

## The Future of Retail

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# It's a new world of retail

Traditional modes of thinking about how commerce occurs are diminishing in relevance

"Channels"

**Consumers** 

"Brands"



**Attributes** 



#### If consumers don't think in terms of "channels"

...why do we?

How many *channels* does the average consumer shop in?



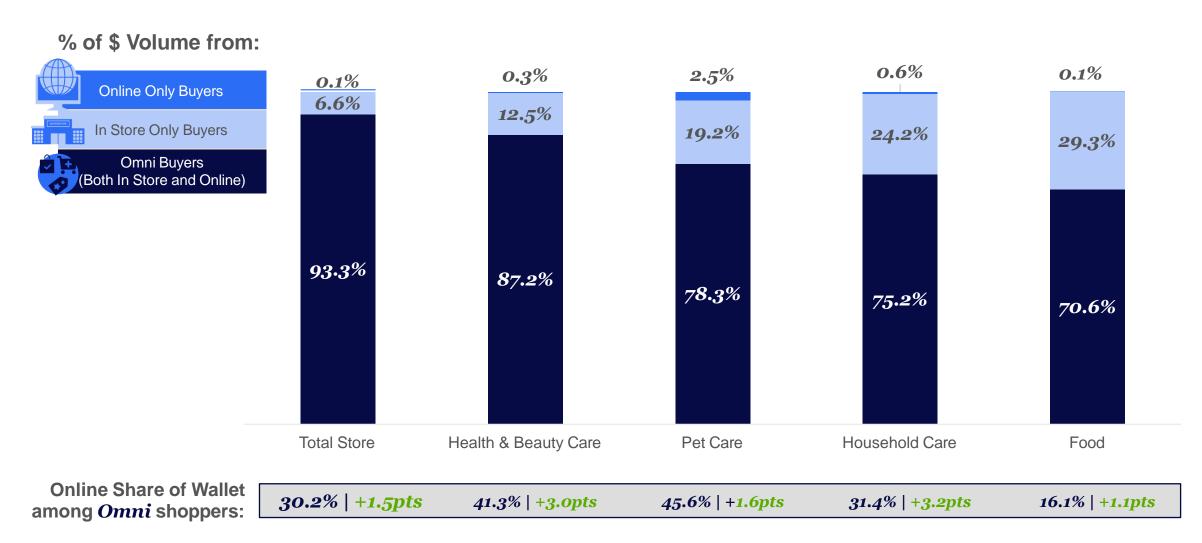
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To grow in a challenged market, we need to reach consumers where they are.

Source: NielsenIQ Omnishopper Panel, 52WE 1/27/24, Total US



#### The shopper is becoming truly "Omni", with lots of headroom across departments



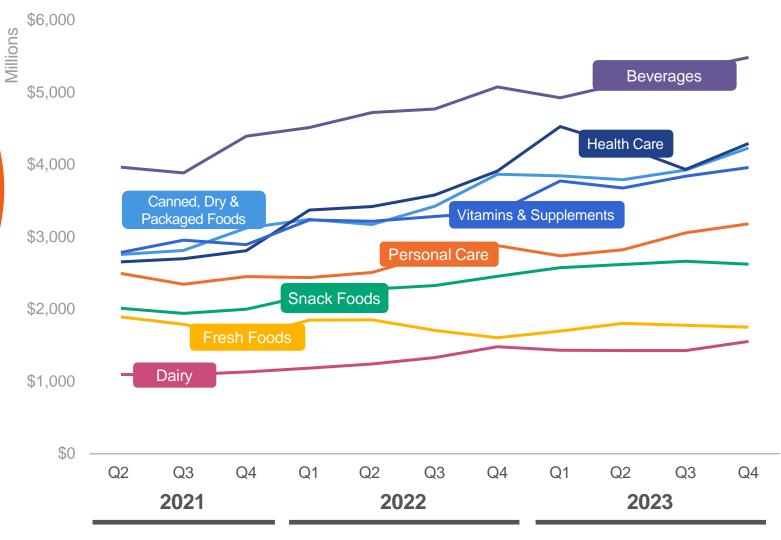
Source: NielsenIQ Omnishopper, Total Outlets, L52WE 1.27.24 vs PY. \*FOOD includes total edibles (food and beverage), Total Store = Alcohol, Baby Care, Health & Beauty Care, General Merchandise, Household Care, Food, Pet Care, Departments



#### **Direct-to-consumer shifting**

3.3%

DTC share of total food down from 4.9% last year



Source: NIQ eCommerce Panel Data, Total Personal Care, Latest 3 years ending December 2023



#### Social shopping is emerging to challenge traditional retailers

Where do you normally shop for grocery & household items? % respondents who shop at this channel – U.S.



Order from a pure play online retailer for home delivery

A combination of physical store and online

Order delivery from hypermarket/ supermarket / mass merchandise store

Order online & pick up at the store/central

Order delivery from a local traditional / independent grocery store

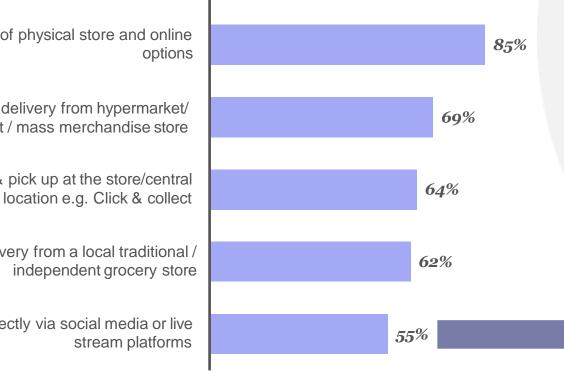
Purchasing directly via social media or live



of TikTok dollar sales are from health and beauty

TikTok Shop is already the Health and Beauty ecommerce retailer since it's launch in September 2023

Food retailer



85%

Source: NIQ 2024 Consumer Outlook, U.S. TikTok Shop sales



#### A great brand, by itself, isn't enough anymore

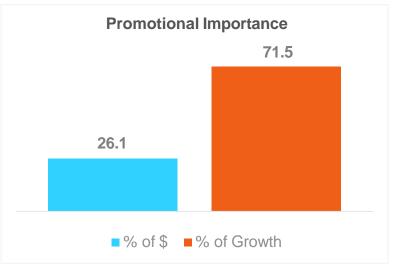
#### **Brands** aren't top of mind



#### **Availability** is paramount



#### **Promotions** drive decisions



You need to offer relevant benefits beyond the identity

You need to be present where AND when the purchase is considered

You need to hit the right value proposition to make the consideration

Source: NIQ Brandbank search data | NIQ Data Impact search ranking for a select Shampoo SKU at WM | NIQ RMS xAOC Latest 52 weeks December 30, 202



#### Media personalities are converting audiences into consumers

These products are more than just a "brand", instead connected to an overarching lifestyle and fandom

**Estimated Growth Rates vs 2022** (Ranked by 2023 Dollar Sales)



 $Source: NIQ\ Omnisales\ |\ Syndicated\ Omnisales\ +\ |\ Total\ Client\ Dataset\ -\ Manufacturers,\ xAOC\ Calendar\ year\ 2023\ vs\ 2022$ 



#### Technology is empowering new modes of commerce focused beyond brands

#### **Nutrition Centric Retail Media**



#### **Hyper-Personalization**





Merryfield and Earth Fare partnering to "gamify" nutrition labels across the store

Earth Fare and GenoPalate partnering to link nutrition to your genetic makeup

#### Artificial Intelligence



"Most customers trust the company to select the majority of their weekly groceries for them, and 72% of all items purchased are chosen by the algorithm."

