

CRACKING THE MYSTERY OF TRAVELER BEHAVIOR

HOW IT MIGHT AFFECT SUCCESS

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*“There is nothing more deceptive
than an obvious fact.”*

Arthur Conan Doyle

THREE TOUCHPOINTS FOR TODAY

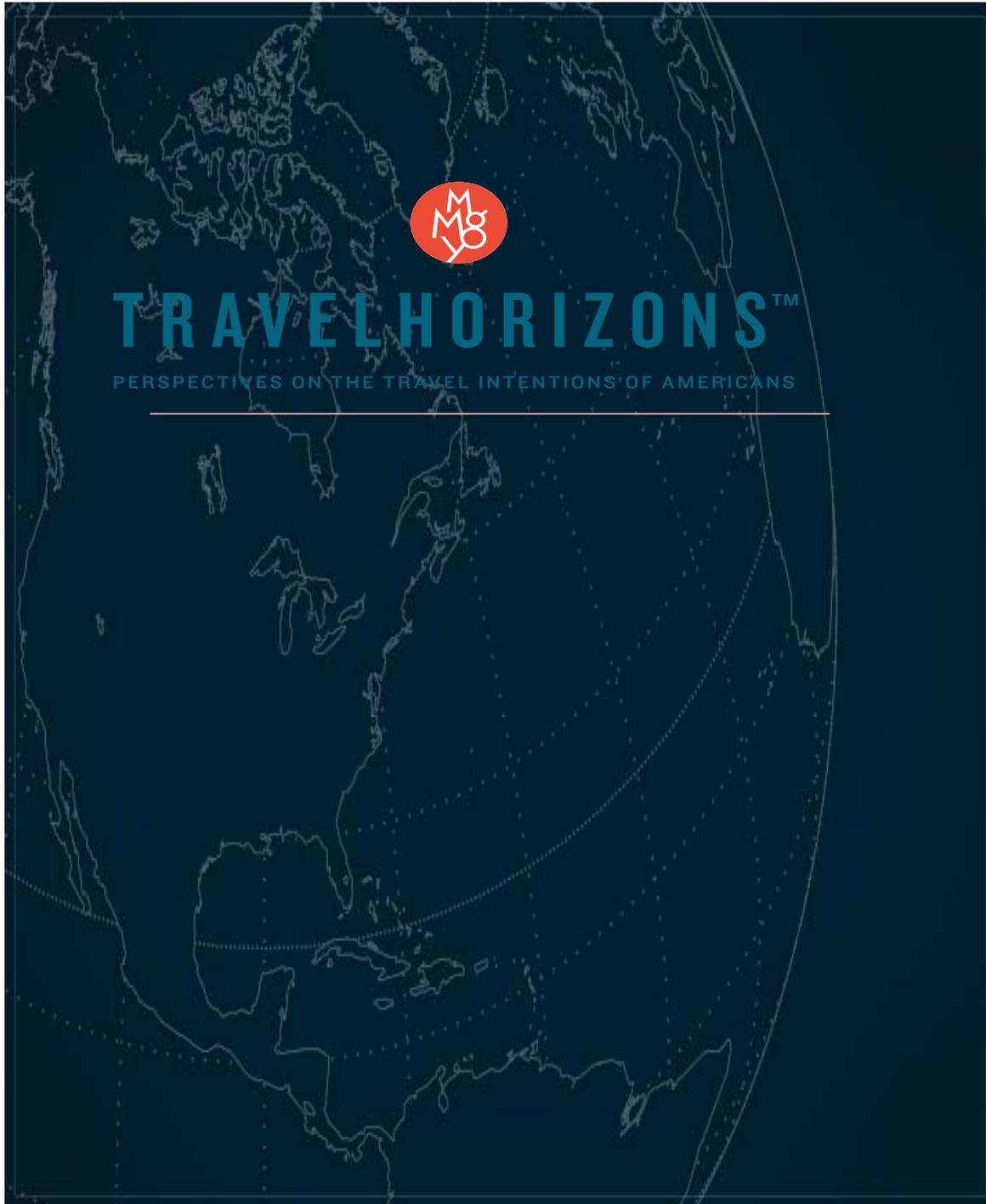
- 1 The Road Ahead
- 2 Making the Right Connections
- 3 Marketing Considerations

THE ROAD AHEAD



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travelhorizons™ Wave III 2014
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Methodology:

- The Wave III 2014 *travelhorizons™* survey was conducted from August 1 – August 8;
- Responses were received from a nationally representative sample of 2,371 residents of the U.S. 18 years of age or older, including:
 - 1,892 active leisure travelers (those who reported taking at least one leisure trip during the previous year);
 - 1,173 active business travelers (those who reported taking at least one business trip during the previous year).

A Brighter
HORIZON LINE

53% agree

“Although the recession is over,
I still don’t feel or act like it is.”

(Down from 58% in July 2013)

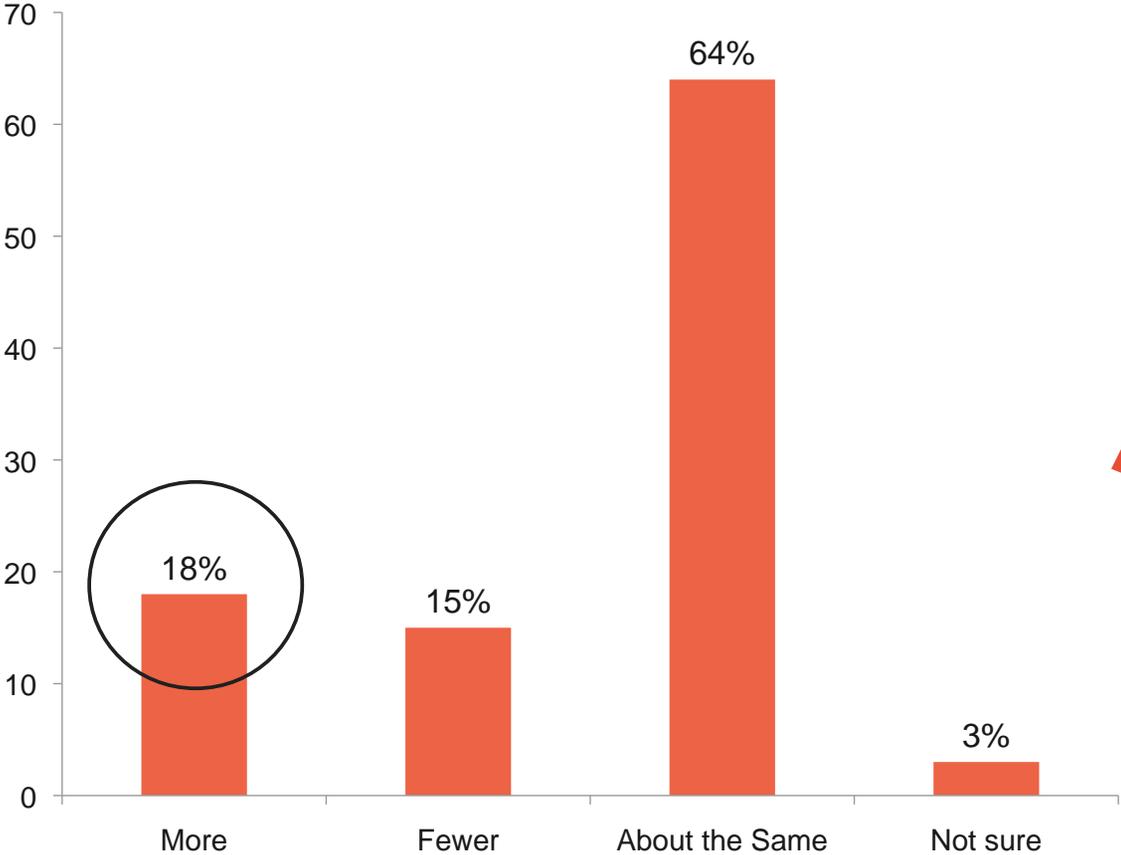
CONSUMER ANXIETY

6 in

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LEISURE TRAVEL INTENTIONS

Leisure trips during next year compared to last year.

