

# Behavior Change Webinar Fall '23

Steering clarity of choice  
*What makes shoppers (s)tick?*

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Introduction

# #BehaviorChange Webinar Fall '23 Edition

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## Behavior Change Reports

### Online ad hoc study – Oct/Nov 2023

First wave: March/April 2022

Second wave: Oct/Nov 2022

Third wave: March/April 2023

Fourth wave: Oct/Nov 2023 n=13,409

And also:

### Consumer Panel & Harmonized Statements

Registered FMCG purchases and single source lifestyle insights

16 countries, continuous measurement

### Who Cares Who Does report

5<sup>th</sup> edition sustainability report

26 countries

### BG20

Biggest FMCG database worldwide

33 countries

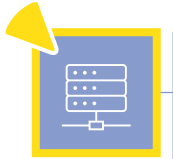
## Behavior Change Coverage: 21 countries\*

### WSE

Austria	Netherlands
Belgium	Norway* (*new*)
Denmark	Spain
France	Sweden
Germany	Switzerland* (*new*)
Italy	United Kingdom

### CEE

Bulgaria	Romania
Croatia	Serbia
Czech Republic	Slovakia
Hungary	Ukraine*
Poland	



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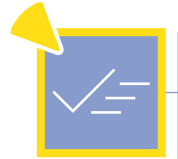
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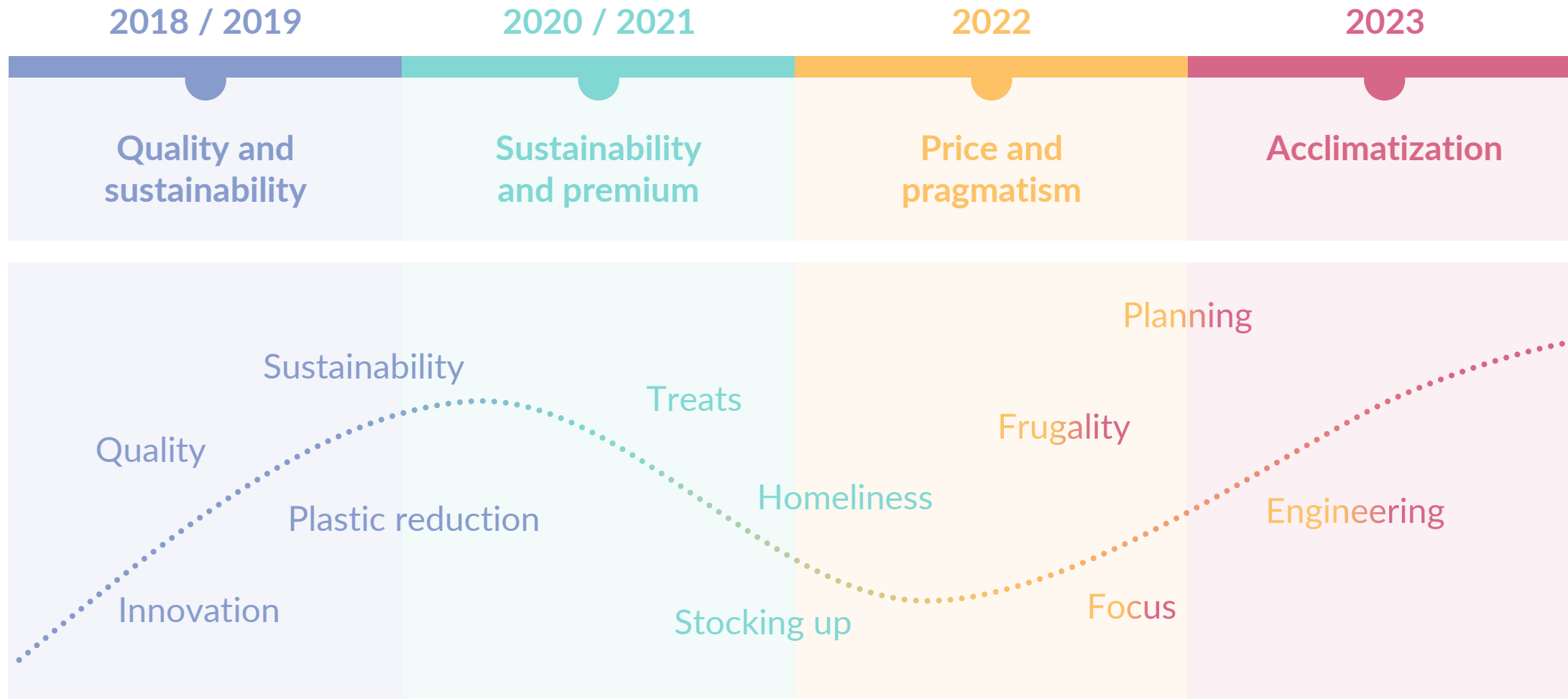
# SHOPPER STATE OF MIND

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How the permacrisis is affecting shopper state of mind and mindset

# Pragmatism will stick, but tipping point reached

Shoppers take and learn something from every crisis

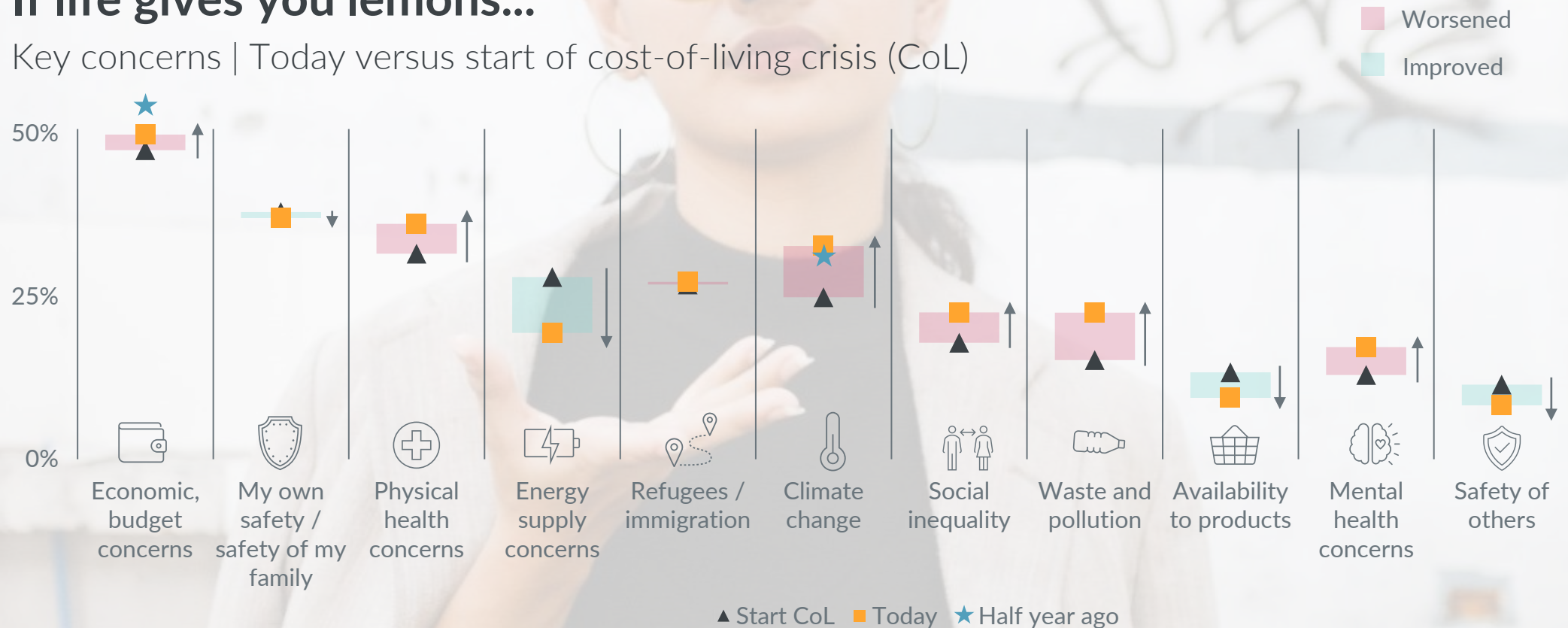


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# If life gives you lemons...

Key concerns | Today versus start of cost-of-living crisis (CoL)



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How the permacrisis is affecting shopper state of mind and mindset

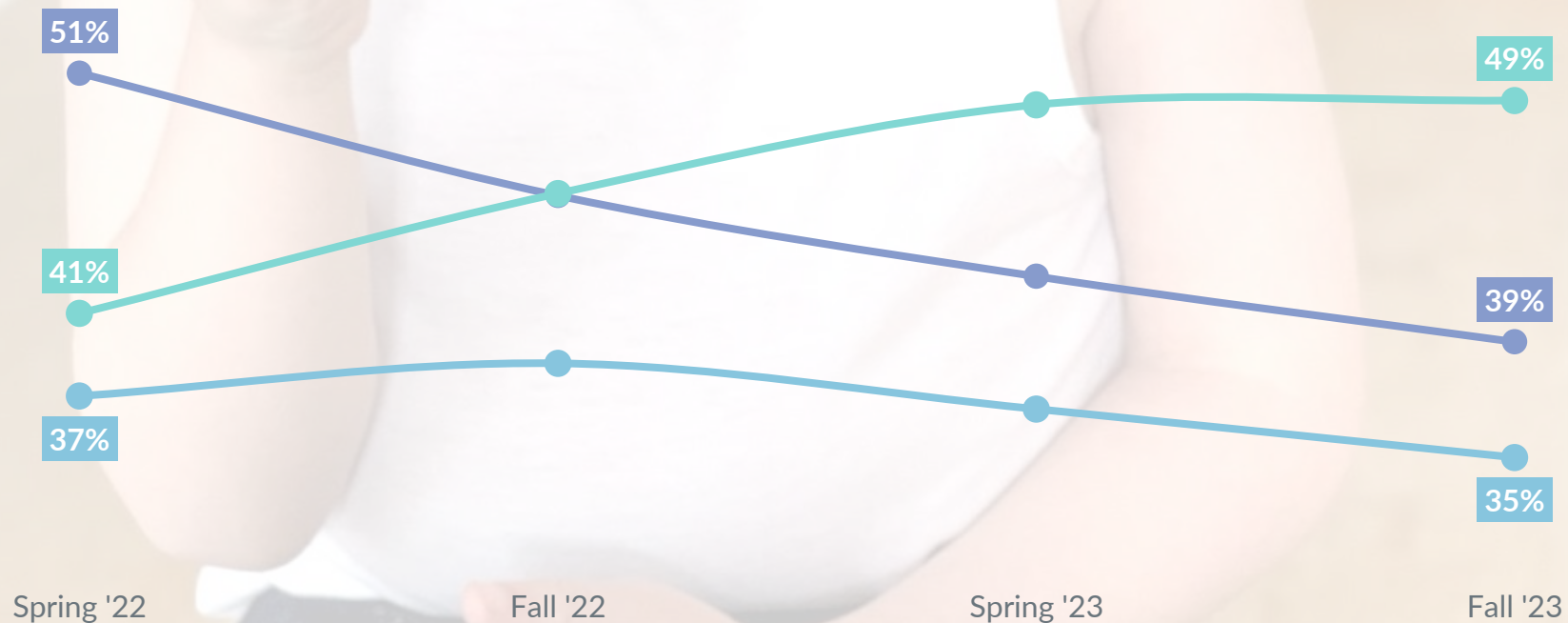
## ...it can be a bitter pill

Yet tides are turning to a clear tipping point

**In-home:** worried about prices, will change behavior  
(% of households)

**OOH:** worried about prices, will change behavior  
(% of households)

**Struggling financially** (% of households)



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# All in all, less shoppers feel the squeeze