The emergence of algorithmic purchasing is immanent and requires a new strategic approach

<u>Ulta Beauty at Target Launches in August — Get \*All\* the Gorgeous Details</u> <u>Hungryroot's Al-Powered Personalized Grocery Service Reaches \$750M Valuation (forbes.com)</u>

Earth Fare and GenoPalate create genetically personalized nutrition grocery shopping (nutritioninsight.com



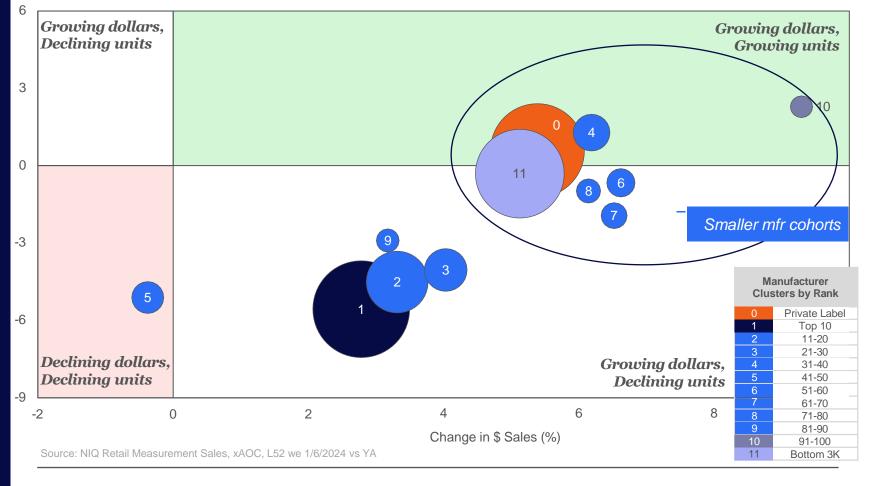
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# Can a small brand even win in such a complex environment?

#### Of course! Small brands are already outgrowing large ones

#### 2023 US Food Manufacturers: Dollar and Unit Trends vs Last Year

Change in Units (%)





Growth will come from relentless consumer centricity





#### How Generations' Economic Participation and Values Shape the Future

#### *Boomers* (1946 – 1964)

- Most are retired
- Healthcare expenses increasing
- Caring for aging parents

#### Formative Events



**Character Traits** 

Financial stability ◆ brand loyalty
◆ American Dream ◆ less
influenced by peer pressure

#### Gen X

(1965 – 1980)

- Peak earning years
- Span teenagers to empty nesters
- Education expenses

#### Formative Events



#### **Character Traits**

Self reliant ◆ big picture ◆ independent ◆ values flexibility ◆ skeptical

#### *Millennial* (1981 – 1996)

- Parents of school aged kids
- Career growth
- Causes

#### Formative Events



#### **Character Traits**

Experiences ◆ innovative ◆ likes change ◆ social causes ◆ multitaskers

#### Gen Z

- 1/2 not working age (N= approx. 34 mil)
- High disposable spending power
- Digital natives
- Is the planet going to survive?

#### Formative Events



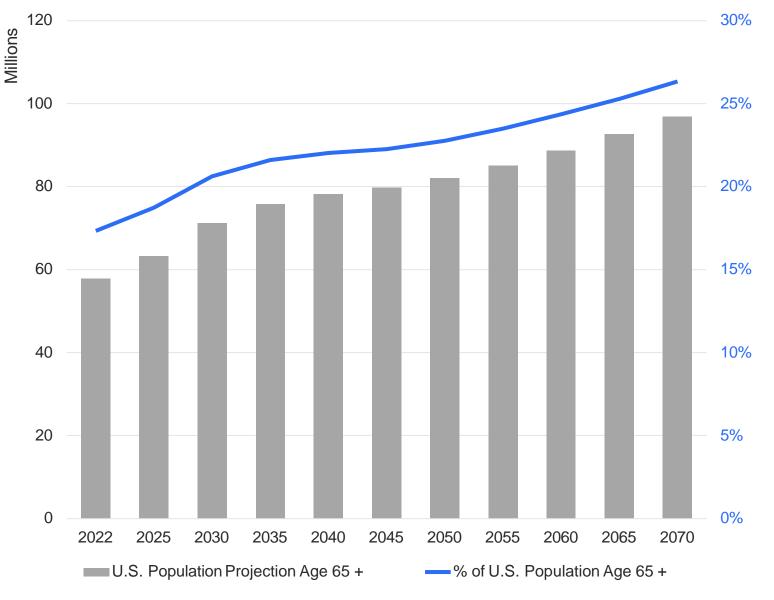
#### **Character Traits**

Social activism ◆ side-hustle ◆ immediate satisfaction ◆ ethnic diversity ◆ less trusting

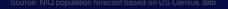


# As a nation we're getting older

Households >55 will **grow** 6% by 2028 where households <55 will **shrink by** 1%



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2023 National Population Projections. This projections series uses the official estimates of the resident population on July 1, 2022, as the base for projecting the U.S. population from 2023 to 2100. The series uses the cohort-component method and historical trends in births, deaths, and international migration to project the future size and composition of the national population.



