

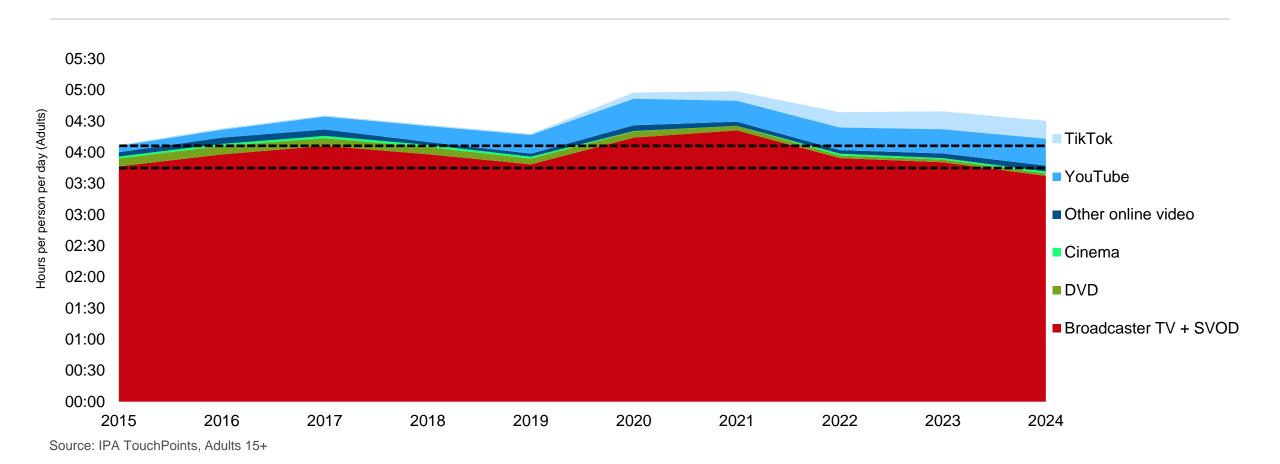
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Anthony Jones, Head of Research Thinkbox



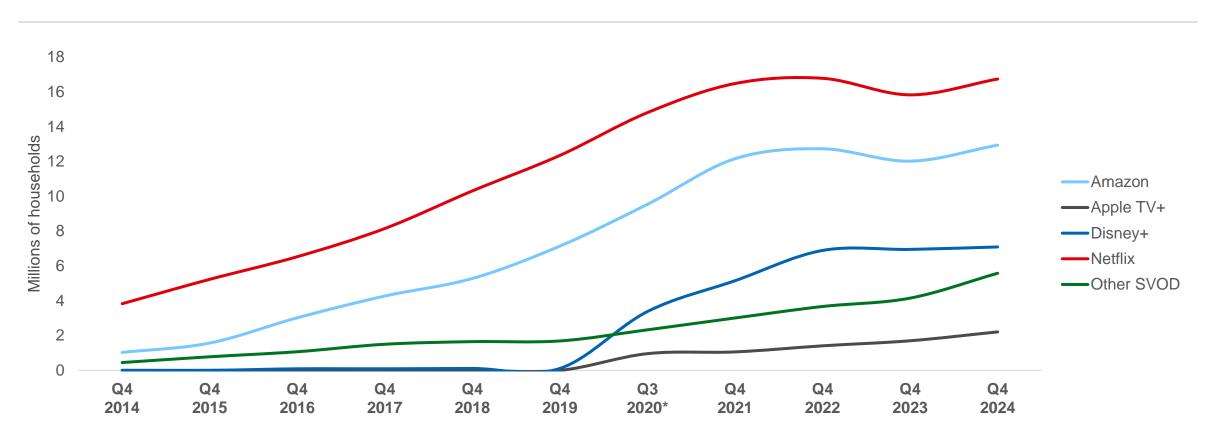


Stability continues...





SVOD subscriptions returned to growth

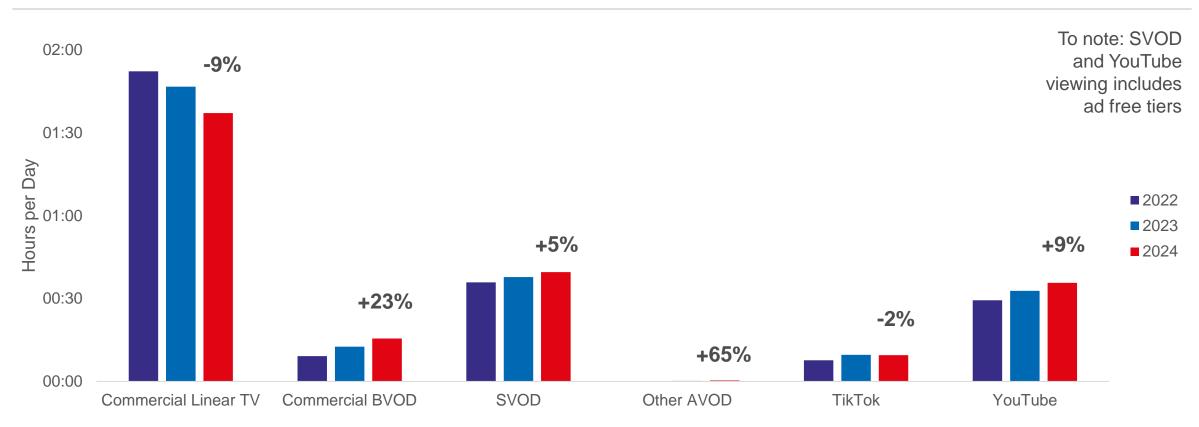


Source: Barb Establishment Survey



^{* =} Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and the suspension of face-to-face interviewing, quarterly BARB Establishment Survey data were not produced for Q4 2020, as a result, 2020 Q3 data is used

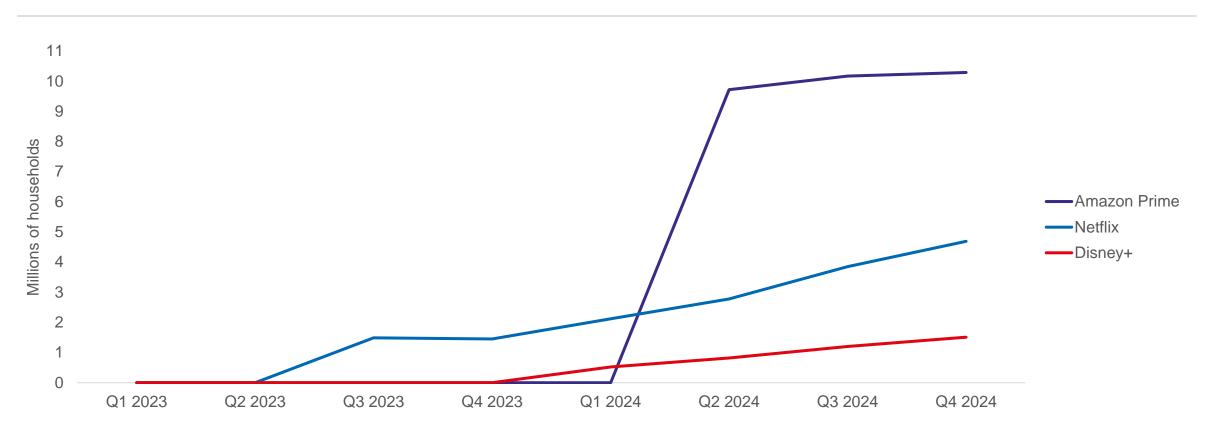
The gradual shift of viewing from linear to VOD continues



Source: Barb, All devices, Adults 16+, Total commercial linear TV and BVOD % difference based on 24 vs. 23



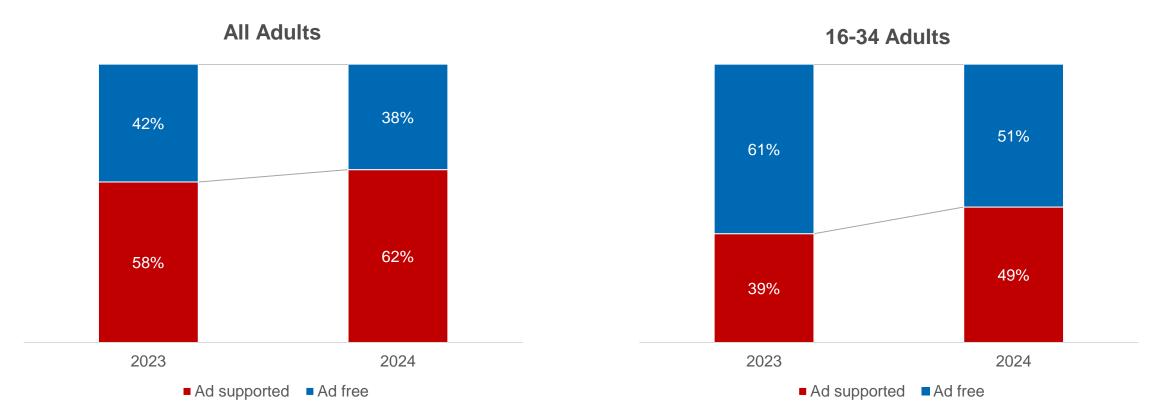
SVOD ad tier growth increasing high quality TV inventory



Source: Barb Establishment Survey, subscription to ad-tier service



More opportunities for advertisers as viewing to adsupported quality content grows

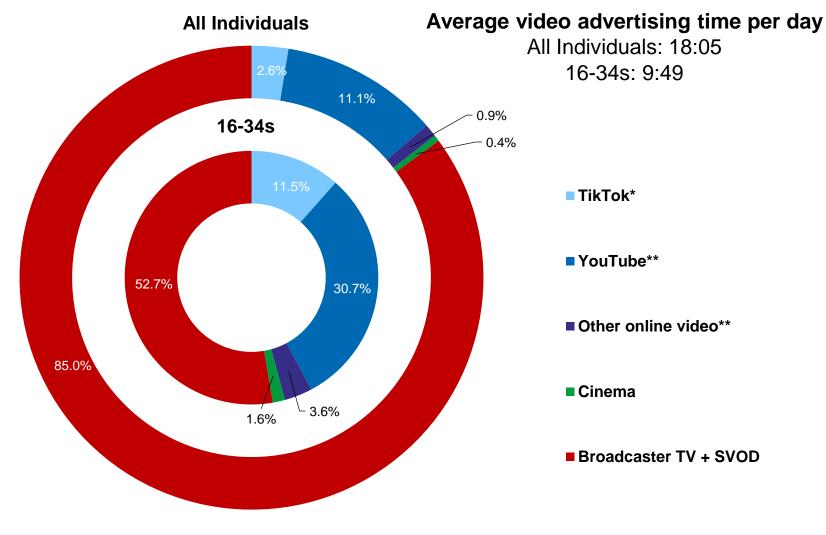






Today's TV accounts for 85.0% of AV advertising time

(vs 83.5% in 2023)



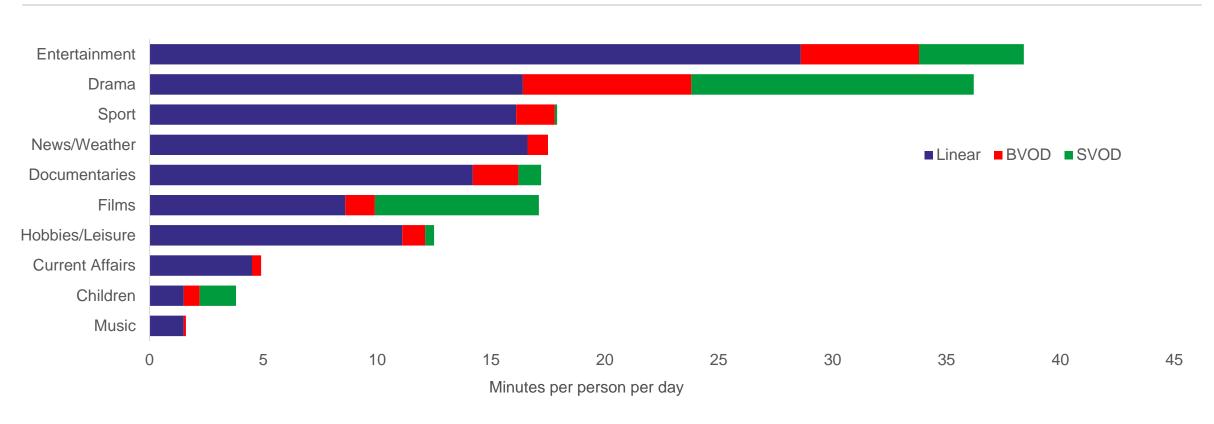
Source: 2024, Barb / Broadcaster stream data / UK Cinema Association / Ipsos Iris



^{**}YouTube ad time modelled at 3.33% of content time (Enders Analysis, 23rd October 2024) and excludes those estimated to be on the YouTube Premium tier.