But some countries continue to struggle



## Most % struggling households



### Top 3 countries



Spain



Hungary

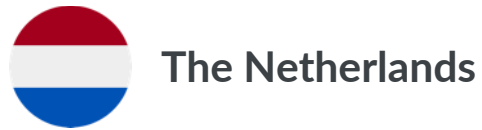


Serbia

## Most % comfortable households



### Top 3 countries



The Netherlands



Denmark



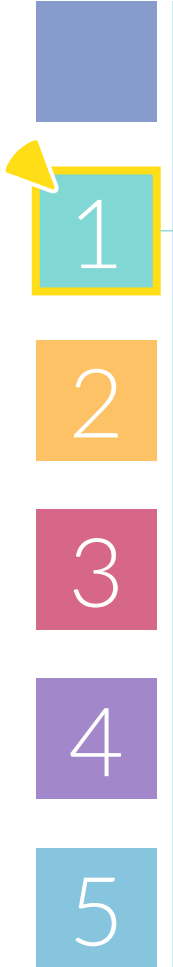
Germany

Only four countries with **more households struggling** than half a year ago

- UK
- Spain
- Italy
- Denmark

Only two countries with **more households struggling** than start of **cost-of living crisis**

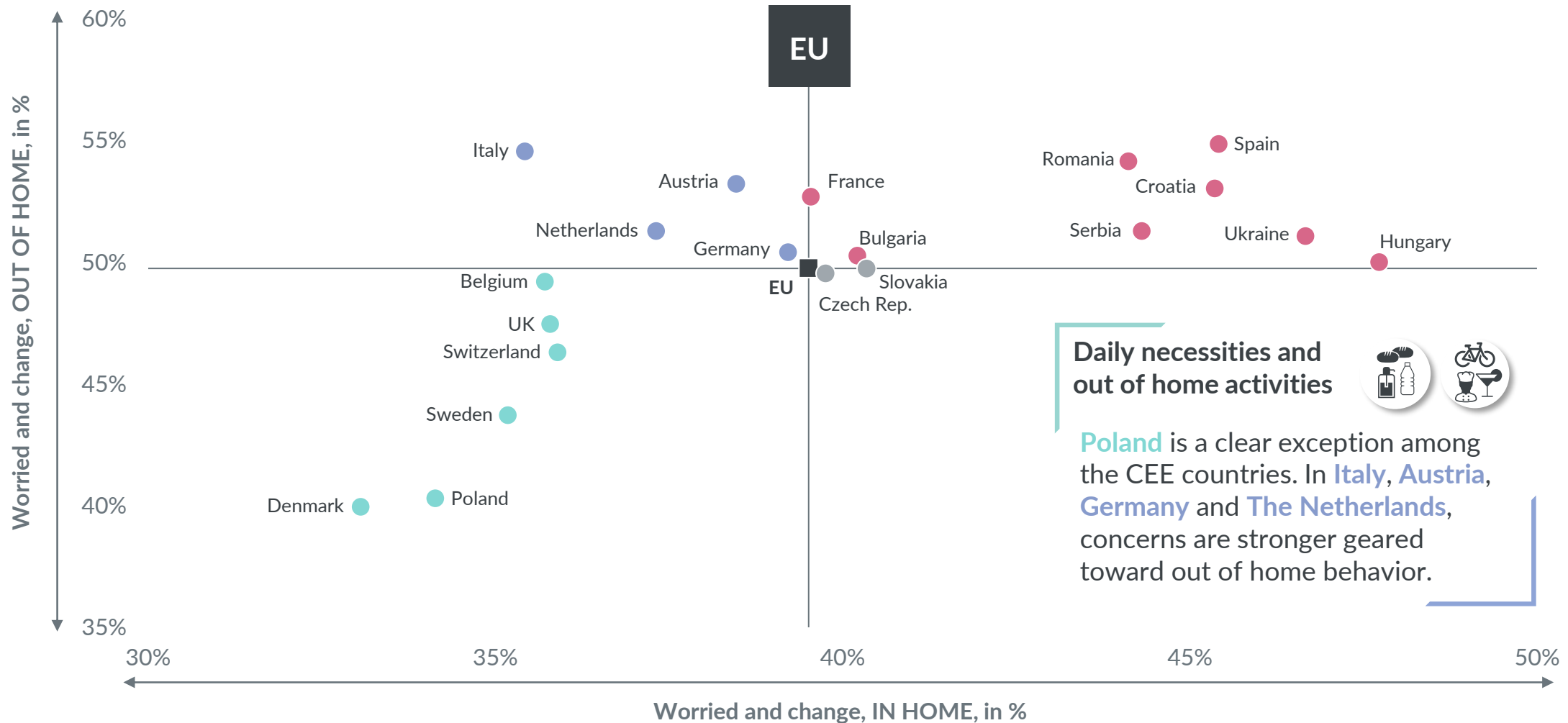
- Denmark
- Austria



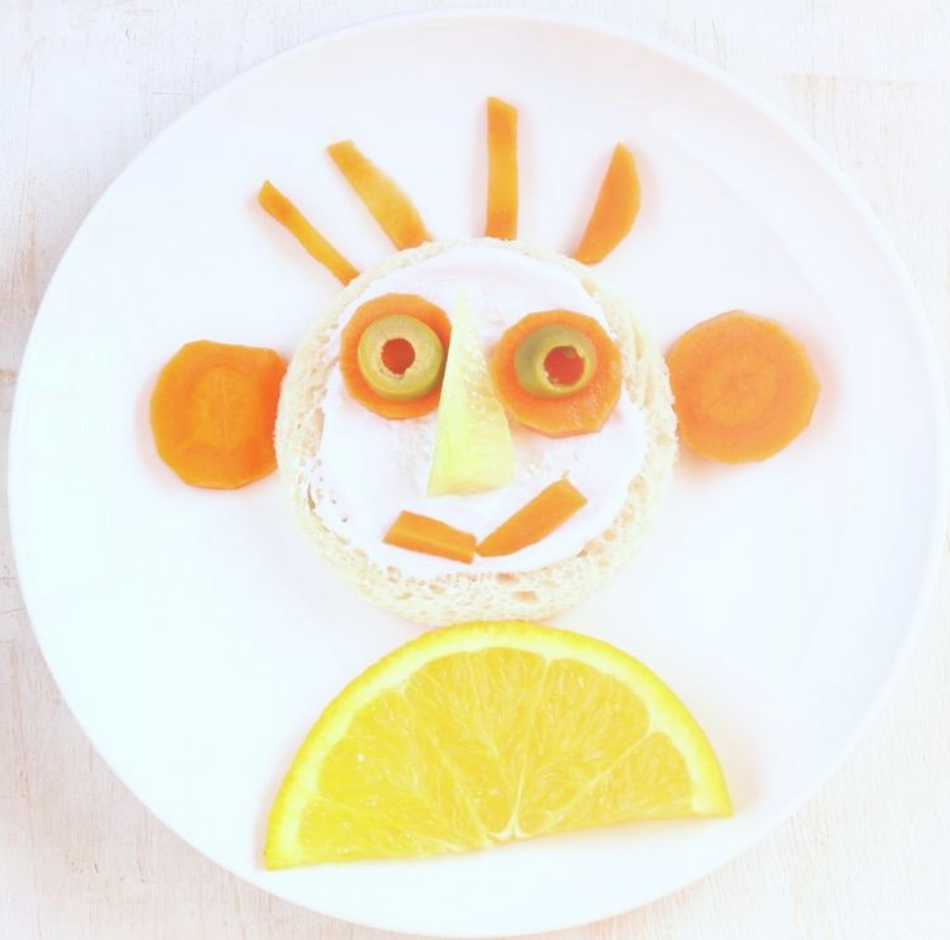
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# Clear division between CEE and WSE in level of worry

Further expected behavior change stronger in CEE countries and Spain



How the permacrisis is affecting shopper state of mind and mindset



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YouGov\*

# CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM

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# BEHAVIOR CHANGE



Cost-of-living effects on FMCG and category purchasing strategies

# General coping strategies: a first relaxation

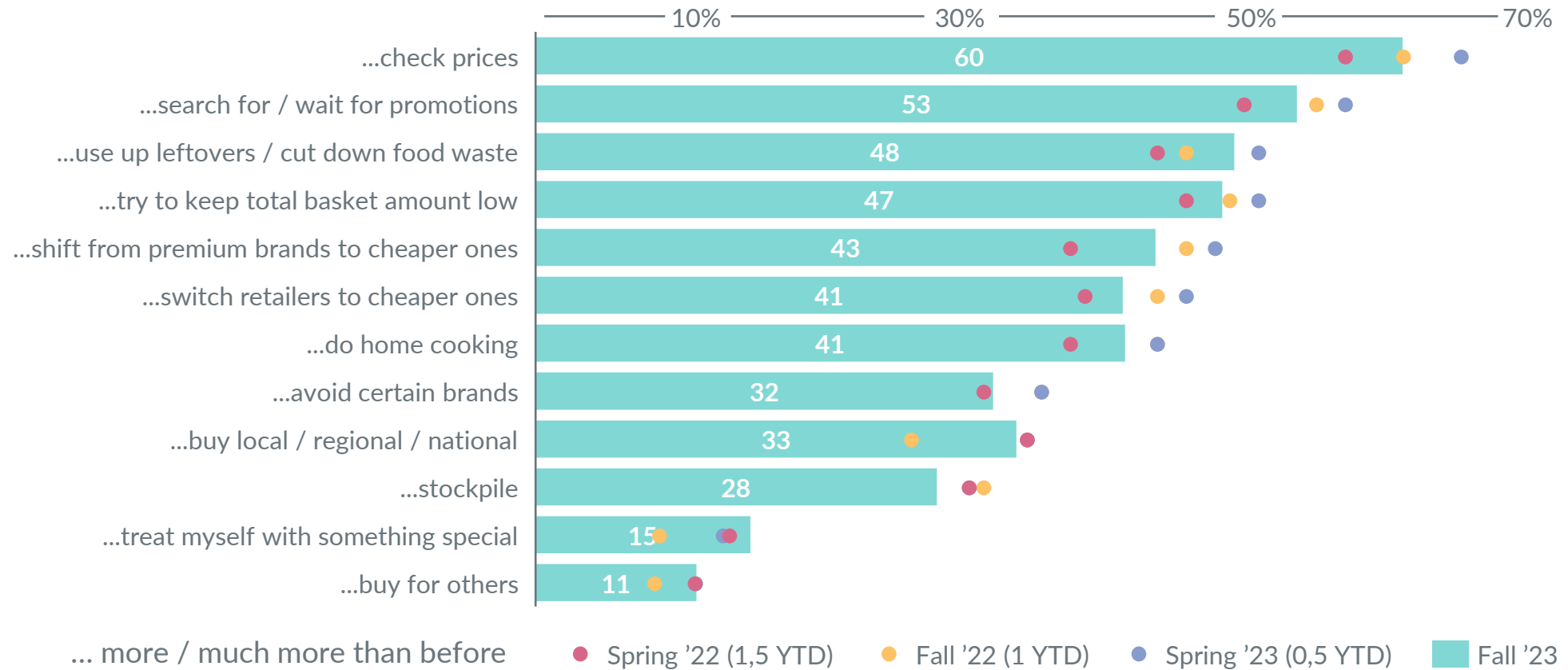
All decline, and as a result 'treating oneself' picks up



EU

In the next 6 months I will...