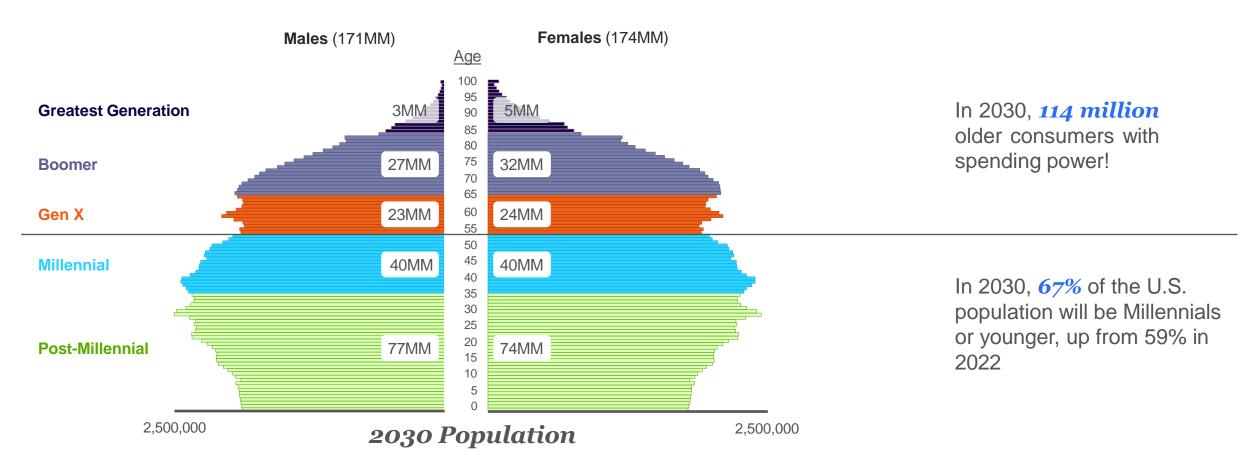


#### But the generations comprising "older" age brackets will look different



By 2030, the vast majority of Gen X will be over 55

#### U.S. Population Projections – 2030: All Races/Ethnicities

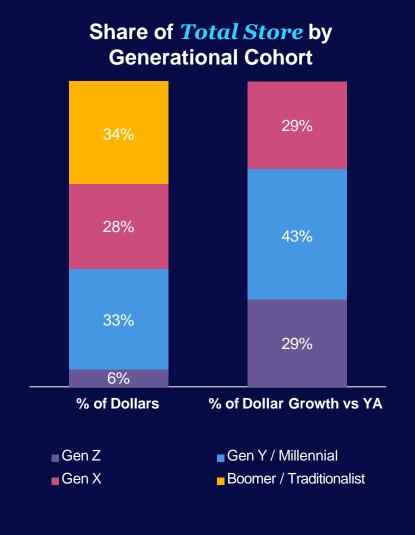


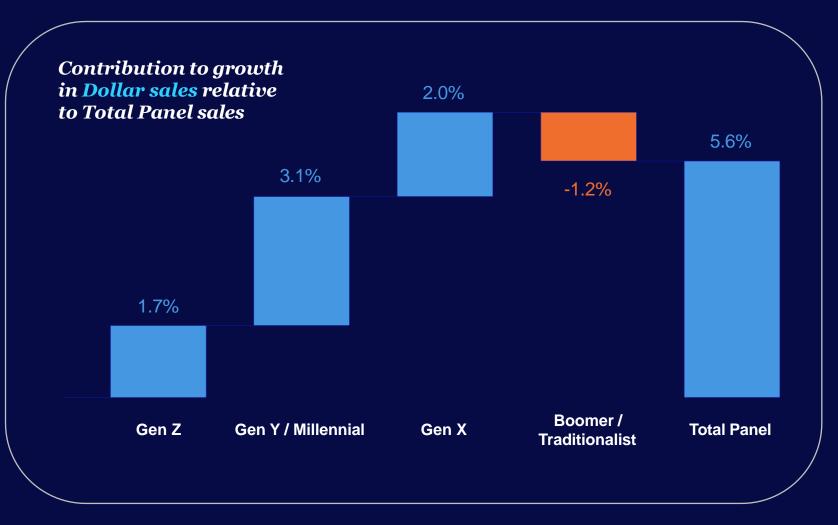
Source: U.S. Census Bureau (2023 National Population Projections); MM = million



#### Boomers declining and Gen Z ascending in the makeup of market growth

Off-setting declines of baby boomers





Source: NIQ Omnishopper Panel; Total US; Total Store; Buyer and \$ share of growth distribution; 52 weeks ending December 30, 2023



### Younger generations are more diverse and experience food in a different way than previous generations.

#### White Alone Non-Hispanic % of Population

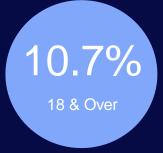
**47.3%**Under 18

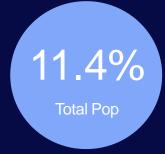




Diffusion Score\*

13.8% Under 18







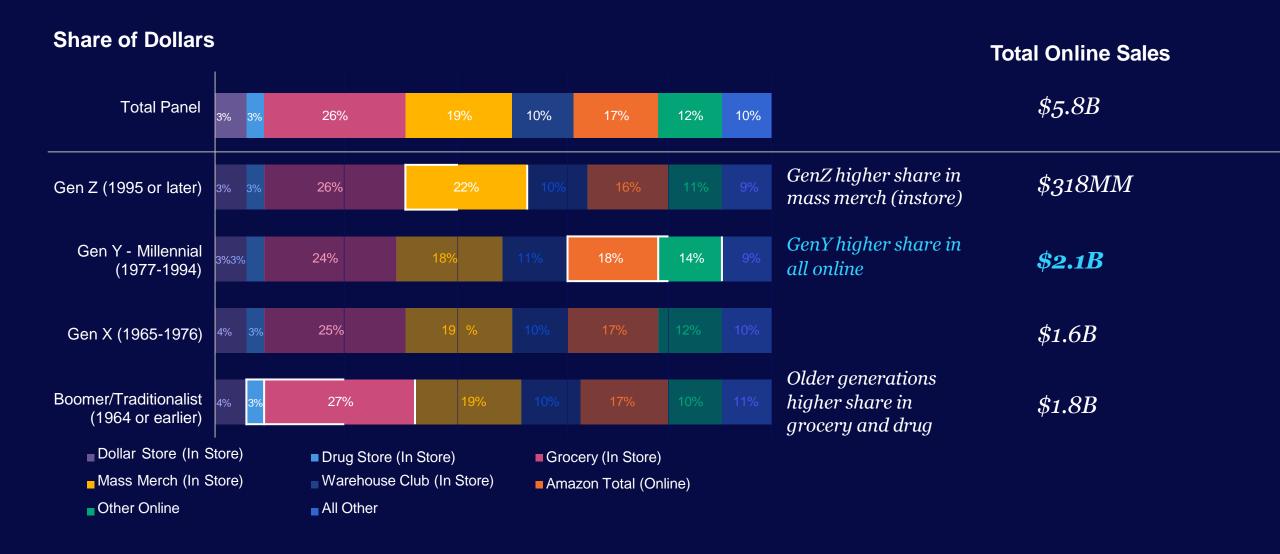
Social media like Tik Tok and Instagram has become a major vehicle for food exploration, particularly among younger generations.

Many content creators like Puerto Rican – Moroccan food personality lahb co (Nasim Lahbichi) draw on their heritage & culture for inspiration and introduce their followers to different global cuisines and dishes.

Source: US Census 2020, \*Diffusion Score = calculated by combining percentages of remaining racial & ethnic groups, the higher the diffusion score the less concentrated the population in the three largest racial & ethnic groups



#### But Millennials index highest for online



Source: NIQ Omnishopper, Total FMCG Depts= Food, Baby Care, Health & Beauty Care, Household Care, Pet Care, Gen Merch; 52 weeks ending January 27, 2024



#### Each generation demonstrates their own behavioral preferences when shopping



Over indexing

- G = Grocery (online)
- M = Mass (online)
- D = Drug (online)
- C = Club (online)

Prefers access to products and services

• (i.e. streaming services, subscriptions, etc.)