^{*}TikTok ad time modelled at 3.4% of content time using agency and broadcaster estimates. **Other online modelled at 3.33% of content time.

VOD enabling us to watch more entertainment, drama & films



Source: Barb - TV set only, Adults



Adults: UK original content dominates the top series in 2024

Rank	Channel Group	Programme Title	Series	Average Audience (m)	Origin
4	Amazon	Clarkson's Farm	3	8.9	UK
5	Netflix	The Gentlemen	1	8.7	UK
6	ITV	Vera	13	8.5	UK
7	BBC	Ludwig	1	8.4	UK
8	BBC	Death in Paradise	13	8.4	UK / France
9	ITV	I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!	24	8.2	UK
10	ITV	Trigger Point	2	8.2	UK

Rank	Channel Group	Programme Title	Series	Average Audience (m)	Origin
11	CH4	The Great British Bake Off	15	7.8	UK
12	BBC	Call the Midwife	13	7.7	UK
13	BBC	Strictly Come Dancing	22	7.6	UK
14	ITV	After the Flood	1	7.6	UK
15	ITV	Red Eye	1	7.5	UK
16	BBC	The Traitors	2	7.5	UK
17	BBC	Silent Witness	27	7.3	UK
18	ITV	Until I Kill You	1	7.0	UK
19	BBC	Nightsleeper	1	7.0	UK
20	BBC	Celebrity Race Across the World	2	6.9	UK

Source: Barb, 2024, Adults. TV set viewing. Average audience per episode (excludes one-offs, kids, films and sports)



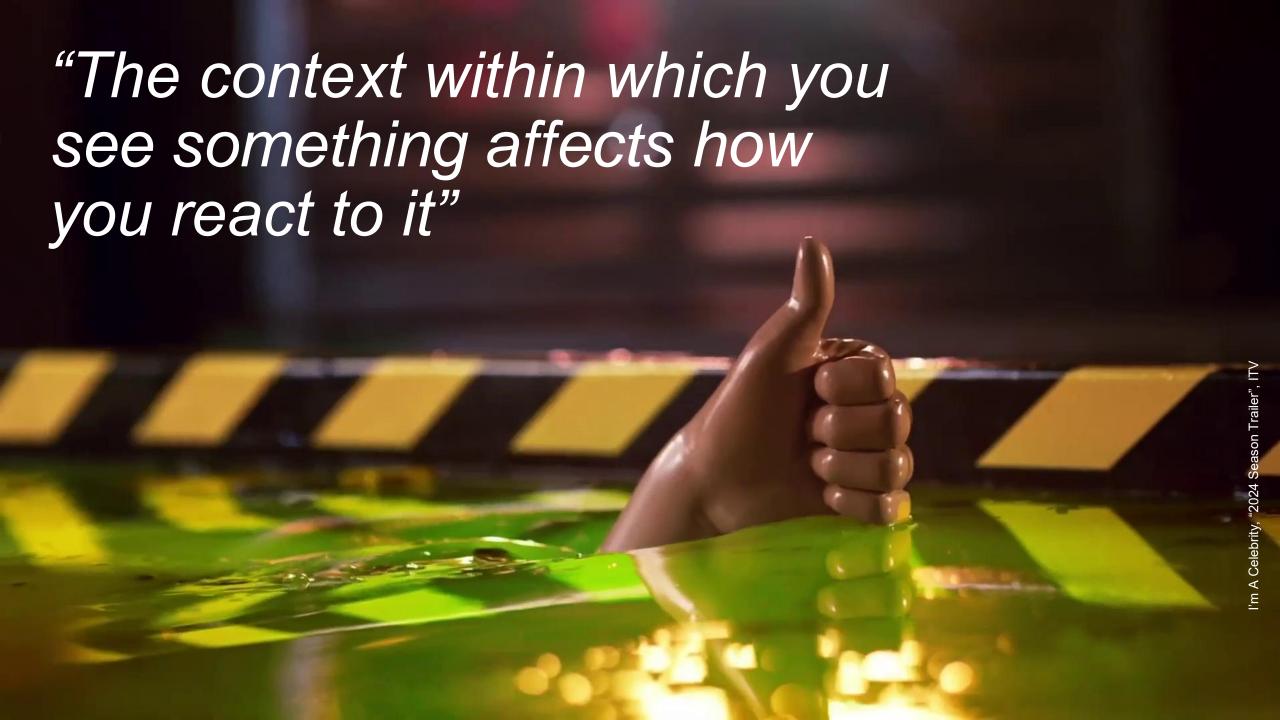
Similar programmes & size to 10years ago... but now watched in different ways

Rank (2014)	Channel	Programme Title	Series	Average Audience (m)	Origin
1	BBC 1	Sherlock	3	11.7	UK
2	BBC 1	Call the Midwife	3	10.6	UK
3	ITV1	Downton Abbey	5	10.4	UK
4	BBC 1	The Great British Bake Off	5	9.5	UK
5	BBC 1	Strictly Come Dancing	12	9.5	UK
6	ITV1	I'm a Celebrity Get Me Out of Here!	14	9.3	UK
7	ITV1	Cilla	1	8.8	UK
8	ITV1	Britain's Got Talent	8	8.7	UK
9	BBC 1	Death in Paradise	3	8.6	UK
10	ITV1	The X Factor	11	8.2	UK

Source: Barb, 2014, Adults. Consolidated 28 Day. Average audience per episode (excludes one-offs, kids, films and sports)











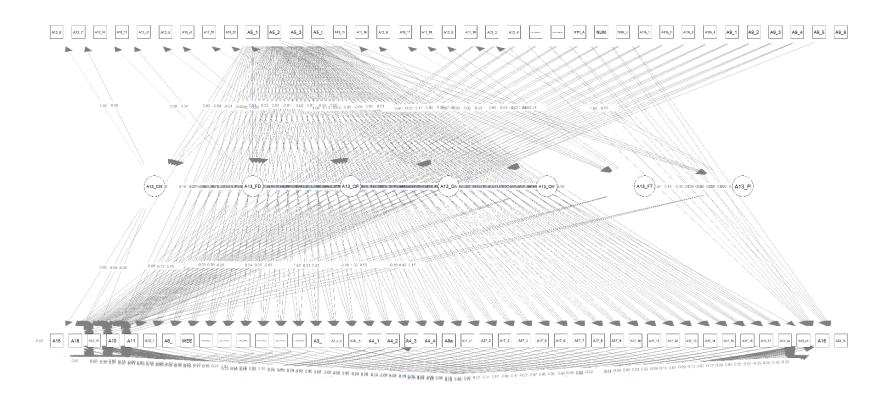
Ecosystem quantified via Structural Equation Modelling

348,435

data points

87

different variables



Source: Context Effects, Map The Territory & Tapestry Research, 2024



Factors having biggest influence on advertising recall













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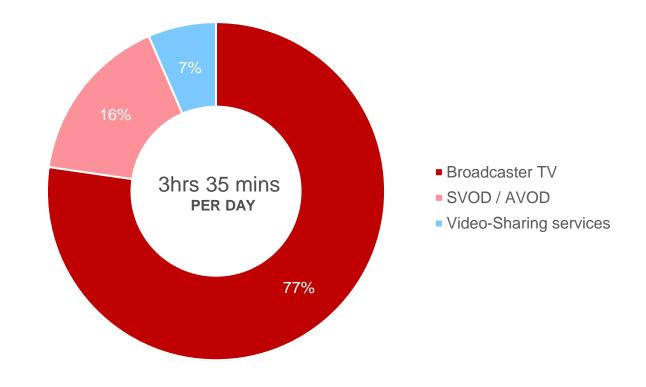






93% of TV set viewing is to high-quality TV content

TV set viewing time by platform 2024, All Adults

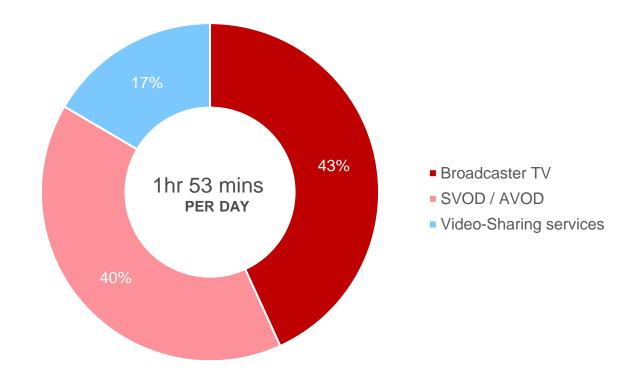


Source: Barb



For 16-34s, the TV set is for... high-quality TV content

TV set viewing time by platform 2024, 16-34s



Source: Barb



In summary...







TV advertising opportunities increasing



Context is vital – especially TV sets and shared viewing

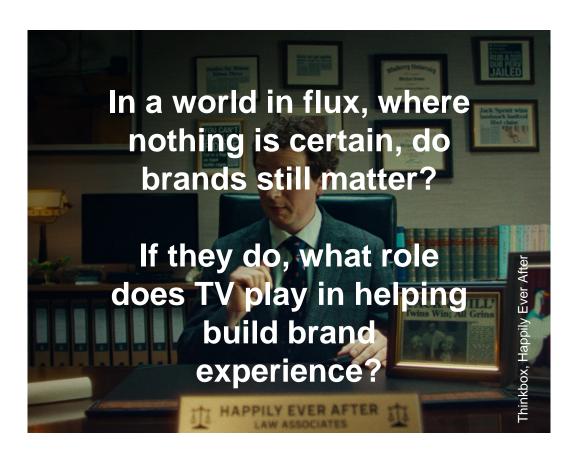


YouTube growing but only 7% of adult TV set viewing

TV is in a positive place...