## Behavior change: everyday goods



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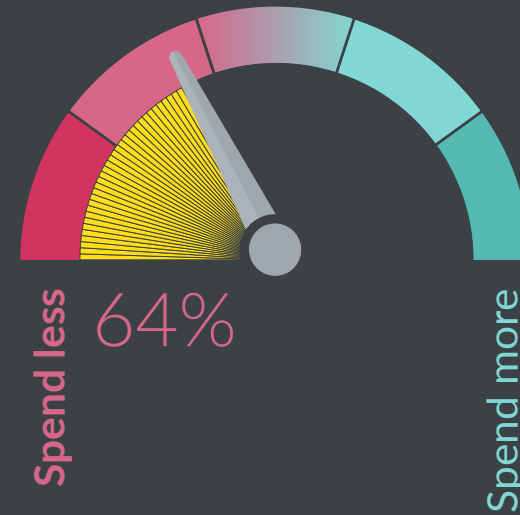
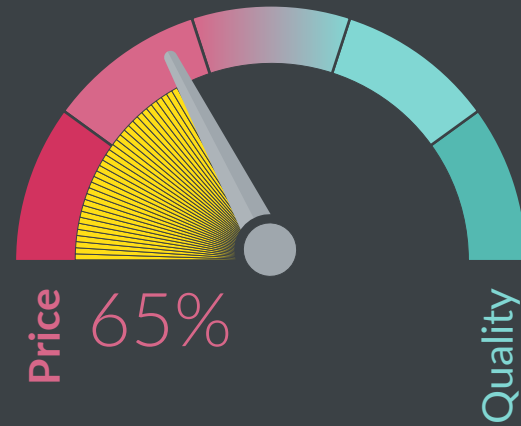
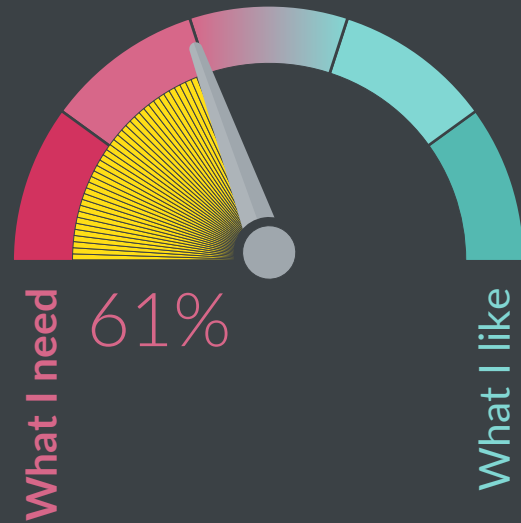
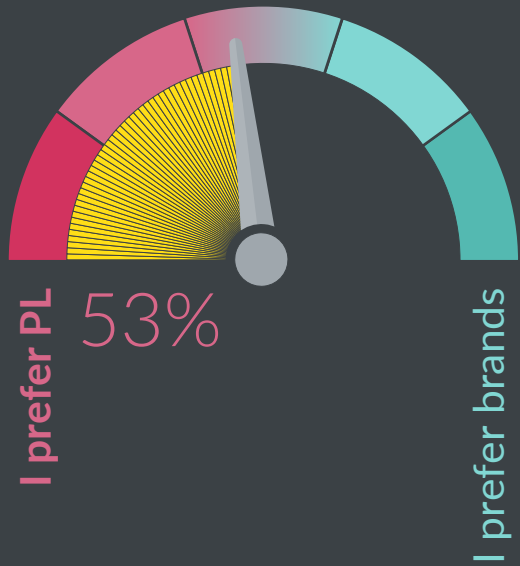
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# Shoppers preferences still on the rational side

More room for “non-essentials”, not at any price



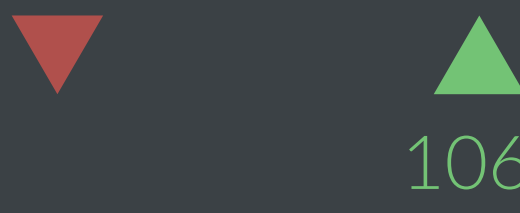
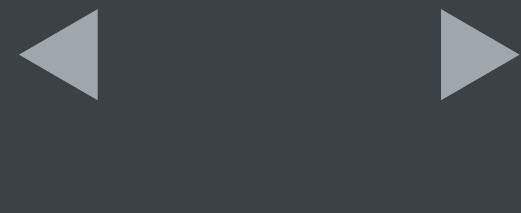
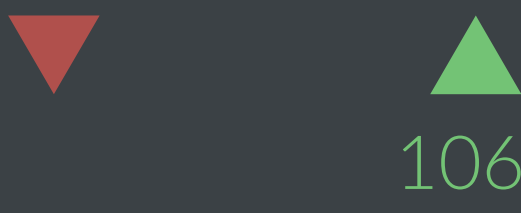
## Shopper preference



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Cost-of-living effects on FMCG and category purchasing strategies

## Change in value versus half a year ago (index)

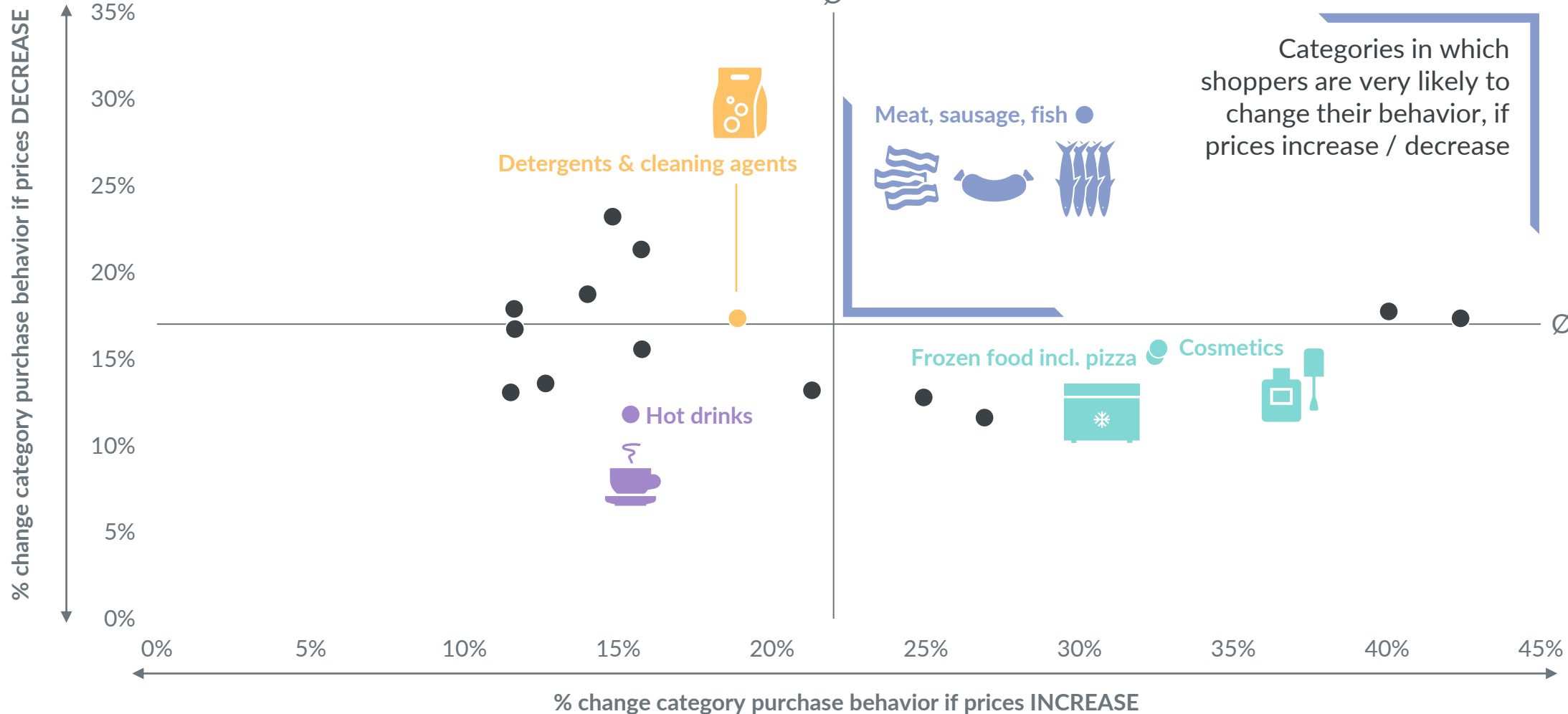


# Meat is a 'volatile' category and shoppers plan to react strongly

Hot drinks rather stable, both in case of further price increase or decrease



## EU Likelihood of changing behavior if prices increase / decrease

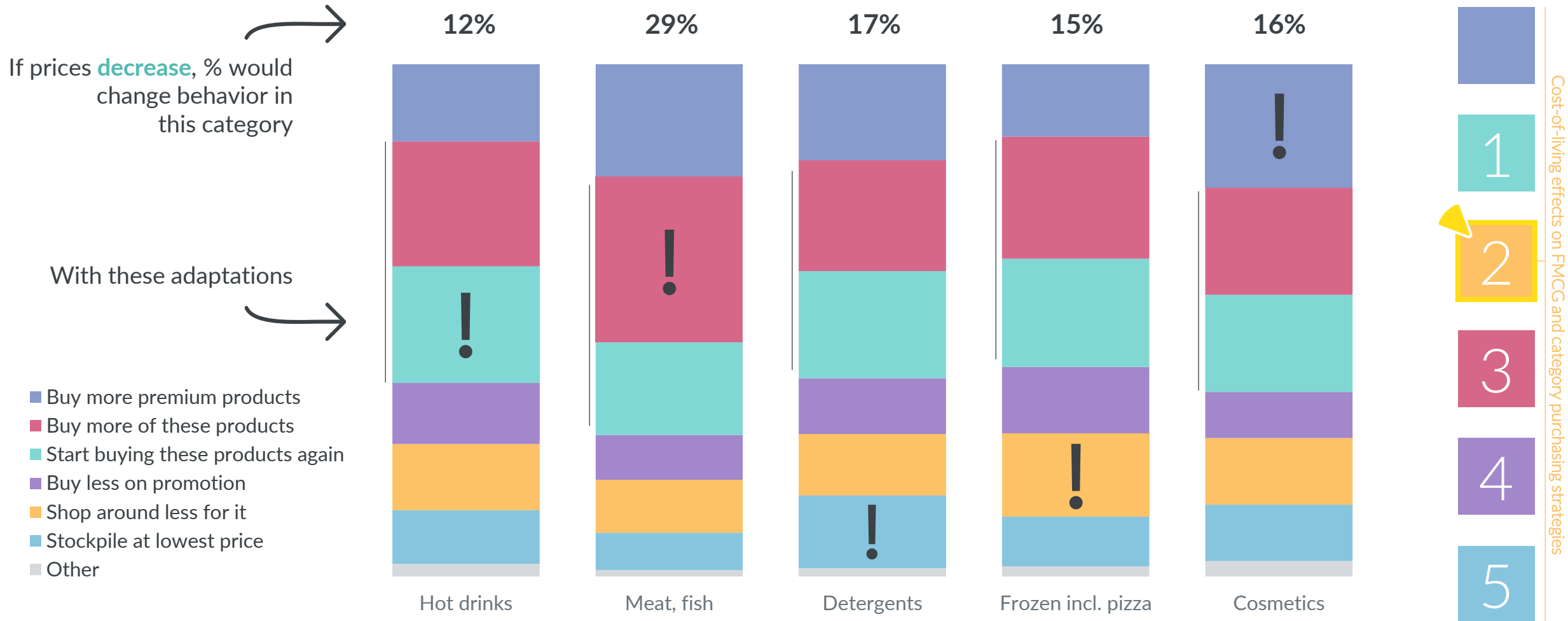


Cost-of-living effects on FMCG and category purchasing strategies

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# Buying more / again are key adaptive behaviors as expected

Yet categories have clear variations in the extent and ways of reacting





# Next year will see a reshaping of habits

Shoppers try to take back control



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BASIC  
COMFORT



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# BRAND DIFFERENTIATION

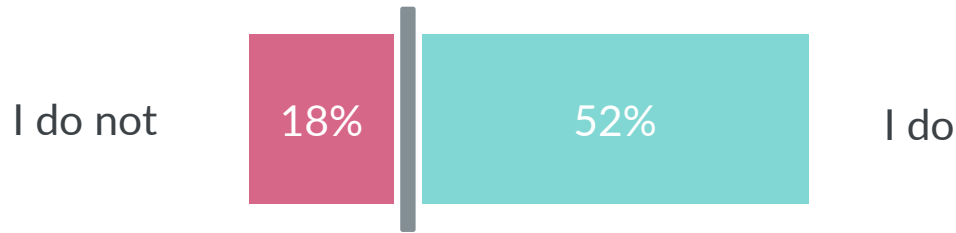


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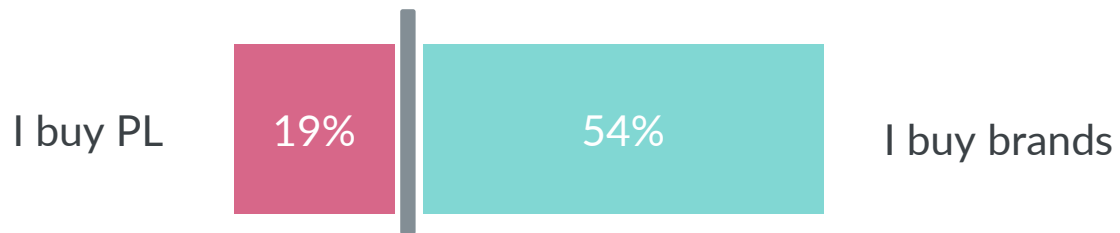
# If it were a 'free' choice....