Consumption is a means of self-expression

Need for more personalized products

Invested in company ethics and sustainability

Online & offline boundaries do not exist

Need for omnichannel offerings



60% state loyalty to brands if given customer-centric experience

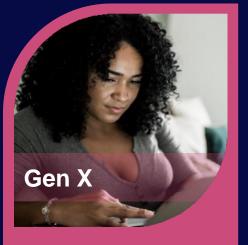
More likely to pay a premium for personalized products

Similar to Gen Z

Social media is major influencer

 Beauty & fashion products often purchased via Instagram

Spends the most on a daily average



Known for "consuming status"

• Also juggling more debt

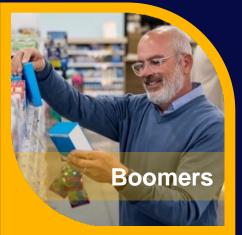
**Extreme brand loyalty** 

Love coupons

Equally comfortable with forms of digital & traditional marketing

• Facebook is preferred social media website

Appreciate practicality and value in a brand's marketing



Now fastest growing e-commerce shoppers

Enjoy rewards through loyalty programs

Place high value in program simplicity

Simple return policies are key

Facebook is social media website of choice

 But often feel their demographic is not represented

Source: NIQ Homescan Panel; Total US; Generational cohort demographics; NIQ Product Insight powered by Label Insight; \$ share index; 52 weeks ending January 27, 2024



Leveraging
health, wellness
and sustainability
priorities to find
growth

**Brandon Galindo** 





#### NIQ Better For $T^{\text{TM}}$ = Better For You, Better For the Environment, Better For Society



#### such as

- Healthier Organic and Natural
- Trending Diets
- Plant Based
- Plus many more...

#### NIQ Better For<sup>TM</sup>



#### such as

- Eco friendly
- Bio-based
- Regenerative Agriculture
- Plus many more...

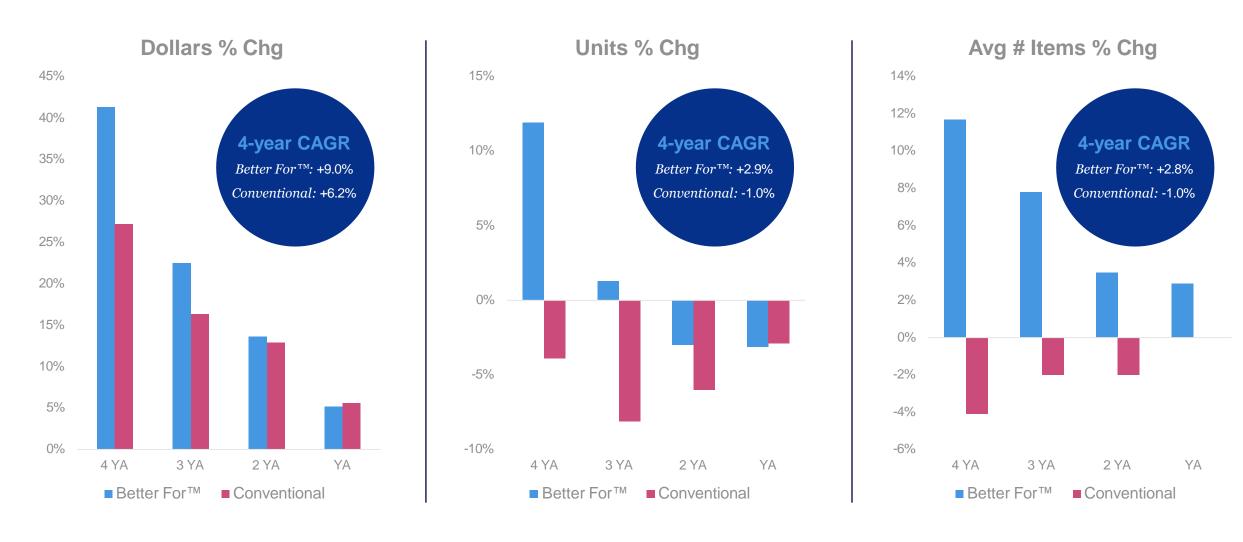


#### such as

- Fair Trade
- Fair Wages
- Animal Welfare
- Plus many more...



#### Better For TM products are historically growing faster than conventional products



Source: NIQ, Retail Measurement Services – NIQ Product Insight, powered by Label Insight; Total US xAOC; Total Food & Beverage (including Fresh) vs Better For Segment™; % change vs previous year; Last 4 years ending September 9, 2023



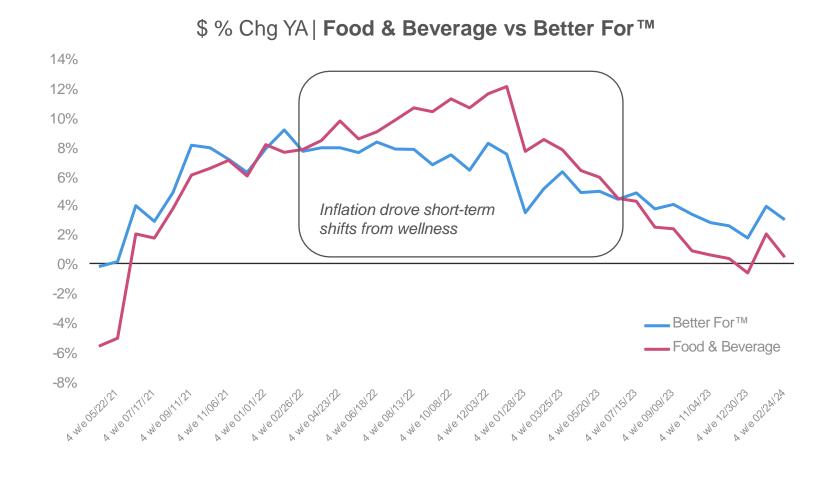
#### NIQ Better For<sup>TM</sup>...





