



Twelve Year study exploring how brands tangibly improve peoples' lives functionally, enhance their personal wellbeing, and contribute to wider society.





## The Meaningful Brands Study is unique within the industry

2

3

Dating from 2009, was the FIRST GLOBAL FRAMEWORK to connect brands with human well-being

PROPRIETARY
METRIC of brand
strength for business
and marketing
planning

Helps us identify how and where to MEANINGFULLY ENGAGE

with people through customer, brand and media experiences





#### Why the Study Matters Now More than Ever





In current landscape, consumers and society expect more long-term value from businesses and brands



After almost 50 years,
Davos Manifesto
was updated,
emphasizing the
responsibility for
businesses to be
stewards of the planet
and all people



The idea of stakeholder capitalism is growing in momentum





### A Tangible Definition of 'Meaningful'

Understanding what matters across 3 pillars and 14 dimensions

#### **PERSONAL BENEFITS**

Messaging and behavior that connects on an individual basis and serves a specific personal need or want















PHYSICAL ORGANISATIONAL FINANCIAL

INTELLECTUAL

SOCIAL

**EMOTIONAL** 



Company initiatives, behaviors, and actions that respond to and connect at the social and cultural level



**ECONOMY** 



**EMPLOYER** 



**ETHICS** 



GOOD LIVING ENVIRONMENT





SOCIAL **JUSTICE** 

#### **FUNCTIONAL BENEFITS**

Rational benefits focused on product functionality, customer service, interactivity, and technology







#### Brands are measured against specific attributes – pertinent to their category - within each pillar



#### **FUNCTIONAL**

How the product or service delivers

- Banking app
- Best Camera
- Clear Info
- Comfortable clothes
- Compatibility
- Data privacy
- Delivers
- Designs
- Digital experience
- Easy journey
- Easy returns
- Easy Switch
- Exclusive exp.
- Fair Prices

- Fix cuts
- Handling
- Handset Change
- Helpful Staff
- In charge
- In store experience
- Inclusive Collection
- Innovative
- Interactions
- Leader
- Multisensory
- Price's consistency

- Proactive
- Quality brands
- Quality Prods
- Range
- Respect
- Safe & Responsible
- Safety features
- Scents
- Tariffs Range
- Technologydriven
- Tools & services
- Unique
- Upright



#### **PERSONAL**

How brands improve peoples' lives



- Healthy
- Attractive



#### ORGANISATIONAL

- Life Easier
- Better Habits
- Save Time



#### FINANCIAL

- Best interests
- Savings
- Wealth



#### INTELLECTUAL EMOTIONAL

- Trendv
- Skills
- New Ideas



#### SOCIAL

- Belonging
- Sharing
- Connecting
- Closer



- Me Happy Makes me
- content
- Self-Esteem
- Peace of Mind
- Show-off/Pride
- Self expression
- Privileged
- Relaxed



#### NATURAL

- Fnv. Fnabler
- Sense of **Purpose**



#### COLLECTIVE

A brands role in society



- Local Suppliers
- Development
- Benefits the Economy



#### SOCIAL JUSTICE

- Migrants
- LGBT+ rights
- Women's rights Anti-racism
- Social Leader
- Improve access
- Diversity



- Transparent
- Causes
  - Data protection
  - Fthical



#### **GOOD LIVING**

- Healthy lives
- Education
- Culture access
- Food security
- Poverty



#### **ENVIRONMENT**

- Respects Animals
- Sust.
- consumption Climate change
- Respects Nature
- Sust. Energy
- Sust. Innovations
- Clean supply chain
- Food waste
- Sust. Brands



#### **EMPLOYER**

- Good employer
- Jobs
- Invests



In orange: Attributes specific to a category



#### The Study is Valuable in Multiple Ways

Understanding
the specific
FUNCTIONAL,
PERSONAL AND
COLLECTIVE
benefits that
people are
seeking from a
brand in a given
category

Recognizing the **DEFICIT** and

capitalizing on this

for competitive

advantage

BEST KIND OF
CONTENT

For a brand to deliver within the customer's journey Unlocking the
AUTHENTIC role for
a brand to play in
a landscape that
requires new kinds
of SOCIETAL
COMMITMENTS





For the 12th year, there is a decline in the value most consumers see from brands

People would not care if 5%

of brands disappeared





Worse still – Uncertainty Spills over.
Political and social unrest,
disinformation and distrust have
begun to impact our relationship
with brands.

