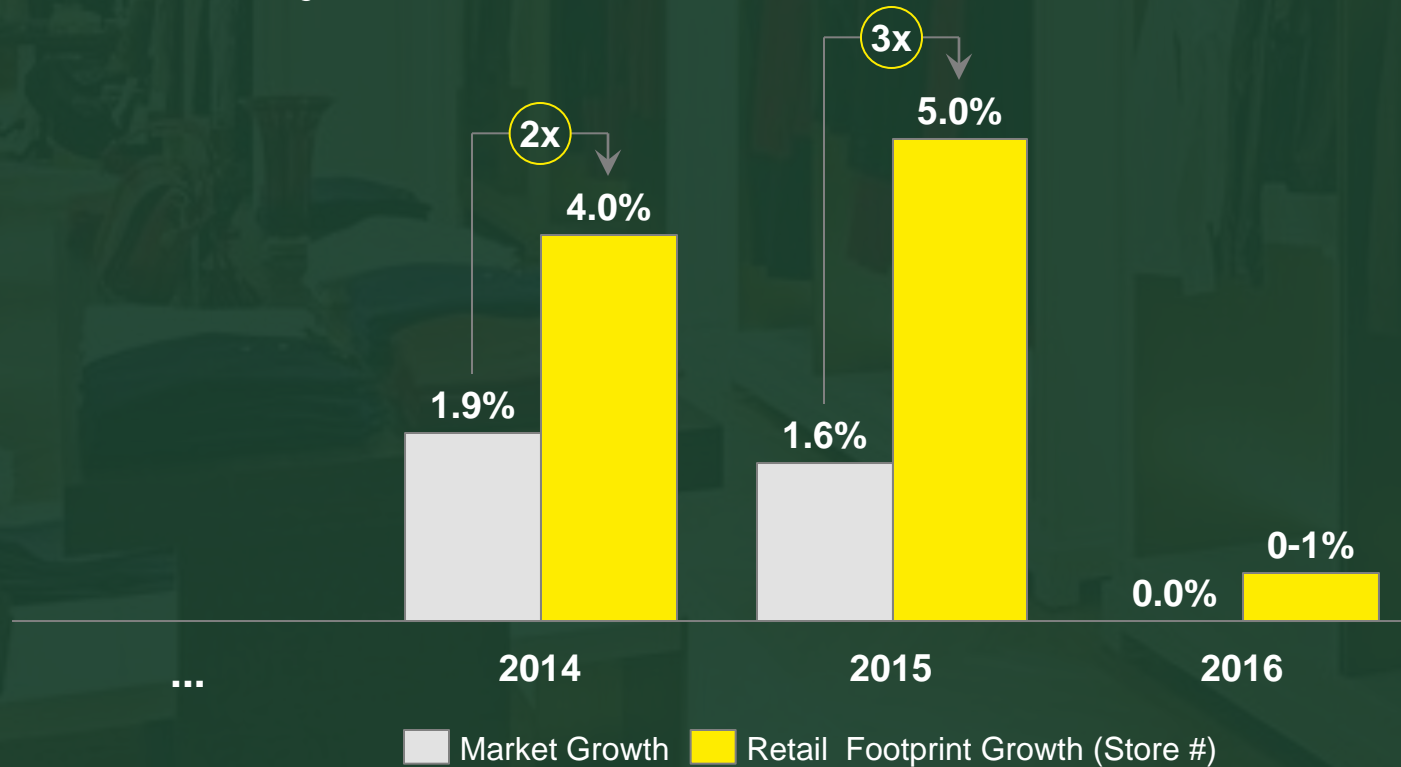




# Too many stores opened in the past vs. market growth

## Global retail footprint<sup>1</sup> growth vs. Personal Luxury Market growth (2014-2016)

@ Constant Exchange Rate



# Shopping experience and product assortment the main reasons for monobrand disaffection

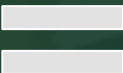
*"Do you have the feeling that you will purchase more or less frequently in monobrand stores?"*

% of respondents

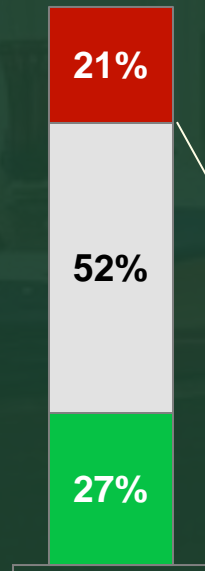
Less frequently



Same frequency



More frequently



*"Which are the reasons for which you are purchasing less frequently in mono-brand physical stores?" <sup>1</sup>*