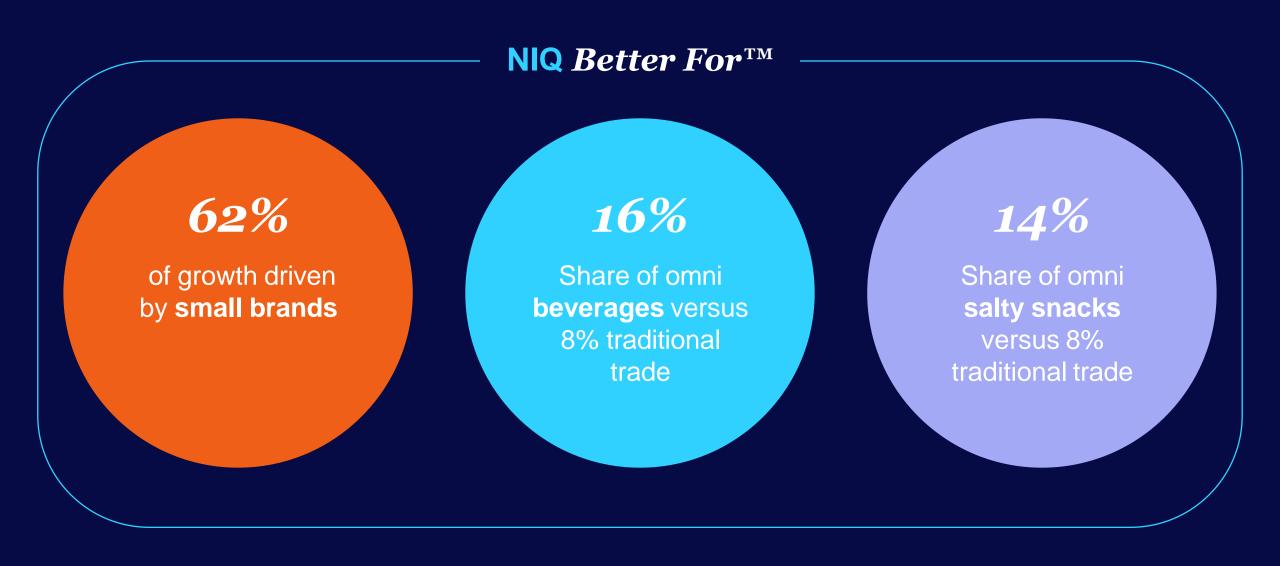


#### '22/2023 suggested Better For™ growth may be behind us...



Source: NIQ, Retail Measurement Services – NIQ Product Insight, powered by Label Insight; Total US xAOC; Total Food & Beverage vs Better For Segment™; \$ % Change vs year ago; 4-week trended through week ending February 24, 2024

#### Accelerate Better For<sup>TM</sup> growth within the Omni Channel

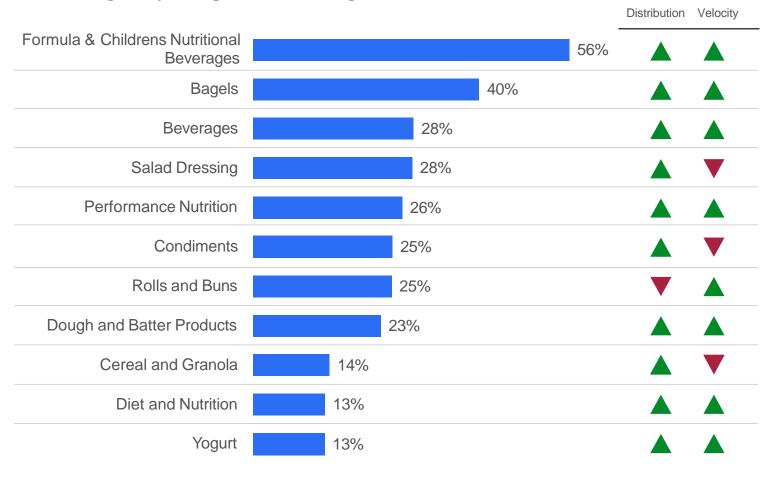




# Fastest Growing Better For Categories

#### Better For™ Index to Total Food & Beverage

#### \$ % change vs year ago; >\$50M Categories

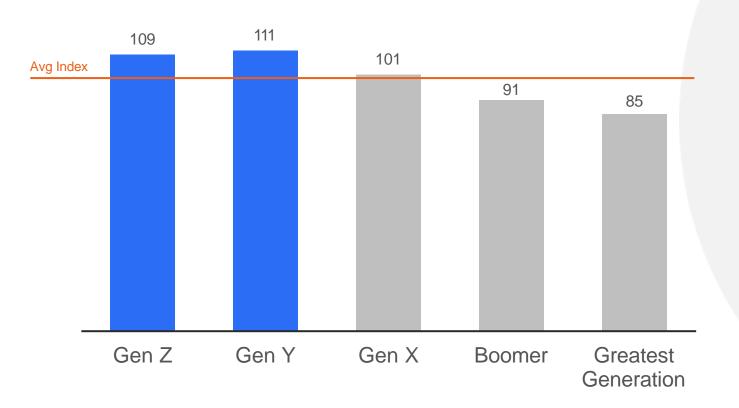


Source: NIQ, Retail Measurement Services – NIQ Product Insight, powered by Label Insight; Total US xAOC; Total Food & Beverage vs Better For Segment™; \$ % Change vs year ago; 52 weeks ending March 2, 2024; Better For you Categories with +\$5)m in Annual Sales



# Younger consumers driving growth; suggesting long term growth potential for Better For™ brands

#### \$/Buyer | Better For™ Index to Total Food & Beverage



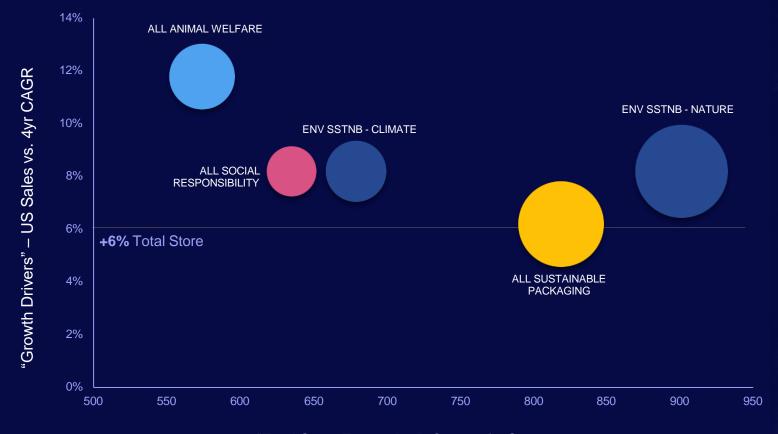
+7%

Gen Z households are increasing their spend on Better For™ products faster than
Total Panel (+1%)

Source> NIQ Homescan Panel; Total US Panel; All Outlets; Total Food & Beverage; NIQ Better For Segment™; \$/Buyer % change vs year ago, \$/Buyer Index to Total Panel; 52 weeks ending January 27, 2024



#### Sustainability outpacing store growth



"Total Store Expansion"- Count of US categories

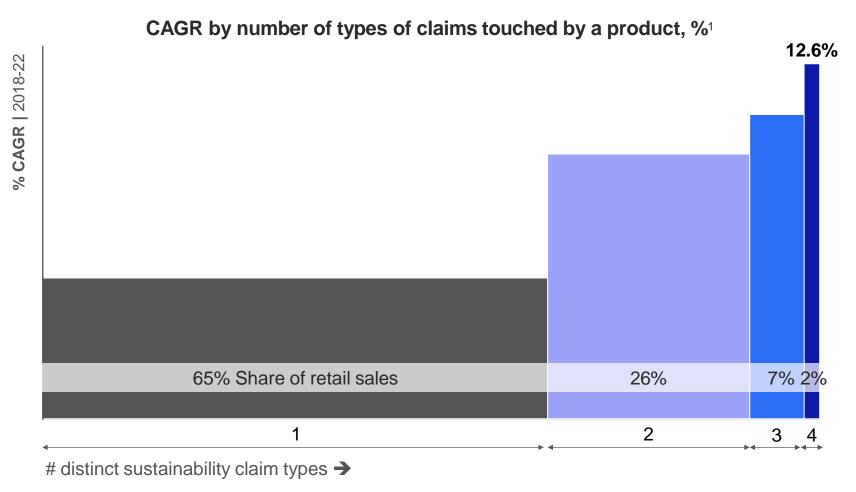
Bubble size denotes total sales in L52 week All attributes represent claims STATED on package unless indicated by an \* symbol Source: NIQ, Retail Measurement Services, NIQ Product Insight, powered by Label Insight, Total US xAOC; Total Store; # of Categories selling, 4-yr CAGF (\$); 52 weeks ending December 30, 2023





