

## True-Luxury Global Consumer Insight

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#### 10.000+ Consumers

#### 21K€+ Average spend • Top 30% spending 40K€

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"Do you expect to spend more or less on luxury products in the next 12 months?"

% of respondents







## 400M Luxury Consumers in 2015 to become 480M in 2022







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1. Including Experiential and Personal luxury, excluding cars and Yachts Note: rounded numbers Source: BCG Analysis

# Personal and Experiential luxury market to grow from today 845Bn€ to 1135Bn€ in 2022 <sup>™D TERM</sup>



CLUSTER	2015		2022	
	<b># (M)</b>	Bn(€)¹	# (M)	Bn(€)¹
Beyond money	2	50	2	90
Ultra	4	92	6	135
Very high	10	103	12	140
Total Top Luxury	16	245	20	365
Top Aspirational	20	61	26	86
Aspirational	365	538	435	684
			<mark>+170</mark>	↑
Total Luxury Consumers <sup>1</sup>	~400	~845	~480 <mark>+290</mark>	~1135



## **Evolving consumer values**

#### Relevance of Intro values confirmed

"What is luxury to you?"

% of respondents<sup>1</sup>



1. Respondents were asked to rank the top 3 values: the graph represent the value ranked as the most important Source: BCG 2014 and 2015 ad hoc study (10'000 respondents in 10 countries)



#### How to stay relevant on *Intro values*?

% on respondents who have selected intro values

Relevance





**Total 2015** 

#### EXCLUSIVITY

### Losing exclusivity = material risk especially for mature generations

"How do you react when you perceive that a Brand is losing or has lost part of its exclusivity?"



1. % of the respondents indicating at least one brand losing / risking to lose its exclusivity Source: BCG 2015 ad hoc study (10'000 respondents in 10 countries)

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## **30% of brands at risk of losing Exclusivity**

#### "Is there any brand you think is losing or has lost part of its exclusivity?"



Analysis on top brands included in the survey with at least 200 respondents purchasing their products : ~100 brands
Brands losing exclusivity: brands with at least 100 respondents declaring that the brand is losing exclusivity
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### Possible to grow without losing exclusivity?

"Is there any brand you think is losing or has lost part of its exclusivity?"

#### Risk of losing exclusivity<sup>1</sup> (%)





### Work on disaffection triggers to prevent exclusivity loss

"Which of the following situations would stop you from buying a brand?"



% of respondents



#### SUSTAINABILITY

## Sustainability a growing value, especially for Millennials

"What is luxury to you?" % of respondents who have selected Sustainability as a value



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Note:1. Sustainability ranked among top 3 values (multiple answer possible) Source: BCG 2015 ad hoc study (10'000 respondents in 10 countries)

## Sustainability an articulated meaning for Consumers; facade initiatives not accepted

"What is more important to you about sustainability?"



Note:1. Sustainability ranked among top 3 values (multiple answer possible) Source: BCG 2015 ad hoc study (10'000 respondents in 10 countries) Fondazione

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## Sustainability becoming a Purchase Booster; Might become also a Purchase Breaker?





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CRAFTSMANSHIP Italy clear leader on Made-in; not yet SUSTAINABILITY a clear leader on sustainable manufacturing

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

"Which country do you think could become the leader in manufacturing sustainable products?"

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#### Millennials: the 6th continent

#### Millennials the 6th continent: 2.3bn people

	Millennials	Gen. X	Baby Boomers	Silver	
\ge	18 - 34	35 - 50	51 - 65	65+	
tal # 5 (M) <sup>1</sup>	<b>2.300 M</b> (~32%)	1.500 M	1.000 M	600 M	

1. Total world population 7,2 Bn; 1,8 Bn people under 18 years old not included Source: Economist intelligence unit 2015, BCG 2014-2015 ad hoc study (10'000 respondents in 10 countries), BCG analysis

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## How Millennials are changing luxury?

**Different values and myths** New language **Optimistic True and personal Active advocates Always connected Diverse** 





## Millennials different values

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#### "Are these values / activities more or less important to you than they were 2 years ago?"