Brands more often preferred

## I pay attention whether I buy brands or PL



## When having the same price...



## I decide between brands and PL based on my budget...



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Shoppers' take on brand vs. PL differentiation and buying preferences

# Shoppers still plan to buy more PL

Shoppers will not easily break newly learned habits



more PL

32%

the same

61%

more brands

8%



Cost-of-living effects on FMCG and category purchasing strategies

# Brands still believed to have better quality and innovations

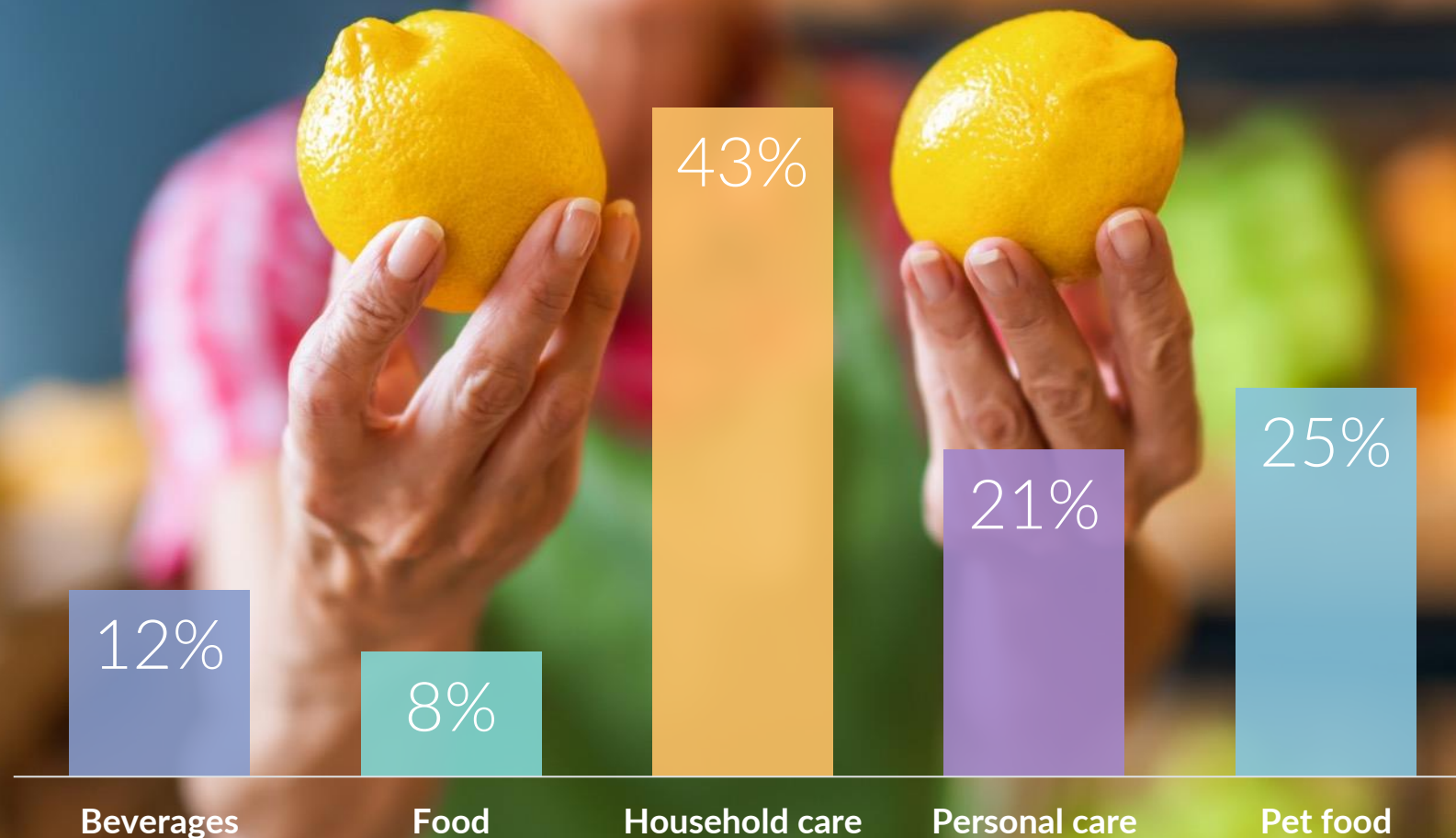
Shoppers more critical of private label standards, but not (eco-)credibility

Δ = difference in % shoppers picking brands vs. picking PL



Shoppers' take on brand vs. PL differentiation and buying preferences

Launches justify higher prices: 6/10 launches sell at a price above the parent brand | Average price premium of launches versus parent brand



Source: BG20 15700 branded launches in 84 categories in a Western European market over 4 years, launches must be available for at least 8 weeks to be included

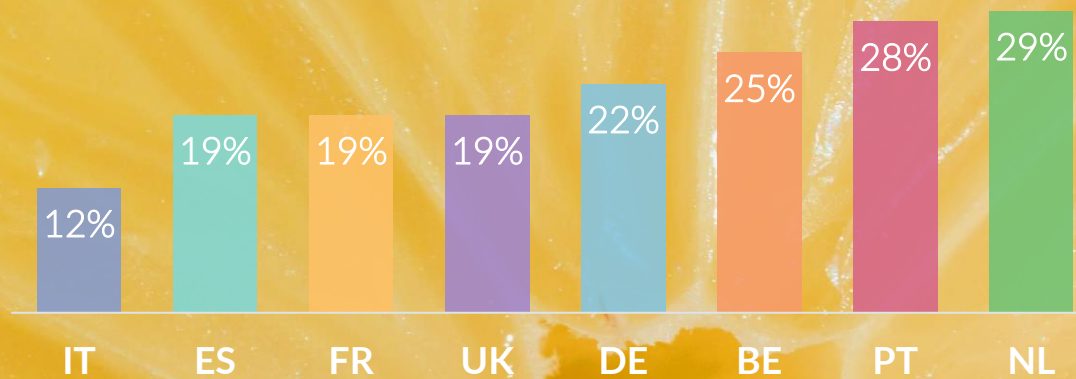
Across categories  
**55%**  
of all launches are  
branded

Only 1 in 5 launches  
is available in  
**>3/10**  
top retailers

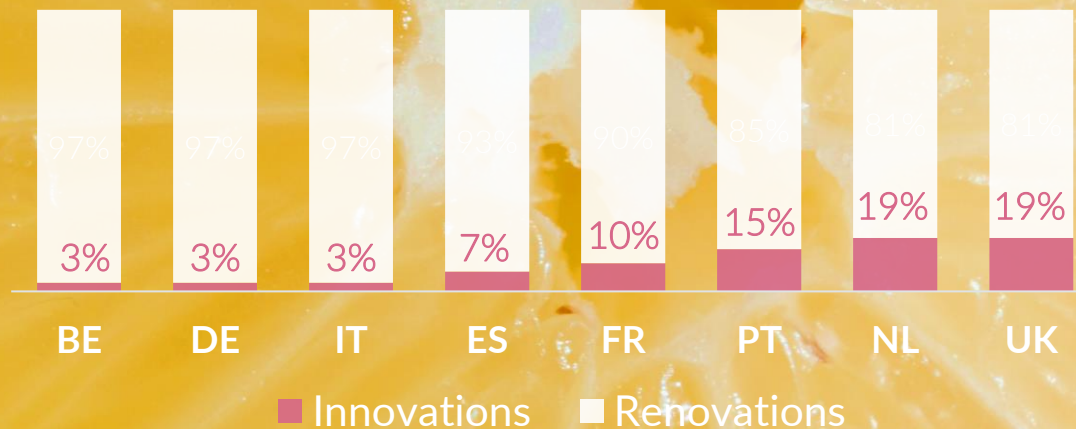


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Average % of brand sales coming from new launches



% of innovations vs. renovations in total launches



■ Innovations ■ Renovations

Source: BG20 – 8 countries, about 80 categories respectively, top 10 brands in each category

Brands sales from innovations as high as **29%** in the Netherlands

True innovations (which typically perform better) are still vastly outnumbered by renovations

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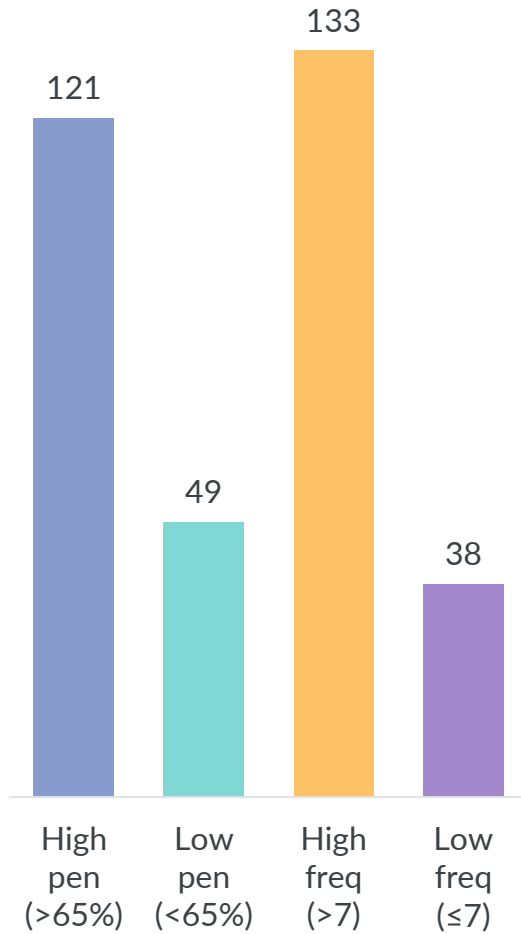
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# Less 'noise' means launches break through more easily

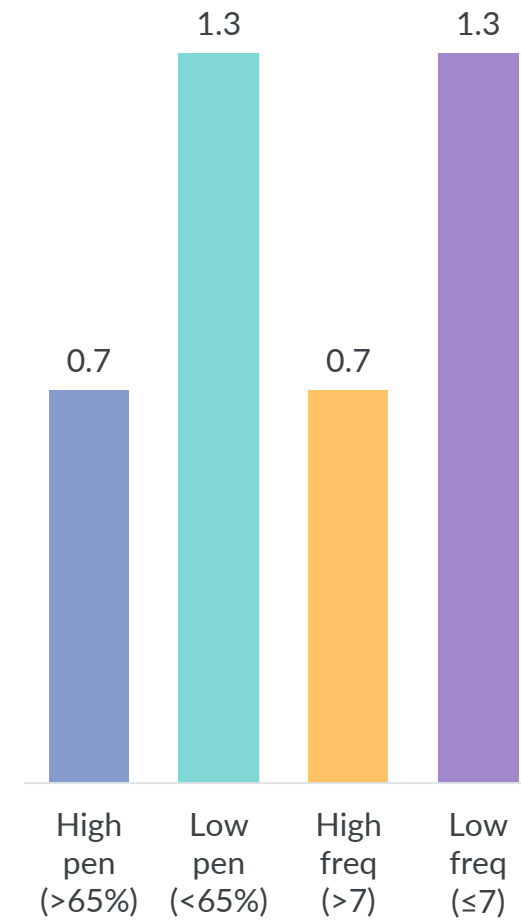


Launch activity is **Higher** in categories that are bought often by many households



Average number of launches per year

Launch success is **Lower** in categories that are bought often by many households



Average reach one quarter after launch  
*(indexed against the average reach across categories)*