#### Products with more types of claims grow ~2x faster than those with only one type of claim

Few products move beyond one claim



# Stacking claims across pillars is associated with faster growth

- Animal welfare
- Environmental sustainability
- Social responsibility
- Sustainable packaging

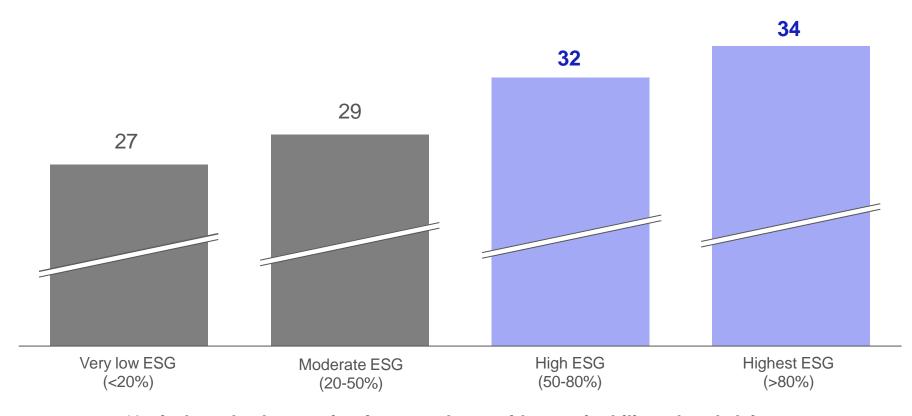
<sup>2.</sup> Source: NIQ-McKinsey Sustainability Report, Jan 2023



<sup>. 6</sup> types of claims exist - 4, 5, and 6 type scenarios not included due to low sample size

#### Products (branded and private label) with a higher degree of sustainabilityrelated claims enjoy higher loyalty

Brand repeat rate<sup>1</sup> by sustainability-brand groups, % of households buying 3+ times



Brands with >50% of sales from products with sustainability-related claims achieve repeat rates of up to 34%

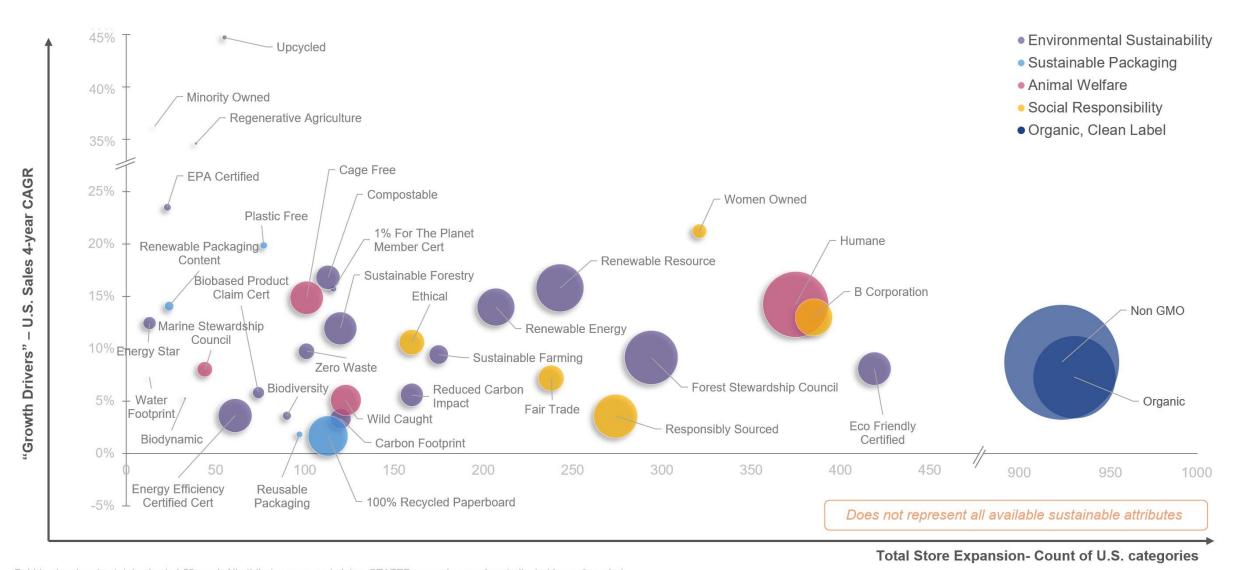
% of a brand sales coming from products with sustainability-related claims

+2% differential CAGR for products with 40%+ prevalence over those without claims, +5% for products with 10-40% prevalence); Brands with a higher % of sales from products with claims enjoy greater loyalty (higher repeat rates)



<sup>&</sup>quot;Sustainability" includes environmental, social, packaging, animal welfare claims, organic and plant-based

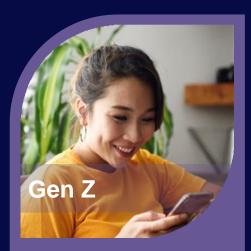
#### Attribute growth can be found at a lower level including Organic/Clean label



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#### Unique and sometimes overlapping health and wellness priorities across generations



#### **Animal welfare-related**

• Cruelty Free, Humane

#### Social responsibility

• Ethical, B-Corp, fair trade

#### Clean label

- Free from aluminum, parabens, artificial fragrance
- Natural ingredients

#### Health needs

- Brain & eye health, hair/skin/nails, mood & stress
- Immune system health, microbiome



All of Gen Z but to lesser degree

#### Highest indexing group for

- "Provides energy"
- Pregnancy and lactation support
- Reusable packaging

#### **Highest indexing group for**

 Consuming Better For<sup>™</sup> foods and organic overall





#### Sustainable packaging

- Less packaging
- Sustainable packaging

#### Health & need states

- Cellular function
- Cardiovascular health
- Joint health
- Heart health



#### Environmental sustainability

- Low emissions
- · Reduced carbon impact

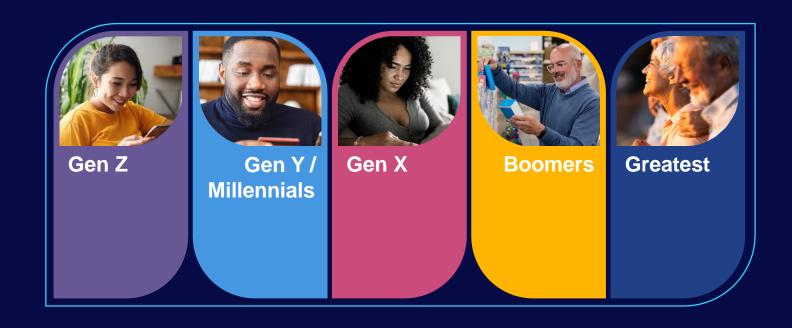
#### Health & need states

(Even greater degree than Boomers)