7 %

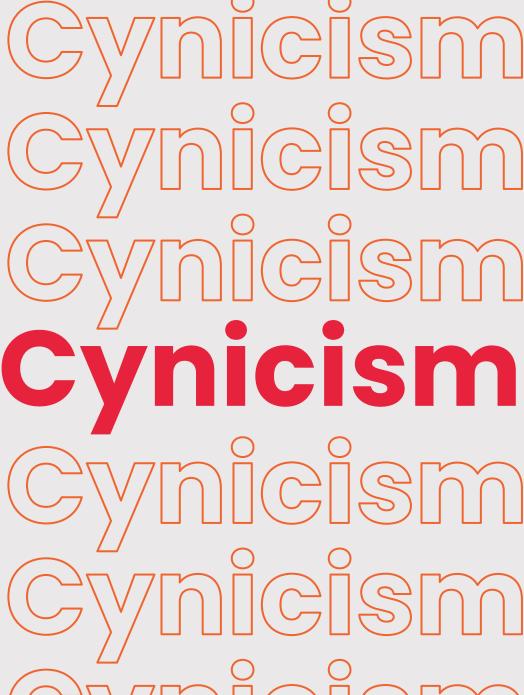
## Of Consumers are Tired of Brands' Empty Promises







## The Age of Cynicism





# Meaningful Brands 2021 in numbers

**2021 Study** 

(Conducted Q3 2020)

+395,000 citizens

+2,000 brands

30 markets

21 industries





## The chaotic cultural landscape exacerbated in 2020 has significantly impacted consumer priorities and behavior













## A state of crisis has shifted our priorities

Three quarters of Global Citizens feel we are living in a global crisis across four key areas

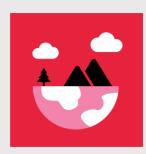




**T70**/<sub>0</sub>



Politics 72%



Environment 72%





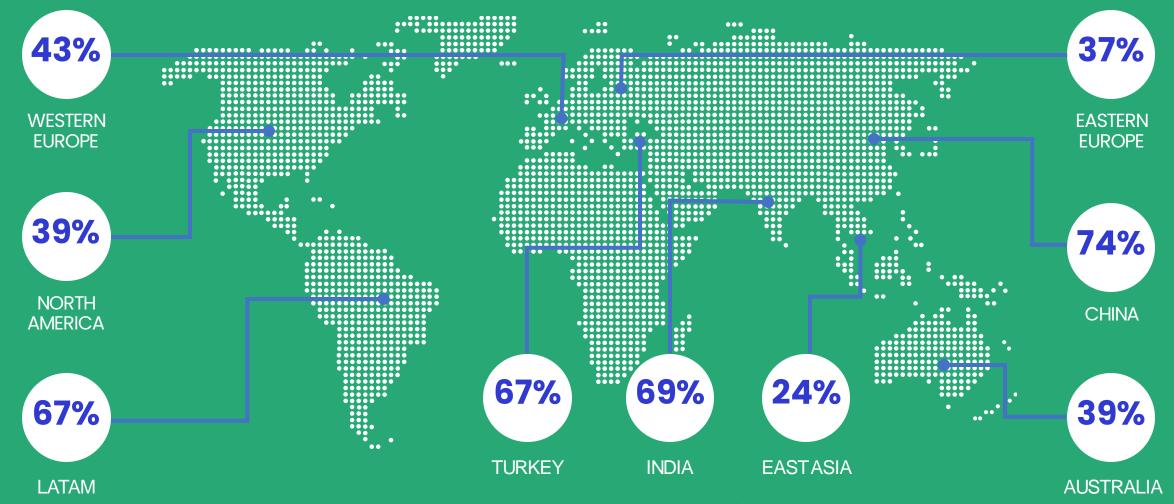


Amidst this culture of chaos and uncertainty, we are sadly, globally aligned 47%

**Less than** half of brands are actually seen as trustworthy







## Brand Trust is At an All Time Low In Many Parts of the World







Yet
expectation
is at an All
Time High

73%

think brands must act NOW for the good of society & planet





## People not only expect better behavior – they are willing to pay more!

53%

are ready to pay more for a brand that takes a stand on environmental and social issues

64%

of citizens prefer to
buy from
companies with a
reputation for
having a purpose
other than just
profits

+10

pts. vs. 2019





## You can't con your consumer They are aware of your actions

only 36%

feel satisfied with companies' or brands' concrete actions to make the world a better place

Only 34%

of consumers think companies and brands are transparent about their commitments and promises

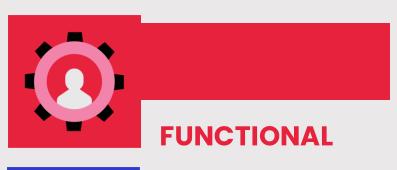




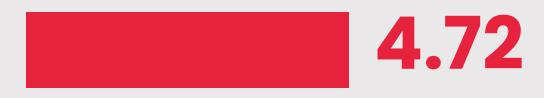
## Brands continue to focus on functional delivery – it's important but not the whole picture