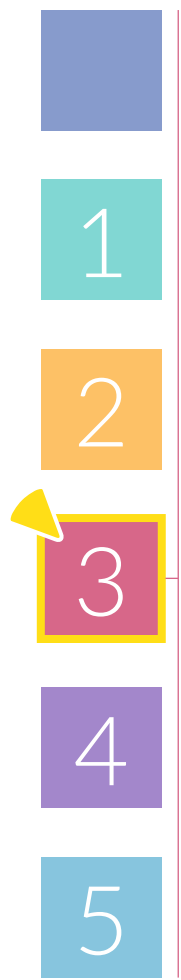
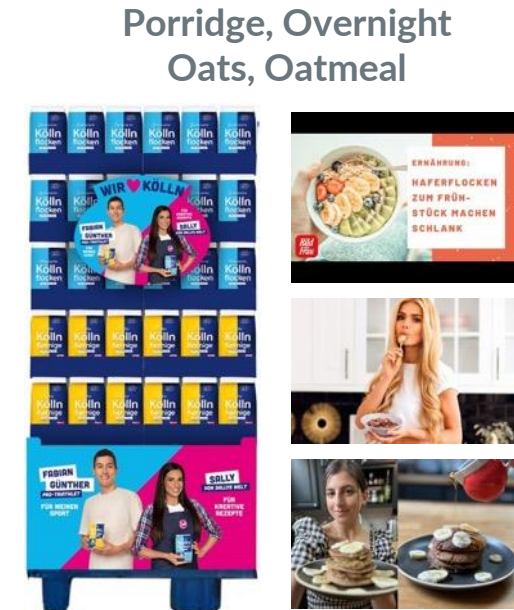
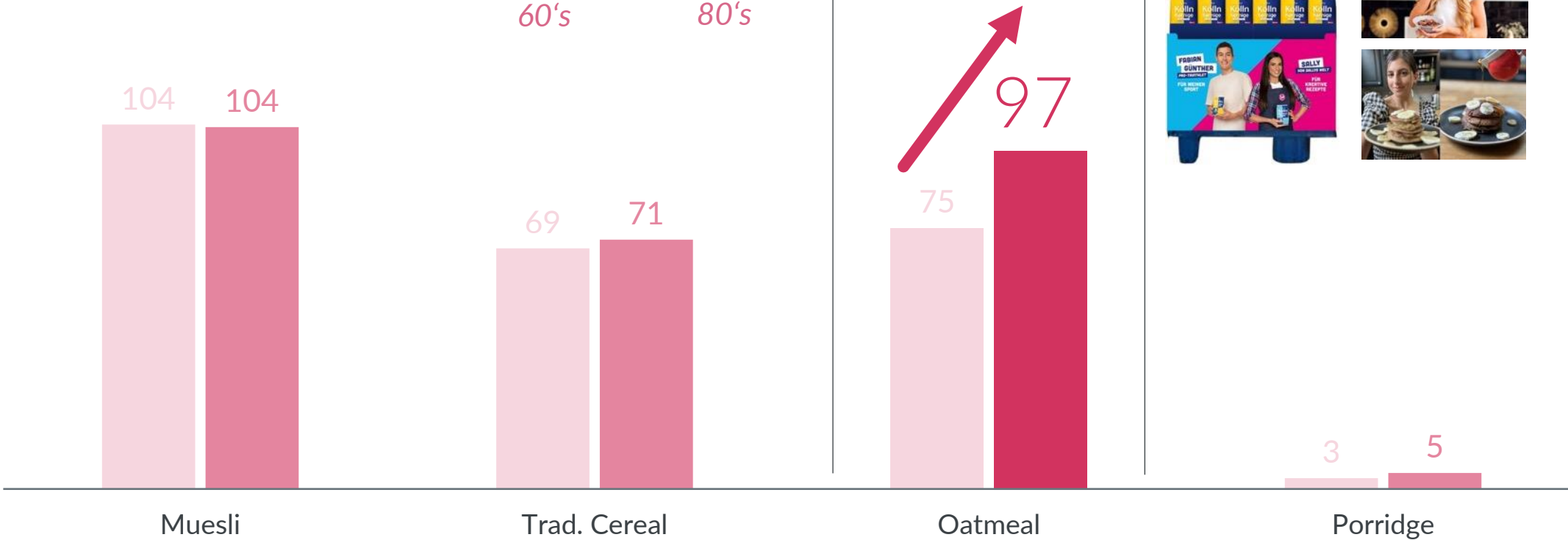


# Breakfast Evolution



Volume, in 000 tons

■ 2019 ■ 2022



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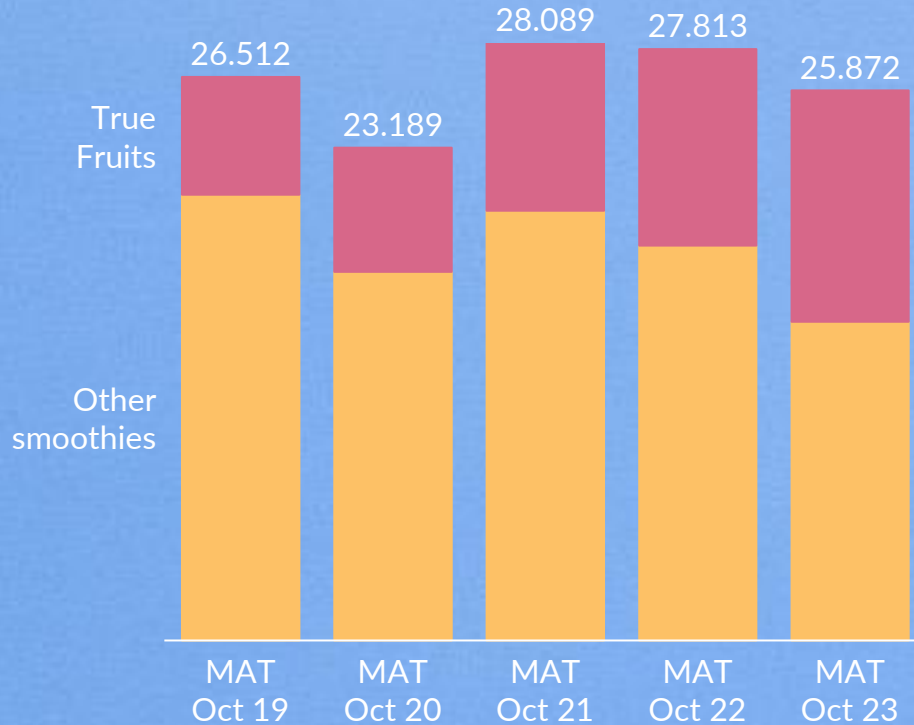
# True Fruits not tired of innovating and communicating

## True Fruits

➤ grows in a declining SMOOTHIE Market



volume (in 000 tons)



# If you must choose...

Prioritize R&D

Brands that **increased R&D** at the expense of advertising in times of contraction

**+38%** market share    **+70%** profit

vs in times of expansion

Innovation vs. Renovation value share

**3.9x** contraction    **2.8x** expansion



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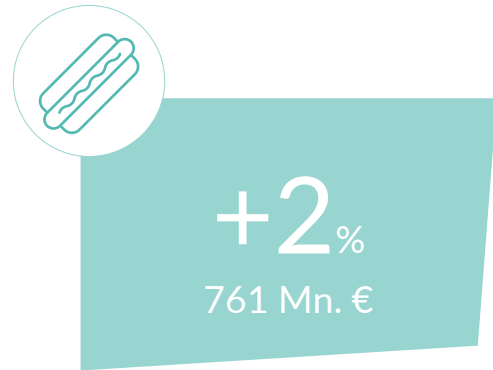
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# The wheel doesn't have to be reinvented - but kept turning

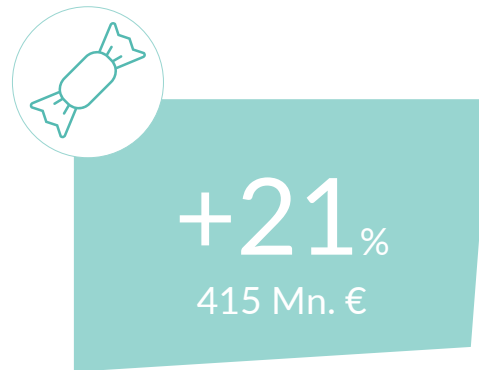


**alpro**

**-15,3%**



**-11,0%**



**Katjes**

**+21,0%**



**SimplyV**

**-27,0%**



Shoppers' take on brand vs. PL differentiation and buying preferences



■ Total ■ Brands ■ Private label



## Private labels haven't been pushing in the trend domain

Especially when it comes to sustainability, PL has become a driver



Shoppers' take on brand vs. PL differentiation and buying preferences



# SO ?

## INCREMENTAL INNOVATION

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# RETAILER CHOICE



Shoppers' (shifting) preferences regarding retailer choice

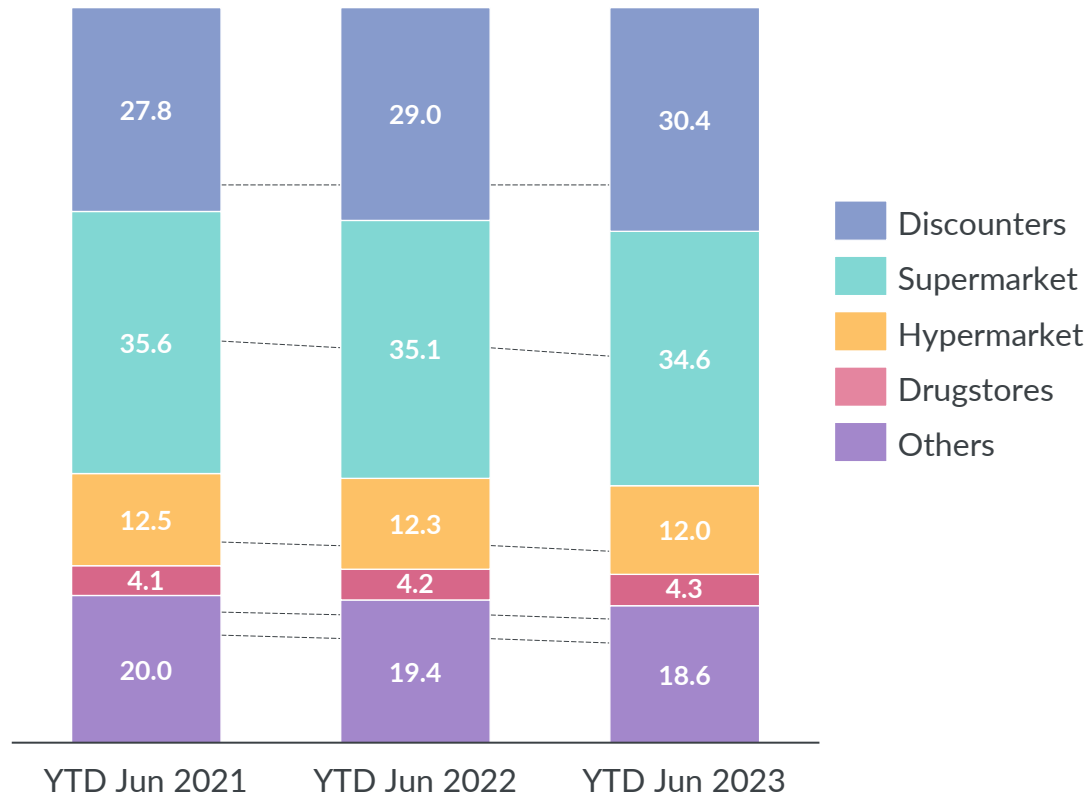


# Discounters have won 2,6%-pts market share in Europe

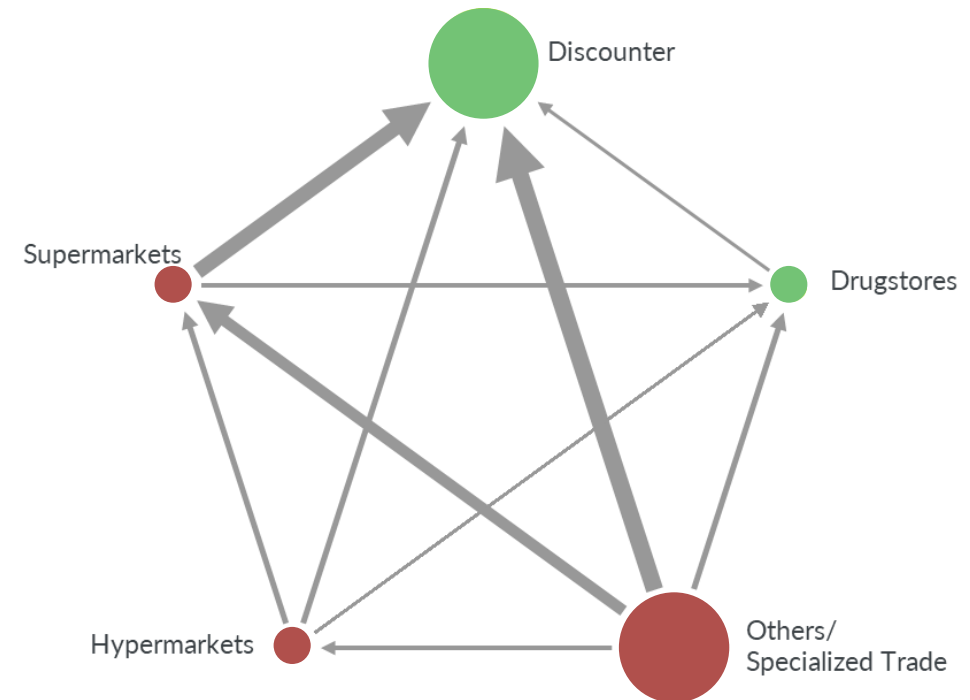
Driven by store openings, downtrading and above-average price increases