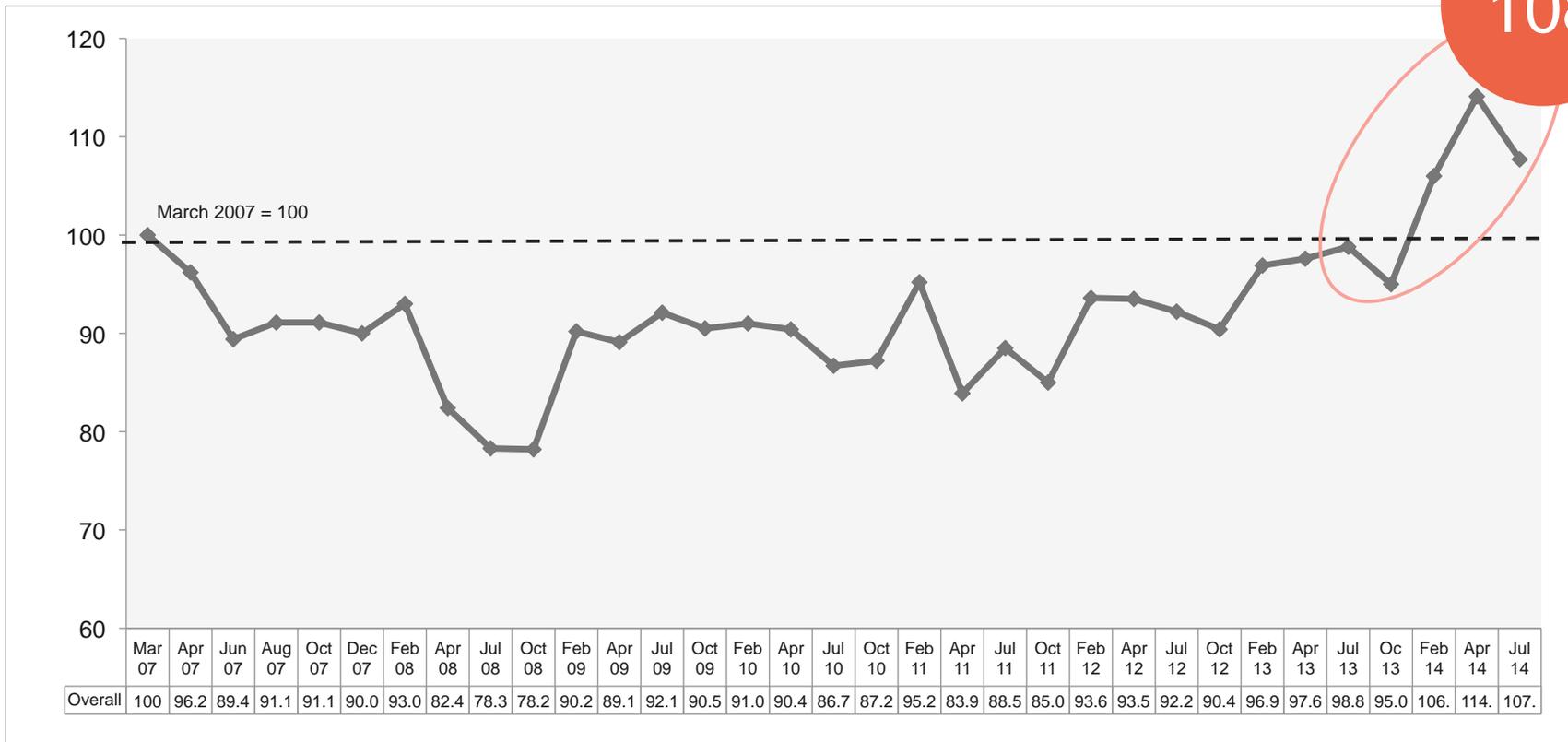


"MORE"
SURPASSES
"FEWER"

Source: Portrait of American Travelers, MMGY Global, 2014



TRAVELER SENTIMENT INDEX™ OVERALL

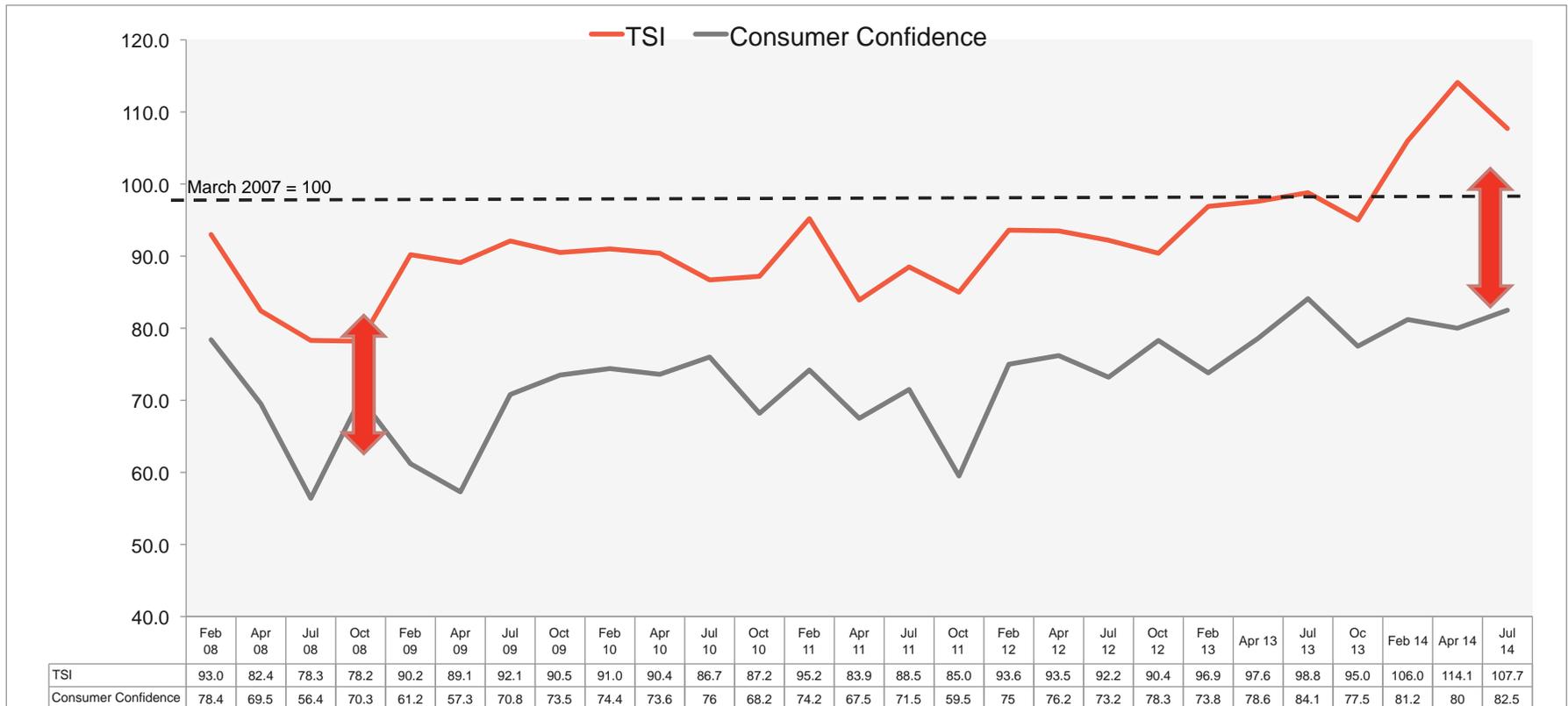


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TRAVELER SENTIMENT INDEX™

TRACKING WITH CONSUMER CONFIDENCE



“The reality is that supplier pricing power is on the rise, which may be affecting demand and spending patterns.”