**DRIVERS' IMPORTANCE** 

**BRANDS' PERFORMANCE** 



39%



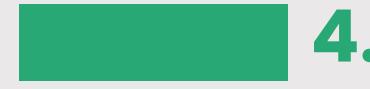


32%





29%



4.27





## Consumers are seeking more Personal and Collective Benefits to enhance their well-being

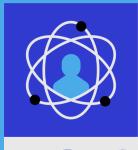


#### **FUNCTIONAL**

Deliver a good product / service

39% - -2pts

- 108 Quality Prods 🗸
- 106 Delivers V
- 105 Safe & Responsible 🗸
- 104 Fair Prices
- 103 Leader 🗸



#### **PERSONAL**

Improve peoples' lives

32% ^+2pts

- 112 Life Easier ∧
- 108 Peace of Mind ∧
- 108 Life Satisfaction
- 107 Show-off / Pride 🔨
- 106 Me Happier



#### COLLECTIVE

Play a role in society & environment

29%=

- 113 Transparent
- 110 Ethical
- 109 Benefits the Economy ^
- 107 Good employer ^
- 107 Jobs



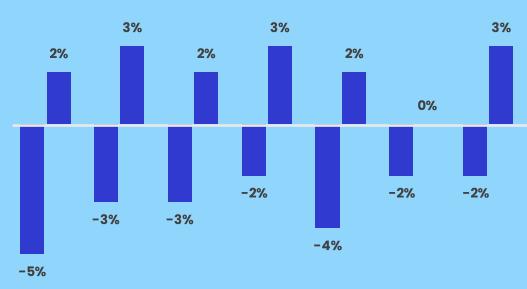




## While the spike in Personal Benefits has been influenced by the crisis Collective Benefits have been trending long term

Evolution 2017-2019 & 2019-2021

Near term opportunities across
Personal benefits





Long term opportunities across Collective benefits





**Financial** 



Intellectual



Natural





Physical



Social



Economy



**Environment** 







**Employer** 





# This year, we looked more widely at how brands aim to deliver against 'collective benefits'

We analysed our study alongside the UN's Sustainable Development Goals which also aim to help brands truly deliver on purpose and sustainability



**COLLECTIVE**BENEFITS

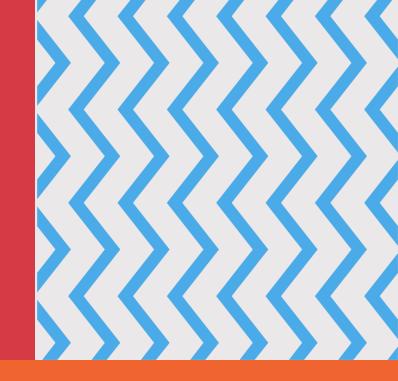








The UN set long-term, ambitious sustainable development goals to help achieve a better world for all, holding all sectors of society accountable.





#### « Our goal:

By 2030, achieve a better more sustainable future for all! ENGAGE PEOPLE, COMPANIES AND **GOVERNMENTS**. Our 17 sustainable development goals are an urgent call for action »



#### The SDGs Focus on: People, Planet, Prosperity

17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)