Market Shares in %\*, YTD Jun 2023 versus Pys | Value share in Europe\*



Gain & Loss Analysis, YTD Jun 2023 vs. PY



Shoppers' (shifting) preferences regarding retailer choice



**In store touch point opportunities accelerated**

Shopping around intensified

**Total European\* FMCG market**

**+896 million trips**  
(+3%) versus last year

**More trips**

- Discount (+7%)
- Drug (+6%)
- Hyper (+5%)
- Super (+6%)

**Less trips**

- Online (-8%)
- (Value -2,5%)



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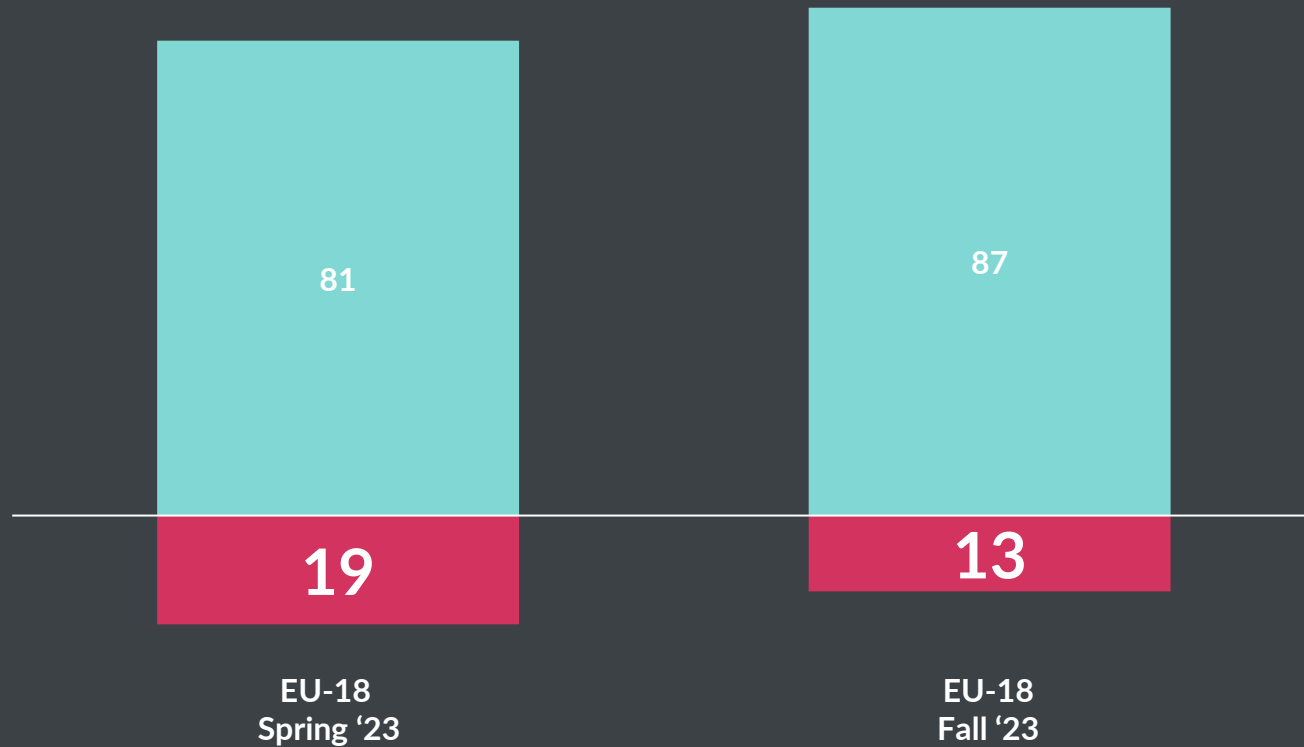
# Planned switching is slackening

Nearly 9 out of 10 plan to stick



To what extent do you plan to change to shop at your main grocery retailer in the next 6 months?

- Shop more + Continue to shop the same
- Won't shop anymore + Shop less**



## Most switching

- FR
- BE
- CH

## Most sticking

- UA
- HU
- UK



Shoppers' (shifting) preferences regarding retailer choice

# Unparalleled momentum to catapult reshaping behaviors

Shoppers are in want of more than price signals



**13%**  
EU **Switching**

Reasons

- 1 **Prices**
- 2 **Promotions**
- 3 **Exclusive products**
- 4 **Loyalty program**
- 5 **Fresh foods**

**87%**  
EU **Sticking**

Reasons

- 1 **Prices**
- 2 **Assortment**
- 3 **Convenience**
- 4 **Promotions**
- 5 **Brands**



Shoppers' (shifting) preferences regarding retailer choice

# Bearing in mind that there is a generational divide

Young shoppers put a higher value on special assortment to fit lifestyle



## EU-18

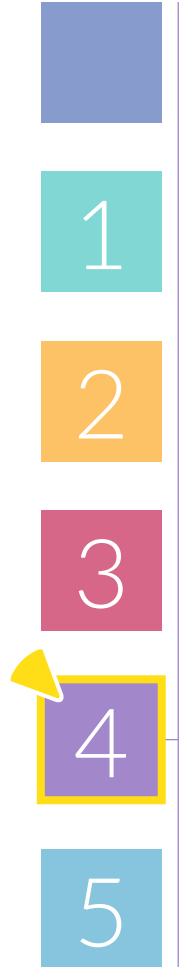
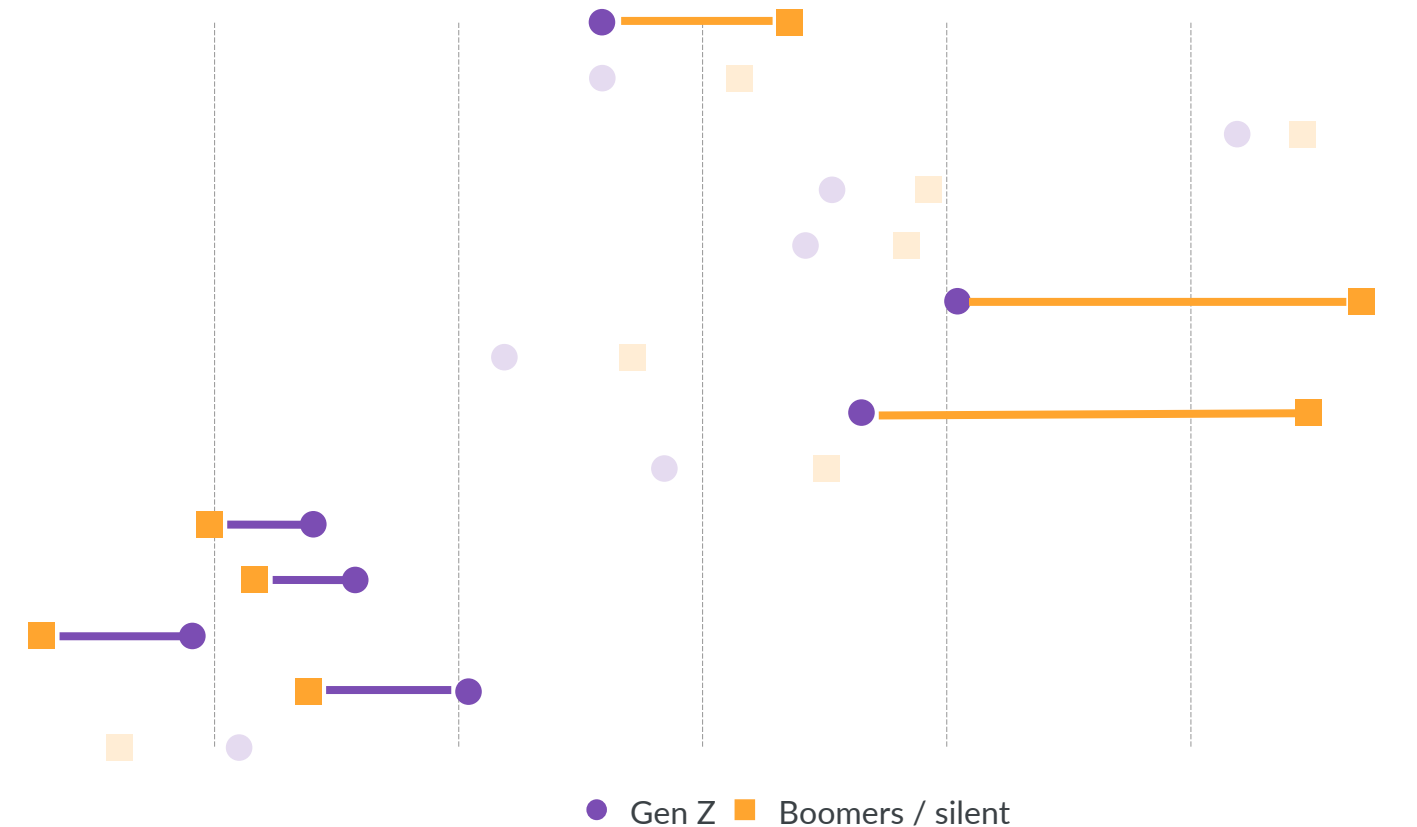
Sticking | Gen Z vs. Boomers+



80%  
Gen Z

90%  
Boomers

- store experience
- loyalty programs
- prices
- promotions
- quality of brands
- assortment
- selection of private labels
- convenient shopping
- quality of fresh food
- for sustainable lifestyle
- for healthy lifestyle
- shopping experiences
- exclusive products
- online shopping user experience

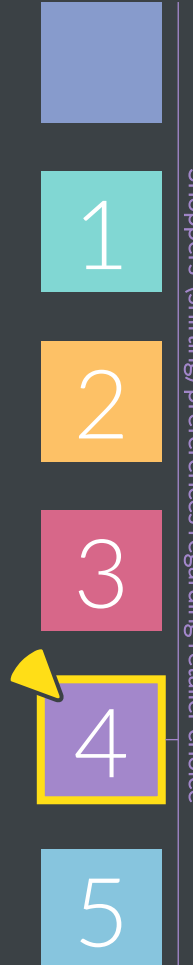
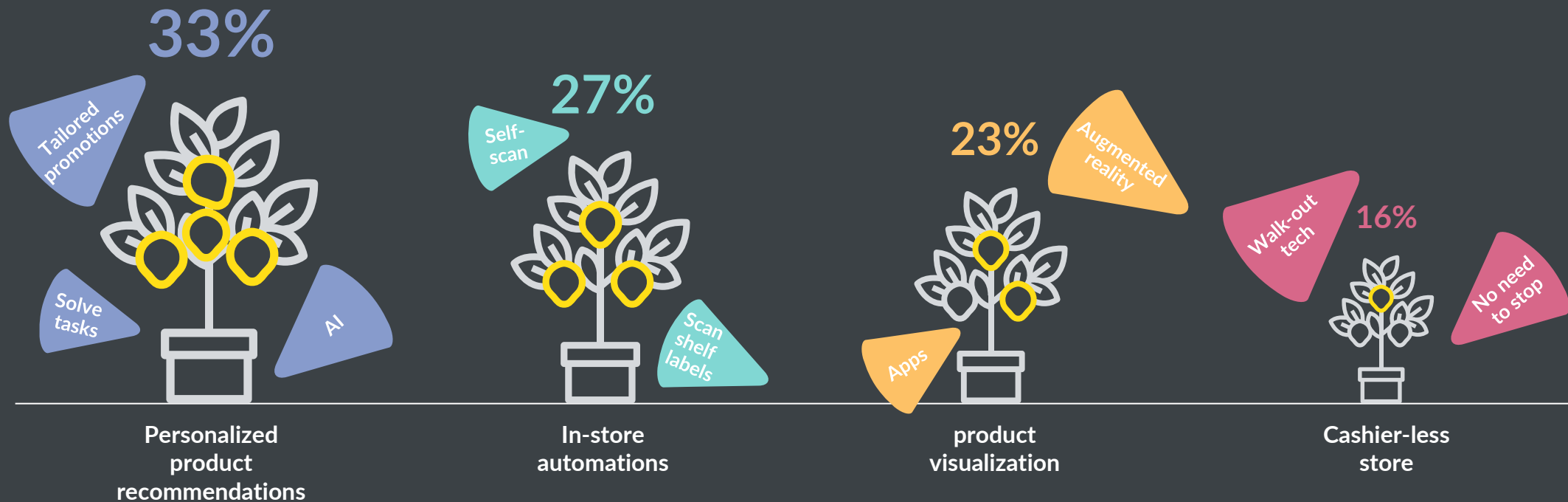