THE MACRO-TAKE

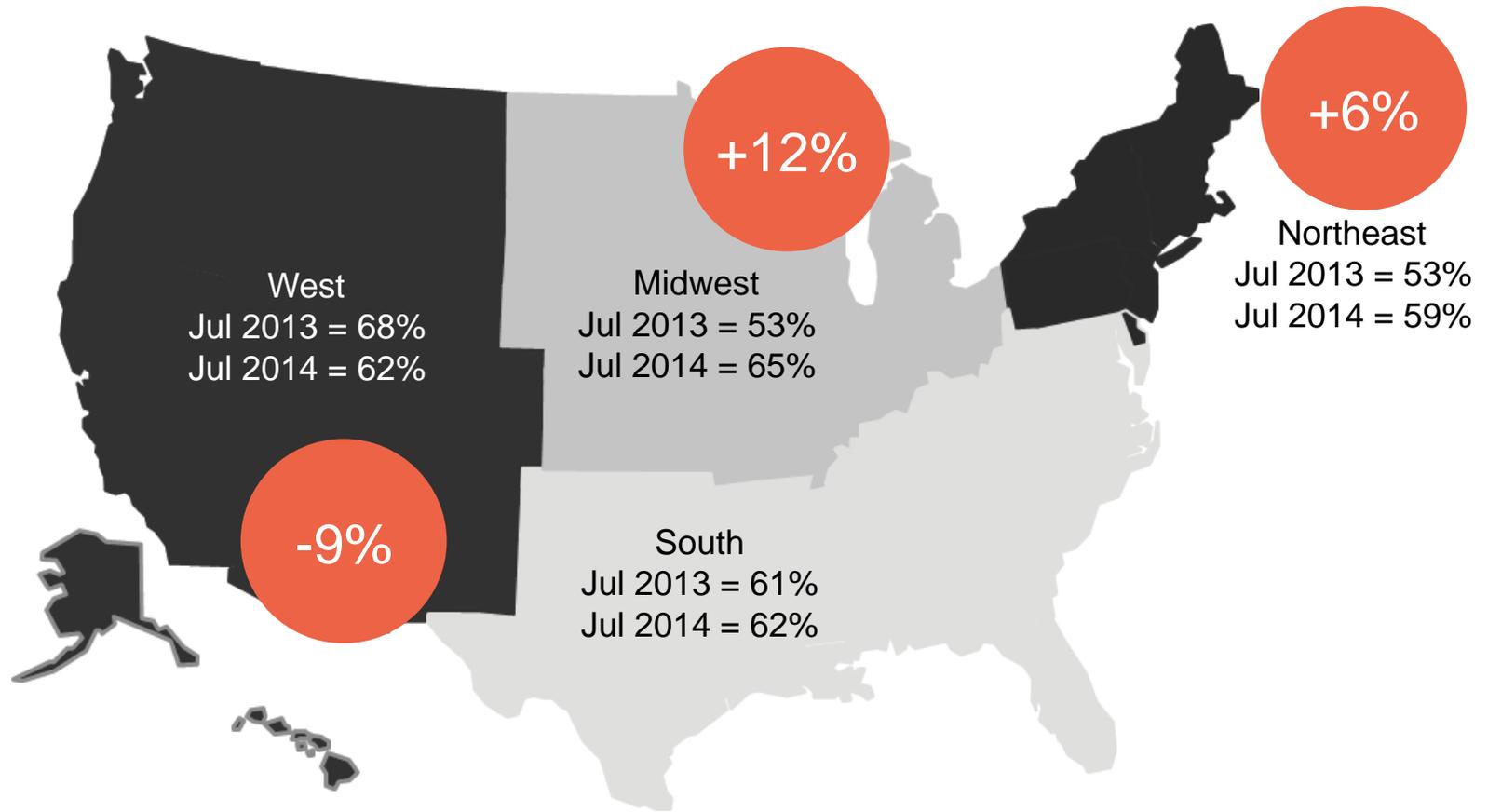
- 1 Positive traveler sentiment bodes well for continued growth into 2015, if pricing stabilizes.
- 2 But demand has translated into pricing power for suppliers, who have taken advantage.
- 3 Core markets remain strong and long-haul patterns are re-emerging from mid-2000s



WHO IS DRIVING THE
MARKET?

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MIDWESTERN TRAVELERS DRIVE FUTURE INTENT



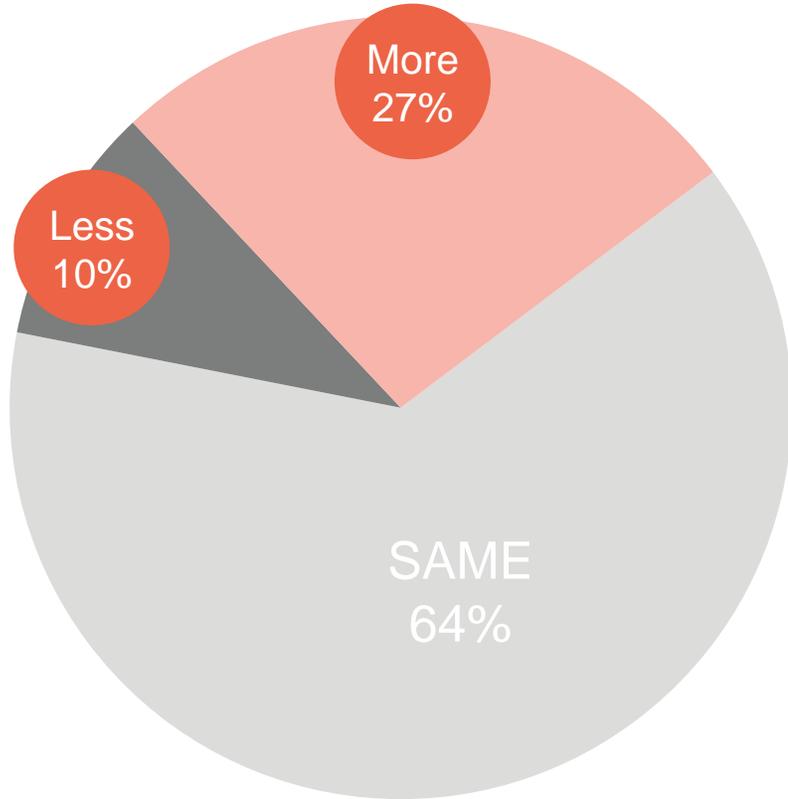
Q17: Over the next six (6) months do you plan to take any leisure trips of 50 miles or more one way from home, or that will include an overnight stay?

Source: MMGY Global, *travelhorizons*™, Wave III 2014

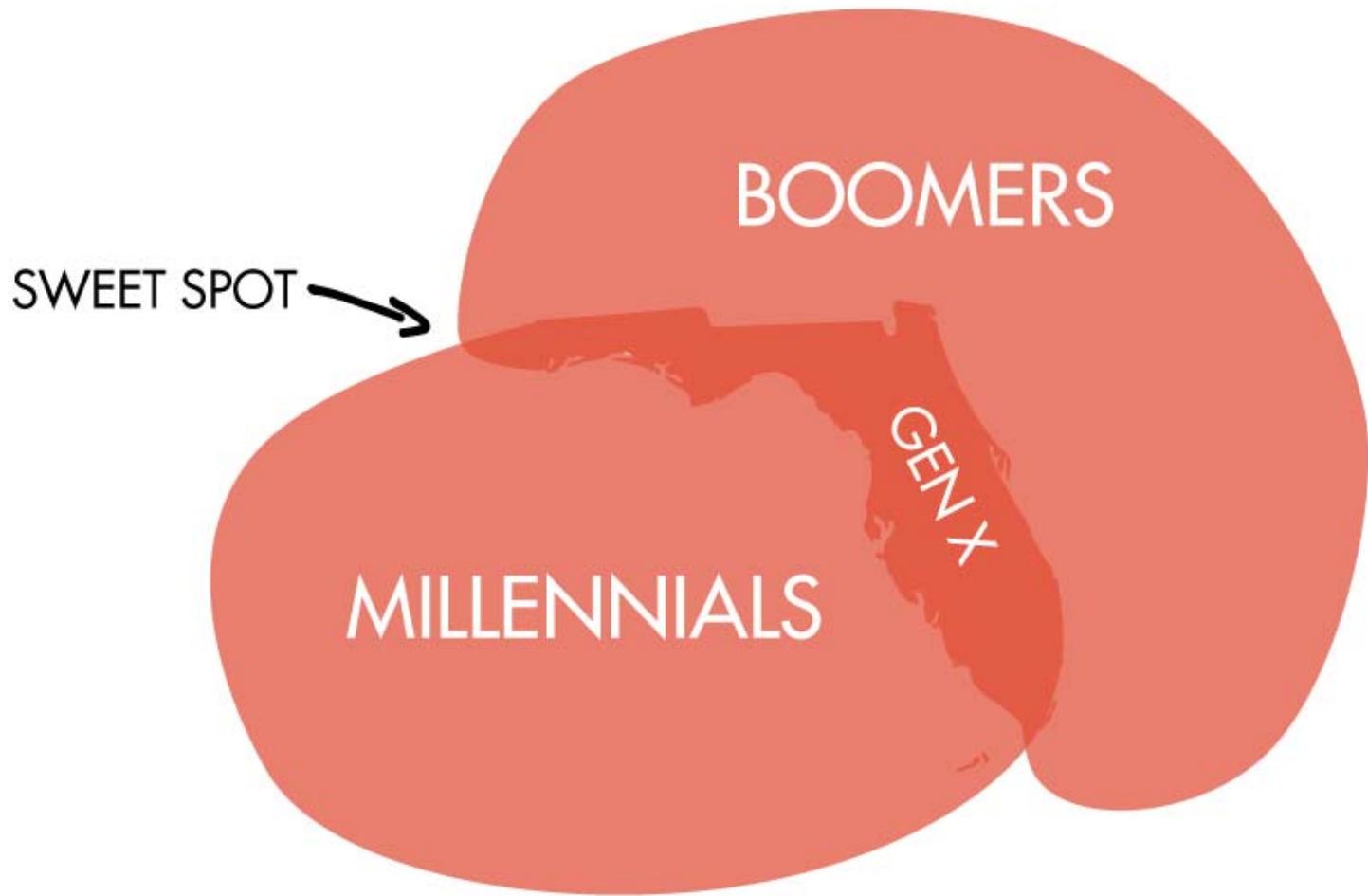


AFFLUENTS LEADING THE WAY

Expected trips this year vs. Last year



	\$50K- \$124K	\$125K- \$249K	\$250K+
More Trips	18	18	27
The Same	64	62	63
Fewer Trips	18	19	10