Note: Respondents answered the question: "What are the most characteristic, defining or frequently used words, exclamations, jargon, slang or sayings of your generation?" Source: BCG Millennials research overview, BCG analysis

## Words/slang frequently used by Millennials

#### Male Millennials Favorite Slang

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#### Female Millennials Favorite Slang





## **Top 10 abbreviations/text-speak** frequently used by Millennials

**Male Millennials Favorite Text-Speak** 

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Female Millennials Favorite Text-Speak



Note: Respondents answered the question: "What are your favorite or frequently used abbreviations or so-called "text speak" (e.g. LOL. OMG)?" Source: BCG Millennials research overview, BCG analysis





## Millennials identify themselves with the brand

"I feel an emotional connection with the brands I buy"



% of respondents that agree



#### **ACTIVE ADVOCATES**

## Millennials expect a two-ways dialogue with brands

"Thinking to the communication opportunities offered by digital, which ones do you value the most?"

% of respondents



Source: BCG 2015 ad hoc study (10.000 core luxury Consumers in 10 countries)

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#### 8 out of 10 Millennials are active advocates

#### "Have you recommended a Brand in the last 12 months?"





### Millennials actively broadcast their thoughts



## Millennials always connected also when in store





## Millennials: an heterogeneous continent

#### Hip-ennial

"I can make the world a better place"





Gadget Guru

"It's a great day to be me"

#### Millennial Nurturer

"I love to work out, travel, and pamper my baby"





#### **Clean & Green Millennial**

*"I take care of myself, and the world around me"* 

#### Anti-Millennial

"I'm too busy taking care of my business and my family to worry about much else"





#### **Old School Millennial**

"Connecting on Facebook is too impersonal, let's meet up for coffee instead!"





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## Personal luxury saturation

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## **30% of consumers at saturation point on personal luxury**



"Do you plan to buy more items in the near future<sup>1</sup>?"

1. Question focused on handbags, shoes, dresses & suits and watches only Source: BCG 2015 ad hoc study (10'000 respondents in 10 countries)



## Saturation growing from shoes to watches and with seniority

"Do you plan to buy more items in the near future<sup>1</sup>?"

% of respondents declaring to be at saturation



1. Question focused on handbags, shoes, dresses & suits and watches only Source: BCG 2015 ad hoc study (10'000 respondents in 10 countries)



## 1/4 of saturated consumers willing to swap, mainly Millennials and on Shoes and Dresses

"You told us you are NOT planning to buy more items. Would you be willing to swap your luxury items<sup>1</sup>?"

#### **CONSUMERS AT SATURATION ONLY<sup>2</sup>**



Source: BCG 2015 ad hoc study (10'000 respondents in 10 countries)



#### COUTURE COLLECTIVE





#### SNOB**SWAP**" swap, sell, shop, save

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## From owning to being: ~50% of Consumers shifting toward Experiences

"Do you have the feeling you are buying less products and more experiences in last years?"

% of respondents



Source: BCG 2015 ad hoc study (10'000 respondents in 10 countries)

#### **Store wars**

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#### **Rent exploding**



Note: Hong Kong: Causeway Bay; London: New Bond Street; New York: 5th Avenue; Paris: Champs Elizée; Tokyo: Ginza; Milan: Montenapoleone

Source: Cushman and Wakefield Main Global Street; BCG analysis




Luxury Stores closures as % of openings by geography





### >50% of Luxury Consumers are frequent visitors; "Newness" key to keep interest alive

"How often do you visit a store of your favorite Brand?" "What are the key reasons for you to visit your favorite Brand in a store?"

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### More frequent product releases expected

"Typically new collections are released twice a year (spring-summer and fall-winter). Would you like brands to release items on a more continuous base?"

% of respondents





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# From a boring box to an intriguing experience: free tips from consumers...

"Which innovative services should your ideal store offer?"

Interest ratio (# of supporters vs. opponents)



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## Millennials more interested in experimenting new store realities

"Which innovative services should your ideal store offer?"



1. Number of supporters divided the number of opponents Source: BCG 2015 ad hoc study (10'000 respondents in 10 countries)

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## ~70% of Consumers would follow their Brands in new up & coming trendy locations

"Would you follow your favorite luxury Brands if they open a store in a new up and coming trendy location?

**Reasons why...** 15% No 16% 16% 19% 34% I don't know 26% 25% 68% 71% 56% 15% Yes 67% Millennials Gen. X Baby B. **Total** I'm curious I trust It's cool and Luxury the Brand innovative about streets & Silver new became locations boring / crowded

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% of respondents

### **Department Stores & Wholesale rebirth?**

"What was the first channel for you luxury purchases in the past 12 months?"