# Shoppers look for smart ways to improve their shopping experience

Tech-enabled shopping can deliver the edge to make shoppers stick



% of household ranking innovation #1 to improve their shopping experience



# SO SHOPPER APPRECIATION



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# LIFESTYLE CHANGE



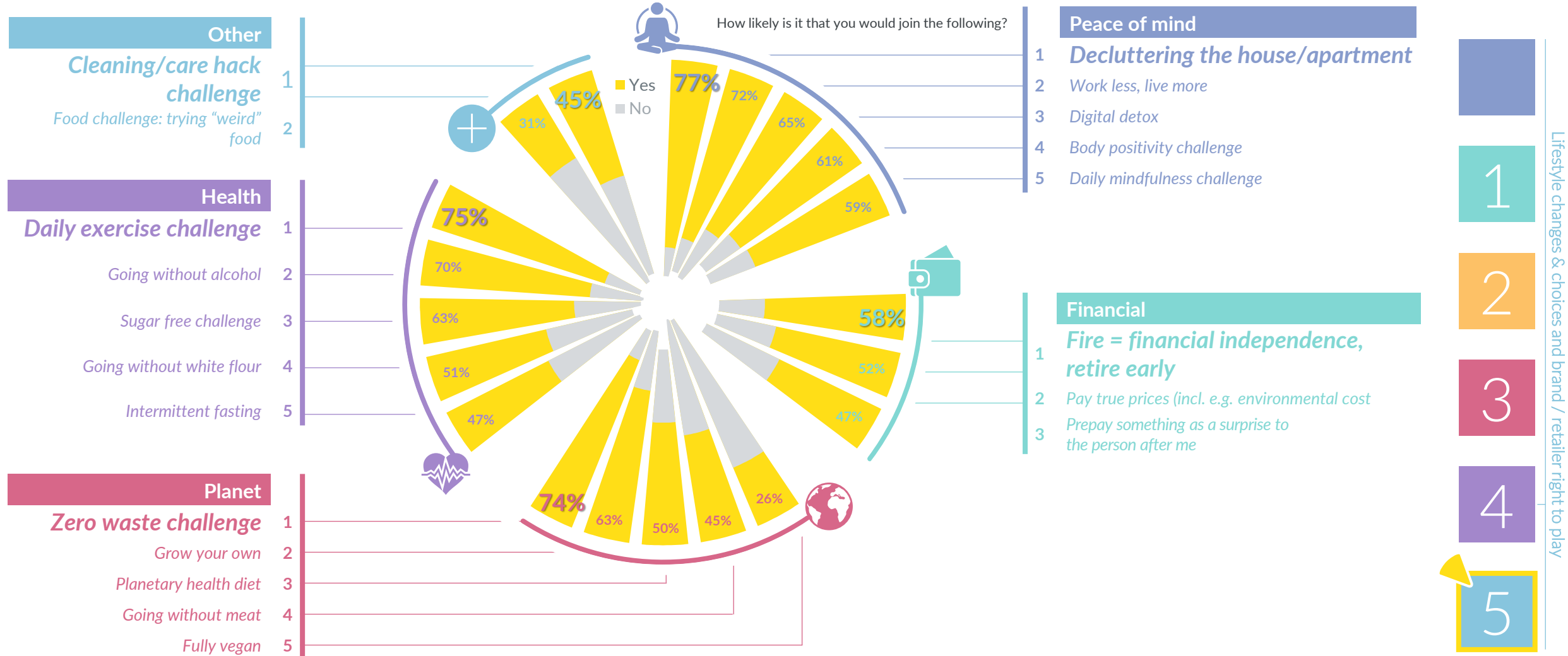
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# Cautious optimism opens the door to aspiration: piece of mind & health



Decluttering, daily exercise and zero waste top the list of desired lifestyle challenges



# Nutrition-positivity & being in-the-know



## Nutri-score



Helpful

68%



## Ingredients

“Relevant at purchase”

### Low in...

Salt	lx 99
Sugar	lx 99
Fat	lx 97
Calories	lx 100

### In the know...

Origins	lx 108
Non-GMO	lx 103
Non-artificial	lx 102

## Nutraceuticals

Don't believe in it

31%

Maybe / for sure try

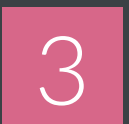
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## Protein

“Relevant at purchase”

10%

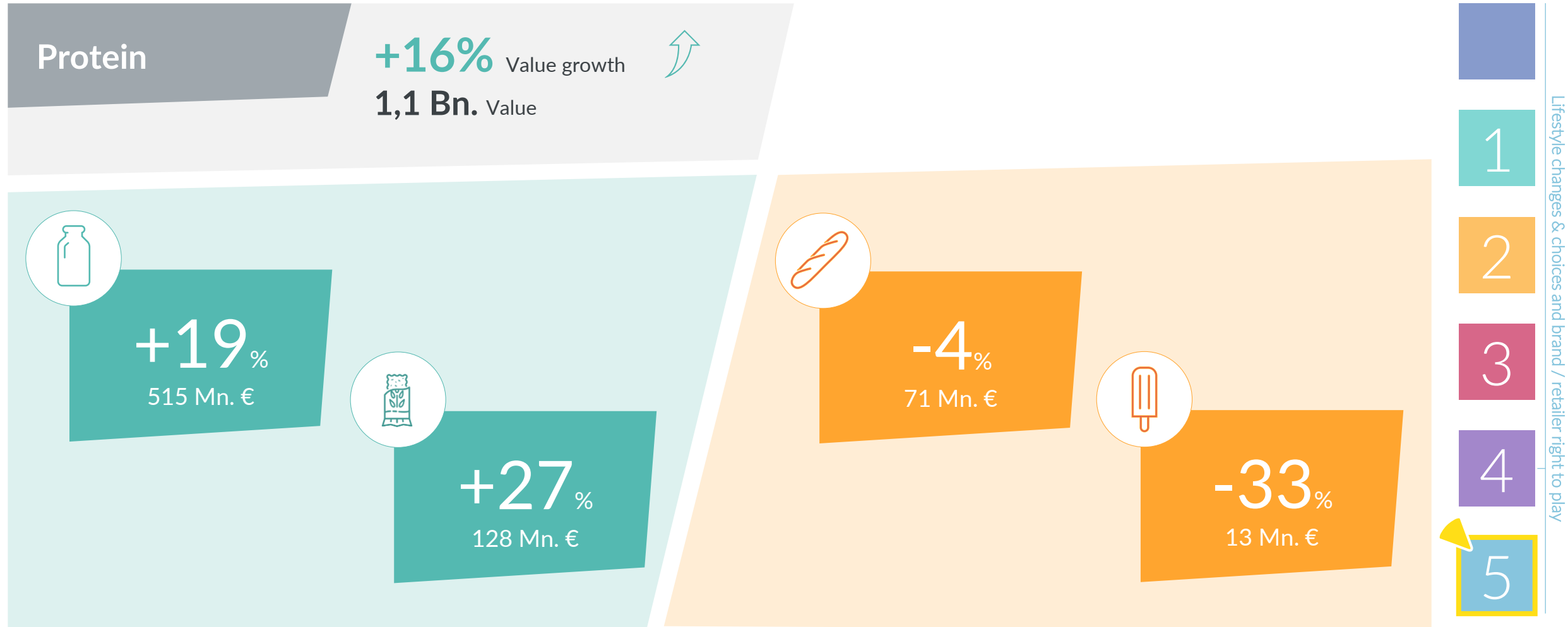
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# Protein in dairy and power bars continues to grow

„Natural“ match and easy to integrate in everyday habits to create baseline behaviors





# Focus on...meat

Momentum shifting



At least one person in hh is...:

↔ 3%  
vegan

↔ 6%  
vegetarian

↓ 34% flexitarian  
[ 23% ↓ CEE  
45% ↔ WSE

Opinion about meat alternatives:

Gen Z [ 41%  
51% helpful for health

59% harmful for health

What about...integrating lab-cultured meat in eating habits?

[ 15%  
for sure yes

37% maybe

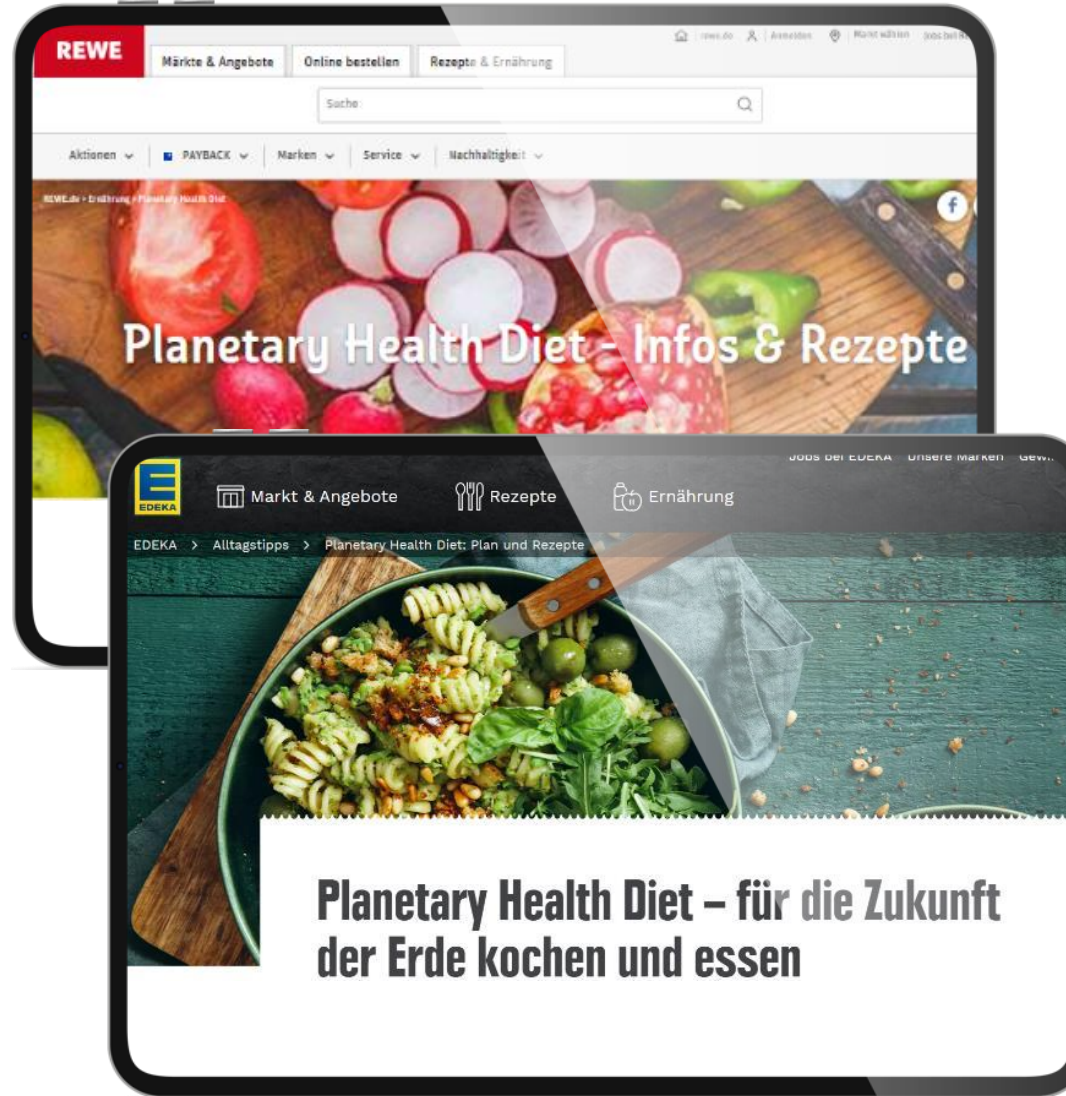
34% for sure not



Lifestyle changes & choices and brand / retailer right to play

# Planetary Health Diet

Good for me, good for the planet



Lifestyle changes & choices and brand / retailer right to play

# Mainstream brand successful in transition: Hak

Eco-and nutrition positive positioning



## OUR MISSION

Helping people eat more vegetables and pulses

In HAK's Green Kitchen, we show how we are achieving our mission and how we grow and process our products so as to minimise our impact on the planet. Our focus is on health and consumption, and on our growing processes and production.