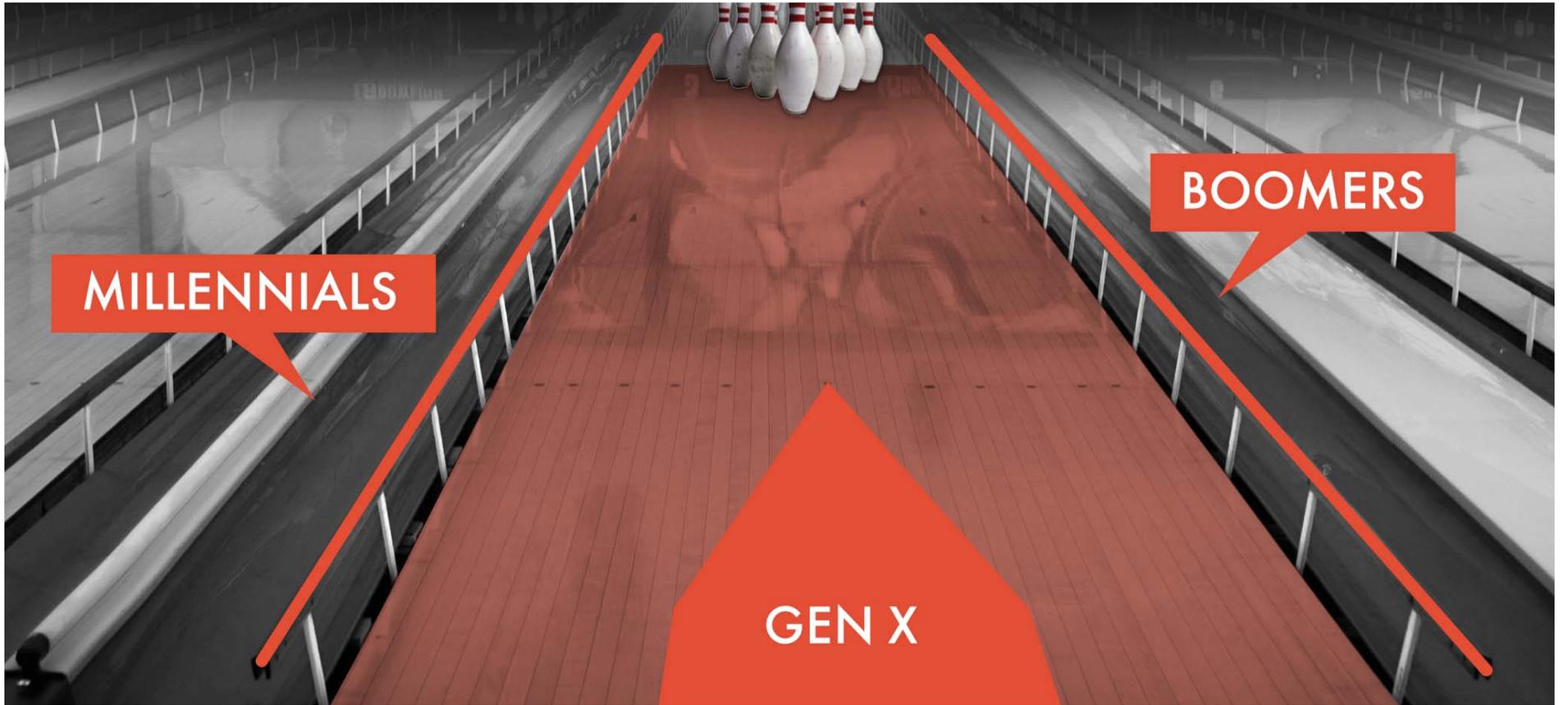


BOOMERS

SWEET SPOT →

GEN X

MILLENNIALS

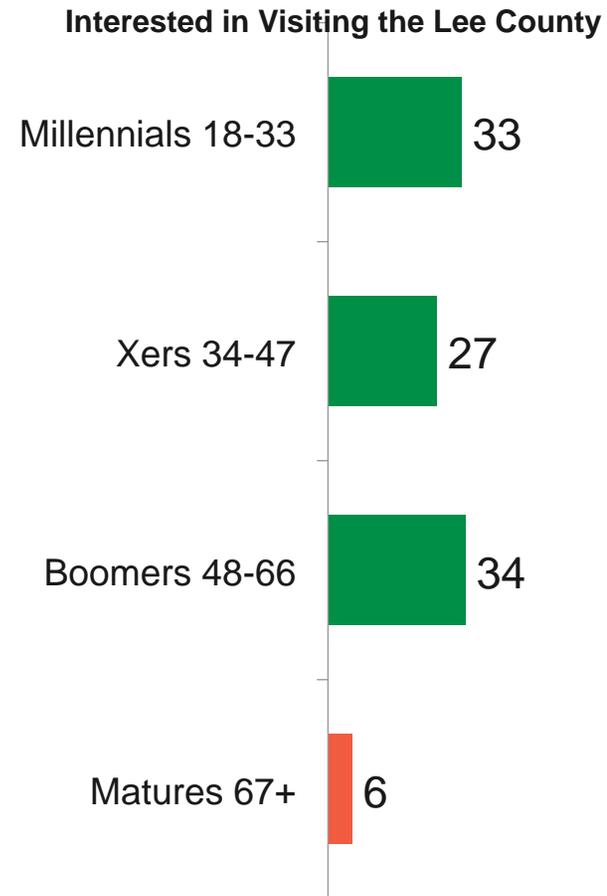
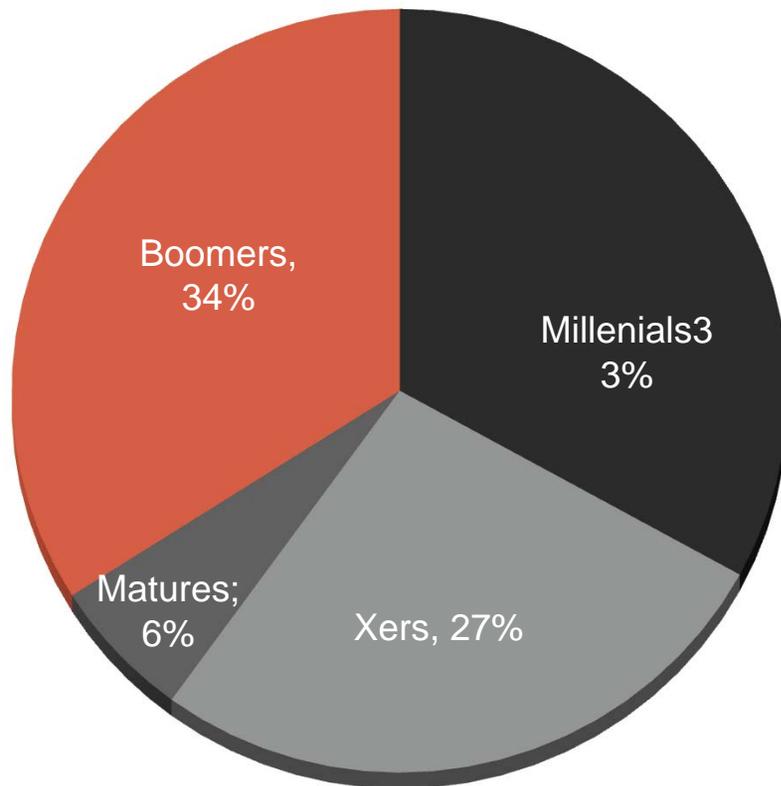


MILLENNIALS

BOOMERS

GEN X

INTEREST IN THE BEACHES OF FORT MYERS & SANIBEL SPANS GENERATIONS



Millennials: Adult consumers born since 1979.

Xers: Adult consumers born from 1965 through 1978.

Boomers: Adult consumers born from 1946 through 1964.

Matures: Adult consumers born before 1946.



VS.