...but key questions exist about advertising investment







From Brand to Bland 2

Sarah Davies, Global Founder The Behavioural Architects



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Four Behavioural Science pillars shed light on why we think and do what we do









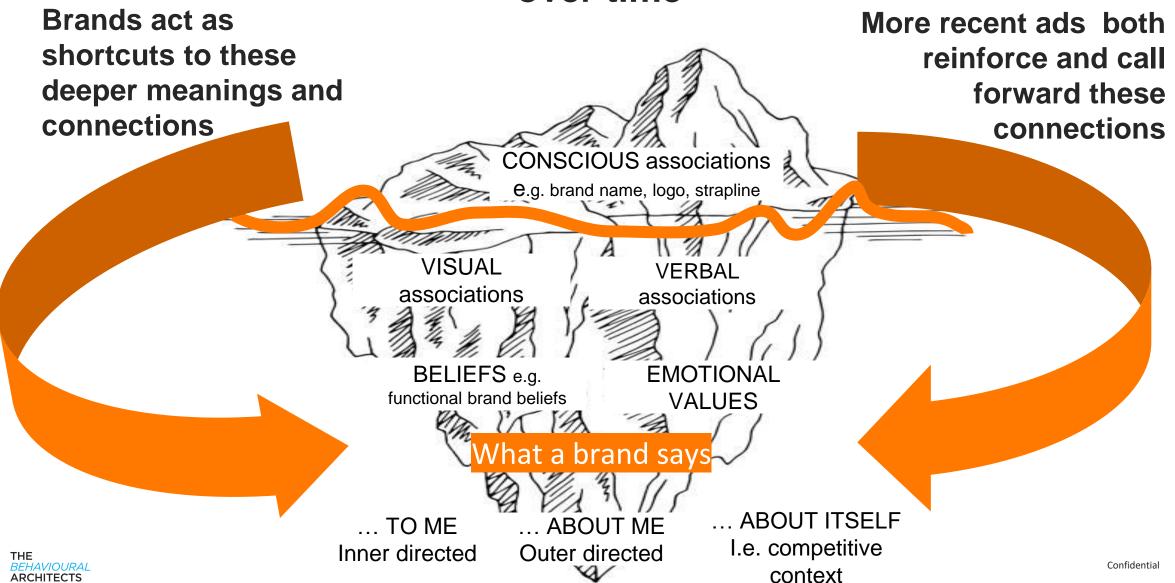
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Much of what influences our behaviour is subconscious

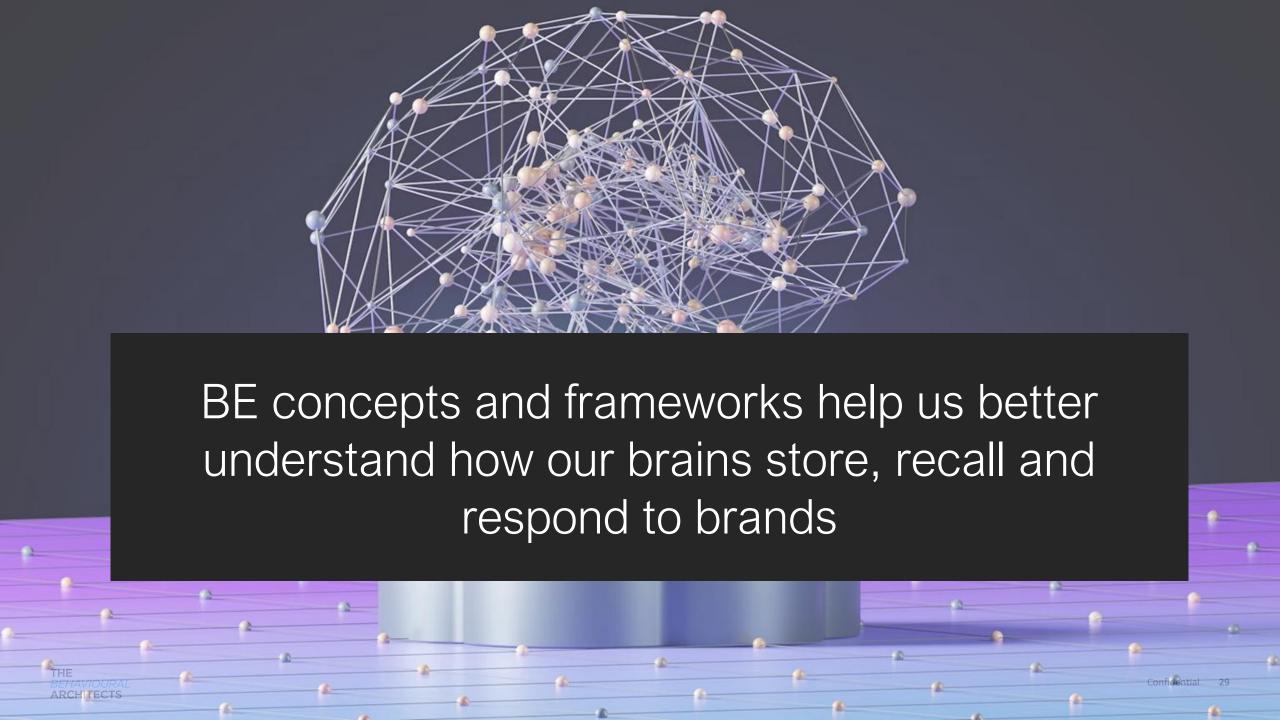
2.
We have different modes
of thinking – System
One & System Two

3.
Context hugely influences the decisions we make

4.
We are subject to a mass of cognitive biases

TV advertising lays down deep subconscious brand impressions over time





TV advertising leverages cognitive biases even before deeper brand connections are built



Affect bias



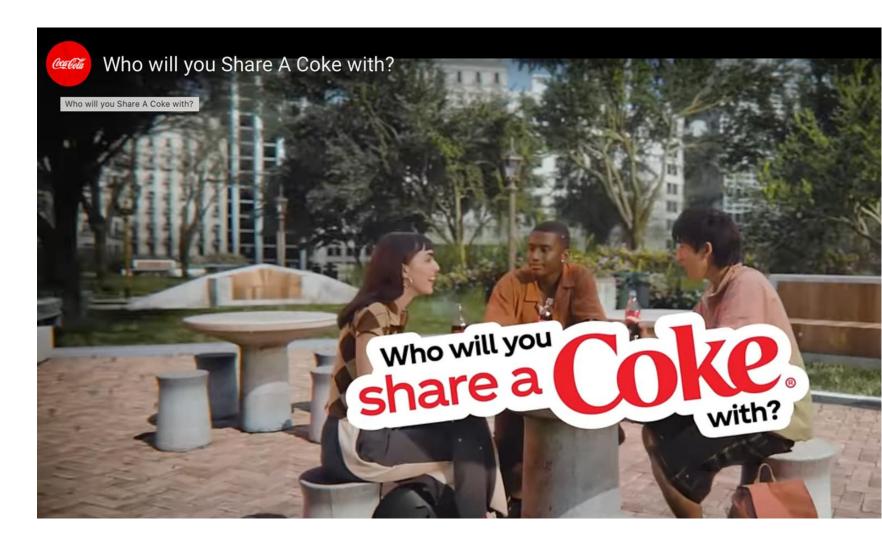
Mere Exposure Effect



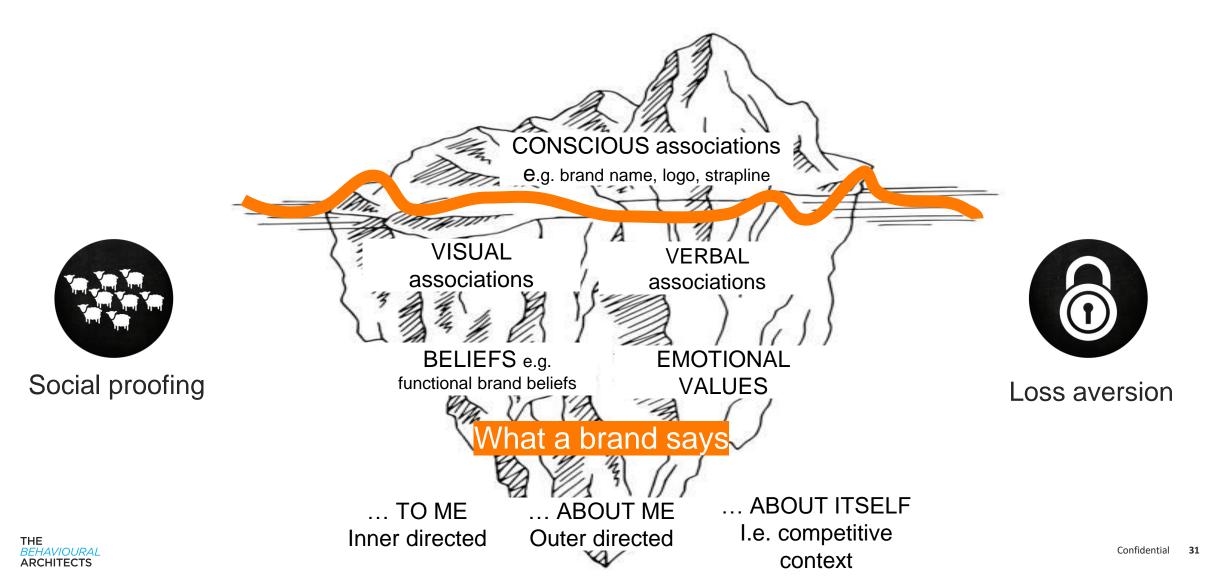
Recency Effect



Costly Signalling



And at a deeper level Behavioural Science helps makes sense of how brands play to the innate wiring of our brains



We set out to test the hypothesis that in the current context, building a strong brand is more important than ever...

"A product can be quickly outdated, but a successful brand is timeless."

Stephen King



The value of a strong brand should not be underestimated

Brands build credibility and trust, creating powerful consumer pull

Not all brands are built equal...

Brand is the second most important consideration when evaluating a business

87% of customers will pay more for products from a brand they trust

Source: Salsify

Strong brands
consistently command
prices up to twice
those of weaker
competitors

Source: Google/Kantar, DE, UK, The Effectiveness Equation, Feb. 2025.

76% agree that brand has a meaningful impact on valuation

Source: Interbrand

We tested our hypothesis by taking 16 brand lovers on an experimental journey...



Ashley



Melissa



Jeanette



Matthew



Fabienne



Gemma S







Rowena



Johnny



Ebony



Elaine



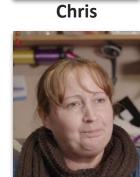
Sharon



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method





























































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The following presentation included a number of videos of consumers talking about brands.

The films are not included in this summary but will be released later via the Thinkbox website.



Our participants have strong emotional connections with their brands...