33%

32%

17%

16%

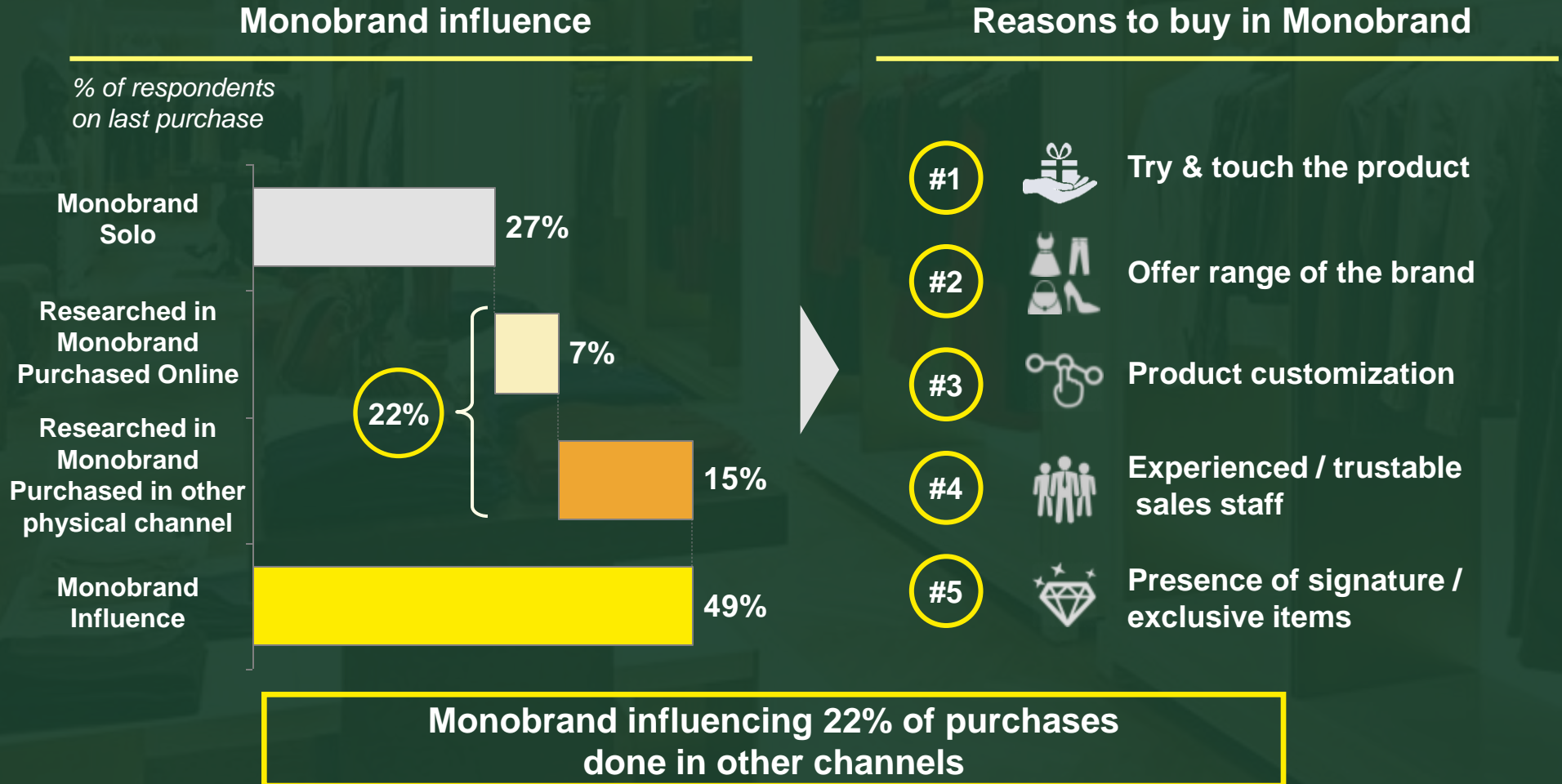
Monotonous shopping experience

Lack of product assortment newness

Price

Proximity

# But monobrand still at the heart of an omnichannel True-Luxury consumer experience around the Brand





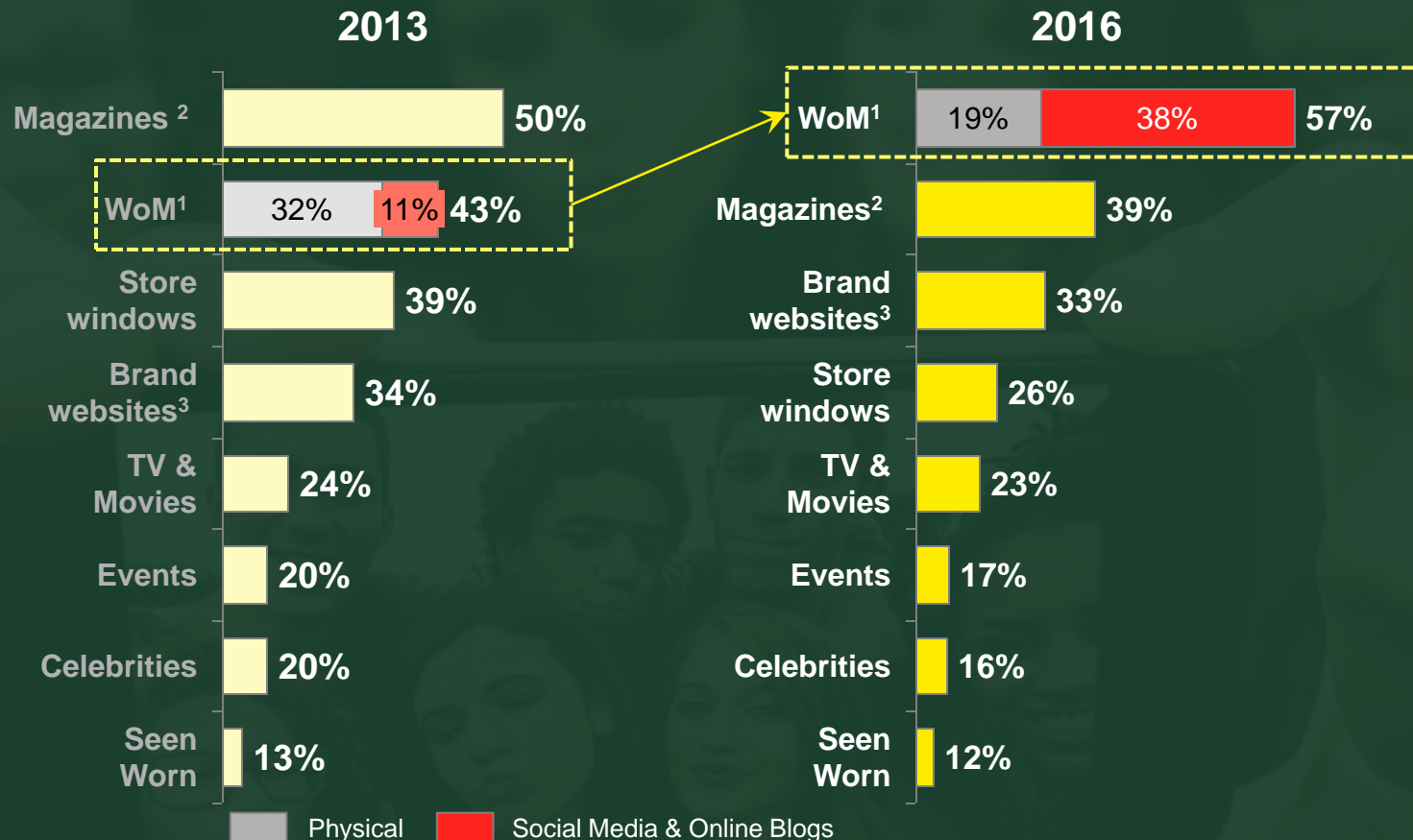
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# Word of Mouth the 1<sup>st</sup> influence lever on True Luxury Consumers, thanks to digital /social media

*"Which of these levers has an impact on how you develop opinions or purchase decisions?"*