End poverty in all its forms everywhere



Ensure affordable, reliable, sustainable work for all



Food security, nutrition & sustainable agriculture



Ensure healthy lives and well-being for all ages



Inclusive, quality & lifelong learning for all



Achieve gender equality & empower all women



Achieve sustainable water and sanitation for all



Sustained, inclusive and sustainable work for all



Inclusive and sustainable industrialization & innovation



Reduce income inequality within and among countries



Make cities inclusive, safe, resilient & sustainable



Ensure sustainable consumption & production patterns



Regulating emissions and promoting renewable energy



Sustainably use the oceans & marine resources



Protect ecosystems, combat desertification & biodiversity



Promote peaceful & inclusive societies with justice for all



Strengthen partnerships for sustainable development



## MB Collective Benefit attributes mapped against the UN SDG Goals helps to identify the path forward for Brands





**POVERTY** 



**WOMEN'S RIGHTS** 



ANTI-RACISM DIVERSITY MIGRANTS SOCIAL LEADER LGBT+ RIGHTS



RESPECTS NATURE RESPECTS ANIMALS



FOOD WASTE FOOD SECURITY



SUSTAINABLE ENERGY



**DEVELOPMENT** 



**HEALTHY LIVES** 



BENEFITS THE ECONOMY JOBS GOOD EMPLOYER



CLEAN SUPPLY CHAIN SUST. CONSUMPTION LOCAL SUPPLIERS SUST. BRANDS



ETHICAL DATA PROTECTION



EDUCATION IMPROVE ACCESS



INVESTS SUST. INNOVATIONS



CLIMATE CHANGE





#### Globally, Consumers increasingly expect brands to strengthen their collective pillar

#### Three specific dimensions saw a significant increase





















COLLECTIVE



+5%

Consumption



+5%

Employer

Invests for +3% tomorrow's economy

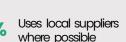
+2% .lobs











Fosters the local community development

> Its business activities benefit the economy of the country today





**NEW** 



**SOCIAL JUSTICE** 



**ETHICS** 



+1%





#### It's not just about jumping on the bandwagon to support the latest social cause





























# Brands should focus on what is most authentic to them

Building a better world starts at home



#### **Food**



Zero hunger



Resp Consumption & production



Industry, innovation & infrastructure



#### **Healthcare**



Good health & wellbeing



Decent work & economic growth



Resp. Consumption & production



#### **Transport**



Decent work & economic growth



Resp. Consumption & production



Industry, innovation & infrastructure



#### **Consumer electronics**



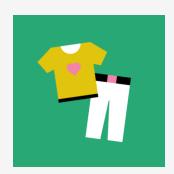
Decent work & economic growth



Industry, innovation & infrastructure



Resp. Consumption & production



#### **Apparel**



Resp. Consumption & production



Reduced inequalities



Industry, innovation & infrastructure





#### What key area should your Brand focus on?

The overlay helps easily pinpoint where Brand deficits and opportunities lie



**POVERTY** 



**WOMEN'S RIGHTS** 



ANTI-RACISM DIVERSITY MIGRANTS SOCIAL LEADER LGBT+ RIGHTS



RESPECTS NATURE RESPECTS ANIMALS



FOOD WASTE FOOD SECURITY



SUSTAINABLE ENERGY



**DEVELOPMENT** 



**HEALTHY LIVES** 



BENEFITS THE ECONOMY JOBS GOOD EMPLOYER



CLEAN SUPPLY CHAIN SUST. CONSUMPTION LOCAL SUPPLIERS SUST. BRANDS



ETHICAL DATA PROTECTION



EDUCATION
IMPROVE ACCESS



INVESTS SUST. INNOVATIONS



**CLIMATE CHANGE** 





## Based on the outcome, brands can focus their efforts on the areas of opportunity that are most essential for them to address



**UN SDG GOAL** 

**UN SDG RESOURCES** 

#### **HAVAS EXPERTISE**

Investigate > Identify > Ideate > Implement

e.g.

- Education
- Improve access





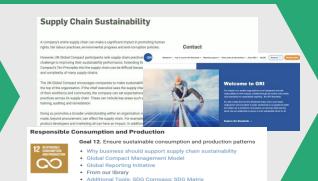
#### Quality Education Goal 4

- Goal 4. Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all
- Why business should support education
   A Framework for Business Engagement in Education
- Children's Rights and Business Principles
   Principles for Responsible Management Education
- From our library
- Additional Tools: SDG Compass; SDG Matrix

e.g.

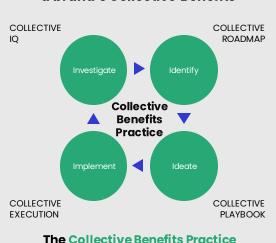
- Clean supply chain
- Sustainable Consumption
- Local Suppliers
- Sustainable Brands







Our bespoke approach to boosting a brand's Collective Benefits



comprises 4 stages with individual inputs





## Age of Cynicism

#### **QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER**

#### **GAIN TRUST THROUGH TRANSPARENCY**

- How trustworthy is your brand considered to be based on past and current actions? Are there / Where are the gaps?
- Do your communication goals align with your brand heritage?
- What specific collective attributes connect with your brand that enables you to organically get more involved?
- How can your brand's content strategy more authentically connect with consumers?

#### **PURPOSE OVER PROFIT**

- How can your client leverage the Havas 'Collective Benefits' Tool to better inform communication strategies?
- What SDG's are the lowest hanging fruit that your brand can genuinely align to and consider to take greater action?
- What are first steps your brand can take to workshop a gap analysis on your current sustainability standing vs. the SDGs?