In a world of turbulence and overwhelming choice brands help us navigate complexity

And in a world in flux, brands bring a sense of reassurance



method





















































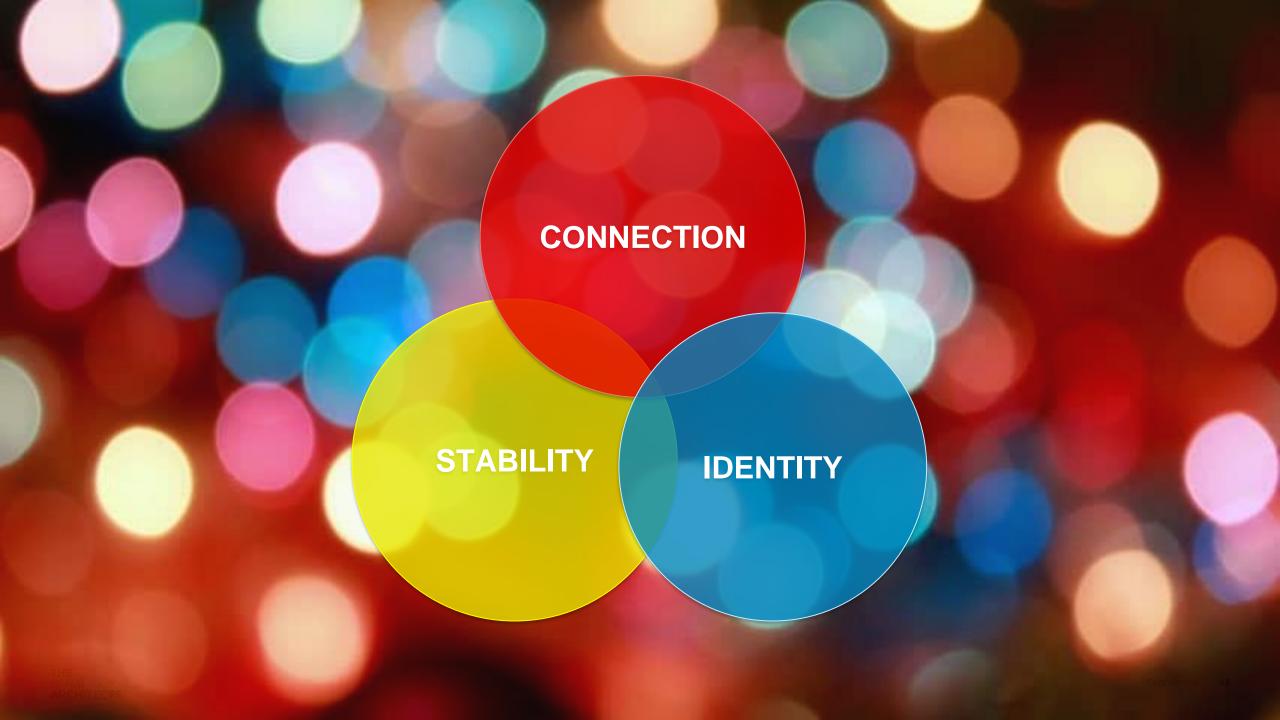


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Advertising creates, sustains & evolves brand impressions over time







CREATE

Drive salience and build mental availability ensuring brands are KNOWN and RECOGNISED

SUSTAIN

Tells & reminds people of a brand's distinctive rewards - ensuring brands are DISTINCTIVE & DIFFERENTIATED

EVOLVE

Build new associations that connect with cultural shifts - ensuring brands stay RELEVANT

The power of TV advertising: uniquely creates and sustains meaningful brand connections

Lays down deep and lasting brand impressions

Fuels Trust in ways other channels can't match

Delivers brand experiences that engage & unite



SALIENCE Builds prominence



AUTHORITY

Messages that come from credible authority figures within a regulated medium



COSTLY SIGNALLING

Demonstrates a brand is strong and worthy of attention through investment



SOCIAL PROOF

Sensing that others must love and purchase the brand if it has a prominent position in a mass medium

What does this mean for you and what you need to do to build a strong, trusted brand?

Strong brands
deliver value to
people and they are
willing to pay more
for this value

Brands are meaningful because they are pillars of Stability, Connection & Identity TV advertising is crucial to create, sustain and evolve brand associations

The trust people have in TV confers to the brands they see on TV

The social consumption of TV advertising creates shared brand experiences



Investing in building a strong brand will pay off in your bottom line



Important to demonstrate and remind people of the role trusted brands play in their lives



Investing in TV advertising is the most powerful way to grow and maintain a strong brand



TV advertising is a crucial mechanic within the marketing mix to build a deep sense of trust in a brand



TV supports brands that bond and that become mainstays across generations

And if you're still not convinced...

the big reveal says it all!

Thank you

For more information, please get in touch with

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THE BEHAVIOURAL ARCHITECTS

Media Mix Navigator: now fully powered by Profit Ability 2

Jane Christian, EVP Analytics Choreograph UK

Nailah Uddin, Research Manager Thinkbox



The industry's biggest media effectiveness databank, now at your fingertips with added functionality





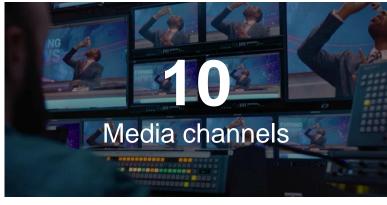
Profit Ability 2: The ultimate media effectiveness databank













- * Ebiquity, EssenceMediacom, Gain Theory, Mindshare, Wavemaker UK
- ** Based on end date of analysis period. Spend by year: 21% 2021, 32% 2022, 47% 2023. All analysis based on most recent 52 weeks available.
- *** Total databank has 14 categories, only 7 have sufficient granularity to report individually



Profit Ability 2: Key takeaways









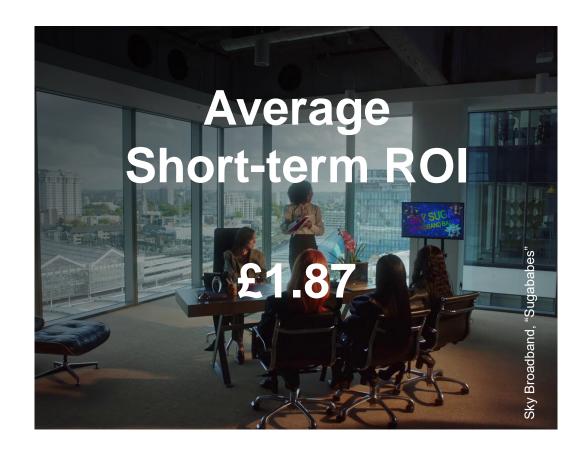


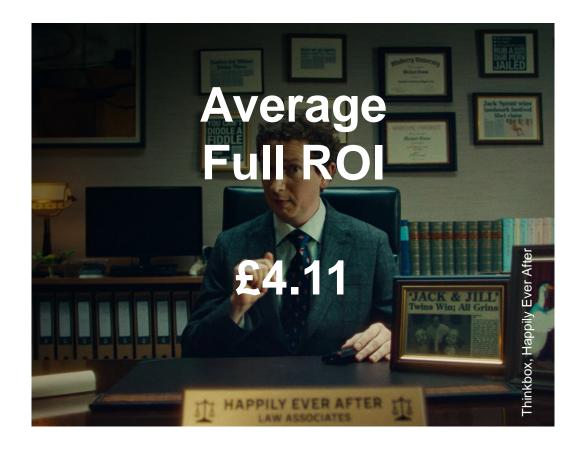


A moment on definitions!

