

# A fork in the road

# Understanding today's omnishopper

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# Three themes driving the future of CPG

## **Category Bifurcation**

Despite flat CPG growth overall, some categories gain +9% vs 2020

### **Income Polarization** +40% of consumers are budget conscious

Omnichannel Retailing Online CPG is projected to grow 13-14% in 2021

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# **Category Bifurcation**



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# Categories that saw growth during COVID are seeing 2021 sales outpacing 2019

### Total FMCG Categories

Growers/Decliners \$ % Chng vs YA



# **On-the-go CPG regains its relevance**

On-the-go categories are seeing growth in 2021 as they lap an underperforming 2020

### Growers comping poor COVID performance \$% change vs. YA

Growers continue to rise... \$% change vs. YA



(2021 vs

2019)

**-19**%

# Growers continue to see a tremendous boost from online sales

Growth has been fueled by Click & Collect purchases

## **Online Dollar Volume of Food Growers (M)**



Source: NielsenIQ E-Commerce Solution powered by Rakuten Intelligence, May 2019 vs. May 2020 vs May 2021 © 2021 Nielsen Consumer LLC. All Rights Reserved.

# Price inflation: Income polarization



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# Bifurcation of income has become more pronounced



# Inflation looms!

### **NBC News**

Get ready for higher grocery bills for the rest of the year

### CNBC

Clorox weighs price increases on products in response to inflationary costs

### Wall Street Journal

Supermarkets Say Goodbye to Pantry Loading, Hello to Inflation

### CNBC

Procter & Gamble will raise prices in September to fight higher commodity costs

## **Food Navigator**

Nestlé warns of price increases, against 'excessive' growth expectations after best quarter in decade

### Delish.com

Hershey's Is Already Planning To Raise Prices On Its 2021 Seasonal Holiday Candy

It will be the first time since 2014.

# Consumers' price sensitivity manifests in different ways

Examples of how price sensitivity is manifested during financial hardship

**Price Elasticity** 

## **Brands & Private Label**



Consumers didn't respond differently to price changes during COVID-19 and the Great Recession

Brand share has grown, driven by affluent consumers. Less affluent buying more PL

Dollar and convenience appeal to less affluent. Club and Grocery appeal to affluent consumers. Online appeals to all

Where they shop

# Consumers will continue to make strategic shifts, not tactical tweaks, if needed

- Some consumers will:
  - Buy private brands
  - Eat out less
  - Trade down in categories
  - Make a shopping lists to limit waste and excess
  - Use coupons and e-bates
  - Shift channels shop for the best value (either price/promo or convenience)
- Ensure spend in right trade promotion as there will be competition
- Focus on Omnishopping to capture consumers looking for convenience and manage spend



# **Omnichannel retailing**



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# NielsenIQ forecasts online sales will continue to grow in 2021

Online purchasing habits established during the pandemic are expected to stay

Food & bev		
online snapshot	Online sales	% of total sales
2019	\$32 BN	5.1%
2020	\$69 BN	9.3%
2021 Low forecast	\$95 BN	13.2%
2021 Average forecast	\$103 BN	14.1%
2021 High forecast	\$109 BN	14.6%

\*Monthly rates calculated after looking at pre-COVID and COVID data, capping due to elevated base.

Source: Custom Analytics NielsenIQ © 2021 Nielsen Consumer LLC. All Rights Reserved. Ecommerce penetration will continue to grow post-COVID

# Shopping will remain online even as restrictions ease

Consumers will not revert to pre-pandemic online habits

# Order per buyer for Online 3.00 2.75 2.50 2.25 2.00 7/1/2019 1/1/2020 7/1/2020 1/1/2021

## **Omni Importance Sustains**

**22 Million** New Online CPG Shoppers in 2020

# **40**%

Of CPG Shoppers are Omnishoppers

# \$160 Billion

Online CPG sales in the last year

# 44%

Of e-commerce dollar share is CPG Food and Beverage

NielsenIQ E-Commerce Solution powered by Rakuten Intelligence. February 2019 - April 2021, NielsenIQ Omnishopper

# Online preferences will continue to evolve

## Who Considers:

32% of Millennials (+8 pts)

22% of Boomers (+5 pts)

## Fulfillment method:

Next/Same Day Delivery (+7 pts)

2+ Day Delivery (-11 pts)



## Reason for shopping online:

Easy Delivery Scheduling (27%, -2pts)

Order History (26%, +8pts)



Source: NIQ Omnishopping Fundamentals April 2021 vs April 2020 © 2021 Nielsen Consumer LLC. All Rights Reserved.



# **Recommendations for future growth**



### Key theme

### Manufacturer

Manage the portfolio of Grower/ Decliner categories, reallocating production space for Growers and mitigating declines

### Retailer

Ensure space allocation and merchandising strategies for categories that return to full strength

### **Income Polarization**

experienced last year

Category Bifurcation Some categories are flying

Over 40% of consumers are budget conscious

high despite steep growth

Target pricing measures to brands which appeal to those more insulated from economic impacts. Invest in value brands' pipeline and prominence in store and online Remain competitive on KVIs (particularly lower income consumers) to retain shoppers, opportunity to develop Private Label as shoppers downshift.

### **Omnichannel Retailing** Online CPG is projected to grow 13-14% in 2021

Invest in SEO/SEM and understanding of highly searched keywords/attributes to associate with your products Build infrastructure to manage increased demand, create robust purchase history capture to ease shoppers' ability to build baskets

# Thank you.

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