## Additional Observations



Brands' status elevated by increasing Personal and Collective benefits

Top 30 Brands

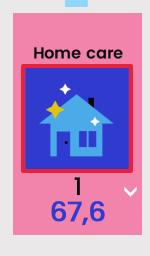
66%

of Consumers want more meaningful experiences





#### Overall, most categories gain in meaningful scores











3 66,7

Apparel



66,6

Retail



5 66,4

Auto



66,1

Personal Care



8 65,7



Healthcare



64,1

Restaurants



64,0

**Entertainment** 



12 **64,0** ^

Internet & Media



13 63,5

Beverage



63,0

**Financial** 



15 61,8

Insurance

65,9

**Transport** 



16 **61,6** 

**Energy & Utilities** 





Telco



18 60,9





#### Most Meaningful Global Brands 2021

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Google	PayPal	<u>ℂ</u> WhatsApp	<b>□</b> YouTube	SAMSUNG	Microsoft	Walmart <mark>&gt;¦&lt;</mark>	Caðbury	VISA	IKEA
75,0	<b>72,</b> 9	72,1	71,8	71,7	<b>71,</b> 7	71,5	71,4	71,3	71,1
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
L-DL	ALDI	NIVEA	adidas	Skip	DANONE		<i>LEGO</i>	LEROMERIN	NETFLIX
70,9	70,8	70,4	70,3	70,3	70,2	70,0	69,9	69,6	69,6
<b>21</b> New in 2021	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
FIFA	<b>Nestlē</b>	Colgate	SONY	Booking.com	Dove	DISNEP	Heinz	Kelloggis	Gillette
69,5	69,5	69,4	69,4	69,4	69,3	69,1	69,0	69,0	68,9

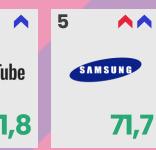




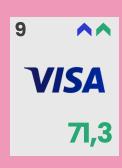
## Brands that focus on personal and collective benefits resonate more with Consumers





















#5

#6

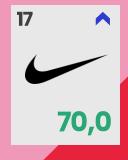
#9

#18

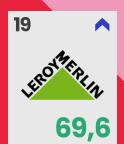


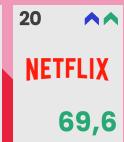


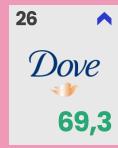














2019: #23

#24

#22

#19

#30





### The categories and brands that saw accelerated growth is not surprising given the behavioral changes shaped by the cultural backdrop

+6% +5% +4% +3% +3% **ACCESSIBLE RETAIL** Walmart 💥 ALDI zalando 70,9 63,6 71,5 71,1 A A A 44 **^** +5% +2% +2% +6% +3% *lego* **NETFLIX** Spotify<sup>®</sup> **HOMETAINMENT YouTube** GAMELOFT 66,7 64,6 69,9 69,9 71,8 ^^ ^^ ^^ +3% +3% +3% AMERICAN EXPRESS +5% +3% VISA SAMSUNG **LG TECH SOLUTIONS** mastercard 60,0 71,3 68,3 65,4 71,7





There are immediate opportunities to forge meaningful connections in the short term