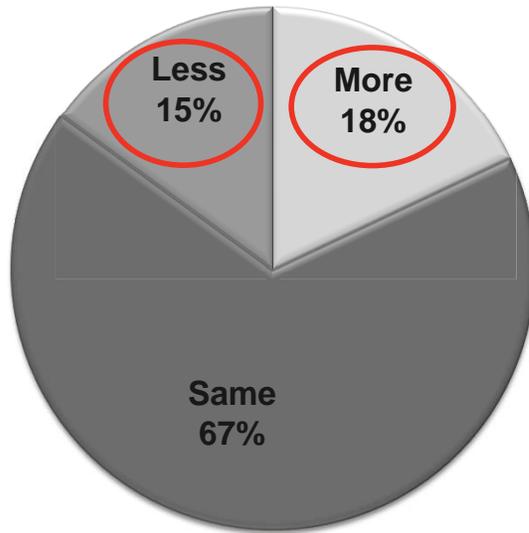


OPTIMISM INDEX



MILLENNIALS LEADING FUTURE INTENT

Expected Leisure Trips Next Year Versus Last Year

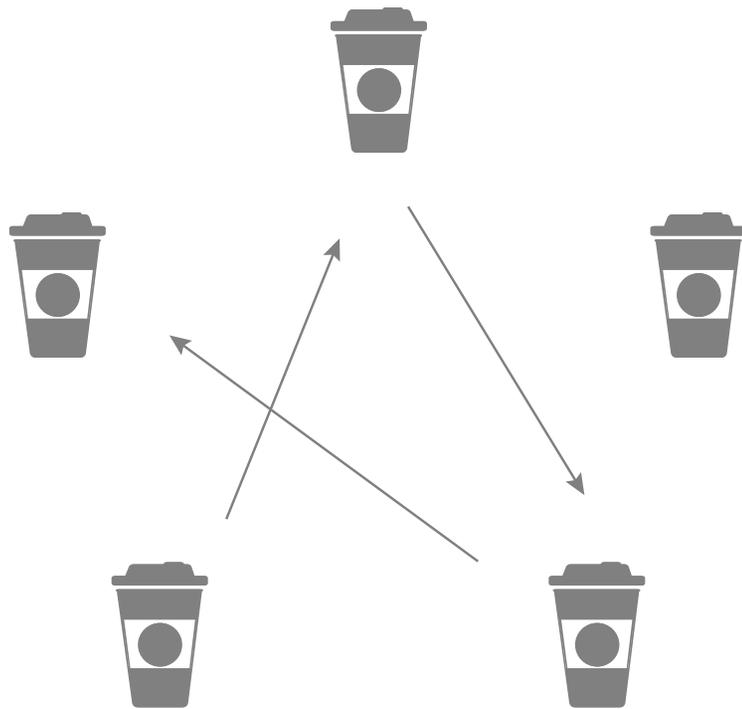


Total Leisure Travelers

	Millennials	Xers	Boomers
More Trips	21	18	17
The Same	62	64	65
Fewer Trips	17	18	18
Net Δ		0	-1

+4

**BUT PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT
THEY ARE NOT LOYAL**



39%

Personally, I do not like
to follow brands

MILLENNIALS ARE FREQUENT TRAVELERS

MILLENNIALS



BOOMERS



MILLENNIALS AND GENX LEAD THE WAY IN FUTURE SPENDING

Average Vacation Spend per Household	Total	Millennials	Xers	Boomers	Matures
During past 12 months	\$4,429	\$4,499	\$4,341	\$4,070	\$6,168 ^{abc}
During next 12 months	\$4,946	\$5,386 ^c	\$5,007	\$4,285	\$6,305 ^c
Difference	\$517				\$137

\$887

\$666

\$215



#1REASON
GENXers
Travel
is to
'break away
from the routine'

TRAVEL MOTIVATION

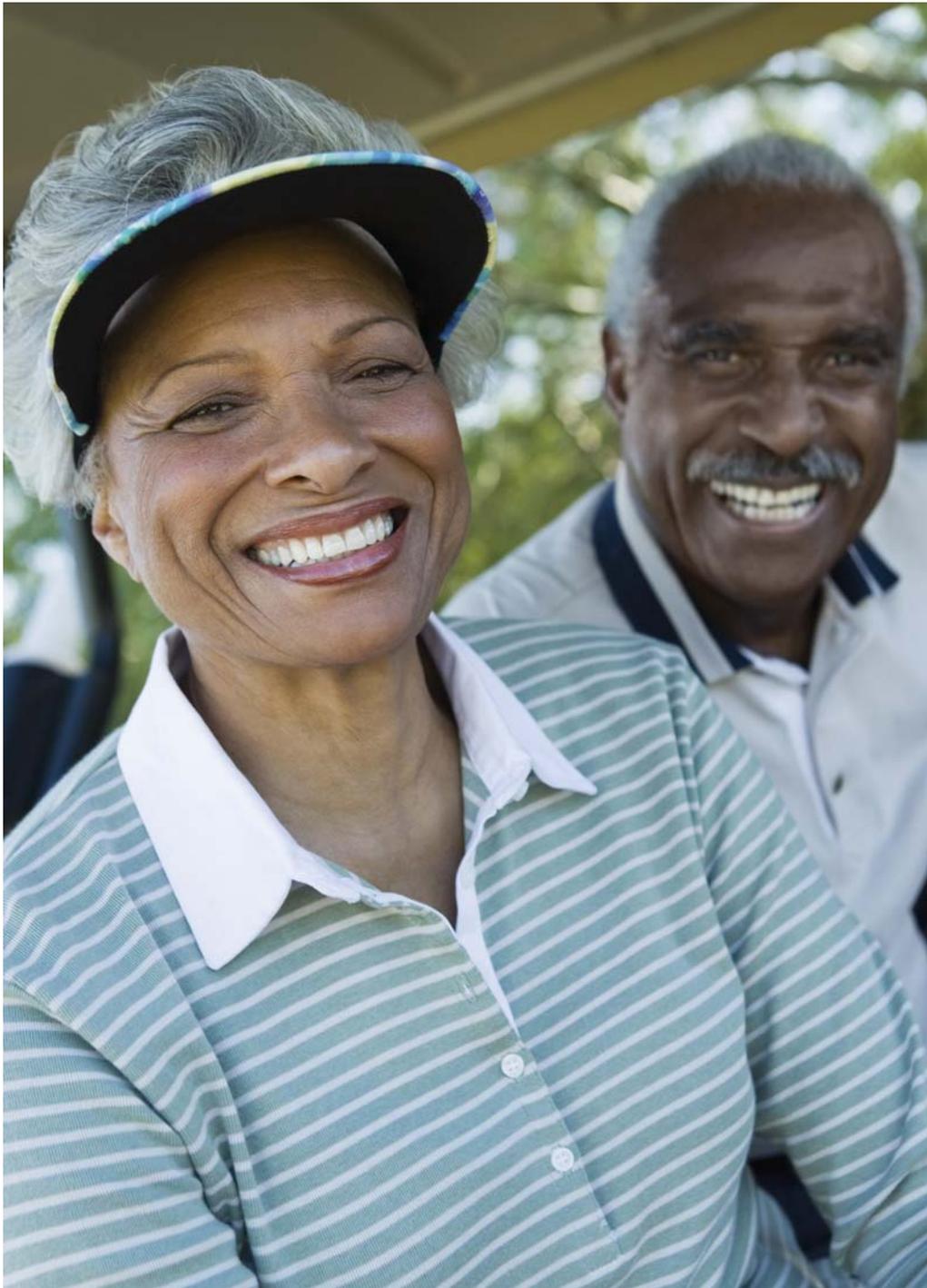
BOOMER GEN X MILLENNIAL

Explore

Escape

Relax





1 billion
60+
By 2023

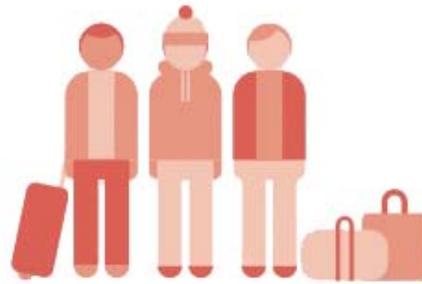
**A WORD ABOUT
MATURES**

TRAVELING DIFFERENTLY

SOLO TRAVEL



FAMILY TRAVEL



PARTNER TRAVEL



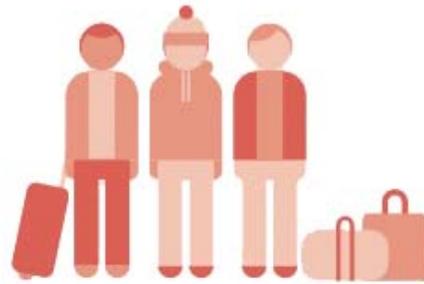
32%
Millennials

51%
GEN X

73%
Boomers

WHO SEEKS THIS GROWING TRAVEL EXPERIENCE?

MULTI-GENERATION





MILLENNIALS: ACQUIRING EXPERIENCES

70%

Seek the opportunity to eat different and unusual cuisines

60%

Seek participation in unique guest experiences that reflect local culture



BOOMERS: PLAYING IT SAFE

68%

Choose a hotel based on previous experience.

11%

Desire a non-branded or all-new experience.



MILLENNIALS: LIVING IT UP

...

55%

Prefer a hotel that is elegant inside.

48%

Are willing to pay more for true luxury.