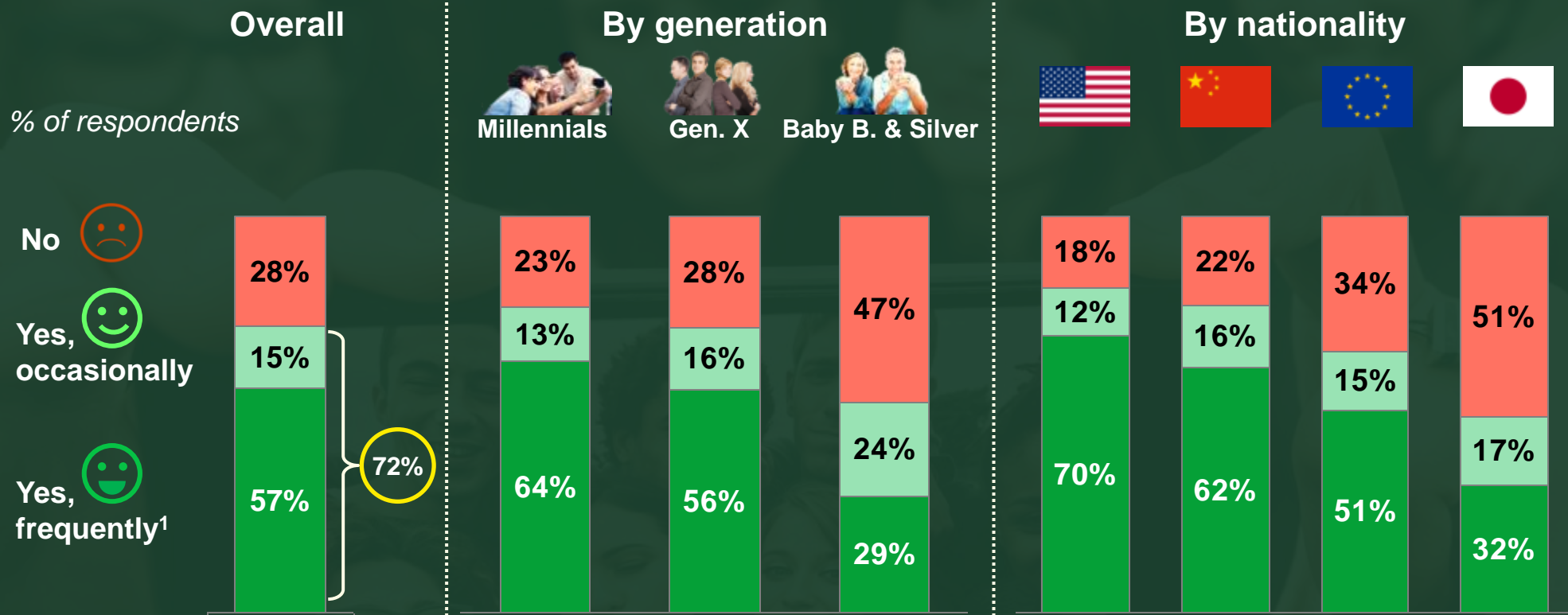
% of respondents



Note: Multiple options answer (ranking of five levers) 1. Includes physical Word Of Mouth, Social Media and Other online blogs 2. Editorials and Commercial in Magazines. Includes both traditional & digital magazines 3. Includes also Brand's App  
 Source: BCG 2014 ad hoc study (10'000 respondents in 10 countries)