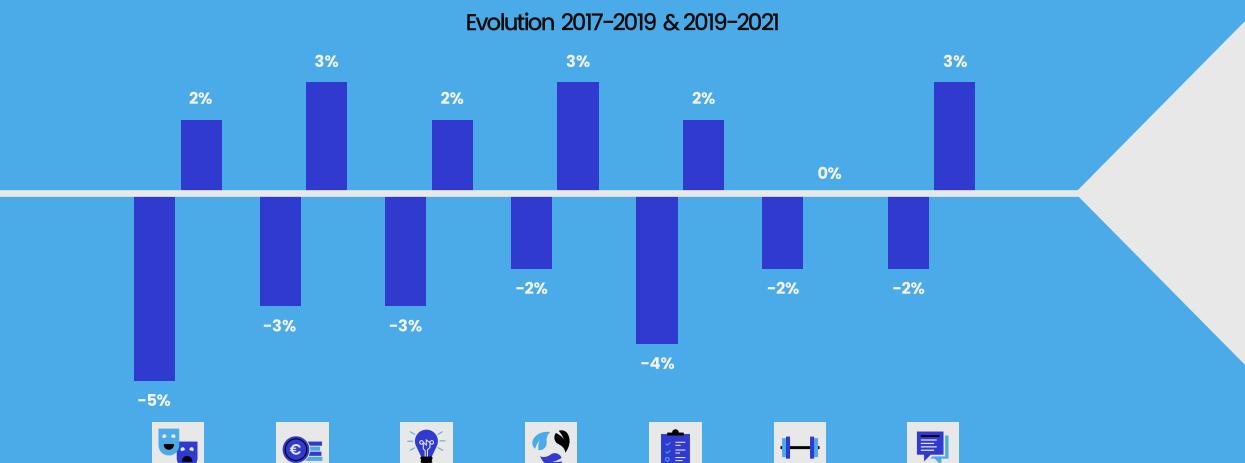


of Consumers expect Brands to show support to people in times of crisis





## The crisis brought a greater need for personal benefits to be met today



**Organisational** 

**Physical** 





Social

**Financial** 

Intellectual

Natural

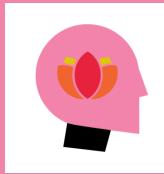
**Emotional** 

## Consumers expect brands to help in decreasing life's stressors





Makes my life easier



Gives me peace of mind



Helps me feel truly happy



Helps me feel content in my daily life







**PHYSICAL** 

SOCIAL

**NATURAL** 

**FINANCIAL** 

**ORGANISATIONAL** 

INTELLECTUAL

**EMOTIONAL** 













+3%

+3%

+3% +2%

+2% +2%

**PERSONAL** 

### Specific dimensions have also increasingly become more in demand







+3%

+3%

+2%

Makes me feel part of a group

Helps me to share experiences/mome nts with others

Helps me to connect with people and/or meet new people



+4%

Inspires me to make the world a better place

+2%

Enables me to be more environmentally friendly



+3%

Helps me save money +3%

Helps me grow my wealth





The attributes

have become

to consumers,

follow the

theme of

focusing on

people, the

planet, and

prosperity

within each that

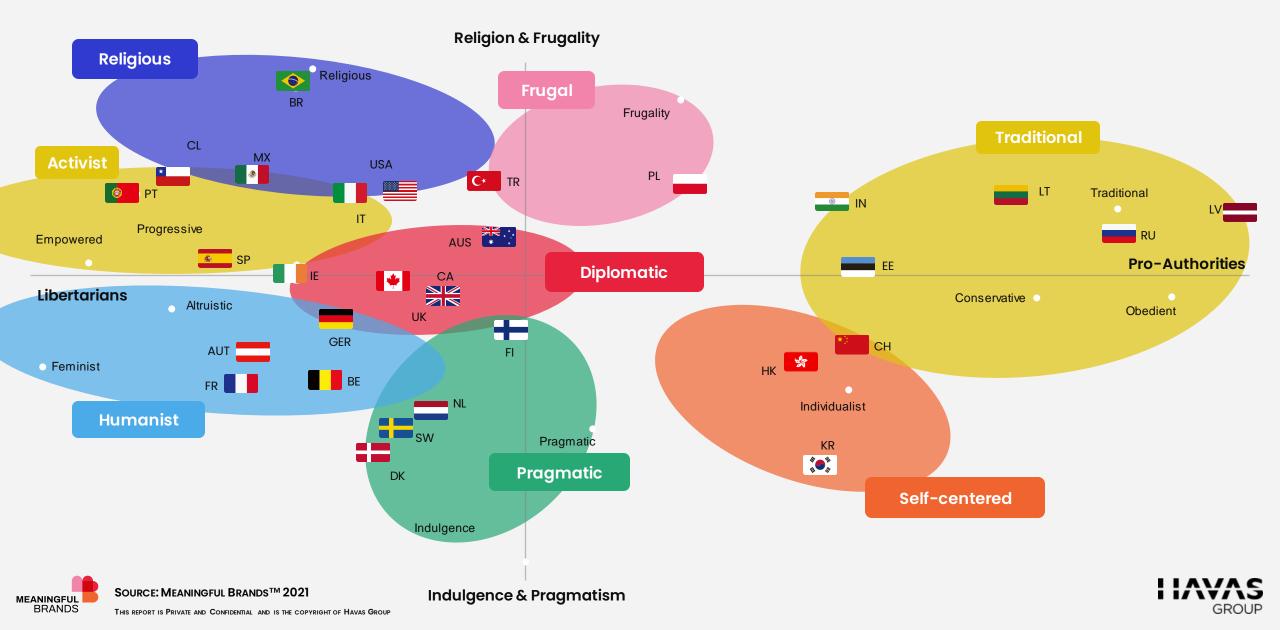
more important

### East Meets West Cultural intricacies matter:

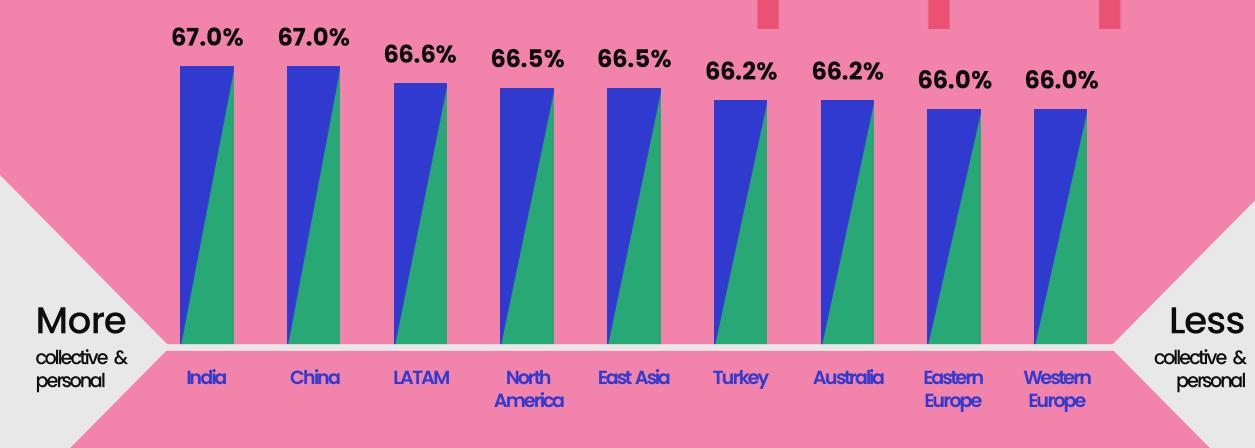
'we' vs. 'me' mentality influences expectations