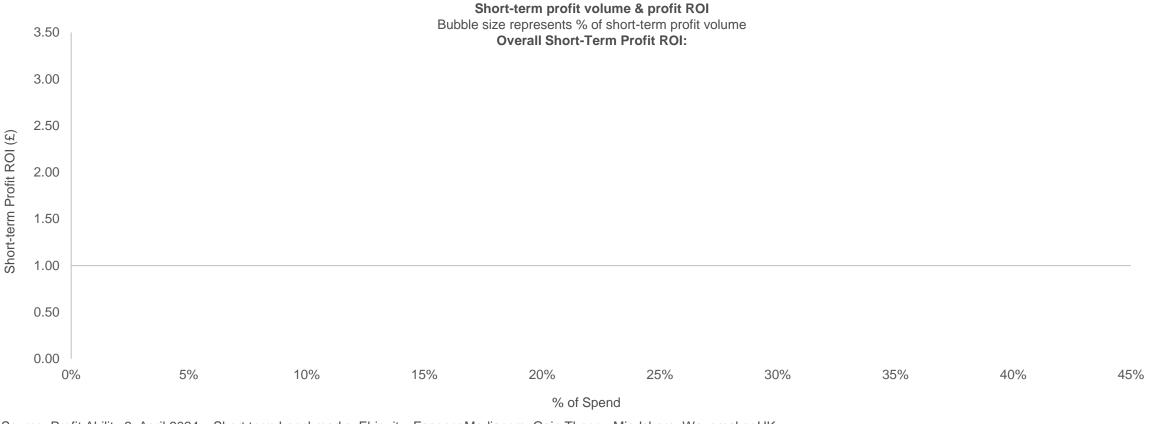


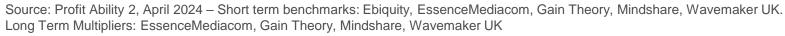
Good news... advertising works



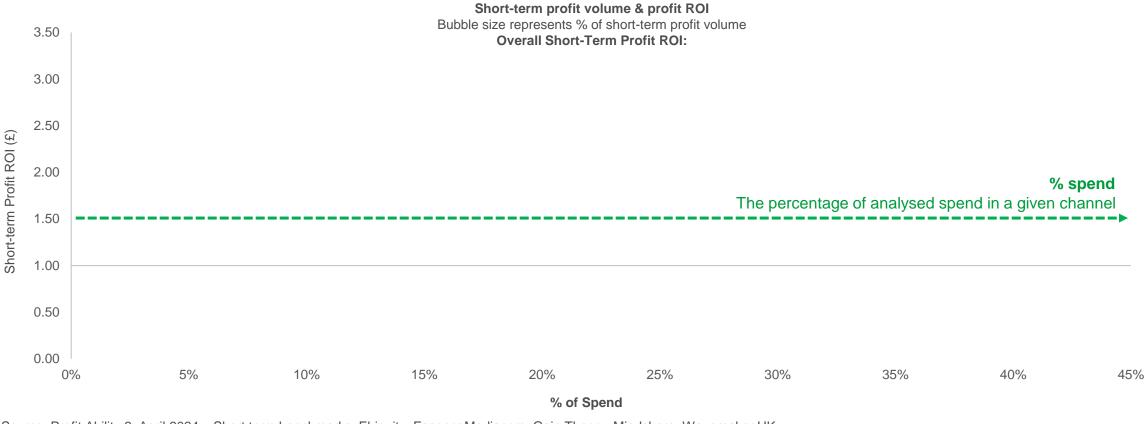




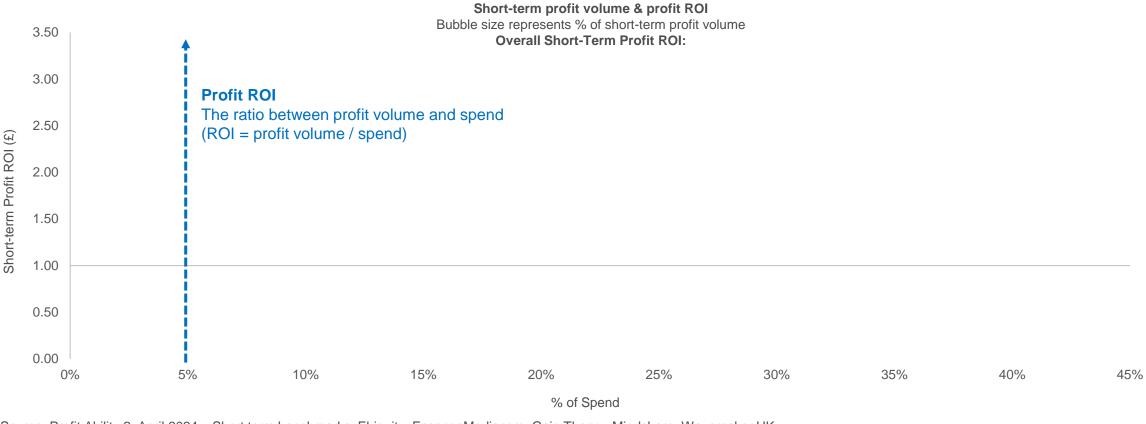




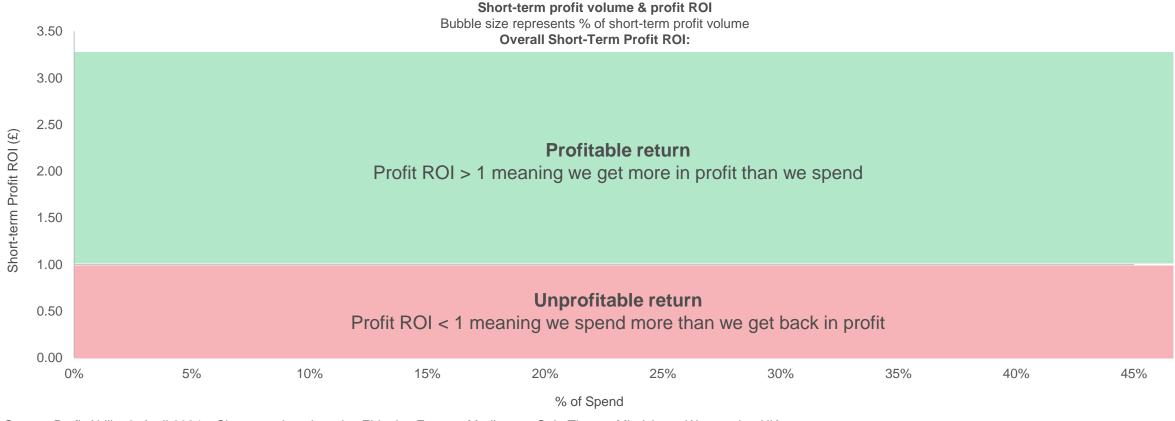










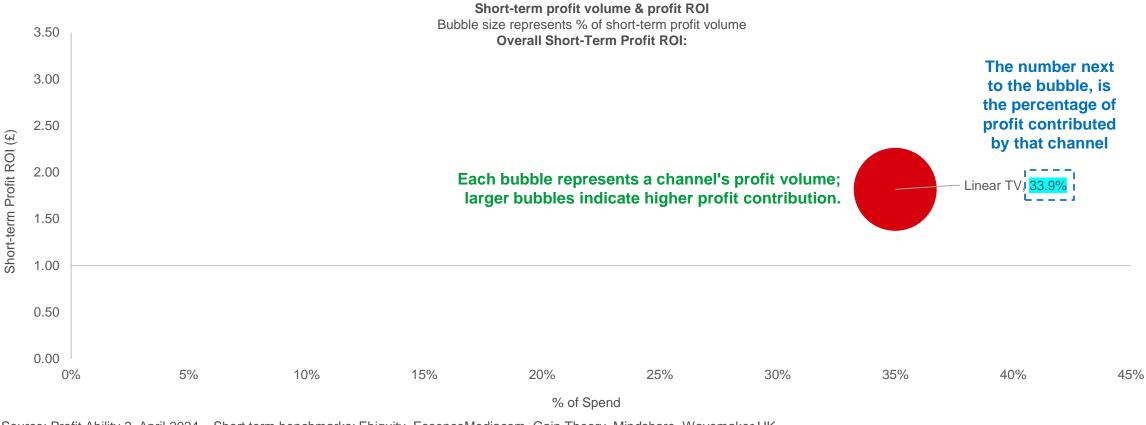


Source: Profit Ability 2, April 2024 – Short term benchmarks: Ebiquity, EssenceMediacom, Gain Theory, Mindshare, Wavemaker UK.

Long Term Multipliers: EssenceMediacom, Gain Theory, Mindshare, Wavemaker UK

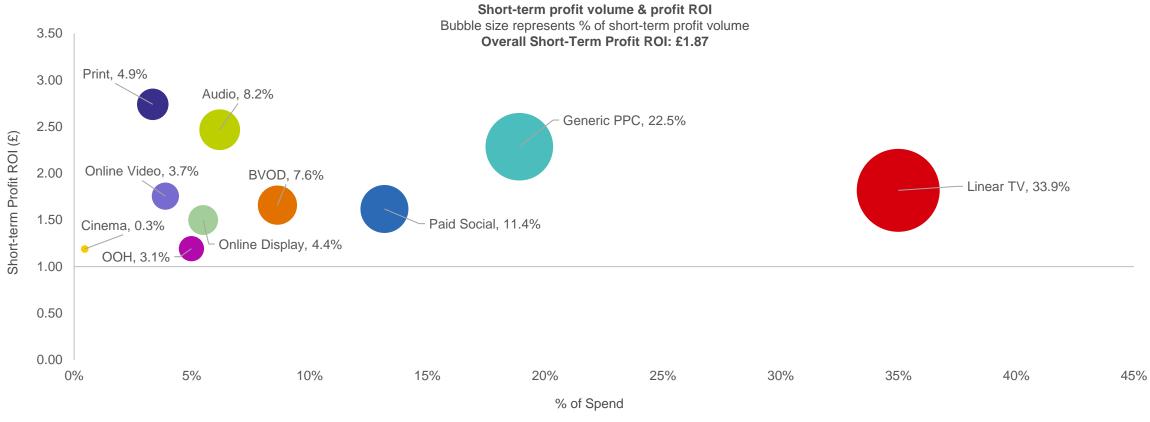
To note: as a rule creative production costs and some non-COGs variable costs may be not included in the reported ROIs, so true break-even would be slightly higher than 1





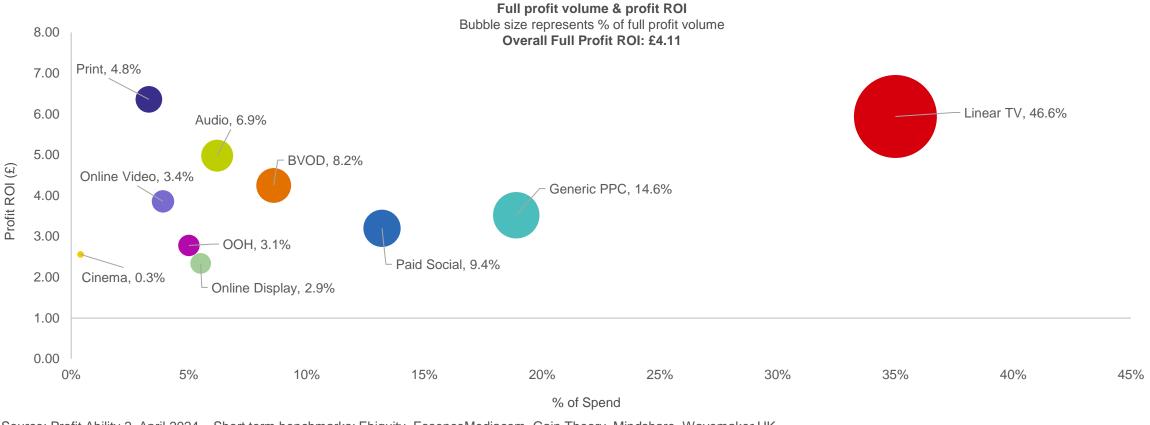


All channels deliver a return: short-term Profit ROI = £1.87



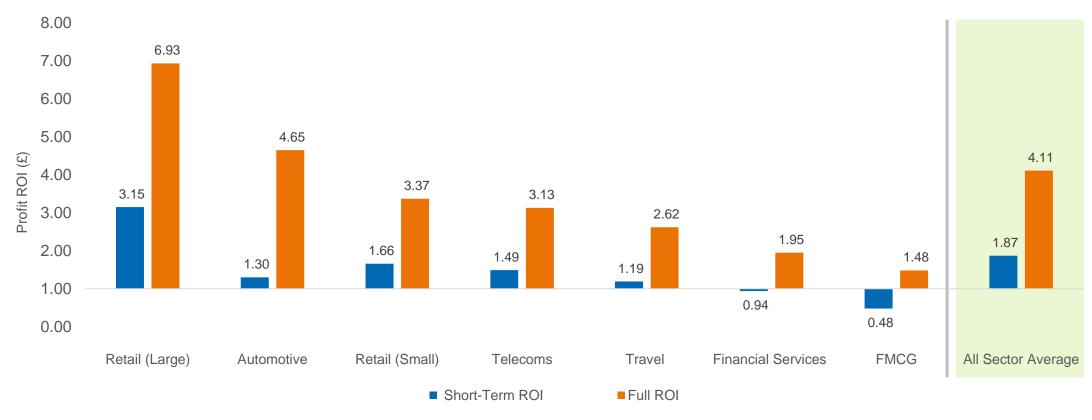


Looking at the full effect, average Profit ROI increases to £4.11



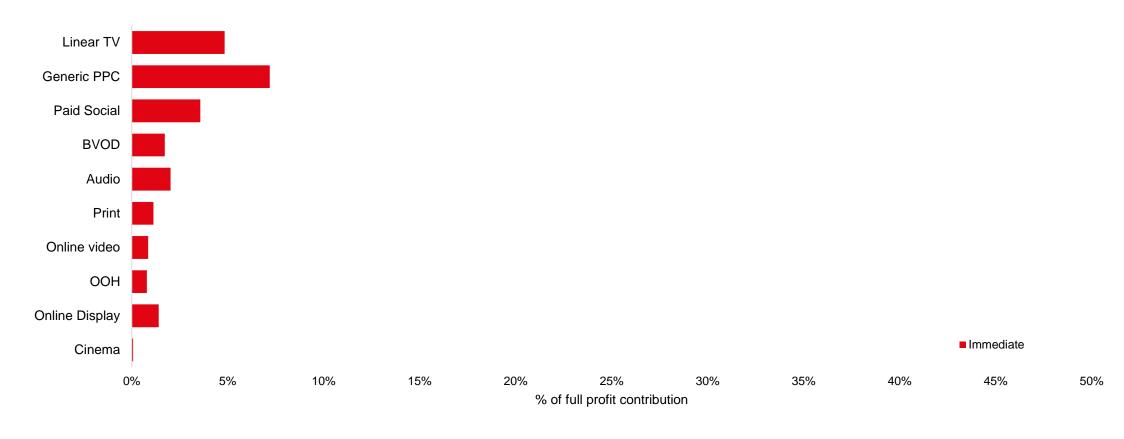


Advertising profitability levels vary greatly sector to sector





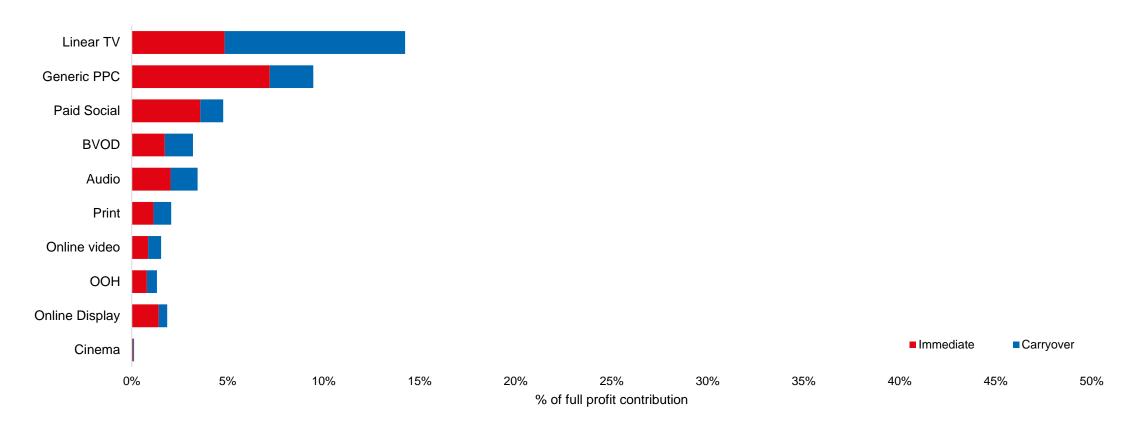
Immediate payback not exclusive to 'performance' media