BOOMERS: VALUE SEEKERS

Influential when selecting a Hotel/Resort...

68%

Value for the price

57%

Free Breakfast



MILLENNIALS: LEAVING THINGS TO THE EXPERTS

28%

Used a traditional travel agent
in the past 12 months

3

Trips organized through
a travel agent.



BOOMERS: TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES

50%

Booking direct with hotel is
most convenient

24%

Are relying on more
sources of advice than
ever before when
making travel choices



MILLENNIALS: LESS CONVENTIONAL

Vacations in the next six months will involve...

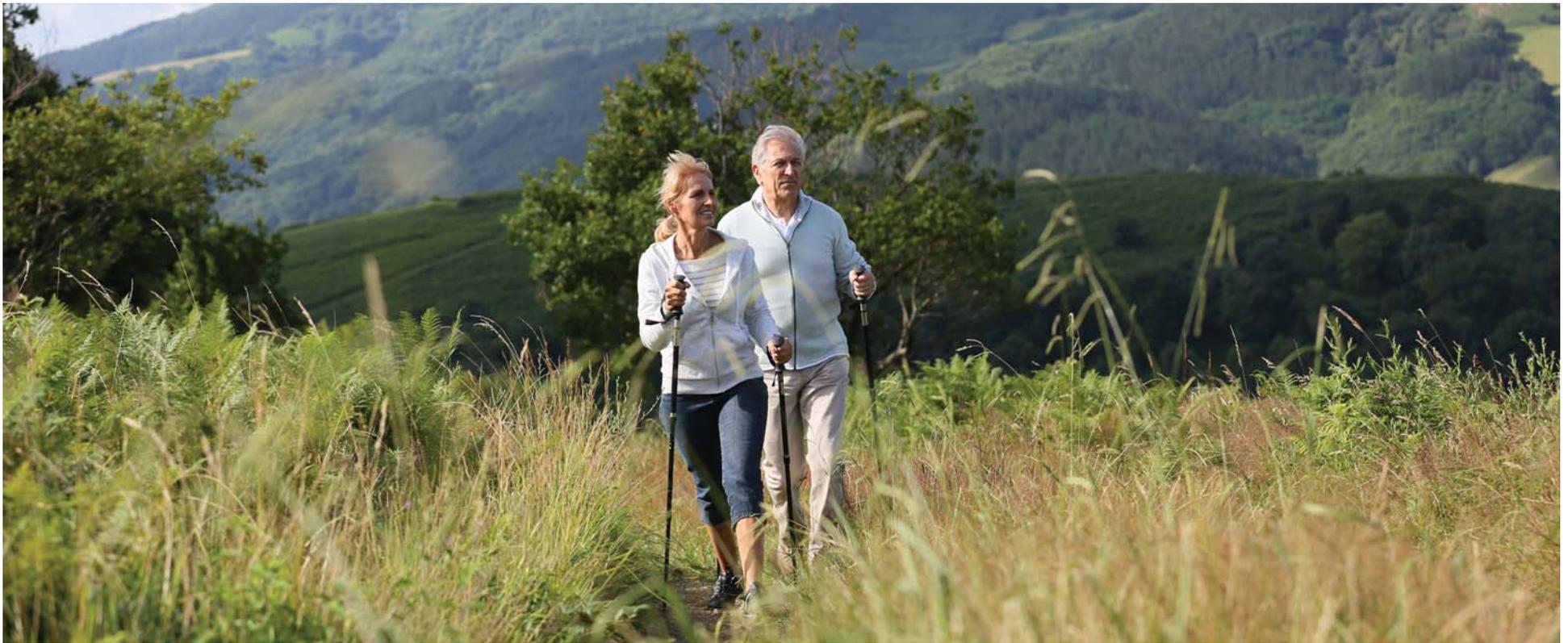
15%

Taking a Train

12%

Extending a Business
Trip for Leisure





BOOMERS: FRUGAL

86%

I buy the best quality product I can given the price I want to pay

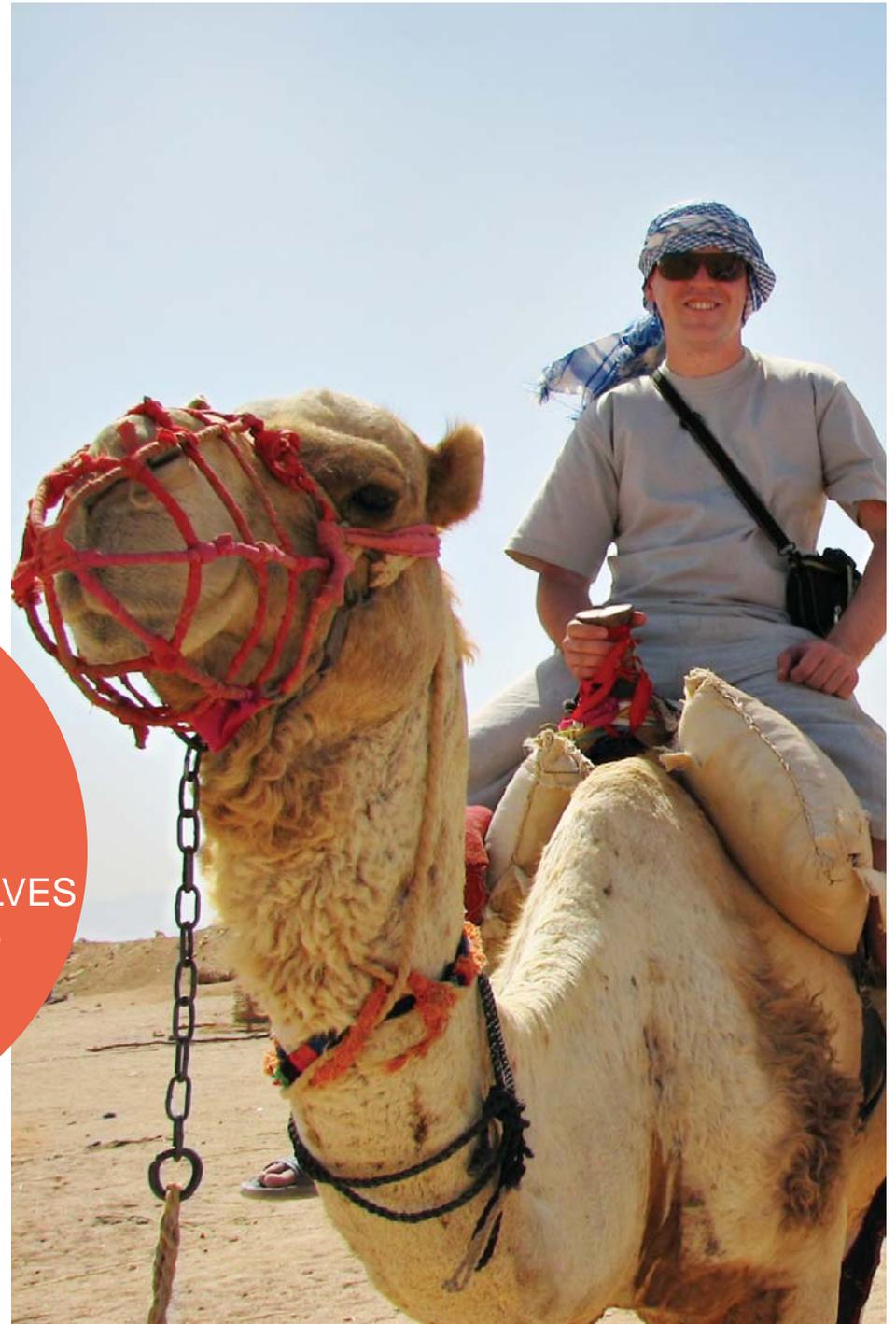
67%

True luxury doesn't have to cost more.

SO WHAT DOES THAT MAKE GENXERS?

28%

DON'T DEFINE THEMSELVES
W/A GENERATIONAL
LABEL



SOME REALITIES ABOUT TRAVELER GENERATIONS

- 1 Generation X travelers are a valuable market that is defined less by itself but more by those who've come before and after.
- 2 Focused marketing efforts at each end of the generational spectrum will impact larger demographic markets.
- 3 All travelers seek value, but cost is not the only driver of value. Experiences and validation are crucial.
- 4 Craft your message carefully based on your core demos.