# 72% of true luxury consumers use Social Media to interact with their favourite luxury brands

*"Do you use Social Media to interact with luxury brands?"*



1. At least one Social Media used more than once per day  
Source: BCG 2016 ad hoc study (12,000 respondents in 10 countries)

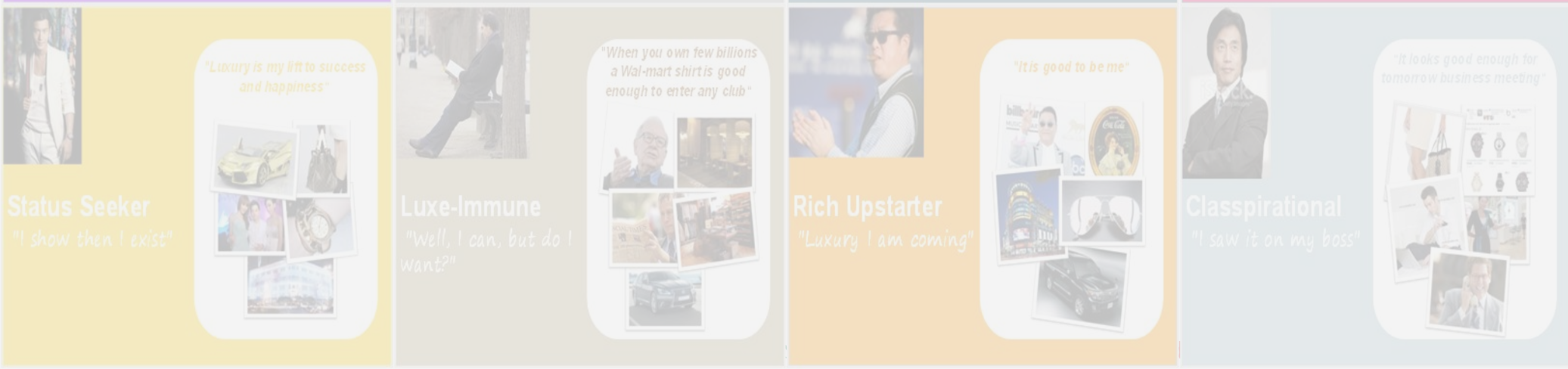
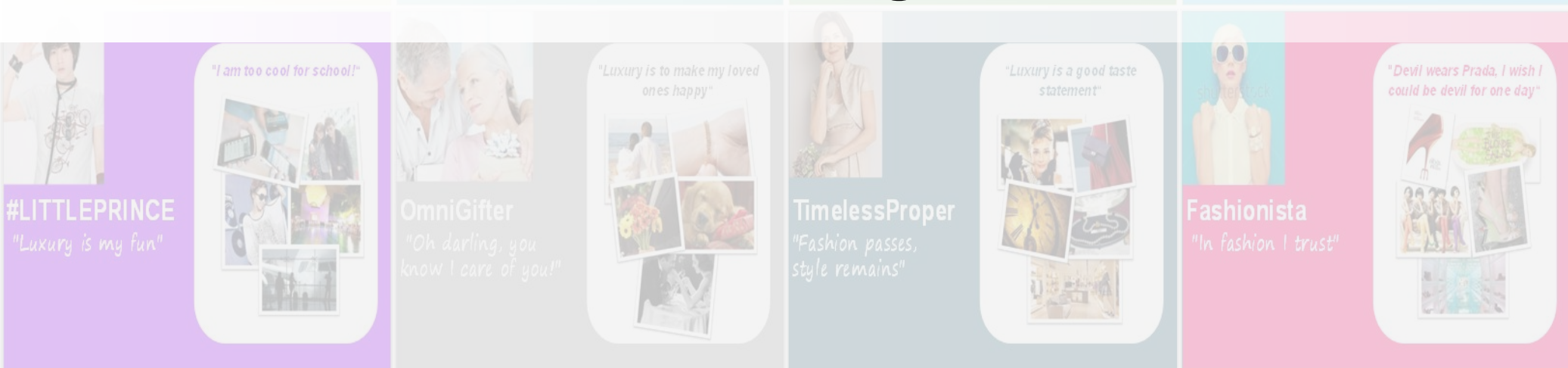