### Cultural ethos defines what is right in societies



### There is a high expectation in the East and West for Collective and Personal Benefits







### **Personal Benefits:**

After organizational and emotional benefits, unsurprisingly, consumers in APAC seek to connect while Western countries seek more individual gains







### **Collective Benefits:**

Clearly influenced by the impacts of the cultural landscape specific to a region, morality is top of mind for Western countries while Asian countries place top importance on the environment





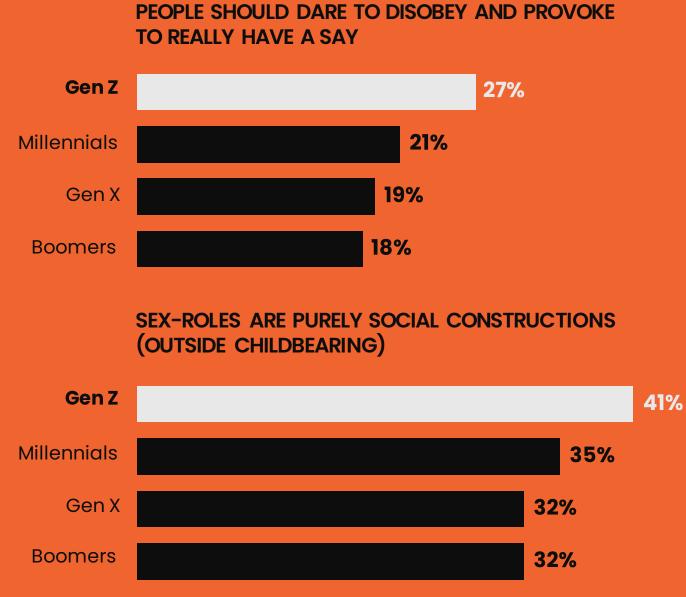


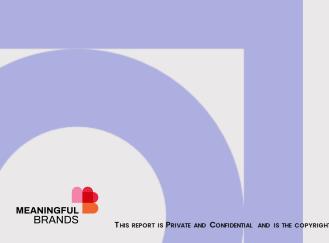
Gen Z is an open-minded generation who seek individuality and don't mind questioning society 'rules'





### Gen Z are more likely to speak their minds and challenge traditional constructs than other generations







Brands that enable them to convey their individuality pique their interest



are looking for differentiated products and services which allow them to express their individuality