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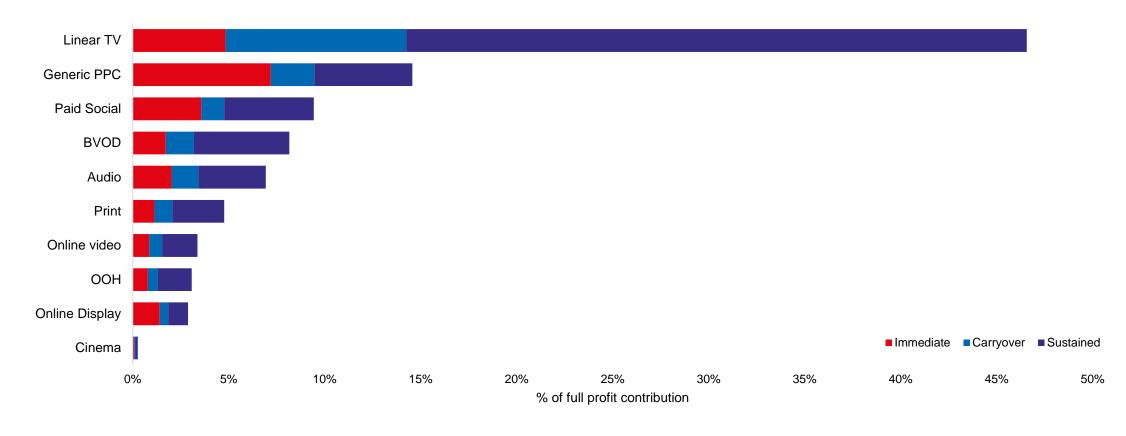
A different picture emerges when looking at the short-term



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Linear TV: unmatched as the total Profit ROI volume driver



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If you want the (very) extended version...



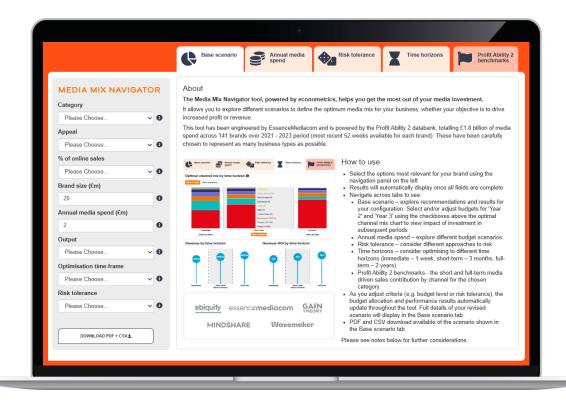
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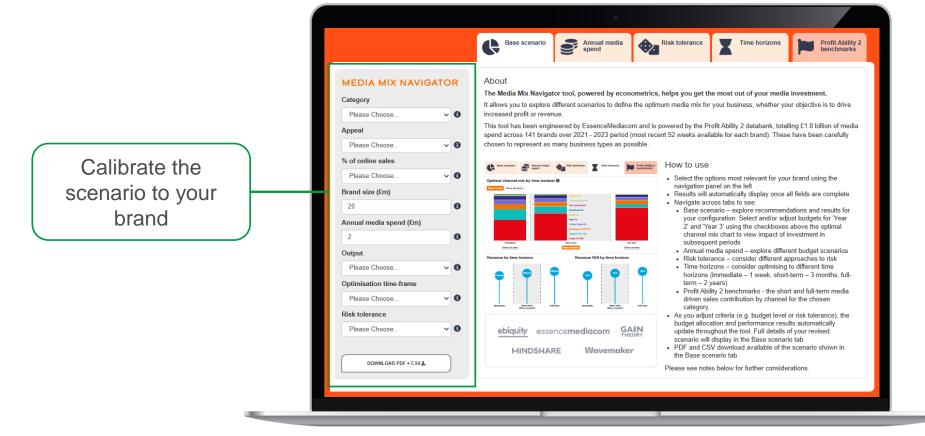


All of the data is available for you to run your own scenarios – in the Media Mix Navigator





What's the optimal media mix for your brand and what might that mix deliver?



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Optimal channel mix 13 Business results 1 MEDIA MIX NAVIGATOR Year 1 Vear 2 Year 3 Spend (£m) 20 Category Year 1 Retail - Large v 0 Total spend Linear TV 58% ✓ Generic PPC 18% Appeal £190.5m ☑ Print 6% Campaign uplift Base growth (Y1-Y3) £322.6m ~ O Mass Market ✓ Broadcaster VOD 5% £513.2m ✓ Online Video 4% % of online sales spend Audio 3% Revenue ROI ✓ Paid Social 2% Campaign uplift ~ **0** 11-20% Base growth (Y1-Y3) 25.7 Out of Home 0% Brand size (£m) Confidence Interval Annual media spend (£m) Revenue by year 1 Output Revenue Campaign uplift: 190.5 Optimisation time-frame Short-Term Base growth (Y1-Y3): Please Choose Year 3 Full-Term Total spend: 20.0 Spend in year (£m) Total return: 513.2

You can now select what time horizon

to optimise over (previously limited to short term)

The MMN then outputs the optimal media mix and the estimated outcomes



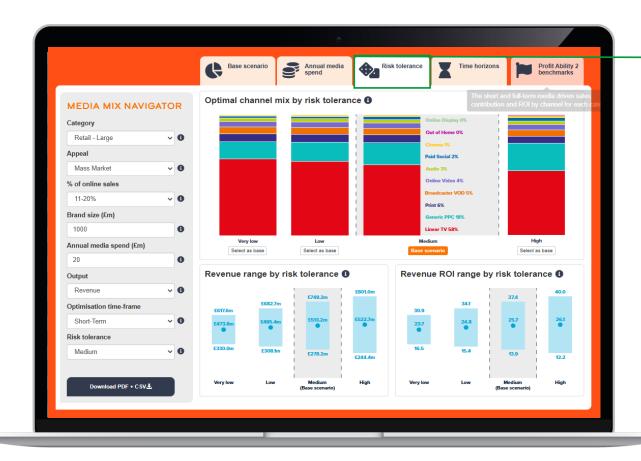
Quickly see the optimal media mix and resulting return from other spend levels

View the optimisations for other spend levels around the one you originally selected





Understand how your optimal budget allocation changes depending on your appetite to risk



Compare your original scenario against the other levels of risk



How does the optimal media mix and return differ depending on when you want the return?



Compare how the optimal mix and return changes when we optimise to different time horizons

New!

Want to go straight to the ROI benchmarks? No problem!



Go straight to the PA2 benchmarks

New!



Media Mix Navigator





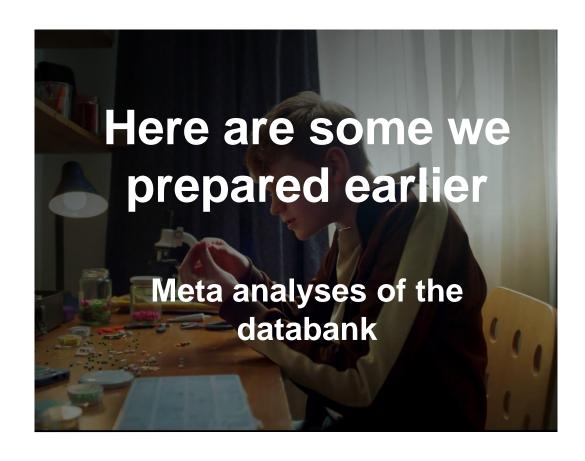
Media Mix Navigator in action

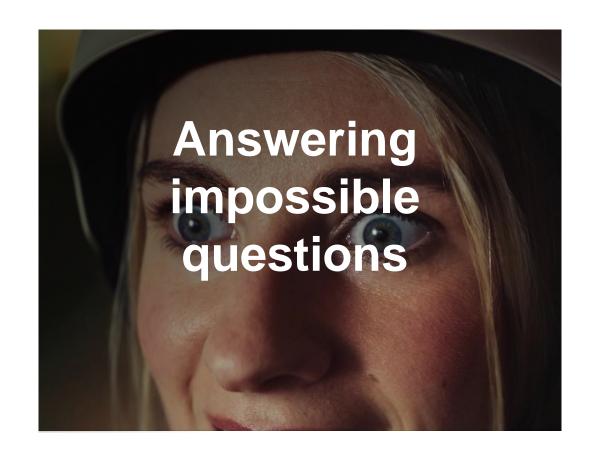
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The Media Mix Navigator is designed to be helpful







Three meta-analyses from the Media Mix Navigator

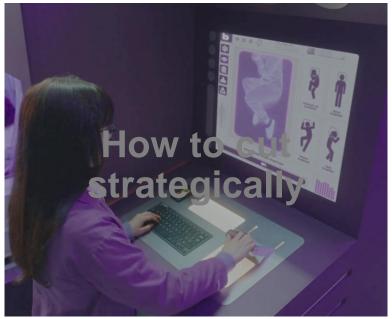






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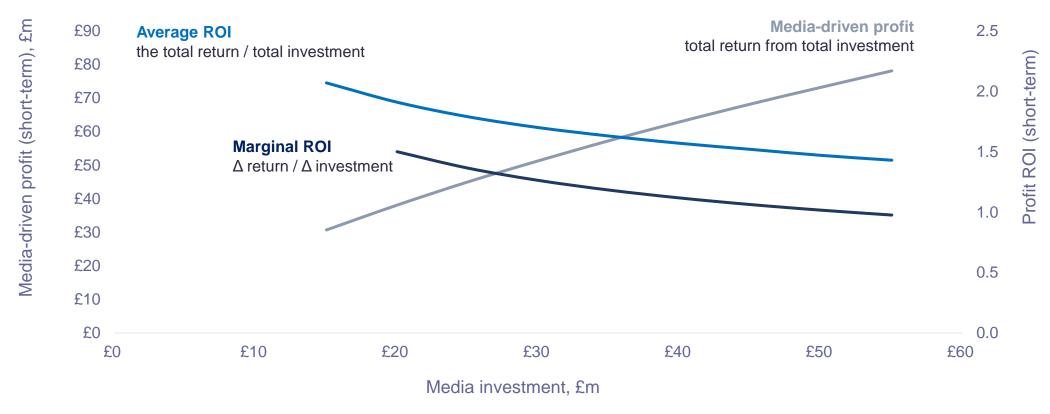