# Facebook, YouTube, Instagram the hottest Platforms

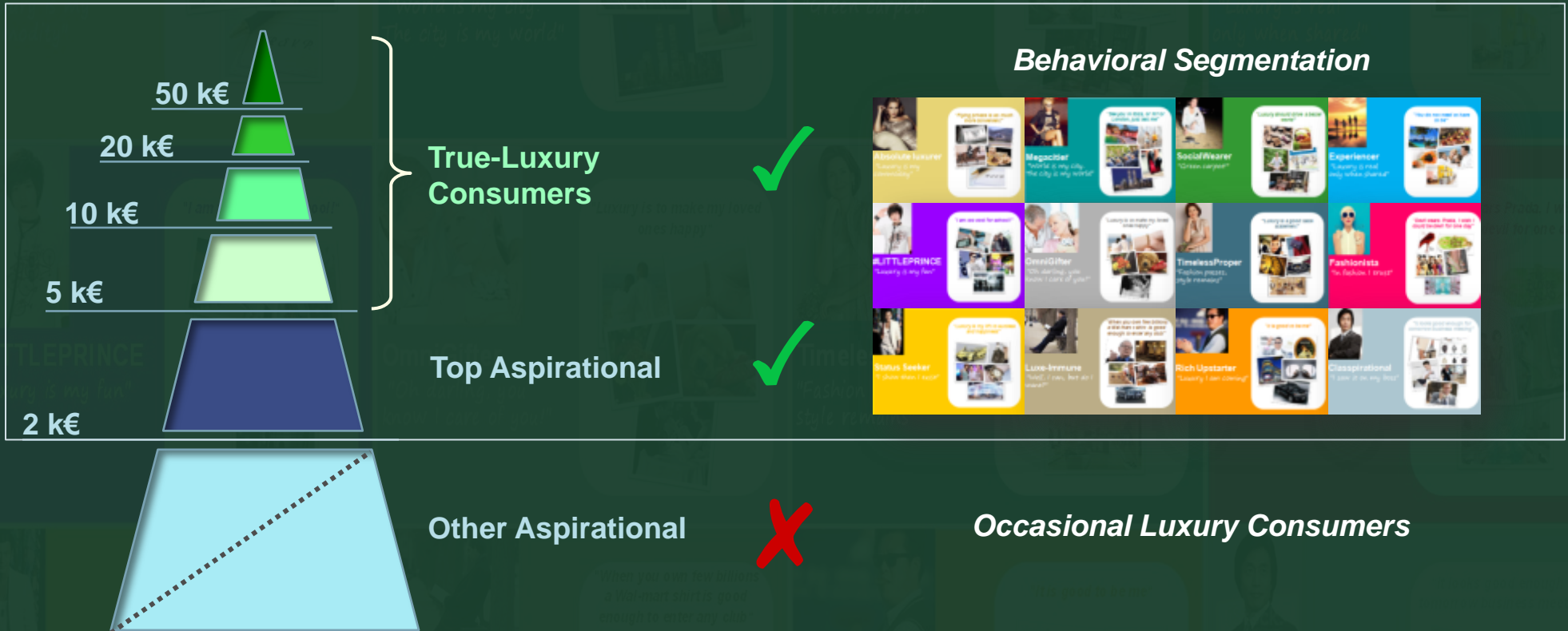
## Instant messaging with very high frequency