Name an "eco"-food brand

Top 3

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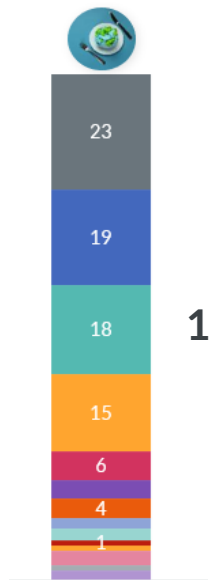
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# Within a few years remarkable change in young shoppers' diet

Holistic lifestyle change, closely connected with healthy living



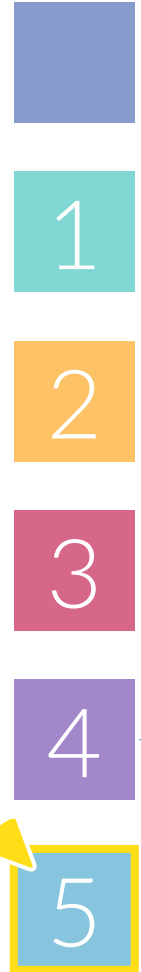
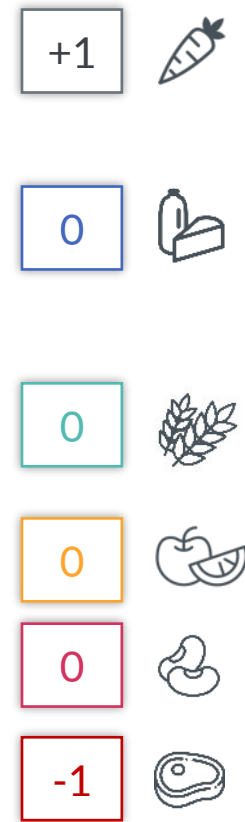
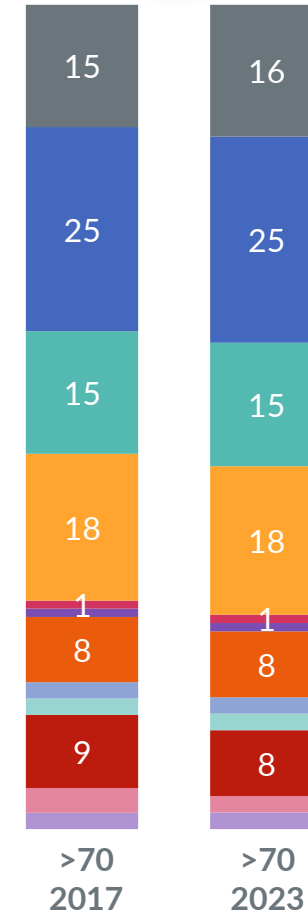
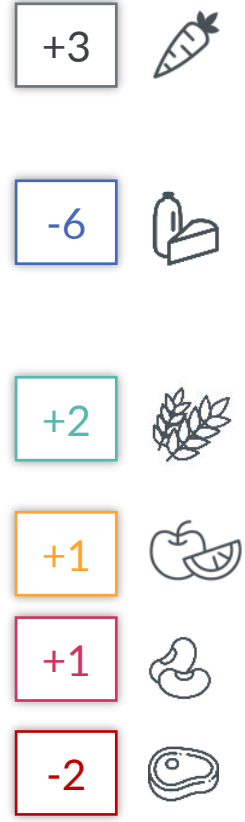
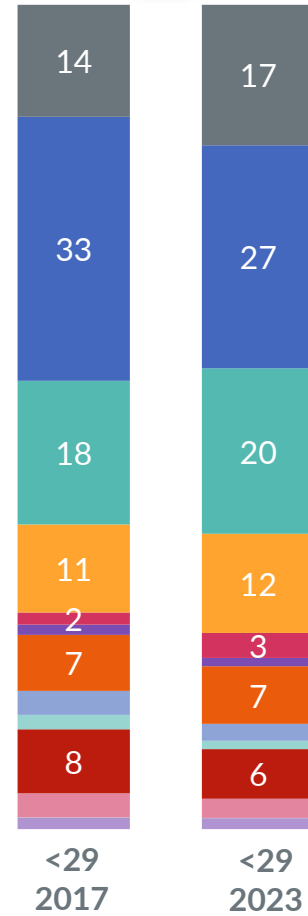
Volume share



Planetary health diet

100%

- Vegetables
- Dairy products
- Whole grain products
- Fruit
- Pulses
- Nuts
- Starchy vegetables
- Poultry
- Fish
- Red meat
- Eggs
- Unsaturated fats
- Saturated fats
- Sweeteners



Lifestyle changes & choices and brand / retailer right to play

# Shoppers' implement lifestyle changes differently

Gen Z breaks 'normalcy' with 'cheating', older generations balance joy and duty



Sustainability has been around ever since I started grocery shopping

*"I should not eat strawberries in winter, but I have my weak moments"*

## SUSTAINABILITY

Ever since sustainability became a topic, I often find myself with a guilty conscience and having to justify myself

*"We try to be good people, without the radicalism of the youth"*

Lifestyle: CHEAT

## HEALTH

Lifestyle: BALANCE



Why not?

*"I don't always want to eat the same. If I don't try something new, I can't discover new things"*



Why?

*"I don't have to try something just because it's new"*



Lifestyle changes & choices and brand / retailer right to play





SO ?

CONSTRUCTIVE  
TRANSFORMATION



Lifestyle changes & choices and brand / retailer right to play

# Shoppers move in between fields of tension



## TENSION

... but also ...

Simplification

Being in control

Automization

Uncomplicated

Comfort & ease

Frugality

Large choice

Freedom

Maximum flexibility

Experience / wellbeing

Sustainable lifestyle

Escapism

# 2024: making lemonade

## Take-outs



### Cautious optimism

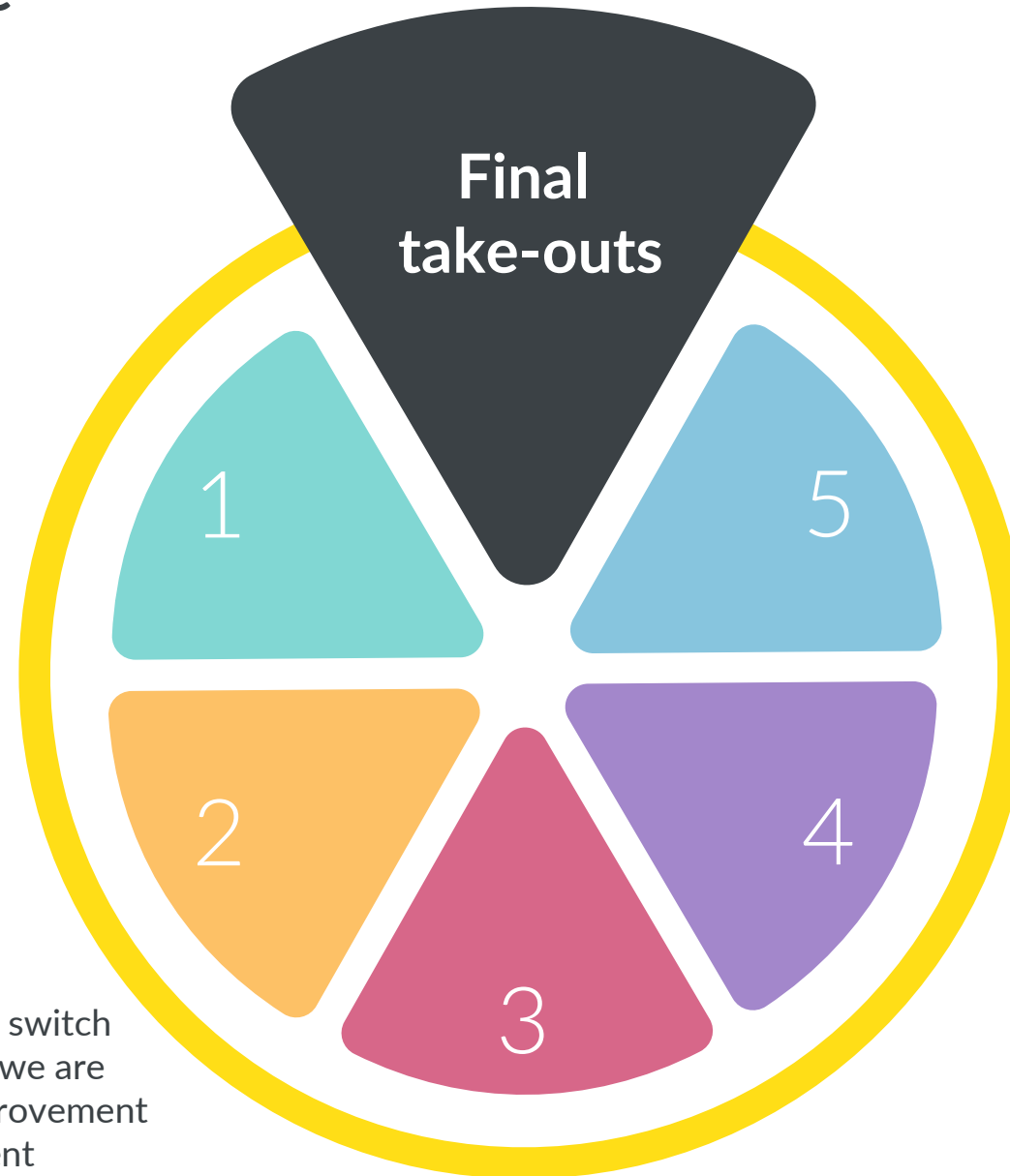
Change in tonality. Shoppers still need to wiggle budgets but are less susceptible to purely rational incentives. PL habits not easily changed, brands need to 'shine'.

### Basic comfort

Little pleasures (or cheat moments) but not at any price. Shoppers seek escapism while keeping their basics in check. Understand if your brand can deliver on this.

### Incremental innovation

It takes a visible effort to make shoppers switch back – umptieth flavor is not enough, as we are still not in a try-out phase. It's about improvement and being indispensable to need fulfillment



Final  
take-outs

### Constructive transformation

Retailers as curators of perfect choice, brands as supporters of “day after tomorrow” aspirations and lifestyle positivity. Credibility is everything – function, emotion, responsibility: it needs to match the core of your brand

### Shopper appreciation

Put emotion back in the game, and make it about the shopper, not the price (rather than loyal to US - we appreciate YOU)

## Reports available for purchase!

EU-18 report incl. country splits available as from 06-Dec

### Categories covered:

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|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
| Staple foods, e.g. rice, flour, sugar, pasta  | Dairy products, e.g. milk, yoghurt               |
| Bread and bakery products                     | Cheese                                           |
| Fresh fruit and vegetables                    | Meat, sausage, fish                              |
| Drinks, e.g. water, juices, lemonades         | Butter & Margarine                               |
| Alcoholic beverages, e.g. wine, beer, spirits | Detergents & cleaning agents                     |
| Confectionery, e.g. chocolate, bars, pastries | Toiletries                                       |
| Frozen food incl. pizza & other ready meals   | Cosmetics incl. make-up                          |
| Ice cream                                     | Canned food, e.g. fruit, vegetables, ready meals |
| Hot drinks, e.g. coffee, tea                  | Cooking oils                                     |

### Retailers covered: top 10 retailers per country

Single country reports available for purchase upon request





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Thank you!