We know that as we spend more, profit will increase, but at a decreasing rate

Media Response Curve for an Example Brand



Using the MMN we can simulate what returns a brand can expect as budget increases – Retail Brand example

Scenario #	Advertising budget, £m	Incremental short- term profit, £m	Average short-term profit ROI	Extra incremental short-term profit, £m	Marginal short-term profit ROI
1	15	30.7	2.0		
2	20	38.1	1.9	7.40	1.48
3	25	45.0	1.8	6.90	1.38
4	30	51.3	1.7	6.30	1.26
5	35	57.3	1.6	6.00	1.20
6	40	62.9	1.6	5.60	1.12
7	45	68.2	1.5	5.30	1.06
8	50	73.2	1.5	5.00	1.00
9	55	78.1	1.4	4.90	0.98

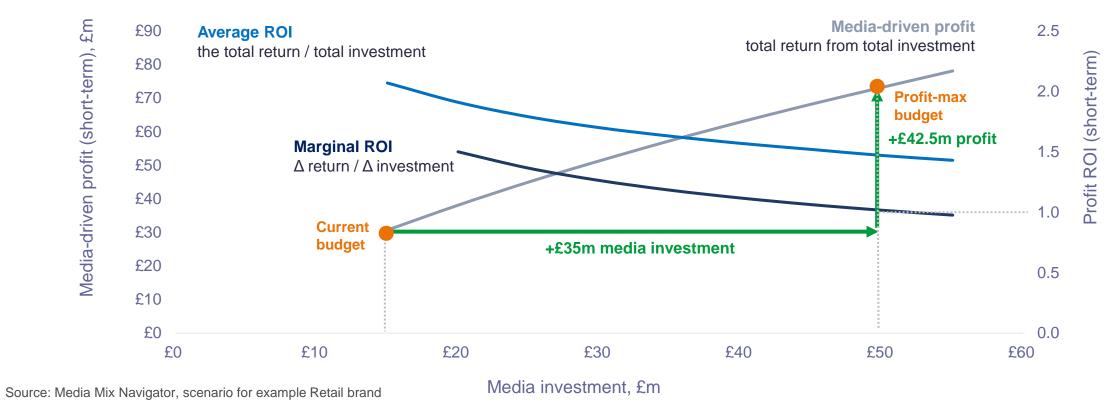
Breakeven

Source: Media Mix Navigator, Retail brand, mass market, 31-40% online sales, £1bn brand size, medium risk, 20% profit margin, various spend levels



In this example, the brand could increase its budget by £35m, generating £42.5 million incremental profit at a short-term ROI of 1.2

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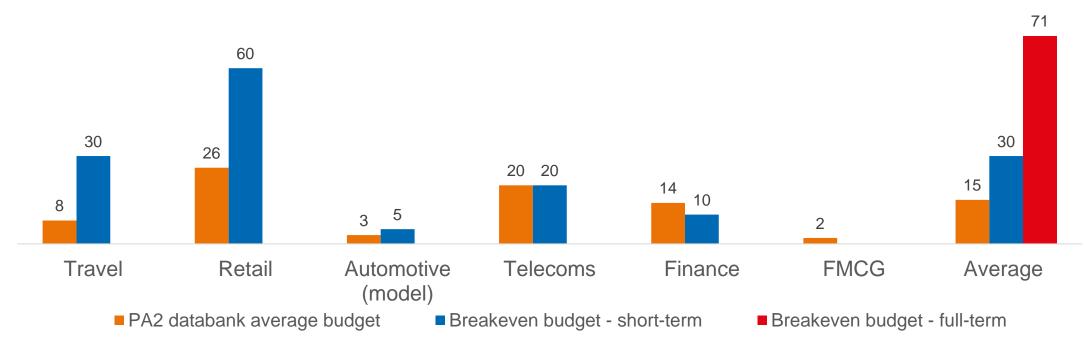


But does this hold true across all sectors? We tested it with 52,416 MMN scenarios!

- 7 Sectors: All categories, Autos, FMCG, Finance, Retail, Telecoms, Travel
- Appeal: Mass-Market, Niche
- 4 Online sales brackets: 0-10%, 31-40%, 61-70%, 91-100%
- Brand sizes: specific for each sector
- 4 risk profiles: Very Low, Low, Medium, High
- 12 Spend levels (£Millions): 1, 5, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, 100
- Profit margin: 20%

On average, brands can double their media spend while still generating profitable returns, even just including ST effects

Profitable headroom to increase average annual media £m



Source: Media Mix Navigator



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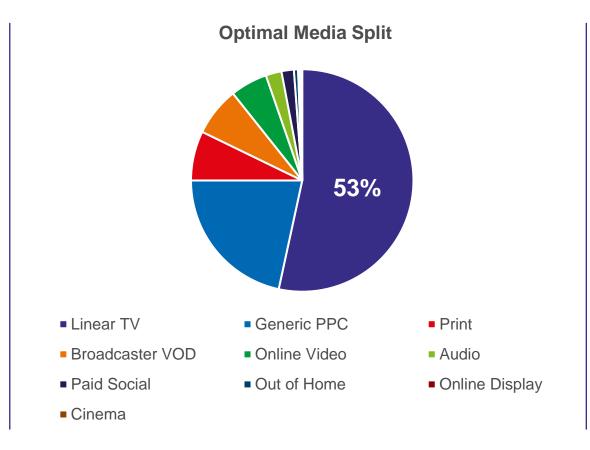


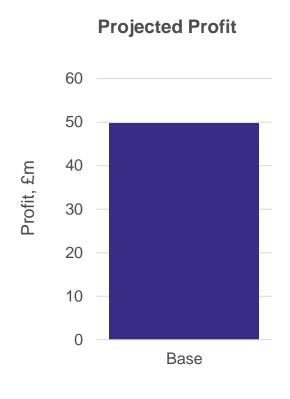


Let's take an example run in the Media Mix Navigator – our 'base scenario'

Base Scenario Assumptions

- Retail
- £10m original budget
- Mass-Market appeal
- Medium risk profile
- £22,500m Brand size
- 30% profit margin
- 31-40% Online sales

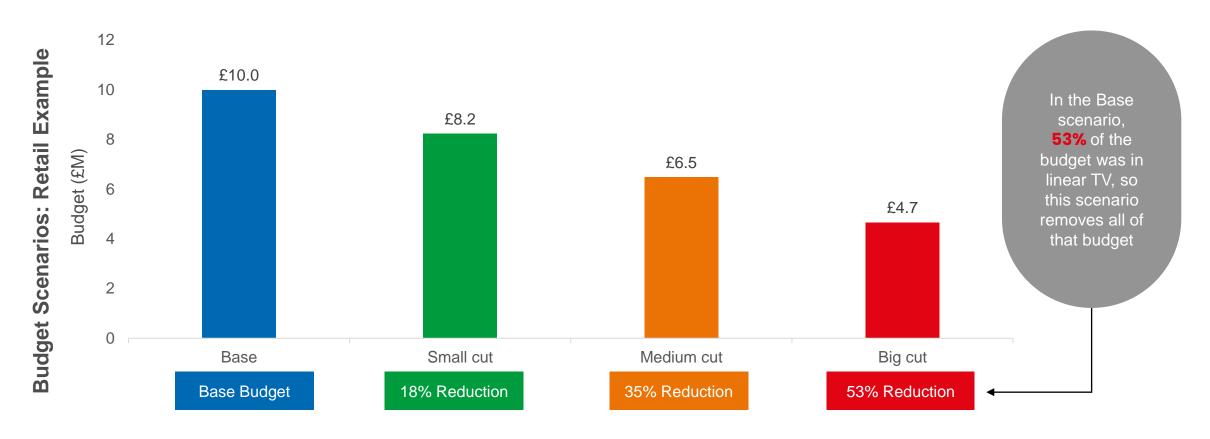




Source: Why the Eff would you cut TV? GroupM, 2025, Media Mix Navigator, Retail brand, Mass Market, £22,500m Brand size, 31-40% sales online, medium risk, £10m budget



Three budget scenarios to simulate the impact of reducing budgets optimally vs removing it all from TV

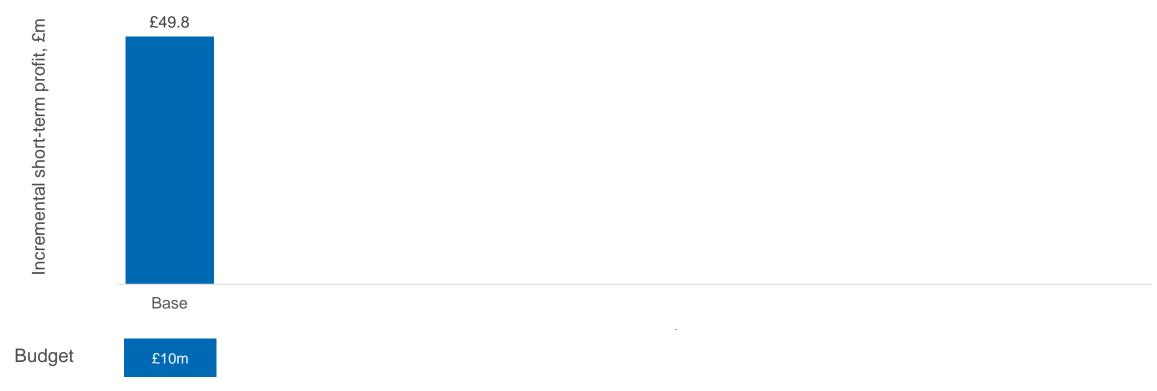


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Let's begin with the base scenario we just went through

Retail brand example: Short-term profit implication by budget scenario

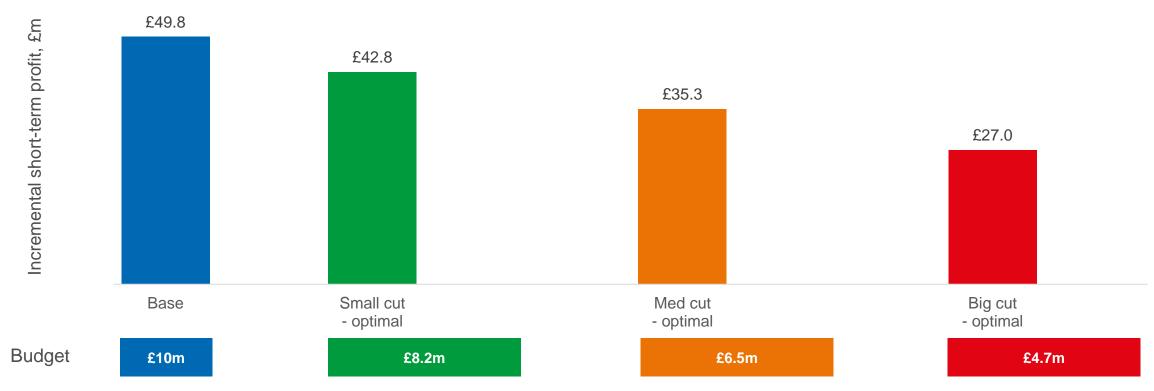


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When budgets are reduced optimally, media profit naturally drops