*"How frequently and which Social Media do you use to interact with luxury brands or social media peers to share opinions?"*





# Where does behavioral segmentation apply?



1. Including Experiential and Personal luxury, excluding cars and Yachts

Note: rounded numbers

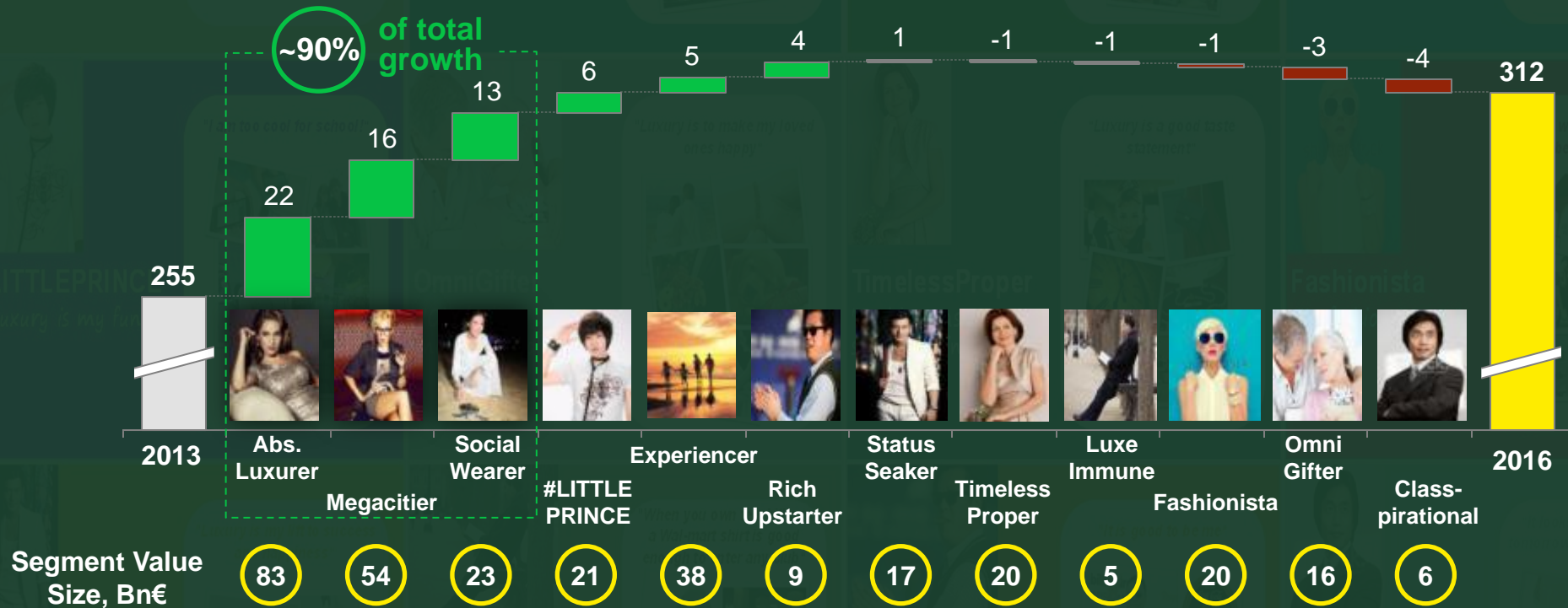
Source: BCG Luxury Market model



# Absolute Luxurer, Megacitier and Social Wearer have driven market growth over the last years

## Contribution to luxury market growth by segment (2013-2016)

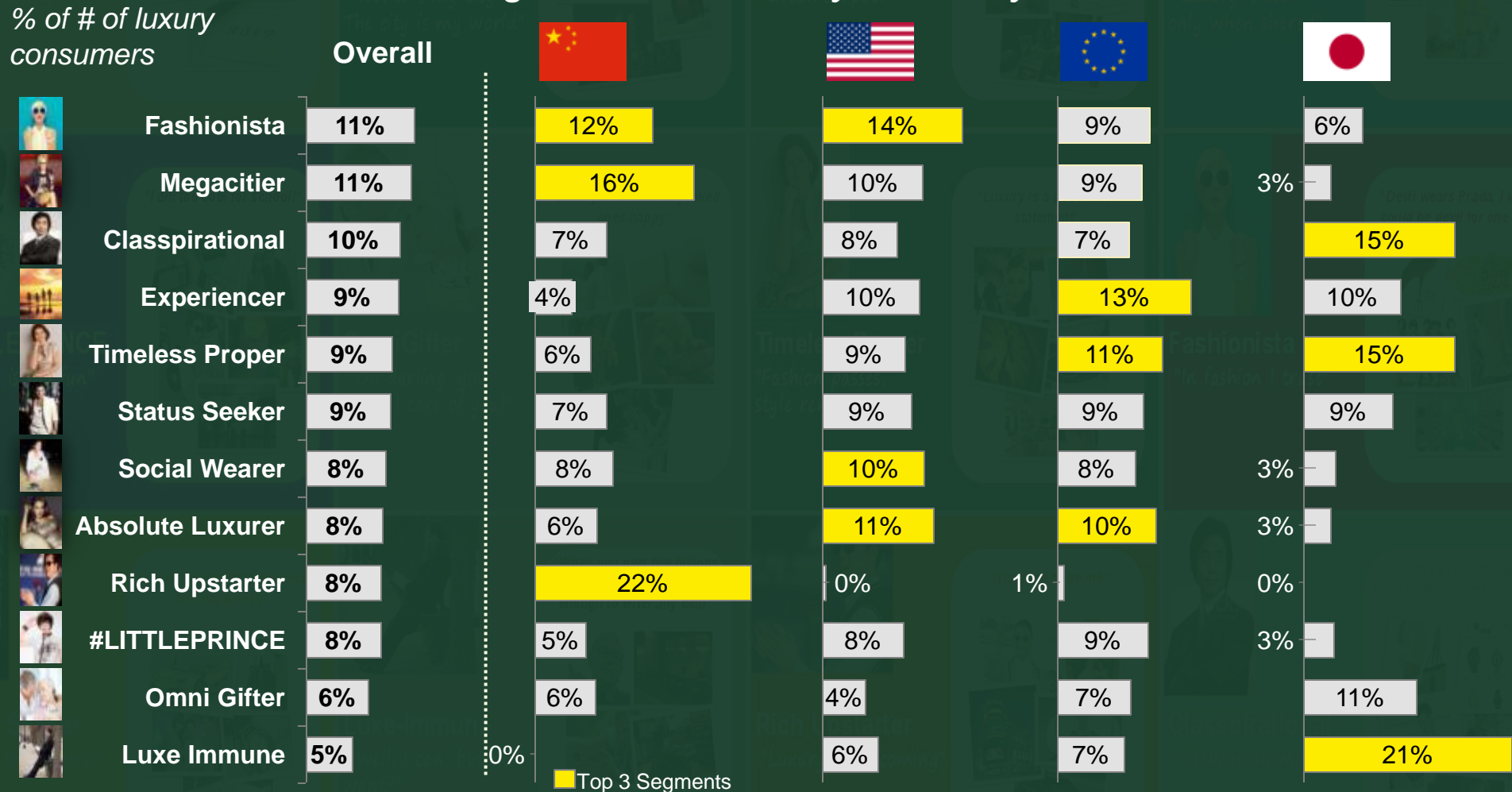
Total P & E Market generated by True Luxury & Top Aspirational consumers – Bn€