- Cellular function
- Cardiovascular health
- Joint health
- Heart health



**Innovate with** Purpose through the lens of a Generation's interest in categories and attributes



Categories

**Attributes** 

Innovate with Purpose

The role of innovation in the future of retail

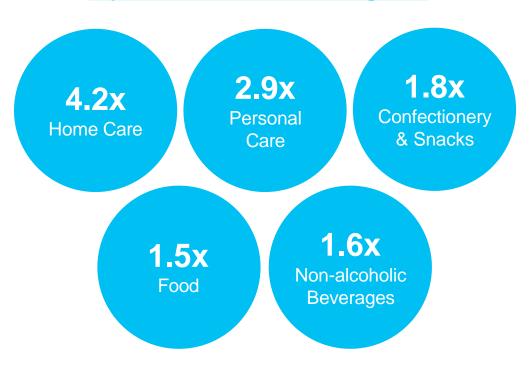
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### Why does innovation matter?

#### Impact of innovation on overall growth



Manufacturers growing innovation sales in 2022 were

1.8x

more likely to grow overall sales than those with stagnant or declining innovation sales

Source: NIQ BASES Innovation Measurement. Impact is calculated as a ratio of percentages of manufacturers growing total sales among those growing innovation sales vs. those with no growth in innovation sales.

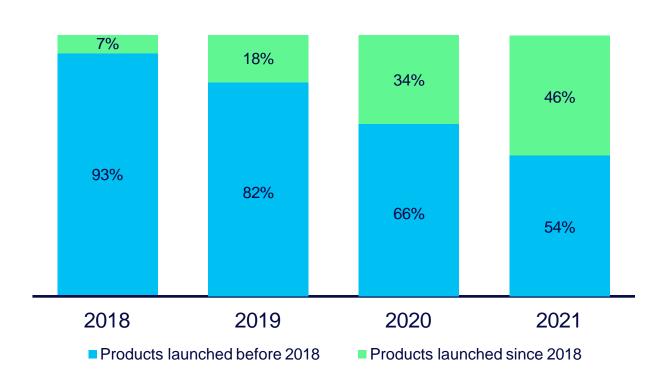


#### Year over year, strong innovations become your core

As core products can start losing buyers, new and improved products can:

- Attract new buyers
- Create new usage occasions
- Justify a price premium
- Keep your brand top of mind

#### Share of dollar sales



Source: NIQ BASES Innovation Measurement Based on a sample of Food, Home Care & Personal Care categories for Total US xAOC+Convenience



### Great innovations start with a job to be done

Innovators should center not on consumer demographics, product attributes, or trends...but rather on the

circumstance-specific job to be done

Look to common *marketplace gaps* to identify unmet jobs to be done that align with key *brand strengths* 

### Breakthrough winners find success by getting the innovation equation right

While consumer wants and needs have evolved over time by generation, the equation for innovation success hasn't changed.





### Better-for-you beverage winners meet consumers' desire for healthier options, without sacrificing cost-of-entry benefits



0 sugar No artificial colors



Low calorie
Less sugar
No artificial flavors or
sweeteners



<15 calories 0 sugar



25 calories0 added sugar

The cost-of-entry benefits for the beverage category include:







Based on BASES Architect learnings across beverage categories



### Health & sustainability benefits also fuel the growing interest in natural personal & home care products







Clean ingredients
Free of sulfates,
parabens, silicone, dye
Vegan & cruelty-free
Reducing environmental
impact

Free of dyes, artificial sweeteners/flavors, parabens, triclosan, microbeads, & gluten Vegan & cruelty-free Responsibly sourced ingredients & materials

Natural ingredients
No harsh chemicals
Safe around family
& pets

61%

of consumers say 'Natural' is more important to them now than it was five years ago

Source: Internal BASES R&D Survey conducted in July 2020.

### Breakthrough ideas are brought to life with good product; high levels of risk and reward tied to performance

Risk

1/2

of new launches fail because of weak product

Reward

+30%

Year 1 *volume upside*, on average, *for strong products* relative to their poor performing counterparts

### With cross-generational consumers relying on online reviews, strong product performance is more important than ever





10K+ bought in past month





900+ bought in past month





30K+ bought in past month

Amazon.com, October 2023



### Breakthrough ideas are brought to life with well-executed activation; the cost of failure is high

Risk

1/3

of new launches
fail because they
lack sufficient support
during year one

Reward

+20%

lift in ad-driven sales with optimized creative<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>BASES R&D Analysis, 2017 <sup>2</sup>BASES optimized creative drives up to 20% lift in ad-driven sales

# Remember: You are innovating for the consumer — and the retailer

### Retailers prioritize products that drive growth

Leverage research and analytics to provide a solid retailer value proposition



Bring new buyers to the category



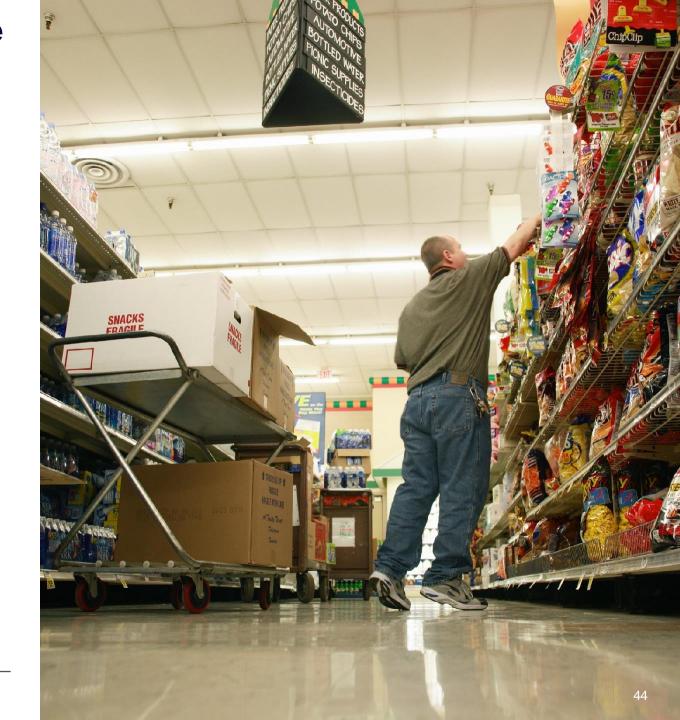
Trade up consumers



Provide a new usage occasion



Command a premium price





### Expansion from direct-to-consumer to retail continues to drive breakthrough activation success



Important to innovate with eCommerce in mind, but think ahead to ensure omnichannel applicability