MARKETING CONSIDERATIONS

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MOBILE REALLY IS THE CENTER OF THE WORLD



"THE DEVICE-ENABLED TRAVELER" AN ESTABLISHED CLASS



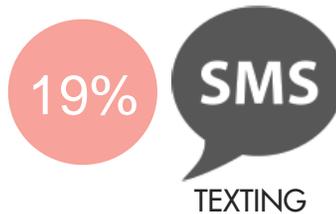
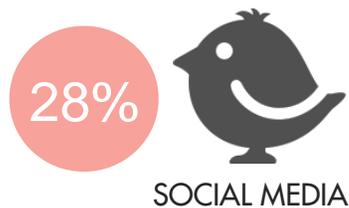
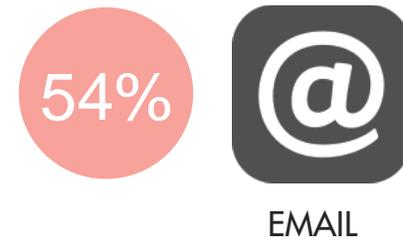
SOURCES FOR TRAVEL DECISIONS – THE FUNNEL

1	2	3	4
IDEAS/INSPIRATION	ADVICE/RATINGS	COMPARE FEATURES/PRICING	MAKING RESERVATIONS
Family/friends 45%	Family/friends 32%	Internet search engines 41%	Travel service provider websites 28%
Destination websites 35%	Internet search engines 30%	OTAs 37%	OTAs 25%
Internet search engines 34%	Travel review websites 29%	Travel service provider websites 35%	Internet search engines 15%
Advertising/Paid content 31%	OTAs 25%	Hotel/resort promotions 31%	Destination websites 13%
Printed visitor guides 28%	Destination websites 21%	Online visitor guides 26%	Hotel/resort promotions 11%

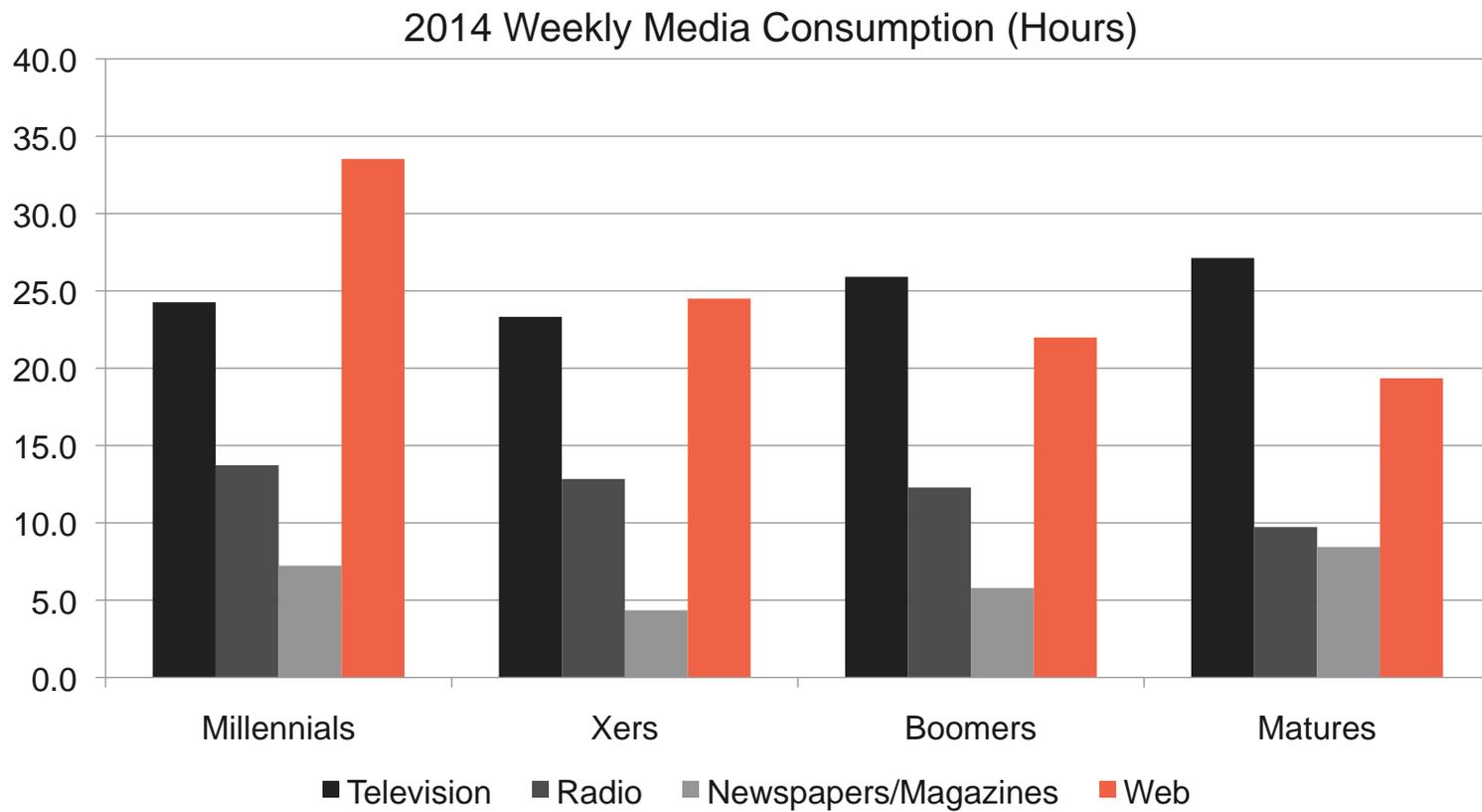
FROM MARKETS OF MANY, TO MARKETS OF ONE



HOW PEOPLE SHARE AND CONSUME PEER-TO-PEER TRAVEL INFORMATION

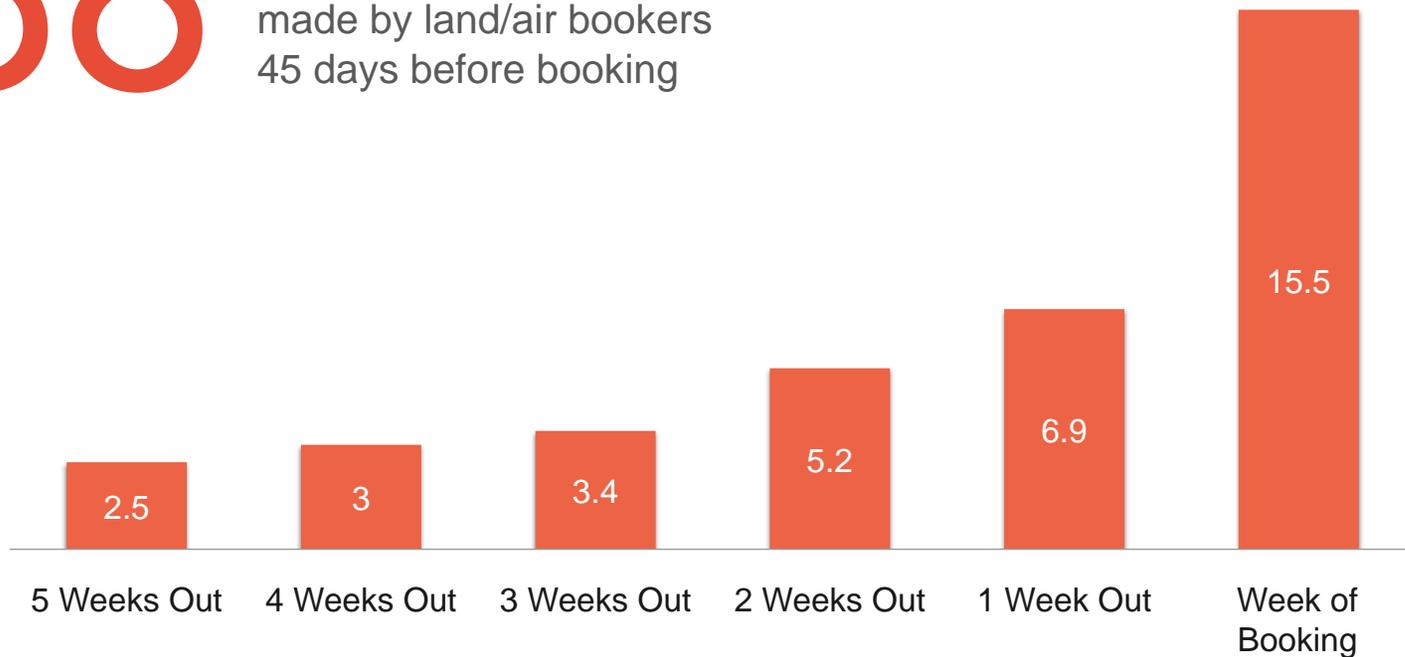


WEEKLY MEDIA CONSUMPTION



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Number of visits to travel sites
made by land/air bookers
45 days before booking



Average Travel Site Visits per Week

WHO IS NOW THE
LARGEST INFLUENCER OF HOTEL BOOKINGS?