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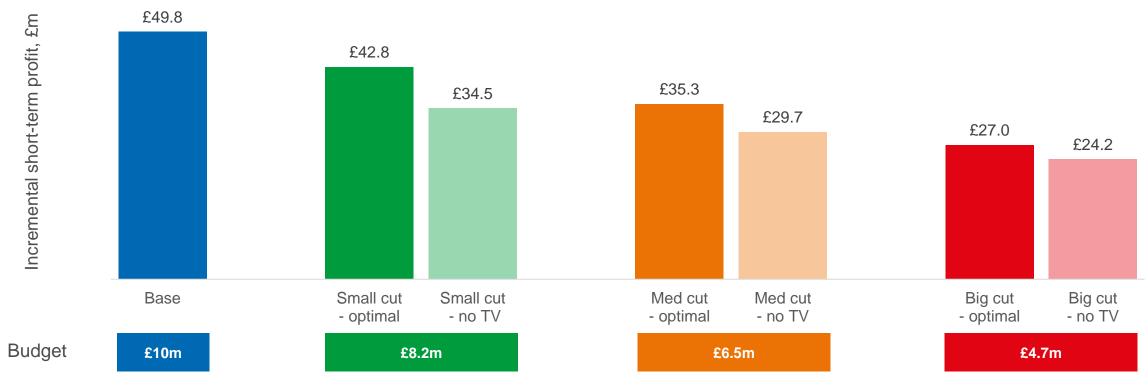


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But the drop in profit is higher when TV is removed completely instead of in concert with other channels

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When looking across all examples, we see the same picture as our Retail example

Average of all scenarios: **Short-term** profit implication by budget scenario



Source: Why the Eff would you cut TV? GroupM, 2025, Media Mix Navigator, average of budget scenarios



This difference is even more dramatic when we look at the long-term impact with profit dropping by almost two thirds

Average of all scenarios: Long-term profit implication by budget scenario

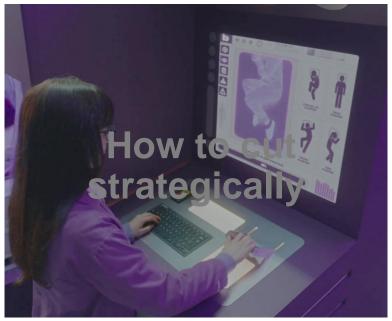


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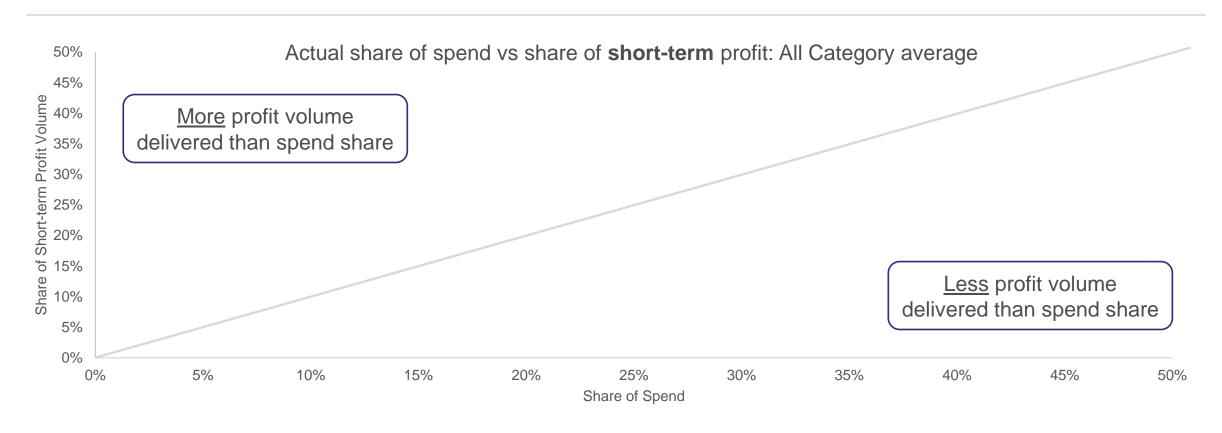
Three meta-analyses from the Media Mix Navigator







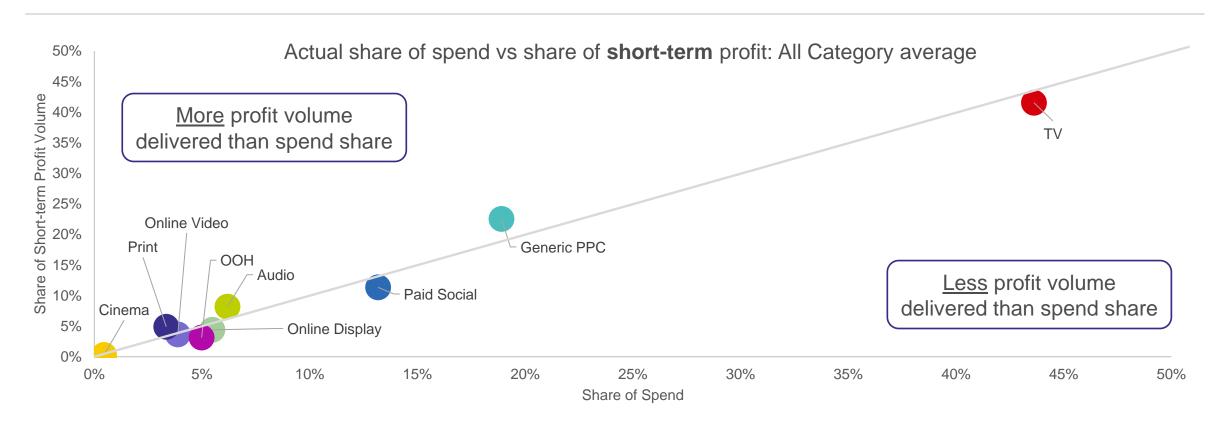
A quick explainer



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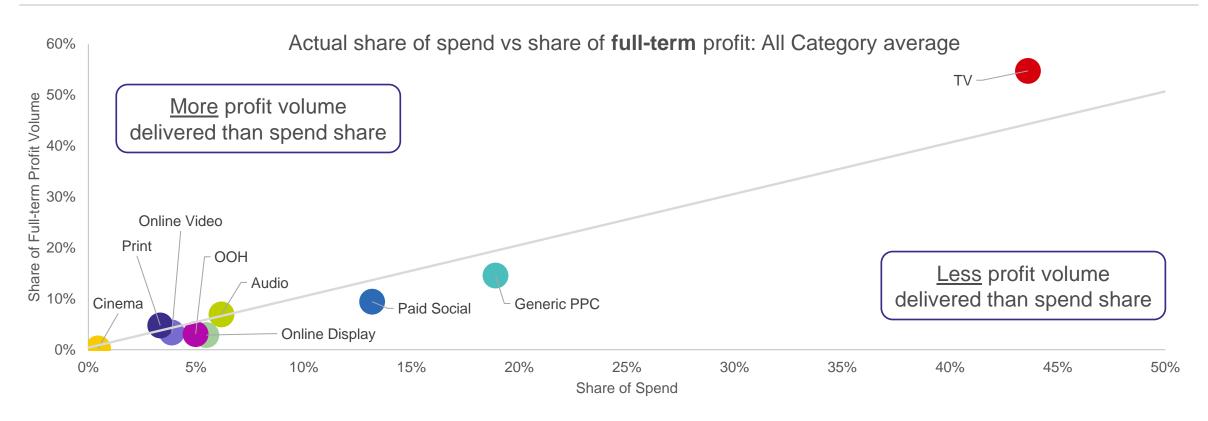
In the short term, Generic PPC, Audio and Print punch above their weight



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Including full term effects, as an industry we are overinvesting in Paid Social and Generic PPC

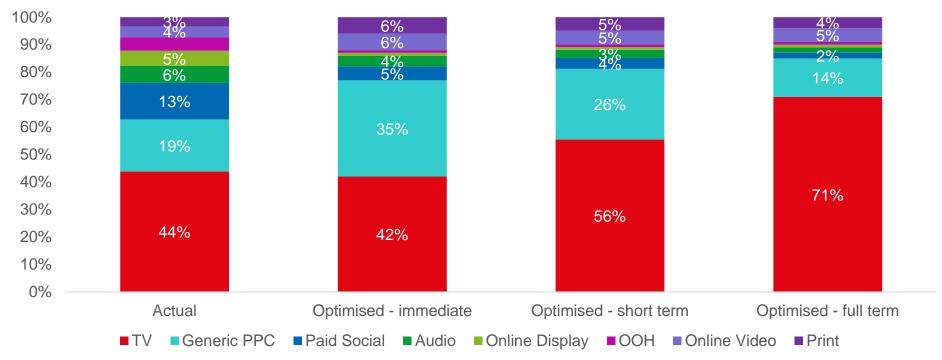


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For an average brand, the industry is over investing in Paid Social, even when just looking at immediate effects

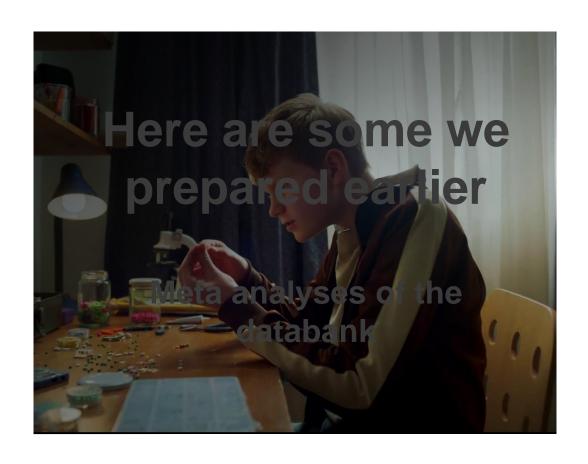


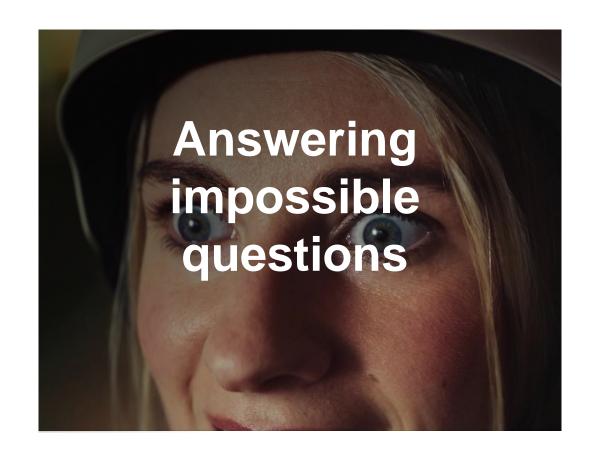


Source: Actual – Profit Ability 2, Optimised – Media Mix Navigator, All Categories, Mass Market, 31-40% Online Sales, £1bn Brand Size, £15m Budget, High Risk. Excludes Cinema.



The Media Mix Navigator is designed to be helpful







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