In line with other channel expansions (ie: Rx/OTC switches) DTC innovations offer opportunity to expand and grow penetration



### Moving from DTC to retail stores requires thoughtful activation

- Leveraged consumer feedback to optimize the packaging & marketing messaging before moving into retail
- Waited for the right time and partnership to minimize cannibalization of the DTC business
- Invested in dress-up kits for end caps to catch consumer attention at shelf
- Ensured the product & package would stand out so consumers could easily understand PrettyLitter's unique advantages



### NIQ Founders Pitch Slam finalists capitalized on consumer jobs to be done

**Lemongrass Farms** 

**Lil' Gourmets** 

**Root & Splendor** 

**True Made Foods - Winner** 









### Long-term growth and vitality is achieved by getting the innovation equation right





Unlike any other litter, this one keeps tabs on your cat's health by changing color



**Good Product** 

Licensing opportunities enabled perfection of flavor delivery



**Good Activation** 

Holistic support plan spanning multiple channels that extended beyond year 1



Success



Great innovations don't tell consumers what they need. They solve problems consumers agree that they have.

— Ramon MelgarejoManaging Director, NIQ BASES



### The future we've been striving for is arriving and competition is heating up

Shar	re of <i>Better For</i> ™ sales	s in Total US (share chg.)	Index Total Mk		Share of <i>Organic</i> sales i	n Total US (share chg.)	Index to Total Mkt Shr
47%	Conventional Grocery	-0.4 pts	104	37%	Conventional Grocery	+0.1 pts	109
18%	Mass Merch w/ Supers	+0.9 pts	80	17%	Mass Merch w/ Supers	+0.9 pts	60
11%	Warehouse Clubs	-0.4 pts	104	19%	Warehouse Clubs	-0.9 pts	186
10%	Premier Fresh Grocery*	-0.1 pts	388	13%	<b>Premier Fresh Grocery*</b>	+0.2 pts	773
6%	Online Shopping	-0.5 pts	128	7%	Online Shopping	-0.6 pts	104
3%	Value Grocery	+0.0 pts	63	3%	Value Grocery	+0.2 pts	89
1%	Dollar stores	+0.2 pts	44	1%	Dollar stores	+0.2 pts	14
1%	Convenience/Gas	+0.1 pts	65	1%	Convenience/Gas	+0.1 pts	38
1%	Drug stores	+0.0 pts	78	1%	Drug stores	-0.1 pts	29
3%	All Other	+0.0 pts	90	1%	All Other	-0.1 pts	37

Source: NIQ Homescan Panel; Total US Panel; Total Food & Beverage, NIQ Better For Segment™; share change vs year ago; Latest 52 weeks ending January 27, 2024



# Winning requires a relentless focus on the consumer

### 1 Understand the Job to Be Done

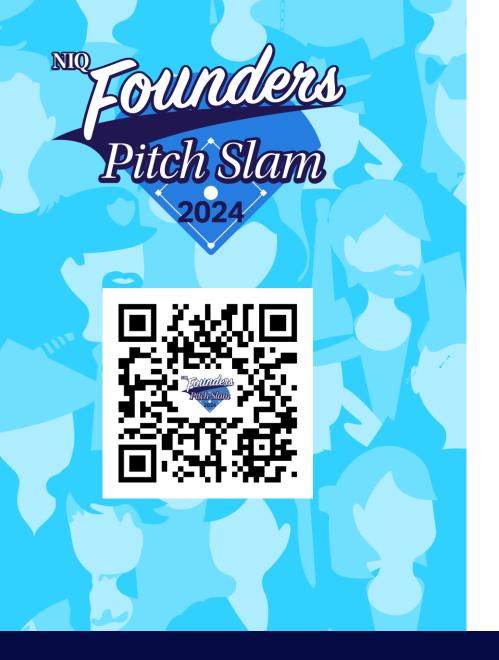
The population is aging and evolving in the challenges they face. Identify and internalize the underlying emerging needs that you need a solution. These offer a solid footing in a shifting landscape.

### 2 Give them what they need

Explore new frontiers in health and wellness to match consumer needs with emerging product attributes and benefits. Brand alone is not enough.

### Find them where they are

Traditional "channels" are dissolving, and we are operating in an omni-world. Explore new platforms of commerce to reach consumers where they are.



### We are now accepting applications for the 2024 NIQ Founders Pitch Slam

Applications open January 8<sup>th</sup> – March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2024

The 2nd annual NIQ Founders Pitch Slam will bring together some of the **most innovative and transformative** emerging CPG brands, challenging an elite set of founders to pitch their companies to industry insiders and business leaders as they vie for a first-place award of more than \$500k including a \$50,000 cash prize and in-kind prizes.

#### Entry criteria

- Have an annual revenue up to \$20 million in US\$ in qualifying departments
- Products must currently be available for U.S. sale
- You must be available to participate in the Virtual Pitch semi-finals on April 23, 2024
- You must be available to attend the NIQ C360 conference in Phoenix, AZ, for the Live Pitch session on May 13-16<sup>th</sup> (all expenses paid)

### Visit us at booth #8721



to take advantage of complimentary product scanning

### Visit us at booth #809

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#### The Opportunity:



Ensure your products are <u>100% discoverable</u> across key shopper need states, preferences, and passions.



Leverage <u>optimized high-quality product images</u> to drive shopper click-through and engagement.



Empower shoppers with complete content on PDPs including marketing copy, features and benefits, nutrients, ingredients, allergens, and more.



Go beyond and personalize the shopper experience by adding wellness badges and rich-media modules.







Shoppers who interact with wellness badges are 2x as likely to purchase a product

25% of shoppers are more likely to purchase a product with rich media present.

#### **NIQ** is Better For<sup>TM</sup>:

Digital Product Content – Finding Growth – Innovation – Emerging and Natural Brands



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the world's most **complete** and **clear** understanding of consumer buying behavior that reveals new pathways to growth.

### Retailer Focus

#### **Fulfillment**



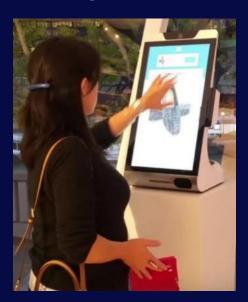
- Automated centers are shared 3<sup>rd</sup> party assets; no retailer capex
- 3-hour delivery to shopper is standard

#### **Online**



- UX driven by trip mission (convenience / stock up / discover)
- Personalized assortments
- 50% of grocery purchases

#### **Shrink**



- Edible products sold loose through refillables
- Reduction of footprint and shelves with customers selecting products on screens

#### Data



- Realtime processing with AI leading dynamic pricing and promo
- Algorithmic category management
- ROI management



### Retail 2030

### *In-store*

### **Technology**



- Scan and go
- Shoppers identified by app/smartphone entering store
- Frictionless Checkout

### Intelligence



- Customer tracking and heat mapping
- High traffic aisles monetized with CPG

#### **Personalization**



 Personalized promotions while you shop

### **Experiences**



- Experiential brand activations
- Taste / touch / try





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