vs. 36% Boomers





## Gen Z is particularly focused on Reduced inequalities

Inclusion and Expression of Self are of paramount importance for this generation

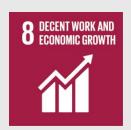
**GENZ** 



109



109

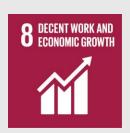


107

**TOTAL POPULATION** 



107

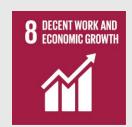


7 106



105

**BOOMERS (+56 YO)** 



109



108



106





### Gen Z have extra heart for brands that take effective action and are accepting of all people

Takes a lead on social issues

105



**Embraces** diversity

102





## Meaningful Content:

Nearly half of content fails to deliver

Compared to pre Covid, 'Help' Content is on the rise



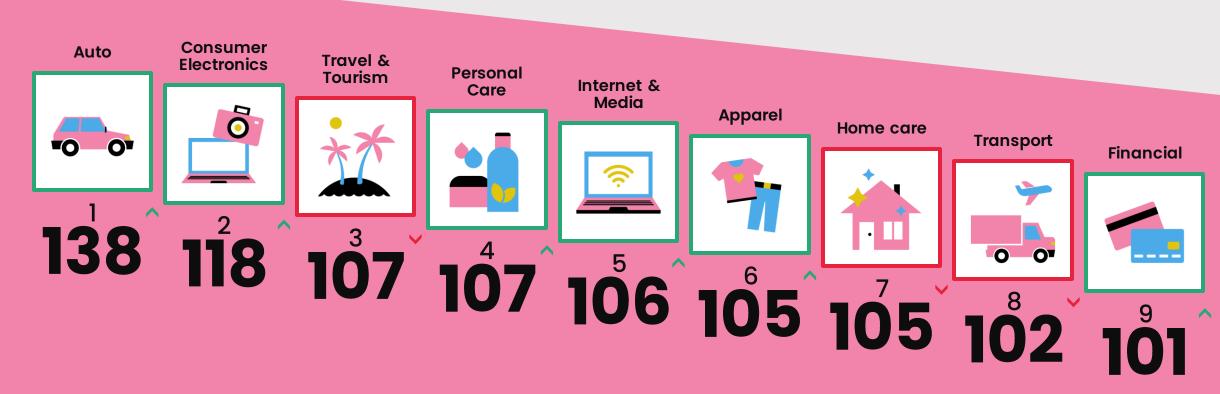
of the content provided by Brands is not meaningful to Consumers





### Content effectiveness varies by industry

Categories that had limited engagement due to govt safety measures were negatively impacted







# The most expected roles of content are to Reward and Inspire

#### **AUTO**



### **BEVERAGE**

### **FOOD**



- 1. Help
- 2. Inform
- 3. Reward



- 1. Reward
- 2. Entertain
- 3. Inspire



- 1. Entertain
- 2. Reward
- 3. Inspire



- 1. Help
- 2. Inspire
- 3. Reward

### **ENTERTAINMENT**



- 1. Reward
- 2. Entertain
- 3. Inspire

### INTERNET & MEDIA



- 1. Entertain
- 2. Inspire
- 3. Help

### **TELCO**



- 1. Help
- 2. Reward
- 3. Inform

### PERSONAL CARE



- 1. Help
- 2. Inspire
- 3. Inform





Standard

Most associated



Least expected



**Must Have** Have to be there

Secondary



**INSPIRE** 



Most expected



**ENTERTAIN** 

Opportunity

differentiation lever



associated

Least

Potential

However, **HELP** is the content role that grew in importance and topped the list of content expected from **Global Brands** 



### What you say is as important as how you say it

### ASSOCIATED CONTENT TYPE ACROSS DIFFERENT POINTS IN A CONSUMER DECISION JOURNEY

FAMILIARITY				
108	Long movie			
106	Books / e-books			
106	Educational material			
106	Documentary			
106	Short movie / video			
106	Audio content / services			
105	TV show			
104	AR experience			
104	Music video			
103	Party / dinner			

?	PREMIUM PRICE
115	Personalities' Testimonial
115	Celebrities' collaboration
113	TV / Billboards / Radio / Magazine
112	Newspaper / magazines
110	Brand Photo on Social Media
110	Audio content/services
107	Party/Dinner
107	Music video
106	Video game & online game
106	Short movie / video

CONSIDER

PURCHASE		
	PURCHASE	
111	Celebrities' collaboration	
111	Personalities' Testimonial	
111	TV / Billboards / Radio / Magazine	
109	Audio content/services	
109	Newspaper/magazines	
108	Party/Dinner	
108	Short movie / video	
108	Brand Photo on Social Media	
108	Music video	

TV show

	ADVOCACY
107	TV / Billboards / Radio /
	Magazine
106	Newspaper / magazines
105	Audio content/services
105	Short movie / video
105	TV show
104	Personalities' Testimonial
104	Long movie
104	Celebrities' collaboration
104	Party / Dinner
104	Music video



#### **RE-PURCHASE**

	RE-PURCHASI
108	Books / E-Books
108	Long movie
108	Educational material
107	Audio content / services
106	Documentary
106	Short movie / video
104	TV show
104	Organizational Tool/App
104	Newspaper/magazines
104	Music video





# THANK YOU THANK YOU THANK YOU

NOTICE: Proprietary and Confidential
All the content of this document (text, figures, lists, financial information, graphics, design, diagrams, as well as other graphic elements and/or audio and videos), whichever the format used (paper or electronic), is confidential and proprietary to Havas Media Group.
This document includes ideas and information based on the experience, know-how, intellectual/creative effort of Havas Media Group. For these reasons, this material shall not be used, reproduced, copied, disclosed, transmitted, transformed, commercialized or communicated, in whole or in part, neither to third parties nor to the public, without the express and written consent of Havas Media Group.

Havas Media Group © All rights reserved
This presentation is not a contractual proposal and has no binding
effects for any Havas Media Group company until a final and written
contract is entered into between the parties.

Havas Media Group © All rights reserved
This presentation is not a contractual proposal and has no binding
effects for any Havas Media Group company until a final and written
contract is entered into between the parties.