% of respondents

"Do you have the feeling that you are purchasing more or less frequently in Multibrand?"

> CONSUMERS BUYING FROM MULTI-BRAND % of respondents

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# Why Department Stores & Wholesale are winning?

"What are the main reasons for you for shifting from mono-brand stores to..."

% of respondents



1. E.g. food court, hair stylist, beauty spa,.. Source: BCG 2015 ad hoc study (10'000 respondents in 10 countries)

# **Digital: always connected**

## 6 out of 10 luxury sales digitally influenced

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



### **Brand websites 1st choice;** navigability key driver



Source: BCG 2015 ad hoc study (10'000 respondents in 10 countries)

# ~80% of consumers asking for Omnichannel especially the youngest generations

"How important is it for you that a brand can be reached through different channels?" "What do you expect when dealing with multiple channels?"

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#### % of respondents

#### % of respondents



1. % of respondents for which it is somehow important / very important / not negotiable that a brand can be reached through different ch

### Integrated customer journey

Customer journey: Designer dress purchase



### **Price transparency**

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# 84% of Consumers check prices in advance of purchasing; 33% always do it

"Do you usually get informed about the prices before going to the store for a purchase?"



Source: BCG 2015 ad hoc study (10'000 respondents in 10 countries)

# Strong price differentials might put at risk ~50% of purchases

"How would you react if you were to realize a price difference between your Country and another one?"



Note: EU includes respondents from Italy, France, Germany, UK Source: BCG 2015 ad hoc study (10'000 respondents in 10 countries)

## What's happening to Chinese

Source: BCG Analysis



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### **From China to Chinese**

# Personal Luxury market by Country and Nationality (€B, retail value @current)





### Where are Chinese purchasing?



Chinese Personal Luxury market by location of purchases (€B, 2015 retail value @current)



1. Russia, Middle East, Other APAC, Other Americas Source: BCG analysis

### New York / Milan the new Macau?

#### "In which cities have you bought / plan to buy luxury products in the past / next 12 months?"





# How to capture Chinese consumers abroad?

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"What is your main reason for buying outside your home country?"

% of Chinese respondents <sup>1</sup>	Chinese buying in EU	Chinese buying in US	∆ EU vs. US
Broader selection	39%	33%	+6pp
Lower prices	36%	37%	-1pp
Buy in the country of origin of the brand	31%	22%	+9pp
Part of travelling experience	31%	31%	
Superior customer experience	30%	20%	+10pp

Note: Consumer buying both in Europe and US are excluded from the analysis 1. Includes Chinese respondents that spend abroad at least 25% of their personal luxury expenditure Source: BCG 2015 specific survey (10.000 core luxury Consumers in 10 countries)



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### Which category they look for?



#### % of total P&E Luxury spending



#### **Non-Millennials**

22%

24%



### Chinese closing the Digital gap

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

% of respondents



### **Milan rebirth**

### Milan is rising back

"In which cities have you bought / plan to buy luxury products in the past / next 12 months?"



Note: The calculations excludes consumers in their home country Source: BCG 2014 and 2015 ad hoc study (10'000 respondents in 10 countries) Fondazione

# Milan becoming cooler and more trendy, especially for emerging markets consumers

"Based on your experience in Milan, do you feel that the city is:"

% of respondents



Source: BCG 2015 ad hoc study (10'000 respondents in 10 countries)

# Milan: strong potential on Art and Culture still not fully leveraged

"What are the first associations coming to your mind when thinking to the city of Milan?"

% of respondents



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## True-Luxury Global Consumer segmentation





### The CONSUMER era: key takeaways

### **Growth** to continue

- Short term (2016): confirmed consumer confidence positive trend
- Mid term (2022): 400M consumers to become 480; market to increase by 290€Bn

#### New **Consumer** realities

- Evolving values: Exclusivity not granted, Sustainability growing
- Millennials the 6th continent
- Personal luxury saturation happening
- The "Store War" has begun: newness key to capture the Consumer
- Digital influence era continuing
- Price transparency under the spotlight
- From China to Chinese
- Milan rising back

### **12 unique segments** entering your stores with different expectations

- Absolute Luxurer, Megacitier and Experiencer representing 50%+ of the market
- Social Wearer the fastest growing segment



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