A) PRICELINE

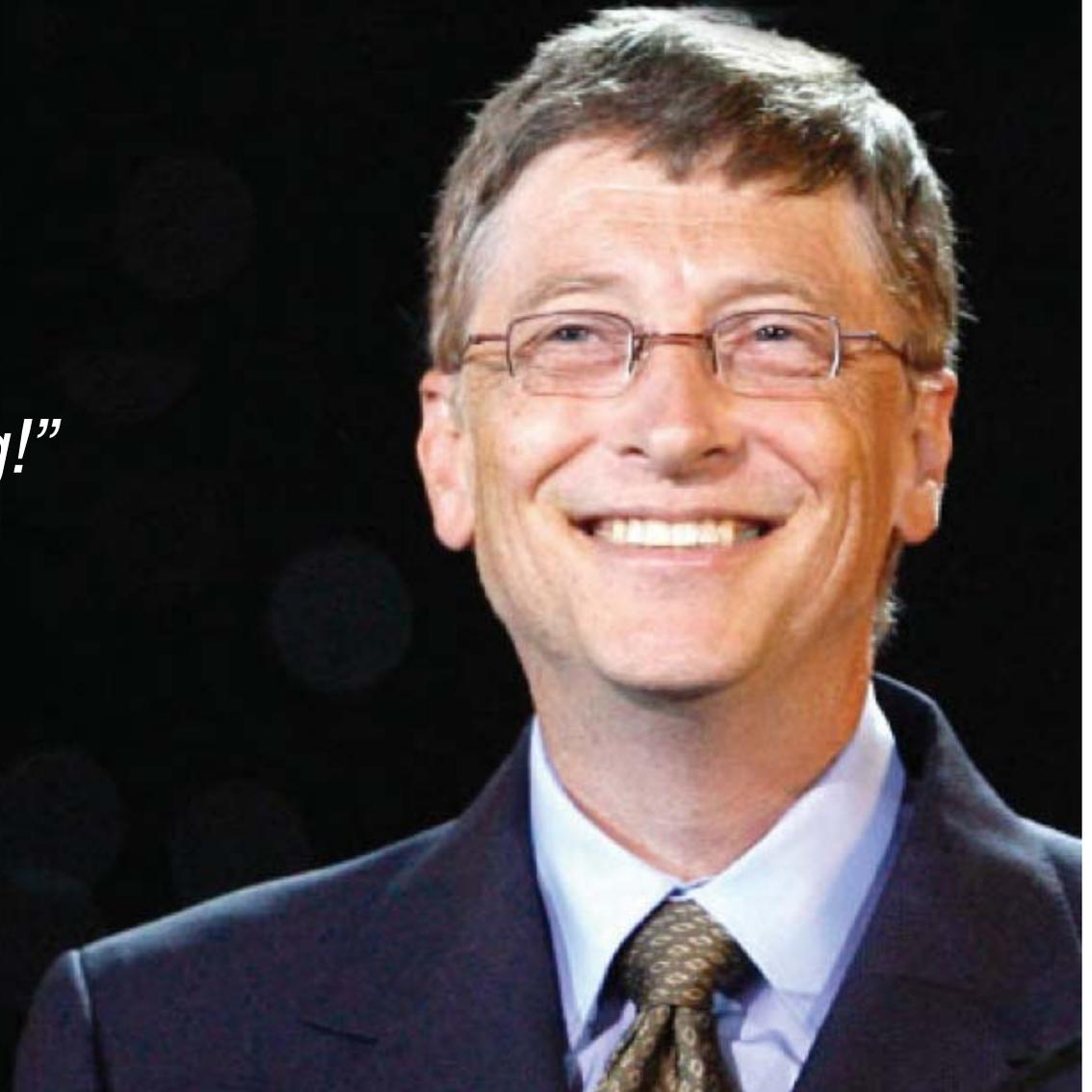
B) EXPEDIA

C) FACEBOOK

D) HOME-BASED TRAVEL AGENTS



1996 —
“*Content is King!*”



"DIGITAL DOWNTIME" ENABLES DISCOVERY

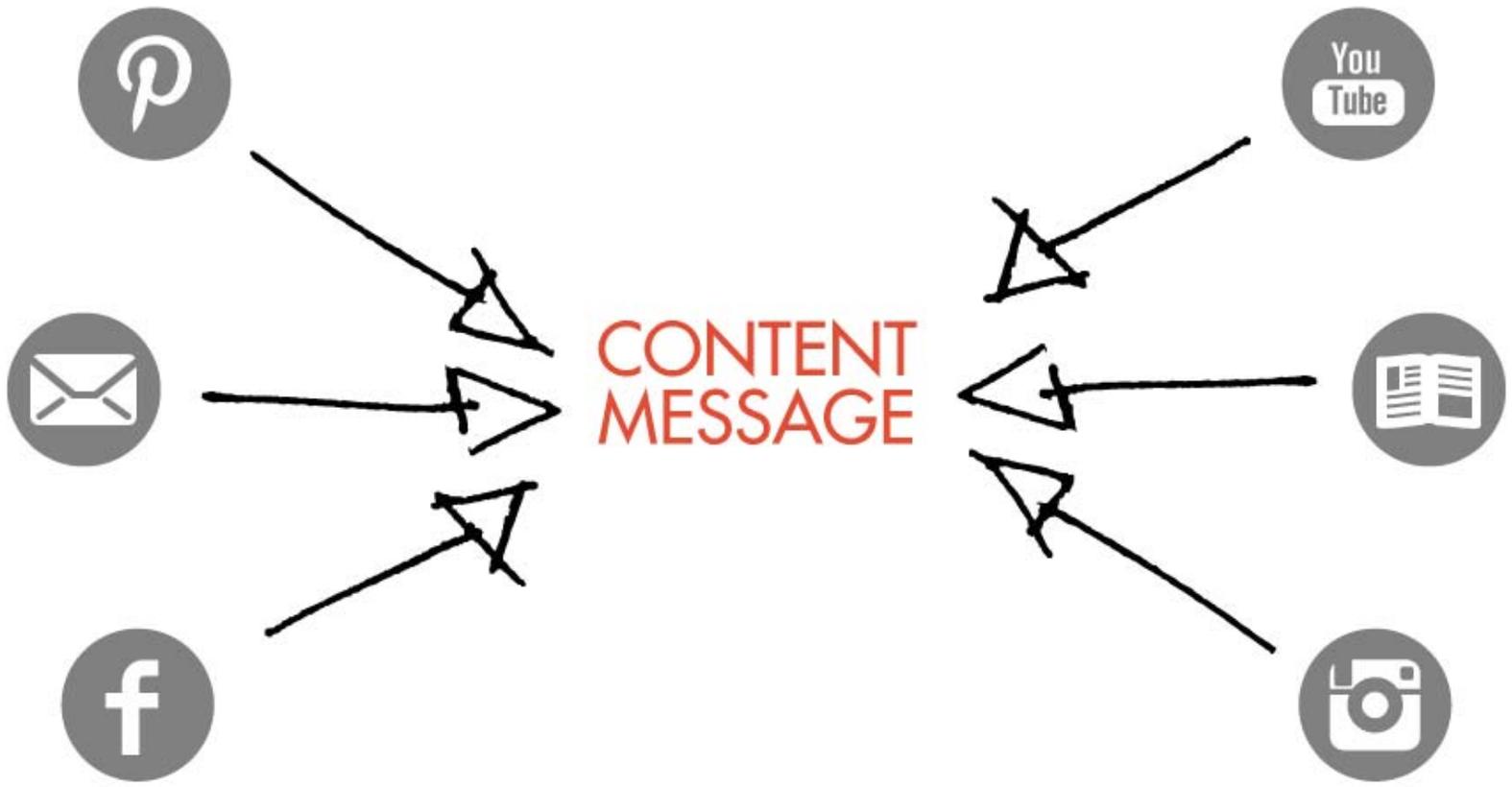


76% agree

Technology helps me
to relax & unwind

62% agree

I often go online for
no particular reason,
just to pass the time.



SOCIAL STATUS



I post my vacation photos on social media sites to make my friends & family jealous.



I like using social media to share a record of my travel experiences.

MILLENNIALS 18-33	GEN X 34-47	BOOMER 48-66	MATURES 67+
37%	29%	16%	6%

MILLENNIALS 18-33	GEN X 34-47	BOOMER 48-66	MATURES 67+
49%	36%	20%	6%

FOR SOCIAL CONTENT YOUTUBE CHALLENGES FB



79

aged
25-34

88

63

aged
45-54

71

50

aged
55-64

63



FOUR THINGS TO CONSIDER

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- 1 Audiences are varied and nuanced.
- 2 Consistent content, offer design, and narrative across channels is critical to success.
- 3 Don't buy into generic assumptions about traveler behavior – understand funnel, device and traveler relationships for your brand.
- 4 Many different sources are intrinsic to travel planning across demographics. Grow awareness by understanding facts.

Awareness Test

THANK
YOU

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