**Absolute Luxurer growing by spend increase, Megacitier and Social Wearer growing by luxury consumer number**

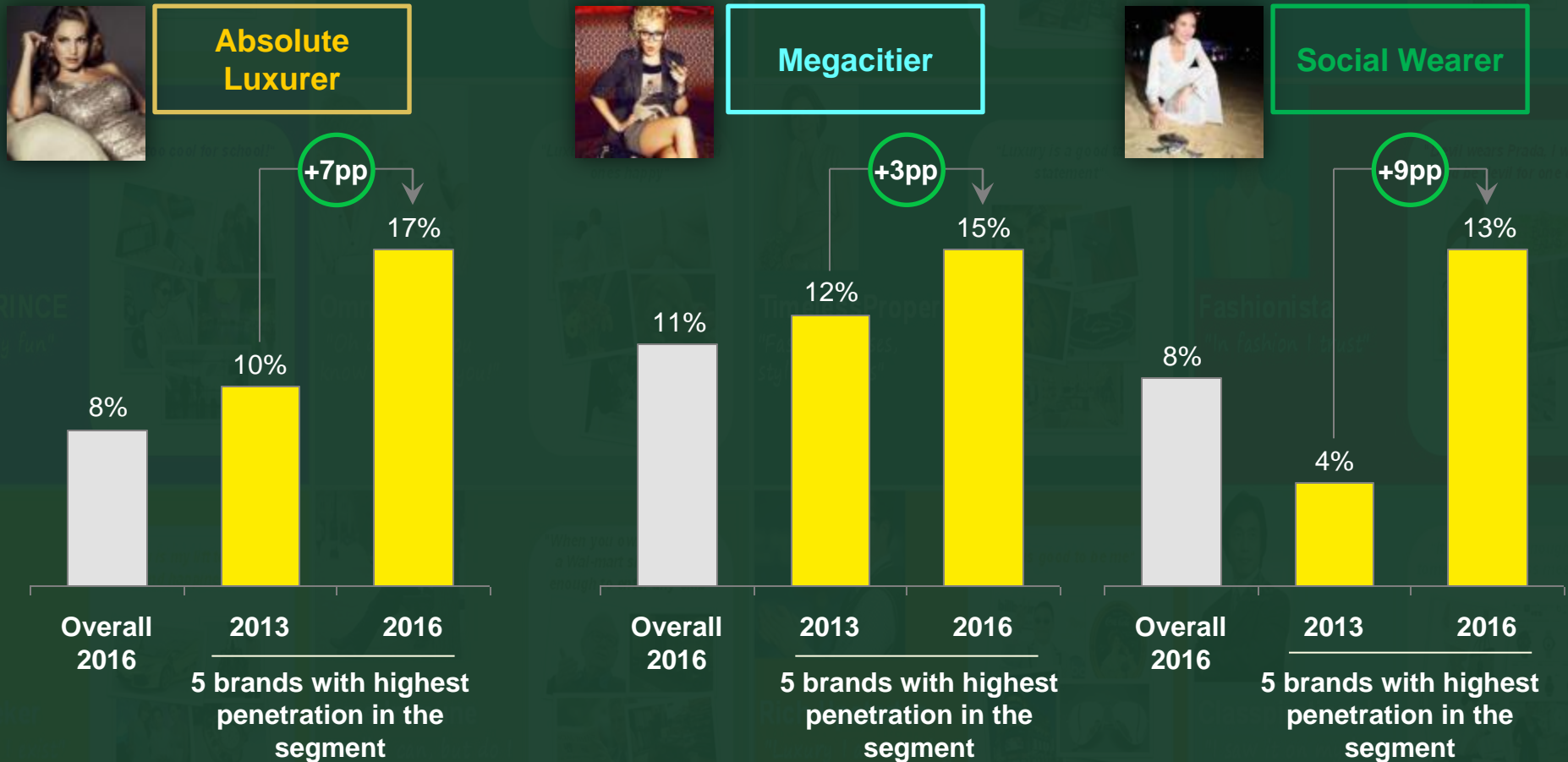
# Each geography has its own segment mix

*Segment distribution by nationality*



# Working well on a segment pays back

Share of # of luxury consumers, %





# Example: a Brand successfully changing its consumers mix towards more attractive behavioral segments

Example for an high-end personal luxury brand

Segment with highest penetration vs. segment with lowest penetration for a successful and growing brand



The luxury brand here represented achieved a + 16 % revenue growth p.a. in the last 3 years

# The True-Luxury Global Consumer Insight 4<sup>th</sup> Edition

## Main Outcomes

- 1 In a moderate growth luxury market, **True-Luxury Consumers** maintaining a healthier and steadier pace
- 2 In a slower personal luxury market expected **winners and losers both among Brands and among Categories**
- 3 **Discrepancy between perceived value and price** puts at risk affection of ~50% of consumers
- 4 **Casualwear** with increasing appeal vs. formal for 2 / 3 of True-Luxury Consumers
- 5 **Customization** a growing request and purchase driver, especially in Apparel
- 6 **Consumers buying more in their home country**, especially Chinese
- 7 Store solo sales decreasing but **omnichannel the real trend** vs. online solo sales
- 8 **Monobrand stores losing traffic** and sales, not only for online effect
- 9 True-Luxury Consumers massively engaging on **Social Media** with their favorite Brands
- 10 Strong differences in Brands performances within winning Luxury Consumers BCG **Behavioral segments**

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# The True Luxury Consumer: What BCG could do for Luxury Companies leveraging the study

1

**Brand Equity  
to support  
sales boost**

**Launch an ad hoc survey on True Luxury Consumer of the brand to bring insight to the next level on key topics relevant for the business**

- e.g. Categories, Geographical Markets, Consumer generations
- e.g. Digital, retail execution, megacities penetration,
- ....

2

**Voice of  
consumers to  
inform key  
decisions**

**Launch an ad hoc consumer study tailored on the specific target consumer of a Brand to inform key business decisions**

- e.g. Possible merge / demerge of two lines
- ...

3

**Actionable  
consumer  
segmentation**

**Develop a tailored and proprietary consumer behavioral segmentation for the brand, applying BCG behavioral segmentation to Brand CRM data**

- To capture future organic growth and boost LFL retail sales
  - Inform key decisions in merchandising, assortment, CRM, marketing,...
  - Define and launch pilots
  - Measure and scale up

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